

0.0.1 Differentiation in many variables

A function $f : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is (total) differentiable in x_0 if it exists a linear map $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + A(x - x_0) + R(x_0, x)$$

Where $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{R(x_0, x)}{|x - x_0|} = 0$. In this case A is called the differential of f at x_0 and it's denoted as $(df)(x_0)$.

Let (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) be a matrix representation of the linear map $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (wrt to the standard Basis). Then f differentiable at x_0 means:

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + A_1(x^1 - x_0^1) + A_2(x^2 - x_0^2) + \dots + A_n(x^n - x_0^n) + R(x, x_0)$$

$$P(x, x_0) = f(x_0) + [A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n] \begin{bmatrix} x^1 - x_0^1 \\ \dots \\ x^n - x_0^n \end{bmatrix} \text{ is the equation of the tangent plane at the point } f(x_0)$$

on the surface formed by the graph of f .

Fact if $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable in $x_0 \in \Omega$ then the partial derivative exist and the differential $df(x_0)$ has the matrix representation

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0) \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^n}(x_0) \right) = \nabla f$$

the gradient of f .

Fact f differentiable in $x_0 \Rightarrow f$ is continuous in x_0 .

Fact If all partial derivatives of f are continuous then f is differentiable.

Using these last two facts and the definition of differentiability one can study if a given function is differentiable or not.

Differentiation rules

Let $f, g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable in x_0 . Then:

1. $d(f \pm g)(x_0) = df(x_0) \pm dg(x_0)$
2. $d(fg)(x_0) = g(x_0)df(x_0) + f(x_0)dg(x_0)$
3. $d(f/g)(x_0) = \frac{g(x_0)df(x_0) - f(x_0)dg(x_0)}{(g(x_0))^2}$
4. Let $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable in $g(x_0)$, then

$$d(hog)(x_0) = h'(g(x_0))dg(x_0)$$

5. Let $H : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be differentiable in $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and f differentiable in $H(t_0)$. Then

$$\frac{d}{dt}(f \circ H)(t_0) = df(H(t_0))H'(t_0)$$

where $H(t) = (H_1(t), \dots, H_n(t))$ and $H'(t) = (H'_1(t), \dots, H'_n(t))$

Directional derivative

The directional derivative of f in the direction of a unit vector $e \in \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$ is given by $d_e f(x_0) = \nabla f(x_0) \cdot e$.

Particular higher derivatives

One can similarly define higher derivatives order partial derivatives for functions $f \in C^m(\Omega)$.

Fact (Schwarz) if $f \in C^2(\Omega)$ then $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^j \partial x^i}$ and in general for $f \in C^m(\Omega)$ all n partial derivatives of f of order $\leq m$ are independent of the order of differentiation. Using higher order derivatives one can analogous to the 1-dimensional case define a Taylor approximation of f .

Fact Let $f \in C^m(\Omega)$, $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $x_1, x_0 \in \Omega$. Then

$$f(x_1) = f(x_0) + \nabla f(x_0)(x_1 - x_0) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(x_0)(x_1^i - x_0^i)(x_1^j - x_0^j) + R_3(f, x_1, x_0)$$

Where $\lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x_0} \frac{R(f, x_1, x_0)}{\|x_1 - x_0\|^3} = 0$

The analogue of the second derivative is given by the matrix of partial derivatives of order 2. This matrix is called the Hesse-matrix of f .

$$\text{Hess}(f) = \nabla^2 f = \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \right)_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$$

The extrema of a function $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Definition A point $x \in \Omega$ is called a critical point if $\nabla f(x) = 0$.

Fact f differentiable, x_0 is called local extrema of f then x_0 is a critical point.

Fact Let x_0 be a critical point of f . Then we have three different cases:

1. x_0 is a local minima if $\nabla^2 f(x_0)$ is positive definite.
2. x_0 is a local maxima if $\nabla^2 f(x_0)$ is negative definite.
3. Otherwise it is a saddle point (Sattelpunkt).

Fact Let $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous and differentiable on an open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Let $\partial\Omega$ be the boundary of Ω . Then every global extrema of f is either a critical point of f in Ω or a global extremal point of $f|_{\partial\Omega}$ (f restricted to the boundary).

Example (FS 2011) Sei $f(x, y) = 4x^2y^2 - x^2 - 4y^2 + 1$. Bestimme die globalen Extrema von f auf dem Gebiet $\Omega = \{(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 \leq 1, y \geq 0\}$.

Solution We first find the critical points:

$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} 8xy^2 - 2x \\ 8x^2y - 8y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x(4y^2 - 1) &= 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = \pm \frac{1}{2} \\ 8y(x^2 - 1) &= 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1 \text{ or } y = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$(0, 0), (\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2})$ are the critical points of f . Since $y \geq 0$ we only take $P_1 = (0, 0), P_{2,3} = (\pm 1, \frac{1}{2})$. Then we need to compute $\text{Hess}(f)$.

$$\text{Hess}(f) = \begin{pmatrix} 8y^2 - 2 & 16xy \\ 16xy & 8x^2 - 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hess}(f)(0,0) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{negative definite} \Rightarrow \text{local maxima}$$

$$\text{Hess}(f)(1, \frac{1}{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 8 \\ 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{indefinite}$$

$$\text{Hess}(f)(-1, \frac{1}{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -8 \\ -8 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{indefinite}$$

To find global extrema we need to look at f on the boundary of Ω , which is the curve $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 = 1$ and the line $y = 0$. First on the line $y = 0$ let $g = f|_{y=0} = -x^2 + 1$.

$$g'(x) = -2x \Rightarrow x = 0, P_1(0,0) \text{ is a point we need to check}$$

We also need to check the corners $P_{4,5} = (\pm 2, 0)$. On the ellipse: let $h = f|_{\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 = 1} = -x^4 + 4x^2 - 3$.

$$h'(x) = -4x^3 + 8x = 0 \Rightarrow P_6 = (0, 1), P_{7,8} = (\pm\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$$

Now we look at the values of f at these points. $f(P_1) = f(0,0) = 1, f(P_{2,3}) = 0, f(P_{4,5}) = -3, f(P_6) = -3, f(P_{7,8}) = 1$. f has also a minima at $(\pm 2, 0), (0, 1)$ and a maxima at $(0, 0), (\pm\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$.

Example (FS 2010)

1. Bestimme das Taylorpolynom erster Ordnung der Funktion $f(x, y) = e^{x^2}(x + y)$ um dem Punkt $(1, 1)$.
2. Bestimme $c \in \mathbb{R}$ so dass der Vektor $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ tangential an den Graphen $g(f) = \{(x, y, f(x, y)) : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ im Punkt } (1, 1, z) \text{ liegt.}$

Solution

$$1. \nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} 2xe^{x^2}(x+y) + e^{x^2} \\ e^{x^2} \end{pmatrix}, \nabla f(1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 5e \\ e \end{pmatrix}, f(1, 1) = 2e$$

$$f(x, y) = 2e + \begin{pmatrix} 5e \\ e \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x-1 \\ y-1 \end{pmatrix} + r_2(x, y) = 2e + 5e(x-1) + e(y-1) + (x-1)(\nabla^2 f)(t) \begin{pmatrix} x-1 \\ y-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The Taylor polynomial of order 1 is $z = 2e + 5e(x-1) + e(y-1)$

2. The vector $(1, -1, c)^T$ must be perpendicular to the normal vector of the plane, that is (from part 1) $n = (5e, e, -1)^T$. Hence

$$(1, -1, c) \cdot (5e, e, -1) = 0 \Rightarrow 4e - c = 0 \Rightarrow c = 4e$$

0.0.2 Line(Weg) integral

Let $v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a vector field and γ a curve with parametrization $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \Omega, t \rightarrow \gamma(t)$. Then the line integral of v along γ is defined as

$$\int_{\gamma} v ds = \int_a^b \langle v(\gamma(t)), \gamma'(t) \rangle dt$$

Facts

1. $\int_{\gamma} v ds$ is independent of the parametrization of the path.
2. $\int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} v ds = \int_{\gamma_1} v ds + \int_{\gamma_2} v ds$
3. $\int_{\gamma} v ds = - \int_{-\gamma} v ds$
4. If v is the gradient vector field associated to a function f i.e. $v = df$ then $\int_{\gamma} v ds = f(\gamma(b)) - f(\gamma(a))$, where $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \Omega$.

Equivalent one can change everything in terms of 1-forms $\lambda = \lambda_1 dx^1 + \lambda_2 dx^2 + \dots + \lambda_n dx^n$. Then

$$\int_{\gamma} \lambda = \int_a^b \lambda(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt$$

Fact $\lambda : \Omega \rightarrow L(\mathbb{R}^{\times}, \mathbb{R})$ a constant 1-form, then the following are equivalent:

1. $\exists f \in C^1(\Omega) : df = \lambda$
2. For every 2 continuous C'-paths γ_1, γ_2 with $\gamma_i : [a_i, b_i] \rightarrow \Omega$ with the same beginning and ending points:

$$\int_{\gamma_1} \lambda = \int_{\gamma_2} \lambda$$

3. For every closed curve γ , $\int_{\gamma} \lambda = 0$

Definition A vector field $V : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is called conservative if $\int_{\gamma} V ds = 0$ for every closed curve γ .

Fact For a simply connected region Ω , we have

$$V \text{ is conservative} \iff v = \nabla f \text{ for some function } f$$