

# 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  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ .

(c)

## 2

**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  $\varphi$  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:**

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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:**