

A sufficient condition for differentiability:

Thm Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open, f be C^1 on Ω , then f is differentiable on Ω

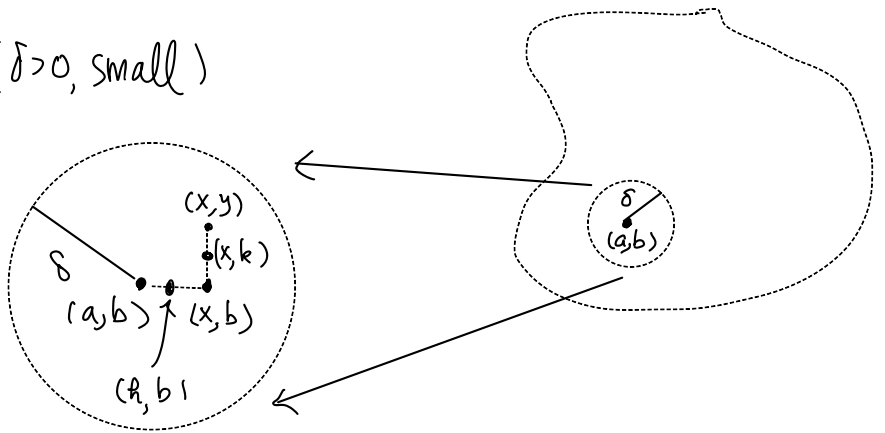
(The assumption requires all $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$ exist on Ω , not just at a single pt. \vec{a})

Pf: (We prove it for 2-variables, similar proof for general case)

Suppose $(a,b) \in \Omega$

& $B_\delta(a,b) \subset \Omega$ ($\delta > 0$, small)

For any $(x,y) \in B_\delta(a,b)$



$$f(x,y) - f(a,b) = \underbrace{f(x,y) - f(x,b)} + \underbrace{f(x,b) - f(a,b)}$$

$$= f_y(x,k)(y-b) + f_x(h,b)(x-a) \quad (\text{by Mean Value Theorem})$$

where k between y & b ; h between x & a .

$$\frac{|E(x,y)|}{\|(x,y) - (a,b)\|} = \frac{|f(x,y) - f(a,b) - f_x(a,b)(x-a) - f_y(a,b)(y-b)|}{\|(x,y) - (a,b)\|}$$

$$= \frac{|f_y(x,k)(y-b) + f_x(h,b)(x-a) - f_x(a,b)(x-a) - f_y(a,b)(y-b)|}{\|(x,y) - (a,b)\|}$$

$$= \frac{|(f_x(h,b) - f_x(a,b))(x-a) + (f_y(x,k) - f_y(a,b))(y-b)|}{\|(x,y) - (a,b)\|}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Cauchy-} \\ \text{Schwarz} \end{array} \right) \leq \frac{\sqrt{(f_x(h,b) - f_x(a,b))^2 + (f_y(x,k) - f_y(a,b))^2} \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}}{\|(x,y) - (a,b)\|}$$

$$= \sqrt{(f_x(h,b) - f_x(a,b))^2 + (f_y(x,k) - f_y(a,b))^2}$$

Note that if $(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)$, then $(h,k) \rightarrow (a,b)$.

Hence

$$\frac{|\varepsilon(x,y)|}{\|(x,y) - (a,b)\|} \leq \sqrt{(f_x(h,b) - f_x(a,b))^2 + (f_y(x,k) - f_y(a,b))^2} \rightarrow 0$$

as $(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)$

because f_x & f_y are continuous.

$\therefore f$ is differentiable at (a,b) .

Since $(a,b) \in \Omega$ is arbitrary, f is differentiable on Ω .

egs: (1) constant functions $f(\vec{x}) = c$ is differentiable

(2) coordinate functions $f(\vec{x}) = x_i$ are differentiable

(3) (1) & (2) $\Rightarrow f(\vec{x}) = a + b_1 x_1 + \dots + b_n x_n$ is differentiable

(Linear function. For this f , what is the linearization $L(\vec{x})$ at $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$?)

(4) Polynomials & rational functions are differentiable

(in their domain of definition).

(5) If $f(\vec{x})$ is differentiable, then $e^{f(\vec{x})}$, $\sin(f(\vec{x}))$, $\cos(f(\vec{x}))$ are differentiable.

And $\ln(f(\vec{x}))$ when $f(\vec{x}) > 0$
 $\sqrt{f(\vec{x})}$ when $f(\vec{x}) > 0$
 $|f(\vec{x})|$ when $f(\vec{x}) \neq 0$
 $\ln|f(\vec{x})|$ when $f(\vec{x}) \neq 0$ } are differentiable.

In particular, for example $\frac{e^{\sqrt{4+\sin(x^2+xy)}}}{\ln(1+\cos(x^2y))}$ is differentiable in the domain of definition

eg: $f(x,y,z) = xe^{x+y} - \ln(x+z)$ ($= xe^{x+y} - \log(x+z)$)

Domain of $f = \{(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x+z > 0\}$ (is open)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^{x+y} + xe^{x+y} - \frac{1}{x+z}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = xe^{x+y}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{x+z}$$

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 $x+z > 0$

all terms are continuous in the domain of f .

$\Rightarrow f$ is C^1 (on its domain) $\Rightarrow f$ is differentiable (on its domain).

Gradient and Directional Derivative

Def: Let $\begin{cases} \bullet f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, & (\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, \text{open}) \\ \bullet \vec{a} \in \Omega \end{cases}$

Then the gradient vector of f at \vec{a} is defined to be

$$\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(\vec{a}), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(\vec{a}) \right)$$

Remark: Using $\vec{\nabla} f$, linearization of f at \vec{a} can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} L(\vec{x}) &= f(\vec{a}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a})(x_i - a_i) \\ &= f(\vec{a}) + \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \end{aligned}$$

eg: $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2xy$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x + 2y, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2x$$

$$\therefore \vec{\nabla} f(x, y) = (2x + 2y, 2x)$$

(eg. $\vec{\nabla} f(1, 2) = (6, 2)$)

Def: Let

- $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, ($\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, open)
- $\vec{a} \in \Omega$
- $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be a unit vector, i.e. $\|\vec{u}\|=1$.

Then the directional derivative of f in the direction of \vec{u} at \vec{a} is defined to be

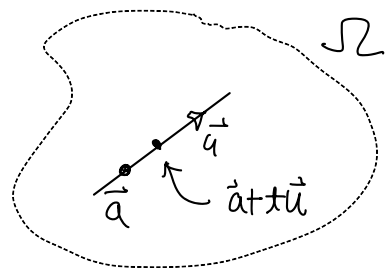
$$D_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{a}) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{a} + t\vec{u}) - f(\vec{a})}{t}$$

(= rate of change of f in the direction of \vec{u} at the point \vec{a})

Remark: If $\vec{u} = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0) = \vec{e}_j$,

↖ j th component

$j=1, \dots, n$



$$D_{\vec{e}_j} f(\vec{a}) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(\vec{a})$$