

# LECTURE 7:

PROOF OF THE

QUANTITATIVE

MAIN THM.

for  $C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

RECALL THE  
QUANTITATIVE MAIN THM  
("QMT")

# SETTING

- Fix  $m, n \geq 1$ .
- We work in  $C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .
- $k =$  LARGE ENOUGH INTEGER CONST.  
DETERMINED by  $m, n$

(It may change, e.g. when  
we apply Helly's Thm as in  
a previous LECTURE)

$C, c, C'$  etc. DENOTE CONSTS.

DEPENDING ONLY on  $m, n$ .

These symbols may denote  
different constants in  
different occurrences.

RECALL THAT  $J_x(F)$  denotes  
the  $m^{\text{th}}$  DEGREE TAYLOR POLY  
of  $F$  at  $x$ .

(NOT the  $(m-1)^{\text{th}}$  DEGREE POLY)

$\mathcal{P} =$  THE VECTOR SPACE OF ALL  
 $m^{\text{th}}$  DEGREE POLYS.

## STATEMENT OF QMT

Let  $\mathcal{H} = (H(x))_{x \in E}$  be a  
Glaeser-stable bundle with  
non-empty fibers. Let  $M > 0$ .

If  $\|\mathcal{H}\| \leq M$ , then

$\mathcal{H}$  has a section  $F$

with  $C^m$ -norm  $\leq CM$ .

Recall that  $\|H\| \leq M$  means:

Given  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in E$ ,

there exist  $P_1 \in H(x_1), \dots, P_k \in H(x_k)$

s.t.

$$|\partial^\alpha P_i(x_i)| \leq M$$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha (P_i - P_j)(x_i)| \leq M |x_i - x_j|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, k$ .

RECALL THAT A SECTION

of  $\mathcal{H} = (H(x))_{x \in E}$

is a fn  $F \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$

s.t.

$J_x(F) \in H(x)$  for all  $x \in E$ .



Today, we sketch  
the proof of  
QMT.

# PLAN OF THE PROOF (VERSION 1.0)

---

We will partition  $E$  into

finitely many STRATA,

$E_1, E_2, \dots, E_\lambda.$

On each  $E_\nu,$

$\dim H(x)$  is constant.

On the

LOWEST STRATUM  $E_1$ ,

$\dim H(x)$  is as low as possible,

i.e.,

$$\dim H(x) \leq \dim H(y)$$

whenever  $x \in E_1$  and  $y \in E$ .

We will pay

particular attention to

the lowest stratum  $E_1$ .

More precisely, we

proceed as follows.

## STEP 0

Our goal is to find a section  $F$   
of the bundle  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  
with  $C^m$ -norm  $\leq CM$ .

If such an  $F$  exists,  
then what can we say  
about  $J_x(F)$  for a  
given  $x \in E$  ?

Obviously,

$J_x(F) \in H(x)$ , but we can  
say more.

In the spirit of a previous

LECTURE, we will define

a convex set  $\Gamma(x, k, CM) \subset H(x)$ .

Any section  $F$  with norm  $\leq CM$

must satisfy

$J_x(F) \in \Gamma(x, k, CM)$  for  $x \in E$ .

## STEP 1

We produce a function

$$F_1 \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

with norm  $\leq CM$ ,

such that

$$J_x(F_1) \subset \Gamma(x, k, CM)$$

for all  $x$  in the

LOWEST STRATUM  $E_1$ .

## STEP 2

We CORRECT  $F_1$

away from  $E_1$  to produce

a fn.  $F \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$

with norm  $\leq CM$

s.t.

$$J_x(F) \in H(x)$$

for ALL  $x \in E$ , not just

all  $x$  in the lowest stratum.



QMT asserts precisely  
that such an  $F$  exists,  
so we are DONE.

That's the PLAN.

LET'S CARRY IT OUT.

# WE START BY DEFINING THE STRATA

Recall,  $\mathcal{P} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{VECTOR SPACE of all} \\ m^{\text{th}} \text{ DEGREE polys} \\ \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \end{array} \right].$

Let  $\bar{\mathcal{P}} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{VECTOR SPACE of all} \\ (m-1)^{\text{th}} \text{ DEGREE} \\ \text{polys on } \mathbb{R}^n \end{array} \right]$

For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  
there's a natural  
linear map

$$\pi_x: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{P}}$$

defined by

$$\pi_x \mathcal{P} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} (m-1)\text{st DEGREE} \\ \text{TAYLOR POLY of } \mathcal{P} \\ \text{at } x \end{array} \right].$$

To each  $x \in E$ ,

we associate two integers,

$$d(x) = \dim H(x)$$

and

$$\bar{d}(x) = \dim \pi_x H(x).$$

For any two integers  $d, \bar{d}$ ,

WE SET

$$E(d, \bar{d}) = \{x \in E : d(x) = d, \bar{d}(x) = \bar{d}\}$$

The STRATA of  $E$

are the

NON-EMPTY  $E(d, \bar{d})$ .

The LOWEST STRATUM  $E_1$

is the STRATUM  $E(d, \bar{d})$ ,

for which

(A)  $d$  is minimized  
among all strata,

and

(B)  $\bar{d}$  is minimized  
among all strata  
that satisfy (A).

## Observe :

- There are at most  $C_{(m,n)}$  strata (and there's at least one).
- $\dim H(x)$  and  $\dim \pi_x H(x)$  are constant on each stratum

BECAUSE  $\mathcal{H} = (H(x))_{x \in E}$

is Glaeser stable,

one checks easily that

THE LOWEST STRATUM  $E_1$   
IS COMPACT.



We've defined the strata.

NEXT, LET'S DEFINE

$\Gamma(x, k, M)$ .

(The definition will look familiar.)

Let  $x_0 \in E, M > 0$ .

Then  $\Gamma(x_0, k, M)$  consists of all  $P_0 \in H(x_0)$   
s.t.

Given  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in E$

there exist  $P_1 \in H(x_1), \dots, P_k \in H(x_k)$

satisfying

$$|\partial^\alpha P_i(x_i)| \leq M \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq m, i = 0, 1, \dots, k$$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha (P_i - P_j)(x_i)| \leq M |x_i - x_j|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m, i, j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ .

Thus,  $\Gamma(x_0, k, M)$  is  
a (possibly empty)  
Convex subset of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

As promised, any section  $F$   
of  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $C^m$  norm  $\leq M$   
satisfies

$$J_x(F) \in \Gamma(x, k, M)$$

for all  $x \in E$ .

(IMMEDIATE FROM TAYLOR'S THM.)

WE'VE DEFINED

THE STRATA,

THE LOWEST STRATUM,

and

THE  $\Gamma(x, M, k)$ ,

and SEEN THEIR

BASIC PROPERTIES.

NOW, LET'S PRESENT

THE PLAN of the

PROOF of QMT

in more DETAIL.

# PLAN OF THE PROOF OF QMT (VERSION 2.0)

---

We proceed by induction  
on the NUMBER OF STRATA.

Fix  $\Lambda \geq 1$ , and assume the

INDUCTION HYPOTHESIS:

QMT holds for all bundles  
with fewer than  $\Lambda$  STRATA

(Holds VACUOUSLY IF  $\Lambda = 1$ )

USING THE INDUCTION HYPOTHESIS,  
WE PROVE QMT for bundles  
with exactly  $\Lambda$  STRATA.

THAT WILL COMPLETE THE  
INDUCTION and prove QMT.

From now on, we fix

$$\mathcal{H} = (H(x))_{x \in E} \quad \text{and } M > 0$$

as in the hypotheses of QMT.

We suppose that  $\mathcal{H}$  has  
exactly  $\Lambda$  strata.

Let  $E_1 =$  lowest stratum.



Our GOAL is to produce  
an  $F \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that

$$J_x(F) \in H(x) \text{ for all } x \in E$$

and

$$\|F\|_{C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq CM.$$

To do so, we proceed  
as follows ...

# STEP 1 :

We produce a FN.

$$F_1 \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

with norm  $\leq CM$

Such that

$$J_x(F_1) \in \Gamma(x, k, CM) \subset H(x)$$

for all  $x$  in the

Lowest STRATUM  $E_1$

## STEP 2:

WE CORRECT  $F_1$

AWAY FROM  $E_1$ , TO

PRODUCE  $F \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$

WITH NORM  $\leq CM$

SUCH THAT

$J_x(F) \in H(x)$  FOR ALL  $x \in E$ .

(THAT WAS OUR GOAL.)

That will complete  
our induction on  $\Lambda$ ,  
thus proving QMT.

STEP 1 is the  
hard part, so let's  
deal with STEP 2 first.

So we suppose for the  
moment that we already  
have  $F_1 \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$   
with  $\text{NORM} \in CM$ , s.t.  
 $J_x(F) \in \Gamma(x, k, CM)$  for  $x \in E_1$ .

OUR TASK IS TO CORRECT  
 $F_1$  away from  $E_1$ .

---

WE START BY FOLLOWING  
WHITNEY'S CLASSICAL PROOF.

RECALL THAT  $E_1$  IS COMPACT.

WE MAY THEREFORE PARTITION  
 $\mathbb{R}^n - E_1$  INTO WHITNEY CUBES  $Q$ .

FOR EACH WHITNEY CUBE  $Q$ ,  
WE HAVE  $E_1 \cap Q^* = \emptyset$ , BUT  
THERE IS A POINT  $x_Q \in E_1$   
WITHIN DISTANCE  $C\delta_Q$  OF  $Q$ .

[ HERE & THROUGHOUT,  
[  $\delta_Q =$  SIDELENGTH OF  $Q$ . ] ]

WE INTRODUCE THE WHITNEY

PARTITION OF UNITY

$$\sum_Q \theta_Q = 1 \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^n - E_1,$$

where

$$\text{supp } \theta_Q \subset Q^*$$

and the usual estimates hold.



Our PLAN is to set

$$F = F_1 + \sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q,$$

where  $F_Q$  corrects  $F_1$

locally in  $\text{supp } \theta_Q$ .

---

More precisely, ~~the~~ we

want to produce  $F_Q \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$

with the following properties:

DESIRED PROPERTIES

OF THE

$F_Q$

---

$$(A) \quad J_x (F_1 + F_Q) \in H(x)$$

for all  $x \in Q^* \cap E$ .

( $F_Q$  "CORRECTS"  $F_1$  on  $Q^*$ )

(B)

$$|\partial^\alpha F_Q(x)| \leq CM \int_Q^{m-|\alpha|}$$

for  $x \in Q^*$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

(c)

$$\frac{\sup_{x \in Q^*} |\partial^\alpha F_Q(x)|}{\delta_Q^{m-|\alpha|}} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $\delta_Q \rightarrow 0$ ,

for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

Those are the properties  
we want for the  $F_Q$ .

First, we check that if  
the  $F_Q$  satisfy (A), (B), (C),

$$\text{then } F = F_1 + \sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q$$

does what we want.

Then we show how to produce  
such  $F_Q$ , USING THE INDUCTION HYP.

So suppose the  $F_Q$   
satisfy (A), (B), (C).

Using the estimates (B), (C),  
we can check that

$$\sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

with norm  $\leq CM$ ,

and

$$J_x \left( \sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q \right) = 0 \text{ for } x \in E_1.$$

We are assuming that our  $F_1$   
satisfies

$$\|F_1\|_{C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq CM$$

and

$$J_x(F_1) \in \Gamma(x, k, CM) \subset H(x)$$

for  $x \in E_1$ .



Combining our results  
for  $F_1$  with those for  $\sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q$ ,  
we find that

$$\| F_1 + \sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q \|_{C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq CM$$

and that

$$J_x (F_1 + \sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q) = J_x (F_1) \in H(x)$$

for  $x \in E_1$ .

We still must show that

$$J_x \left( F_1 + \sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q \right) \in H(x)$$

for  $x \in E - E_1$ .

To do so, we bring in property (A)  
of the  $F_Q$ .

~~known~~

Let  $x \in E \setminus E_1$ .

In a nhd of  $x$ , we have  $\sum_Q \theta_Q = 1$ ,

hence  $F_1 + \sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q = \sum_Q \theta_Q \cdot [F_1 + F_Q]$ .

Consequently,

$$J_x(F_1 + \sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q) = \sum_Q J_x(\theta_Q) \circ J_x(F_1 + F_Q)$$

JET MULT.  
AT  $x$

PROPERTY (A) TELLS US THAT

$$J_x(F_1 + F_Q) \in H(x)$$

for each  $Q$  s.t.  $x \in \text{supp } \theta_Q$ .

BECAUSE  $H(x)$  IS A TRANSLATE  
OF AN IDEAL IN  $\mathbb{R}_x$ ,

IT FOLLOWS THAT

$$J_x\left(F_1 + \sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q\right) \in H(x)$$

So we've proven that

$$F = F_1 + \sum_Q \theta_Q F_Q$$

satisfies

- $\|F\|_{C^m} \leq CM,$
- $J_x(F) \in H(x)$  for  $x \in E_1$   
and
- $J_x(F) \in H(x)$  for  $x \in E - E_1.$

Thus,  $F$  has all the  
desired properties for

STEP 2 -

It corrects  $F_1$ , and it  
has  $C^m$  norm  $\leq CM$ .

WE'VE NOW SHOWN THAT

IF

WE CAN FIND FNS.  $F_Q \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$

WITH PROPERTIES (A), (B), (C),

THEN

WE CAN CORRECT THE FN.  $F_1$   
PRODUCED BY STEP 1,  
& thus accomplish STEP 2.

WE NEXT EXPLAIN HOW TO  
PRODUCE FNS.  $F_Q$   
THAT SATISFY (A), (B), (C).

THAT WILL COMPLETE OUR  
DISCUSSION OF STEP 2,

WE WILL THEN EXPLAIN  
HOW TO CARRY OUT STEP 1.



FINDING  $F_Q$  THAT SATISFY  
(A), (B), (C).

---

LET'S first recall (A), (B), (C).

(A)  $J_x(F_1 + F_Q) \in H(\kappa)$  for  $x \in Q^* \cap E$ .

---

(B)  $|\partial^\alpha(F_Q)| \leq CM \delta_Q^{m-|\alpha|}$  on  $Q^*$   
for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

---

(C) 
$$\frac{\sup_{x \in Q^*} |\partial^\alpha F_Q|}{\delta_Q^{m-|\alpha|}} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $\delta_Q \rightarrow 0$  (for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ ).

---

To produce  $F_Q$  satisfying  
(A), (B), (C),

we will look at the bundle

$$\mathcal{H}|_{E \cap Q^*} = (H(x))_{x \in E \cap Q^*}.$$

DETAIL: WE TAKE  $Q^*$  TO BE

A CLOSED CUBE, BECAUSE

$E \cap Q^*$  MUST BE COMPACT,

AS REQUIRED BY THE DEF. OF

A BUNDLE.

The KEY POINT IS THAT

$\mathcal{H}|_{E \cap Q^*}$  has  $< \Lambda$

STRATA,

because  $Q^*$  DOESN'T INTERSECT

THE LOWEST STRATUM  $E_1$ .

Therefore, the INDUCTION HYP.  
applies.

Immediately from the

INDUCTION HYP.,

we obtain fns  $F_Q$

that satisfy (A).

To obtain (A), (B), (C),

we have to be more careful.

We will RECENTER and RESCALE

$$\mathcal{H} \mid E \cap Q^*$$

in order to obtain  $F_Q$

that satisfy (A) and (B)

We'll worry about (C) later.

We RECENTER  $\mathcal{H}|_{E \cap Q^*}$

by setting

$$\mathcal{H}_Q^\# = (H_Q^\#(x))_{x \in E \cap Q^*},$$

where

$$H_Q^\#(x) = \{ P - J_x(F_1) : P \in H(x) \}$$

A fn.  $F$  is a SECTION OF  $\mathcal{H}_Q^\#$

$\Leftrightarrow F_1 + F$  is a SECTION OF  $\mathcal{H}|_{E \cap Q^*}$ .

NEXT, WE RESCALE  $\mathcal{H}_Q^*$ .

LET  $\phi_Q: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  BE THE

AFFINE MAP THAT SENDS

THE UNIT CUBE  $Q^0$  TO  $Q^*$ .

Then set  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_Q = (\hat{H}_Q(\hat{x}))_{\hat{x} \in \hat{E}_Q}$

where  $\hat{E}_Q = \phi_Q^{-1}(E \cap Q^*)$

and

$\hat{H}_Q(\hat{x}) = \{P \circ \phi_Q : P \in \mathcal{H}_Q^*(\phi_Q(\hat{x}))\}$



Just like  $\mathcal{H}|_{E \cap Q^*}$ ,

the bundle  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_Q$

has  $< \infty$  STRATA,

so the **INDUCTION HYP.**

applies.

RECALL THAT  $x_Q \in E_1$

Lies within distance  $C\delta_Q$  of  $Q$ .

Also,

$$\|F_2\|_{C^m} \leq CM$$

and

$$J_{x_Q}(F_2) \in \Gamma(x_Q, k, CM)$$

from the (as yet unfulfilled)

STEP 1.

These facts yield the

Estimate

$$\|\hat{H}_Q\| \leq CM S_Q^m,$$

once we recall the definitions

of

$\hat{H}_Q$ ,  $\Gamma(\dots)$ ,  $\|\cdot\|$  for bundles.

(TRUST ME!)

Applying the INDUCTION HYP.

(QMT for bundles with  $< 1$  strata)

we obtain a section

$\hat{F}_Q$  of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_Q$ , with

$C^m$  norm at most  $CM \mathcal{J}_Q^m$

Undoing the effect of the rescaling by  $\phi_Q$ , we obtain a function  $F_Q \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$  that satisfies

$$(A) \quad J_x (F_1 + F_Q) \in H(x) \\ \text{for } x \in E \cap Q^*$$

and

$$(B) \quad |\partial^\alpha F_Q| \leq C M S_Q^{m-|\alpha|} \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

So, exploiting the **INDUCTION HYP**,

we have produced fin  $F_Q$

that satisfy **(A)** and **(B)**.

We have made **CRUCIAL USE**  
of the property

$$J_x(F_1) \in \Gamma(x, k, CM)$$

from **STEP 1**, to bound  $\|\hat{H}_Q\|$ .

WE STILL HAVE TO COME  
TO GRIPS WITH (C).

THERE ISN'T TIME TO  
EXPLAIN FULLY, BUT  
HERE ARE A FEW REMARKS.

RECALL THAT OUR BUNDLE  $\mathcal{H}$   
IS GLAESER STABLE.

That means the following ....



Let  $x_0 \in E$  and  $P_0 \in H(x_0)$ .

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$   
such that:

Given  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in E \cap B(x_0, \delta)$

there exist  $P_1 \in H(x_1), \dots, P_k \in H(x_k)$

such that

$$|\partial^\alpha (P_i - P_j)(x_i)| \leq \varepsilon |x_i - x_j|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ ,  $i, j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ .

THE MAIN POINT IN  
ACHIEVING (C) IS

TO SHOW THAT THE ABOVE  
 $\delta$  CAN BE CHOSEN  
INDEPENDENTLY OF  $x_0, P_0,$

PROVIDED

$x_0 \in E_1$  &  $|\partial^\alpha P_0(x_0)|$  BOUNDED.

The precise formulation  
of this

GOOD NEWS

is as follows.

LEMMA: Given  $\varepsilon, M' > 0, \exists \delta > 0$   
for which the following holds:

Let  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k \in E$  and  $P_0 \in H(x_0)$ .

Suppose  $x_0 \in E_1, x_1, \dots, x_k \in B(x_0, \delta)$

and  $|\partial^\alpha P_0(x_0)| \leq M'$  for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

Then  $\exists P_1 \in H(x_1), \dots, P_k \in H(x_k)$

s.t.

$$|\partial^\alpha (P_i - P_j)(x_i)| \leq \varepsilon |x_i - x_j|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

for  $i, j = 0, 1, \dots, k$  and  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

The Lemma is roughly  
analogous to the elementary  
fact that a continuous fn.  
on a compact set is  
uniformly continuous.

To prove the LEMMA,

WE USE

- COMPACTNESS of  $E_1$ .
- CONSTANCY OF  $\dim H(x)$  on  $E_1$
- HELLY'S THM. ( $k$  CHANGES!)

LET'S JUST DECLARE VICTORY,

&

BELIEVE THAT WE CAN PRODUCE

$F_Q$  SATISFYING (A), (B), (C).

For future reference, we  
note a simple Corollary of  
the above LEMMA.



Corollary :

Given  $\varepsilon, M' > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  s.t. :

Let  $x \in E_1$ ,  $P \in H(x)$ ,  $y \in E_1 \cap B(x, \delta)$ .

Suppose  $|\partial^\alpha P(x)| \leq M'$  for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

Then there exists  $P' \in H(y)$  s.t.

$$|\partial^\alpha (P - P')(x)| \leq \varepsilon M' |x - y|^{m - |\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

Here's WHERE WE STAND

## PLAN OF PROOF OF QMT

Fix  $\Lambda \geq 1$ , & assume QMT  
for bundles with  $< \Lambda$  strata.

Fix  $\mathcal{H} = (H^{(a)})_{x \in E}$  &  $M > 0$

as in hyp. of QMT.

Assume  $\mathcal{H}$  has exactly  $\Lambda$  strata.

STEP 1: Produce  $F_1 \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$  ← IOU  
with norm  $\leq CM$ , s.t.

$J_x(F) \in \Gamma(x, k, CM)$  for all  $x \in E_1$

STEP 2: Correct  $F_1$  to prove QMT.

To carry out STEP 2,

we produced fns  $F_Q$  that

correct  $F_1$  locally on  $Q^*$

for each Whitney cube  $Q$ .

We then patched together the  $F_Q$

to produce a fn

$$F = F_1 + \sum_Q \theta_Q F$$

that does what we want.

All that's missing from our proof  
of QMT is  
STEP 1.

That's the hard part.

So we must produce

$$F_1 \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

such that

$$J_x(F_1) \in \Gamma(x, k, CM)$$

for all  $x \in E_1$

and

$$\|F_1\|_{C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq CM.$$

THAT WILL COMPLETE THE  
PROOF OF QMT

To produce such an  $F_1$ ,  
we bring in the

## FINITENESS THM

from a previous lecture,

in its MOST GENERAL FORM\*

\* (So FAR)

RECALL THE FINITENESS THM:

We work in  $C^{m,\omega}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

where  $\omega$  is a MODULUS OF CONTINUITY,

i.e.

$$\omega: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$\omega(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \omega(t) = 0$$

$$\omega(t) = 1 \text{ for } t \geq 1$$

$\omega(t)$  is INCREASING on  $[0, \infty)$

$\omega(t)/t$  is DECREASING on  $(0, \infty)$



RECALL THAT  $F \in C^{m,\omega}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if

$F$  and its derivatives up to order  $m$  are continuous,

and for some  $M < \infty$  we have

$$|\partial^\alpha F(x)| \leq M \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq m, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha F(x) - \partial^\alpha F(y)| \leq M \omega(|x-y|)$$

for  $|\alpha| = m, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

The least such  $M$  is the  $C^{m,\omega}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  norm of  $F$ .

Now suppose  $E_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is an  
(arbitrary) set.

For each  $x \in E_1$ , suppose we  
are given an  $m^{\text{th}}$  degree poly.  
(an "m-jet")  $f(x) \in \mathcal{P}$ ,

and a symmetric convex set  
 $\sigma(x) \subset \mathcal{P}$ .

Let  $M > 0$  be given.

We want to find a function

$F_1 \in C^{m,\omega}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that

$$J_x(F_1) \in f(x) + M\sigma(x)$$

for all  $x \in E_1$ ,

and

$$\|F_1\|_{C^{m,\omega}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq M.$$

There is a FINITENESS THM  
for such problems,

provided the

SYMMETRIC CONVEX SETS

$$\sigma(x) \subset \mathcal{P}$$

ARE "WHITNEY  $\omega$ -CONVEX".

## DEFINITION :

Suppose we are given

- $\sigma \subset \mathcal{P}$ , a symmetric convex set
- $\omega$ , a modulus of continuity
- $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , a point,  
and
- $C_\omega \geq 1$ , a constant.

Then we say that  $\sigma$  is

WHITNEY  $\omega$ -CONVEX AT  $x$ ,  
WITH WHITNEY CONSTANT  $C_\omega$ ,  
if the following holds ...

## DEF. OF WHITNEY $\omega$ -CONVEXITY (CONTINUED)

Let  $P \in \sigma$ ,  $Q \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ .

Suppose that

$$|\partial^\alpha P(x_0)| \leq \delta^{m-|\alpha|} \omega(\delta)$$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha Q(x_0)| \leq \delta^{-|\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

Then  $Q \circ_{x_0} P \equiv J_{x_0}(QP)$

belongs to  $C_w \sigma$ .

Similarly,  $\sigma$  is called

WHITNEY CONVEX AT  $x_0$

WITH WHITNEY CONSTANT  $C_W$

if the following holds ...

## DEF. OF WHITNEY CONVEXITY (CONTINUED)

Let  $P \in \sigma$ ,  $Q \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ .

Suppose that

$$|\partial^\alpha P(x_0)| \leq \delta^{m-|\alpha|}$$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha Q(x_0)| \leq \delta^{-|\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

NOTE:  
NO FACTOR  
 $\omega(\delta)$ .

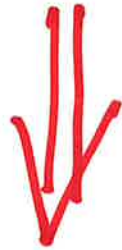
Then  $Q \circledast_{x_0} P \equiv J_{x_0}(QP)$

belongs to  $C_w \sigma$ .



Trivially,

$\sigma$  Whitney convex at  $x_0$   
with Whitney const.  $C_\omega$



$\sigma$  Whitney  $\omega$ -convex at  $x_0$   
with Whitney const.  $C_\omega$

for any modulus of continuity  $\omega$ .

GIVEN THE ABOVE BACKGROUND

WE CAN NOW STATE THE

FINITENESS THM for  $C^{m, \omega}$

Thm: Given  $m, n \geq 1$ ,  
there exists  $k = k(m, n)$   
for which the following holds.

Let  $\omega$  be a modulus of continuity.

Let  $E_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an (arbitrary) set.

For each  $x \in E_1$ , let  $f(x) \in \mathcal{P}$   
and  $\sigma(x) \subset \mathcal{P}$  be given.

Let  $C_\omega > 0$  be given.

Suppose that for each  $x \in E_1$ ,

the set  $\sigma(x)$  is

Whitney  $\omega$ -CONVEX at  $x$

with Whitney constant  $C_w$ .

Let  $M > 0$ .

Suppose that given any  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in E$

there exist

$$P_1 \in f(x_1) + M\sigma(x_1), \dots, P_k \in f(x_k) + M\sigma(x_k)$$

such that

$$|\partial^\alpha P_i(x_i)| \leq M \quad \text{for } |\alpha| \leq m, \quad i=1, \dots, k$$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha (P_i - P_j)(x_i)| \leq M \omega(|x_i - x_j|) \cdot |x_i - x_j|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m, \quad i, j=1, \dots, k.$

↑  
THE "FINITENESS  
CONDITION"

Then there exists

$$F_1 \in C^{m,w}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

such that

$$J_x(F_1) \in f(x) + CM \sigma(x)$$

for all  $x \in E_1$ ,

and

$$\|F_1\|_{C^{m,w}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq CM.$$

Here,  $C$  depends only on  $m, n$   
and on the Whitney constant  $C_w$ .

## REMARKS :

The above FINITENESS THM  
differs slightly from the  
version given in a previous  
lecture.

Let's see the differences,  
and check that they don't  
matter.

## DISCREPANCY 1 :

In place of today's hypothesis

" Given  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in E$ , there exist  
 $P_1 \in f(x_1) + M\sigma(x_1), \dots, P_k \in f(x_k) + M\sigma(x_k)$   
[satisfying ESTIMATES] "

the earlier FINITENESS THM  
had a different-looking hypothesis,  
namely ...



For each subset  $S \subset E_1$

with  $\#(S) \leq k$ ,

there exists  $F^S \in C^{m,\omega}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

such that

$$\|F^S\|_{C^{m,\omega}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq M$$

and

$$J_x(F^S) \in f(x) + M\sigma(x)$$

for all  $x \in S$ .

Today's hypothesis  
and the hypothesis just quoted  
from a previous lecture are  
easily seen to be equivalent,  
thanks to Whitney's extension  
theorem for  $C^{m,\omega}(\mathbb{R}^n)$   
(which is due to Glaeser)

P.S. In passing from  
one hypothesis to the other,  
 $M$  may be degraded to  $CM$ ,  
where  $C$  depends only on  $m, n$ .

That doesn't hurt.

SO MUCH FOR DISCREPANCY 1.

## DISCREPANCY 2 :

In the previous lecture,  
we assumed that our set

$E_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is FINITE.

Today we take  $E_1$  ARBITRARY.

However, the FINITENESS THM  
for general  $E_1$  follows EASILY  
from the case of arbitrary  
finite  $E_1$  by a compactness  
argument involving  
ASCOLI'S THM.

(That's because we are  
dealing with  $C^{m, \omega}$ ,  
NOT  $C^m$ .)

That takes care of the  
SECOND DISCREPANCY.

There are no further  
discrepancies between  
the FINITENESS THM  
stated today & that discussed  
in an earlier lecture.

So we take today's

FINITENESS THM

as

KNOWN.

WHERE DO WE  
STAND?

---



We are given a bundle

$$\mathcal{H} = (H(x))_{x \in E}$$

(Glaeser stable, non-empty fibers)

with lowest stratum  $E_1$ .

We must produce  $F \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$

with norm  $\leq CM$  such that

$$J_x(F) \in T(x, k, CM)$$

for all  $x \in E_1$ .

To do so, we hope to use a

**FINITENESS THM.**

that tells us when we can find

$$F \in C^{m, \omega}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

with norm  $\leq CM$ ,

such that

$$J_x(F) \in f(x) + CM \sigma(x)$$

for all  $x \in E_1$ .

JUST AS IN A PREVIOUS LECTURE,  
the  $\Gamma(x, k, M)$  (ESSENTIALLY)  
have the form

$$\Gamma(x, k, M) \approx f(x) + M\sigma(x),$$

for suitable  $f, \sigma$ .

More precisely,

$$\Gamma(x, k, M) \subset f(x) + 2M\sigma(x) \\ \subset \Gamma(x, k, 3M)$$

Furthermore, the  $\sigma(x)$

are Whitney convex ~~at~~

with Whitney constant

depending only on  $m, n$ .

---

---

Hence, the  $\sigma(x)$  are

Whitney  $\omega$ -convex

(with the same Whitney const.)

for ANY  $\omega$ .

---

---

So,

WE ARE TRYING TO APPLY THE  
FINITENESS THM for  $C^{m,\omega}$ .

We know that our  $T(x, k, M)$   
are as assumed in the  
FINITENESS THM

but

We haven't yet defined an  $\omega$

and

We haven't yet checked the  
FINITENESS CONDITION.

Therefore, to complete the proof  
of QMT, we must  
meet the following

CHALLENGE ....

## CHALLENGE :

FIND A MODULUS OF CONTINUITY  $\omega$   
for which the following holds -

Given  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in E_1$

there exist

$P_1 \in \Gamma(x_1, k, CM), \dots, P_k \in \Gamma(x_k, k, CM)$

s.t.

$|\partial^\alpha P_i(x_i)| \leq CM$  for  $|\alpha| \leq m, i=1, \dots, k$

and

$|\partial^\alpha (P_i - P_j)(x_i)| \leq CM \omega(|x_i - x_j|) \cdot |x_i - x_j|^{m-|\alpha|}$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m, i, j=1, \dots, k$ .

WE WILL MEET THE

CHALLENGE,

thus proving QMT.



# TOOLS TO MEET THE CHALLENGE

WE WILL USE 3 TOOLS -

ONE FOR COARSE LENGTHSCALES,

ONE FOR FINE LENGTHSCALES,

and

ONE TO COMBINE RESULTS

FROM DIFFERENT LENGTHSCALES

## TOOL I (COARSE LENGTH SCALES)

RECALL THE HYPOTHESIS

$$\|H\| \leq M \quad \text{for QMT.}$$

By definition, that's the following  
assertion...

Given  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in E$

there exist

$P_1 \in H(x_1), \dots, P_k \in H(x_k)$

such that

$|\partial^\alpha P_i(x_i)| \leq M$  for  $|\alpha| \leq m, i=1, \dots, k$

and

$|\partial^\alpha (P_i - P_j)(x_i)| \leq M |x_i - x_j|^{m-|\alpha|}$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m, i, j=1, \dots, k.$

RECALLING THE DEFINITION

OF  $\Gamma(x, k', M)$ ,

AND APPLYING HELLY'S THM

IN THE USUAL WAY,

WE OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING

RESULT ...

Suppose  $k \gg k_0 \gg 1$

and  $k' \gg k'_0 \gg 1$ .

Given  $x_1, \dots, x_{k_0} \in E$ , there exist  
 $P_1 \in \Gamma(x_1, k_0', M), \dots, P_{k_0} \in \Gamma(x_{k_0}, k_0', M)$

such that

$$|\partial^\alpha P_i(x_i)| \leq CM$$

$$\text{for } |\alpha| \leq m, \quad i = 1, \dots, k_0$$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha (P_i - P_j)(x_i)| \leq CM |x_i - x_j|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

$$\text{for } |\alpha| \leq m, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, k_0.$$

That's just what we need,  
except for a missing factor  
 $\omega(|x_i - x_j|)$ .

We will take  $\omega(t) \equiv 1$   
for  $t \geq \tau_0$

( $\tau_0$  IS SOME VERY SMALL NUMBER  
TO BE DETERMINED.)

Then the above result  
gives us what we want,  
provided  $x_1, \dots, x_{k_0}$  contain no  
"VERY CLOSE NEIGHBORS",

i.e.

$$|x_i - x_j| \geq \tau_0 \text{ for } i \neq j.$$

NOTE: WE HAVE HERE  $k_0, k'_0$   
INSTEAD OF  $k, k'$ .

That's OK.

We take  $k'_0, k_0$  as large  
as we need, then make sure  
that  $k \Rightarrow k_0$   
and  $k' \Rightarrow k'_0$ .

In what follows, let's ignore  
the difference between  $k, k'$  &  $k_0, k'_0$ .



That's **Tool 1**.

It deals with **COARSE LENGTHSCALES**

(all  $|x_i - x_j| \geq \tau_0$ ,  $i \neq j$ )

---

---

## TOOL II (FINE LENGTH SCALES)

WE RECALL SOME

GOOD NEWS

FROM OUR EARLIER

DISCUSSION:

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $M' > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.:

Let  $x \in E_1$ ,  $P \in H(x)$ ,  $y \in E_1 \cap B(x, \delta)$ .

Suppose  $|\partial^\alpha P(x)| \leq M'$  for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

Then there exists  $P' \in H(y)$  s.t.

$$|\partial^\alpha (P - P')(x)| \leq \varepsilon M' |x - y|^{m - |\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

We will use this fact

(with  $M' = [\text{LARGE CONSTANT}] \cdot M$ )

for  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots$ ,

where  $\varepsilon_l = 2^{-l}$  (EACH  $l$ ).

---

---

We obtain

$$\delta = \delta_0, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots$$

satisfying the conditions on

the previous slide.

---

---

SMALLER  $\delta \Rightarrow$  [ RESULT GETS ]  
[ WEAKER ]

So, without loss of generality,  
we may pick the  $\delta_l$  so that

$\delta_0 < \hat{\delta}_0 \leftarrow$  A SMALL POS. NO.  
TO BE PICKED LATER

and

$\delta_{l+1} \leq \delta_l / 1000$

FIRST PICK  $\delta_0$ ,  
THEN  $\delta_1$ ,  
NEXT  $\delta_2, \dots$

# DEFINE A MODULUS OF CONTINUITY

$$\omega(t) = 1 \quad \text{for } t \geq \delta_0$$

$$\omega(\delta_l) = \varepsilon_l \quad \text{for } l=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$\omega(t)$  is linear for  $t \in [\delta_{l+1}, \delta_l]$

for each  $l=0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\omega(0) = 0.$$

We check easily that the

above  $\omega(t)$  is a

MODULUS of continuity,

thanks to the

RAPID DECREASE

of the  $\delta_\ell$ .

Our GOOD NEWS can be reformulated in terms of the modulus of continuity  $\omega$ .

Let  $x \in E_1$ ,  $y \in E_1 \cap B(x, \delta_0)$ .

Let  $P \in H(x)$ , with  $|\partial^\alpha P(x)| \leq CM$   
(all  $|\alpha| \leq m$ ).

Then there exists  $P' \in H(y)$  s.t.

$$|\partial^\alpha (P - P')(x)| \leq CM \omega(|x - y|) |x - y|^{m - |\alpha|}$$

(all  $|\alpha| \leq m$ ).



AHA! We've found a modulus of continuity  $\omega$ , and we have the desired factor  $\omega(|x-y|)$  in our estimates.

That's Tool II.

It applies at FINE LENGTH SCALES,

i.e., when  $|x-y| \leq \delta_0$ .

Tool III :

VIEWING A

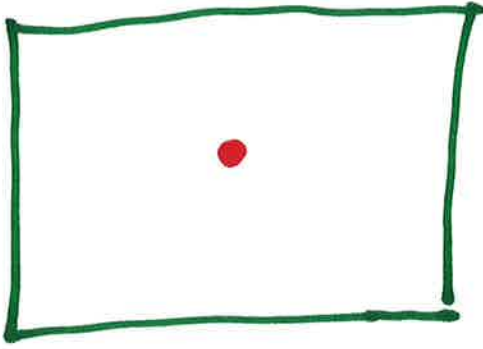
$k$ -POINT SET

AT SEVERAL LENGTH SCALES.

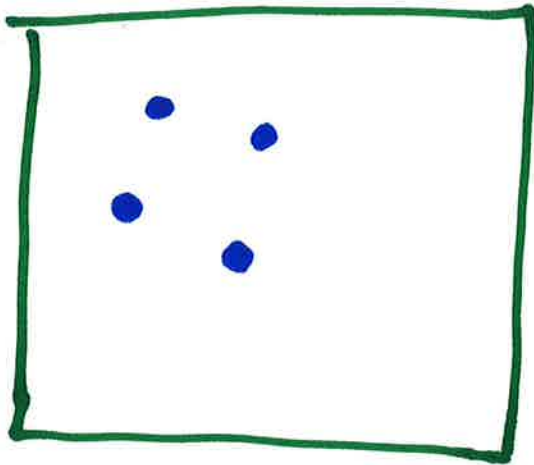
Let  $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

If we view  $S$  from very far away, it looks to us like a single point.

As we approach  $S$ , what appeared to us as a single point now looks like a CLUSTER



S VIEWED FROM  
FAR AWAY

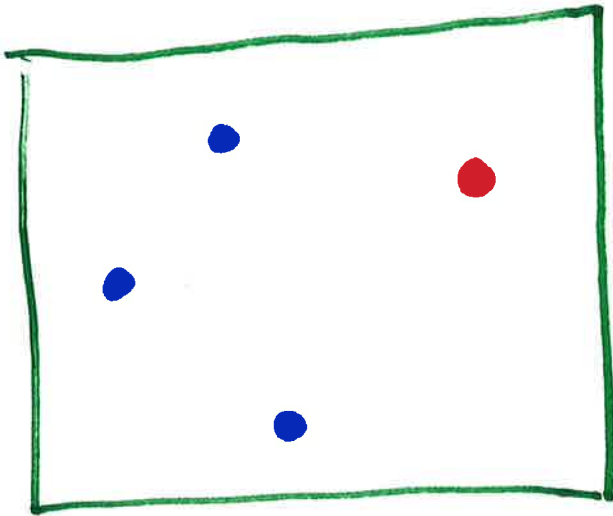


S VIEWED FROM  
NOT SO  
FAR AWAY

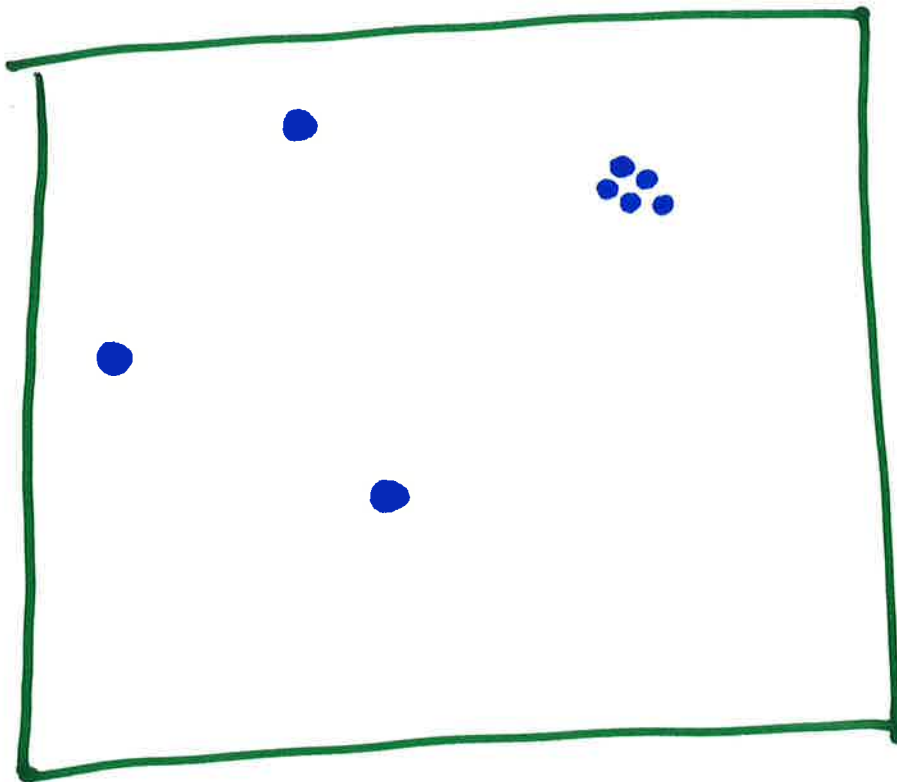
All distances between points  
in the cluster are comparable.

(If two lengthscales in the  
cluster were very different,  
we would notice the larger one  
before we perceive the smaller.)

As we approach  $S$   
still more closely, what  
appeared to us before as  
a single point of the cluster  
BREAKS UP into a  
"subcluster".



S VIEWED FROM  
DISTANCE  $D_1$



S VIEWED  
FROM A  
DISTANCE  
 $\ll D_1$

WITHIN THE SUBCLUSTER,

ALL DISTANCES ARE

COMPARABLE,

for the same reason as before.



PERHAPS SEVERAL

POINTS OF THE CLUSTER

RESOLVE INTO SUBCLUSTERS

AT THE SAME LENGTHSCALE.

That's OK.

As we approach still closer,  
our SUBCLUSTERS will  
resolve into sub-sub-clusters,  
and so on ...

LET'S MAKE THESE  
IDEAS PRECISE.

Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be finite.

Let  $\hat{S} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a finite set  
containing a point  $\hat{x} \in S$ .

Suppose that

$$|x - y| \geq c \cdot \text{diam}(\hat{S})$$

for all  $x, y \in \hat{S}$  distinct,

and that

$$\text{diam}(\hat{S}) < \frac{1}{10} |x - y|$$

for all  $x, y \in S$  distinct.

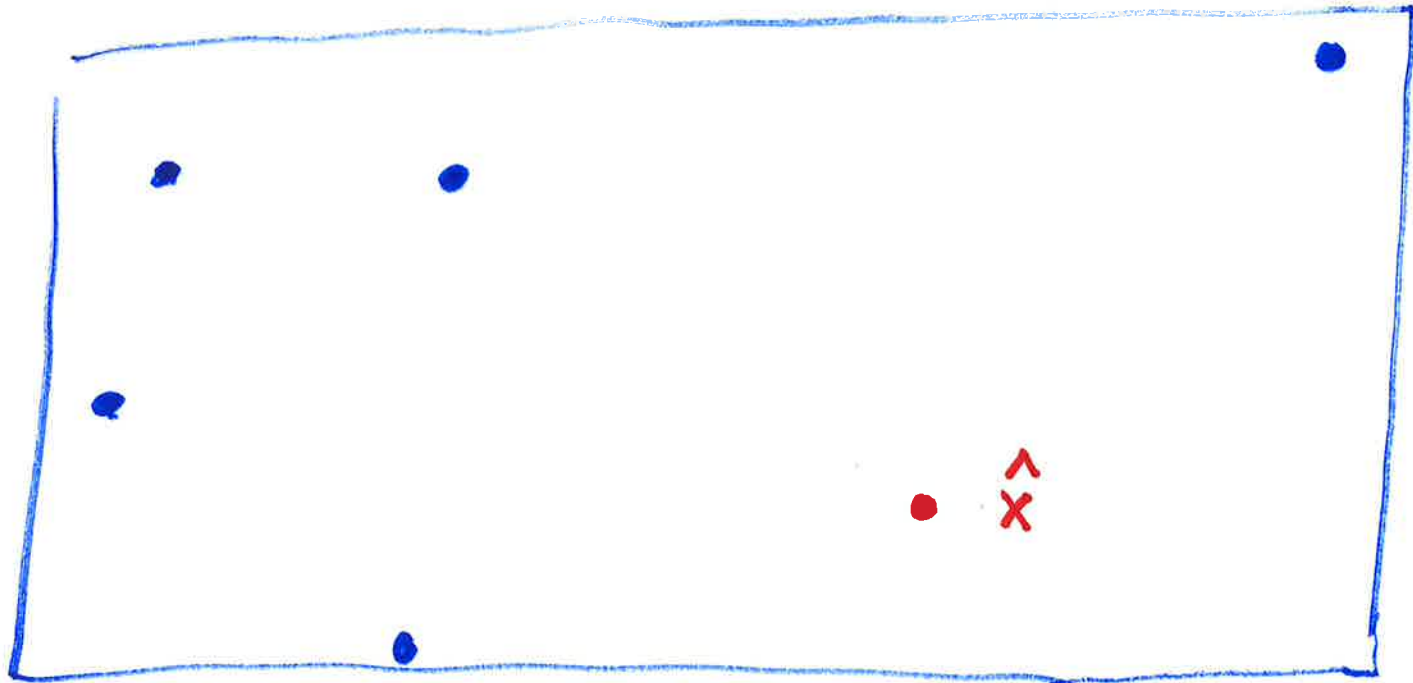
Then we say that

$S \cup \hat{S}$  arises from  $S$

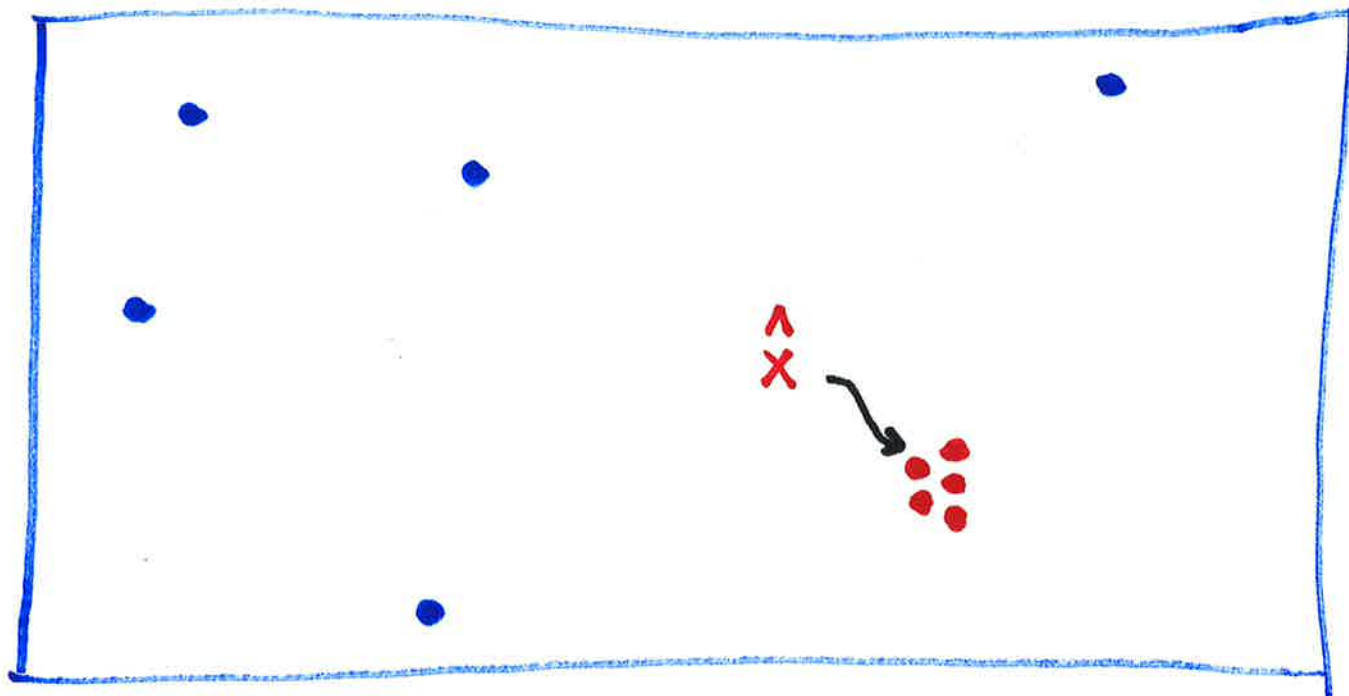
by **SPROUTING**  $\hat{x}$  into  $\hat{S}$ .

We call  $c$  the **SPROUTING CONST.**

$|x-y| \geq c \cdot \text{diam } \hat{S}$  for  $x, y \in \hat{S}$  distinct



$S$  (includes  $\hat{x}$ )  
BEFORE SPROUTING



$S \cup \hat{S}$  AFTER SPROUTING  
( $\hat{S}$  SHOWN IN RED)

## SPROUTING LEMMA:

Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a  $k$ -point set,  
and let  $\delta_0 > 0$ .

Then there exist subsets

$$S_0 \subset S_1 \subset \dots \subset S_{\nu_{\max}} = S$$

with the following properties.

$$\nu_{\max} \leq k$$

$|x-y| \geq c \delta_0$  for  $x, y \in S_0$  distinct.

For each  $\nu < \nu_{\max}$ ,

$S_{\nu+1}$  arises by sprouting some  $x_\nu \in S_\nu$  into a set  $\hat{S}_\nu$  of diameter  $< \delta_0$ .

Moreover, the sprouting const is  $\geq c$ .

Here,  $c$  depends only on  $k$ ,  
the number of points of  $S$ .

The easy proof of the  
SPROUTING LEMMA

uses two observations.

There are at most  $\binom{k}{2}$   
distances between distinct  
points of a  $k$ -point set  $E$ .

and ...



If for some  $\tau > 0$ ,

no two  $x, y \in S$  satisfy

$$\tau \leq |x - y| \leq 2\tau,$$

then the relation

$$|x - y| \leq \tau$$

is an **EQUIVALENCE RELATION**

on  $S$ .

The SPROUTING LEMMA

is our Tool III.

We now have all three TOOLS

("COARSE SCALES", "FINE SCALES",

"SPROUTING LEMMA").

USING THESE TOOLS, WE

WILL NOW MEET OUR

CHALLENGE.

RECALL, OUR  
CHALLENGE

IS TO PROVE

THE FOLLOWING.

ONCE WE PROVE IT,  
WE WILL HAVE PROVEN

QMT

## CHALLENGE :

Given  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in E_1$ , produce

$P_1 \in \Gamma(x_1, k; CM), \dots, P_k \in \Gamma(x_k, k; CM)$

such that

$$|\partial^\alpha P_i(x_i)| \leq CM \quad (|\alpha| \leq m, i=1, \dots, k)$$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha (P_i - P_j)(x_i)| \leq CM \omega(|x_i - x_j|) \cdot |x_i - x_j|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m, i, j=1, \dots, k$ .

To meet the CHALLENGE,

WE WRITE  $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\} \subset E_1$

as in the SPROUTING LEMMA,

taking  $\delta_0$  in that lemma

to be as in TOOL II.

$$S_0 \quad S_0 \subset S_1 \subset \dots \subset S_{\nu_{\text{MAX}}} = S.$$

$$|x-y| > c\delta_0 \text{ for } x, y \in S_0 \text{ distinct}$$

$S_{\nu+1}$  arises from  $S_{\nu}$  by  
SPROUTING  $x_{\nu}$  into  $\hat{S}_{\nu}$

$$\text{diam } \hat{S}_{\nu} < \delta_0.$$

To each  $x \in S$ , we must associate  
a poly.  $P^x \in \Gamma(x, k', CM)$

s.t.

$$|\partial^\alpha P^x(x)| \leq CM \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq m, x \in S$$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha (P^x - P^y)(x)| \leq CM \omega(|x-y|) \cdot |x-y|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m, x, y \in S$ .

## PLAN:

We assign  $P^x$  to the pts  $x \in S_0$ ,

then assign  $P^x$  to the pts  $x \in S_1 \setminus S_0$ ,

next assign  $P^x$  to the pts  $x \in S_2 \setminus S_1$ ,

⋮

UNTIL FINALLY WE HAVE

ASSIGNED  $P^x$  to all the pts

$$x \in S_{\nu_{\max}} = S.$$



## IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN FOR $S_0$

We have  $|x-y| \geq c\delta_0$

for  $x, y \in S_0$  distinct.

Therefore  $\omega(|x-y|) \geq c$

for such  $x, y$ .

RECALL:  $\omega(\delta_0) = 1$  and  $\frac{\omega(t)}{t}$  is  
DECREASING.

Tool I provides a

family of polys  $(P^x)_{x \in S_0}$

s.t.

$P^x \in \Gamma(x, k', CM)$  for each  $x \in S_0$ ,

$|\partial^\alpha P^x(x)| \leq CM$  (all  $|\alpha| \leq m, x \in S_0$ )

and

$|\partial^\alpha (P^x - P^y)(x)| \leq CM |x - y|^{m - |\alpha|}$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m, x, y \in S_0$ .

Because  $\omega(|x-y|) \geq c$  for  $x, y \in S_0$  distinct,  
it follows trivially that

$$P^x \in \Gamma(x, k', CM) \text{ for } x \in S_0$$

$$|\partial^\alpha P^x(x)| \leq CM \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq m, x \in S_0$$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha (P^x - P^y)(x)| \leq CM \omega(|x-y|) |x-y|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

$$\text{for } |\alpha| \leq m, x, y \in S_0$$

THAT'S JUST WHAT  
WE PROMISED!

So we have successfully  
assigned a poly.

$$P^x \in \Gamma(x, k', CM)$$

to each  $x \in S_0$ .

WE'VE CARRIED OUT OUR PLAN  
FOR  $S_0$ .

ONWARD TO THE HIGHER  $S_i$ !

# IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN:

## INDUCTION STEP

---

Fix  $\nu$  ( $0 \leq \nu < \nu_{\max}$ ),

and suppose we have already found

$P^x \in H(\kappa)$  for all  $x \in S_\nu$ , satisfying

$$|\partial^\alpha P^x(\kappa)| \leq CM \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq m, x \in S_\nu$$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha (P^x - P^y)(\kappa)| \leq CM \omega(|x-y|) \cdot |x-y|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m, x, y \in S_\nu$

(\*)

By retaining the  $P^x$  for  $x \in S_v$

and defining new polys

$P^x$  for  $x \in S_{v+1} \setminus S_v$ ,

we will satisfy (\*)

with  $S_{v+1}$  in place of  $S_v$ .

Let's see how to do that.

RECALL THAT  $S_{\nu+1}$  ARISES

FROM  $S_{\nu}$  BY SPROUTING  $x_{\nu}$

INTO  $\hat{S}_{\nu}$ .

BECAUSE  $x_{\nu} \in S_{\nu}$ , WE HAVE

ALREADY PRODUCED

$$P^{x_{\nu}} \in H(x_{\nu}),$$

and we know that

$$|\partial^{\alpha} P^{x_{\nu}}(x_{\nu})| \leq CM$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

Moreover, for  $y \in \hat{S}_v \setminus \{x_v\}$ ,

we have

$$|x_v - y| \leq \text{diam } \hat{S}_v \leq \delta_0.$$

Therefore, **Tool II** applies.

Hence, from  $P^{x_v} \in H(x_v)$ , we

obtain a poly.  $P^y \in H(y)$  s.t.

$$|\partial^\alpha (P^{x_v} - P^y)(x_v)| \leq$$

$$CM \omega(|x_v - y|) \cdot |x_v - y|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

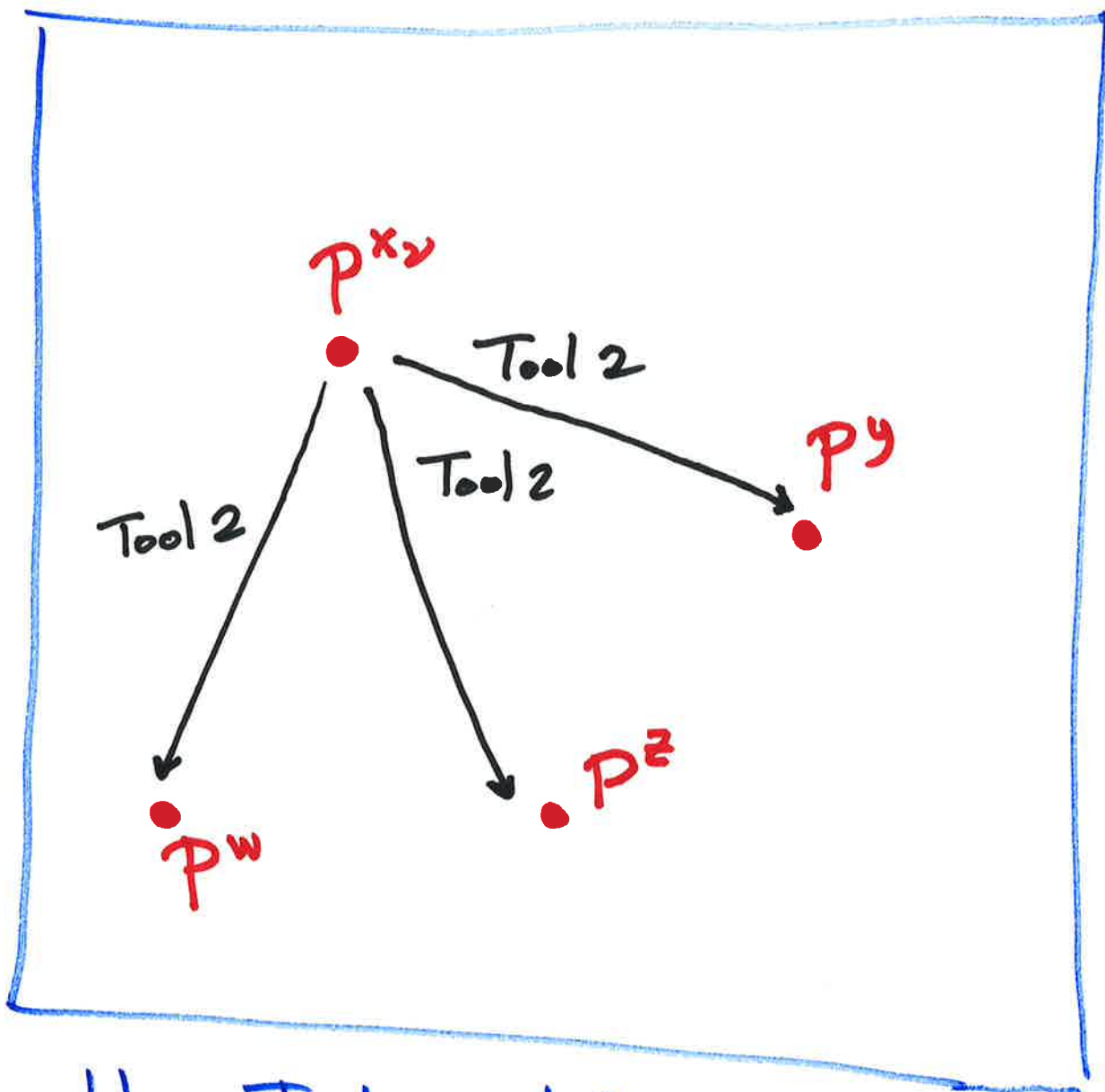


We obtain such a  $P^y \in H(y)$   
for every  $y \in \hat{S}_\nu \setminus \{x_\nu\} = S_{\nu+1} \setminus S_\nu$ .

Thus, we have defined

$P^x \in H(x)$  for every  $x \in S_{\nu+1}$ .

One can check that those  $P^x$   
satisfy  $(*)$ , with  $S_{\nu+1}$   
in place of  $S_\nu$ .



How Tool 2 defines  $P^y$   
 for  $y \in \hat{S}_{x_2} \setminus \{x_2\}$

So our induction on  $\nu$   
is complete.

Taking  $\nu = \nu_{\text{MAX}}$ , and  
recalling that  $S_{\nu_{\text{MAX}}} = S$ ,

we obtain the following  
result :

We have produced  
 $P^x \in H(x)$  for each  $x \in S$ ,  
and shown that

$$|\partial^\alpha P^x(x)| \leq CM$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m, x \in S$

and

$$|\partial^\alpha (P^x - P^y)(x)| \leq$$
$$CM \omega(|x-y|) \cdot |x-y|^{m-|\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m, x, y \in S$ .

Those are precisely  
the estimates arising  
in our

**CHALLENGE !**

ARE WE DONE ?

NO!

OUR CHALLENGE

IS TO PRODUCE

POLYS  $P^x \in \Gamma(x, k', CM)$

SATISFYING

FAVORABLE ESTIMATES.

For  $x \in S_0$ , our  $P^x$  belong  
to  $\Gamma(x, k', CM)$  as required,  
but for  $x \in S - S_0$ , our  $P^x$   
merely belong to  $H(x)$ .

Oops!



We are rescued from DISASTER  
by the following result.

### LEMMA ON STABILITY OF $\Gamma$ 's:

For a small enough  $\hat{\delta}_0 > 0$ ,  
the following holds

Let  $x \in E_1$ ,  $P \in \Gamma(x, k', CM)$ ,

$y \in E_1 \cap B(x, \hat{\delta}_0)$ .

If  $P' \in H(y)$  and

$$|\partial^\alpha (P - P')(x)| \leq CM |x - y|^{m - |\alpha|}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ ,

then  $P' \in \Gamma(x, k'', C'M)$ .

Here,  $k' \gg k'' \gg 1$ .

So  $k$  gets smaller, but that's OK.

That's proven by applying  
HELLY'S THM in the USUAL WAY

+

CONSTANCY of

$\dim H(x)$  and  $\dim \pi_x H(x)$

on the lowest stratum  $E_1$ .

(LET'S BELIEVE IT - YOU'VE  
SUFFERED ENOUGH!)

RECALL THAT WHEN WE  
CONSTRUCTED OUR MODULUS  
OF CONTINUITY, WE  
RESERVED THE RIGHT TO  
TAKE  $\delta_0$  LESS THAN  
A SMALL POSITIVE  $\hat{\delta}_0$   
TO BE PICKED LATER.

WE NOW PICK  $\hat{\delta}_0$  AS IN THE  
LEMMA ON STABILITY OF  $T$ 'S.

Thanks to the  
LEMMA on STABILITY OF  $T$ 's,

our  $P^x$  ( $x \in S \setminus S_0$ )

belongs to  $T(x, k'', CM)$

after all.

So we have met the

**CHALLENGE**

and proven QMT.

WE GOT THROUGH IT!

THANK YOU!