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Lecture Notes 9 (b)

These are additional notes on
the mean value theorem in higher
dimensions.

Lecture 4 (part ii)

One of the basic results of single variable calculus is the classical mean value Theorem (MVT)

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . There is c , $a < c < b$ such that the derivative

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \quad \square$$

The adjoining picture gives us an idea of what's going on. The essential geometric idea is that at c (and c') the tangent to the graph of f is parallel to the line joining points $(a, f(a))$ and $(b, f(b))$.

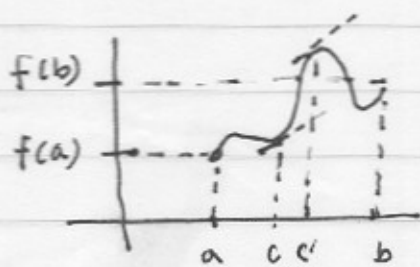


Figure 1. (MVT)

Let us see what happens in higher dimensions. Consider $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$x \mapsto f(x) = (y, z).$$

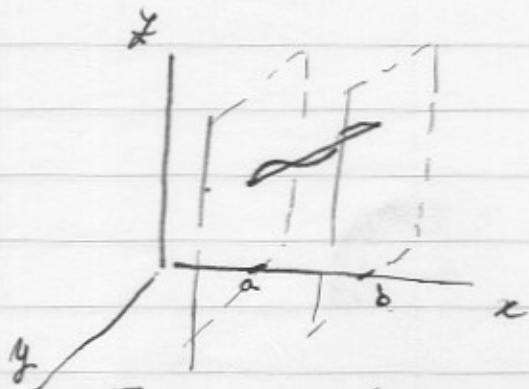


Figure 2. (not MVT)

If the curve defined by f is of the "corkscrew" variety then, there is no c $a < c < b$ at which

the tangent to the curve is parallel to the line joining ^{points} $(a, f(a))$ and $(b, f(b))$ in the $x-y-z$ space. The classical MVT does not hold. For a specific

Example: $f: [0, \frac{\pi}{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$x \mapsto (\cos(x), \sin(x))$$

$$f(b) - f(a) = (-1, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$b - a = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

There does not exist $c \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ such that $\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot (-\sin(c), \cos(c)) = (-1, 1)$ since it

would require $\sin^2(c) + \cos^2(c) = \frac{8}{11} \neq 1$.

The correct form of mean value theorem in higher dimensions is actually an inequality. We need some preliminary results.

Lemma 1

Let $a < b$ $f: [a, b] \rightarrow V$ a normed linear space and $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, f and g continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . Suppose,

$$\|f'(t)\| \leq g'(t) \quad a < t < b.$$

Then $\|f(b) - f(a)\| \leq g(b) - g(a)$.

Proof (of Lemma 1):

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(b) - f(a)\| &= \left\| \int_a^b f'(\sigma) d\sigma \right\| \\ &\leq \int_a^b \|f'(\sigma)\| d\sigma \\ &\leq \int_a^b g'(\sigma) d\sigma \\ &= g(b) - g(a) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2

Same hypotheses as in Lemma 1, except that the condition on existence, and inequality of derivatives holds for all $t \in [a, b]$ except for a countable set of points. Same conclusion as Lemma 1.

Proof: (essentially same argument as in Lemma 1 since the integrals are unaffected) \square

Corollary 3 Same hypotheses on f as in Lemma 1, and $g(t) = kt$, $k > 0$ (thus $\|f'(t)\| \leq k \quad \forall t \in (a, b)$).

Then,

$$\|f(b) - f(a)\| \leq k(b-a). \quad \square$$

We need the definition of derivative for maps.

Definition Let E, F be normed linear spaces over \mathbb{R} . Let $U \subset^{\text{open}} \mathbb{R}$. Suppose $f: U \rightarrow F$.

We say f is differentiable at $a \in U$ if there is a continuous linear map $L: E \rightarrow F$ such that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a+h) - f(a) - Lh\|_F}{\|h\|_E} = 0,$$

Here h is such that $h+a \in U$.

Clearly, if L exists it is unique, and is given by

$$\begin{aligned} L(h) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+kt) - f(a)}{t} \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} f(a+kt) \right|_{t=0} \end{aligned}$$

We call L the derivative of f at a and denote it by $(Df)_a$ and sometimes by $Df(a)$.

Exercise: (a) Chain Rule

$$D(g \circ f)(a) = Dg(f(a)) \circ Df(a)$$

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Composition of nonlinear maps

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Composition of linear maps.

(b) If $E = \mathbb{R}^n$ & $F = \mathbb{R}^m$

$$(Df)(a) \cdot h = \left[\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right]_n h \quad \text{Jacobian}$$

Mean Value Theorem 4

Let $f: U \subset E \rightarrow F$ be a map of normed linear spaces - Let $[a, b]$ denote the line segment $\{(1-t)a + tb : 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$, with end-points $a, b \in U$, contained in U .
Then,



$$\|f(b) - f(a)\|$$

$$\leq \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \|Df[(1-t)a + tb]\| \cdot \|b - a\|$$

Proof: Simply restrict f to the line segment $[a, b]$ and then apply Corollary 3 above \square

Another useful result from calculus is

The Fundamental Theorem of Integral Calculus

Let X and Y be Banach spaces
Let $U \subset^{\text{open}} X$ and $f: U \rightarrow Y$ be a differentiable, everywhere in U , map or C^1 map. Suppose $x + ty \in U \quad \forall t \in [0, 1]$.
Then

$$f(x+ty) = f(x) + \int_0^1 Df(x+ty)y \, dt$$

Proof: The completeness / Banach property is used in the proper definition of integral with all attendant properties, as in 1 variable calculus. We take this for granted.

Then, set $g(t) = f(x+ty)$ $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

For $0 < t < 1$ by chain rule

$$g'(t) = Df(x+ty)y$$

$$\text{Let } h(t) = f(x) + \int_0^t Df(x+sy)y ds \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$\text{Then } h'(t) = Df(x+ty)y \quad 0 < t < 1$$

$$\text{Hence } g'(t) = h'(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow g(t) = h(t) + \text{constant} \quad 0 < t < 1$$

By continuity of g & h (they are integrals)

$$g(t) = h(t) + \text{constant} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

$$\text{But } g(0) = h(0) = f(x)$$

$$\text{So } g(1) = h(1) = f(x+ty) \quad \square$$

Lemma (Differentiability and Lipschitz Condition).

Let $f: [a, b] \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ for domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, continuous in t and $(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x})$ exists and is continuous on $[a, b] \times D$. Then f is locally

Lipschitz on $[a, b] \times \mathcal{D}$.

Proof: For $x_0 \in \mathcal{D}$, let $r > 0$ be such that

$$\mathcal{D}_0 \equiv \{x \mid \|x - x_0\| \leq r\} \subset \mathcal{D}.$$

\mathcal{D}_0 is closed and bounded. \mathcal{D}_0 is convex,

since, for $x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{D}_0$ and $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2 - x_0\| &= \|\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2 - \alpha x_0 - (1-\alpha)x_0\| \\ &= \|\alpha(x_1 - x_0) + (1-\alpha)(x_2 - x_0)\| \\ &\leq \alpha \|x_1 - x_0\| + (1-\alpha) \|x_2 - x_0\| \\ &\leq \alpha r + (1-\alpha)r \\ &= r. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by the Mean Value Theorem, $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{D}_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(t, y) - f(t, x)\| &\leq \sup_{0 \leq s \leq 1} \|Df((1-s)x + sy)\| \cdot \|y - x\| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in [a, b]} \sup_{0 \leq s \leq 1} \|Df((1-s)x + sy)\| \cdot \|y - x\| \\ &= L \cdot \|y - x\|, \end{aligned}$$

where we used continuity w.r.t both t & x of Df in the sup norms.

addendum: (02/26/02)

Suppose $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is C^1 (i.e. continuously differentiable) at each point x of an open set $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

Suppose $x^*, y^* \in S$ are such that the line segment $L(x^*, y^*)$ joining x^* and $y^* \subset S$. Then there exists a point $\bar{x} \in L(x^*, y^*)$ such that

$$f(y^*) - f(x^*) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)_{x=\bar{x}} (y^* - x^*)$$

Proof Let $g(t) = f((1-t)x^* + ty^*)$

Then $g(0) = f(x^*)$

$$g(1) = f(y^*)$$

$$g'(t) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)_{x=(1-t)x^*+ty^*} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} ((1-t)x^* + ty^*)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)_{x=(1-t)x^*+ty^*} \cdot (y^* - x^*)$$

By the scalar mean value theorem

$$(g(1) - g(0)) = g'(t) \Big|_{t=t^*} \cdot (1-0)$$

which is the same as saying

$$f(y^*) - f(x^*) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)_{x=\bar{x}} \cdot (y^* - x^*)$$

where $\bar{x} = (1-t^*)x^* + t^*y^* \in L(x^*, y^*)$ ▣