

Let us relate the structures from the last session to \mathbb{R}^n :

We denote $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then:

- The inner product (or scalar product) is $\langle x, y \rangle \equiv x \cdot y := \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$.
(Recall that $\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\| \|y\| \cos(\angle x, y)$.)
(or dot product)
angle between x and y
- It induces the norm $\|x\|_2 = (\langle x, x \rangle)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.
- Also $\|x\|_p := \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ define norms $\forall 1 \leq p < \infty$ and the following Hölder inequality holds:
 $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q$.
- Also $\|x\|_\infty := \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$ defines a norm. (In fact, $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|x\|_p = \|x\|_\infty$.)
 $\| \cdot \|_A$ and $\| \cdot \|_B$ are any two norms here
- In fact, all norms on \mathbb{R}^n are equivalent, i.e., $\forall x \exists C_1, C_2 > 0$ s.t. $C_1 \|x\|_A \leq \|x\| \leq C_2 \|x\|_A$

Finally, we briefly discuss the notion of compactness.

Recall that we call a subset of \mathbb{R}^n open if it can be written as the union of open balls

$$B_r(x) := \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x - y\| < r \}.$$

unless specified otherwise, we always mean $\|x\|^2 := \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

A set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is called compact if every open cover of E has a finite subcover.

→ A family of open sets (V_α) such that $\bigcup_\alpha V_\alpha \supseteq E$.

→ A subfamily of the open cover with finitely many elements.

Important result: As in \mathbb{R} , the Heine-Borel theorem also holds in \mathbb{R}^n :

$E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is compact $\Leftrightarrow E$ closed and bounded.

it contains all
its limit points

$E \subset B_r(x)$ for some $r > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

This implies, e.g., that continuous functions $E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbb{R}^n \supset E$ compact, attain their maximum and minimum.

Ex.: • \mathbb{R}^n is not compact, since it is not bounded (\mathbb{R}^n is closed (and open)).

• $B_r(x)$ is not compact, since it is not closed ($B_r(x)$ is bounded).

• $\overline{B_r(x)} := \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x - y\| \leq r\}$ is closed and bounded, and thus compact.

2. Derivatives

2.1 Total and Partial Derivatives

Some notation:

- We write vectors $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ as $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$.
- Special vectors are the basis vectors $e_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow j\text{-th component}$, i.e., $x = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j e_j$

Recall from Linear Algebra:

- A map $L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is linear if $L(\lambda x + \gamma) = \lambda L(x) + L(\gamma) \quad \forall x, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^n, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

For linear maps we usually write $L(x) = Lx$.

- Linear maps $L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ are in one-to-one correspondence to $m \times n$ matrices

$$A_L = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \text{ by choosing a basis. } \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Choosing a basis } (e_i) \text{ of } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } (\tilde{e}_i) \text{ of } \mathbb{R}^m, \\ \text{we have } (Lx)_i = \langle \tilde{e}_i, Lx \rangle = \langle \tilde{e}_i, L(\sum_j x_j e_j) \rangle \\ = \sum_j x_j \langle \tilde{e}_i, L e_j \rangle \\ =: a_{ij} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Recall } (Ax)_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j, \quad (AB)_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} b_{jk} \text{ for } A \text{ } m \times n, \text{ and } B \text{ } n \times p \text{ matrix.}$$

(then AB is an $m \times p$ matrix)

- For linear maps $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ we define the operator norm $\|L\| := \sup_{\substack{u \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ \|u\|=1}} \|Lu\| < \infty$

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since unit sphere is compact and L linear (thus continuous), the maximum is attained (for at least one $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$)

$$\text{Since } \|L \frac{u}{\|u\|}\| \leq \|L\|, \text{ we have } \|Lu\| \leq \|L\| \|u\|.$$

Recall that for functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we defined differentiability at \tilde{x} as:

$$\exists m \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. for small enough } h: f(\tilde{x}+h) = f(\tilde{x}) + mh + r_x(h), \text{ with } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{r_x(h)}{h} \right| = 0.$$

Clearly, $L_m: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h \mapsto mh$ is a linear map.

The idea "derivatives are the best linear approximation" can be generalized:

Definition: Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open and $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$. Then f is called differentiable at $\tilde{x} \in U$ if there is a linear map $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ s.t.

$$f(\tilde{x}+h) = f(\tilde{x}) + Ah + r_{\tilde{x}}(h) \quad \text{with} \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|r_{\tilde{x}}(h)\|}{\|h\|} = 0.$$

In other words:
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(\tilde{x}+h) - f(\tilde{x}) - Ah\|}{\|h\|} = 0.$$

We call $A \equiv Df|_{\tilde{x}} \equiv f'(\tilde{x})$ the **total derivative** of f at \tilde{x} .

If f is differentiable for all $\tilde{x} \in U$, we say f is differentiable in U .