

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 $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | \phi(x) \leq 1\}$ is convex, then ϕ defines a norm on \mathbb{R}^n .

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

Non-negativity: For the sake of contradiction, suppose that there exists some $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ so that $\phi(x) < 0$. Then let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Take $\phi(nx) = n\phi(x) < 0 \leq 1$. So if we take the set $\{nx : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, which is clearly unbounded, we see that it is contained in B . However this is a contradiction since B is bounded. So $\phi(x) > 0 \forall x \neq 0$.

Triangle inequality: Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and take $\lambda = \frac{\phi(x)}{\phi(x) + \phi(y)} \leq 1$. Note that $\phi\left(\frac{x}{\phi(x)}\right) = \frac{\phi(x)}{\phi(x)} = 1$, and likewise for y , so we may take

$$\begin{aligned} \phi\left(\lambda \frac{x}{\phi(x)} + (1-\lambda) \frac{y}{\phi(y)}\right) &= \phi\left(\frac{x\phi(y)}{\phi(x)(\phi(x) + \phi(y))} + \frac{y\phi(x)}{\phi(y)(\phi(x) + \phi(y))}\right) \\ &= \phi\left(\frac{x+y}{\phi(x) + \phi(y)}\right) \\ &= \frac{\phi(x+y)}{|\phi(x) + \phi(y)|} \leq 1 \\ \phi(x+y) &\leq \phi(x) + \phi(y). \end{aligned}$$

And so the triangle inequality is satisfied.

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 or equal to 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 $d = 0$.

Since this is an inf, we can find a sequence $\{x_n - y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$, with $x_i \in E, y_i \in F$. Since $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a sequence in the bounded set E , we can find a convergent subsequence, say $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$, with $x \in E$ by closure of E . But since $\|x_{n_k} - y_{n_k}\| \rightarrow 0$, we must have $y_{n_k} \rightarrow x$, meaning $x \in F$, giving us the contradiction we sought ($E \cap F = \emptyset$).

(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 , and no such d can exist.

3. Let $E = \{(x, y) | y = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), x > 0\}$. 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 $p = \left(\frac{1}{\pi}, 0\right) \in E$. Then the point $q = \left(\frac{1}{\pi}, \frac{r}{2}\right) \in B_r(p)$, but $q \notin E$ since \sin is well-defined. So any ball about p contains points not in E , and E is not open.

Clearly each point of E is an accumulation point.

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 Ω 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 Ω , then $\partial_{yx} f(x, y)$ exists in Ω 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 $(-1, 1)$:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{4x_1 + 6x_2 - 1}{2x_1 + 3x_2},$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = \frac{2}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^2},$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = \frac{3}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^2},$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_2} = \frac{-12}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^3},$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_1} = \frac{-8}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^3},$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 x_2} = \frac{-18}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^3},$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_1 x_1} = \frac{48}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^4},$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_2 x_2 x_2} = \frac{162}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^4},$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_2 x_2} = \frac{72}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^4},$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_1 x_2} = \frac{108}{(2x_1 + 3x_2)^4},$$

$$f(-1, 1) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(-1, 1) = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(-1, 1) = 3$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_2}(-1, 1) = -12$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_1}(-1, 1) = -8$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 x_2}(-1, 1) = -18$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_1 x_1}(-1, 1) = 48$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_2 x_2 x_2}(-1, 1) = 162$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_2 x_2}(-1, 1) = 72$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_1 x_1 x_2}(-1, 1) = 108.$$

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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