

Math 140B: Homework 2

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Problem 1

Let $x, y \in [0, 1]$. By MVT, there exists a such that $x \leq a \leq y$ and $f'(a)(x - y) = f(x) - f(y)$. Since a continuous function on a compact set attains a maximum, let $M = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} f'(x)$. Since $f'(a) \leq M$, we have that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = |f'(a)(x - y)| \leq M|x - y|.$$

Problem 2

Let $C = \{x \in [0, 1] : f'(x)\}$ be the set of critical points. We want to show that the image $f(C)$ has no interval, $I = (a, b)$. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists I_1, \dots, I_N such that

$$f(C) \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^N I_j$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^N |I_j| \leq \frac{K}{n}$$

for some $K > 0$. Pick n_0 such that $\frac{K}{n_0} < b - a$ for $(a, b) \subseteq f(C) \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^N I_j$. Thus

$$b - a = |(a, b)| \leq \left| \bigcup_{j=1}^N I_j \right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^N |I_j| \leq \frac{K}{n_0} < b - a$$

which is a contradiction, so $f(C)$ cannot contain an interval. A function like $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \sin(\frac{1}{x})$ has infinite critical points.

Problem 3

Since the function is monotonic and continuous, the Riemann integral exists.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 x^2 dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^2 \frac{1}{n} \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^2} \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n+3}{12n} \\&= \frac{1}{3}\end{aligned}$$

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The definition of the derivative is

$$f'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x}.$$

By the definition of the limit, for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that when $0 < |t - x| < \delta$

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

This holds for vector valued functions of dimension n as well since we can choose δ such that each component of $\frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x}$ is less than $\frac{\epsilon}{n}$ away from $f'(x)$.

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Using L'Hospital's rule,

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) + f(x-h) - 2f(x)}{h^2} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x+h) + f'(x-h)}{2h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x+h) + f'(x)}{2h} + \frac{f'(x) + f'(x-h)}{2h} \\ &= f''(x)\end{aligned}$$

The following function has a limit that evaluates to 0 but has no second derivative

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x \geq 0 \\ -x^2 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

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The definition of convex is that for all $x < y$,

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y)$$

If we let $t = \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y$ be the point that is the linear combination of x and y , then $\lambda = \frac{y-t}{y-x}$, $1 - \lambda = \frac{t-x}{y-x}$ where $x < t < y$. By the mean value theorem, there are values $c_1 < c_2$ such that

$$\frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} = f'(c_1) \leq f'(c_2) = \frac{f(y) - f(t)}{y - t}.$$

Since $y - t = \lambda(y - x)$ and $t - x = (1 - \lambda)(y - x)$,

$$\lambda(f(t) - f(x)) \leq (1 - \lambda)(f(y) - f(t))$$

Isolating for $f(t)$ gives us the definition for convex

$$f(t) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y)$$

The proof in the other direction is very similar. If $f''(x) \geq 0$ then $f'(x)$ must be monotonically increasing and vice versa.

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For $h > 0$, Taylor's theorem says that

$$f(x + 2h) = f(x) + f'(x) \cdot 2h + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2} \cdot (2h)^2$$

so if we take $h = \sqrt{\frac{M_0}{M_2}}$ then

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(x)| &= \left| \frac{1}{2h} (f(x + 2h) - f(x)) - hf''(\xi) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{2M_0}{2h} + hM_2 \right| \\ &= \left| hM_2 + \frac{M_0}{h} \right| \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{M_0M_2} \end{aligned}$$

This means that $M_1 \leq 2\sqrt{M_0M_2}$ which is equivalent to

$$M_1^2 \leq 4M_0M_2$$

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1. Newton's method estimates the root by finding where the tangent line at x_k intersects the x-axis.
2. Since $x_1 \in (\xi, b)$ and f is monotonically increasing, $f(x_1) > 0$. Since $f'(x_1) > 0$ as well, $x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} < x_1$. By MVT, there exists y such that $f'(y) = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_2)}{x_1 - x_2}$. Thus $f(x_2) = f(x_1) - f'(y)(x_1 - x_2) > f(x_1) - f'(x_1)(x_1 - x_2) = 0$ because $f'(y) < f'(x_1)$. Since $f(x_2) > 0$, we have that $\xi < x_2$. Using induction, we can show that $\xi < x_{n+1} < x_n$ for all n . Since the sequence of iterates is decreasing but bounded, it must converge to some value l , but since $l = l - \frac{f(l)}{f'(l)}$, it must be that $l = \xi$.
3. Expanding the Taylor series around x_n yields

$$0 = f(\xi) = f(x_n) + f'(x_n)(\xi - x_n) + \frac{1}{2}f''(t_n)(\xi - x_n)^2$$

Rearranging shows that

$$\frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = -(\xi - x_n) - \frac{f''(t_n)}{2f'(x_n)}(\xi - x_n)^2$$

Substituting this in to Newton's iteration yields our desired equation

$$x_{n+1} - \xi = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} - \xi = \frac{f''(t_n)}{2f'(x_n)}(\xi - x_n)^2$$

4. Since $A = M/2\delta$, $0 \leq f''(t_n) \leq M$ and $\delta < f'(x_n)$, we have that

$$0 \leq x_{n+1} - \xi \leq A(x_n - \xi)^2 = \frac{1}{A}[A(x_{n-1} - \xi)]^2 \leq \frac{1}{A}[A^2(x_{n-2} - \xi)^2]^2 \cdots \leq \frac{1}{A}[A(x_1 - \xi)]^{2^n}$$

5. When $f(x) = x$ then $f(x) = 0$ and vice versa. Since $g'(x) = \frac{f(x)f''(x)}{f'(x)^2}$, $g'(x)$ goes to zero as x goes to ξ as well.
6. The derivative of $x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ is $\frac{1}{3x^{\frac{2}{3}}}$ so

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\frac{1}{3x_n^{\frac{2}{3}}}} = -2x_n$$

Newtons method thus diverges.