

1. Let  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $\phi(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$  and  $\phi(\lambda x) = |\lambda|\phi(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that if the set  $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \phi(x) \leq 1\}$  is convex, then  $\phi$  defines a norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Solution:** Non-degeneracy and scalar linearity are given from the definition of  $\phi$ . So all that is left to prove is the triangle inequality and non-negativity.

Triangle inequality: Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and take  $r = \max\{\phi(x), \phi(y)\}$ .

Non-negativity: Suppose  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $\phi(-x) = |-1|\phi(x) = \phi(x)$ , and:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x + (-x)) &\leq \phi(x) + \phi(-x) && \text{By Triangle Inequality} \\ \phi(0) &\leq 2\phi(x) \\ 0 &\leq \phi(x).\end{aligned}$$

2. Let  $E$  be a compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $F$  be a closed set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $E \cap F = \emptyset$ .

(a) Show that there exists  $d > 0$  such that  $\|x - y\| > d$ ,  $\forall x \in E$  and  $\forall y \in F$ .

**Solution:** Take  $d = \inf_{x \in E, y \in F} \|x - y\|$ . Clearly this is less than any  $\|x - y\|$  for  $x \in E, y \in F$ , and it cannot be negative since the norm is positive. So then  $d \geq 0$ . For contradiction suppose  $d = 0$ .

(b) Does the result you proved in the previous question remain true if  $E$  and  $F$  are closed, but neither is compact? Justify your answer.

**Solution:** This does not remain true. Take the sequence  $\{e_n\}_{n \geq 2}$  given by  $e_n = n$ , and  $E$  as its image. Take  $\{f_n\}_{n \geq 2} : f_n = e_n + \frac{1}{n}$  and  $F$  as its image (These sets contain only isolated points, and are closed). Then for any  $d > 0$ , we can pick  $N \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{N} < d$ ; and the points  $e_N$  and  $f_N$  will have  $|e_N - f_N| = \frac{1}{N} < d$ , meaning we can have arbitrarily close points between the closed sets  $E, F$ .

3. Let  $E = \{(x, y) \mid y = \sin(\frac{1}{x}), x > 0\}$ . Is  $E$  open? Is it closed? What are the accumulation points of  $E$ ?

**Solution:** This set is not open. Take an arbitrary ball of radius  $r$  about the point  $p = (\frac{1}{\pi}, 0) \in E$ . Then the point  $q = (\frac{1}{\pi}, \frac{r}{2}) \in B_r(p)$ , but  $q \notin E$  since  $\sin$  is well-defined. So any ball about  $p$  contains points not in  $E$ , and  $E$  is not open.

By continuity of  $\sin$  and  $\frac{1}{x}$ , all points of  $E$  are accumulation points.

The accumulation points of  $E$  not contained in  $E$  are of the form  $(0, a)$  for  $a \in [-1, 1]$ . Take one such point, and some  $r > 0$ , and consider the  $r$ -ball about  $(0, a)$ . Choose  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $\frac{1}{2\pi k} < r$ , and let  $x = \frac{1}{2\pi k + \arcsin a} \leq \frac{1}{2\pi k} < r$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{x} &= 2\pi k + \arcsin a \\ \frac{1}{x} - 2\pi k &= \arcsin a \\ \sin\left(\frac{1}{x} - 2\pi k\right) &= a \\ \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) &= a.\end{aligned}$$

Then the point  $(x, a)$  is in  $E$ , and  $\|(x, a) - (0, a)\| = \|(x, 0)\| = \sqrt{x^2} = x < r$ , so  $x$  is in the arbitrary open ball we chose around  $(0, a)$ , and so every open ball around  $p$  contains a distinct point in  $E$ , and as such  $p$  is an accumulation point of  $E$ .

Clearly none of these accumulation points can be in  $E$  thanks to the condition  $x > 0$ , so  $E$  does not contain all its limit points and is not closed.

4. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function in  $C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , i.e.,  $f, \partial_{x_1}f, \dots, \partial_{x_n}f$  are continuous in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose  $f(tx) = tf(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $f$  is a linear function.
5. Given  $u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a function in  $C^2(\mathbb{R})$ , define  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} u(y) - u(x) & \text{if } y \neq x \\ u'(x) & \text{if } y = x \end{cases}$ . Show that  $f$  is differentiable at any point  $(a, a)$ .
6. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function that is defined in an open set  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Show that if  $\partial_x f(x, y), \partial_y f(x, y)$  and  $\partial_{xy} f(x, y)$  are continuous in  $\Omega$ , then  $\partial_{yx} f(x, y)$  exists in  $\Omega$  and we have  $\partial_{yx} f(x, y) = \partial_{xy} f(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in \Omega$ . Hint: Consider the expression  $\Delta(s, t) = f(a + s, b + t) - f(a + s, b) - f(a, b + t) + f(a, b)$ .
7. Compute the degree 3 Taylor polynomial  $T_3(x, x_2)$  of the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , defined by  $f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{4x_1 + 6x_2 - 1}{2x_1 + 3x_2}$  at the point  $(-1, 1)$ .

**Solution:** Begin by computing all necessary partials, and evaluating at  $(-1, 1)$ :

$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{4x_1 + 6x_2 - 1}{2x_1 + 3x_2},$	$f(-1, 1) = 1$
$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = \frac{2}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^2},$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(-1, 1) = 2$
$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = \frac{3}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^2},$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(-1, 1) = 3$
$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_2} = \frac{-12}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^3},$	$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_2}(-1, 1) = -12$
$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_1} = \frac{-8}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^3},$	$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_1}(-1, 1) = -8$
$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 x_2} = \frac{-18}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^3},$	$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 x_2}(-1, 1) = -18$
$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_1 x_1} = \frac{48}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^4},$	$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_1 x_1}(-1, 1) = 48$
$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_2 x_2 x_2} = \frac{162}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^4},$	$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_2 x_2 x_2}(-1, 1) = 162$
$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_2 x_2} = \frac{72}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^4},$	$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_2 x_2}(-1, 1) = 72$
$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_1 x_2} = \frac{108}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^4},$	$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_1 x_2}(-1, 1) = 108.$

Then begin expanding the first three terms of the Taylor expansion

$$\begin{aligned}
 f((-1, 1) + x) &= f(-1, 1) + \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{k!} \left( (x_1 + 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + (x_2 - 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right)^k f(-1, 1) \right) \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{1!} \left( (x_1 + 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + (x_2 - 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right)^1 f(-1, 1) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2!} \left( (x_1 + 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + (x_2 - 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right)^2 f(-1, 1) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{3!} \left( (x_1 + 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + (x_2 - 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right)^3 f(-1, 1) \\
 &= 1 + (x_1 + 1) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(-1, 1) + (x_2 - 1) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(-1, 1) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left( (x_1 + 1)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 x_1} + 2(x_1 + 1)(x_2 - 1) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 x_2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (x_2 - 1)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 x_2} \right) f(-1, 1) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{6} \left( (x_1 + 1)^3 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x_1 x_1 x_1} + 3(x_1 + 1)^2(x_2 - 1) \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x_1 x_1 x_2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 3(x_1 + 1)(x_2 - 1)^2 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x_1 x_2 x_2} + (x_2 - 1)^3 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x_2 x_2 x_2} \right) f(-1, 1) \\
 &= 1 + 2(x_1 + 1) + 3(x_2 - 1) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (-8(x_1 + 1)^2 - 24(x_1 + 1)(x_2 - 1) - 18(x_2 - 1)^2) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{6} (48(x_1 + 1)^3 + 3 \cdot 108(x_1 + 1)^2(x_2 - 1) \\
 &\quad + 3 \cdot 72(x_1 + 1)(x_2 - 1)^2 + 162(x_2 - 1)^3) \\
 &= 2x_1 - 3x_2 - 4(x_1 + 1)^2 - 12(x_1 + 1)(x_2 - 1) - 9(x_2 - 1)^2 \\
 &\quad + 8(x_1 + 1)^3 + 54(x_1 + 1)^2(x_2 - 1) \\
 &\quad + 36(x_1 + 1)(x_2 - 1)^2 + 27(x_2 - 1)^3.
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