

Math 118C HW4

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Question 1 Rudin Pg. 242 Problem 27:

Put $f(0, 0) = 0$, and

$$f(x, y) = \frac{xy(x^2 - y^2)}{x^2 + y^2}$$

if $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$. Prove that

(a) f , D_1f , D_2f are continuous in \mathbb{R}^2 .

(b) $D_{12}f$ and $D_{21}f$ exist at every point of \mathbb{R}^2 , and are continuous except at $(0, 0)$.

(c) $D_{12}f(0, 0) = 1$, and $D_{21}f(0, 0) = -1$.

Pf:

For all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$, using polar coordinates, $(x, y) = (r \cos(\theta), r \sin(\theta))$ for some $r > 0$ and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$. Which, $|(x, y)| = r$, when consider limit definition, we'll use polar coordinates instead.

(a) **f is continuous:**

For $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$, since f is a defined rational function, it is continuous, so it suffices to show f is continuous at 0. For all $\epsilon > 0$, choose $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} > 0$, then for all (x, y) satisfying $0 < |(x, y)| = r < \delta$, we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, y) - f(0, 0)| &= \left| \frac{(r \cos(\theta))(r \sin(\theta))((r \cos(\theta))^2 - (r \sin(\theta))^2)}{(r \cos(\theta))^2 + (r \sin(\theta))^2} - 0 \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{r^4 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)(\cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta))}{r^2} \right| \leq r^2 |\sin(\theta)| \cdot |\cos(\theta)| \cdot (|\cos(\theta)|^2 + |\sin(\theta)|^2) \\ &\leq 2r^2 < 2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \right)^2 = 2 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

This shows that f is continuous at $(0, 0)$, hence f is continuous in \mathbb{R}^2 .

D_1f is continuous:

First, using basic differentiation rule, for $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$, we get the following:

$$D_1f(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{xy(x^2 - y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{(3x^2y - y^3)(x^2 + y^2) - xy(x^2 - y^2)2x}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{x^4y + 4x^2y^3 - y^5}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

Which, at $(0,0)$, D_1f could be obtained through limit:

$$D_1f(0,0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h,0) - f(0,0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h \cdot 0(h^2 - 0^2)}{(h^2 + 0^2)h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 0 = 0$$

Which, $D_1f(x,y)$ for $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$ is again a rational function, which is continuous, so to verify continuity, it suffices to check $(0,0)$. For all $\epsilon > 0$, choose $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{6} > 0$, then for all (x,y) satisfying $0 < |(x,y)| = r < \delta$, we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} |D_1f(x,y) - D_1f(0,0)| &= \left| \frac{(r \cos(\theta))^4(r \sin(\theta)) + 4(r \cos(\theta))^2(r \sin(\theta))^3 - (r \sin(\theta))^5}{((r \cos(\theta))^2 + (r \sin(\theta))^2)^2} - 0 \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{r^5(\cos^4(\theta) \sin(\theta) + 4 \cos^2(\theta) \sin^3(\theta)) - \sin^5(\theta)}{r^4} \right| \leq r(|\cos^4(\theta) \sin(\theta)| + 4|\cos^2(\theta) \sin^3(\theta)| + |\sin^5(\theta)|) \\ &\leq r(1 + 4 + 1) < 6 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{6} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

This proves the continuity of D_1f at $(0,0)$, so D_1f is continuous in \mathbb{R}^2 .

D_2f is continuous:

Using differentiation rule, for $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$, we get the following:

$$D_2f(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{xy(x^2 - y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{(x^3 - 3xy^2)(x^2 + y^2) - xy(x^2 - y^2)2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{x^5 - xy^4 - 4x^3y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

Again, at $(0,0)$, D_2f could be obtained through limit:

$$D_2f(0,0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0,h) - f(0,0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 \cdot h(0^2 - h^2)}{(0^2 + h^2)h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 0 = 0$$

Notice that $D_2f(x,y)$ for $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$ is a rational function, which is continuous, so to verify continuity, it suffices to check $(0,0)$. For all $\epsilon > 0$, choose $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{6} > 0$, then for all (x,y) satisfying $0 < |(x,y)| = r < \delta$, we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} |D_2f(x,y) - D_2f(0,0)| &= \left| \frac{(r \cos(\theta))^5 - (r \cos(\theta))(r \sin(\theta))^4 - 4(r \cos(\theta))^3(r \sin(\theta))^2}{((r \cos(\theta))^2 + (r \sin(\theta))^2)^2} - 0 \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{r^5(\cos^5(\theta) - \cos(\theta) \sin^4(\theta) - 4 \cos^3(\theta) \sin^2(\theta))}{r^4} \right| \leq r(|\cos^5(\theta)| + |\cos(\theta) \sin^4(\theta)| + 4|\cos^3(\theta) \sin^2(\theta)|) \\ &\leq r(1 + 1 + 4) < 6 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{6} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

This proves the continuity of D_2f at $(0,0)$, hence D_2f is continuous in \mathbb{R}^2 .

(b) **Function $D_{21}f$:**

Given that $D_1f(x,y) = \frac{x^4y + 4x^2y^3 - y^5}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$ for $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$ and $D_1f(0,0) = 0$, apply differentiation rule for $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$, we get:

$$D_{21}f(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{x^4y + 4x^2y^3 - y^5}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right) = \frac{(x^4 + 12x^2y^2 - 5y^4)(x^2 + y^2)^2 - (x^4y + 4x^2y^3 - y^5)2(x^2 + y^2)2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^4}$$

Which, $D_{21}f(x, y)$ is continuous for $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ (since it's a rational function).

Now, to get $D_{21}f(0, 0)$, we'll use limit definition:

$$D_{21}f(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{D_1f(0, h) - D_1f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0^4 \cdot h + 4 \cdot 0^2 \cdot h^3 - h^5}{(0^2 + h^2)^2 h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{h^5}{h^5} = -1$$

Hence, $D_{21}f$ exists on the whole \mathbb{R}^2 , and is continuous at all $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$. But, it is not continuous at $(0, 0)$, since choosing $x \neq 0$ and $y = 0$, $D_{21}f$ becomes:

$$D_{21}f(x, 0) = \frac{x^8}{x^8} = 1$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} D_{21}f(x, 0) = 1 \neq -1 = D_{21}f(0, 0)$, showing the discontinuity at $(0, 0)$.

So, $D_{21}f$ exists on \mathbb{R}^2 , while being continuous on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$.

Function $D_{12}f$:

Given that $D_2f(x, y) = \frac{x^5 - xy^4 - 4x^3y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$ for $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ and $D_2f(0, 0) = 0$, apply differentiation rule for $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$, we get:

$$D_{12}f(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x^5 - xy^4 - 4x^3y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right) = \frac{(5x^4 - y^4 - 12x^2y^2)(x^2 + y^2)^2 - (x^5 - xy^4 - 4x^3y^2)2(x^2 + y^2)2x}{(x^2 + y^2)^4}$$

Hence, $D_{12}f$ is continuous for $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$, since it's also a rational function.

Now, to get $D_{12}f(0, 0)$, we'll again use limit definition:

$$D_{12}f(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{D_2f(h, 0) - D_2f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^5 - h \cdot 0^4 - 4h^3 \cdot 0^2}{(h^2 + 0^2)^2 h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^5}{h^5} = 1$$

Hence, $D_{12}f$ exists on the whole \mathbb{R}^2 , and is continuous at all $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$. But again, it's not continuous at $(0, 0)$, since choosing $x = 0$ and $y \neq 0$, $D_{12}f$ becomes:

$$D_{12}f(0, y) = \frac{-y^8}{y^8} = -1$$

Hence, $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} D_{12}f(0, y) = -1 \neq 1 = D_{12}f(0, 0)$, showing the discontinuity at $(0, 0)$.

So, $D_{12}f$ exists on \mathbb{R}^2 , while being continuous on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$.

- (c) From **part (b)**, when verifying that the existence of $D_{12}f(0, 0)$ and $D_{21}f(0, 0)$, we've shown that $D_{12}f(0, 0) = 1$, and $D_{21}f(0, 0) = -1$.

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Question 2 *Rudin Pg. 242 Problem 28:*

For $t \geq 0$, put

$$\varphi(x, t) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{t} \\ -x + 2\sqrt{t} & \sqrt{t} \leq x \leq 2\sqrt{t} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and put $\varphi(x, t) = -\varphi(x, |t|)$ if $t < 0$.

Show that φ is continuous on \mathbb{R}^2 , and $D_2\varphi(x, 0) = 0$ for all x . Define

$$f(t) = \int_{-1}^1 \varphi(x, t) dx$$

Show that $f(t) = t$ if $|t| < \frac{1}{4}$. Hence

$$f'(0) \neq \int_{-1}^1 D_2\varphi(x, 0) dx$$

Pf:

Continuity of φ :

Partial derivative of φ with respect to t when $t = 0$:

For all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, if $x = 0$, then regardless of the points,

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Question 3 Rudin Pg. 243 Problem 30:

Let $f \in \mathcal{C}^{(m)}(E)$, where E is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n . Fix $a \in E$, and suppose $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is so close to 0 that the points $p(t) = a + tx$ lie in E whenever $0 \leq t \leq 1$. Define $h(t) = f(p(t))$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ for which $p(t) \in E$.

(a) For $1 \leq k \leq m$, show (by repeated application of the chain rule) that

$$h^{(k)}(t) = \sum (D_{l_1 \dots l_k} f)(p(t)) x_{l_1} \dots x_{l_k}$$

The sum extends over all order k -tuples (l_1, \dots, l_k) in which each l_j is one of the integers $1, \dots, n$.

Pf:

Question 4 *Rudin Pg. 288 Problem 2:*

For $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, let $\varphi_i \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R})$ have support in $(2^{-i}, 2^{1-i})$, such that $\int \varphi_i = 1$. Put

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\varphi_i(x) - \varphi_{i+1}(x)) \varphi_i(y)$$

Then f has compact support in \mathbb{R}^2 , f is continuous except at $(0, 0)$, and

$$\int dy \int f(x, y) dx = 0, \quad \text{but} \quad \int dx \int f(x, y) dy = 1$$

Observe that f is unbounded in every neighborhood of $(0, 0)$.

Pf: