

# The extra-nice dimensions

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# Introduction

*The extra-nice dimensions*, with Raul Oset-Sinha & Roberta Wik Atique

- **Stable mappings**  $f : N^n \rightarrow P^p$ , where  $N$  and  $P$  are smooth manifolds,
- **Stable families of mappings**  $F : N \times [0, 1] \rightarrow P$

Let  $C^\infty(N, P) = \{f : N \rightarrow P, f \in C^\infty\}$  with the Whitney topology.



$\mathcal{A}$ -equivalence:

$$f \sim_{\mathcal{A}} g$$

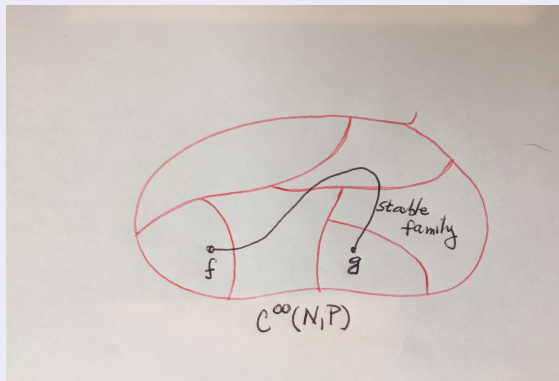
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 N & \xrightarrow{f} & P \\
 h \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow k \\
 N & \xrightarrow{g} & P
 \end{array}
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$h, k \in C^\infty$  diffeomorphisms,  $g = k \circ f \circ h^{-1}$ .

$f \in C^\infty(N, P)$  is **stable** if there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $f$  such that for every  $g \in U$ , it follows that  $f \sim_{\mathcal{A}} g$ .

A family  $F : N \times [0, 1] \rightarrow P$  is a **stable one parameter family** if  $F_t$  is stable for all  $t \in [0, 1] \setminus \{t_1, \dots, t_k\}$  and at each point  $t_i$ , the family  $F$  is transversal to the orbits in jet space.

E.Chíncaro (n,2), J. Rieger (2,2), Goryunov, Mond and Marar (2,3).  
 Cerf, Igusa- Pseudo-isotopies

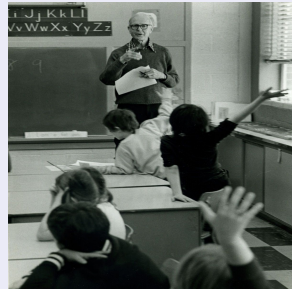
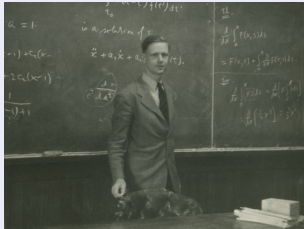


**Goal:** The set of stable families is a residual set in  $C^\infty(N^n \times [0, 1], P^p)$  if and only the pair  $(n, p)$  is in the **extra-nice dimensions**.

# Hassler Whitney

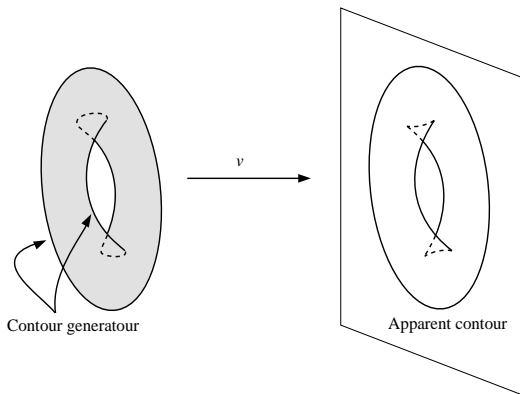
**Singularity theory** began with the work of Hassler Whitney in the decades of 40 and 50's of century XX.

## Hassler Whitney

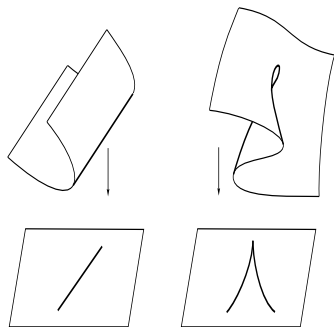


# Mappings of the plane into the plane, Whitney 1955

Ann. of Math. (2) 62 (1955), 374-410.



Whitney observed that “generically” only two types of singularities are persistent under deformations: **folds** and **cusps**. All the others desintegrate by small perturbations.



# Stable singularities

*Type 1:* **Fold points**

$$(x, y) \longrightarrow (x, y^2)$$

*Type 2:* **Cusp points**

$$(x, y) \longrightarrow (x, y^3 - xy)$$





## Whitney Theorem

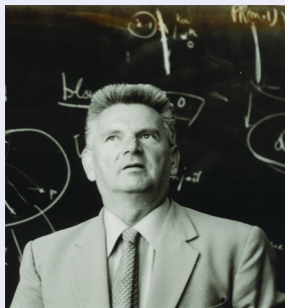
The set of **stable mappings** is **open and dense** in  $C^\infty(N^2, P^2)$

## Whitney conjecture

The set of stable mappings is a dense set for all pairs  $(n, p)$ . ..



## René Thom



R. Thom, in his 1959 lectures *Singularities of differentiable mappings*, I, Bonn, 1959, sketched a proof that stable maps are not dense when  $(n, p) = 9$ , and formulated conjectures on density of  $C^0$ -stable maps that led to great developments in singularity theory.

There is a one-parameter family of germs

$f_t : (\mathbb{K}^9, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^9, 0)$ ,  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  corank  $f_t = 3$  such that

- $\mathcal{A}_e$  – codimension  $f_t = 1$
- $f_t$  are not simple.

The  $\mathcal{A}_e$  codimension is a measure of how degenerate is a singularity.

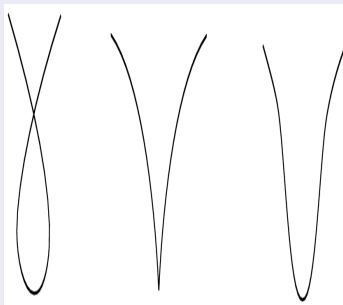
If  $f$  is stable, it follows that ( the germ at any point)  $\mathcal{A}_e - \text{cod}(f) = 0$ .

### Definition

$$\mathcal{A}_e - \text{cod}(f) = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} \frac{\Theta_f}{\text{tf}(\Theta_n) + \text{wf}(\Theta_p)}$$



$\mathcal{A}_e - \text{cod}(f) = \# \text{ parameters of a versal unfolding of } f.$



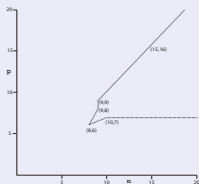
A singularity is **simple** if there is a finite number of orbits in a neighbourhood of  $f$ .



# John Mather, Stable mappings, 1968 to 1971



Stable mappings are dense  $\Leftrightarrow (n, p)$  is in the nice dimensions.



# Simplicity

In this work we obtain a refinement of the nice-dimensions, the **extra-nice** dimensions.

We first discuss the characterization of them in terms of simplicity of germs with low  $\mathcal{A}_e$ -codimensions. The following condition is clear.

## Proposition

$(n, p)$  is in nice-dimensions  $\Rightarrow$  all  $\mathcal{A}_e$ -codimension 1 singularities  $f : (\mathbb{K}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^p, 0)$  are **simple**.

T. Cooper, D. Mond and R. Wik Atique, *Compositio Math.* 131 (2002), no. 2, 121–160.



# Are $\mathcal{A}_e$ -cod 2 germs in nice-dimensions simple?

## Theorem

*All corank 1  $\mathcal{A}_e$ -codimension 2 germs are simple.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\mathbb{K}^{n+s}, 0) & \xrightarrow{F} & \Delta \subset (\mathbb{K}^{p+s}, 0) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow i \\
 (\mathbb{K}^n, 0) & \xrightarrow{f} & (\mathbb{K}^p, 0)
 \end{array}$$

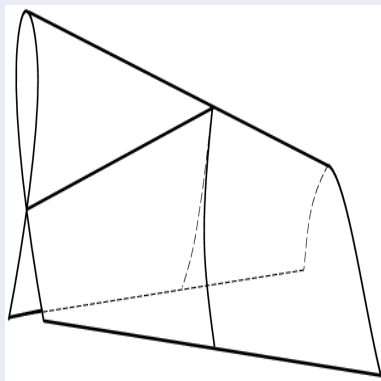
When  $s = 1$ , we say that  $i(\mathbb{K}^p)$  is a hyperplane section.

## Proposition

*If all stable germs  $F : (\mathbb{K}^{n+1}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^{p+1}, 0)$  admit a  $\mathcal{A}_e$ -cod 1 hyperplane section, then all  $\mathcal{A}_e$ -cod 2 germs  $f : (\mathbb{K}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^p, 0)$  are simple.*



## the cross-cap



$$F : (\mathbb{K}^2, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^3, 0) \quad F(x, y) = (x, y^2, xy + y^3),$$

## A non simple germ of $\mathcal{A}_e$ -codimension 2.

### Example

The stable corank 2 germ  $F : (\mathbb{R}^6, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^6, 0)$  given by

$$F(x, y, u) = (x^3 + y^3 + u_1x + u_2y + u_3x^2 + u_4y^2, xy, u) =$$

where  $u = (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4)$ .

It does not admit a codimension 1 hyperplane section, but it admits a section of codimension 2,  $U_3 + \lambda U_4 + U_4^2 = 0$ .

Then the corank 2 germ  $f : (\mathbb{R}^5, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^5, 0)$  given by

$$f(x, y, u) = (x^3 + y^3 + u_1x + u_2y + (-\lambda u_4 - u_4^2)x^2 + u_4y^2, xy, u),$$

with  $\lambda \neq 0, -1$ , has  $\mathcal{A}_e$ -codimension 2 and is not simple.

# The extra-nice dimensions

## Definition

$(n, p)$  is in the *extra-nice dimensions* if for large enough  $l$ , there exists a Zarisky closed subset  $\Lambda \subset J^l(n, p)$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$ -invariant,  $\text{cod}(\Lambda) \geq n + 2$  such that its complement  $J^l(n, p) \setminus \Lambda$  is a *finite union of  $\mathcal{A}$ -orbits*.

Extra-nice  $\Rightarrow$  nice.



## Theorem

$(n, p)$  extra-nice  $\iff \forall$  stable  $F : (\mathbb{K}^{n+1}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^{p+1}, 0)$  admit a hyperplane section  $f : (\mathbb{K}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^p, 0)$  of  $\mathcal{A}_e$ -codimension 1.

## Corollary

$(n, p)$  extra-nice  $\implies \mathcal{A}_e$ -codimension 2 germs are *simple*.



- How to determine the extra-nice dimensions?
- How to relate the extra-nice dimensions and the density of one-parameter families?



Let  $f : (\mathbb{K}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^p, 0)$ ,  $\Delta(f)$  be the discriminant of  $f$  if  $n \geq p$  or the image of  $f$  if  $n < p$

### Definition

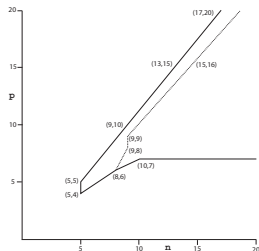
$Derlog(f) = \{\eta \in \theta_p, \text{ tangent vector field to } \Delta(f)\}$

### Proposition

$\exists \mathcal{A}_e\text{-cod } 1 \text{ hyperplane section} \iff \exists L : \mathbb{K}^p \times \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ , such that  $\Delta(f) = L^{-1}(0)$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{p+1} \subset tL(Derlog(\Delta(f))) + \langle L \rangle$



## the boundary of the extra-nice dimensions



# Density of stable families

## Theorem

*The subset of 1-parameter stable families in  $C^\infty(N^n \times [0, 1], P^p)$ ,  $N$  compact, is dense  $\iff (n, p)$  is in the extra-nice dimensions.*

Sketch of proof:

We consider an  $\mathcal{A}$ -invariant stratification of  $J^k(n, p)$  :

Let  $\Lambda^k(n, p) = \{\sigma \in J^k(n, p) \mid \mathcal{A}^k - \text{cod}(\sigma) \geq n + 2\}$ .

- $\Lambda$  is Zariski closed.
- $\Lambda$  is  $\mathcal{A}^k$ -invariant.





When  $J^k(n, p) \setminus \Lambda^k(n, p)$  has finite number of  $\mathcal{A}^k$ -orbits, the stratification in  $J^k(n, p)$  induces a stratification  $\mathcal{S}(N, P)$  in  $J^k(N, P)$ .

We can go to global:  $F; N \times [0, 1] \rightarrow P$  is a stable 1-parameter family  $\Leftrightarrow J_1^k F : N \times [0, 1] \rightarrow J^k(n, p)$  is transversal to the stratification  $\mathcal{S}(N, P)$  in  $J^k(N, P)$ .

The result follows from the Transversality theorem for families of mappings.



Muito obrigada !

