Singular Levi-flat hypersurfaces (4)

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Small review:

Theorem of Cartan says that every smooth (nonsingular) real-analytic Levi-flat hypersurface can be *locally* realized as

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and the Levi foliation is given by $\{w = t\}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

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So f has a zero power series and is zero by the identity theorem. □

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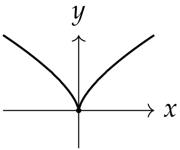

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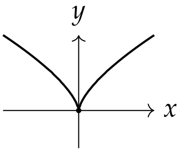

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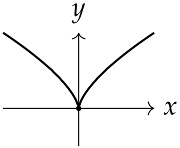

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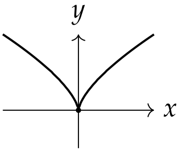

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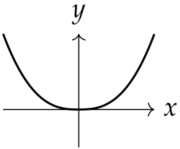

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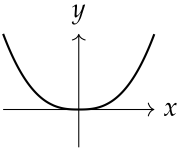

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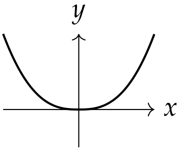

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