

MATH 2XX3 - Advanced Calculus II

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1 Introduction

In this course, we wish to study calculus using the concepts from linear algebra.

1.1 Vector norm

Definition 1.1. Euclidean norm of $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is given as

$$\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}} = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2}$$

Theorem 1.1 (Properties of a norm).

1. $\|\vec{x}\| \geq 0$ and $\|\vec{x}\| = 0$ iff $\vec{x} = \vec{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$.
2. For all scalars $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $\|a\vec{x}\| = |a| \cdot \|\vec{x}\|$.
3. (Triangle inequality) $\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\| \leq \|\vec{x}\| + \|\vec{y}\|$.

We say that this is a property of a norm because there are other norms, which measure distance in \mathbb{R}^n in different ways!

Example 1.1.1 (A non-pythagorean norm - *The Taxi Cab Norm*). Consider the following vector $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. The euclidean norm gives the length of the diagonal line. On the other hand,

$$\|\vec{p}\|_1 = |p_1| + |p_2|$$

gives us the total distance in a rectangular grid system.

For $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\|\vec{p}\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |p_j|$. Note that the Taxi Cab norm is a valid norm because it satisfies all properties of a norm above. So it also gives us a valid alternative way to measure *distance* in \mathbb{R}^n , $\text{dist}(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) = \|\vec{p} - \vec{q}\|$. This way of measuring distance gives \mathbb{R}^n a *different geometry*.

Definition 1.2. Neighborhood of a point \vec{p} , or disks centered at \vec{p} is defined as

$$D_r(\vec{p}) = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\vec{x} - \vec{p}\| < r\}$$

Definition 1.3. Sphere is defined as

$$S_r(\vec{p}) = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\vec{x} - \vec{p}\| = r\}$$

What neighborhood and sphere look like depends on which norm you choose. First, let's start with the familiar euclidean norm. Then, the sphere is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{x} - \vec{p}\| &= r \\ \iff \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - p_j)^2} &= r \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - p_j)^2 = r^2$$

If $n = 3$, we have $(x_1 - p_1)^2 + (x_2 - p_2)^2 + (x_3 - p_3)^2 = r^2$, usual sphere in \mathbb{R}^3 with center $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$

If $n = 2$, we have $(x_1 - p_1)^2 + (x_2 - p_2)^2 = r^2$, usual circle in \mathbb{R}^n with center $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2)$.

If we replace Euclidean norm by the Taxi Cab norm (for simplicity, take $\vec{p} = \vec{0}$), we have

$$S_r^{\text{taxi}}(\vec{0}) = \left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\vec{x} - \vec{0}\|_1 = r \right\}$$

In other words, we have

$$\vec{x} \in S_r^{\text{taxi}}(\vec{0}) \iff \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j| = r$$

Looking at it in \mathbb{R}^2 , we have $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2)$. Then, $r = |x_1| + |x_2|$. This, in fact, is a diamond.

Remark. Note that $|x_1| + |x_2| = r$ is a *circle* in \mathbb{R}^2 under the Taxi Cab norm. Then, we have

$$\pi = \frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{diameter}} = \frac{8r}{2r} = 4$$

1.2 Subset

Let's introduce some properties of *subsets* in \mathbb{R}^n . $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ means A is a *collection* of points \vec{x} , drawn from \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition 1.4. Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, and $\vec{p} \in A$. We say \vec{p} is an *interior point* of A if there exists a *neighbourhood* of \vec{p} , i.e. an *open disk*, which is entirely contained in A :

$$D_r(\vec{p}) \subset A.$$

Example 1.2.1.

$$A = \left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \vec{x} \neq \vec{0} \right\}$$

Take any $\vec{p} \in A$, so $\vec{p} \neq \vec{0}$. Then, let $r = \|\vec{p} - \vec{0}\| > 0$, and $D_r(\vec{p}) \subset A$, since $\vec{0} \notin D_r(\vec{p})$. (Notice: any smaller disk, $D_s(\vec{p}) \subset D_r(\vec{p}) \subset A$, where $0 < s < r$ works to show that \vec{p} is an interior point).

So every $\vec{p} \in A$ is an interior point to A .

Definition 1.5. If every $\vec{p} \in A$ is an interior point, we call A an open set.

Example 1.2.2. $A = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n | \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}\}$ is an open set.

Example 1.2.3. $A = D_R(\vec{0})$ is an open set.

Proof. If $\vec{p} = \vec{0}$, $D_r(\vec{0}) \subseteq A = D_R(\vec{0})$ provided $r \leq R$. So $\vec{p} = \vec{0}$ is interior to A . Consider any other $\vec{p} \in A$. It's evident that $D_r(\vec{p}) \subset A = D_R(\vec{0})$ provided that $0 \leq r \leq R - \|\vec{p}\|$. Therefore, $A = D_R(\vec{0})$ is an open set. \square

Example 1.2.4. Suppose we use Taxi Cab disks instead of Euclidean disk. It does not change which points are interior to A since the diamond is inscribed in a circle. In other words,

$$D_r^{\text{taxi}}(\vec{p}) \subset D_r^{\text{Euclid}}(\vec{p})$$

Definition 1.6. The complement of set A is

$$A^c = \{\vec{x} | \vec{x} \notin A\}$$

Definition 1.7. \vec{b} is a boundary point of A if for every $r > 0$, $D_r(\vec{b})$ contains both points in A and points not in A :

$$D_r(\vec{b}) \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ and } D_r(\vec{b}) \cap A^c \neq \emptyset$$

In the example 1.2.3, the set of all boundary points of $A = D_R(\vec{0})$

$$\left\{ \vec{b} \mid \|\vec{b}\| = R \right\}$$

is a sphere of radius R .

Definition 1.8. A set A is closed if A^c is open.

Theorem 1.2. A is closed if and only if A contains all its boundary points.

Example 1.2.5. Consider the following set:

$$A = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x_1 \geq 0, x_2 > 0\}$$

If $\vec{p}_1 = (p_1, p_2)$, where $p_1 > 0, p_2 > 0$, then \vec{p}_1 is an interior point. Take $r = \min\{p_1, p_2\}$. Then, $D_r(\vec{p}) \subset A$. On the other hand, any \vec{p} that lies on either axes (including $\vec{0}$) is a boundary point. Since there are boundary points in A , A can't be open.

1.3 Functions

In this section, we will be considering vector values functions such that

$$F : A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k.$$

We can rewrite this using a matrix notation:

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \begin{bmatrix} F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots \\ F_k(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 1.3.1. For a $(k \times n)$ matrix M ,

$$F(\vec{x}) = M\vec{x}$$

First, we wish to study limits. What does $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} F(\vec{x}) = \vec{L}$ mean? Note that it's not enough to treat the variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n separately.

Example 1.3.2. Consider the following function:

$$F(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2 + 4y^2},$$

where $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$. First, we can attempt to find its limit by considering them separately.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} F(x, y) \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{0}{x^2} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 0 = 0$$

Similarly, we have

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} F(x, y) \right) = 0$$

However, if $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ along a straight line path with $y = mx$, where m is constant, we have

$$F(x, mx) = \frac{mx^2}{x^2 + 4m^2x^2} = \frac{m}{1 + 4m^2}$$

In this case, we have

$$\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ \text{along } y=mx}} F(x, y) = \frac{m}{1 + 4m^2}$$

Therefore, the values of $F(x, y)$ don't approach any particular value as $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$.

Example 1.3.3 (Worse). Consider the following function:

$$F(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{x^4 + y^2}.$$

If we approach $(0, 0)$ along $y = mx$, limit equals 1. However, if we approach along a parabola, $y = mx^2$, limit equals $m^2/(1 + m^2)$. We get different limits along different parabolas.

We showed that computing

$$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} = \vec{b}$$

is tricky because $\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}$ has to be more precise. It can't depend on the path or direction on which \vec{x} approaches \vec{a} , but only on *proximity*. In other words, we want $\|\vec{F}(\vec{x}) - \vec{b}\|$ to go to zero as $\|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|$ goes to zero.

Definition 1.9. We say $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \vec{F}(\vec{x}) = \vec{b}$ if for any given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that whenever $0 < \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\| < \delta$, we have $\|\vec{F}(\vec{x}) - \vec{b}\| < \varepsilon$. Therefore,

$$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \vec{F}(\vec{x}) = \vec{b} \iff \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \|\vec{F}(\vec{x}) - \vec{b}\| = 0$$

Remark. Geometrically, for any given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\vec{F}(\vec{x}) \in D_\varepsilon(\vec{b}),$$

where $\vec{x} \in D_\delta(\vec{a})$.

Before doing examples, here's a useful observations. Take $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then, we have

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n v_j^2} \geq \sqrt{v_i^2} = |v_i|$$

for each coordinate $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Example 1.3.4. Show

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2x^2y}{x^2 + y^2} = 0$$

Proof. Note that $F : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{\vec{0}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $b = 0$, $\vec{a} = (0, 0)$. Call

$$R = \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\| = \|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Since $\vec{F}(\vec{x}) \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\vec{F}(\vec{x}) - \vec{b}\| &= |F(\vec{x}) - b| \\
&= \left| \frac{2x^2y}{x^2 + y^2} - 0 \right| \\
&= \frac{2|x|^2|y|}{x^2 + y^2} \\
&\leq \frac{2 \cdot R^2 \cdot R}{R^2} \\
&= 2R \\
&= 2\|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|
\end{aligned}$$

By letting $\|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\| = \|\vec{x}\| < \varepsilon/2$, we get $\|\vec{F}(\vec{x}) - \vec{b}\| < \varepsilon$. Therefore, definition is satisfied with $\delta \leq \varepsilon/2$ \square

Example 1.3.5. Consider the following function, $F : \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{\vec{0}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$\frac{3z^2 + 2x^2 + 4y^2 + 6z^2}{x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2}.$$

Determine whether $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \vec{F}(x,y,z) = 2$.

Example 1.3.6. *Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\vec{F}(x,y,z) - \vec{b}\| &= |F(x,y,z) - 2| \\
&= \left| \frac{3z^3 + 2x^2 + 4y^2 + 6z^2}{x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2} - 2 \right| \\
&= \frac{3|z|^3}{x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2} \\
&\leq \frac{3R^3}{x^2 + y^2 + z^3} \\
&= \frac{3R^3}{R^2} \\
&= 3R
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\|\vec{F}(x,y,z) - \vec{b}\| < 3R < \varepsilon$$

provided that

$$R = \|\vec{x} - \vec{0}\| < \delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$$

\square

Definition 1.10. We say $\vec{F} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is continuous at \vec{a} in the domain of \vec{F} iff

$$\vec{F}(a) = \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \vec{F}(\vec{a})$$

Example 1.3.7. Going back the example (TODO: ref), if we redefine F as follows,

$$\vec{F} = \begin{cases} \frac{3z^2+2x^2+4y^2+6z^2}{x^2+2y^2+3z^2} & (x, y, z) \neq (0, 0, 0) \\ 2 & (x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0) \end{cases}$$

then \vec{F} is continuous at $(0, 0, 0)$ (and in fact at all $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}$).