

Geometric Calculus 2

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Homework 0. Not for submission

Our course is heavily based on the previous 3 semesters.

It is important to (fully) solve this homework before the first lecture.



Notations&conventions:

- The unit vector in j 'th direction is $\hat{x}_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$. A point in the standard coordinates is $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- An open subset $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. The standard sphere $\mathbb{S}^{n-1} := \{\underline{x} \mid \|\underline{x}\| = 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.
- The partial derivatives $\partial_1 f, \dots, \partial_n f$. The (total) derivative of order k at a point $f^{(k)}|_{x_o}$. Thus $f^{(1)}|_{x_o}$ is a vector, $f^{(2)}|_{x_o}$ is a (symmetric) matrix, and so on.
- Denote by $C^k(\mathcal{U})$ the ring of functions with continuous k 'th derivative. (Here $1 \leq k \leq \infty$)

- a. Prove: the series $\sum a_j x^j$ converges on $(-r, r)$ iff $|a_j| < \frac{C}{r^j}$ for some $C \in \mathbb{R}$ (and all $j \in \mathbb{N}$).
- b. Suppose the series $\sum a_j x^j$ converges on $(-r, r)$. Prove: $\frac{d}{dx}(\sum a_j x^j) = \sum \frac{d}{dx}(a_j x^j)$, and the new series also converges on $(-r, r)$.
- c. Suppose a function $(-\epsilon, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$ is infinitely differentiable. Suppose $|f^{(j)}|_x| < \frac{C}{r^j}$, for a fixed C , and all $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $x \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$. Prove: $f = Taylor_o[f]$. Such a function is called "analytic at o ."
- d. Verify: $f = Taylor_o[f]$ for the functions e^x , $(1+x)^\alpha$ (for $\alpha > 0$), $\ln(1+x)$, $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$.
In each case specify the largest interval on which the equality holds.
- e. For $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathbb{R}$ define $C^\omega(\mathcal{U}) := \{\text{functions analytic at all the points of } \mathcal{U}\}$. Namely, for each $x_o \in \mathcal{U}$ one has: $f = Taylor_{x_o}[f]$ locally near x_o .
Prove: $C^\omega(\mathcal{U})$ is a commutative ring.
- f. Verify: $f(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^1)$, but $f \neq Taylor_o[f]$. (For any neighborhood $o \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \subset \mathbb{R}^1$.)

- a. Let $A \in Mat_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ be of the maximal rank. For $m \leq n$ prove: there exists $U \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ satisfying: $A \cdot U = [\mathbb{I} | \mathbb{0}]$.
What is the corresponding statement for $m \geq n$?
- b. Let $A \in Mat_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ and suppose v_1, \dots, v_k are eigenvectors with pairwise distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$. Prove: v_1, \dots, v_k are linearly independent.
- c. Prove: $\det[\mathbb{I} + t \cdot A] = 1 + t \cdot \text{trace}(A) + O(t^2)$.
- d. Let $A = \{a_{ij}(t)\} \in Mat_{n \times n}$, here $a_{ij}(t)$ are differentiable functions of one variable. Prove:

$$\det[A'] = \det \begin{bmatrix} - & - & a_{1\bullet}(t)' & - & - \\ - & - & a_{2\bullet}(t)' & - & - \\ & & \dots & & \\ - & - & a_{3\bullet}(t)' & - & - \\ & & \dots & & \end{bmatrix} + \det \begin{bmatrix} - & - & a_{1\bullet}(t) & - & - \\ - & - & a_{2\bullet}(t)' & - & - \\ - & - & a_{3\bullet}(t) & - & - \\ & & \dots & & \\ - & - & a_{n\bullet}(t)' & - & - \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \det \begin{bmatrix} - & - & a_{1\bullet}(t) & - & - \\ - & - & a_{2\bullet}(t) & - & - \\ & & \dots & & \\ - & - & a_{n\bullet}(t) & - & - \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Draw/describe the following subsets of \mathbb{R}^3 :
 - $\{1 - x^2 - y^2 \geq z \geq x^2 + y^2 - 1\}$
 - $\{0 \leq z \leq \frac{1}{xy}, |x| + |y| \leq 1\}$
 - $\{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1, (x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + (y - \frac{1}{2})^2 \leq 1\}$
 - $\{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq z \leq \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}\}$
 - $\{z^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 + 1, x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$.

Are they open/closed/path-connected? Describe their boundary. Is the boundary a smooth surface?

- a. Make the full (2π) rotation of the curve $\{(y-r)^2 + z^2 = R^2, x=0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ around the z -axis. Here $0 < r < R$. Draw this surface. (It is called: a torus) Write the defining equation.

- b. Define the map $S_\phi^1 \times S_\psi^1 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}_{xyz}^3$ by $f_x(\phi, \psi) = (R+r \cdot \sin(\phi))\cos(\psi)$, $f_y(\phi, \psi) = (R+r \cdot \sin(\phi))\sin(\psi)$, $f_z(\phi, \psi) = r \cdot \cos(\phi)$. Here S_ϕ^1 is parameterized by $(\sin(\phi), \cos(\phi))$.
- Verify: f is the parametrization of this torus. [I.e. f is bijective onto its image, and the matrix $[f']_{3 \times 2}$ is of constant rank 2.]
 - Find and classify the critical points of f_x . [What is their geometric meaning?]
 - What are the critical points of f_z ?
- c. A subset $X \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ is defined locally near a point $x_o \in X$ by the equation $f(x) = 0$. Suppose $f'|_{x_o} \neq 0$. Prove: the tangent plane to X at x_o is defined by the equation $(x - x_o) \cdot \nabla f|_{x_o} = 0$.
- d. Let $S^1 \times S^1 = \{\underline{x} \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1 = x_3^2 + x_4^2\} \subset \mathbb{R}^4$.
- Find the equations for the tangent plane to this subset at a point \underline{x}_o .
 - Check that none of these planes intersects the subset $(Ball_1(0, 0) \times \mathbb{R}^2) \cup (\mathbb{R}^2 \times Ball_1(0, 0))$.
5. Define the polar coordinates in \mathbb{R}^n by $r = \sqrt{\sum x_i^2}$, $\left\{ \phi_j = \arccos \frac{x_j}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^j x_i^2}} \in [0, \pi] \right\}_{j=3, \dots, n}$, while $\phi_2 \in [0, 2\pi)$ is determined by $\arccos \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}}$ and $\arcsin \frac{x_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}}$.
- Verify: for $n = 2, 3$ we get the ordinary polar coordinates in $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3$.
 - Why do we need two expressions for the angle ϕ_2 ?
 - Give the geometric definition of all the angles ϕ_2, \dots, ϕ_n . [E.g. ϕ_n is the angle with \hat{x}_n]
 - Write the explicit formulas for the map $(r, \underline{\phi}) \rightarrow \underline{x}$.
 - Verify: the domain of definition of the coordinate change $\underline{x} \rightarrow (r, \underline{\phi})$ is $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 0\}$, while its image is $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \times (0, \pi)^{n-2} \times [0, 2\pi)$.
 - Verify: the map $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \times (0, \pi)^{n-2} \times [0, 2\pi) \ni (r, \underline{\phi}) \rightarrow \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 0\}$ is C^∞ and bijective. Is its inverse C^∞ as well?
 - Using polar coordinates prove: the sphere $S^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is compact and path-connected.
6. a. Given $\mathbb{R}^n \supseteq \mathcal{U} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the directional derivative is defined by $\partial_v f|_{x_o} := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_o + t \cdot v) - f(x_o)}{t}$. For $f \in C^1(\mathcal{U})$ prove: $\partial_v f|_{x_o} = \nabla f \cdot v$.
- The notions of min/max/saddle of $\mathcal{U} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$ are defined without fixing the coordinates. Verify: the conditions “ $f'|_{x_o} = 0$, $f''|_{x_o}$ is positive/negative definite” are preserved under local C^2 -coordinate changes.
 - Suppose a level curve of $f(x, y) \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ is defined by $y^2 = x^2$. Prove: $f'|_{(0,0)} = 0$. (Note: the prescribed level curve does not imply $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$. E.g. all $f(x) = x^\alpha$ have the same zero level set for $\alpha > 0$.)
7. a. Give an example of a function $\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$ such that $f'|_0 = 0$, but f is C^0 -globally invertible.
- Prove: if $\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$ is C^1 and $f'|_0 = 0$ then f is not C^1 -locally invertible at $x = 0$.
 - Write the Jacobian matrix for the coordinate change to polar coordinates, $(x, y) \rightarrow (r, \phi)$.
 - Take a C^r -map $\mathbb{R}^2 \supset Ball_\epsilon(o) \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathbb{R}^2$ of the form $(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (x_1 + h_1(\underline{x}), x_2 + h_2(\underline{x}))$, where $h(\underline{x}) \in O(\|\underline{x}\|^2)$. Prove: ϕ is invertible locally near the origin, and $\phi^{-1} \in C^r$. (Thus ϕ is a local C^r -coordinate change.)
 - Take a C^r -function $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^m$ with $r \geq 1$. Suppose $f(o) = o$. Establish the normal form:
 - If $n \geq m$ and $rank[f'|_o] = m$, then in some local (C^r) coordinates at $o \in \mathbb{R}^m$ the function is: $f(\underline{x}) = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$.
 - If $n \leq m$ and $rank[f'|_o] = n$, then in some local (C^r) coordinates at $o \in \mathbb{R}^n$ the function is: $f(\underline{x}) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, 0, \dots, 0)$.
 - Open mapping theorem: if $\mathbb{R}^m \supseteq \mathcal{U}_f \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^n$ is C^1 , $n \leq m$, and $rank[f'] = n$ everywhere on \mathcal{U}_f , then f sends open sets to open sets. Give different proofs (via the implicit function theorem, via the inverse function theorem, via the normal form)