

## EXAMPLE SHEET 3

- Consider the map  $f : \mathbb{R}^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y}$  (i.e. the usual cross product of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .) Prove directly from the definition that  $f$  is differentiable and express its derivative at  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  first as a linear map and then as a matrix.
- At which points of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are the following functions  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  differentiable?
  - $f(x, y) = xy|x - y|$ .
  - $f(x, y) = xy/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  for  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ ,  $f(0, 0) = 0$ .
  - $f(x, y) = xy \sin 1/x$  for  $x \neq 0$ ,  $f(0, y) = 0$ .
- Show that the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(\mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{v}\|_2$  is differentiable at all nonzero  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ . (Hint: first show that  $\mathbf{v} \mapsto \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$  is differentiable.) At which points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are the functions  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  differentiable?
- Let  $f(x, y) = x^2y/(x^2 + y^2)$  for  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  and  $f(0, 0) = 0$ . Show that  $f$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$  and that it has directional derivatives in all directions there. Is  $f$  differentiable at  $(0, 0)$ ?
- Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function, and let  $g(x) = f(x, c - x)$ , where  $c$  is a constant. Show that  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and find its derivative a) directly from the definition and b) by using the chain rule. Deduce that if  $D_2f = D_1f$  everywhere in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then  $f(x, y) = h(x + y)$  for some differentiable function  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
- We work in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the usual inner product and  $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_2$ . Consider the map  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given by  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}/\|\mathbf{x}\|$  for  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $f(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ . Show that  $f$  is differentiable except at  $\mathbf{0}$  and
 
$$Df|_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} - \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^3}.$$
 Verify that  $Df|_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v})$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{x}$  and explain geometrically why this is the case.
- Suppose that  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . If the directional derivative  $D_{\mathbf{v}}F|_{\mathbf{x}}$  exists for all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and is a linear function of  $\mathbf{v}$ , must  $F$  be differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}$ ?
- Let  $f(x, y) = xy(x^2 - y^2)/(x^2 + y^2)$  for  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  and  $f(0, 0) = 0$ . Show that
  - $f, D_1f$ , and  $D_2f$  are continuous in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - $D_{12}f$  and  $D_{21}f$  exist at every point in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and are continuous except at  $(0, 0)$ .
  - $D_{12}f|_{0,0} \neq D_{21}f|_{0,0}$ .
- Let  $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ , and let  $U \subset V$  be an open subset. Given  $f, g : U \rightarrow V$ , define  $fg : U \rightarrow V$  by  $fg(X) = f(X)g(X)$  (matrix multiplication). If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable, show that  $fg$  is differentiable, and that  $D(fg)|_X(A) = Df|_X(A)g(X) + f(X)Dg|_X(A)$ . Now let  $U \subset V$  be the set of invertible matrices, and define  $g : U \rightarrow V$  by  $g(X) = X^{-1}$ . Show that  $g$  is differentiable and compute its derivative.

10. Let  $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  as above. By considering  $\det(I + A)$  as a polynomial in the entries of  $A$ , show that the function  $\det : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at the identity matrix  $I$  and that its derivative there is the function  $A \mapsto \text{tr } A$ . Hence show that  $\det$  is differentiable at any invertible matrix  $X$ , with derivative  $A \mapsto \det(X) \text{tr}(X^{-1}A)$ . Compute the second derivative of  $\det$  at  $I$  as a bilinear map  $V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and verify it is symmetric.
11. a) Let  $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ , and define  $f : V \rightarrow V$  by  $f(X) = X^3$ . Find the Taylor series for  $f(X + A)$  centered at  $X$ . b)\* Let  $U \subset V$  be the set of invertible matrices, and define  $g : U \rightarrow U$  by  $g(X) = X^{-1}$ . Find the Taylor series for  $g(I + A)$  centered at  $I$ .
- 12.\* A *critical point* of a differentiable function  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a point  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for which  $DF|_{\mathbf{x}} = 0$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{x}$  is a critical point such that the second derivative  $D^2F|_{\mathbf{x}} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a nondegenerate quadratic form. (That is, for any  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , there is some  $\mathbf{w}$  with  $D^2f|_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \neq 0$ .) Show that  $F$  attains a local maximum at  $\mathbf{x}$  if and only if  $D^2F|_{\mathbf{x}}$  is negative definite. (That is,  $D^2f|_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) < 0$  for all  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .)
- 13.\* Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be an open set containing the rectangle  $[a, b] \times [c, d]$ . Suppose that  $g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and that  $D_2g$  exists and is continuous on  $U$ . Set

$$G(y) = \int_a^b g(x, y) dx.$$

Show that  $G$  is differentiable on  $(c, d)$  with derivative

$$G'(y) = \int_a^b D_2g(x, y) dx.$$

(Hint:  $D_2g$  is uniformly continuous on  $[a, b] \times [c, d]$ .)

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