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# Appendix Part II

### A Calculus of variations

#### A.1 Introduction

In this appendix we drawback essential mathematical concepts for the calculus of variations. Recall how the notion of energy, gradients are extended to function spaces.

[AMR02]

#### A.2 Spaces

#### A.2.1 Normed space

A normed space  $V(\mathbb{K})$  is a vector space V over the scalar field  $\mathbb{K}$  with a norm  $\|.\|$ .

A norm is a map  $\|.\|: V \times V \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}$  which satisfies :

$$||x|| = 0_{\mathbb{K}} \Rightarrow x = 0_V \tag{A.1a}$$

$$\forall x \in V, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{K}, \qquad \|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\| \qquad (A.1b)$$

$$\forall (x,y) \in V^2, ||x+y|| \le ||x|| + ||y|| (A.1c)$$

#### A.2.2 Inner product space

A inner product space or pre-hilbert space  $E(\mathbb{K})$  is a vector space E over the scalar field  $\mathbb{K}$  with an inner product.

An inner product is a map  $\langle : \rangle : E \times E \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}$  which is bilinear, symmetric, positive-definite

:

$$\forall (x, y, z) \in E^{3}, \forall (\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{K}^{2}, \qquad \langle \lambda x + \mu y; z \rangle = \lambda \langle x; z \rangle + \mu \langle y; z \rangle \tag{A.2a}$$

$$\langle x; \lambda y + \mu z \rangle = \lambda \langle x; y \rangle + \mu \langle x; z \rangle$$

$$\forall (x,y) \in E^2, \qquad \langle x;y \rangle = \langle y;x \rangle \tag{A.2b}$$

$$\forall x \in E, \qquad (x; x) \geqslant 0_{\mathbb{K}} \tag{A.2c}$$

$$\forall x \in E, \qquad \langle x; x \rangle = 0_{\mathbb{K}} \Rightarrow x = 0_E \qquad (A.2d)$$

Moreover, an inner product naturally induces a norm on E defined by :

$$\forall x \in E, \quad \|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x; x \rangle} \tag{A.3}$$

Thus, an inner product vector space is also naturally a normed vector space.

#### A.2.3 Euclidean space

An Euclidean space  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R})$  is a finite-dimensional real vector space with an inner product. Thus, distances and angles between vectors could be defined and measured regarding to the norm associated with the chosen inner product.

An Euclidean space is nothing but a finite-dimensional real pre-hilbert space.

#### A.2.4 Banach space

A Banach space  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{K})$  is a complete normed vector space, which means that it is a normed vector space in which every Cauchy sequence of  $\mathcal{B}$  converges in  $\mathcal{B}$  for the given norm.

Thus, a Banach space is a vector space with a metric that allows the computation of vector length and distance between vectors and is complete in the sense that a Cauchy sequence of vectors always converges to a well defined limit in that space.

#### A.2.5 Hilbert space

A Hilbert space is an inner product vector space  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{K})$  such that the natural norm induced by the inner product turns  $\mathcal{H}$  into a complete metric space (i.e. every Cauchy sequence of  $\mathcal{H}$  converges in  $\mathcal{H}$ ).

The Hilbert space concept is a generalization of the Euclidean space concept. In physics it's common to encounter Hilbert spaces as infinite-dimensional function spaces.

Hilbert spaces are Banach spaces, but the converse does not hold generally.

For example,  $\mathcal{L}^2([a,b])$  is an infinite-dimensional Hilbert space with the canonical inner product  $\langle f;g\rangle = \int_a^b fg$ .

Note that  $\mathcal{L}^2$  is the only Hilbert space among the  $\mathcal{L}^p$  spaces.

#### A.3 Derivative

The well known notion of function derivative in  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  can be extended to maps between Banach spaces. This is useful in physics when formulating problems as variational problems, usually in terms of energy minimization. Indeed, energy is generally defined over a functional vector space and not simply over the real line.

In this case, the research of minimal values of a potential energy rests on the calculus of variations of the energy function compared to variations to other functions defining the problem (geometry, materials, boundary conditions, ...).

Mathematical concepts extended well-known notions of derivative, jacobian and hessian in Euclidean spaces (typically  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) for Banach functional spaces.

#### A.3.1 Fréchet derivative

#### Differentiability

Let  $\mathcal{B}_V$  and  $\mathcal{B}_W$  be two Banach spaces and  $U \subset \mathcal{B}_V$  an open subset of  $\mathcal{B}_V$ . Let  $f: u \longmapsto f(u)$  be a function of  $U^{\mathcal{B}_W}$ . f is said to be *Fréchet differentiable* at  $u_0 \in U$  if there exists a continious linear operator  $\mathbf{D}f(u_0) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}_V, \mathcal{B}_W)$  such that :

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(u_0 + h) - f(u_0) - \mathbf{D}f(u_0) \cdot h}{\|h\|} = 0$$
(A.4a)

Or, equivalently:

$$f(u_0 + h) = f(u_0) + \mathbf{D}f(u_0) \cdot h + o(h)$$
 ,  $\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{o(h)}{\|h\|} = 0$  (A.4b)

In the literature, it is common to found the following notations:  $df = \mathbf{D}f(u_0) \cdot h = \mathbf{D}f(u_0) \cdot h = \mathbf{D}f(u_0,h)$  for the differential of f, which means nothing but  $\mathbf{D}f(u_0)$  is linear regarding h. The dot denotes the evaluation of  $\mathbf{D}f(u_0)$  at h. This notation can be ambiguous as far as the linearity of  $\mathbf{D}f(u_0)$  in h is denoted as a product which is not explicitly defined.

#### Derivative

If f is Fréchet differentiable at  $u_0 \in U$ , the continuous linear operator  $\mathbf{D}f(u_0) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}_V, \mathcal{B}_W)$  is called the *Fréchet derivative* of f at  $u_0$  and is also denoted:

$$f'(u_0) = Df(u_0) \tag{A.5}$$

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f is said to be  $\mathcal{C}^1$  in the sens of Fréchet if f is Fréchet differentiable for all  $u \in U$  and the function  $\mathbf{D}f: u \longmapsto f'(u)$  of  $U^{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}_V, \mathcal{B}_W)}$  is continuous.

#### Differential or total derivative

 $df = Df(u_0) \cdot h$  is sometimes called the *differential* or *total derivative* of f and represents the change in the function f for a perturbation h from  $u_0$ .

#### Higer derivatives

Because the differential of f is a linear map from  $\mathcal{B}_V$  to  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}_V, \mathcal{B}_W)$  it is possible to look for the differentiability of  $\mathbf{D}f$ . If it exists, it is denoted  $\mathbf{D}^2f$  and maps  $\mathcal{B}_V$  to  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}_V, \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}_V, \mathcal{B}_W))$ .

#### A.3.2 Gâteaux derivative

#### Directional derivative

Let  $\mathcal{B}_V$  and  $\mathcal{B}_W$  be two Banach spaces and  $U \subset \mathcal{B}_V$  an open subset of  $\mathcal{B}_V$ . Let  $f: u \longmapsto f(u)$  be a function of  $U^{\mathcal{B}_W}$ . f is said to have a derivative in the direction  $h \in \mathcal{B}_V$  at  $u_0 \in U$  if:

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda}f(u_0 + \lambda h)\Big|_{\lambda=0} = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{f(u_0 + \lambda h) - f(u_0)}{\lambda}$$
(A.6)

exists. This element of  $\mathcal{B}_W$  is called the directional derivative of f in the direction h at  $u_0$ .

#### Differentiability

Let  $\mathcal{B}_V$  and  $\mathcal{B}_W$  be two Banach spaces and  $U \subset \mathcal{B}_V$  an open subset of  $\mathcal{B}_V$ . Let  $f: u \longmapsto f(u)$  be a function of  $U^{\mathcal{B}_W}$ . f is said to be  $G\hat{a}teaux$  differentiable at  $u_0 \in U$  if there exists a continious linear operator  $Df(u_0) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}_V, \mathcal{B}_W)$  such that :

$$\forall h \in \mathcal{U}, \quad \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{f(u_0 + \lambda h) - f(u_0)}{\lambda} = \frac{d}{d\lambda} f(u_0 + \lambda h) \Big|_{\lambda = 0} = \mathbf{D} f(u_0) \cdot h \tag{A.7a}$$

Or, equivalently:

$$\forall h \in \mathcal{U}, \quad f(u + \lambda h) = f(u) + \lambda \mathbf{D} f(u_0) \cdot h + o(\lambda) \quad , \quad \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{o(\lambda)}{\lambda} = 0$$
 (A.7b)

In other words, it means that all the directional derivatives of f exist at  $u_0$ .

#### Derivative

If f is Gâteaux differentiable at  $u_0 \in U$ , the continous linear operator  $\mathbf{D}f(u_0) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}_V, \mathcal{B}_W)$  is called the Gâteaux derivative of f at  $u_0$  and is also denoted:

$$f'(u_0) = Df(u_0) \tag{A.8}$$

f is said to be  $\mathcal{C}^1$  in the sens of Gâteaux if f is Gâteaux differentiable for all  $u \in U$  and the function  $\mathbf{D}f : u \longmapsto f'(u)$  of  $U^{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}_V, \mathcal{B}_W)}$  is continuous.

The Gâteaux derivative is a weaker form of derivative than the Fréchet derivative. If f is Fréchet differentiable, then it is also Gâteaux differentiable and its Fréchet and Gâteaux derivatives agree, but the converse does not hold generally.

#### A.3.3 Useful properties

Let  $\mathcal{B}_V$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_W$  and  $\mathcal{B}_Z$  be three Banach spaces. Let  $f, g : \mathcal{B}_V \longmapsto \mathcal{B}_W$  and  $h : \mathcal{B}_W \longmapsto \mathcal{B}_Z$  be three Gâteaux differentiable functions. Then, the following useful properties holds:

$$D(f+g)(u) = Df(u) + Dg(u)$$
(A.9)

$$D(f \circ h)(u) = Dh(f(u)) \circ Df(u) = Dh(f(u)) \cdot Df(u)$$
(A.10)

Recall that the composition of Dh(f(u)) with Df(u) means "Dh(f(u)) applied to Df(u)" and is also denoted by  $\cdot$  as explained previously.

#### A.3.4 Partial derivative

Following [AMR02] the main results on partial derivatives of two-variables functions are presented here. They are generalizable to n-variables functions.

#### Definition

Let  $\mathcal{B}_{V_1}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_{V_2}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_W$  be three Banach spaces and  $U \subset \mathcal{B}_{V_1} \oplus \mathcal{B}_{V_2}$  an open subset of  $\mathcal{B}_{V_1} \oplus \mathcal{B}_{V_2}$ . Let  $f: u \longmapsto f(u)$  be a function of  $U^{\mathcal{B}_W}$ . Let  $u_0 = (u_{01}, u_{02}) \in U$ . If the derivatives of the following functions exist:

$$f_1: \mathcal{B}_{V_1} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_W \qquad f_2: \mathcal{B}_{V_2} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_W \qquad (A.11)$$

$$u_1 \longmapsto f(u_1, u_{02}) \qquad u_2 \longmapsto f(u_{01}, u_2)$$

they are called partial derivatives of f at  $u_0$  and are denoted  $\mathbf{D}_1 f(u_0) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}_{V_1}, \mathcal{B}_W)$  and  $\mathbf{D}_2 f(u_0) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}_{V_2}, \mathcal{B}_W)$ .

#### Differentiability

Let  $\mathcal{B}_{V_1}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_{V_2}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_W$  be three Banach spaces and  $U \subset \mathcal{B}_{V_1} \oplus \mathcal{B}_{V_2}$  an open subset of  $\mathcal{B}_{V_1} \oplus \mathcal{B}_{V_2}$ . Let  $f: u \longmapsto f(u)$  be a function of  $U^{\mathcal{B}_W}$ . If f is differentiable, then the partial derivatives exist and satisfy for all  $h = (h_1, h_2) \in \mathcal{B}_{V_1} \oplus \mathcal{B}_{V_2}$ :

$$\mathbf{D}_1 f(u) \cdot h_1 = \mathbf{D} f(u) \cdot (h_1, 0) \tag{A.12}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_2 f(u) \cdot h_2 = \mathbf{D} f(u) \cdot (0, h_2) \tag{A.13}$$

$$Df(u) \cdot (h_1, h_2) = D_1 f(u) \cdot h_1 + D_2 f(u) \cdot h_2$$
 (A.14)

#### A.4 Gradient vector

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space with the inner product denoted  $\langle , \rangle$ . Let  $U \subset \mathcal{H}$  an open subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $F: u \longmapsto F(u)$  be a scalar function of  $U^{\mathbb{R}}$ . The gradient of F is the map  $\operatorname{grad} F: x \longmapsto (\operatorname{grad} F)(x)$  of  $U^{\mathcal{H}}$  such that:

$$\forall h \in \mathcal{H}, \quad \langle (grad F)(x), h \rangle = \mathbf{D}F(x) \cdot h \tag{A.15}$$

Note that the gradient vector depends on the chosen inner product. For  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the canonical inner product, one can recall the usual definition of the gradient vector and the corresponding linear approximation of F:

$$\mathbf{F}_{x+h} = \mathbf{F}_x + (\operatorname{grad} F)_x^T H + \mathbf{o}(H) \quad , \quad \operatorname{grad} F_x = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
(A.16)

Recall that the canonical inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is such that  $\langle x, y \rangle = X^T Y$  in a column vector representation. In this case it is common to denote  $\operatorname{grad} F = \nabla F$ .

For function spaces the usual definition of the gradient can be extended. For instance if F is a scalar function on  $\mathcal{L}^2$ , the gradient of F is the unique function (if it exists) from  $\mathcal{L}^2$  which satisfies:

$$\forall h \in \mathcal{L}^2, \quad \mathbf{D}F(x) \cdot h = \langle (grad \ F)(x), h \rangle = \int (grad \ F)h \tag{A.17}$$

In this case it is common to denote  $\operatorname{grad} F = \frac{\delta F}{\delta x}$ . The gradient is also known as the functional derivative. The existence and unicity of  $\operatorname{grad} F$  is ensured by the Riesz representation theorem.

#### A.5 Jacobian matrix

Let f be a differentiable function from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . The differential or total derivative of such a function is a linear application from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  which could be represented with the

following matrix called the jacobian matrix:

$$\mathbf{D}f(x) = \mathbf{J}_{x} = \frac{df}{dx} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_{1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_{n}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial x_{1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial x_{n}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_{m}}{\partial x_{1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_{m}}{\partial x_{n}} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{R})$$
(A.18)

Thus, with the matrix notation, the Taylor expansion takes the following form:

$$\boldsymbol{F}_{x+h} = \boldsymbol{F}_x + \boldsymbol{J}_x H + \boldsymbol{o}(H) \tag{A.19}$$

In the cas m = 1, the jacobian matrix of the functional F is nothing but the gradient vector transpose itself:

$$DF(x) = J_x = \frac{dF}{dx} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} = \nabla F^T$$
 (A.20)

#### A.6 Hessian

Let F be a differentiable scalar function from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . The second order differential of such a function is a linear application from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  which could be represented with the following matrix called the *hessian matrix*:

$$\mathbf{D}^{2}F(x) = \mathbf{H}_{x} = \frac{d^{2}F}{dx}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{1}^{2}}{\partial x_{1}^{2}} & \frac{\partial F_{1}^{2}}{\partial x_{1}\partial x_{2}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_{1}^{2}}{\partial x_{1}\partial x_{n}} \\ \frac{\partial F_{1}^{2}}{\partial x_{2}\partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial F_{1}^{2}}{\partial x_{2}^{2}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_{1}^{2}}{\partial x_{2}\partial x_{n}} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_{p}^{2}}{\partial x_{n}\partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial F_{p}^{2}}{\partial x_{n}\partial x_{2}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_{p}^{2}}{\partial x_{2}^{2}} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$$
(A.21)

Thus, with the matrix notation, the Taylor expansion takes the following form :

$$\boldsymbol{F}_{x+h} = \boldsymbol{F}_x + \boldsymbol{J}_x H + \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{H}^T \boldsymbol{H}_x H + \boldsymbol{o}(H)$$
(A.22)

#### A.7 Functional

A functional is a map from a vector space  $E(\mathbb{K})$  into its underlying scalar field  $\mathbb{K}$ . Here  $\mathcal{E}_p[x,\theta]$  is a functional depending over x and  $\theta$ .

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