



## THE EASY WHITNEY EMBEDDING THEOREM IN THE COMPLEX CASE

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### ABSTRACT

Whitney proved that if  $M$  is compact  $n$ -dimensional manifold with analytic structure, then there is an analytic structure embedding of  $M$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$ . In this paper we prove this theorem in the complex case.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION:

In [4], Whitney proved that if  $M$  is compact Hausdorff  $C^r$   $n$ -dimensional manifold,  $2 \leq r \leq \infty$ , then there is a  $C^r$  embedding of  $M$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$ . The aim of this paper is to prove the theorem but in complex case, i.e., if  $M$  is compact complex  $n$ -dimensional manifold with analytic structure, then there is an analytic structure embedding of  $M$  in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+2}$ . The definitions and fundamental concepts which will be required throughout the paper may be found in [1, 2, 3].

### 2. MAIN THEOREM:

We need the following lemmas:

**Lemma: 1** Let  $M$  be an analytic compact complex  $n$ -dimensional manifold. Then there exists an analytic embedding of  $M$  into  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

**Proof:**  $D^n(r) = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z| \leq r\}$ , this is closed disk of radius  $r$  and centre  $o$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Since  $M$  is compact it satisfies the finite intersection property and so one can easily find an atlas  $\{\phi_i, U_i\}_{i=1}^n$  having the following properties:

- (a) for every  $\phi_i(U_i) \supset D^n(2)$ , where  $D^n(2)$  is the interior of the unit complex sphere  $S^n$ .
- (b)  $M = \bigcup \text{Int } \phi_i^{-1}(\Delta^n)$ , where  $\Delta^n$  denotes a unit closed disk in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , i.e.  $\Delta^n = D^n(1)$ .

Let  $\lambda: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow S^2$  be an analytic map such that  $\lambda|_{\Delta^n} = |z|$ ,  $(\lambda|_{\mathbb{C}^n}) \setminus D^n(2) = 0$ . Define an  $C^\omega$ -map  $\lambda_i: M \rightarrow S^2$  such that:

$$\lambda_i = \begin{cases} \lambda \circ \phi_i & \text{on } U_i \\ 0 & \text{on } U_i^c \end{cases}$$

It follows that the sets  $B_i = \lambda_i^{-1}(|z|) \subset U_i$  cover  $M$ . Define maps  $f_i: M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  such that:

$$f_i = \begin{cases} \lambda_i(z) \phi_i(z) & \text{if } z \in U_i \\ 0 & \text{if } z \in U_i^c \end{cases}$$

Put  $g_i = (f_i, \lambda_i) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C} = \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  and  $g = (g_1, \dots, g_m): M \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{C}^{n+1}}_{m\text{-times}} = \mathbb{C}^{m(n+1)}$ . Clearly  $g$  is  $C^\omega$  map. If  $z_1 \in B_i$  then  $g_i$ , and hence  $g$ , is immersive at  $z_1$ , so  $g$  is an immersion. To see that  $g$  is injective, suppose  $z_1 \neq z_2$  with  $z_2 \in B_i$ . If  $z_1 \in B_i$  then  $g(z_1) = g(z_2)$  since  $f_i|_{B_i} = \phi_i|_{B_i}$ . If  $z_1 \notin B_i$  then  $\lambda_i(z_2) = 1 \neq \lambda_i(z_1)$ , so  $g(z_1) \neq g(z_2)$ . Therefore  $g$  is an injective  $C^\omega$ -immersion. Since  $M$  is compact, then  $g$  is an embedding.

**Lemma: 2** Let  $M^m$  and  $N^n$  be complex manifolds with  $n > m$ . If  $f: M^m \rightarrow N^n$  is a  $C^\omega$ -map, then  $f(M^m)$  is nowhere dense.

**Proof:** It suffices to show that  $f(M^m)$  has measure zero this follows from:

If  $g: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  which is analytic and with  $m < n$  and if  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^m$  is open, then  $g(U) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  has measure zero. To prove

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this assertion, write  $g$  as a composition of  $C^\omega$ - maps  $U = U \times \{0\} \subset U \times \mathbb{C}^{n-m} \xrightarrow{\pi} U \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{C}^n$ .  $U \times \{0\}$  has  $n$ -measure zero in  $U \times \mathbb{C}^{n-m} \subset \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m = \mathbb{C}^n$ . Now every point of  $V$ , where  $V \subset U$ , belongs to an open ball  $B \subset U$  such that the norm  $\|Dg(z)\|$  is uniformly bounded on  $B$ , say  $\beta > 0$ , where  $\beta$  is a real number. Then  $|f(z) - f(z')| \leq \beta|z - z'|$  for all  $z, z' \in B$ . It follows that if  $K \subset B$  is an  $n$ -cube of edge  $\lambda$ , then  $f(K)$  is contained in an  $n$ -cube  $K'$  of edge less than  $\lambda\sqrt{n}\beta = \lambda L$ . Therefore  $\mu(K') < L^n \mu(K)$ . Now write  $V = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} V_j$  where each  $V_j$  is a compact subset of a ball  $B$  as above. For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $V_j = \bigcup_i K_i$ , where each  $K_i$  is an  $n$ -cube in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\sum \mu(K_i) < \varepsilon$ . It follows that  $f(V_j) \subset \bigcup_i K_i$  where the sum of the measure of the  $n$ -cube  $K_i$  is less than  $L^n \varepsilon$ . Hence  $f(V_j)$  has measure zero, and so  $V$  has measure. Then  $f(M)$  has measure zero by prolongation.

The inverse function theorem 3 ([5]). Suppose

- (a)  $W$  is an open subset of a Banach space  $X$ ,
- (b)  $f: W \rightarrow X$  is continuously differentiable,
- (c) for every  $z \in W$  and  $(Df)_z$  is an invertible member of the collection of all bounded linear mappings of  $X$  into  $X$ .

Every point  $a \in W$  has then a neighbourhood  $U$  such that

- (i)  $f$  is one-to-one in  $U$ ,
- (ii)  $f(U) = V$  is an open subset of  $X$ , and
- (iii)  $f^{-1}: V \rightarrow U$  is uniformly continuous.

**Lemma: 4** Let  $N^n$  be a  $C^\omega$ -manifold. A subset  $A \subset N^n$  is a  $C^\omega$ - submanifold if and only if  $A$  is the image of a  $C^\omega$ -embedding.

**Proof:** Suppose  $A$  is a  $C^\omega$ - manifold. Then  $A$  has a natural analytic structure derived from a covering by submanifold charts. For this analytic structure, the inclusion of  $A$  in  $N^n$  is  $C^\omega$ - embedding. Conversely, suppose  $f: M^m \rightarrow N^n$  is a  $C^\omega$ - embedding,  $f(M^m) = A$ . The property of being a  $C^\omega$ - submanifold has local character, That is true if  $A \subset M^m$  if and only if it is true if  $A_i \subset N_i$  where  $\{A_i\}$  is an open cover of  $A$  and each  $N_i$  is an open subset of  $M^m$  containing  $A_i$ . It is also invariant under  $C^\omega$ -homeomorphic map, that is,  $A \subset N$  is a  $C^\omega$ - submanifold if and only if  $g(A) \subset N$  is a  $C^\omega$ - submanifold where  $g: N \rightarrow N$  is a  $C^\omega$ -homeomorphic map (or even a  $C^\omega$ -embedding). To exploit local character and invariance under homeomorphic map, let  $\Psi = \{i: N_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of charts on  $N^n$  which covers  $A$ . Then find an atlas  $\Phi = \{\varphi_i: M_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m\}_{i \in I}$  for  $M^m$  such that  $f(M_i) \subset N_i$ . Since  $f$  is an embedding,  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  can be chosen so that  $f(M_i) = A \cap N_i$ . By invariance it is enough to show that  $f(M_i) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is a  $C^\omega$ - submanifold. Put  $U_i = \varphi_i(M_i) \subset \mathbb{C}^m$ ,

$f_i = i \circ f \circ \varphi_i^{-1}: U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then  $f_i$  is a  $C^\omega$ - embedding and  $g_i(U_i) = i \circ f(M_i)$ . Thus we have reduced the lemma to the special case where  $N = \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $M$  is an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^m$ , and  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  is a  $C^\omega$ - embedding. In this case a corollary of the inverse function theorem implies that there is a  $C^\omega$ - submanifold chart for  $(\mathbb{C}^n, f(U))$  at each point of  $f(U)$ .

**Lemma: 5** Let  $f: M \rightarrow N$  be a  $C^\omega$ -map. If  $z \in f(M)$  is an analytic value i.e. it satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations. Then  $f^{-1}(z)$  is a  $C^\omega$ - submanifold of  $M$ .

**Proof:** By using local character and invariance, as in the proof of lemma 4, we reduce the lemma to the case where  $M$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{C}^m$  and  $N = \mathbb{C}^n$ . Again the lemma follows from the inverse function theorem.

**Theorem: (Main)** Let  $M$  be a compact complex  $n$ - dimensional manifold with analytic structure. Then there is an analytic structure embedding of  $M$  in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+2}$ .

**Proof:** By lemma 1,  $M$  embeds in some  $\mathbb{C}^q$ . If  $q = n + 1$  there is nothing to prove; hence we assume the case that  $q > n + 1$ . We may replace  $M$  by its image under an embedding. Therefore we assume that  $M$  is a  $C^\omega$ - submanifold of  $\mathbb{C}^q$ . It is sufficient to prove that such an  $M$  embeds in  $\mathbb{C}^{q-1}$ , for repetition of the argument will eventually embed  $M$  in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ .

Suppose then that  $M \subset \mathbb{C}^q$ ,  $q > n + 1$ . Identify  $\mathbb{C}^{q-1}$  with  $\{z \in \mathbb{C}^q: z_q = 0\}$ . If  $\underline{v} \in \mathbb{C}^q - \mathbb{C}^{q-1}$  denote by  $f_{\underline{v}}: \mathbb{C}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{q-1}$  the projection parallel to  $\underline{v}$ . We seek a vector  $\underline{v}$  such that  $f_{\underline{v}}|_M: M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{q-1}$  is a  $C^\omega$ - embedding. We limit our search to unit vectors.

For  $f_{\underline{v}}|_M$  to be injective means that  $\underline{v}$  is not parallel to any secant of  $M$ . That is, if  $z_1, z_2$  are any two distinct points of  $M$ , then

$$\underline{v} \neq \frac{z_1 - z_2}{|z_1 - z_2|} \dots \quad (1)$$

More subtle is the requirement that  $f_{\underline{v}}|M$  be an immersion. The kernel of the analytic map  $f_{\underline{v}}$  is obviously the circle  $|z| = 1$  through  $\underline{v}$ . Therefore a tangent vector  $z \in M_z$  is in the kernel of  $T_z \circ f_{\underline{v}}$  only if  $z$  is parallel to  $\underline{v}$ . We can guarantee that  $f_{\underline{v}}|M$  is an immersion by requiring, for all nonzero  $z \in T(M)$ :

$$\underline{v} \neq \frac{z}{|z|} \dots \quad (2)$$

Here  $z$  is identified with a vector in  $\mathbb{C}^q$ ; thus  $|z|$  makes sense. Condition (1) is analyzed by means of the map

$$\rho : M \times M - \Delta \rightarrow S^{q-1},$$

$$\rho(z_1, z_2) = \frac{z_1 - z_2}{|z_1 - z_2|},$$

where  $\Delta$  is the diagonal, i.e. ,

$$\Delta = \{(a, b) \in M \times M : a = b\}.$$

Now  $\underline{v}$  satisfies (1) if and only if  $\underline{v}$  is not in the image of  $\rho$ ; we consider  $M \times M - \Delta$  as an open submanifold of  $M \times M$ ; the map  $\rho$  is then  $C^\omega$ . Note that

$$\dim(M \times M - \Delta) = 2n < \dim S^{q-1}.$$

The existence of a  $\underline{v}$  satisfying (1) follows from lemma 2. In the case at hand, put  $M \times M - \Delta$  and  $S^{q-1}$  instead of  $M^m$  and  $N^n$ , respectively, in lemma 2. We know that every nonvoid open subset of  $S^{q-1}$  contains a point  $\underline{v}$  which is not in the image of  $\rho$ . To analyze condition (2) we note that it holds for all  $z \in T(M)$  provided it holds whenever  $|z| = 1$ . Let

This is the unit tangent bundle of  $M$ . It is  $C^\omega$ - submanifold of  $T(M)$ . To see this, observe that  $T_1(M) = \underline{v}^{-1}(|z|)$  where  $\underline{v} : T(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\underline{v}$  is defined by  $\underline{v}(z) = |z|^2$ . Since  $\underline{v}$  is the restriction to  $T(M)$  of the  $C^\omega$ - map  $T(\mathbb{C}^q) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z \rightarrow |z|^2$ , it is  $C^\omega$ . It is clear that  $(1, 0)$  is a regular value for  $\underline{v}$ ; for if  $\underline{v}(z) = 1$ , then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \underline{v}(tz)|_{t=1} \neq 0.$$

Hence  $\underline{v}^{-1}(|z|)$  is a  $C^\omega$ - submanifold by lemma 4. It is easy to see that it is compact because  $M$  is compact. Define a  $C^\omega$ - map  $\tau : T_1(M) \rightarrow S^{q-1}$  as follows. Identify  $T(M)$  with a subset of  $M \times \mathbb{C}^q$ ; then  $T_1(M)$  is a subset of  $M \times S^{q-1}$ . Define  $\tau$  to be the restriction to  $T_1(M)$  of the projection onto  $S^{q-1}$ . Geometrically  $\tau$  is just parallel translation of unit vectors based at points of  $M$  to unit vectors based at 0. Clearly  $\tau$  is  $C^\omega$ . Noting that  $\dim T_1(M) = n - 1 < \dim S^{q-1}$ , we apply lemma (2) to conclude that the image of  $\tau$  is nowhere dense. Since  $T_1(M)$  is compact, it follows that the complement  $W$  of the image of  $\tau$  is a dense open set in  $S^{q-1}$ . Therefore  $W$  meets  $S^q \cap (\mathbb{C}^q - \mathbb{C}^{q-1})$  in a nonempty open set  $W_0$ . As we have seen previously,  $W_0$  contains a vector  $\underline{v}$  which is not in the image of  $\rho$ . This vector  $\underline{v}$  has the property that  $f_{\underline{v}}|M : M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$  is an injective immersion. Since  $M$  is compact and Hausdorff,  $f_{\underline{v}}|M$  is also an embedding.

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