

Problem 1 Rudin Chapt. 9 Problem 6

If $f(0, 0) = 0$ and

$$f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} \quad \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0)$$

prove that $(D_1f)(x, y)$ and $(D_2f)(x, y)$ exist at every point of \mathbb{R}^2 , although f is not continuous at $(0, 0)$.

Solution: When $(x, y) \neq 0$ then

$$(D_1f)(x, y) = \frac{y(y^2 - x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad (D_2f)(x, y) = \frac{x(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

Now at $(0, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} (D_1f)(0, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{|h|} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{h \times 0}{h^2 + 0} - 0}{|h|} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{|h|} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (D_2f)(0, 0) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, k) - f(0, 0)}{|k|} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{0 \times k}{0 + k^2} - 0}{|k|} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{|k|} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $(D_1f)(x, y)$ and $(D_2f)(x, y)$ exists at every point of \mathbb{R}^2 .

Now if we approach $(0, 0)$ along the line then it approaches to 0. But if we approach $(0, 0)$ along the line $y = x$ then

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h, h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2}{2h^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence f is not continuous at $(0, 0)$

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Problem 2 Rudin Chapt. 9 Problem 7

Suppose that f is a real-valued function defined in an open set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, and that the partial derivatives D_1f, \dots, D_nf are bounded in E . Prove that f is continuous in E .

Hint: Proceed as in the proof of Theorem 9.21.

Solution: We have to show that $\forall \epsilon > 0$

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Problem 3 Rudin Chapt. 9 Problem 8

Suppose that f is a differentiable real function in an open set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, and that f has a local maximum at a point $x \in E$. Prove that $f'(x) = 0$.

Solution:

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Problem 4 Rudin Chapt. 9 Problem 10

If f is a real function defined in a convex open set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, such that $(D_1 f)(x) = 0$ for every $x \in E$, prove that $f(x)$ depends only on x_2, \dots, x_n .

Show that the convexity of E can be replaced by a weaker condition, but that some condition is required. For example, if $n = 2$ and E is shaped like a horseshoe, the statement may be false.

Solution:

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Problem 5 Rudin Chapt. 9 Problem 13

Suppose f is a differentiable mapping of \mathbb{R}^1 into \mathbb{R}^3 such that $|f(t)| = 1$ for every t . Prove that $f'(t) \cdot f(t) = 0$.

Interpret this result geometrically.

Solution:

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