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Optimization ← general topic

Homogeneous functions. ← today.

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \quad f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

def f is homogeneous [isohomogeneous]
of degree (coefficient) k if

$$f(tx_1, tx_2, tx_3, \dots, tx_n) = t^k f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$$

[for all points in the domain]

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$$a) f(tx_1, tx_2) = tx_1 + 7tx_2 = t \cdot (x_1 + 7x_2) = t \cdot f(x_1, x_2)$$

b) $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ degree = 1
 $\min(-1, -2, -3) = -3 \neq -1 \cdot \min(1, 2, 3)$
 no!

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} x_1 > 0 \quad x_2 > 0 \quad x_3 > 0 \quad (t > 0) \\ \min\left(t \frac{x_1}{5}, t \frac{x_2}{3}, t \frac{x_3}{7}\right) = t \cdot \min\left(\frac{x_1}{5}, \frac{x_2}{3}, \frac{x_3}{7}\right) \end{array}}$$

homog. degree = 1

$$c) f = x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_3^2$$

$$f(tx_1, tx_2, tx_3) = t^2 f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

↑ homog. degree = 2

$$d) f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1}{x_2 + 3} \quad \text{not homog.}$$

$$f(tx_1, tx_2) = \frac{tx_1}{tx_2 + 3} \neq t^k \cdot \frac{x_1}{x_2 + 3}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 = 1 \\ x_2 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{t}{t+3}$$

$$\text{RHS} = t^k \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

Theorem.

If: $f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is hom. of degree k_1 .
 $f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is hom. of degree k_2

then: $f = f_1 \cdot f_2$ is hom. of degree $k_1 + k_2$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} f(tx_1, tx_2, \dots, tx_n) &= f_1(tx_1, \dots, tx_n) \cdot f_2(tx_1, \dots, tx_n) \\ &= t^{k_1} \cdot f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot t^{k_2} f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \\ &= t^{k_1 + k_2} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \\ &= t^{k_1 + k_2} \cdot f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem.

If: f is homogeneous of degree k [and differentiable] f is not const

then: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$ is homogeneous of degree $(k-1)$.

Ex.

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{x_1^2 \cdot x_2}{x_3^5} \quad \text{degree} = -2 :$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f(tx) = \frac{t^2 \cdot t \cdot x_1^2 x_2}{t^5 x_3^5} = t^{-2} \cdot \frac{x_1^2 x_2}{x_3^5}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} = \frac{x_1^2 \cdot x_2}{x_3^6} \cdot (-5)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3}(tx) = \frac{t^2 \cdot t \cdot x_1^2 \cdot x_2}{t^6 \cdot x_3^6} \cdot (-5)$$

$$= t^{-3} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3}(x)$$

Proof

(0) $f(tx_1, tx_2, \dots, tx_n) = t^k \cdot f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ identity

(1) $\left[\frac{\partial \text{LHS}}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial \text{RHS}}{\partial x_1} \right]$ $\frac{\partial (tx_1)}{\partial x_1} = t$

(2) $\left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(tx_1, tx_2, \dots, tx_n) \cdot t \right] = \left[t^k \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \right]$

(3) $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(tx_1, tx_2, \dots, tx_n) = t^{k-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$



Euler's theorem on homogeneous fun-s.

[th] the function f is homogeneous of degree k iff

[if and only if]

f satisfies the differential equation:

$$x_1 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} + x_2 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} + \dots + x_n \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} = k \cdot f$$

Examples:

$$f = \frac{x_1^2 \cdot x_2}{x_3^5}$$

$$(-2) \cdot \frac{x_1^2 \cdot x_2}{x_3^5} = \leftarrow$$

$$x_1 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} + x_2 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} + x_3 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} =$$

$$= x_1 \cdot \frac{2x_1 x_2}{x_3^5} + x_2 \cdot \frac{x_1^2}{x_3^5} + x_3 \cdot \frac{x_1^2 \cdot x_2}{x_3^6} \cdot (-5) =$$

2 + 1 - 5 =

$k = -2$

(def) $f(t \cdot x) = t^k \cdot f(x)$

(E.C.) $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = k \cdot f(x)$

$\downarrow \uparrow$

(def) \rightarrow (E.C.)

[2 variables]

$f(tx_1, tx_2) = t^k \cdot f(x_1, x_2)$

$\downarrow \frac{\partial LHS}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial RHS}{\partial t}$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(tx_1, tx_2) \cdot \overset{\frac{\partial(tx_1)}{\partial t} = x_1}{x_1} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(tx_1, tx_2) \cdot x_2 = k \cdot t^{k-1} \cdot f(x_1, x_2)$

$\frac{\partial(tx_2)}{\partial t} = x_2$

plug-in $t=1$.

$\left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_1, x_2) \cdot x_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(x_1, x_2) \cdot x_2 = k \cdot f(x_1, x_2) \right]$

ex. $f = \cos\left(\frac{x_2}{x_3}\right) \cdot x_1$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = -\sin\left(\frac{x_2}{x_3}\right) \cdot x_1 \cdot \frac{1}{x_3}$

$f = x_1^a \cdot x_2^b \cdot x_3^c \cdot x_4^d$

(E.C.) \rightarrow (def.)

$\left[x_1 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} + x_2 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \right] = k \cdot f \quad (\forall x)$

[idea is not obvious]

$h(t) = f(t \cdot x_1, t \cdot x_2)$

$h'(t) \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(tx_1, tx_2) \cdot x_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(tx_1, tx_2) \cdot x_2$

$t \cdot h'(t) \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(tx_1, tx_2) \cdot tx_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(tx_1, tx_2) \cdot tx_2 \stackrel{(E.C.)}{=}$

$= k \cdot f(tx_1, tx_2) = k \cdot h(t)$

We've got a diff. eqn.

$$\boxed{t \cdot h'(t) = k \cdot h(t)}$$

$$t \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} = k \cdot h$$

$$\frac{dh}{h} = k \cdot \frac{dt}{t}$$

$k = \text{const}$

$$\int \frac{dh}{h} = k \int \frac{dt}{t}$$

$h > 0, t > 0$

$$\ln h = k \cdot \ln t + c$$

$$h = t^k \cdot d$$

$$f(tx_1, tx_2, \dots, tx_n) = t^k \cdot d$$

does not depend on t

$t=1$

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = d$$

Voila!

$$\underline{f(tx_1, tx_2, \dots, tx_n) = t^k \cdot f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}$$

[def]

My 

Q. f - homogeneous of degree 5

$$\rightarrow \underbrace{f(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_3}(x_1, \dots, x_n)}$$

is homog? what is the degree?

$$\underline{A?} \quad \boxed{\text{d.o.f.}} = 5 + 4 + 3 = 12 \quad \text{!!}$$

Homogeneous differential equation

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \right] \quad f \text{ is homogeneous.}$$

Strategy to solve: \rightarrow divide y by x

\rightarrow replace $y(x)$ by

$$y(x) = x \cdot b(x)$$

$$\frac{y(x)}{x} = b(x)$$

It will help! (probably !!)

Ex

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2xy}$$

RHS is homog.
 $[k=0]$

$$\frac{x^2 t^2 + y^2 \cdot t^2}{2xy \cdot t \cdot t} = t \cdot \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2xy}$$

Follow the advice ... !!

$$y(x) = x \cdot b(x)$$

$$\text{LHS: } \frac{dy}{dx} = b(x) + x \cdot b'(x)$$

$$\text{RHS: } \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2xy} = \frac{x^2 + x^2 \cdot b^2(x)}{2x \cdot x \cdot b(x)}$$

$$b(x) + x \cdot b'(x) = \frac{1 + b^2}{2b}$$

$$b + x \cdot \frac{db}{dx} = \frac{1 + b^2}{2b}$$

$$x \cdot \frac{db}{dx} = \left(\frac{1 + b^2}{2b} - b \right)$$

$$x \cdot \frac{db}{dx} = \frac{1 - b^2}{2b}$$

$$\wedge \frac{1 + b^2 - 2b^2}{2b} = \frac{1 - b^2}{2b}$$

$$\left[\frac{db}{1 - b^2} \cdot 2b = \frac{dx}{x} \right]$$