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Convergence of formal maps II

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Despite all these, Chern-Moser proved the first striking convergence result for formal CR equivalences.

Theorem (Chern-Moser, 1974)

Let $M, M' \subset \mathbb{C}^N$ be germs through the origin of real-analytic Levi-nondegenerate hypersurfaces. Then any formal CR equivalence $H: (M, 0) \rightarrow (M', 0)$ necessarily converges.

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End of the proof of the hammer

The proof of the hammer is completed by noticing that for every multiindex $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^N$, $(\partial^\alpha h) \circ \nu^0$ is convergent along S . Hence the same property holds for $(\partial^\alpha h) \circ \nu^j(t^{[j]}, x)$ for every j . We conclude the proof using the submersivity property of the iterated Segre mappings $\nu^j(t^{[j]}, 0)$ for j large enough (coming from the finite type criterion already discussed).