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On the distance function to the boundary, cut locus, and the singular set of solutions of some Hamilton-Jacobi equations.

Abstract: In a bounded smooth domain D in \mathbb{R}^n , we consider the closed set Z where the distance function to the boundary is not smooth. From a point y on the boundary we follow the interior normal until it first hits Z . We prove that the length of this ray is Lipschitz continuous in y . Cor.: The singular set has finite $n-1$ Hausdorff measure. These results are then extended to Finsler metrics and are then used to show that the singular set of viscosity solutions of Hamilton-Jacobi equations of the form

$H(x, Du) = 1$ in D , $u=0$ on the boundary of D , have finite $n-1$ dimensional Hausdorff measure.