

# Inverse Functions

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Let  $A^{\text{open}} \subset V$ ,  $B^{\text{open}} \subset W$ . Suppose the following:

$f : A \rightarrow B$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$

$g : B \rightarrow A$  is differentiable at  $\vec{b} = f(\vec{a})$

$g \circ f = \text{Id}_A$  (i.e.  $g(f(x)) = x$ )

Then  $Dg(\vec{b}) \circ Df(\vec{a}) = \text{Id}_A$

$Dg(\vec{b})$  is a left inverse of  $Df(\vec{a})$

$\dim V \leq \dim W$ .

1. If also  $f \circ g = \text{Id}_B$ , then

- $Df(\vec{a}) \circ Dg(\vec{b}) = \text{Id}_B$
- $Dg(\vec{b})$  is a 2-sided inverse of  $Df(\vec{a})$
- $\dim V \geq \dim W$ , so  $\dim V = \dim W$

2. If instead we have  $\dim V = \dim W < +\infty$ , then

- $Dg(\vec{b})$  is  $\not$  the 2-sided inverse of  $Df(\vec{a})$

3. If  $A, B, f, g$  as above,  $\dim V, \dim W < +\infty$ , and  $f, g$  are continuous, then

- $g \circ f = \text{Id}_A$  and  $f \circ g = \text{Id}_B \rightarrow \dim V = \dim W$ . Proof of this is very hard. It requires new tools, so we'll return to it another time.

4.  $\exists f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  continuous and surjective.

**Defn:** A homeomorphism is a continuous bijection  $f : A \rightarrow B$  ( $A, B$  topological spaces) such that  $f^{-1}$  is continuous.

**Ex:**  $f : [0, 2\pi) \rightarrow S' = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$   
 $t \mapsto (\cos t, \sin t)$

$f$  is a continuous bijection, but not a homeomorphism.

$f^{-1}(\cos \frac{1}{n}, \sin \frac{1}{n}) = 2\pi - \frac{1}{n}$ , so as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $f^{-1} \rightarrow 2\pi$ . But  $f^{-1}(1, 0) = 0$ , so  $f^{-1}$  is not continuous.

**Defn:** A  $C^r$ -diffeomorphism is a  $C^r$  bijection  $f : A^{\text{osso}V} \rightarrow B^{\text{osso}W}$  ( $V, W$  normed vector spaces) such that  $f^{-1}$  is also  $C^r$ .

**Ex:**  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $t \mapsto t^3$  is a homeomorphism, but not a  $C^1$ -diffeomorphism.

**Defn:** A complete, normed vector space is called a Banach space.

**Thm:** (Inverse Function) Given  $\vec{a} \in A^{\text{open}} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f \in C^r(A, \mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $Df(\vec{a})$  is invertible, then there is a  $\mathcal{U}^{\text{open}}$  with  $\vec{a} \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $f|_{\mathcal{U}}$  is a  $C^r$ -diffeomorphism, i.e.,  $f$  maps  $\mathcal{U}$  injectively to an open set,  $f^{-1}$  is  $C^r$ .

It turns out this is ok if the dimension is infinite, so long as  $V$  and  $W$  are Banach spaces.

**Ex:**  $A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : r > 0 \right\}$   
 $f \begin{pmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos \theta \\ r \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$   
 $Df \begin{pmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \det \left( Df \begin{pmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} \right) = r \cos^2 \theta - (-r \sin^2 \theta) = r > 0$   
 So  $Df \begin{pmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible for all  $\begin{pmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} \in A$ , but  $f$  is not injective on  $A$ .  
 $f \begin{pmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} = f \begin{pmatrix} r \\ \theta + 2\pi \end{pmatrix}$ . So we can get local  $C^\infty$  inverses, but no global inverse.  
 $f[A] = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

Some notes:  $E = \{\vec{x} \in A : Df(\vec{x}) \text{ invertible}\} = \{\vec{x} \in A : \deg(Df(\vec{x})) \neq 0\}$ .

$E$  is an open set containing  $\vec{a}$ . The inverse function theorem doesn't assume  $E = A$ , but it could.

### Proof of the Inverse Function Theorem

Preliminaries: Let  $T_{\vec{a}} : \vec{x} \mapsto \vec{x} + \vec{a}$ .

$$DT_{\vec{a}} = \text{Id}$$

$$g = Df(\vec{a})^{-1} \circ T_{-f(\vec{a})} \circ f \circ T_{\vec{a}}$$

Check:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} g(\vec{0}) = \vec{0} \\ Dg(\vec{0}) = \text{Id} \\ f = T_{f(\vec{a})} \circ Df(\vec{a}) \circ g \circ T_{-\vec{a}} \end{array} \right\} \text{E.T.S. } g \text{ is a } C^r\text{-diffeomorphism on some open set containing } \vec{0}.$

In proving the inverse function theorem, we may assume  $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$ , and  $Dg(\vec{0}) = \text{Id}$ .

Let  $h = g - \text{Id}$ ,  $Dh = Dg - \text{Id}$ ,  $Dh(\vec{0}) = 0$ ,  $Dh : A \rightarrow \text{Mat}(n, m)$  is continuous.

Fix  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ . Then  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\|Dh\| < \varepsilon$  on  $\mathcal{U}(\vec{0}, \delta)$ . ( $\|Dh\|$  is defined in the HW3 handout.)

**Lemma:** Given  $A^{\text{convex open}} \subset V$ ,  $\varphi : V \rightarrow W$  differentiable,  $\|D\varphi(\vec{p})\| \leq M \forall \vec{p} \in A$ .

Then  $\|\varphi(\vec{y}) - \varphi(\vec{x})\| \leq M \|\vec{y} - \vec{x}\| \forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in A$ .

Proof: HW 5.  $\square$

So, for  $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{U}(\vec{0}, \delta)$ , we have  $\|h(\vec{x})\| = \left\| h(\vec{x}) - h(\vec{0}) \right\| \leq \varepsilon \|\vec{x}\|$  ( $\star$ ).

Also, for  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathcal{U}(\vec{0}, \delta)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \varepsilon) \|\vec{y} - \vec{x}\| &\leq \|\vec{y} - \vec{x}\| - \|h(\vec{y}) - h(\vec{x})\| \leq \|(\vec{y} - \vec{x}) + (h(\vec{y}) - h(\vec{x}))\| = \|g(\vec{y}) - g(\vec{x})\| \\ \|(\vec{y} - \vec{x}) + (h(\vec{y}) - h(\vec{x}))\| &\leq \|\vec{y} - \vec{x}\| + \|h(\vec{y}) - h(\vec{x})\| \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \|\vec{y} - \vec{x}\|. \end{aligned}$$

So  $(1 - \varepsilon) \|\vec{y} - \vec{x}\| \leq \|g(\vec{y}) - g(\vec{x})\| \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \|\vec{y} - \vec{x}\|$ . Thus  $g$  is Bi-Lipschitz on  $\mathcal{U}(\vec{0}, \delta)$ .

And  $g(\mathcal{U}(\vec{0}, \delta)) \subset \mathcal{U}(\vec{0}, (1 + \varepsilon)\delta)$ .

And  $g$  is injective on  $\mathcal{U}(\vec{0}, \delta)$ .

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