

DIFFERENTIATION

SUPPOSE $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ WHERE $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$. LET $\vec{x} = (x_0, y_0)$ BE AN INTERIOR POINT IN D , i.e.

$B_r(\vec{x}) \subseteq D$ FOR SOME $r > 0$. THE **PARTIAL DERIVATIVE** OF f W.R.T. x AT (x_0, y_0)

IS

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

IF IT EXISTS.

SIMILARLY, THE PARTIAL DERIVATIVE OF f W.R.T. y AT (x_0, y_0) IS THE LIMIT

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0 + h) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

THE PARTIAL DERIVATIVES ARE DENOTED

f_x, f_y RESPECTIVELY.

EXAMPLE

$$f(x, y) = \sin(xy)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f_x(x, y) = \cos(xy) \cdot y$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = f_y(x, y) = \cos(xy) \cdot x$$

PATHOLOGICAL EXAMPLE

CONSIDER $f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$ IF $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$
 $= 0$ IF $(x, y) = (0, 0)$.

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

$$f_y(x, y) = (\text{CALCULATE THIS!}) = \frac{x\{x^2 - y^2\}}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

QUESTION: IS f CONTINUOUS AT $(0, 0)$?

WE HAVE SEEN BEFORE THAT IF $y = kx$,

$$f(x, y) = \frac{k}{1 + k^2}, \text{ IS A CONSTANT, SO}$$

f IS NOT CONTINUOUS AT $(0, 0)$.

BUT $f_x(x, 0) = 0 \quad \forall x$

LINEAR MAPS

🚩 $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ IS A LINEAR MAP IF

$$f(x, y) = ax + by \text{ FOR SOME } a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

🚩 $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ IS LINEAR IF

$$f(x, y, z) = ax + by + cz \text{ FOR SOME } a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

LET $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, FOR $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$. LET $(x_0, y_0) \in U$
BE AN INTERIOR POINT

WISH TO APPROXIMATE f IN SOME
SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD OF (x_0, y_0) , BY SOME
LINEAR MAP.

🚩 SAY f IS DIFFERENTIABLE AT (x_0, y_0) IF

THERE EXISTS A LINEAR MAP $\Lambda: B_{\delta}^{\mathbb{R}^2}(x_0, y_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
(FOR SOME $\delta > 0$) SUCH THAT:

$$\lim_{(h, k) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{|f(x_0 + h, y_0 + k) - f(x_0, y_0) - \Lambda(h, k)|}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2}} = 0$$

NOTE THAT $\sqrt{h^2 + k^2} = \|(h, k)\|$.



IF Λ, Γ ARE LINEAR AND SATISFY THE PREVIOUS LIMIT, THEN $\Lambda(h,k) = \Gamma(h,k) \forall (h,k)$. (IF f IS DIFFERENTIABLE AT (x_0, y_0) THERE IS A UNIQUE LINEAR MAP APPROXIMATING f).

SKETCH OF PROOF:

$$\Lambda \text{ SATISFIES: } \lim_{(h,k) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\overbrace{f(x_0+h, y_0+k) - f(x_0, y_0) - \Lambda(h,k)}^{G(h,k)}}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}} = 0$$

$$\lim_{(h,k) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{f(x_0+h, y_0+k) - f(x_0, y_0) - \Gamma(h,k)}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}} = 0$$

$$\frac{|\Lambda(h,k) - \Gamma(h,k)|}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}} \leq \frac{|\Lambda(h,k) - G(h,k)|}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}} + \frac{|G(h,k) - \Gamma(h,k)|}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}} \xrightarrow{(h,k) \rightarrow (0,0)} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{(h,k) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\Lambda(h,k) - \Gamma(h,k)}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda(h,k) = \Gamma(h,k) \quad (\text{EXERCISE!})$$

(WRITE $\Lambda(h,k) = ah+bk$, $\Gamma(h,k) = ch+dk$, SIMPLIFY ETC.)



WE SHALL NOW DENOTE THE DERIVATIVE OF f AT (x_0, y_0) , BY $Df(x_0, y_0)$.

BASIC OBSERVATIONS

IF $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ IS CONSTANT, THEN IT IS DIFFERENTIABLE AND ITS DERIVATIVE $\equiv 0$.

IF $f(x, y) = \underline{ax + by}$, THEN f IS DIFFERENTIABLE AND ITS DERIVATIVE IS $\underline{(Df(\alpha, \beta))}(h, k) = \underline{ah + bk} \quad \forall (h, k)$

IF $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ IS DIFFERENTIABLE AT (x_0, y_0) & $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ IS DIFFERENTIABLE AT $f(x_0, y_0)$, THEN

$g \circ f$ IS DIFF. AT (x_0, y_0) AND

$$D(g \circ f)(x_0, y_0) = g'(f(x_0, y_0)) \cdot Df(x_0, y_0)$$

(CHAIN RULE)

IF $f, g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, ARE DIFFERENTIABLE AT (x_0, y_0)

THEN

$$D(f \pm g)(x_0, y_0) = Df(x_0, y_0) \pm Dg(x_0, y_0)$$

$$D(\lambda f)(x_0, y_0) = \lambda Df(x_0, y_0) \quad (\lambda \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$D(fg)(x_0, y_0) = Df(x_0, y_0) \cdot g(x_0, y_0) + f(x_0, y_0) Dg(x_0, y_0)$$

(PRODUCT RULE).

EXAMPLES

$$f(x, y) = xy.$$

$$\text{CLAIM: } (Df(a, b))(x, y) = \overbrace{bx + ay}^{\Lambda(x, y)}.$$

$$\text{WANT: } \lim_{(h, k) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{|f(a+h, b+k) - f(a, b) - \Lambda(h, k)|}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2}} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} |f(a+h, b+k) - f(a, b) - \Lambda(h, k)| &= (a+h)(b+k) - ab - bh - ak \\ &= |hk| \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2|hk|}} \Rightarrow \lim_{(h, k) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{|hk|}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{|hk|}}{\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow 0$$

As $(h, k) \rightarrow (0, 0)$

THIS COMPLETES THE PROOF. 

ANOTHER WAY TO 'LOOK' AT LINEAR MAPS:

$\Lambda(x, y) = ax + by$. THIS Λ MAY BE IDENTIFIED BY $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

SO, $Df(a, b)$ MAY BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN SOME ELEMENT $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

$$f(x,y) = (x^2+y^2) \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^2+y^2}\right) \text{ IF } (x,y) \neq (0,0)$$

$$= 0 \text{ IF } (x,y) = (0,0).$$

CLAIM: f IS DIFFERENTIABLE AT $(0,0)$.

$$\frac{f(h,k) - f(0,0) - \Lambda(h,k)}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}} = \frac{(h^2+k^2) \sin\left(\frac{1}{h^2+k^2}\right) - \Lambda(h,k)}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}}$$


LET $\Lambda(h,k) = 0$ THEN WE OBSERVE THAT

$$\frac{f(h,k) - f(0,0)}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ AS } (h,k) \rightarrow (0,0)$$

HENCE $Df(0,0) = (0,0)$



EX: $f(x,y) = \tan^{-1}\left(y^3 + \frac{x^2\pi}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ AT $(1,1)$;
IS THIS DIFF. ?

 SUPPOSE $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$) IS
DIFFERENTIABLE AT (x_0, y_0) . THEN f IS
ALSO CONTINUOUS AT (x_0, y_0) .

SUPPOSE $Df(x_0, y_0) = \Lambda$, WHERE $\Lambda(h, k) = \alpha h + \beta k$

WANT: $\lim_{(h,k) \rightarrow (0,0)} (f(x_0+h, y_0+k) - f(x_0, y_0)) = 0$

KNOW: $\lim_{(h,k) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{f(x_0+h, y_0+k) - f(x_0, y_0) - \alpha h - \beta k}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}} = 0$

IN OTHER WORDS,

$$f(x_0+h, y_0+k) - f(x_0, y_0) = \alpha h + \beta k + \varepsilon(h, k) \sqrt{h^2+k^2}$$

FOR SOME $\varepsilon: (-\delta, \delta) \times (-\delta, \delta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ S.T. $\lim_{(h,k) \rightarrow (0,0)} \varepsilon(h, k) = 0$

TAKE $\lim_{(h,k) \rightarrow (0,0)}$ ON BOTH SIDES.

$$f(x, y) = xy \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y ; \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x$$

$$\Lambda = Df(a, b) \text{ , so } \Lambda(x, y) = bx + ay$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a, b), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a, b) \right).$$

DIFFERENTIABILITY CRITERION

SUPPOSE $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$, AND $(x_0, y_0) \in U$
(INTERIOR)

SUPPOSE

🚩 f_x AND f_y EXIST AT ALL POINTS IN
 $B((x_0, y_0), r)$ FOR SOME $r > 0$.

🚩 f_x, f_y ARE CONTINUOUS AT (x_0, y_0)

THEN f IS DIFFERENTIABLE AT (x_0, y_0) AND

$$(Df(a,b))(x,y) = f_x(a,b)x + f_y(a,b)y.$$

PROOF: LET $(h,k) \in B((0,0), r)$.

USE MVT ON $x \mapsto f(x, y_0)$ & $y \mapsto f(x_0 + h, y)$

$$f(x_0 + h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0) = h f_x(\xi, y_0)$$

$$f(x_0 + h, y_0 + k) - f(x_0 + h, y_0) = k f_y(x_0 + h, \eta)$$

WHERE ξ LIES BETWEEN x_0 & $x_0 + h$
 η LIES BETWEEN y_0 & $y_0 + k$

NOTE THAT η ALSO DEPENDS ON h !

HENCE,

$$f(x_0 + h, y_0 + k) - f(x_0, y_0) = h f_x(\xi, y_0) + k f_y(x_0 + h, \eta)$$

$$\text{LET } \epsilon(h,k) = h(f_x(\xi, y_0) - f_x(x_0, y_0)) \\ + k(f_y(x_0+h, \eta) - f_y(x_0, y_0)).$$

THEN BY CONTINUITY OF f_x, f_y AT (x_0, y_0) ,

$$\epsilon(h,k) \rightarrow 0 \text{ AS } (h,k) \rightarrow (0,0).$$



 THIS IS A SUFFICIENT CONDITION ONLY.

FOR EXAMPLE,

$$f(x,y) = (x^2+y^2) \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^2+y^2}\right) \quad (x,y) \neq (0,0)$$

$$f(0,0) = 0.$$

WE HAVE SEEN THAT f IS DIFFERENTIABLE

AT $(0,0)$. HOWEVER

$$f_x(x,y) = 2x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^2+y^2}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{1}{x^2+y^2}\right) \cdot \frac{-2x}{x^2+y^2}$$

AND $f_x(x,y)$ IS NOT BOUNDED

IN A NEIGHBORHOOD OF $(0,0)$.