

Chern obstruction and Morse critical points

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Let $(X, 0)$ be the germ of an equidimensional analytic set in $(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$ and $F = (f, g_1, \dots, g_p)$ a map-germ into $\mathbb{C}^{p+1}$ defined on X . In this work, we investigate topological invariants associated to the pair (F, X) , among them, the Chern obstruction of families of differential forms associated to F . The topological information provided by these invariants is useful, although difficult to calculate. We introduce the relative Bruce-Roberts numbers as a useful algebraic tool to capture the topological information given by the Chern obstruction. Closed formulas are given when X , $X \cap F^{-1}(0)$, $X \cap G^{-1}(0)$ are ICIS, for $G = (g_1, \dots, g_p)$.

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