

MATH H105: Homework 2

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Theorem 1. *Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function so that*

$$\begin{aligned}(x, y) &\mapsto \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} \\ (0, 0) &\mapsto 0.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Then, f has partial derivatives at $(0, 0)$ but is not differentiable there.

Proof. By definition we take the partial derivative to be the limit

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(h)^2}{h} \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Since the closed form for f is identical, we have the same definition for $\partial f / \partial y$.

However, if f is differentiable, then it is continuous at $(0, 0)$. But the limit along $y = x$, does not exist unambiguously

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + x^2} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0.$$

Therefore it could not possibly be differentiable at $(0, 0)$. □

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We build the matrix of partials accordingly! Using partial differentiation we get

$$(Df)_p = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \cos 1 & 0 \\ \sin 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.\tag{3}$$

$$(Dg)_q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.\tag{4}$$

$$(Dg \circ f)_p = (Dg)_q \circ (Df)_p = 0. \quad (5)$$

We get that

$$g \circ f = w(s, t) = (st)(s \cos t) + (s \cos t)(s \sin t) + (s \sin t)(st) \quad (6)$$

and so the pial derivatives at least contain s in every term:

$$\begin{aligned} D_s w &= 2st(\cos t) + 2s \cos t \sin t + 2st \sin t \\ D_t w &= s^2(\cos t - t \sin t) + s^2(\cos t \cos t - \sin t \sin t) + s^2(\sin t + t \cos t) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

These partials evaluate to 0 and so are 0.

The statement of multivariable chain rule for functions $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is that $d/dt f \circ g = \sum \partial f / \partial g_i \partial g_i / \partial t$ which is the row vector matrix Df with the column vector Dg .

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