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The control  $u \in X$  is *singular* if the differential  $d_u F : X \rightarrow T_{F(u)}M$  is not surjective.

# The end-point mapping is complicated

The main open problems in SR geometry:

- Regularity of singular length-minimizing curves
- Size of the image of singular extremals (Sard problem)

are related to our limited understanding of the end-point mapping at singular points.

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We denote by  $\pi : T_{F(0)}M \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{coker}(d_0\mathcal{F})$  the projection.

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In this case we may study the end-point map  $F$  and deduce properties for the extended map  $\mathcal{F}$  (e.g., being an open mapping).

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2) The bracket  $[f_i, f_j]$  appears in the computation for  $\mathcal{D}_u^2 F$  restricted to its correct domain, i.e.,  $\ker(d_u F)$ .

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3. Assumption b) does the following job. Contradicting (\*), there is enough room to construct a function  $v \in L^2([0, 1]; \mathbb{R}^k)$  and in fact  $v \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{D}_0^3 G)$  such that

$$\mathcal{D}_0^3 G(v) \neq 0.$$

This contradicts the third order open mapping theorem.

That's all.

Thank you for your attention.

Hoping in better times.