



Lipschitz condition and differentiability

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If X and Y are Banach spaces, e.g. \mathbb{R}^n , one can inquire about the relation between differentiability and the Lipschitz condition. If f is Lipschitz, the ratio

$$\frac{\|f(q) - f(p)\|}{\|q - p\|}, \quad p, q \in X$$

is bounded but is not assumed to converge to a limit.

Proposition 1 *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a <http://planetmath.org/DifferentiableMapping> continuous differentiable mapping between Banach spaces. If $K \subset X$ is a compact subset, then the restriction $f : K \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the Lipschitz condition.*

Proof. Let $\text{lin}(X, Y)$ denote the Banach space of bounded linear maps from X to Y . Recall that the norm $\|T\|$ of a linear mapping $T \in \text{lin}(X, Y)$ is defined by

$$\|T\| = \sup\left\{\frac{\|Tu\|}{\|u\|} : u \neq 0\right\}.$$

Let $Df : X \rightarrow \text{lin}(X, Y)$ denote the derivative of f . By definition Df is continuous, which really means that $\|Df\| : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function. Since $K \subset X$ is compact, there exists a finite upper bound $B_1 > 0$ for $\|Df\|$ restricted to K . In particular, this means that

$$\|Df(p)u\| \leq \|Df(p)\|\|u\| \leq B_1\|u\|,$$

for all $p \in K$, $u \in X$.

Next, consider the secant mapping $s : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$s(p, q) = \begin{cases} \frac{\|f(q) - f(p) - Df(p)(q - p)\|}{\|q - p\|} & q \neq p \\ 0 & p = q \end{cases}$$

This mapping is continuous, because f is assumed to be continuously differentiable. Hence, there is a finite upper bound $B_2 > 0$ for s restricted to the compact set $K \times K$. It follows that for all $p, q \in K$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(q) - f(p)\| &\leq \|f(q) - f(p) - Df(p)(q - p)\| + \|Df(p)(q - p)\| \\ &\leq B_2\|q - p\| + B_1\|q - p\| \\ &= (B_1 + B_2)\|q - p\| \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $B_1 + B_2$ is the desired Lipschitz constant. QED

Neither condition is stronger. For example, the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = x^2$ is differentiable but not Lipschitz.