

Lesson A 03:

Multivariate Calculus.

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Topic 1: Definition of Derivative

Topic 2: Calculus Rules.

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sum Rule
power Rule
product Rule
Chain Rule
Total Derivative

Topic 3: Derivative of Named function

{ $1/x$, $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$, e^x .

Topic 4: Derivative structure, ∇ , ∇^2 .

Topic 5: Taylor Series.

Topic 6: Optimization.

Definition of a Derivative

$$f'(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$\text{e.g.: } \sin'(x) = \frac{d \sin(x)}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+\Delta x) - \sin(x)}{\Delta x}$$

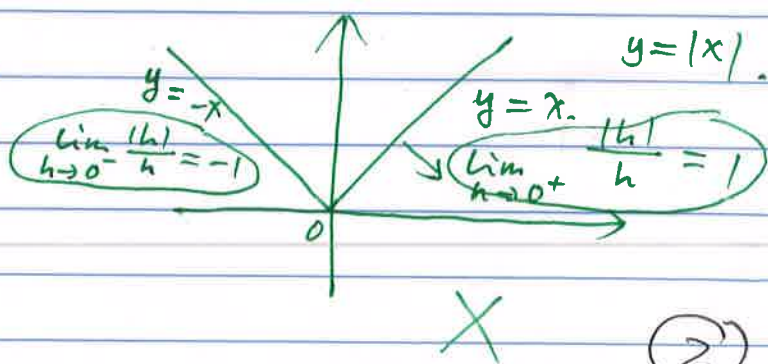
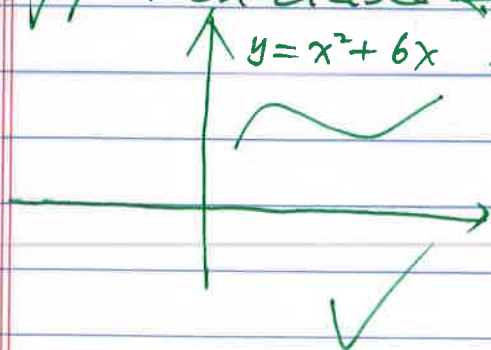
$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{\sin(x)} \cdot \cos(\Delta x) + \cos(x) \cdot \sin(\Delta x) - \cancel{\sin(x)}}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \cos(x) \cdot \frac{\sin(\Delta x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \cos x$$

$$\text{e.g.: } \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left[\frac{1}{x+h} - \frac{1}{x} \right]}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{-h}{h(x^2+xh)} \right] = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

Differentiable \Rightarrow derivative exist.



Rules of Calculus.

① Sum Rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x) + g(x)) = \frac{df(x)}{dx} + \frac{dg(x)}{dx}$$

② Power Rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(ax^b) = abx^{b-1}$$

③ Product Rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x) \cdot g(x)) = f'(x) \cdot g(x) + f(x) \cdot g'(x)$$

④ Chain Rule.

$$z = f(y) \quad y = g(x)$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

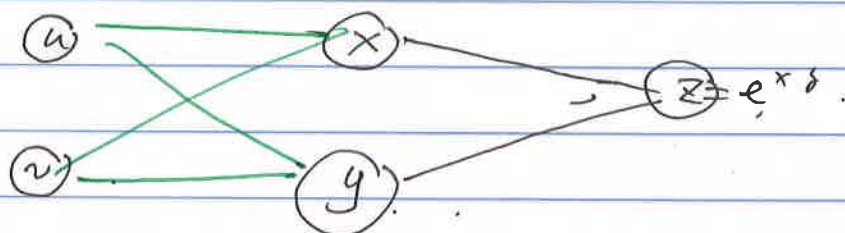
Application of Chain Rule.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad f(x) = \ln(\underbrace{x^2 - 1}_{g(x)}).$$

solution: $\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \frac{df(g)}{d(g)} \cdot \frac{d(g)}{dx}$

$$= \frac{1}{g(x)} \cdot \frac{d(x^2 - 1)}{dx} = \frac{2x}{x^2 - 1}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad z = e^{xy} \quad x = 2u + v \quad y = \frac{u}{v}$$



Solution: $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \right) + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \right)$

Below the terms, arrows point to their values: $e^{xy} \cdot y$ (under $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$), 2 (under $\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}$), $e^{xy} \cdot x$ (under $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$), and $1/v$ (under $\frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$).

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \quad ?$$

Example of Derivative of Sigmoid func.

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} = \frac{-1}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} \cdot \frac{d(1 + e^{-x})}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2}$$

$$= \frac{1 + e^{-x} - 1}{(1 + e^{-x})^2}$$

$$= \sigma(x) (1 - \sigma(x))$$

Exercise:

$$\sigma(x) = \tanh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} =$$

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Derivative Structure

① Jacobian J of function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ $J(f) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$

① Given function: $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\nabla f(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Gradient

Hessian

$$H(\vec{x}) = \nabla^2 f(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

② Taylor series

univariate ($f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$)

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(h)}(c)}{h!} (x-c)^h \quad (\text{e.g. } e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots)$$

multivariate ($f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$)

$$f(x) = f(c) + \nabla f(\vec{c})^T (\vec{x} - \vec{c}) + \frac{1}{2!} (\vec{x} - \vec{c})^T H(\vec{c}) (\vec{x} - \vec{c})$$

$$y = f(\vec{x})$$

Optimization and Vector Calculus

Analytical
Solution ✓

Iterative
Numerical Solution

$$\nabla f(x) = 0$$

e.g. $\begin{cases} y = x^2 + 1 \\ \underset{x \in \mathbb{R}}{\operatorname{argmin}} y \end{cases}$

$$\begin{cases} Z = (x_1 + 1)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 + 5 \\ \underset{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2}{\operatorname{argmin}} Z \end{cases}$$

gradient descent (min)

$$\vec{x}^{(n+1)} = \vec{x}^{(n)} - \eta \cdot \nabla f(\vec{x}^{(n)})$$

gradient ascent (max)

$$\vec{x}^{(n+1)} = \vec{x}^{(n)} + \eta \cdot \nabla f(\vec{x}^{(n)})$$

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where

$$\nabla f(\vec{x}^{(n)}) = \underline{\text{gradient}}$$