

8 Recall the  $\varepsilon$  neighborhood theorem (page 69 of G-P), which states that if  $Y$  is a compact manifold without boundary (as  $\partial W$  is) in  $\mathbb{R}^M$ , and we let  $Y^\varepsilon$  be the set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^M$  which are within distance  $\varepsilon$  of  $Y$ , then for  $\varepsilon$  small enough (but still positive), each point  $y \in Y^\varepsilon$  has a unique closest point in  $Y$ , which is then assigned by the function  $\pi(y)$ .  $\pi$  is additionally a submersion.

Let then  $W$  be embedded in the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^M$ , define  $\pi : \partial W^\varepsilon \rightarrow \partial W$  as above. Define now  $g = f \circ \pi : \partial W^\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k+1}$ . Let now  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth bump function such that  $\phi|_{\partial W} \equiv 1$  and  $\phi|_{\mathbb{R}^M \setminus K} \equiv 0$  for some  $K \subseteq \partial W^\varepsilon \setminus \partial W$  which is also a compact manifold without boundary enclosing some portion of the region enclosed by  $\partial W$ .

Define now  $h$  as 
$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \phi(x)g(x) & x \in \partial W^\varepsilon \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Then  $h$  extends  $f$  to all of  $\mathbb{R}^M$ , so let  $F = h|_W$ , and this  $F$  is the desired extension.