

**Math 21-236, Mathematical Studies Analysis II, Spring 2012**  
**Assignment 1**

**The due date for this assignment is Monday January 30.**

1. Given  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ , we recall that a function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *Lipschitz continuous* in  $E$  if there exists a constant  $L \geq 0$  such that

$$|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y})| \leq L \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$$

for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in E$ .

- (a) Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$  be open and convex and let  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable in  $U$ . Prove that  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous if and only if there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\| \leq M$$

for all  $\mathbf{x} \in U$ .

- (b) Let  $U := \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(x, 0) : x \geq 0\}$  and consider the function

$$f(x, y) := \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \operatorname{arccot} \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x}.$$

Prove that  $f$  is differentiable in  $U$ , that there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\|\nabla f(x, y)\| \leq M$$

for all  $(x, y) \in U$  but that  $f$  is not Lipschitz continuous.

2. Let  $f : B(\mathbf{x}_0, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Lipschitz continuous.

- (a) Assume that all the directional derivatives of  $f$  at  $\mathbf{x}_0$  exist and that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}_0) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x}_0) v_i$  for every direction  $\mathbf{v}$ . Prove that  $f$  is differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .
- (b) Assume that there exist countably many directions  $\mathbf{v}^{(n)}$ , with  $E := \{\mathbf{v}^{(n)} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  dense in  $\partial B(\mathbf{0}, 1)$ , such that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}^{(n)}}(\mathbf{x}_0) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x}_0) \mathbf{v}_i^{(n)}$  for every direction  $\mathbf{v}^{(n)}$ . Prove that  $f$  is differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .

3. Construct a function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $(0, 0) \in E$ , with the properties that  $f$  is continuous in  $E$ , differentiable in  $(0, 0)$ , but  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0)$  do not exist.<sup>1</sup>
4. Study the continuity, the existence of directional and partial derivatives, and the differentiability of the following functions:

---

<sup>1</sup>The set  $E$  should be the “natural” domain of the function, that is, the largest set where your function  $f$  is defined. Taking a differentiable function and then restricting its domain would be too cheap.

$$(a) \ f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^m y^n}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0), \end{cases} \quad \text{where } m, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$(b) \ f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^m y^n}{x^2 + y^4} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0), \end{cases} \quad \text{where } m, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$(c) \ f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^m y^n}{x^2 - y^2} & \text{if } x^2 - y^2 \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \text{where } m, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$(d) \ f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} + y^2 \sin \frac{1}{y} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \text{ and } y \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise } y = 0. \end{cases}$$