

**Definition 0.1. (Bounds).** Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Then...

1.  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  is called an upper bound of  $X$  if  $x \leq u$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .
2.  $l \in \mathbb{R}$  is called a lower bound of  $X$  if  $x \geq l$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .

**Definition 0.2. (Extremum).** Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be bounded. Then...

1.  $y = \sup(X)$  (supremum of  $X$ ) if  $y$  is an upper bound and,  $y'$  is another upper bound, then  $y' \geq y$ .
2.  $z = \inf(X)$  (infimum of  $X$ ) if  $z$  is a lower bound and,  $z'$  is another lower bound, then  $z' \leq z$ .

Also if...

1.  $\sup(X) \in X$ , then we call it the maximum of  $X$ .
2.  $\inf(X) \in X$ , then we call it the minimum of  $X$ .

**Definition 0.3. (Neighborhood).** Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then  $B_\epsilon(x) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x - y| < \epsilon\}$ . This is called an  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x$ .

**Definition 0.4. (Classification of points).** Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $x$  is called

- interior point of  $X$  if  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that  $B_\epsilon(x) \subseteq X$ .
- boundary point of  $X$  if  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\epsilon(x) \cap X \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_\epsilon(x) \cap X^c \neq \emptyset$
- exterior point of  $X$  if it is an interior point of  $X^c$

Notation:  $X^\circ =$  interior of  $X =$  set of all interior point of  $X$ .  $\delta X =$  boundary of  $X =$  set of all boundary points of  $X$

**Definition 0.5. (Closure).**  $X$  is called open if it only consists of interior points. ( $X = X^\circ$ )

$X$  is called closed if its complement is open.

$\Rightarrow X$  is open if it contains none of its boundary points.

$\Rightarrow X$  is closed if it contains all of its boundary points

**Definition 0.6. (Convergent sequence; limit of sequence).** A sequence  $i \mapsto a_i$  if points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  converges to  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists M \text{ s.t. } m > M \Rightarrow |a_m - a| < \epsilon$$

We then call  $\mathbf{a}$  the limit of the sequence.

**Definition 0.7. (Limit of a function).** Let  $X$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{x}_0$  a point in  $\overline{X}$  (note  $\overline{X} = X \cup \delta X$ ). A function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  has the limit  $\mathbf{a}$  at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ :

$$\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0} f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}$$

if  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in X$ ,

$$|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{a}| < \epsilon$$

Related Prop: *If a function has a limit, it is unique.*

**Definition 0.8. (Closure).**  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , define the closure of  $X$ :  $\overline{X} = X \cup \delta X$

**Definition 0.9. (Continuous function).** Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is continuous at  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in X$  iff

$$\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0} f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}_0);$$

$f$  is continuous on  $X$  if it is continuous at every point of  $X$ . Equivalently,  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is continuous at  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in X$  if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that when  $|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0| < \delta$ , then  $|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}_0)| < \epsilon$ .

**Definition 0.10. (Bounded set).** A subset  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is bounded if it is contained in a ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  centered at the origin:

$$X \subset B_R(0) \quad \text{for some } R < \infty.$$

**Definition 0.11. (Compact set).** A nonempty subset  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is compact if it is closed and bounded.

**Definition 0.12. (Derivative).** Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. Then  $f$  is differentiable at  $a \in U$  with derivative  $f'(a)$  if the limit

$$f'(a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} (f(a+h) - f(a)) \quad \text{exists}$$

**Definition 0.13. (Derivatives in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ).** Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open subset and let  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a mapping; let  $\mathbf{a}$  be a point in  $U$ . If there exists a linear transformation (represented by matrix)  $[Df(\mathbf{x})] \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$  such that

$$\lim_{\vec{h} \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{|\vec{h}|} (f(\mathbf{x} + \vec{h}) - f(\mathbf{x})) - [Df(\mathbf{x})]\vec{h} = \vec{0}$$

then  $f$  is differentiable at  $\mathbf{a}$ , and  $[Df(\mathbf{x})]$  is unique and is the derivative of  $f$  at  $\mathbf{a}$ .

**Definition 0.14. (Partial derivative).** The right-hand side of # is called the partial derivative of  $f$  (with respect to the  $i$ th variable evaluated at  $\mathbf{x}$ ):

$$D_i f(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( f \left( \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i + h \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \right) - f \left( \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \right) \right)$$

(Given such limit exists, of course). Therefore, we can calculate it by considering  $x_i$  the only variable, and holding all other components constant.

**Definition 0.15. (Jacobian matrix).** The Jacobian matrix of a function  $f : U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  [i.e.  $f(\mathbf{a}) = (f_1(\mathbf{a}), \dots, f_m(\mathbf{a}))$ ] is the  $m \times n$  matrix composed of the  $n$  partial derivatives of  $f$  evaluated at  $\mathbf{a}$ :

$$[Jf(\mathbf{a})] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} D_1 f_1(\mathbf{a}) & \cdots & D_n f_1(\mathbf{a}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ D_1 f_m(\mathbf{a}) & \cdots & D_n f_m(\mathbf{a}) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition 0.16. (Directional derivatives).** The directional derivative of  $f$  at  $\mathbf{x}$  in direction  $\vec{v}$  gives the rate of change of  $f$  as we step into direction  $\vec{v}$ . It is defined as

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + h\vec{v}) - f(\mathbf{x})}{h}$$

We will see shortly that this evaluates to  $[Df(\mathbf{x})]\vec{v}$ .

**Definition 0.17. ( $C^p$  function).** A  $C^p$  function on  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a function that is  $p$  times continuously differentiable: all of its partial derivatives up to order  $p$  exist and are continuous on  $U$ .

**Definition 0.18. (Newton's method).** Let  $\vec{f}$  be a differentiable map from  $U$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $U$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Newton's method consists of starting with some guesses  $\mathbf{a}_0$  for a solution of  $\vec{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \vec{0}$ . Then linearize the equation at  $\mathbf{a}_0$ : replace the increment to the function,  $\vec{f}(\mathbf{x}) - \vec{f}(\mathbf{a}_0)$ , by a linear function of the increment,  $[\mathbf{D}\vec{f}(\mathbf{a}_0)](\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_0)$ . Now solve the corresponding linear equation:

$$\vec{f}(\mathbf{a}_0) + [\mathbf{D}\vec{f}(\mathbf{a}_0)](\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_0) = \vec{0}$$

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$\mathbf{a}_0 = \text{initial guess}$

$$\mathbf{a}_{n+1} = \mathbf{a}_n - [\mathbf{D}\vec{f}(\mathbf{a}_n)]^{-1}\vec{f}(\mathbf{a}_n)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x_n)}$$

**Definition 0.19. (Smooth manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ).** A subset  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a smooth  $k$ -dimensional manifold if locally it is the graph of a  $C^1$  mapping  $\mathbf{f}$  expressing  $n - k$  variables as functions of other  $k$  variables.