

Functions of three variables: Notion of Differentiability

• $f(x, y, z)$ over $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$.

• $x \uparrow \Delta x, y \uparrow \Delta y, z \uparrow \Delta z$

• $\Delta f = f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, z + \Delta z) - f(x, y, z)$

• f is diff. at (x, y, z) if

$$\Delta f = (A \cdot \Delta x + B \cdot \Delta y + C \cdot \Delta z) + (\epsilon_1 \cdot \Delta x + \epsilon_2 \cdot \Delta y + \epsilon_3 \cdot \Delta z)$$

where A, B, C are ind. of $\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z$ &

$$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } (\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z) \rightarrow (0, 0, 0)$$

• or equivalently if

$$\Delta f = df + \epsilon \rho \quad \text{where } \epsilon \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \rho \rightarrow 0$$

$\downarrow$
total differential

or
principle part of Δf

$$\rho = \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2 + (\Delta z)^2}$$

$$\rightarrow df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} dz.$$

Spherical polar co-ordinates

$$\Delta x = \rho \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$\Delta y = \rho \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\Delta z = \rho \cos \theta$$

$$0 < \phi < 2\pi$$

$$-\pi < \theta < \pi$$

$$\Sigma = \underbrace{\Sigma_1}_{\text{circles}} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \underbrace{\Sigma_2}_{\text{circles}} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \underbrace{\Sigma_3}_{\text{circles}} \cos \theta$$

Apply in
the 1st. def.
of diff.

$$\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \rho \rightarrow 0$$

Homogeneous fⁿ: : Euler's Theorem

• $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow$ homogeneous fⁿ.
of deg. m in
variables $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$
if

$$f(tx_1, tx_2, \dots, tx_n) = t^m f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

for every +ve value of t .

• $f(x, y) \rightarrow$ hom. in x, y of deg. m
it

$$f(x, y) = x^m \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$f(x, y) = y^m \psi\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$$

Example:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \rightarrow \text{hom. in } x, y \text{ of deg. } \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x \left(1 + \frac{y}{x}\right)}{\sqrt{x} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}\right)} = \sqrt{x} \left(\frac{1 + \frac{y}{x}}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}}\right)$$

• $f(x, y, z) \rightarrow$ hom. in x, y, z of deg. m
it

$$f(x, y, z) = x^m \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}, \frac{z}{x}\right)$$

Euler's Theorem

• $u = f(x, y) \rightarrow$ hom. of deg (n) in x, y

Then

$$\boxed{x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = nu}$$

Proof

$$u = f(x, y) = x^n \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right).$$

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ --- } u_x = nx^{n-1} \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + x^n \phi'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ --- } u_y = x^n \phi'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \times x + \textcircled{2} \times y \Rightarrow$$

$$xu_x + yu_y = n \cancel{x^n} \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \cancel{x^{n-1}} \frac{y}{x} \phi'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \cancel{x^{n-1}} y \phi'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$= nu$$

A more general result

- $u = f(x, y) \rightarrow$ hom. in x, y of deg. n

Then

$$\boxed{x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + (2)xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = n(n-1)u}$$

provided u has continuous 1st. order & 2nd. order partial derivatives.

proof. By Euler's Th.,

$$\boxed{x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = nu} \quad \text{--- (1) partially}$$

① $\rightarrow$ w.r.to x differentiate, get eqn. ②

① $\rightarrow$ w.r.to y differentiate partially, get eqn. ③.

② $\times x$ + ③ $\times y \rightarrow$ get the given result

Example: Let $u = \sin^{-1} \frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y}$.

Prove that

$$(i) \quad x u_x + y u_y = \tan u$$

$$(ii) \quad x^2 u_{xx} + 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy} = \tan^3 u. \quad \checkmark$$

Solⁿ.

$$(i) \quad u = \sin^{-1} \frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y}$$

$$\sin u = \frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y} \rightarrow \text{hom. fun. in } x, y \\ \text{of deg. 1}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 \left(1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}\right)}{x \left(1 + \frac{y}{x}\right)}$$

$$= x \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\sin u) + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\sin u) = 1 \cdot \sin u.$$

$$x \cos u u_x + y \cos u u_y = \sin u$$

$$\Rightarrow x u_x + y u_y = \tan u.$$

(ii) ~~Exercise~~. Exercise.

Harmonic fun.

- $f(x, y)$
- Laplacian

$$\nabla^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 f = f_{xx} + f_{yy}$$

• $f(x, y, z)$

• Laplacian

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$$\nabla^2 f = f_{xx} + f_{yy} + f_{zz}$$

Harmonic fun.

$$\nabla^2 f = 0$$

Example: Show that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$ is a harmonic fun.

Soln.

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

do it

Example:

$$f(x, y) =$$

$$\log \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Harmonic fun.

Example:

$$u = \log \left\{ \frac{x^4 + y^4}{x + y} \right\}$$

$$x u_x + y u_y = ?$$

Solⁿ:

$$e^u = \frac{x^4 + y^4}{x + y} \rightarrow \text{hom. deg } 3$$

Ans. $\rightarrow 3$.

Example:

If $u = z e^{ax+by}$, where z is a hom. fun. in x, y of deg. n ,

prove that

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = (ax + by + n)z$$

Solⁿ:

As z is hom. in x, y of deg. n ,

$$\text{we have } x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = nz \quad \text{--- ①}$$

(by Euler's Th.)

$$\therefore x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (z e^{ax+by}) + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (z e^{ax+by})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \underline{x} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} e^{ax+by} + \underline{za} e^{ax+by} \right) \\
&\quad + \underline{y} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} e^{ax+by} + \underline{zb} e^{ax+by} \right) \\
&= e^{ax+by} \left[x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + za + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + zb \right] \\
&= u (n + ax + by) \rightarrow (\text{proved}).
\end{aligned}$$

• $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow$ hom. funⁿ in $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ of deg. m .

Euler's Theorem true for this f ?

i.e. $\boxed{x_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} + x_2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} + \dots + x_n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} = m f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}$

↓
true or not?

Composite functions.

Chain Rules for $f^{(n)}$ of 2 variables

1. $z = f(x, y)$, $x = \phi(t)$, $y = \psi(t)$,

f, ϕ, ψ all diff. $f^{(n)}$.

$\Rightarrow z$ is also diff. $f^{(n)}$ of t

$$\boxed{\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}} \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy \quad (\text{total differential})$$

2. $z = f(x, y)$, $x = \phi(u, v)$, $y = \psi(u, v)$,

$f, \phi, \psi \rightarrow$ all diff. $f^{(n)}$.

$\Rightarrow z$ is a diff. $f^{(n)}$ of u, v and.

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{aligned}} \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy \quad (\text{total differential})$$

Chain rules for f^n . of 3 variables

• $f(x, y, z)$, $x = \phi(t)$, $y = \psi(t)$, $z = \theta(t)$
 f, ϕ, ψ, θ all diff. f^n .

$\Rightarrow f$ is diff. f^n of t

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt}$$

(Chain rule)

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} dz.$$

• $f(x, y, z)$, $x = \phi(u, v, w)$, $y = \psi(u, v, w)$,
 $z = \theta(u, v, w)$

$\rightarrow f$ is diff. f^n of u, v, w .

chain rule

$$\begin{cases} f_u = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \\ f_v = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \\ f_w = \dots \end{cases}$$

$$df = ?$$

Example: If $u = \phi(x-y, y-z, z-x)$,

find the value of $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$

Solⁿ. $g = x-y, h = y-z, t = z-x$

$\therefore u = \phi(g, h, t)$, g, h, t are themselves funⁿ. of x, y, z .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial h} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial g} \cdot 1 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial h} \cdot 0 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \cdot (-1) \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial g} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial h} \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial y}$$

$$= -\frac{\partial u}{\partial g} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial h}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial h} \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial z}$$

$$= -\frac{\partial u}{\partial h} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$

Ans. 0

Exercise: Let $u = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2 y^2}$, $v = \frac{z^2 - y^2}{y^2 z^2}$,

$$x \neq 0, y \neq 0, z \neq 0$$

and $\omega = f(u, v)$ over $\mathbb{R}^2$, with continuous partial derivatives

Prove that $x^3 \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} + y^3 \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} + z^3 \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial z} = 0$
at $(1, 2, 3)$.

Example: $f \rightarrow$ hom. fun. of x, y, z
of deg n .

Prove Euler's Th. for f .

i.e. $\boxed{x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = n f}$.

Soln: $f = x^n \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}, \frac{z}{x}\right)$.

$\therefore \boxed{f = x^n \phi(u, v)}$, $u = \frac{y}{x}$, $v = \frac{z}{x}$.

$$\textcircled{1} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = n x^{n-1} \phi(u, v) + x^n \left\{ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right\}$$

$$= n x^{n-1} \phi(u, v) - x^{n-2} \left\{ y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} + z \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} \right\}$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^n \left\{ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right\}$$

$$= x^n \left\{ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} \cdot 0 \right\}$$

$$\textcircled{3} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = x^n \left\{ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right\}$$

$$= x^n \left\{ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} \cdot 0 + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right\}.$$

$$\textcircled{1} \times x + \textcircled{2} \times y + \textcircled{3} \times z \Rightarrow$$

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = x \left(n x^{n-1} \phi(u, v) - x^{n-2} \left(y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} + z \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} \right) \right)$$

$$+ x^{n-1} \cdot y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

$$+ x^{n-1} \cdot z \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v}$$

$$= n f.$$

Leibnitz's rule for differentiation under integral sign.

$$\cdot \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} f(t) dt \right] = f(h(x)) \cdot h'(x) \\ - f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

$$\cdot \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} \underline{f(x, y)} dy \right] = \int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dy$$

$$+ f(x, h(x)) h'(x)$$

$$- f(x, g(x)) g'(x).$$

↓ Exercise.

Use chain rule to prove this.

Example:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sec^2 x \int_2^x f(t) dt}{x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{16}} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \right)$$

$$= \frac{8}{\pi} f(2).$$

Example:

If $y(x) =$

$$\int_{\frac{\pi^2}{16}}^{x^2} \frac{\cos x \cdot \cos \sqrt{\theta}}{1 + \sin^2 \sqrt{\theta}} d\theta$$

↓
 $f(x, \theta).$

then $\left[\frac{dy}{dx} \right]_{x=\pi} = ?$

Solⁿ. Using Leibnitz's rule for diff. under the sign of integral, we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \int_{\frac{\pi^2}{16}}^{x^2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} d\theta + f(x, \theta = x^2) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) - f(x, \theta = \frac{\pi^2}{16}) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{\pi^2}{16}\right)$$

$$= 2x \cdot \frac{\cos x \cdot \cos \sqrt{\theta}}{1 + \sin^2 \sqrt{x}} \quad f(x, \theta) = \frac{\cos x \cdot \cos \sqrt{\theta}}{1 + \sin^2 \sqrt{\theta}}.$$

$$+ \int_{\frac{\pi}{16}}^x \frac{-\sin x \cos \sqrt{\theta}}{1 + \sin^2 \sqrt{\theta}} d\theta.$$

$$\therefore \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right]_{x=\pi} = \frac{2\pi \cdot (\cos \pi)^2}{1 + \sin^2 \pi} = 2\pi.$$

Example:

Using chain rule

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{|xy|}, \quad x=u, y=u$$

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} x=u \\ y=u \end{matrix}}$$

$$\frac{df}{du} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{du} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{du} = f_x + f_y.$$

$$\left. \frac{df}{du} \right]_{(0,0)} = 0 \quad \text{false result} \quad f_x(0,0) = 0 = f_y(0,0)$$

$$f(u) = |u|.$$

which does not have
derivative at $u=0$.

$$f_x(0,0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h,0) - f(0,0)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0-0}{h} = 0.$$

• Chain rule cannot be applied
to the f^n .

$$f(x,y) = \sqrt{xy}, \quad \begin{matrix} x=u, \\ y=v \end{matrix}$$

↓ as this f is
not a diff. f^n
of x, y .

(Prove it).

Jacobians.

- $x_1, x_2 \rightarrow$ two differentiable funⁿs. of r, θ .
- Jacobian of x_1, x_2 w.r.t. r, θ is defined as

$$\frac{\partial(x_1, x_2)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rightarrow x_1 \\ \rightarrow x_2 \end{matrix}$$

Example:

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta.$$

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} = r.$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ y &= r \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ z &= r \cos \theta. \end{aligned}$$

$$0 < \phi < 2\pi$$

$$-\pi < \theta < \pi.$$

$$\frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(r, \theta, \phi)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \phi} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= r^2 \sin \theta \quad (\text{check}) .$$

Jacobian of x, y, z
w.r.t r, θ, ϕ .