

Theorem: Let  $g: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a class  $C^m$  function.

Also let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  a constant. The subset  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$M = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : g(x, y, z) = c \} \text{ is a Surface}$$

if one of  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}$ , or  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial z}$  is nonvanishing at any point of  $M$ .

Proof: Let  $p \in M$  and w.o.l.g.  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial z}(p) \neq 0$ .

By Implicit Function Theorem,  $\exists h: D \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of class  $C^m$  and  $(p_1, p_2) \in D$  s.t.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \forall (u, v) \in D, \quad g(u, v, h(u, v)) = c.$$

$\textcircled{2}$  Points of the form  $(u, v, h(u, v))$  with  $(u, v) \in D$  fill a neighborhood  $P$  of  $M$ .

Hence there is a Monge patch

$$\begin{aligned} X: D \subset \mathbb{R}^2 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (u, v) &\longmapsto (u, v, h(u, v)) \end{aligned}$$

s.t.  $X(D)$  being a neighborhood of  $P$ .  
We're done because  $P$ : any.  $\square$