

# Continuity & Derivatives



- 1) Continuous fn
- 2) Uniformly continuous
- 3) Lipschitz continuous

→ ① Assume  $x, y \in \text{dom } f$ .  $f$  is continuous at  $x$  if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

$$\|y - x\| \leq \delta \Rightarrow \|f(y) - f(x)\| \leq \varepsilon$$

→  $\delta$  in general depends on  $\varepsilon, x, y$ .

② If  $\delta$  is only a fn of  $\varepsilon$ , not  $x, y$  then  $f$  is uniformly continuous.

③ There is some constant  $L$  s.t.

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq L \|x - y\| \quad \forall x, y \in N$$

$\downarrow$   
some  $C \subset \text{Dom}$

e.g.  $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$  for  $x \in [-1, 1]$ .

→ Domain  $[-1, 1]$ . Choose  $x, y \in [-1, 1]$

Let  $|x - y| \leq \delta$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = 2\delta$ .

Consider  $|f(x) - f(y)|$

$$\rightarrow \left| \sqrt{1-x^2} - \sqrt{1-y^2} \right|^2 = \left| \sqrt{1-x^2} - \sqrt{1-y^2} \right| \underbrace{\left| \sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{1-y^2} \right|}$$

$$a, b > 0 \quad |a - b| \leq |a + b|$$

$$\leq \left| \sqrt{1-x^2} - \sqrt{1-y^2} \right| \left| \sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{1-y^2} \right|$$

$$= |x^2 - y^2| = |x - y| |x + y| \leq 2\delta = \varepsilon$$

$\therefore f_n$  is conts & unif. conts.

$\rightarrow$  Is it Lipschitz conts? We need to find  $L$  s.t.

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < L|x - y| \quad \forall x, y \in [-1, 1]$$

Choose  $y = 1$ .  $f(y) = 0$ .

$|f(x)| < L|x - 1|$ . Consider  $x \rightarrow 1^-$

$$\sqrt{1-x^2} < L|x-1|$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1-x} = \frac{\sqrt{(1-x)(1+x)}}{\sqrt{(1-x)(1-x)}} = \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \rightarrow \infty$$

$\Rightarrow$  There is no value  $L$  for this  $f_n$ .

## Derivatives

scalar fns  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+y) - f(x)}{y} = f'(x) = g$

Rewrite:  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+y) - f(x) - gy}{y} = 0$

If this limit exists,  $g$  is the derivative of  $f$ .

Consider a fn  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

We say  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$  if  $g \in \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+y) - f(x) - g^T y}{\|y\|} = 0 \quad \text{for any } \|\cdot\|.$$

$\square$  Called the Frechet derivative.

$$\hookrightarrow \nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial f / \partial x_1 \\ \vdots \\ \partial f / \partial x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Simply  $f(x,y) = y^2 e^x$

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \partial f / \partial x \\ \partial f / \partial y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y^2 e^x \\ 2y e^x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla_z f(x,y,z) \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$$

Consider a fn:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . Extension:  
 Jacobian J:  $J_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i(x)}{\partial x_j}$  row

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_m \\ \partial / \partial x_1 & \partial / \partial x_2 & \dots & \partial / \partial x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$(x,y) \rightarrow (r,\theta)$$

Chain rule: Say  $x = x(t)$ . ~~let h(t)~~

let  $h(t) = f(x(t))$ .  $\nabla h(t)$ ?

$$\nabla h(t) = \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\nabla x(t)}_{\text{row vec}} * \underbrace{\nabla f(x(t))}_{\text{col vec}}$$

→ e.g.  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(u, v, w) = uv + vw - uw$ .

$g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $g(x, y) = (x+y, x+y^2, x^2+y)$ .

Gradient  $(f \circ g)(x, y)$ ?  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$f(u(x, y), v(x, y), w(x, y))$  — fn of  $x, y$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial w} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial w} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial w} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} = v - w = (x+y^2) - (x^2+y)$$

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→ Quadratic form:  $\phi(x): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\phi(x) = x^T A x + b^T x + c$$

$c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$\nabla \phi(x) = (A^T + A)x + b.$$

e.g.  $\rightarrow$  linear term  $b^T x = \sum_i b_i x_i$

$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \nabla(b^T x) = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = b$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Let  $f(x) = Ax : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Use Jacobian.

$$f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \sum A_{1i} x_i \\ \sum A_{2i} x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum A_{ni} x_i \end{pmatrix} \quad J_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}$$

$$\nabla(Ax) = A \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla(x) = \mathbf{I}.$$

$\nabla(x^T Ax)$ . Product rule:

Then  $f(g(x), h(x)) = g^T(x)h(x)$  defn

$$\nabla f = \nabla h g + \nabla g h$$

$n \times 1$

Use  $g(x) = x, h(x) = Ax$

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$$\nabla(x^T Ax) = x^T A + (Ax)^T \times \mathbf{I} = x^T (A + A^T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \phi(x) = (A^T + A)x + b. \quad \leftarrow \checkmark$$

↳ Directional derivative.

$$D(f(x), p) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \epsilon p) - f(x)}{\epsilon}$$

$\downarrow$   
 unit vector

$$= \nabla f(x)^T p$$

↳ Hessian  $\nabla^2 f =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Updated proof for  $\nabla(x^T A x)$ .

say  $f(x) = g^T(x) h(x)$ , both  $g, h \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Consider:  $g = (g_1(x) \dots g_n(x))^T$  (col vec)

$$\nabla g = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Jacobian defn} \downarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots & & \vdots \\ \partial g_n / \partial x_1 & \dots & \partial g_n / \partial x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad J_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}$$

Then  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \sum_j g_j(x) h_j(x) \right)$

prod rule  $\rightarrow$

$$= \sum_j \left[ \underbrace{\frac{\partial g_j(x)}{\partial x_i}}_{i^{\text{th}} \text{ col of } \nabla g} \cdot h_j(x) + g_j(x) \underbrace{\frac{\partial h_j(x)}{\partial x_i}}_{i^{\text{th}} \text{ col of } \nabla h} \right]$$

$$= h^T (\nabla g)_{i^{\text{th}} \text{ col}} + g^T (\nabla h)_{i^{\text{th}} \text{ col}}$$

$$\therefore \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right) = \nabla f^T = h^T \nabla g + g^T \nabla h$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f = \nabla g^T h + \nabla h^T g.$$

$\therefore$  with  $f = g^T h$  and  $g = x$ ,  $h = Ax$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f &= \underbrace{(\nabla x)^T}_{\mathbf{I}} Ax + \underbrace{[\nabla(Ax)]^T}_{A} x \\ &= Ax + A^T x. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\nabla \phi(x) = (A + A^T)x + b$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \longleftarrow x \longrightarrow$