

MAT257 PSET 3—Question 1

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If $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is differentiable at $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then by definition there exists a linear map $\lambda : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ where

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(a+h) - f(a) - \lambda h|}{|h|} = 0$$

Also, as $\lambda : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a linear map, $|\lambda h| \leq M|h|$ for some finite M . This means that

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \varepsilon_1 > 0 \exists \delta_1 > 0 : |h| < \delta_1 &\implies |f(a+h) - f(a) - \lambda h| < \varepsilon_1 |h| \\ &\implies |f(a+h) - f(a) - \lambda h| \leq |f(a+h) - f(a)| + |\lambda h| \\ &\leq |f(a+h) - f(a)| + M|h| \\ &< \varepsilon_1 |h| \\ &\implies |f(a+h) - f(a)| < (\varepsilon_1 - M)|h| \end{aligned}$$

To show the continuity of f at a , it is required that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$. Define $h := x - a$, so, $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a+h) = f(a)$. This means we need to show

$$\forall \varepsilon_2 > 0 \exists \delta_2 > 0 : |h| < \delta_2 \implies |f(a+h) - f(a)| < \varepsilon_2$$

As f is differentiable, we can choose any $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ and there must exist $\delta_1 > 0$. So, choose $\varepsilon_1 = M + \varepsilon_2$