

# lec 03

Recall, last time:

o  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$   $k$ -dim mfd  $\leadsto$  defined  $T_x X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $k$ -dim vector subspace

o  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  smooth  $\leadsto$  defined

$$T_x X \xrightarrow{dx f} T_{f(x)} Y.$$

The definition was:

- ① extend  $f$  to  $F$  on a subset open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  & containing  $x$
- ② compute  $dx F$  using partial derivatives
- ③ take  $dx F|_{T_x X}$ .

We proved  $dx F|_{T_x X}$  only depends on  $f$ .  
In the proof, we have shown an equiv. definition:

- ① take parametrisations  $U$  of  $X$ ,  $V$  of  $Y$  near  $x$  resp.  $y$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \uparrow \varphi & & \uparrow \psi \\ \mathbb{R}^{\dim X} & \supset U & V \subset \mathbb{R}^{\dim Y} \end{array}$$

- ② let  $h: U \rightarrow V$  be given by  $h = \psi^{-1} \circ f \circ \varphi$ , then  $h$  is smooth

and can compute  $dh_0$  using  
partial derivatives

(recall: assuming  $\varphi(0) = x$ ).

③ define  $df_x$  to be  $d\varphi_0 \circ dh_0 \circ (d\varphi_0)^{-1}$ ;  
we can take  $(d\varphi_0)^{-1}$  because

$d\varphi_0 : \mathbb{R}^{\dim X} \rightarrow T_x X$  is an isomorphism  
by definition of  $T_x X$ .

### General philosophy

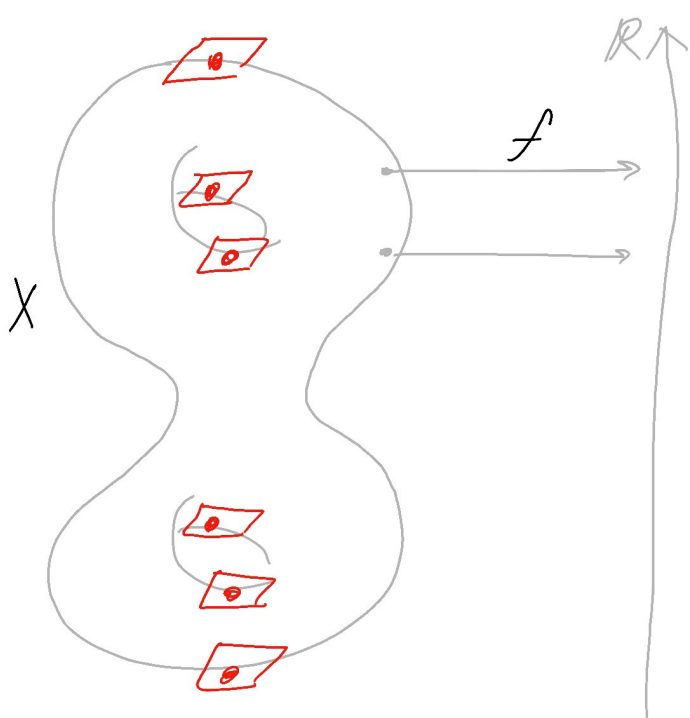
$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \varphi \uparrow & & \uparrow \psi \\ U & \xrightarrow{h} & V \\ & \parallel & \\ & \psi^{-1} \circ f \circ \varphi & \end{array}$$

To study "local properties" of a smooth map  $f$ ,  
it is equivalent to study  $h$ ,  
because  $\varphi, \psi$  are diffeomorphisms onto  
neighbourhoods.

Recall  $df_x$  does not to be injective/  
surjective / isomorphism in general.

Example  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  surface below,

$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the "height function",  
i.e. projection to vertical axis.



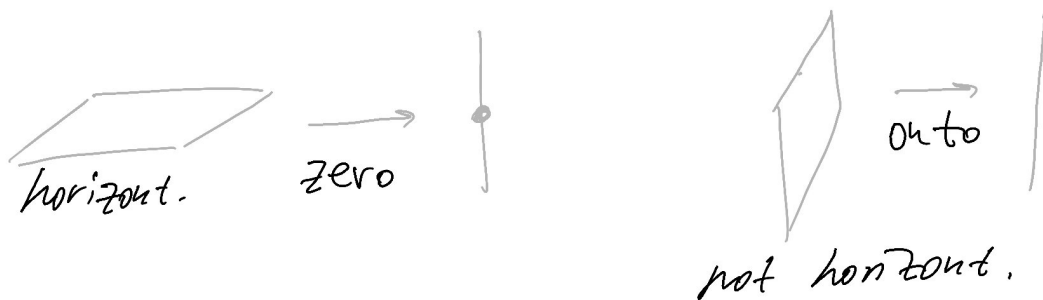
For any  $x \in X$  we have  $df_x : T_x X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
linear

so there are 2 options:

- o either  $df_x$  is onto
- o or  $df_x$  is zero

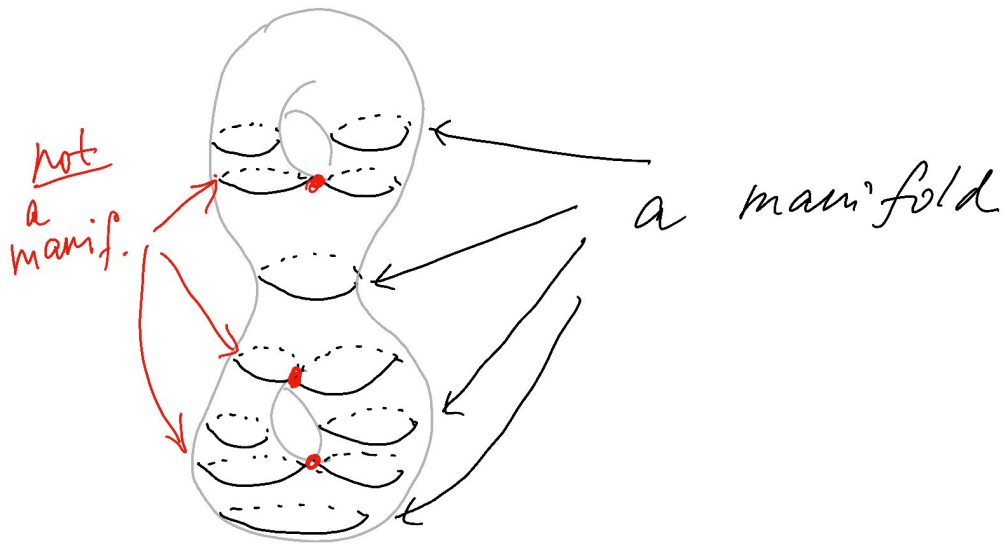
When is  $df_x$  zero? In general,

$df_x : T_x X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the linear projection,  
so it is zero iff.  $T_x X$  is horizontal



There are 6 points in  $X$  where  $T_x X$   
is horizontal, shown above.

Now fix  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and look at the subset  $f^{-1}(a) \subset X$ , called level set:



We see that :

- ① If  $f^{-1}(a)$  does not contain  $x$  s.t.  $dx f = 0$ , then  $f^{-1}(a)$  is a manifold
- ② Otherwise  $f^{-1}(a)$  is either :



figure 8,  
not a mfd

point,  
a mfd but of "wrong dimension".

It turns out that ① is a general theorem

# Inverse function thm and submersions

Def Suppose  $X, Y$  are mfd's and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is smooth. It is called a local diffeomorphism at  $x \in X$  if there exist nbhd's

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U \subset X & & V \subset Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ x & & f(x) \end{array}$$

such that  $f|_U$  is a diffeomorphism onto  $V$ .

Note  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  local diffeo

$$\Downarrow \\ df_x: T_x X \rightarrow T_{f(x)} Y \text{ is an isomorphism}$$

[because  $df_x \circ (d-f^{-1})_{f(x)} = \text{id}$ , by chain rule]

## The inverse function thm

Suppose  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  smooth map,  $x \in X$ , and  $df_x$  is an isomorphism. Then  $f$  is a local diffeo. at  $x$ .  $\square$

Note Above, we of course must have  $\dim X = \dim Y$ .

Note This is known from analysis, in the case of  $h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Our case translates to the  $\mathbb{R}^n$  case by passing to parametrizations, ie take  $h = \psi^{-1} \circ f \circ \varphi$  as above

Lemma If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a local diffeo at  $x \in X$ ,  
 there exist parametrisations  $\varphi, \psi$  such  
 that  $h$  is the identity map; equivalently,  
 the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \varphi \uparrow & & \uparrow \psi \\ U & \xrightarrow{\text{Id}} & U \end{array}$$

Proof Take  $\psi = f \circ \varphi$ , then it is a parametrisation  
 because it has a smooth inverse:

$$\varphi^{-1} \circ f^{-1}$$

(defined on a neighborhood of  $y$ ).  $\square$

Before, we had  $\dim X = \dim Y$ .  
 Now, assume  $\dim X \neq \dim Y$ .

Def A smooth map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$   
 is called a submersion at  $x \in X$  if  
 $df_x$  is surjective  $\dim X = n \Rightarrow \dim Y = k$

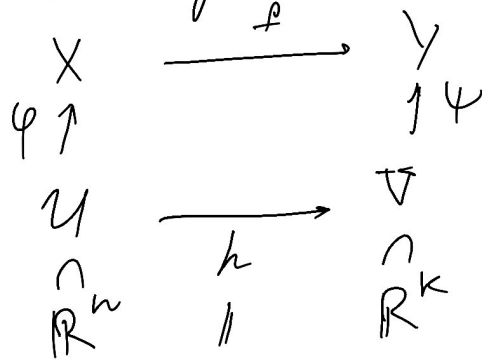
Local submersion thm Suppose  $f: X \rightarrow Y$   
 submersion at  $x$ ;  $y = f(x)$ .

Then there exist local parametrisations  
 $\varphi, \psi$  such that  $h = \psi^{-1} \circ f \circ \varphi$  is given by:

$$h(x_1, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

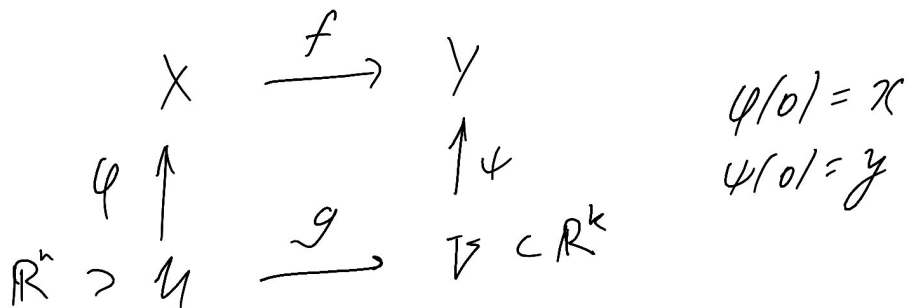
"projecting to the first  $k$  coordinates"

Here's the diagram:



projection to first  $k$  coord.

Proof start with some parametrisations  $\varphi, \psi$ ,  
 and let  $g = \psi^{-1} \circ f \circ \varphi$ .



$f$  immersion  $\Rightarrow dg_0$  is surjective.

By linear algebra, after a linear change of coords we can bring  $dg_0$  to the form:

$$dg_0 : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$$

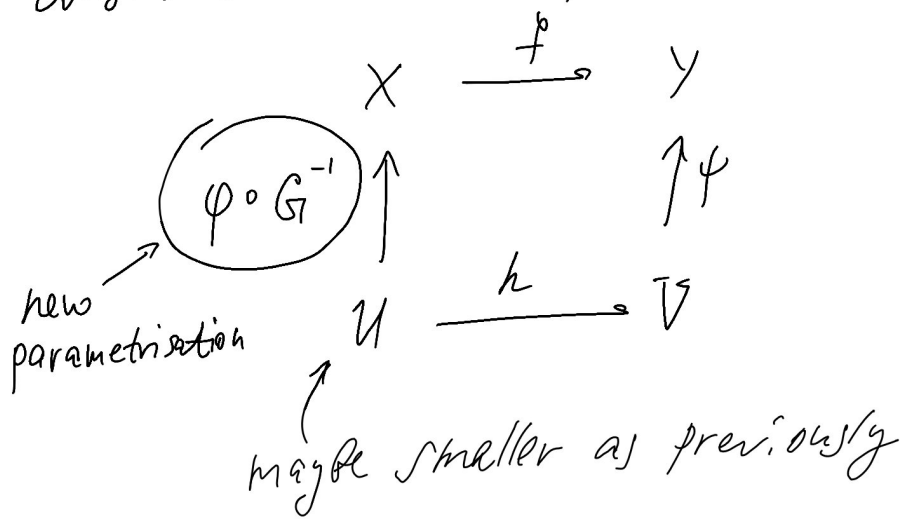
$$k \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc}
 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & & & & & \\
 \vdots & & \ddots & & & & \\
 0 & & & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0
 \end{array} \right.$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_k \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{n-k}$

Now define  $G: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by:

$$G(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left( \underbrace{g(x_1, \dots, x_n)}_{\uparrow \mathbb{R}^k}, \underbrace{x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n}_{\uparrow \mathbb{R}^{n-k}} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Then  $dG_0$  is the identity  $n \times n$  matrix  
 so  $G_0$  is a local diffeomorphism, by inverse function.  
 It has an inverse  $G_0^{-1}$ , defined on a neighborhood of  $Q$   
 Consider another parametrisation:



Claim  $h$  is now the standard projection, as required.

Let's check: We have

$h = g \circ G^{-1}$  by construction, or equivalently?

$h \circ G = g$ . It suffices to see that

[standard projection]  $\circ G = g$ .



Indeed:

$$G = (g(x_1, \dots, x_n), \underbrace{x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n})$$

$\downarrow$  std. proj.  $\xrightarrow{\cong}$  forgets these coords

$$g(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

We proved the claim, hence the thm.  $\square$

Def let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  smooth map.

A point  $y \in Y$  is called regular value of  $f$  if

$$\forall x \text{ s.t. } \underline{f(x) = y}, \quad df_x \text{ is } \underline{\text{surjective}}$$

Def We call  $\{x: f(x) = y\}$  the preimage, denoted by  $f^{-1}(y)$ .

Preimage theorem If  $y \in Y$  is a regular value of  $f$ , then the preimage

$f^{-1}(y)$  is a smooth mfd.

of dimension  $\dim X - \dim Y$ .

Proof Use Submersion theorem to find local param such that

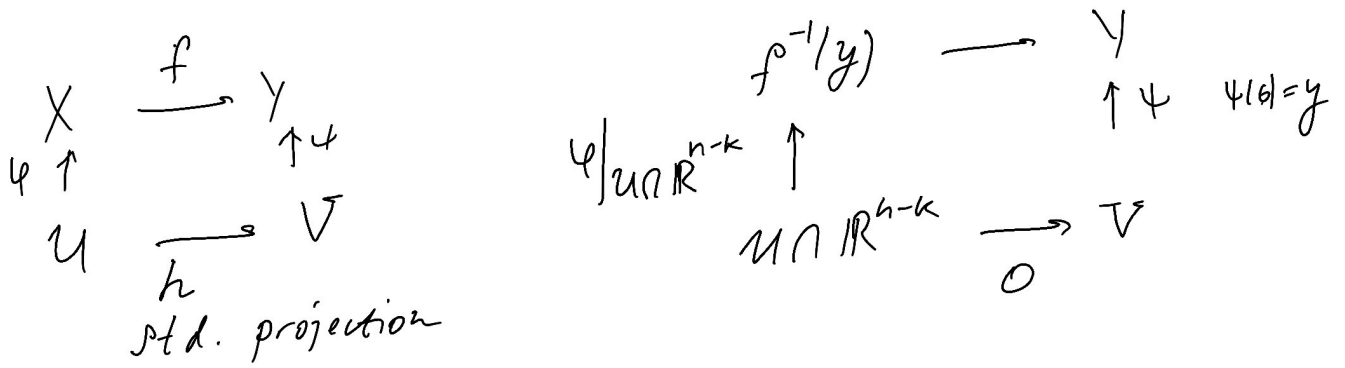
$$h = \psi \circ f \circ \psi^{-1} : \underbrace{U \subset \mathbb{R}^n} \rightarrow \underbrace{V \subset \mathbb{R}^k} \text{ equals:}$$

$$h(x_1, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

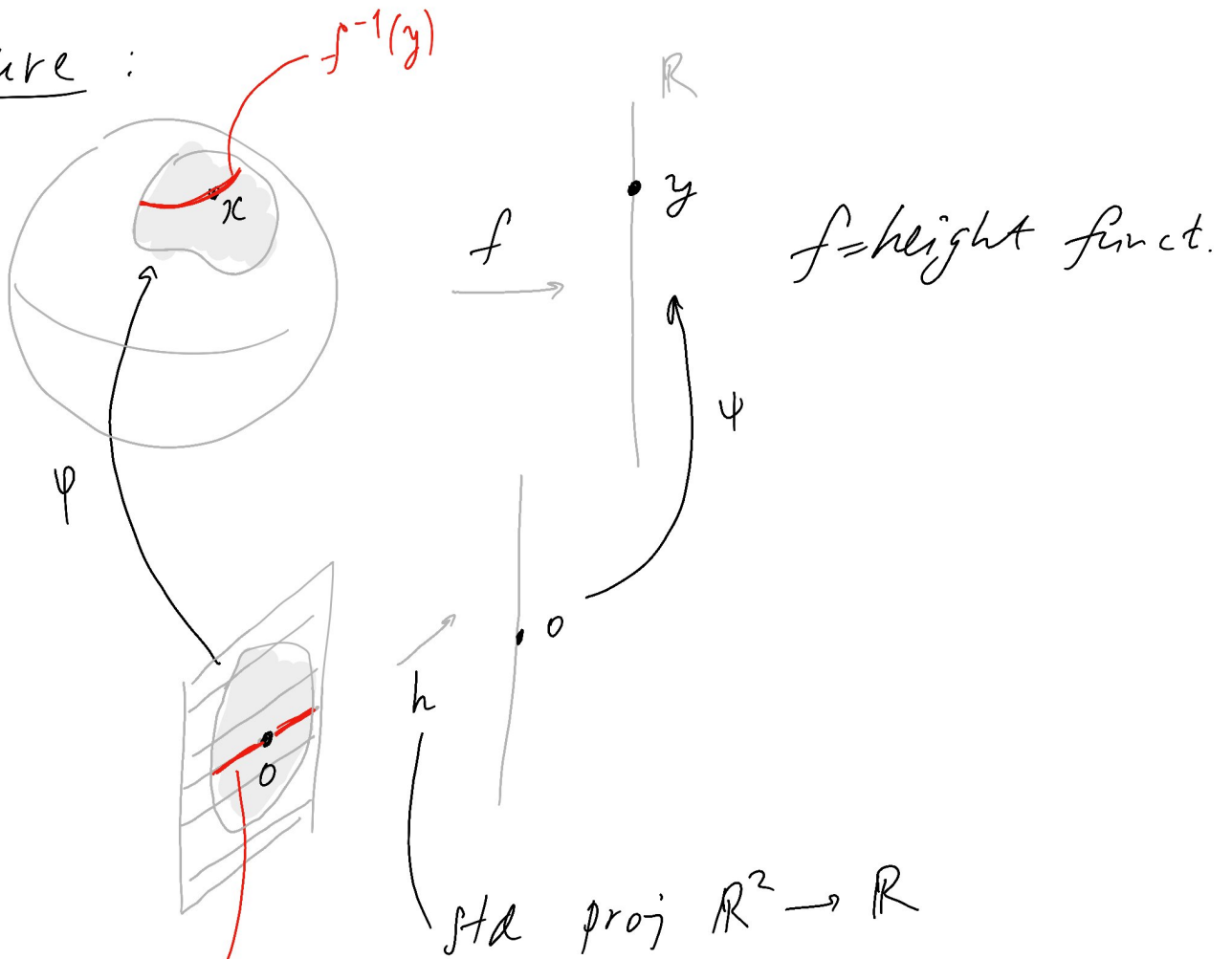
The preimage of  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $h^{-1}(0)$ , equals:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ \vdots \\ x_k = 0 \end{cases}$$

So  $U \cap \{x_1 = 0 \dots x_k = 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$  is a chart for  $f^{-1}(y)$ :



Picture:



$h^{-1}(0)$  is a piece of straight line.  
This is a chart for  $f^{-1}(y)$ .

Example Let's prove that the unit sphere

$$S^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

is a manifold. Consider

$$f: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i^2$$

then  $S^n = f^{-1}(1)$ .

To prove it's a mfd, it suffices to check that 1 is a regular value for  $f$ .

Compute  $df_x = (\partial f / \partial x_1 \dots \partial f / \partial x_{n+1})_x =$

$$= (2x_1, \dots, 2x_{n+1}).$$

This can be seen as the "matrix" of  $df_x: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . In this case:

$df_x$  is surjective  $\Leftrightarrow df_x$  is nonzero

$$\Leftrightarrow x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

The preimage  $f^{-1}(1)$  does not contain  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . So 1 is a regular value of  $f$ .

So  $S^{n+1} = f^{-1}(1)$  is a manifold.

More generally,

Corollary (of the Submersion thm):

Suppose  $g_1, \dots, g_k : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth functions,  
and  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by a system of  
equations:

$$\begin{cases} g_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ g_k(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Suppose  $x \in X$ . Consider the derivatives:

$$(dg_i)_x : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

or equivalently:

$$(dg_i)_x \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \cong \mathbb{R}^n$$

dual vector space

Then  $X$  is a smooth manifold of  $\dim X = n - k$   
if  $\forall x \in X$ , the vectors

$$\left\{ (dg_i)_x \right\}_{i=1, \dots, k} \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$$

are linearly independent.

In practice, to check this means to check that  
the following  $n \times k$  matrix has full rank  $k$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial g_1(x) / \partial x_1 & \dots & \partial g_1(x) / \partial x_n \\ \vdots & & \\ \partial g_k(x) / \partial x_1 & \dots & \partial g_k(x) / \partial x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Proof Consider the map

$$g = (g_1 \dots g_k) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$$

Then  $X = g^{-1}(0)$ ,  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^k$ .

If the above matrix has full rank everywhere,  
this means  $dg_x$  is surjective everywhere

$\Rightarrow g$  is a submersion. By submersion thm,

$X$  is a mfd. □