

Overview

- Recap: sequences and series
- Functions of multiple variables
- Continuity and limits in 2 dimensions
- Partial derivatives
- Chain rule in multiple dimensions

Adams' Ch. 12.1-5

Sequences and series

• Sequence $\{a_n\}$: ordered list of numbers

- e.g. $\frac{1}{n}$, \sqrt{n} , $a_{n+1} = f(a_n)$ (recursive definition)
- can converge ($\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$, $a_n \rightarrow L$)
diverge
diverge to $\pm \infty$

$\frac{1}{n}$, $\frac{1}{2^n}$,
 $(-1)^n$
 n , $n!$

- can be bounded (above / below) ; increasing, decreasing, alternating
- every converging sequence is bounded
a sequence that is bounded and monotonic, converges.
- If there is a real function $f(x)$, such that $a_n = f(n)$,
 - if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$, then $a_n \rightarrow L$
 - if $f(x)$ is monotonic, then $\{a_n\}$ as well.

Type of questions:

- calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$
- show whether $\{a_n\}$ is bounded / converges / increases or decreases.

• Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$: sum of infinitely many terms

• sequence of partial sums $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$

↳ if the sequence $\{a_n\}$ does NOT converge to 0,
the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ DIVERGES.

• if $a_n \rightarrow 0$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is an indeterminate form
(sum of infinitely many terms that approach 0)

↳ you need to recognize 2 types of series

1) Geometric series, $a_n = a \cdot r^{n-1}$ a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, \dots

if $|r| < 1$, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a \cdot r^n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a \cdot r^n = \frac{a}{1-r}$ converges

if $|r| \geq 1$, the series diverges (to ∞ for $r \geq 1$)

2) p-series, $a_n = \frac{1}{n^p}$

if $p \leq 1$, diverges

if $p > 1$, converges

cfr. $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p}$ diverges

$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p}$ converges

(we cannot calculate the sum explicitly)

Types of questions:

• calculate $\sum a_n$ for a geometric series

• does $\sum a_n$ converge or diverge? Explain.

Functions of multiple variables

$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, in 2D: $z = f(x, y)$

domain: subset of \mathbb{R}^n

domain: subset of \mathbb{R}^2

domain convention: $\text{domain}(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, f(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}\}$

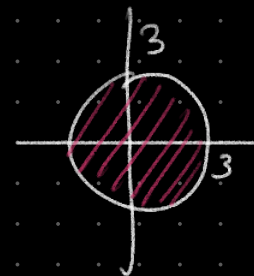
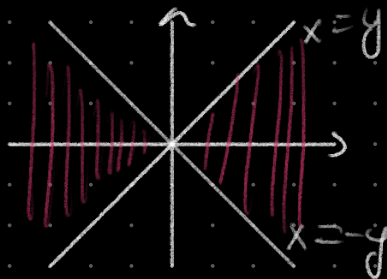
domain of $\frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$

domain of $\sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$ $x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$

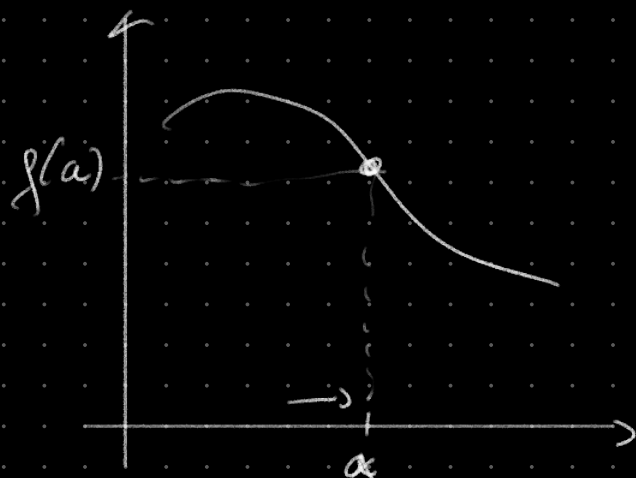
→ half sphere

domain of $\sqrt{x^2 - y^2}$

$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 \geq y^2\}$



Continuity



for 1D (univariate functions)

$f(x)$ is continuous at a $\stackrel{\text{DEF}}{\Leftrightarrow}$ for $x \in \text{domain}(f)$
 $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 : |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$

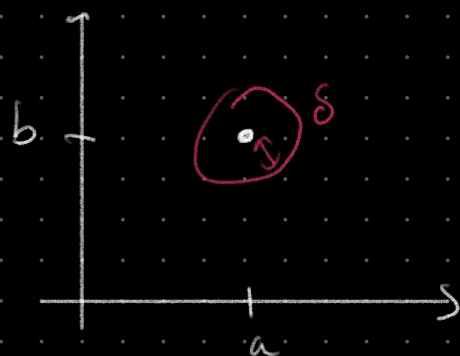
(if x approaches a , then $f(x)$ approaches $f(a)$)

Continuity for multivariate functions)

$f(x, y)$ is continuous at (a, b) iff for $(x, y) \in$

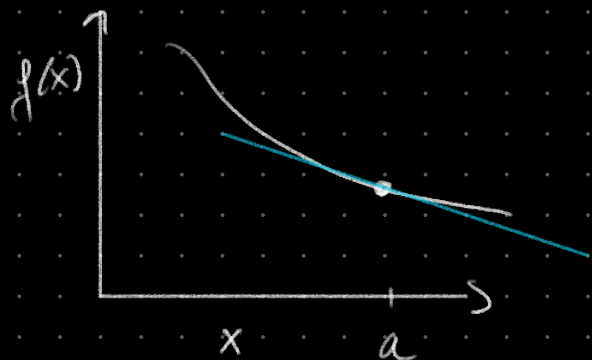
$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 : \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2} < \delta$ $\stackrel{\text{domain}(f)}{<}$

$\Rightarrow |f(x, y) - f(a, b)| < \epsilon$



Every "regular" function is continuous
 on its domain.

Partial derivatives



$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

the derivative $f'(x)$ indicates how $f(x)$ changes (around $x=a$) if we change x (a little).

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$$\frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial y} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

other notations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x,y) = f_1(x,y) = f_x(x,y) = D_x f(x,y)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_a^b = f_x(a,b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xy) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)y - xy}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x} \cdot y + \cancel{h} \cdot y - \cancel{x} \cdot y}{h} = y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x+y) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\cancel{x+h}) + \cancel{y} - (\cancel{x} + \cancel{y})}{h} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

* how to calculate : like "normal derivatives". If you calculate $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$, you treat y like a constant. If you calculate $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$, you treat x like a constant.

Examples

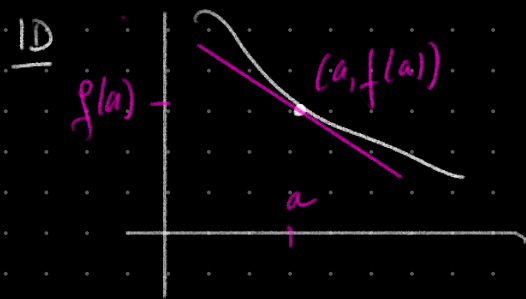
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x \cdot y) = y$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x + y) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\ln \left[\frac{x}{y} \right] \right) = \frac{\cancel{x}}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{y}} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) = \frac{2y}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

The tangent plane



Equation of tangent line: $y = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$

- In 2D, we have a "tangent plane" that touches the surface $f(x, y)$.

Equation of tangent plane at $(a, b, f(a, b))$:

$$z(x, y) = f(a, b) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_a^b (x-a) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_a^b (y-b)$$

Example: $f(x, y) = \sin(xy)$. Tangent plane at $(-1, \frac{\pi}{3}, f(-1, \frac{\pi}{3}))$?

- $f(-1, \frac{\pi}{3}) = \sin(-\frac{\pi}{3}) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

- $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \cos(xy) \cdot y \rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(-1, \frac{\pi}{3})} = \cos(-\frac{\pi}{3}) \cdot \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{3}$

- $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cos(xy) \cdot x \rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(-1, \frac{\pi}{3})} = -\frac{1}{2}$

Tangent plane: $z = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\pi}{6}(x+1) - \frac{1}{2}(y - \frac{\pi}{3})$

Higher order derivatives

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)$$

↳ there are 4 second order derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$$

→ $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ are continuous

$$\text{then } \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Example: } \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (\sin(x+y)) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \sin(x+y) \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\cos(x+y)) \\ &= -\sin(x+y) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (\sin(xy)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \sin(xy) \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\cos(xy) \cdot x)$$

$$= \cos(xy) - x \cdot \sin(xy) y$$

$$= \cos(xy) - xy \sin(xy)$$

Chain rule in multiple dimensions

(coordinate transformations)

$$1D: \frac{d}{dx} (f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

$$2D: f(x, y), x(t) \text{ and } y(t)$$

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$f(x, y), x(r, \theta) \text{ and } y(r, \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta}$$

Example $z = \frac{1}{(x+y)^2}$, $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} =$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} =$$

• $z(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, $x(t) = 2t$, $y(t) = 5 - t$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \cdot 2 + \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} (-1) = \frac{2x - y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \frac{4t + t - 5}{\sqrt{4t^2 + (5 - t)^2}}$$

→ if you write $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{4t^2 - 10t + 25}$, and compute $\frac{dz}{dt}$, you get the same result.