

6. Chain Rule

$$(f \circ g)' = (f' \circ g) \cdot g'$$

$f'(x) \in \mathbb{R}$ $df(x) \in L(\dots)$

6.1. Theorem Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, $a \in \text{int } A$, $g: A \rightarrow B$ s.t. g is differentiable at a and $g(a) \in \text{int } B$, $f: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^P$ s.t. f is differentiable at $g(a)$. Then $f \circ g: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^P$ is differentiable at a and

$$d(f \circ g)(a) = df(g(a)) \circ dg(a)$$

$$J(f \circ g)(a) = J(f)(g(a)) \cdot J(g)(a)$$

Proof.

$$A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \xrightarrow{g} B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ f \downarrow & & \\ & \searrow f \circ g & \\ & & \mathbb{R}^P \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^m & \xrightarrow{dg(a)} & \mathbb{R}^m \\ & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow df(g(a)) \\ d(f \circ g)(a) & \dashrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^P \end{array}$$

$$\text{Let } b := g(a), \quad \varphi := dg(a), \quad \psi := df(g(a)).$$

Since g is diff. at $a \Rightarrow \exists \omega: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ s.t.

$$(1) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \omega(x) = 0_m$$

$$(2) \quad \forall x \in A : \quad g(x) = g(a) + \varphi(x-a) + \|x-a\| \cdot \omega(x)$$

Since f is diff. at $b = g(a)$ $\Rightarrow \exists \Gamma: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^P$ s.t.

$$(3) \quad \lim_{u \rightarrow b} \Gamma(u) = 0_p$$

(4) $\forall u \in B: f(u) = f(b) + \psi(u-b) + \|u-b\| \cdot \Gamma(u)$
 Without restricting the generality we may assume that $\Gamma(b) = 0_p$, i.e. Γ is continuous at b .
 Letting $u = g(x)$ in (4) \Rightarrow

$$\forall x \in A: f(g(x)) = f(b) + \psi(g(x)-b) + \|g(x)-b\| \cdot \Gamma(g(x))$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = (f \circ g)(a) + \underbrace{\psi(g(x)-g(a))}_{\text{by (2)}} + \|g(x)-g(a)\| \cdot \Gamma(g(x))$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = (f \circ g)(a) + \psi(\varphi(x-a) + \|x-a\| \omega(x)) + \|g(x)-g(a)\| \Gamma(g(x))$$

$$\forall x \in A: (f \circ g)(x) = (f \circ g)(a) + (\psi \circ \varphi)(x-a) + \|x-a\| \varphi(\omega(x)) + \|g(x)-g(a)\| \Gamma(g(x))$$

$$\text{Consider } f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^P \quad g(x) = \varphi(\omega(x)) + \frac{\|g(x)-g(a)\|}{\|x-a\|} \Gamma(g(x)) \quad \text{if } x \neq a$$

$$f(a) = 0_p$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall x \in A: (f \circ g)(x) = (f \circ g)(a) + (\psi \circ \varphi)(x-a) + \|x-a\| f(x) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{We will prove that } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \stackrel{x \neq a}{=} 0_p$$

$$\Rightarrow f \circ g \text{ is diff. at } a \text{ and } d(f \circ g)(a) = \psi \circ \varphi = df(g(a)) \circ dg(a)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \forall x \in A \setminus \{a\} : \quad 0 \leq \|f(x)\| &\leq \|\varphi(\omega(x))\| + \frac{\|g(x) - g(a)\|}{\|x-a\|} \cdot \|\Gamma(g(x))\| \stackrel{(2)}{=} \\
 &= \|\varphi(\omega(x))\| + \frac{\|\varphi(x-a) + \|x-a\|\omega(x)\|}{\|x-a\|} \cdot \|\Gamma(g(x))\| \\
 &\leq \|\varphi\| \cdot \|\omega(x)\| + \frac{\|\varphi(x-a)\| + \|x-a\| \cdot \|\omega(x)\|}{\|x-a\|} \cdot \|\Gamma(g(x))\| \\
 &\leq \|\varphi\| \cdot \|\omega(x)\| + \frac{\|\varphi\| \cdot \|x-a\| + \|x-a\| \cdot \|\omega(x)\|}{\|x-a\|} \cdot \|\Gamma(g(x))\|
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall x \in A : \quad 0 \leq \|f(x)\| \leq \underbrace{\|\varphi\| \cdot \|\omega(x)\|}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ 0}} + (\|\varphi\| + \|\omega(x)\|) \cdot \underbrace{\|\Gamma(g(x))\|}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ 0}}$$

g diff at $\Rightarrow g$ is cont. at a
 Γ is cont. at $b = g(a)$

$\left. \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ 0 \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow a} \left. \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \Gamma \circ g \text{ is cont. at } \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \Gamma(g(x)) = \Gamma(g(a)) = \Gamma(b) = 0_p$$

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \|f(x)\| = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0_p$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(f \circ g)(a) &= [d(f \circ g)(a)] = [df(g(a)) \circ dg(a)] \\
 &= [df(g(a))] \cdot [dg(a)] = J(f)(g(a)) \cdot J(g)(a).
 \end{aligned}$$

Remark Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $a \in \text{int } A$

$g = g(x_1, \dots, x_m) : A \rightarrow B$ s.t. g is diff. at a , $g(a) \in \text{int } B$

$f = f(u_1, \dots, u_m) : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $f \circ g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\Rightarrow J(f \circ g)(a) = \underbrace{J(f)(g(a))}_{1 \times m} \cdot \underbrace{J(g)(a)}_{m \times m}$$

$$g = (g_1, \dots, g_m)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial f \circ g}{\partial x_1}(a) \quad \frac{\partial f \circ g}{\partial x_2}(a) \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial f \circ g}{\partial x_n}(a) \right) = \\ = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial u_1}(g(a)) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_2}(g(a)) \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_m}(g(a)) \right) \cdot \left(\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_1}(a) & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_2}(a) & \dots & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_n}(a) \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_1}(a) & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_2}(a) & \dots & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_n}(a) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial x_1}(a) & \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial x_2}(a) & \dots & \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial x_n}(a) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial(f \circ g)}{\partial x_j}(a) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_1}(g(a)) \cdot \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_j}(a) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_2}(g(a)) \cdot \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_j}(a) + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_m}(g(a)) \cdot \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial x_j}(a)$$

$$\frac{\partial(f \circ g)}{\partial x_j}(a) = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_i}(g(a)) \cdot \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_j}(a) \quad j = \overline{1, m}$$

$$\frac{\partial(f \circ g)}{\partial x_j} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_i} \cdot \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_j} \quad j=1, n$$

Some special cases

1) Let $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ $g(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$

$$f = f(x, y, z): \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$F = f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dF}{dt}(t) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}(t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}(t) + \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \cdot \frac{dz}{dt}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{dz}{dt}$$

2) Let $g: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ $g(x, y, z) = (u(x, y, z), v(x, y, z))$

$$f = f(u, v): \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$F = f \circ g: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(u(x, y, z), v(x, y, z)) \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y, z) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v}(u(x, y, z), v(x, y, z)) \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x, y, z)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(u(x, y, z), v(x, y, z)) \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y, z) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v}(u(x, y, z), v(x, y, z)) \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x, y, z)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(u(x, y, z), v(x, y, z)) \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}(x, y, z) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v}(u(x, y, z), v(x, y, z)) \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}(x, y, z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} &= \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} &= \end{aligned}$$

7. Mean value theorems

7.1 Definition. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. A point $a \in A$ is called a local minimum (resp. local maximum) for f if $\exists V \in \mathcal{V}(a)$ s.t. $\forall x \in V \cap A$ one has
(*) $f(a) \leq f(x)$ (resp. $f(a) \geq f(x)$)

If (*) holds for all $x \in A \Rightarrow a$ is called a global minimum (resp. global maximum) for f

Local minima and local maxima = local extrema

Global — . — global — . — = global extrema

7.2 Theorem (P. Fermat) Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, a be a point satisfying the following conditions : (i) $a \in \text{int } A$

(ii) a is a local extremum for f

(iii) f is partially differentiable at a

Then $\nabla f(a) = 0_n$ i.e. $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(a) = 0 \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n$.

Proof Assume that a is a local minimum for f

$a \in \text{int } A \Rightarrow \exists r > 0$ s.t. $[a_1 - r, a_1 + r] \times \dots \times [a_n - r, a_n + r] \subseteq A$
 $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$

Let $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and let $g: [a_j - r, a_j + r] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$g(x) := f(a_1, \dots, a_{j-1}, x, a_{j+1}, \dots, a_n)$$

a is a local minimum for $f \Rightarrow a_j$ is a local minimum for g
 f is partially diff. at $a \Rightarrow g$ is diff. at a_j and

$$g'(a_j) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(a_j) = 0$$

$$\Downarrow \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(a) = 0.$$

Fermat then
to g
 \Rightarrow

Remarks. 1° If $f: A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is partially diff at some point $a \in \text{int } A$ and $\nabla f(a) = 0_n$, then a is called a critical (or stationary) point of f
 a is a local extremum of $f \Rightarrow a$ is a critical point of f



Counterexample $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$

$$\nabla f(x, y) = (2x, -2y)$$

$$\nabla f(x, y) = (0, 0) \Leftrightarrow (x, y) = (0, 0)$$

$\Rightarrow (0,0)$ is a critical point of f

$$f(x,0) = x^2 > 0 = f(0,0) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \Rightarrow (0,0) \text{ cannot be a local maximum for } f$$
$$f(0,y) = -y^2 < 0 = f(0,0) \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \Rightarrow (0,0) \text{ --- it --- minimum for } f$$

$\Rightarrow (0,0)$ is not a local extremum for f

$$z = f(x,y) = x^2 - y^2 \rightarrow \text{hyperbolic paraboloid}$$

\rightarrow the critical points of a function that are not local extrema are called saddle points

2) Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a compact set s.t. $\text{int } A \neq \emptyset$

$f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous on A and diff on $\text{int } A$

By the Weierstrass Thm $\Rightarrow f$ is bounded and attains its bounds on A

$$m := \min_{x \in A} f(x) \quad M := \max_{x \in A} f(x)$$

$$\text{Let } C := \{x \in \text{int } A \mid \nabla f(x) = 0_n\}$$

$$\text{bd } A = (\text{cl } A) \cap \text{cl } (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A)$$

Assume C finite

$\Rightarrow \text{bd } A \subseteq \text{cl } A = A$ - bounded

$$m_1 := \min_{x \in C} f(x) \quad M_1 := \max_{x \in C} f(x)$$

\downarrow
closed and bounded

$$\text{We may define } m_2 := \min_{x \in \text{bd } A} f(x) \quad M_2 := \max_{x \in \text{bd } A} f(x)$$

$\text{bd } A$ is compact

$$m = \min \{m_1, m_2\} \quad M = \max \{M_1, M_2\}$$

F.3. Lemma Let A be an open convex subset of \mathbb{R}^m , let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a differentiable function on A , let $a, b \in A$, and let $F: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$F(t) = f((1-t)a + tb)$$

Then F is diff. on $[0, 1]$ and

$$F'(t) = df((1-t)a + tb)(b-a) \quad \forall t \in [0, 1]$$

Proof. Fix $t_0 \in [0, 1]$. Let $(1-t_0)a + t_0b =: \bar{a}$, $v = b-a$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{1}{t - t_0} [F(t) - F(t_0)] &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s} [F(t_0 + s) - F(t_0)] \\ &\quad s = t - t_0 \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s} [f((1-t_0-s)a + (t_0+s)b) - f((1-t_0)a + t_0b)] \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s} [f(\bar{a} + sv) - f(\bar{a})] = f'(\bar{a}; v) = df(\bar{a})(v) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow F$ is differentiable at t_0 and $F'(t_0) = df((1-t_0)a + t_0b)(b-a)$.

F.4 Theorem (MVT for scalar functions of several variables) Let A be an open convex subset of \mathbb{R}^n , $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a diff. function on A . Then $\forall a, b \in A$ $\exists \xi \in (0, 1)$ s.t. letting $c := (1-\xi)a + \xi b$ we have

$$f(b) - f(a) = df(c)(b-a)$$

Proof Let $a, b \in A$, and let $F: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $F(t) := f((1-t)a + tb)$

(LFT.3) $\Rightarrow F$ is diff. on $[0, 1]$ $\xrightarrow{\text{Lagrange MVT}} \exists \xi \in (0, 1)$ s.t. $F(1) - F(0) = F'(\xi)$ $\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$
But $F(1) = f(b)$, $F(0) = f(a)$, $F'(\xi) = df((1-\xi)a + \xi b)(b-a)$

$$\Rightarrow f(b) - f(a) = df(c)(b-a), \text{ where } c := (1-\xi)a + \xi b.$$

F.5 Theorem (MVT for vector functions of several variables). Let A be an open convex subset of \mathbb{R}^n , $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a differentiable function on A . Then $\forall a, b \in A$ $\exists \xi \in (0, 1)$ s.t. letting $c := (1-\xi)a + \xi b$ we have

$$\|f(b) - f(a)\| \leq \|df(c)\| \cdot \|b-a\|.$$

Proof. Let $a, b \in A$, and let $F: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, $F(t) := f((1-t)a + tb)$

(LFT.3) $\Rightarrow F$ is diff. on $[0, 1]$ $\xrightarrow{\substack{\text{MVT for vector} \\ \text{functions of a} \\ \text{real variable}}} \exists \xi \in (0, 1)$ s.t. $\|F(1) - F(0)\| \leq \|F'(\xi)\| \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$
But $F(1) = f(b)$, $F(0) = f(a)$, $F'(\xi) = df((1-\xi)a + \xi b)(b-a)$

$$\Rightarrow \|f(b) - f(a)\| \leq \|df(c)(b-a)\| \leq \|df(c)\| \cdot \|b-a\|, \text{ where } c := (1-\xi)a + \xi b.$$

8. The inverse function theorem (The local inversion theorem)

$f: A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuously diff^{on int A}
 $a \in \text{int } A$ s.t. $f'(a) \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow f'(a) > 0 \text{ or } f'(a) < 0$$

Since f' is continuous at $a \Rightarrow$

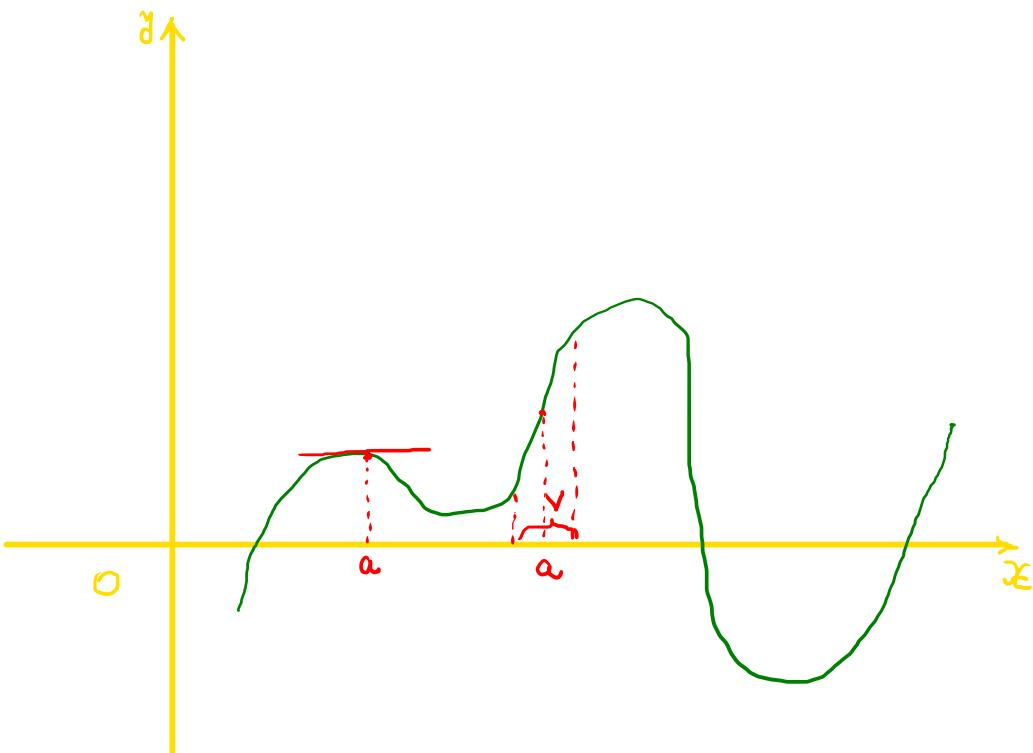
$$\Rightarrow \exists V = (a-r, a+r) \in \mathcal{V}(a) \\ \text{s.t. } f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in V$$

$\Rightarrow f|_V$ is increasing

$\Rightarrow f|_V$ is injective

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{f}: V \rightarrow f(V)$$

$\tilde{f}(x) := f(x)$ is bijective



8.1 Definition. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ be an open set. A function $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is said to be of class C^1 on A if it is partially diff on A and all its partial derivatives $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ are continuous on A , $\forall j = 1, \dots, n$

8.2. Definition. Let $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open sets. A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called a diffeomorphism if f is bijective, differ. on A , with $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$ diff. on B .

f is called a C^1 -diffeomorphism if f is bijective, of class C^1 on A , with f^{-1} of class C^1 on B