

## Implicit Function Theorem

Recall: Implicit differentiation

eg.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$  and if  $z = z(x, y)$ ,

then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0 \Rightarrow 2x + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0 \Rightarrow 2y + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$$

If the point  $(x, y, z)$  satisfies  $z \neq 0$

then we have  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{x}{z}$  &  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{y}{z}$

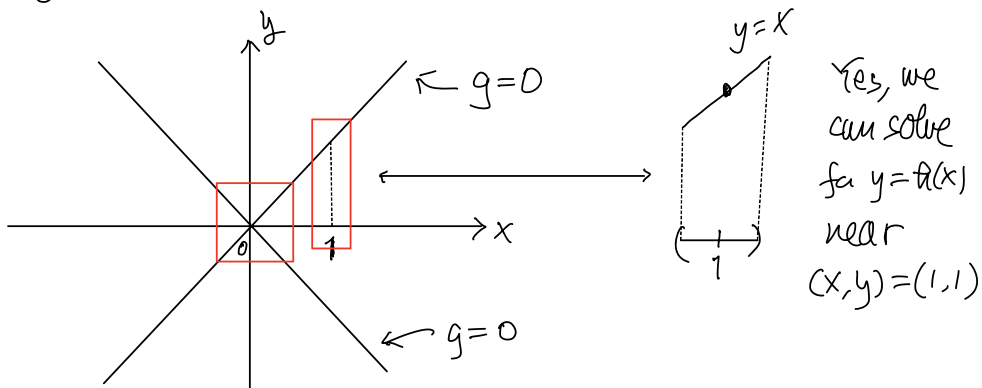
Question: If a level set  $g(x, y) = c$  (or more generally)

is given, can we "solve" the constraint?

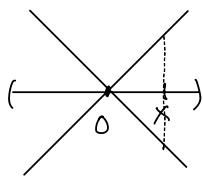
i.e. can we find  $y = h(x)$  s.t.  $g(x, h(x)) = c$

or  $x = k(y)$  s.t.  $g(k(y), y) = c$ ?

eg 1  $g(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 = 0 \quad (\Rightarrow x = \pm y)$



But near  $(x,y)=(0,0)$



2 y-values

$\leftrightarrow$  (x-value

It cannot be a graph  
of a function  $y=f(x)$

$\Rightarrow$  Cannot solve  
for a function  
 $y=f(x)$   
near  $(0,0)$ .

eg 2  $S: x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Can we solve  $z = f(x,y)$  near  $(0,1,1)$ ?

Can we solve  $x = h(y,z)$  near  $(0,1,1)$ ?

Observations:

1<sup>st</sup> question: if  $z = f(x,y)$  exists, then

$$\begin{cases} \partial_x(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0 \\ \partial_y(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{x}{z} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{y}{z} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{provided} \\ \text{that } z \neq 0. \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(0,1,1) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(0,1,1) = -1$$

At least, there is no contradiction & we have a hope to solve it!

2<sup>nd</sup> question: if  $x = h(y,z)$  exists

$$\begin{cases} \partial_y(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0 \\ \partial_z(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} + 2y = 0 \\ 2x \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} + 2z = 0 \end{cases}$$

At the point  $(0,1,1)$ , we have  $\begin{cases} 0 + 2 = 0 \\ 0 + 2 = 0 \end{cases}$

which is a contradiction.

So there exists NO  $x = k(y, z)$  (which is differentiable) at near the point  $(x, y, z) = (0, 1, 1)$ .

General situation (in 3-variables)

$$F(x, y, z) = c$$

If  $z = z(x, y)$  (differentiable), then implicit differentiation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} : \begin{cases} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} : \begin{cases} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

If  $F(\vec{a}) = c$  &  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(\vec{a}) \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(\vec{a})} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(\vec{a}) \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(\vec{a}) \end{bmatrix}$$

eg3 (Multiple constraints)

$$\mathcal{C} \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2 \\ x + z = 1 \end{cases} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} 3\text{-variables, 2 equations} \\ \text{expect } \mathcal{C} \text{ is "1-dim"} \end{array} \right)$$

Question: Can we solve  $\begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y(x) \\ z(x) \end{bmatrix}$  ?

Observation: If we have  $y = y(x)$  &  $z = z(x)$ , differentiable

then 
$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + (y(x))^2 + (z(x))^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} + 2z \frac{dz}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y \frac{dy}{dx} + z \frac{dz}{dx} = -x \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

and 
$$\frac{d}{dx} (x + z(x)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{dz}{dx} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} y & z \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dz}{dx} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $\det \begin{bmatrix} y & z \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$ , then one can solve (uniquely) for  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dz}{dx} \end{bmatrix}$ .

So we have a hope to the existence of  $\begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y(x) \\ z(x) \end{bmatrix}$ .

For instance  $(x, y, z) = (0, 1, 1)$  (on  $\mathcal{C}$ )

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dz}{dx} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{is solvable}$$

and 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dz}{dx} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{(check)}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In general, given  $\mathcal{C} = \begin{cases} F_1(x, y, z) = C_1 \\ F_2(x, y, z) = C_2 \end{cases}$

$$(\vec{F} = \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{F}(\vec{x}) = \vec{c}, \vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2)$$

Suppose  $F_i(a, b, c) = C_i, i=1, 2$

Assume  $y=y(x), z=z(x)$  near  $(a, b, c)$  (diff.)

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Implicit} \\ \text{differentiation} \end{array} \right) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dx} F_1(x, y(x), z(x)) = 0 \\ \frac{d}{dx} F_2(x, y(x), z(x)) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dx} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dx} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dz}{dx} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  If  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible (i.e.  $\det(\ ) \neq 0$ ) at  $(a, b, c)$

$$\text{then} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dz}{dx} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{at } (a, b, c))$$

## General dimensions

Given  $n+k$  variables,  $k$  equations

$(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k)$   $n+k$  variables

$$\begin{cases} F_1(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k) = c_1 \\ \vdots \\ F_k(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k) = c_k \end{cases}$$

expect:  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  can be solved as functions of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

### Thm (Implicit Function Theorem)

Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+k}$  be open,  $\vec{F}: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $\vec{F} = \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ \vdots \\ F_k \end{bmatrix}$  be  $C^1$

Denote  $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  &  $\vec{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ .

$$\vec{F}(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} F_1(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \\ \vdots \\ F_k(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_1(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k) \\ \vdots \\ F_k(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k) \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose  $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \in \Omega$ , where  $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  such that

$$\vec{F}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

and the  $k \times k$  matrix

$$\left[ \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial y_j}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \right]_{1 \leq i, j \leq k} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y_1}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) & \dots & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y_k}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_k}{\partial y_1}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) & \dots & \frac{\partial F_k}{\partial y_k}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \end{bmatrix}$$

is invertible (i.e.  $\det \left[ \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial y_j}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \right] \neq 0$ )

Then there are open sets  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  containing  $\vec{a}$ ,  
and  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$  containing  $\vec{b}$  such that there exists a  
unique function  $\vec{\varphi}: U \rightarrow V$  with  $\vec{\varphi}(\vec{a}) = \vec{b}$  and

$$\underline{\vec{F}(\vec{x}, \vec{\varphi}(\vec{x})) = \vec{c}}, \quad \forall \vec{x} \in U$$

Moreover,  $\vec{\varphi}$  is  $C^1$  and (by implicit differentiation)

$$\left[ \frac{\partial \varphi_j}{\partial x_\ell}(\vec{x}) \right]_{k \times n} = - \left[ \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial y_j}(\vec{x}, \vec{\varphi}(\vec{x})) \right]_{k \times k}^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_\ell}(\vec{x}, \vec{\varphi}(\vec{x})) \right]_{k \times n}$$

(Pf: in MATH3060)

Special case (A):  $k=1$  (1 constraint)

$$F: \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$F(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = F(x_1, \dots, x_n, y) = c \quad (\text{Constraint})$$

Suppose  $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$F(a_1, \dots, a_n, b) = c$$

IFT: If  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(a_1, \dots, a_n, b) \neq 0$ , then

$\exists U$  <sup>open</sup> s.t.  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in U$  and  $V$  <sup>open</sup>  $\subset \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $b \in V$  <sup>interval</sup>

&  $\varphi: U \rightarrow V$  s.t.  $\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) = b$  &

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n, \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)) = c \quad \forall (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in U$$

i.e.  $y = \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  "near"  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  solving the

constraint  $F(x_1, \dots, x_n, y) = c$

(at the point  $y(x_1, \dots, x_n) = b$ )



In eg 2:  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$  solve  $z = z(x, y)$

$(x, y, z)$ $\mathbb{R}^3$ notation	$(x_1, x_2, y)$ general notation <span style="font-size: small;">(the "y" is not the "y" on the other side)</span>
$g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$ near $(0, 1, 1)$	$F(x_1, x_2, y) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + y^2 = c \quad (c=2)$ $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2) = (0, 1), b = 1$
$\frac{\partial g}{\partial z}(0, 1, 1) = 2 \neq 0$ By IFT $\exists z = z(x, y)$ "near" $(0, 1, 1)$ s.t. $\begin{cases} g(x, y, z(x, y)) = 2 \\ z(0, 1) = 1 \end{cases}$	$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(a_1, a_2, b) = 2 \neq 0$ By IFT $\exists y = \varphi(x_1, x_2)$ "near" $(a_1, a_2, b)$ s.t. $\begin{cases} F(x_1, x_2, \varphi(x_1, x_2)) = c \\ \varphi(a_1, a_2) = b \\ (\varphi(0, 1) = 1) \end{cases}$
$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ can be computed by implicit differentiation.	$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_2}$ can be computed by implicit differentiation.

Special case (B)  $n=1, k=2$  (2-constraints)

$$\vec{F}: \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{1+2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\vec{F}(x, y_1, y_2) = \begin{bmatrix} F_1(x, y_1, y_2) \\ F_2(x, y_1, y_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose  $(a, b_1, b_2)$  satisfies the constraints  $\vec{F}(a, b_1, b_2) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$

then IFT means

$$\text{If } \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y_2} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y_2} \end{bmatrix} (a, b_1, b_2) \text{ is invertible } (\det \neq 0)$$

then  $\exists y_1 = \varphi_1(x)$  &  $y_2 = \varphi_2(x)$  "near"  $(a, b_1, b_2)$

solving the constraints (locally)

$$\begin{cases} F_1(x, \varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x)) = c_1 \\ F_2(x, \varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x)) = c_2 \end{cases}$$

&  $(\varphi_1(a), \varphi_2(a)) = (b_1, b_2)$