

Multivariable Calculus - Problem Sheet 1

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Question 3

Let $\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be given by

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1^2 x_2, \sin(x_1 + x_2), e^{x_1 x_2})$$

Question 3.1

Compute the matrix $\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x})$ of partial derivatives, $\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j}$.

My Solution 3.1

$$\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 x_2 & x_1^2 \\ \cos(x_1 + x_2) & \cos(x_1 + x_2) \\ x_2 e^{x_1 x_2} & x_1 e^{x_1 x_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Question 3.2

Compute the directional derivative, $D_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$, where $\mathbf{v} = (1, 2)$.

My Solution 3.2

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{v}\| &= \sqrt{5} \\ D_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt}(x_1 + t)^2(x_2 + 2t)|_{t=0} \\ \frac{d}{dt}\sin(x_1 + x_2 + 3t)|_{t=0} \\ \frac{d}{dt}e^{(x_1+t)(x_2+2t)}|_{t=0} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2(x_1 + t)(x_2 + 2t) + 2(x_1 + t)^2|_{t=0} \\ 3\cos(x_1 + x_2 + 3t)|_{t=0} \\ (2x_1 + x_2 + 4t)e^{(x_1+t)(x_2+2t)}|_{t=0} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 x_2 + 2x_1^2 \\ 3\cos(x_1 + x_2) \\ (2x_1 + x_2)e^{x_1 x_2} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Question 3.3

Compare the result from 3.2, evaluated at $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0 = (1, 1)$, to the vector $\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}_0)\mathbf{v}$.

My Solution 3.3

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_0) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3\cos(2) \\ 3e \end{pmatrix} \\
\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}_0)\mathbf{v} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ \cos(2) & \cos(2) \\ e & e \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \underline{\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3\cos(2) \\ 3e \end{pmatrix}}
\end{aligned}$$

Question 4

Let $\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{H} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, $\mathbf{G} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$. Define

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} \text{ where } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1x_2, x_2x_3, \sin(x_1x_2x_3))$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{G} \circ \mathbf{F}$$

Question 4.1

Use the chain rule to calculate $\mathbf{H}'(1, 1)$.

My Solution 4.1

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbf{F}(1, 1) = (3, 3, 1) \\
&\& \mathbf{G}' = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 & x_1 & 0 \\ 0 & x_3 & x_2 \\ x_2x_3 \cos(x_1x_2x_3) & x_1x_3 \cos(x_1x_2x_3) & x_1x_2 \cos(x_1x_2x_3) \end{pmatrix} \\
&\implies (\mathbf{G}' \circ \mathbf{F})(1, 1) = \mathbf{G}'(3, 3, 1) \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 3\cos(9) & 3\cos(9) & 9\cos(9) \end{pmatrix} \\
\text{Chain rule} \quad \mathbf{H}' &= (\mathbf{G}' \circ \mathbf{F})\mathbf{F}' \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 3\cos(9) & 3\cos(9) & 9\cos(9) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \underline{\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 9 \\ 5 & 1 \\ 18\cos(9) & 9\cos(9) \end{pmatrix}}
\end{aligned}$$

Question 4.2

Calculate $\mathbf{H}'(1, 1)$ directly.

