

On Interposition in Manifolds

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Let M be a C^∞ -manifold, $\dim(M) = m$, N a regular neat submanifold of M , $\dim(N) = n < m - 1$.

Definition We say that (M, N) can be interposed by a k -dimensional submanifold M' if there exists a k -dimensional submanifold M' of M such that $N \subset M'$.

We have the following:

Theorem (M, N) can be interposed by a two-side $(m-1)$ -dimensional submanifold iff there exists a section which is nowhere zero on the normal vector bundle of N in M .

Corollary 1 If there exist k sections which are independant on the normal vector bundle of N in M ($k < m - n$), then there are $k + 2$ manifolds

$$N = M_{m-k-1} \subset M_{m-k} \subset \dots \subset M_{m-1} \subset M_m = M$$

such that for $m-k-1 < j < l < i < m$, (M_i, M_j) can be interposed by M_l .

Corollary 2 If there exist $(m-n-1)$ sections which are independant on the normal vector bundle of N in M , then any C' -triangulation of N may be extended to a C' -triangulation of M .

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