



Singularities of frontal surfaces

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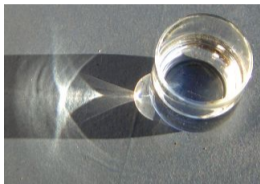


Introduction



Introduction

What is a frontal hypersurface?



(Heiner Otterstedt, 2006)

(Patrick Dirden, 2010)

- ▶ Light cardioids
- ▶ Control systems
- ▶ Sound barrier
- ▶ Huygens' diffraction principle



Introduction

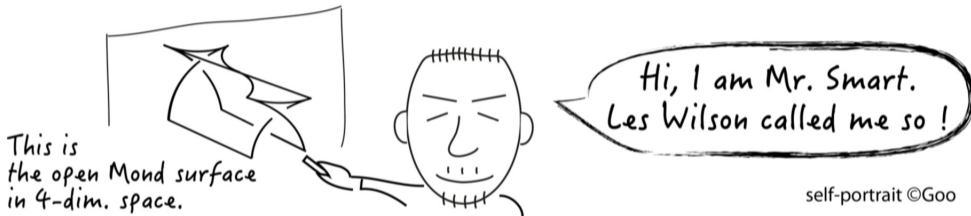
Ishikawa's theory of infinitesimal Legendre equivalence




- ▶ Corank 1 stable frontals come from a certain family of maps, called *open Whitney umbrellas*
- ▶ Stability is codified in terms of a certain \mathbb{C} -algebra Q
- ▶ Legendrian codimension measures how far a frontal is from being stable

Introduction

He is Mr Smart!



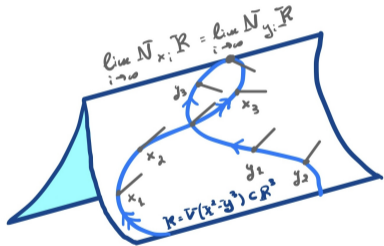
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Frontal equivalence

Frontal equivalence

The flag always stays upright!



We say $f: (\mathbb{C}^n, S) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0)$ is **frontal** if there exists a $\nu: (\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0) \rightarrow T^*\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ such that $0 \notin \nu[f(S)]$ and

$$\nu(df \circ \xi) = 0 \quad \forall \xi \in \theta_n$$

Proposition

Let $f, g: (\mathbb{C}^n, S) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0)$ be \mathcal{A} -equivalent germs. If f is frontal, g is frontal.



Frontal equivalence

Frontal stability

- ▶ An unfolding F of f is **frontal** if it has a frontal representative. The map f is \mathcal{F} -**stable** if every frontal unfolding is trivial.

Consider the vector space

$$\mathcal{F}(f) = \left\{ \left. \frac{df_t}{dt} \right|_{t=0} : (f_t, t) \text{ frontal}, f_0 = f \right\} \supseteq T_{\mathcal{A}ef}$$

- ▶ We say f is \mathcal{F} -finite if

$$\text{codim}_{\mathcal{F}} f = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{\mathcal{F}(f)}{T_{\mathcal{A}ef}} < \infty$$

Frontal equivalence

Characterising frontal stability



Result

A corank 1 frontal surface is stable as a frontal if and only if it has frontal codimension 0.

Result

A corank 1 frontal surface f is \mathcal{F} -finite if and only if there is a finite representative $f: X \rightarrow Y$ such that $f: X \setminus f^{-1}(0) \rightarrow Y \setminus \{0\}$ is locally \mathcal{F} -stable.



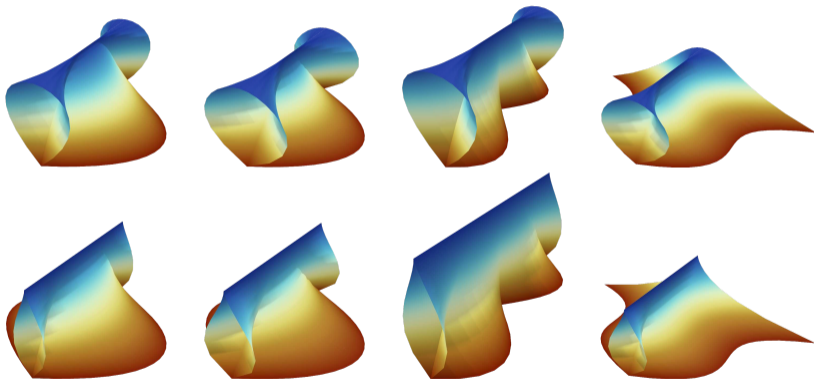
Frontal equivalence

Mond's classification of simple fold surfaces in \mathbb{C}^3

Mond's classification	Frontalised surface	Codimension	Notes
$S_k \quad y^3 + x^{k+1}y$	$\check{S}_k \quad y^5 + x^{k+1}y^3$	k	
$B_k \quad x^2y + y^{2k+1}$	$\check{B}_k \quad x^2y^3 + y^{2k+3}$	k	$k \geq 2$
$C_k \quad xy^3 + x^ky$	$\check{C}_k \quad xy^5 + x^ky^3$	k	$k \geq 3$
$F_4 \quad y^5 + x^3y$	$\check{F}_4 \quad y^7 + x^3y^3$	4	
$(x, y^2, yp(x, y^2))$	$(x, y^2, y^3p(x, y^2))$	(Mond, 1985)	$p \in \mathcal{O}_2$

Frontal equivalence

Mond's fold surfaces and their frontalizations





Frontal equivalence

Properties of frontal surfaces

- ▶ Topological invariants:
 - ▶ The only frontal fold surface that is a wave front is the cuspidal edge.
 - ▶ The \mathcal{A} -codimension of f is equal to the \mathcal{F} -codimension of \check{f} (incl. ∞).
- ▶ Double point space:
 - ▶ Frontalising a fold surface introduces cuspidal edges.
 - ▶ Transverse double points are preserved.
- ▶ We can define an *extended Gaussian curvature* on frontal folds (see Saji, Umehara, and Yamada, 2009).



Frontal equivalence

Stability only depends on the branches

Given a frontal monogerm $f: (\mathbb{K}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^{n+1}, 0)$, let

$$\tau_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = (\omega f)^{-1}[T\mathcal{K}_e f \cap \mathcal{F}(f)]|_{x=0}$$

Result

Let $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$. A frontal multi-germ $f: (\mathbb{K}^n, S) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^{n+1}, 0)$ is \mathcal{F} -stable as a frontal if and only if its branches,

$$f_i: (\mathbb{K}^n, x_i) \longrightarrow (\mathbb{K}^{n+1}, 0),$$

are \mathcal{F} -stable and the sets $\tau_{\mathcal{F}}(f_1), \dots, \tau_{\mathcal{F}}(f_s)$ meet in general position.

Conjecture

The set $\tau_{\mathcal{F}}(f)$ is the tangent space to the isosingular locus of f .



Frontal equivalence

Frontal reduction in corank 1

- ▶ Wavefronts can be obtained as discriminants of maps

$$F : (\mathbb{K}^{n+1}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^{n+1}, 0)$$

with smooth critical set (Arnol'd, 1990).

- ▶ Frontals can be generated unfolding analytic plane curves and applying a *frontal condition* to their parameters:

$$(t^3, t^4) \xrightarrow{\text{versal}} (t^3 + ut, t^4 + v_1t + v_2t^2) \xrightarrow{\text{frontal}} (t^3 + 2wt, t^4 + 3wt^2)$$



Frontal equivalence

Frontal reduction in corank 1

Given an unfolding $\Gamma(u, t) = (u, \gamma_u(t))$ of an analytic plane curve $\gamma: (\mathbb{K}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^2, 0)$, the pull-back of Γ by $h: (\mathbb{K}^r, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}^s, 0)$ is defined as

$$(h^*\Gamma)(v, t) = (v, \gamma_{h(v)}(t))$$

Result

If Γ is miniversal, there exists a graph-type immersion h such that $h^*\Gamma$ is miniversal as a frontal.



Frontal equivalence

Consequences of this construction

Result

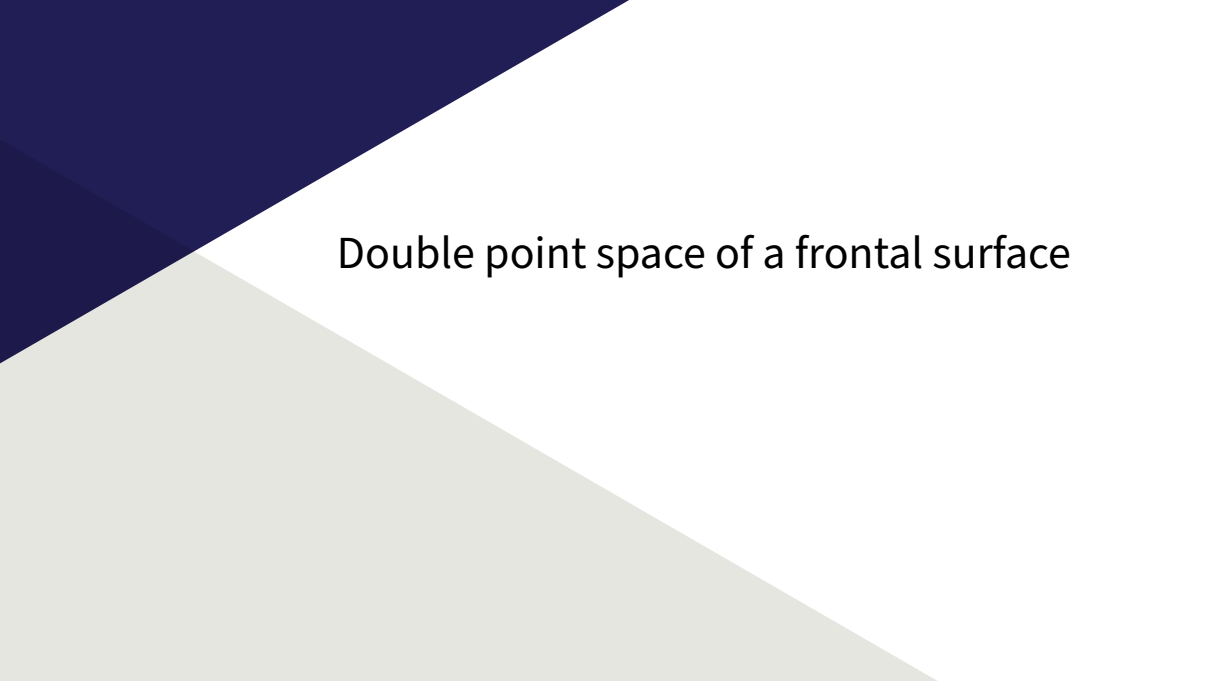
The frontal codimension of γ is equal to

$$\text{codim}_{\mathcal{A}_e} \gamma - \text{mult} \gamma + 1$$

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Result

Any corank 1 frontal hypersurface with isolated instability admits a stable frontal unfolding.



Double point space of a frontal surface



Double point space of a frontal surface

Double points split into two branches

If $f(x, y) = (x, p(x, y), q(x, y))$, the **double point space** of f is given by

$$D^2(f) = \left\{ (x, y, y') \in \mathbb{C}^3 : \frac{p(x, y) - p(x, y')}{y - y'} = \frac{q(x, y) - q(x, y')}{y - y'} = 0 \right\}$$

If $\pi(x, y, y') = (x, y)$, we set the complex space $D(f) = \pi(D^2(f))$ with the complex space structure induced by π .



Double point space of a frontal surface

The six \mathcal{F} -stable frontal surfaces

Result (cf. Marar and Tari, 1996)

If $p_y|q_y$, the generating function for $D(f)$ has the form $\lambda(x, y) = p_y^2(x, y)\tau(x, y)$.

Corollary

Let $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_2$ be the generating function for $D(f)$, and $\mu = q_y/p_y$:

1. if λ/p_y is regular, f is either a cuspidal edge or a curve of transverse double points;
2. if $V(p_y, \mu_y) = \{0\}$, f is \mathcal{F} -finite if and only if λ/p_y has an isolated singularity at 0.



Double point space of a frontal surface

Frontal disentanglement

A smooth family (f_t) is an \mathcal{F} -**stabilisation** of a frontal $f: (\mathbb{C}^2, S) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^3, 0)$ if the 1-parameter unfolding $F = (f_t, t)$ is frontal and f_t is frontal stable for $t \neq 0$.

Lemma-Definition

If f has an isolated instability, then it admits an \mathcal{F} -stabilisation (f_t) and we call $\Delta_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = \text{Im } f_t (t \neq 0)$ the **frontal disentanglement** of f .

Lê Dũng (1987), Siersma (1991)

If f has an isolated instability, $\Delta_{\mathcal{F}}(f)$ has the homotopy type of a wedge of spheres.



Double point space of a frontal surface

Frontal Marar-Mond formulas

Theorem (frontal Marar-Mond formulas)

Given a corank 1 frontal $f: (\mathbb{C}^2, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^3, 0)$ with isolated instability,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(f(C), 0) &= 2S + \mu(C, 0); \\ 2\mu(f(D_+), 0) &= 2K + 2T + \mu(D_+, 0) - W - S + 1\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ C : Cuspidal edge curve
- ▶ S : Swallowtails
- ▶ K : Cuspidal double points
- ▶ D_+ : Transverse double point curve
- ▶ T : Triple points
- ▶ W : Folded Whitney umbrellas



Double point space of a frontal surface

Counting the invariants

Given a corank 1 frontal $f: (\mathbb{C}^2, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^3, 0)$ with isolated instability,

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{\mathcal{O}_2}{(p_y, p_{yy})} = S;$$

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{\mathcal{O}_2}{(p_y, \tau)} = 2S + K + W;$$

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{\mathcal{O}_3}{(p_y, \alpha, \alpha')} = 2S + K;$$

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{\mathcal{O}_3}{\mathcal{F}_2(f)} = T + S + K.$$

These identities have been compiled into a Singular library, `frontals.lib`, which can be found at [cuspidalcoffee.github.io](https://github.com/cuspidalcoffee).



Double point space of a frontal surface

Frontal Milnor number

Proposition

Given an analytic plane curve $\gamma: (\mathbb{C}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^2, 0)$ with $\kappa = |\Sigma(\gamma)| < \infty$,

$$\mu_{\mathcal{F}}(\gamma) = \mu_I(\gamma) - \kappa$$

Theorem

Given a corank 1 frontal $f: (\mathbb{C}^2, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^3, 0)$ with isolated instability,

$$\mu_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = \mu(f(D_+), 0) - S - W + T + 1$$



Double point space of a frontal surface

Mond's conjecture

Recall that Mond defines the **image Milnor number** μ_I of $f: (\mathbb{C}^2, S) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^3, 0)$ as the number of spheres in a disentanglement.

Mond's conjecture

If f is \mathcal{A} -finite, $\mu_I(f) \geq \text{codim}_{\mathcal{A}_e}(f)$, with equality if and only if f is quasihomogeneous.

Proposed frontal conjecture

Let $f: (\mathbb{C}^2, S) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^3, 0)$ be an \mathcal{F} -finite frontal map. Then $\mu_{\mathcal{F}}(f) \geq \text{codim}_{\mathcal{F}_e}(f)$, with equality if and only if f is quasihomogeneous.



Muito obrigado!



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Alguma pergunta?

Referencias I

