

HT 2019

PROBLEM SHEET 1

Derivatives, Taylor's Theorem, 1-dimensional optimization

1.1. If f and g are differentiable on \mathbb{R} and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f}{g^k} \right) = \frac{g \frac{df}{dx} - k f \frac{dg}{dx}}{g^{k+1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f}{g^k} \right) \stackrel{\text{quotient rule}}{=} \frac{g^k \frac{df}{dx} - f \frac{dg^k}{dx}}{g^{2k}} \stackrel{\text{chain rule}}{=} \frac{g^k \frac{df}{dx} - f \cdot k g^{k-1} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx}}{g^{2k}} = \frac{g \frac{df}{dx} - k f \frac{dg}{dx}}{g^{k+1}}$$

For $k=0$ we need that the codomain of g does not include 0, and the result is the same.

For $k \notin \mathbb{Z}$, we need g to be positive on \mathbb{R} , and the result is the same.

$$f, g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f}{g^k} \right) \stackrel{\text{quotient rule}}{=} \frac{g^k \frac{df}{dx} - f \frac{dg^k}{dx}}{g^{2k}} \stackrel{\text{chain rule}}{=} \frac{g^k \frac{df}{dx} - f \cdot k \cdot g^{k-1} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx}}{g^{2k}} = \frac{g \frac{df}{dx} - k \cdot f \cdot \frac{dg}{dx}}{g^{k+1}}$$

The proof is the same, but to obtain a vector this time.

1.2. A symmetric $n \times n$ matrix, $x \neq 0 \Rightarrow A = A^T$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x}$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} \stackrel{\text{quotient rule}}{=} \frac{(x^T x)(A + A^T)x - (x^T A x) \cdot 2x}{(x^T x)^2} = \frac{2(x^T x)Ax - 2(x^T A x)x}{(x^T x)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{df}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow x \text{ is an eigenvector of } A$$

$$\frac{2(x^T x)Ax - 2(x^T A x)x}{(x^T x)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow (x^T x)Ax = (x^T A x)x \quad | : (x^T x) \neq 0$$

$$Ax = \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x} x$$

$$\text{Let } \lambda = \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x} \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow x \text{ is an eigenvector of } A$$

$$\Leftarrow x \text{ is an eigenvector of } A \Rightarrow (\exists) \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } Ax = \lambda x$$

$$\frac{2(x^T x)Ax - 2(x^T A x)x}{(x^T x)^2} = \frac{2(x^T x)\lambda x - 2(x^T \lambda x)x}{(x^T x)^2} = \frac{2\lambda(x^T x)x - 2\lambda(x^T x)x}{(x^T x)^2} = 0$$

So, $\frac{df}{d\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}$ is an eigenvector of \underline{A}

1.3. $f(\mathbf{x}) = \max(x_i)$, $\mathbf{x} = (x_1 x_2 \dots x_n)^T$
 $l(\mathbf{x}) = \ln\left(\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i}\right)$

(a) $\max x_i \leq l(\mathbf{x}) \leq \max x_i + \ln n$

$$\max x_i \leq \ln\left(\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i}\right) \leq \max x_i + \ln n$$

$$e^{\max x_i} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i}}{n}\right) \leq \max x_i$$

Let $\max x_i = x_k$

$$0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} e^{x_i} + \sum_{i=k+1}^n e^{x_i} \quad \underline{OK}$$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i}}{n} \leq e^{\max x_i}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i} \leq n e^{\max x_i}$$

Let $\max x_i = x_k \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{x_1} &\leq e^{x_k} \\ e^{x_2} &\leq e^{x_k} \\ &\vdots \\ e^{x_n} &\leq e^{x_k} \quad (+) \\ \hline \sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i} &\leq n e^{x_k} \quad \underline{OK} \end{aligned}$$

(b) As $e^{x_i} > 0 \ (\forall) x_i \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i} > 0 \Rightarrow \ln\left(\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i}\right)$ is differentiable

chain rule

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial x_j} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i}} \cdot e^{x_j} = \frac{e^{x_j}}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i}}$$

quotient rule

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial x_j^2} = \frac{e^{x_j} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i} - e^{x_j} \cdot e^{x_j}}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i}\right)^2} = \frac{e^{x_j} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i} - e^{x_j}\right)}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i}\right)^2}$$

quotient rule

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial x_k \partial x_j} = \frac{-e^{x_j} \cdot e^{x_k}}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n e^{x_i}\right)^2}$$

1.4. $H: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$H(x) = -x \log_2 x - (1-x) \log_2 (1-x), \quad H(0) = H(1) = 0$$

(a) $\frac{dH}{dx} \stackrel{\text{product rule, chain rule}}{=} -\cancel{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{x} \ln 2} - \log_2 x - \left((1/\cancel{x}) \cdot \frac{1}{(1/\cancel{x}) \ln 2} \cdot (-1) + (-1) \log_2 (1-x) \right)$

$$\frac{dH}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\ln 2} - \log_2 x + \frac{1}{\ln 2} + \log_2 (1-x) = \log_2 \left(\frac{1-x}{x} \right)$$

$\frac{d^2 H}{dx^2} \stackrel{\text{chain rule, quotient rule}}{=} \frac{1}{\frac{1-x}{x} \ln 2} \cdot \frac{(-1)x - (1-x)}{x^2} = \frac{x}{(1-x) \ln 2} \cdot \frac{-1}{x^2} = \frac{-1}{x(1-x) \ln 2}$

$\frac{d^3 H}{dx^3} \stackrel{\text{quotient rule, product rule}}{=} \left(-\frac{1}{\ln 2} \right) \cdot \frac{-((1-x) + x \cdot (-1))}{(x(1-x))^2} = \frac{-1}{\ln 2} \cdot \frac{-1+x+x}{x^2(1-x)^2} = \frac{1-2x}{x^2(1-x)^2 \ln 2}$

$\frac{d^4 H}{dx^4} \stackrel{\text{quotient rule, product rule}}{=} \frac{-2x^2(1-x)^2 - (1-2x)(2x-6x^2+4x^3)}{x^4(1-x)^4 \ln 2} = \frac{-2x^2 + 4x^3 - 2x + 6x^2 - 4x^3 + 12x^3 - 8x^4}{x^4(1-x)^4 \ln 2}$

$\frac{d^4 H}{dx^4} = \frac{6x^3 - 12x^2 + 8x - 2}{x^4(1-x)^4 \ln 2} = \frac{6x^3 - 12x^2 + 8x - 2}{x^3(1-x)^4 \ln 2} = \frac{-6x^2 + 6x - 2}{x^3(1-x)^3 \ln 2} = \frac{6x^2 - 6x + 2}{x^3(x-1)^3 \ln 2}$

(b) $H(x) \stackrel{\text{Taylor's theorem}}{=} H(x_0) + (x-x_0) \frac{dH}{dx}(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2!} \frac{d^2 H}{dx^2}(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)^3}{3!} \frac{d^3 H}{dx^3}(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)^4}{4!} \frac{d^4 H}{dx^4}(\xi)$

$x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$

$$H\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}(-1) - \frac{1}{2}(-1) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$\frac{dH}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \log_2 \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \log_2 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 H}{dx^2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{-1}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \ln 2} = \frac{-1}{\frac{1}{4} \ln 2} = -\frac{4}{\ln 2}$$

$$\frac{d^3 H}{dx^3}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$H(x) = 1 + (x - \frac{1}{2}) \cdot 0 + \frac{(x - \frac{1}{2})^2}{2} \cdot \frac{-4}{\ln 2} + \frac{(x - \frac{1}{2})^3}{6} \cdot 0 + \frac{(x - \frac{1}{2})^4}{24} \cdot \frac{6\xi^2 - 6\xi + 2}{\xi^3(\xi-1)^3 \ln 2}$$

$$H(x) = 1 - \frac{(2x-1)^2}{2 \ln 2} + \frac{(x - \frac{1}{2})^4}{24} \cdot \frac{6\xi^2 - 6\xi + 2}{\xi^3(\xi-1)^3 \ln 2}, \text{ where } \xi \in \left(\frac{1}{2}, x\right)$$

(c) There is no Taylor expansion for $H(x)$ at $x=0$ because H is not differentiable there.

1.5. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = e^x + e^{-x}$

(a) $\frac{df}{dx} = e^x - e^{-x}$

$\frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = e^x + e^{-x}$

$\frac{d^3f}{dx^3} = e^x - e^{-x}$

\vdots

$\frac{d^k f}{dx^k} = \begin{cases} e^x + e^{-x}, & k = \text{even} \\ e^x - e^{-x}, & k = \text{odd} \end{cases}, (x) \in \mathbb{R}$

(b) $f(x_0) = e^{x_0} + e^{-x_0}$

$\frac{d^k f}{dx^k}(x_0) = \begin{cases} e^{x_0} + e^{-x_0}, & k = \text{even} \\ e^{x_0} - e^{-x_0}, & k = \text{odd} \end{cases}$

$x_0 = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{d^k f}{dx^k}(1) = \begin{cases} e^1 + e^{-1} = e + \frac{1}{e} = \frac{e^2 + 1}{e}, & k = \text{even} \\ e^1 - e^{-1} = e - \frac{1}{e} = \frac{e^2 - 1}{e}, & k = \text{odd} \end{cases}$

Taylor's theorem

$f(x) = \frac{e^2 + 1}{e} + (x-1) \frac{e^2 - 1}{e} + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2!} \frac{e^2 + 1}{e} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3!} \frac{e^2 - 1}{e} + \dots + \frac{(x-1)^k}{k!} (e + (-1)^k \frac{1}{e}) + \frac{(x-1)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} (e^{\xi} + \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{e^{\xi}})$

order- k Taylor polynomial for $f(x)$

Lagrange remainder term
 $e_{k+1}(x), \xi \in (1, x)$

(c) $x \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow x-1 \in (-1, 0), \xi \in (0, 1)$

$\underline{k = \text{odd}} \Rightarrow (x-1)^{k+1} \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow \frac{(x-1)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \in (0, \frac{1}{(k+1)!}) \Rightarrow 0 < e_{k+1}(x) < \frac{(e + \frac{1}{e})}{(k+1)!}$

$e^{\xi} + \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{e^{\xi}} = e^{\xi} + \frac{1}{e^{\xi}} < e + \frac{1}{e}$

$\underline{k = \text{even}} \Rightarrow (x-1)^{k+1} \in (-1, 0)$

$\frac{(x-1)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \in (-\frac{1}{(k+1)!}, 0) \Rightarrow -\frac{(e - \frac{1}{e})}{(k+1)!} < e_{k+1}(x) < 0$

$e^{\xi} + \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{e^{\xi}} = e^{\xi} - \frac{1}{e^{\xi}} < e - \frac{1}{e}$

$\frac{(1 - e)}{(k+1)!} < e_{k+1}(x) < 0$

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(d) object Problem {
def main (args: Array[String]) =
{
var ok = 0 ; var k = 1
val boundodd : Double = 3.08616127 // boundodd = e + e-1
val boundeven : Double = 2.35040239 // boundeven = e - e-1
val precision : Double = 0.000000000000001 // precision = 10-15
val error : Double = 0.0
while (ok == 0)
{
if (k % 2 == 0)
{
error = boundeven
for (i <- 1 to (k+1)) error = error / i // error =  $\frac{e - e^{-1}}{(k+1)!}$ 
if (error <= precision) ok = 1
}
else {
error = boundodd
for (i <- 1 to (k+1)) error = error / i // error =  $\frac{e + e^{-1}}{(k+1)!}$ 
if (error <= precision) ok = 1
}
k = k + 1
}
k = k - 1
println ("The order of the Taylor polynomial is " + k + " and the error is " + error)
}
}

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The order of the Taylor polynomial is 17 and the error is 4.820339161456492 E-16.

1.6. \underline{A} , \underline{b} , $c \in \mathbb{R}$ fixed, \underline{A} symmetric

$$f(\underline{x}) = \sin(\underbrace{\underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T \underline{b} + c}_{\text{chain rule}})$$

$$(a) \frac{df}{d\underline{x}} \stackrel{\text{chain rule}}{=} \cos(\underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T \underline{b} + c) \cdot (2 \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{b})$$

$$\underline{H}(f) = \underline{J} \left(\frac{df}{d\underline{x}} \right) = \underline{J} \left(\cos(\underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T \underline{b} + c) \cdot (2 \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{b}) \right) \quad (\text{product of scalar and vector rule})$$

$$\underline{H}(f) = (2 \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{b}) \left(-\sin(\underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T \underline{b} + c) \cdot (2 \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{b}) \right)^T + \cos(\underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T \underline{b} + c) \cdot \underline{J}(2 \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{b}),$$

where $\underline{J}(2 \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{b}) = \underline{J}(2 \underline{A} \underline{x}) + \underline{J}(\underline{b}) = 2 \underline{A}$

$$\underline{H}(f) = (2 \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{b}) \left((-1) \cdot \sin(\underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T \underline{b} + c) (2 \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{b}) \right)^T + 2 \cos(\underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T \underline{b} + c) \cdot \underline{A}$$

$$(b) f_2(\underline{x}) = f(\underline{x}_0) + (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0)^T \frac{df}{d\underline{x}}(\underline{x}_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0)^T \underline{H}(f)(\underline{x}_0) (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0) + e_3 \quad (\text{multivariate Taylor's theorem})$$

We have: $(\underline{x}_0 = \underline{0})$

$$f(\underline{0}) = \sin c$$

$$\frac{df}{dx}(\underline{0}) = \cos c \cdot \underline{b}$$

$$\underline{H}(f)(\underline{0}) = \underline{b} \cdot ((-\sin c) \cdot \underline{b}^T) + 2 \cos c \cdot \underline{a}$$

Then, we obtain:

$$f_2(\underline{x}) = \sin c + \cos c \cdot \underline{x}^T \underline{b} + \underline{x}^T \left(\cos c \cdot \underline{a} - \frac{\sin c}{2} \underline{b} \underline{b}^T \right) \underline{x} + e_3,$$

where e_3 is the remainder term g.e.d.

1.7. $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 3x^4 - 4(a+b)x^3 + 6abx^2$$

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 12(a+b)x^2 + 12abx = 12x(x-a)(x-b) \Rightarrow \boxed{f'(0)=0}, \boxed{f'(a)=0}, \boxed{f'(b)=0}$$

$$f''(x) = 36x^2 - 24(a+b)x + 12ab \Rightarrow \boxed{f''(0)=12ab}$$

$f'(x)=0 \Rightarrow f$ has a stationary point at $x=0$

Case 1: $x=0$ is a local maximum

$$f''(0) < 0 \Rightarrow 12ab < 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{ab < 0}$$

Case 2: $x=0$ is a local minimum

$$f''(0) > 0 \Rightarrow 12ab > 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{ab > 0}$$

Case 3: $x=0$ is a stationary point of inflexion

$$f''(0)=0 \Rightarrow 12ab=0 \Rightarrow \boxed{ab=0} \text{ (however for } a=b=0, x=0 \text{ is Case 2)}$$

As $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (3x^4 - 4(a+b)x^3 + 6abx^2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3x^4 \left(1 - \frac{4(a+b)}{3x} + \frac{2ab}{x^2} \right) = +\infty$ and $f(0)=0$, $x=0$ cannot be the global maximum of f .

Now, knowing the fact that $x=0$ is a local minimum i.e. $ab > 0$, we want to determine the values of a and b for which it is also the global minimum for f .

We have:

$$f(a) = 3a^4 - 4(a+b)a^3 + 6aba^2 = 3a^4 - 4a^4 - 4a^3b + 6a^3b = 2a^3b - a^4 = a^3(2b-a)$$

$$f(b) = 3b^4 - 4(a+b)b^3 + 6abb^2 = 3b^4 - 4ab^3 - 4b^4 + 6ab^3 = 2ab^3 - b^4 = b^3(2a-b)$$

In order for $x=0$ to be a global minimum, $f(0)$ has to be smaller or equal to $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, which are the only ones that could be points of global minimum for f . (Supposing that $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}, c \neq 0, c \neq a, c \neq b$, with $f(c)$ global minimum $\Rightarrow f'(c)=0 \Rightarrow f'$ has 4 roots, but f' is a polynomial of degree 3, so we reach a contradiction).

We'll treat two cases here:

Case 1 : $a, b > 0$

$$\text{We need } f(a) \geq 0 \Rightarrow a^3(2b-a) \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2b-a \geq 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a \leq 2b}$$

$$\text{and } f(b) \geq 0 \Rightarrow b^3(2a-b) \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2a-b \geq 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{b \leq 2a}$$

Case 2 : $a, b < 0$

$$\text{We need that } f(a) \geq 0 \Rightarrow a^3(2b-a) \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2b-a \leq 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a \geq 2b}$$

$$\text{and } f(b) \geq 0 \Rightarrow b^3(2a-b) \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2a-b \leq 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{b \geq 2a}$$

Therefore $x=0$ is a global minimum if $a, b > 0$ and $a \leq 2b, b \leq 2a$ or if $a, b < 0$ and $a \geq 2b, b \geq 2a$.