

1. Fréchet Derivatives

1.1. Overview

The Fréchet derivative generalizes the notion of derivative to functions between normed vector spaces. It provides a linear approximation to a function at a point that is “best” in a precise sense. This foundational concept underlies differentiation in infinite-dimensional spaces and is essential for optimization, dynamical systems, and the calculus of variations.

1.2. Core Definitions

1.2.1. Fréchet Differentiability

A function $f : E \rightarrow F$ between normed spaces is Fréchet differentiable at $x \in E$ if there exists a continuous linear map $f'(x) : E \rightarrow F$ such that:

$$f(x + h) = f(x) + f'(x)(h) + o(\|h\|)$$

More precisely: $(\|f(x + h) - f(x) - f'(x)(h)\|) / \|h\| \rightarrow 0$ as $\|h\| \rightarrow 0$

The linear map $f'(x)$ is called the Fréchet derivative of f at x .

1.2.2. Differentiability Variants

Within a Set (HasFDerivWithinAt):

- f has derivative f' at x within set s
- The limit is taken as $h \rightarrow 0$ with $x + h \in s$
- Useful for functions defined on manifolds or with boundaries

At a Point (HasFDerivAt):

- f has derivative f' at x in the whole space
- Equivalent to HasFDerivWithinAt $f f' \text{ univ } x$

Strict Differentiability (HasStrictFDerivAt):

- Stronger notion: $f(y) - f(z) - f'(y - z) = o(\|y - z\|)$ as $y, z \rightarrow x$
- Uniform approximation in a neighborhood
- Required for the inverse function theorem

1.3. Main Types and Notation

1.3.1. Type Classes

- HasFDerivWithinAt $f f' s x$: Derivative within a set
- HasFDerivAt $f f' x$: Derivative at a point
- HasStrictFDerivAt $f f' x$: Strict derivative
- DifferentiableWithinAt $\mathbb{k} f s x$: Existence of derivative within s
- DifferentiableAt $\mathbb{k} f x$: Existence of derivative
- DifferentiableOn $\mathbb{k} f s$: Differentiable on set s
- Differentiable $\mathbb{k} f$: Globally differentiable

1.3.2. Derivative Functions

- fderivWithin $\mathbb{k} f s x$: The derivative within s at x
- fderiv $\mathbb{k} f x$: The derivative at x
- These return \emptyset when the derivative doesn't exist

1.4. Key Properties

1.4.1. Uniqueness

Unique Differentiability (UniqueDiffWithinAt): A point x satisfies this if the tangent cone at x within s spans a dense subspace. This ensures:

- The derivative within s is unique when it exists
- Important for manifolds and constrained optimization

Uniqueness Theorem: If $\text{HasFDerivWithinAt } f \ f_1' \ s \ x$ and $\text{HasFDerivWithinAt } f \ f_2' \ s \ x$ and $\text{UniqueDiffWithinAt } \mathbb{K} \ s \ x$, then $f_1' = f_2'$.

1.4.2. Basic Properties

Continuity:

- Differentiability implies continuity
- $\text{HasFDerivAt } f \ f' \ x \rightarrow \text{ContinuousAt } f \ x$

Linearity of Derivative:

- The derivative is linear in the function
- $(\alpha f + \beta g)' = \alpha f' + \beta g'$

Locality:

- Differentiability is a local property
- Depends only on behavior in a neighborhood

1.4.3. Convergence Characterization

Rescaling Lemma ($\text{HasFDerivWithinAt.lim}$): If f has derivative f' at x , and $c_n \rightarrow \infty$ while $c_n \cdot d_n \rightarrow v$, then: $c_n \cdot (f(x + d_n) - f(x)) \rightarrow f'(v)$

This characterizes the derivative through rescaled difference quotients.

1.5. Differentiation Rules

1.5.1. Elementary Functions

Constants: The derivative of a constant function is zero

Identity: The derivative of the identity map is the identity linear map

Linear Maps: A continuous linear map is its own derivative

1.5.2. Arithmetic Operations

Addition Rule: $(f + g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$

Scalar Multiplication: $(c \cdot f)'(x) = c \cdot f'(x)$

Subtraction: $(f - g)'(x) = f'(x) - g'(x)$

1.5.3. Product Rule

For scalar functions: $(f \cdot g)'(x) = f'(x) \cdot g(x) + f(x) \cdot g'(x)$

For bilinear maps $B : E \times F \rightarrow G$: $D(B(f, g))(x) = B(f'(x), g(x)) + B(f(x), g'(x))$

1.5.4. Chain Rule

General Form: If $g : E \rightarrow F$ is differentiable at x and $f : F \rightarrow G$ is differentiable at $g(x)$: $(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x)) \circ g'(x)$

Within Sets: The chain rule also holds for derivatives within sets, with appropriate domain conditions.

1.5.5. Inverse Function

If f has an inverse g near x , and $f'(x)$ is invertible: $g'(f(x)) = (f'(x))^{-1}$

1.6. Special Cases

1.6.1. One-Dimensional Derivatives

For $f : \mathbb{K} \rightarrow E$ where \mathbb{K} is the scalar field:

- The derivative can be identified with an element of E
- $\text{deriv } f \ x$ denotes this scalar derivative
- Related by: $\text{fderiv } \mathbb{K} \ f \ x \ 1 = \text{deriv } f \ x$

1.6.2. Partial Derivatives

For $f : E_1 \times E_2 \rightarrow F$:

- Partial derivatives are projections of the total derivative
- $\partial_1 f(x_1, x_2) = \text{fderiv } \mathbb{K} \ f \ (x_1, x_2) \circ \text{inl}$
- $\partial_2 f(x_1, x_2) = \text{fderiv } \mathbb{K} \ f \ (x_1, x_2) \circ \text{inr}$

1.6.3. Directional Derivatives

The derivative in direction v : $D_v f(x) = f'(x)(v)$

Characterized by: $D_v f(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + tv) - f(x)}{t}$

1.7. Automation and Tactics

1.7.1. Simplifier Setup

The simplifier can automatically prove differentiability:

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example (x : ℝ) : Differentiable ℝ (fun x ↦ sin (exp (3 + x²)) - 5 * cos x) := by simp
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For divisions, provide non-vanishing proofs:

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example (x : ℝ) (h : 1 + sin x ≠ 0) :
  DifferentiableAt ℝ (fun x ↦ exp x / (1 + sin x)) x := by simp [h]
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1.7.2. Lemma Organization

Tagged Lemmas:

- Basic operations tagged with `@[simp]`
- Composition handled specially to avoid matching issues
- Function-specific lemmas (e.g., `differentiable_exp`)

Naming Convention:

- `hasFDerivAt_*`: Existence of specific derivative
- `differentiable_*`: Differentiability assertions
- `fderiv_*`: Computing the derivative

1.8. Advanced Topics

1.8.1. Mean Value Theorems

Rolle's Theorem: For differentiable $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $f(a) = f(b)$, there exists $c \in (a, b)$ with $f'(c) = 0$.

Mean Value Theorem: There exists $c \in (a, b)$ with: $f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b - a)$

Vector-Valued MVT: More subtle for vector-valued functions; involves integration or special estimates.

1.8.2. Taylor's Theorem

For sufficiently smooth f : $f(x + h) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} h^k + R_n(h)$

Where $R_n(h) = o(\|h\|^n)$ is the remainder.

1.8.3. Implicit Function Theorem

If $F : E \times F \rightarrow G$ satisfies:

1. $F(x_0, y_0) = 0$
2. $\partial_y F(x_0, y_0)$ is invertible
3. F is continuously differentiable

Then locally there exists $g : E \rightarrow F$ with $F(x, g(x)) = 0$ and: $g'(x_0) = -(\partial_y F(x_0, y_0))^{-1} \circ \partial_x F(x_0, y_0)$

1.9. Applications

1.9.1. Optimization

First-Order Conditions: At a local extremum x^* of differentiable f : $f'(x^*) = 0$

Second-Order Conditions: For twice differentiable f :

- Minimum: $f''(x^*)$ positive definite
- Maximum: $f''(x^*)$ negative definite

1.9.2. Differential Equations

The Fréchet derivative appears in:

- Linearization of nonlinear ODEs
- Variational equations
- Stability analysis via linearization

1.9.3. Functional Analysis

Calculus of Variations: Finding extrema of functionals uses Fréchet derivatives in function spaces.

Newton's Method in Banach spaces: Next iterate: $x' = x - [f'(x)]^{-1}f(x)$

1.10. Implementation Notes

1.10.1. Design Principles

1. Definitional Choices: Multiple equivalent definitions; chose for computational convenience
2. Bundled Derivatives: Derivatives are continuous linear maps, not just linear maps
3. Filters: Use filter language for flexibility in stating limits

1.10.2. File Organization

The theory is split across multiple files:

- `Defs.lean`: Basic definitions
- `Basic.lean`: Fundamental properties (this file)
- `Linear.lean`: Linear and bounded linear maps
- `Comp.lean`: Chain rule
- `Mul.lean`: Products and scalar multiplication
- Special functions in `SpecialFunctions/`

1.11. Historical Context

The Fréchet derivative was introduced by Maurice Fréchet in 1925, generalizing the derivative to infinite-dimensional spaces. It built upon earlier work by:

- Volterra (1887): Functional derivatives
- Gâteaux (1913): Directional derivatives in function spaces
- Fréchet (1925): The modern formulation

This concept enabled rigorous calculus in:

- Functional analysis
- Partial differential equations
- Infinite-dimensional optimization
- Modern differential geometry