

June 10 midterm exam

3:05-3:15pm today OCEP

Last time: differentiability  $\approx$  linear approximation.

( "  $\Rightarrow$  continuous)

•  $C^1 \Rightarrow$  differentiable. (proof: mean value theorem)

• Gradient & directional derivative

$$\nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{a}) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{a} + t\vec{u}) - f(\vec{a})}{t}$$

•  $f$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$ ,  $D_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{a}) = \nabla f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{u}$

•  $\nabla f$ : the direction  $f$  increases most rapidly  
(at a rate  $\|\nabla f\|$ )

$-\nabla f$ : " " " " decreases " "

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Total differential (midterm x)

Let  $f: \Omega (\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  differentiable at  $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$f(\vec{x}) = f(\vec{a}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a})(x_i - a_i) + \epsilon(\vec{x})$$

Denote  $\Delta f = f(\vec{x}) - f(\vec{a})$

$$\Delta x_i = x_i - a_i$$

$$\Delta f \approx \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a}) \Delta x_i$$

2nd order  
 $\Rightarrow \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|^2$

This approximation is good up to 1st order:

$$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \frac{E(\vec{x})}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|} = 0$$

This 1st order approximated change is denoted by

$$df = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a}) dx_i$$

and is called the total differential of  $f$  at  $\vec{a}$ .

Remark  
 In this class, the meaning of  $df$ ,  $dx_i$  will not be explained further. In more advanced level,  $df$ ,  $dx_i$  can be interpreted as linear maps from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

eg

$$V(r, h) = \pi r^2 h$$

$V$  is  $C^1 \Rightarrow V$  is differentiable



$$dV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} dh$$

$$= 2\pi r h dr + \pi r^2 dh$$

Suppose we want to approximate change of  $V$   
 when  $(r, h)$  change from  $(3, 12)$  to  
 $(3 + 0.08, 12 - 0.3)$

$$\text{Let } dr = \Delta r = 0.08, \quad dh = \Delta h = -0.3$$

$$\text{Then } \Delta V \approx dV$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{actual change at } V &= 2\pi r h dr + \pi r^2 dh \\ &= 2\pi \cdot 3 \cdot 12 \cdot 0.08 \\ &\quad + \pi \cdot 3^2 \cdot (-0.3) \\ &= 3.06\pi \approx 9.61 \end{aligned}$$

### Properties of total differential

$f, g: \Omega (\subseteq \mathbb{R}^3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  differentiable

$c$ : a constant

$$\textcircled{1} d(f \pm g) = df \pm dg, \quad d(cf) = cdf$$

$$\textcircled{2} d(fg) = gdf + fdg$$

$$\textcircled{3} d\left(\frac{f}{g}\right) = \frac{gdf - fdg}{g^2}$$

(pf) easily follows  
 from partial  
 differentials.

Summary: Differentiating a real-valued function

$$f(\vec{x}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad \text{at } \vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

• directional derivative:  $D_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{a}) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{a} + t\vec{u}) - f(\vec{a})}{t}$

• partial derivative:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a}) = f_{x_i}(\vec{a}) = D_{\vec{e}_i} f(\vec{a})$

$$\vec{e}_i = (0 \dots 1 \dots 0)$$

$\uparrow$   
 $i$ -th

• Gradient  $\nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)$

• total differential  $df = \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a}) dx_i$

• higher derivatives  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1^3}$  etc.

$f$  is  $C^k$  if  $f$  and its all higher derivatives up to order  $k$  exist and are continuous.

Linear approximation

•  $L(\vec{x}) = f(\vec{a}) + \nabla f(\vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{a})$

•  $f(\vec{x}) = L(\vec{x}) + \epsilon(\vec{x})$

$f$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$  if

$$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \frac{\epsilon(\vec{x})}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|} = 0$$

Relations ①  $C^0$  (continuous)  $\Leftarrow C^1 \Leftarrow C^2 \Leftarrow \dots \Leftarrow C^\infty$

②  $f$  is  $C^1$  at  $\vec{a}$

$\Downarrow$   $\Uparrow$   
 $f$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$

$\nRightarrow$   $\Leftarrow$

$\Leftarrow$   $\nRightarrow$

$D_{\vec{u}}f(\vec{a})$  exists  $\nRightarrow$   $f$  is continuous at  $\vec{a}$ .  
for any unit vector  $\Leftarrow$   
 $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$\Uparrow$   $\Downarrow$

$\Leftarrow$   $\nRightarrow$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a})$  exists

for  $i=1, \dots, n$

③ All the reverse of  $\Rightarrow$  are false.

eg 1

$C^k \Rightarrow C^{k-1}$  but  $C^{k-1} \nRightarrow C^k$

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$

$f$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$   $f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x \sin \frac{1}{x} - \cos \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2 \sin \frac{1}{h} - 0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin \frac{1}{h} = 0$$

$f'(x)$  is not continuous at  $x=0$ .

In particular, differentiable  $\not\Rightarrow C^1$   
 continuity  $\not\Rightarrow C^1$   
 $C^0$

Similarly,  $g(x) = x^{2k-2} f(x)$  is differentiable  $k$ -times, but  $g^{(k)}(x)$  is not continuous at  $x=0$ .

$\therefore k$ -times differentiable  $\not\Rightarrow C^k$

In particular  $C^{k-1} \not\Rightarrow C^k$

multi-variable example? let  $h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = g(x_1)$ .

eg 2

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$f$  is not continuous at  $(0,0)$  :

limit along  $x=y^2$

$$\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ x=y^2}} \frac{xy^2}{x^2+y^4} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^4}{y^4+y^4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

limit along  $x=-y^2$

$$\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ x=-y^2}} \frac{xy^2}{x^2+y^4} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{-y^4}{y^4+y^4} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$\therefore f$  is not continuous at  $(0,0)$ .

Def  $(0,0)$  exists for any unit vector  $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

If  $u_1 \neq 0$

$\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2 = (0,1)$

$$\text{Def}(0,0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t\vec{u}) - f(\vec{0})}{t} \quad \vec{u} = (u_1, u_2)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(tu_1, tu_2) - f(\vec{0})}{t}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^3 u_1 u_2^2}{t^2 u_1^2 + t^4 u_2^4} = 0$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \cdot \frac{t^3 u_1 u_2^2}{t^2 u_1^2 + t^4 u_2^4}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{u_1 u_2^2}{u_1^2 + t u_2^4}$$

$$\text{if } u_1 \neq 0 = \frac{u_2^2}{u_1}$$

$$\text{If } \vec{u} = (0, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Def (directional)} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t\vec{u}) - f(\vec{0})}{t} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, t) - f(\vec{0})}{t} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

eg 3

$$f(x, y) = |x + y|$$

$f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

But  $f_x(0, 0), f_y(0, 0)$  does not exist.

eg 4

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{|xy|}$$

$f_x(0, 0), f_y(0, 0)$  exist but

if  $\vec{u} \neq e_1, e_2, -e_1, -e_2$ , then



$D_{\vec{u}} f(0,0)$  does not exist.

$$f_x(0,0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t,0) - f(0,0)}{t}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{t} = 0.$$

Similarly,  $f_y(0,0) = 0$ .

$$\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2)$$

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(0,0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t\vec{u}) - f(\vec{0})}{t}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{|t^2 u_1 u_2|} - 0}{t}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{|t|}{t} \sqrt{|u_1 u_2|}$$

does not exist if

$$\vec{u} \neq \pm \vec{e}_1, \pm \vec{e}_2$$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Exercise  $\vec{u}$  a unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$f_x, f_y$  continuous on  $\Omega$ .

Show that  $D_{\vec{u}} f$  is continuous on  $\Omega$ .

(sol) Since  $f$  is  $C^1$ -function,  $[f \text{ is differentiable on } \Omega]$   
Hence  $[D_{\vec{u}} f(x) = \nabla f \cdot \vec{u}]$

$$\text{Let } \vec{u} = (u_1, u_2) = (f_x, f_y) \cdot (u_1, u_2)$$

$$= u_1 f_x + u_2 f_y$$

$[$  Since  $f_x, f_y$  are continuous,  $u_1 f_x, u_2 f_y$  are continuous hence  $u_1 f_x + u_2 f_y$  is continuous.

Exercise  $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  differentiable.

$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a real-valued function.

There exist  $\delta > 0$  and a positive constant  $C$

$$\text{s.t. } |f(x,y) - g(x,y)| \leq C \cdot \sin^2(\|(x,y)\|)$$

for all  $(x,y) \in B_{\delta}(0,0)$

Is  $f$  differentiable at  $(0,0)$ ?

If so, prove it, If not, provide a counter-example.

(proof) Yes.

$$L(x,y) = g(0,0) + g_x(0,0)x + g_y(0,0)y$$

$$\varepsilon(x,y) = f(x,y) - L(x,y)$$

$$\left( \text{Guess} \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \\ \rightarrow (0,0)}} \frac{|\varepsilon(x,y)|}{\|(x,y)\|} = 0 \right)$$

$$\frac{|\varepsilon(x,y)|}{\|(x,y)\|} = \frac{|f(x,y) - L(x,y)|}{\|(x,y)\|}$$

$$= \frac{|f(x,y) - g(x,y) + g(x,y) - L(x,y)|}{\|(x,y)\|}$$

$$\leq \frac{|f(x,y) - g(x,y)|}{\|(x,y)\|} + \frac{|g(x,y) - L(x,y)|}{\|(x,y)\|}$$

for all  $(x,y) \in B_\delta(0,0)$

Note that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|g(x,y) - L(x,y)|}{\|(x,y)\|} = 0$

because  $g$  is differentiable and  $L(x,y)$

Is the linear approximation of  $g$

$$\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \\ \rightarrow (0,0)}} \frac{C \cdot \sin^2(\|(x,y)\|)}{\|(x,y)\|} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{C \cdot \sin^2 r}{r}$$

(polar  
coordinate)

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} C \cdot \frac{\sin r}{r} \cdot \sin r$$

$$= 0$$

By the sandwich theorem,

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\varepsilon(x,y)}{\|(x,y)\|} = 0$$

$\therefore f$  is differentiable at  $(0,0)$ .

Exercise Evaluate  $\lim_{\substack{(x,y,z) \\ \rightarrow (1,0,0)}} \frac{x^2 y z \cos(yz)}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

(sol)  $x' = x^2, y' = y, z' = z$

$$f = \lim_{\substack{(x',y',z') \\ \rightarrow (1,0,0)}} \frac{x' y' z' \cos(y' z')}{x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2}$$

$$|x'|, |y'|, |z'| \leq \sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2}$$

$$|\cos(y'z')| \leq 1$$

~~By sandwich theorem.~~

$$\left| \frac{x'y'z' \cos(y'z')}{x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2} \right| \leq \sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2}$$

$$\lim_{(x', y', z') \rightarrow (0, 0, 0)} \sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2} = 0.$$

By sandwich theorem,

$$f \lim_{(x', y', z') \rightarrow (0, 0, 0)} = 0.$$