

Consider a continuous function  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\psi(x) = |x| + |f(x)|, \quad \psi \geq 0.$$

Observe that  $\psi(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thus  $\psi$  attains its minimum in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  say at  $x_0$ .

*HYPOTHESIS 1. There must be a constant  $c > 0$  such that the set  $K_c = \{\psi(x) \leq \psi(x_0) + c\}$  is homeomorphic to a closed ball.*

Observe that  $\psi$  is an invariant function:  $\psi \circ f = \psi$ . So that  $K_c$  is an invariant set:  $f(K_c) \subset K_c$ .  
The Brouwer fixed point theorem finishes the proof.