

27 The mean value theorem and the implicit function theorem

Theorem 27.1 (the mean value theorem for vector-valued functions).

Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ be open and let $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ a function.

1. If $a, b \in S$ such that $L := \{a + t(b - a) : 0 \leq t \leq 1\} \subset S$,
and if f is continuous on L and is differentiable on $L \setminus \{a, b\}$,
then for any vector $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ written as a column vector,
there exists $c \in L$ such that $u \cdot (f(b) - f(a)) = u \cdot (Df(c)(b - a))$, where $b - a$ is written as a column vector in \mathbb{R}^k .
In particular, if $m = 1$, then there exists $c \in L$ such that $f(b) - f(a) = \nabla f(c) \cdot (b - a)^T$,
where $\nabla f(c) := (\partial_1 f(c), \dots, \partial_k f(c))$ and $(b - a)^T$ is rewritten as a row vector, identical to Theorem 19.1.
2. If S is convex, f is differentiable on S ,
and there exists $M \in [0, \infty)$ such that $\|Df(x)\| \leq M$ for all $x \in S$,
where $\|Df(x)\| := \max\{\|Df(x)y\| : y \in \mathbb{R}^k, \|y\| = 1\} = \sup\{\frac{\|Df(x)y\|}{\|y\|} : y \in \mathbb{R}^k, y \neq 0\}$, called the **norm** of $Df(x)$,
then $\|f(b) - f(a)\| \leq M\|b - a\|$ for all $a, b \in S$.
(Note that the usual mean value theorem does not hold, e.g., the function $t \mapsto (\cos(t), \sin(t))$ on $[0, 2\pi]$.)

Theorem 27.2 (the implicit function theorem in one variable).

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be C^1 on some neighborhood of $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}$

and write $(x, y) \mapsto f(x, y)$.

If $f(a, b) = 0$ and $\partial_{k+1}f(a, b) \neq 0$,

then there exist $r_0 > 0$ and $r_1 > 0$ such that

for any $x \in B_{r_0}(a)$ there exists a unique $y \in B_{r_1}(b)$ such that $f(x, y) = 0$,

where $B_{r_0}(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k : \|x - a\| < r_0\}$ and $B_{r_1}(b) = \{y \in \mathbb{R} : |y - b| < r_1\}$;

denote this y by $g(x)$, then $g : B_{r_0}(a) \rightarrow B_{r_1}(b)$ is a C^1 function on $B_{r_0}(a)$ with $g(a) = b$

and for all $x \in B_{r_0}(a)$, $f(x, g(x)) = 0$ and $\partial_i g(x) = -\frac{\partial_i f(x, g(x))}{\partial_{k+1}f(x, g(x))}$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$.

Corollary 27.3.

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be C^1 on \mathbb{R}^k and let $\gamma = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k : f(x) = 0\}$.

If $a \in \gamma$ with $\nabla f(a) \neq 0$,

then there exists a neighborhood U of a in \mathbb{R}^k such that $\gamma \cap U$ is the graph of a C^1 function.

Theorem 27.4 (the implicit function theorem in several variables).

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be C^1 on some neighborhood of $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^m$

and write $(x, y) \mapsto f(x, y)$ and $f = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$.

If $f(a, b) = 0$ and $\det(A) \neq 0$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{k+1}f_1(a, b) & \cdots & \partial_{k+m}f_1(a, b) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \partial_{k+1}f_m(a, b) & \cdots & \partial_{k+m}f_m(a, b) \end{bmatrix}$,

then there exist $r_0 > 0$ and $r_1 > 0$ such that

for any $x \in B_{r_0}(a)$ there exists a unique $y \in B_{r_1}(b)$ such that $f(x, y) = 0$,

where $B_{r_0}(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k : \|x - a\| < r_0\}$ and $B_{r_1}(b) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^m : \|y - b\| < r_1\}$;

denote this y by $g(x)$, then $g : B_{r_0}(a) \rightarrow B_{r_1}(b)$ is a C^1 function on $B_{r_0}(a)$ with $g(a) = b$

and for all $x \in B_{r_0}(a)$, $f(x, g(x)) = 0$ and $\partial_i g(x)$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$ can be computed

by differentiating $f(x, g(x)) = 0$ with respect to x_i

and solving the resulting linear system of equations for $\partial_i g_1, \dots, \partial_i g_m$, where $g = (g_1, \dots, g_m)$.

28 Curves in the plane and surfaces in the space

Definition 28.1 (C^1 curve and surface).

1. A set $\gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is called a C^1 **curve** if every $a \in \gamma$ has a neighborhood U such that $\gamma \cap U$ is the graph of a C^1 function g (either $y = g(x)$ or $x = g(y)$).
2. A set $\gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is called a C^1 **surface** if every $a \in \gamma$ has a neighborhood U such that $\gamma \cap U$ is the graph of a C^1 function g (either $z = g(x, y)$, $y = g(x, z)$, or $x = g(y, z)$).

Theorem 28.2 (sufficient conditions for C^1 curves in \mathbb{R}^2).

1. (a non-parametric form)
Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be open, $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be C^1 on S , and $\gamma = \{(x, y) \in S : f(x, y) = 0\}$.
If $a \in \gamma$ and $\nabla f(a) \neq 0$,
then there exists a neighborhood U of a in \mathbb{R}^2
such that $\gamma \cap U$ is the graph of a C^1 function g (either $y = g(x)$ or $x = g(y)$).
2. (a parametric form)
Let $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be C^1 on (a, b) .
If $t_0 \in (a, b)$ and $Df(t_0) = f'(t_0) \neq 0$,
then there exists an open interval I of t_0 in (a, b)
such that the set $\{f(t) : t \in I\}$ is the graph of a C^1 function g
(either $y = g(x)$ or $x = g(y)$).

Theorem 28.3 (sufficient conditions for C^1 surface in \mathbb{R}^3).

1. (a non-parametric form)
Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be open, $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be C^1 on S
which is denoted by $(x, y, z) \mapsto f(x, y, z)$, and let $\gamma = \{(x, y, z) \in S : f(x, y, z) = 0\}$.
If $a \in \gamma$ and $\nabla f(a) \neq 0$,
then there exists a neighborhood U of a in \mathbb{R}^3
such that $\gamma \cap U$ is the graph of a C^1 function g
(either $z = g(x, y)$, $y = g(x, z)$, or $x = g(y, z)$).
2. (a parametric form)
Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be open and $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be C^1 on S , denoted by $(s, t) \mapsto f(s, t)$.
If $(s_0, t_0) \in S$ and the vectors $\frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(s_0, t_0)$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(s_0, t_0)$ are linearly independent
(equivalently, if $(s_0, t_0) \in S$ and the cross product $\frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(s_0, t_0) \times \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(s_0, t_0) \neq 0$),
then there exists a neighborhood U of (s_0, t_0) in S
such that the set $\{f(s, t) : (s, t) \in U\}$ is the graph of a C^1 function g
(either $z = g(x, y)$, $y = g(x, z)$, or $x = g(y, z)$).

29 Curves in \mathbb{R}^3 and n -dimensional manifolds in \mathbb{R}^k

Definition 29.1. (*curves in \mathbb{R}^3*)

A C^1 **curve** γ in \mathbb{R}^3 is defined to be one of the following:

1. (the non-parametric form) the set $\gamma = \{x \in U : f(x) = 0\}$,
where $U \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be open and $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a C^1 function with $f = (f_1, f_2)$
such that the vectors $\nabla f_1(x)$ and $\nabla f_2(x)$ are **linearly independent** at each $x \in \gamma$,
or equivalently, the matrix $Df(x)$ has rank 2 at every $x \in \gamma$.
2. (the parametric form) the set $\gamma = \{f(t) : t \in V\}$,
where $V \subset \mathbb{R}$ is open and $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is a C^1 function
such that $f'(t) \neq 0$ at each $t \in V$.

Definition 29.2. (*manifold in \mathbb{R}^k*)

A C^1 **n -dimensional manifold** γ in \mathbb{R}^k with $n < k$ is defined to be one of the following:

1. (the non-parametric form) the set $\gamma = \{x \in U : f(x) = 0\}$,
where $U \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ be open and $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k-n}$ is a C^1 function with $f = (f_1, \dots, f_{k-n})$
such that the vectors $\nabla f_1(x), \dots, \nabla f_{k-n}(x)$ are **linearly independent** at each $x \in \gamma$,
or equivalently, the matrix $Df(x)$ has rank $k - n$ at every $x \in \gamma$.
2. (the parametric form) the set $\gamma = \{f(t) : t \in V\}$,
where $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is open and $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is a C^1 function
such that $\frac{\partial f(t)}{\partial t_i}, i = 1, \dots, n$, are **linearly independent** at each $t \in V$,
or equivalently, the matrix $Df(t)$ has rank n at each $t \in V$.

In fact, in the theory of Differential Geometry,

we define a C^1 **n -dimensional manifold** γ by using local charts so that γ is locally like \mathbb{R}^n ,
then the above becomes sufficient conditions for γ being a C^1 n -dimensional manifold
and the tangent space of γ at each point on it is well defined.

30 Transformation and the inverse function theorem

Recall 30.1. (*transformation*)

A function $f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is called a **transformation**.

Theorem 30.2 (the inverse function theorem).

Let $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ be open and $f: U \rightarrow V$ be C^1 on U .

If $a \in U$ and the Jacobian $\det(Df(a)) \neq 0$,

then there exist open neighborhoods $U_1 \subset U$ of a and $V_1 \subset V$ of $f(a)$

such that f is one-to-one from U_1 onto V_1 ,

the inverse function $f^{-1}: V_1 \rightarrow U_1$ is C^1 ,

and $Df^{-1}(f(x)) = [Df(x)]^{-1}$ for all $x \in U_1$.

Remark 30.3. (*globally one-to-one*)

Let $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ be open. Suppose $f: U \rightarrow V$ is C^1 and $\det(Df(x)) \neq 0$ for all $x \in U$.

Is f one-to-one on U ?

1. If $k = 1$, the answer is YES.

2. If $k > 1$, the answer is NO.

Problem 30.4 (Jacobian conjecture).

Let $f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a map whose component functions are all polynomials.

Suppose $\det(Df(x)) = 1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$.

Is f one-to-one on \mathbb{R}^k ?

(If yes, then one can prove that the inverse of f is a map defined on \mathbb{R}^k whose component functions are also all polynomials.)

The conjecture that the answer is yes is called **Jacobian conjecture**;

this is a famous unsolved problem.