Math 571 - Homework 5 (05.22)

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Problem 1 (R:5:8)**.** Suppose f' is continuous on $[a,b]$ and $\epsilon > 0$. Show that there is $\delta > 0$ so that for all t such that $0 < |t-x| < \delta$ and all $a \leq x \leq b$

$$\left|\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} - f'(x)\right| < \epsilon$$

This could be stated as f' is *uniform continuity* on $[a,b]$ provided f' is continuous on $[a,b]$. Does this hold for vector valued functions?

f' is continuous on $[a,b]$ and hence uniformly continuous there since $[a,b]$ is compact. Fix $\epsilon > 0$ and $\delta > 0$ so that $|f'(x) - f'(x')| < \epsilon$ whenever $|x - x'| < \delta$. Let $t \in N_\delta(x)$, then MVT gives $c \in N_\delta(x)$ so that

$$\left|\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} - f'(x)\right| = \left|f'(c) - f'(x)\right| < \epsilon$$

Problem 2 (R:5:9)**.** Suppose f is continuous on $\mathbb{R}$, and it is known that $f'(x)$ exists for all $x \neq 0$ and $f'(x) \to 3$ as $x \to 0$. Must $f'(0)$ exist?

By MVT $\frac{f(0+h)-f(0)}{h} = f'(c)$ for c between 0 and h and so $\lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(0+h)-f(0)}{h} = \lim_{c\to 0} f'(c) = 3$.

Problem 3 (R:5:11)**.** Suppose f is defined in a nbhd of x and $f''(x)$ exists. Show that

$$\lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(x+h)+f(x-h)-2f(x)}{h^2} = f''(x)$$

Show, by example, that the above limit can exist even if $f''(x)$ does not.

Let $F(h) = f(x+h) + f(x-h)$, then $F'(h) = f'(x+h) - f'(x-h)$ and $F(h) - F(0) = f(x+h) + f(x-h) - 2f(x)$. Let $G(h) = h^2$, then by MVT

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{f(x+h)+f(x-h)-2f(x)}{h^2} &= \frac{F(h)-F(0)}{G(h)-G(0)} \\
&= \frac{F'(c)}{G'(c)} \text{ for some } c \in N_h(0) \\
&= \frac{f'(x+c)-f'(x-c)-2f'(x)}{2c} \\
&= \frac{1}{2}\frac{f'(x+c)-f'(x)}{c} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{f'(x-c)-f'(x)}{-c}
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{f(x+h)+f(x-h)-2f(x)}{h^2} = \frac{1}{2}\lim_{c\to 0}\frac{f'(x+c)-f'(x)}{c}+\frac{1}{2}\lim_{d\to 0}\frac{f'(x+d)-f'(x)}{d}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}f''(x)+\frac{1}{2}f''(x) = f''(x)$$

The "symmetry" in the initial formulation gives a hint at how to find the desired counterexample. Consider $f(x) = x^2\sin(\frac{1}{x})$ for $x \neq 0$ and $f(0) = 0$. This function is odd so

$$\frac{f(0+h)+f(0-h)-2f(0)}{h^2} = 0$$

$f'(x) = 2x\sin(\frac{1}{x}) - \cos(\frac{1}{x})$ for $x \neq 0$. At $x = 0$ we have

$$f'(0) = \lim_{h\to 0}\frac{f(h)-f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h\to 0} h\sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) = 0$$

Clearly, $f'(x)$ is not even continuous at $x = 0$ so $f''(0)$ DNE.

Problem 4 (R:5:16)**.** Suppose f is twice diff'ble on $(0,\infty)$ and f'' is bounded on $(0,\infty)$, and $f(x)\to 0$ as $x\to\infty$. Show that $f'(x)\to 0$ as $x\to\infty$.

We have $f(x) = f(a)+f'(a)(x-a)+\frac{f''(c)}{2}(x-a)^2$ for some c between x and a. So $f'(a) = \frac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a} - \frac{f''(c)}{2}(x-a)$. Let $x = a+h$ so we get

$$|f'(a)| \leq \left|\frac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h}\right| + M|h|$$

Pick $\epsilon > 0$. Fixing h we can make $Mh < \epsilon/2$ and letting $a\to\infty$ we can make $|f(a+h)|, |f(a)| < h\epsilon/4$ and thus

$$|f'(a)| \leq \frac{|f(a+h)|}{h}+\frac{|f(a)|}{h}+Mh < \epsilon/4+\epsilon/4+\epsilon/2 = \epsilon$$

Problem 5 (R:5:22)**.** Let $f : [a,b]\to[A,B]$ be differentiable on (a,b) and continuous on $[a,b]$. Here a, b, A, or B could be infinite, in which case we just identify something like $[-\infty,2]$ with the more usual notation $(-\infty,2]$. A point x is a **fixed** point of f iff $f(x) = x$.

(a) Show that if $f'(t)\neq 1$ for all $t\in(a,b)$, then f can have at most one fixed point.

If there were $x,y\in[a,b]$ such that $x\neq y$, $f(x) = x$, and $f(y) = y$, then from MVT, there is c between x and y so that $f(x)-f(y) = x-y = f'(c)(x-y)$, but then $f'(c) = 1$.

(b) Show that $f(t) = t+(1+e^t)^{-1}$ satisfies $|f'(t)| < 1$ and f has no fixed points.

$f'(t) = 1-\frac{e^t}{(1+e^t)^2}$, but $0 < \frac{e^t}{(1+e^t)^2} < 1$ so $0 < f'(t) < 1$.

It can't be the case that $f(t) = t$, since $t = t+(1+e^t)^{-1}$ would imply $(1+e^t)^{-1} = 0$ which is false.

(c) Show that if there is $A < 1$ so that $|f'(t)| \leq A$ for all $t \in (a,b)$, then f has a fixed point and moreover given any $x_0 \in (a,b)$ and taking $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ it turns out that $x_n \to x$ and $f(x) = x$ is the unique fixed point of f.

$$|x_n - x_{n-1}| = |f(x_{n-1}) - f(x_{n-2})| = |f'(c)||x_{n-1} - x_{n-2}| \leq A|x_{n-1} - x_{n-2}|$$

Continuing this gives

$$|x_n - x_{n-1}| \leq A^{n-1}|x_1 - x_0|$$

and thus for $n > m$

$$|x_n - x_m| \leq |x_n - x_{n-1}| + \cdots + |x_{m+1} - x_m| \leq (A^{n-2} + \cdots + A^m)|x_1 - x_0|$$

Now $A^{n-1} + \cdots + A^m = A^m(A^{n-m-1} + \cdots + 1) = A^m\left(\frac{1-A^{n-m}}{1-A}\right) < A^m/(1-A)$ So for $\epsilon > 0$, if N is chosen so that $A^N/(1-A) < \epsilon$ and $m, n \geq N$, then

$$|x_n - x_m| < A^N/(1-A) < \epsilon$$

Thus (x_n) is a C-seq and so $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = x$ exists and by continuity of f, $\lim_{n\to\infty} f(x_n) = f(x)$, but by definition $\lim_{n\to\infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n\to\infty} x_{n+1} = x$ and thus $f(x) = x$. Uniqueness follows from (a).

Problem 6 (Mini Project)**.** Show that $f(x,y) = \sqrt{|xy|}$ is not diff'ble at $(0,0)$, but both partials $f_x(0,0)$ and $f_y(0,0)$ exist.

Compute

$$f_x(0,0) = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{\sqrt{|h\cdot 0|} - \sqrt{|0\cdot 0|}}{h} = 0$$

$$f_y(0,0) = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{\sqrt{|0\cdot h|} - \sqrt{|0\cdot 0|}}{h} = 0$$

If f is diff'ble at $(0,0)$, then

$$D_f(0,0)(h,k) = \begin{bmatrix} f_x(0,0) & f_y(0,0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h \\ k \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Consider

$$o_f(0,0)(h,k) = f(0+h, 0+k) - D_f(0,0)(h,k)$$

and this must satisfy

$$\lim_{(h,k)\to 0} \frac{|f(0+h,0+k) - D_f(0,0)(h,k)|}{\|(h,k\|} = \lim_{(h,k)\to 0} \frac{\sqrt{|hk|}}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}}$$

If you let (h,k) approach $(0,0)$ along $t(1,1)$, then

$$\lim_{(h,k)\to 0} \frac{\sqrt{|hk|}}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}} = \lim_{t\to 0} \frac{\sqrt{t^2}}{\sqrt{2t^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

But if you approach along $t(1,0)$ (the x-axis), then you have

$$\lim_{(h,k)\to 0} \frac{\sqrt{|hk|}}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}} = \lim_{t\to 0} \frac{\sqrt{0}}{\sqrt{t^2}} = 0$$

These two limits do not agree so f is not diff'ble at $(0,0)$.