

Tutorial 5: Implicit differentiation and Euler's Theorem

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1. Find f_t at $t = 0$ for the following

- (a) $f(x, y) = x \cos y + e^x \sin y$ where $x(t) = t^2 + 1$ and $y(t) = t^3 + t$
The derivative can be found using chain rule

$$f_t = f_x x_t + f_y y_t = (2t)(\cos y + e^x \sin y) + (3t^2 + 1)(-x \sin y + e^x \cos y)$$

where $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are given as above

- (b) $f(x, y, z) = x^3 + xz^2 + y^3 + xyz$ where $x(t) = e^t$, $y(t) = \cos t$ and $z(t) = t^3$
Again, by chain rule

$$f_t = f_x x_t + f_y y_t + f_z z_t = (e^t)(3x^2 + z^2 + yz) + (-\sin t)(3y^2 + xz) + (3t^2)(2xz + xy)$$

where the intermediate variables can be expanded as before

- (c) $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 2x_1^2 - x_2x_3 + x_1x_3^2$ where $x_1(t) = 2 \sin t$, $x_2(t) = t^2 - t + 1$ and $x_3(t) = 3^{-t}$
Again by chain rule we have

$$f_t = (2 \cos t)(4x_1 + x_3^2) + (2t - 1)(-x_3) + (-\ln 3 \times 3^{-t})(-x_2 + 2x_1x_3)$$

as before

2. (a) Find y_x for the following

- i. $x^y + y^x = c$

Differentiating we have

$$x^y d(y \ln x) + y^x d(x \ln y) = x^y \left(\ln(x) dy + \frac{y dx}{x} \right) + y^x \left(\ln(y) dx + \frac{x dy}{y} \right) = 0$$

Collect like terms

$$dy \left(x^y \ln(x) + \frac{xy^x}{y} \right) + dx \left(y^x \ln(y) + \frac{y}{x} x^y \right) = 0$$

Divide to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

- ii. $xy^2 + e^x \sin y^2 + \arctan(x + y) = c$
Again, we differentiate

$$y^2 dx + 2xy dy + e^x \sin y^2 dx + e^x \cos y^2 (2y dy) + \frac{1}{1 + (x + y)^2} (dx + dy)$$

And collect like terms

$$dy \left(2xy + 2ye^x \cos y^2 + \frac{1}{1 + (x + y)^2} \right) + dx \left(y^2 + e^x \sin y^2 + \frac{1}{1 + (x + y)^2} \right)$$

divide to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

iii. $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + 1 = 0$
Differentiate

$$\frac{2xdx}{a^2} + \frac{2ydy}{b^2} = 0$$

and divide to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

iv. $\ln(x^2 + y^2) + \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = 0$

Differentiate using the identity for $d \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

$$\frac{2xdx + 2ydy}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{ydx - xdy}{x^2 + y^2} = 0$$

Collect like terms and divide to find

$$(2x + y)dx + (2y - x)dy = 0 \implies \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y + 2x}{x - 2y}$$

3. We have Euler's Theorem in three variables

$u = f(r, s, t)$ which implies

$$xu_x = xu_r r_x + xu_t t_x$$

Repeat for each variable and add to get

$$xu_x + yu_y + zu_z = u_r(xr_x + yr_y) + u_s(ys_y + zs_z) + u_t(xt_x + zt_z)$$

But the terms in the parenthesis vanish because of Euler's theorem and hence

$$xu_x + yu_y + zu_z = 0$$

4. Euler's Theorem in 2 variables

Consider v given by

$$v = f(u), u = H_n(x, y)$$

where H_n is a homogenous function of degree n . Then we know what

$$xv_x = xu_x \frac{dv}{du}$$

similarly for y , thus

$$xv_x + yv_y = \frac{dv}{du}(xu_x + yu_y) = nu \frac{dv}{du}$$

by Euler's Theorem

5. Determine whether the function is homogenous and determine its degree

(a) Homogenous, degree 0

(b) Homogenous degree 0

- (c) Homogenous, degree 1
- (d) Homogenous, degree 0
- (e) Homogenous, degree 2
- (f) Homogenous, degree $\frac{1}{20}$
- (g) Not homogenous
- (h) Homogenous, degree -1

6. Clearly $f(x, y)$ is homogenous and of degree 0 hence by Euler's Theorem

$$xf_x + yf_y = x \left(-\frac{y}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y} \right) + y \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{y^2} \right) = 0$$

7. Clearly the degree of $f(x, y)$ is 1, hence $k = 1$

8. Linear Transformations If $y = f(x + ct) + \phi(x - ct)$ prove that $y_{tt} = c^2 y_{xx}$, in other words, show that a disturbance travelling at speed $\pm c$ satisfies the wave equation

Let $u = x + ct$ and $v = x - ct$ then $y = f(u) + \phi(v)$

$$y_{xx} = (y_u u_x + y_v v_x)_x = (y_u + y_v)_x = (f'(u) + \phi'(v))_x = f''(u)u_x + \phi''(v)v_x = f''(u) + \phi''(v)$$

using $u_x = v_x = 1$

$$y_{tt} = (y_u u_t + y_v v_t)_t = c(f'(u) - \phi'(v))_t = c^2(f''(u) + \phi''(v)) = c^2 y_{xx}$$

using $u_t = -v_t = c$

9. Advection Equation

If $u = e^{-mx} \sin(nt - mx)$ then prove that $2m^2 u_t = nu_{xx}$

Note that for a given t , that is to say, at a point in time, u undergoes damped oscillations with decay constant m and frequency m , thus m is to be viewed as a wavenumber or spatial frequency, thus as far as space is concerned, as such, let $\phi = nt - mx$ then we have

$$e^{nt} u = e^\phi \sin \phi$$

We have

$$v_{\phi\phi} - 2v_\phi +$$

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10. Say we have

$$x^x y^y z^z = k \implies x \ln x + y \ln y + z \ln z = \ln k$$

Now take the total differential of $\ln k$

$$0 = (\ln ex)dx + (\ln ey)dy + (\ln ez)dz$$

Re interpret this as the total differential of z which gives

$$dz = \frac{\ln(ex)}{\ln ez} dx + \frac{\ln(ey)}{\ln(ez)} dy$$

comparing this with the standard total differential we have

$$z_x = \frac{\ln(ex)}{\ln ez}; z_y = \frac{\ln(ey)}{\ln ez}$$

thus z_{yx} is given by

$$z_{yx} = \left(\frac{\ln(ey)}{\ln(ez)} \right)_x = -\frac{\ln(ey)}{\ln^2(ez)} \times \frac{1}{ez} \times e \times z_x$$

which is

$$z_{yx} = -\frac{\ln(ey) \ln(ez)}{z \ln^3(ez)}$$

now if $x = y = z$ then this simplifies to

$$z_{yx} = -\frac{1}{x \ln ex}$$

11. We have

$$u = x^2 \arctan \frac{y}{x} - y^2 \arctan \frac{x}{y} = (x^2 + y^2) \arctan \frac{y}{x} - \frac{\pi}{2} y^2$$

Now

$$u_y = 2y \arctan \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) - x - \pi y$$

And so

$$u_{yx} = \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2}(y) - 1 = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2 + y^2}$$

12. Recall from Q4 that

$$\mathbf{L}[u] = xu_x + yu_y = nzu_z$$

where $n = 2$ and $u(z) = \arctan(z)$ and $z = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x - y}$, so we have

$$xu_x + yu_y = \frac{2z}{1 + z^2}$$

but we have $z = \tan u$ so $\sin 2u = \frac{2z}{1+z^2}$, thus

$$xu_x + yu_y = \sin 2u$$

13. Generalised Euler's Theorem

Let us define the Eulerian Operator $\mathbf{L} = x\partial_x + y\partial_y$, let u be a function of z which is homogenous in x and y of order n , then

$$v = \mathbf{L}[u] = xu_x + yu_y = (xz_y + yz_y) \frac{du}{dz} = nz \frac{du}{dz}$$

That is to say, that if $a(z)$ is a function of a homogenous function of x and y then

$$\mathbf{L}[a] = nza_z$$

Now consider

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{L}[\mathbf{L}[u]] &= \mathbf{L}[v] = xv_x + yv_y \\
&= x(xu_{xx} + u_x + yu_{yx}) + y(yu_{yy} + u_y + xu_{xy}) \\
&= x^2u_{xx} + 2xyu_{xy} + y^2u_{yy} + (xu_x + yu_y) \\
&= x^2u_{xx} + 2xyu_{xy} + y^2u_{yy} + nzu_z
\end{aligned}$$

but from the above equation we have

$$\mathbf{L}[\mathbf{L}[u]] = nL[zu_z] = n^2z(zu_z)_z = n^2z(u_z + zu_{zz}) = n^2(zu_z + z^2u_{zz})$$

Equating both evaluations we have

$$x^2u_{xx} + 2xyu_{xy} + y^2u_{yy} = n(n-1)[zu_z] + n^2z^2[u_{zz}]$$

Apply this to the function $u = \arcsin z$ and $z = \sqrt{\dots}$, $n = -\frac{1}{12}$, we have ???

14. From the previous part, if $u = z$, we have $u_z = 1$ and $u_{zz} = 0$ and so

$$x^2u_{xx} + 2xyu_{xy} + y^2u_{yy} = n(n-1)u = 0$$

since $n = 1$

15. ???

16. Let $z = z_1 + z_2$ then

$$xz_x + yz_y = mz_1 + nz_2$$

and

$$x^2z_{xx} + 2xy z_{xy} + y^2z_{yy} = m(m-1)z_1 + n(n-1)z_2$$

adding the two we have

$$x^2z_{xx} + 2xy z_{xy} + y^2z_{yy} = m^2z_1 + n^2z_2 - (xz_z + yz_y)$$

add $mnz = mnz_1 = mnz_2$ to both sides we have

$$x^2z_{xx} + 2xy z_{xy} + y^2z_{yy} + mnz = (m+n-1)(xz_z + yz_y)$$

17. Using the linearity of the Eulerian operator

$$\mathbf{L}[h] = L[f] + L[g] = mf + ng = 0 \implies f = -\frac{n}{m}g = \alpha g$$

18. ???

19. **Polar Coordinates**

The transformation

$$x = r \cos \theta; y = r \sin \theta$$

can be inverted to

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2; \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

which can be used to find

$$r_x = \cos \theta; r_y = \sin \theta$$

and

$$\theta_x = \frac{\sin \theta}{r}; \theta_y = -\frac{\cos \theta}{r}$$

(a) $(z_x)^2 + (z_y)^2 = z_r^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} z_\theta^2$

Evaluate

$$z_x = z_r r_x + z_\theta \theta_x = z_r \cos \theta + \frac{z_\theta \sin \theta}{r}$$

and

$$z_y = z_r r_y + z_\theta \theta_y = z_r \sin \theta - \frac{z_\theta \cos \theta}{r}$$

Square and add to get

$$z_x^2 + z_y^2 = z_r^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} z_\theta^2$$

(b) This question is much longer

$$\Delta z = z_{xx} + z_{yy} = z_{rr} = \frac{1}{r} z_r + \frac{1}{r^2} z_{\theta\theta}$$

that is to say, the Laplacian has no mixed derivatives and no single θ derivatives.

On the LHS we have

$$z_{xx} = (z_x)_x = \left(z_r \cos \theta + \frac{z_\theta \sin \theta}{r} \right)_x = (A + B)_x$$

and

$$z_{yy} = (z_y)_y = \left(z_r \sin \theta - \frac{z_\theta \cos \theta}{r} \right)_y = (C + D)_y$$

Evaluate any one,

$$A_x = \frac{z_r(-\sin \theta)(\sin \theta)}{r} + \cos \theta \left[z_{rr} \cos \theta + \frac{z_{r\theta} \sin \theta}{r} \right] = z_{rr} \cos^2 \theta - \frac{z_r \sin^2 \theta}{r} + z_{r\theta} \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r}$$

Clearly what's going to happen is that the squared terms will add and the cross terms will cancel

$$B_x = \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \left[z_{\theta r} \cos \theta + \frac{z_{\theta\theta} \sin \theta}{r} \right] + z_{\theta} Q$$

Clearly the Q term will contribute zero to the final answer

$$z_{xx} + z_{yy} = z_{rr}(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{r} z_r(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} z_{\theta\theta}(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)$$

while all the other terms cancel out

20. We need to find the value of k such that

$$\nabla^2 r^{2k} = 0; \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

where $r = \sqrt{\sum x_i^2}$ is the L_2 norm of the vector v , consider the expression

$$r^2 = \sum x_i^2 \implies r_{x_i} = \frac{x_i}{r}$$

which implies that

$$(r_{2k})_{x_i x_i} = \left(2k(r^{2k-1}) \frac{x_i}{r} \right)_{x_i} = 2k(r^{2k-2} x_i)_{x_i} = 2k \times A$$

where A is given by

$$A = r^{2k-2} + x_i(2k-2)r^{2k-3}\frac{x_i}{r} = r^{2k-4}[r^2 + (2k-2)x_i^2]$$

Thus

$$\nabla^2 r^{2k} = 2kr^{2k-4} \times \sum r^2 + (2k-2)x_i^2 = 2kr^{2k-2}[n+2-2k]$$

Thus $k = 0$ or $k = 1 + \frac{n}{2}$

21. ???

22. **Invariance of Laplacian** If we have $x = \xi \cos \alpha - \eta \sin \alpha$ and $y = \xi \sin \alpha + \eta \cos \alpha$, which is a rotated set of coordinates, and gives $x_\xi = y_\eta = \cos \alpha$ and $-x_\eta = y_\xi = \sin \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\xi\xi} &= (u_x x_\xi + u_y y_\xi)_\xi \\ &= (u_x \cos \alpha + u_y \sin \alpha)_\xi \\ &= (u_{xx} x_\xi \cos \alpha + u_{yy} y_\xi \sin \alpha) \\ &= (u_{xx} \cos^2 \alpha + u_{yy} \sin^2 \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$u_{\eta\eta} = (u_{xx} \sin^2 \alpha + u_{yy} \cos^2 \alpha)$$

adding the two we have

$$u_{\eta\eta} + u_{\xi\xi} = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$$