

# ALL ANALYTIC BRANCHES IN $(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$ ARE TOPOLOGICALLY EQUIVALENT

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**Result.** Two analytic branches in  $(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  are topologically equivalent for  $n > 2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\gamma$  be such an analytic branch. The intersection  $\gamma_\epsilon = \gamma \cap \mathbb{S}_\epsilon$  of  $\gamma$  with the sphere of radius  $\epsilon$  is obviously a real curve (it is actually smooth), a knot, which can be parametrized as  $\gamma_\epsilon(\theta)$ , for  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ . This parametrization is continuous in  $\epsilon$  and  $\theta$  because it is the restriction to  $\gamma^{-1}(\mathbb{S}_\epsilon)$  of the map  $\gamma$ . In spherical coordinates, this knot can be parametrized as

$$\gamma_\epsilon \equiv (\rho = \epsilon, \theta_1(\epsilon, \theta), \dots, \theta_{2n-1}(\epsilon, \theta))$$

where  $(\rho, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_{2n-1})$  are the spherical coordinates on  $\mathbb{S}_\epsilon$ . The map above is continuous in  $\epsilon, \theta$  for obvious reasons. Now, for fixed  $\epsilon$ , the knot

$$(\rho = \epsilon, \theta_1(\epsilon, \theta), \dots, \theta_{2n-1}(\epsilon, \theta))$$

can be continuously unknotted (isotopically, the unknot being  $\rho = \epsilon, \theta_1, 0, 0, \dots, 0$ ) with parameter  $\theta_1$  in a continuous way depending on  $\epsilon$  (this should be more or less obvious), in the coordinates  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{2n-1}$ , because  $n > 2$ . By construction, this isotopy leaves the origin fixed, and we are done.