

Let M, N be two smooth manifolds and $f: M \rightarrow N$ be an immersion. Suppose that $\dim(M) = \dim(N)$, prove that f is a local diffeomorphism.

Since f is an immersion, its differential $df_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_{f(p)} N$ is injective for every $p \in M$. Given $\dim(M) = \dim(N)$, the tangent spaces $T_p M$ and $T_{f(p)} N$ have equal dimensions. A linear injective map between vector spaces of same dimension is necessarily surjective, hence df_p is an isomorphism.

By the inverse function theorem for manifolds, if df_p is an isomorphism at p , there exist neighborhoods $U \subset M$ of p and $V \subset N$ of $f(p)$ such that $f|_U: U \rightarrow V$ is a diffeomorphism.

Since this holds for every $p \in M$, f is a local diffeomorphism.