

# Basic Concepts in Topology



Young man, in mathematics you  
don't understand things. You just  
get used to them.

— *John von Neumann* —

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## Subsets of the reals: sup, inf, max and min

$$A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

- Upper bound :  $u \geq x \quad \forall x \in A$

- Least upper bound/ supremum :  $u^* = \sup(A)$

if ①  $u^*$  is an u.b. of  $A$

② If  $u$  is any u.b. of  $A$ ,

$$u^* \leq u$$

- If  $u^* = \sup(A) \in A$ , then  $u^*$  is the maximum of  $A$

$$A = (0, 1) \rightarrow \sup(A) = 1$$

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$$0 < \varepsilon < 1$$

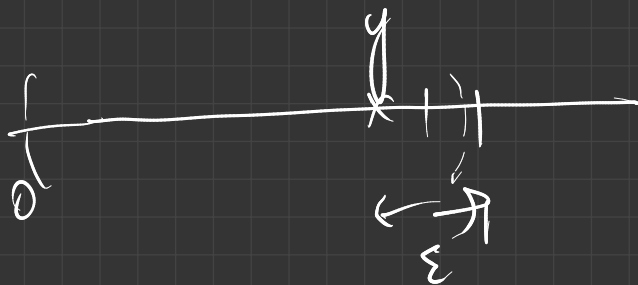
Take any  $y < 1$

$$\varepsilon = 1 - y > 0$$

$$y < y + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < 1$$

⇐

$A$



Lower bound: —  $l$  is a lb for  $A$  if  
 $l \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall x \in A$

— Greatest lower bound/ Infimum of  $A$  if

- ①  $l^*$  is a l-b for  $A$
- ② If  $l$  is any other  
lb for  $A$ , then  $l \leq l^*$

— If  $l^* \in A$  then  $l^*$  is the minimum  
of  $A$ .

Fig

$$A \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$$

$$A = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x^2 < 2\}$$

$$\text{In } \mathbb{R}, \sup(A) = \sqrt{2}$$

In  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\sup(A)$  does not exist.

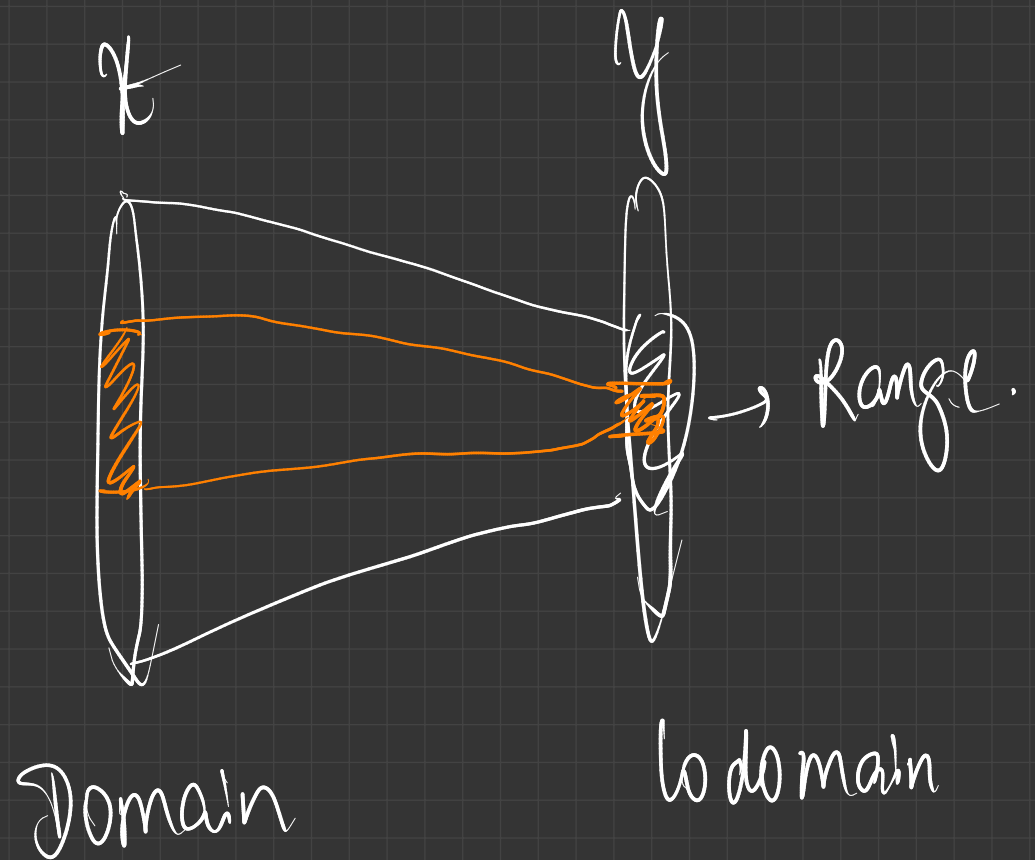
## Functions: definitions

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

$$\text{Range} = f(X)$$

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$$\{ f(x) : x \in X \}$$



Take  $A \subseteq X$

$$f(A) = \{ f(x) : x \in A \} \rightarrow \text{Image of } A$$

Take  $B \subseteq Y$

$$f^{-1}(B) = \{x : f(x) \in B\}$$

Inverse  
image of  
 $B$ .

- One-one / Injective if  $|f^{-1}(y)|$  is 0 or 1.
- Onto / Surjective if  $f(X) = Y$
- Bijective if one-one & onto.

# How big is your set?

— finite

— Infinite

Countable

Uncountable

∃ a 1-1 map  
from  $A$  to  
 $\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$

$$\mathbb{Z} \sim \mathbb{C}, \quad \mathbb{Z}^n \sim \mathbb{C}, \quad (0, 1) \sim \mathbb{U}$$

$$\hookrightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -2x+1, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{C}$$



## Metric

$X$ ,  $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a metric / distance measure,

$$\textcircled{1} \quad d(x_1, x_2) \geq 0 \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in X$$

equal to 0 iff  $x_1 = x_2$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad d(x_1, x_2) = d(x_2, x_1)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3) \geq d(x_1, x_3)$$

Examples:

①  $X = \mathbb{R}$

$$d(x_1, x_2) = |x_1 - x_2|$$

②  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$d(\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2) = \|\underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}_2\|$$

③  $X = \{ \text{or. integrable real fns on } \mathbb{R} \}$

$$d(f_1, f_2) = \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_1(x) - f_2(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}$$

## Neighborhood

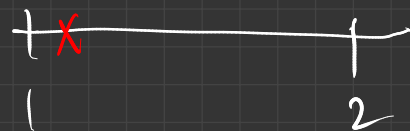
Given  $(\mathcal{X}, d)$   $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

\* A neighborhood of radius  $r > 0$  around  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  is

$$N_r(x) = \{ y \in \mathcal{X} : d(x, y) < r \}$$

\* If  $A \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  then  $x$  is an interior point of  $A$  if  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  st  $N_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq A$ .

$$(1-\varepsilon, 1+\varepsilon)$$



Q Take any  $1 < x < 2$ . Is  $x$  an interior pt of  $[1, 2]$

A Yes,

$$\varepsilon_1 = x - 1 > 0$$

$$\varepsilon_2 = 2 - x > 0$$

$$\varepsilon = \min(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$$

$$(x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \subseteq [1, 2]$$

## Interior point and the interior of a set, open sets

Interior of  $A =$  set of all interior pts of  $A$ .

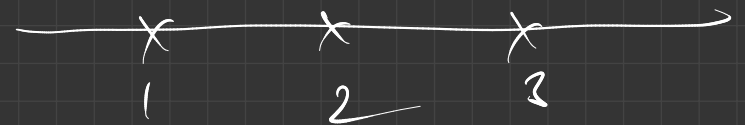
$$\text{Int}([1, 2]) = (1, 2)$$

$$\text{Int}(0, 2) = (0, 2)$$

$$\text{Int}(\{1, 2, 3\}) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{Int}(\text{countable set}) = \emptyset$$

$$(2-\epsilon, 2+\epsilon)$$



Set  $A$  is open if every point is an interior point

Countable subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  are not open

$$\text{Int}([a, b]) = (a, b) \neq [a, b] \quad \text{NOT open}$$



$\mathbb{R}^2$

$$d(x, y) = \|x^2 - y\|$$

$$S = \{ (x, y) : x^2 > y \}$$

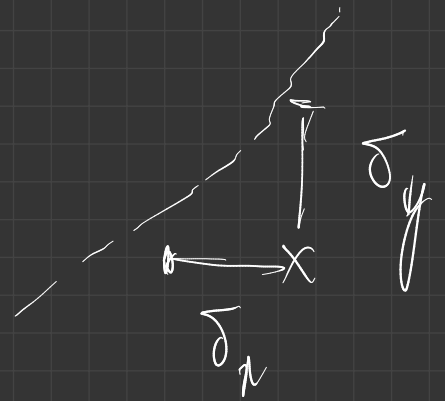
Take any  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 > y$

$$\delta > 0$$

$$x^2 = y + \delta$$

$$x - \delta = \sqrt{y}$$

Take  $\varepsilon = \min\{\delta_x, \delta_y\}$



Claim:  $N_\varepsilon(x, y) \subseteq S$

$d = \min d(x, y, c) > 0$

$N_\varepsilon(d/2)$

$$\min_{y_1 = x_1^2} \sqrt{(x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2} = \min_{x_1} \sqrt{(x - x_1^2)^2 + (y - x_1^2)^2}$$

$S = \{(x, y) : x^2 = y\}$

$> 0$



# Limit points, closure and closed sets, boundary points

We say that  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$  if every neighborhood  $N_\epsilon(x)$  contains a point in  $A \setminus \{x\}$

$$S = [1, 2]$$

Any point in  $[1, 2]$  is a limit point of  $S$



$$S = (1, 2)$$

Any pt in  $(1, 2)$  is a limit  
pt of  $(1, 2)$

$1, 2$  are also limit  
pts of  $S$

$$S = \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \dots \right\}$$

$$S_2 = \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \dots \right\}$$

No pt of  $S$  is a  
limit pt  
 $0$  is a limit pt

$$\notin [1, 2]$$

$$(x - \delta_n, x + \delta_n)$$

Closed set:  $A$  is closed if every limit pt of  $A$  belongs to  $A$ .

$(1, 2)$  — Not closed

$[1, 2]$  — Closed

$\left\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots\right\} = \left\{\frac{1}{2^n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$   
→ Not closed

$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  closed

Closure of a set  $A$   $cl(A) = A \cup$  limit pts  
of  $A$

$$cl([1, 2]) = [1, 2]$$

$$cl((1, 2)) = [1, 2]$$

$$cl\left\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots\right\} = \left\{0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots\right\}$$

Boundary pts

$$bd(A) = cl(A) \setminus int(A)$$

# Compactness

$S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is compact if it is closed & bounded

$$\sup_{x, y \in S} d(x, y) < \infty$$

# Continuity and compactness

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

$f(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} f(y)$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ .

Theorem: If  $X$  is compact &  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, then,  $f$  has a maximum & a minimum achieved in  $X$

①  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $f(x) = x^2$  is continuous

$\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{R}$  is not compact

Max does not exist.

②  $\mathcal{K}$  is not closed, bounded,  $f$  continuous

$f(x) = x^2$   $\mathcal{K} = (1, 2)$

③  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  ;  $x \in (0, 1)$

④  $f$  not continuous as  $\mathcal{K}$  is closed & bounded

$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{for } x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{for } x = 1 \end{cases}$

$\mathcal{K} = [0, 1]$

$$T = \{ \underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_m \} \quad \underline{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$S = \{ \underline{x} = \alpha_1 \underline{x}_1 + \alpha_2 \underline{x}_2 + \dots + \alpha_m \underline{x}_m$$

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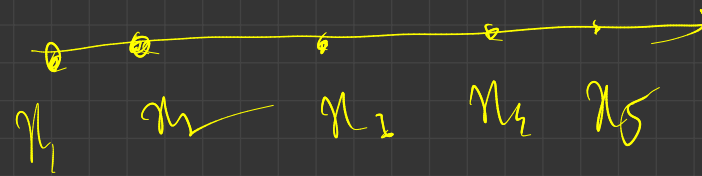
convex hull of  $T$

for some  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$

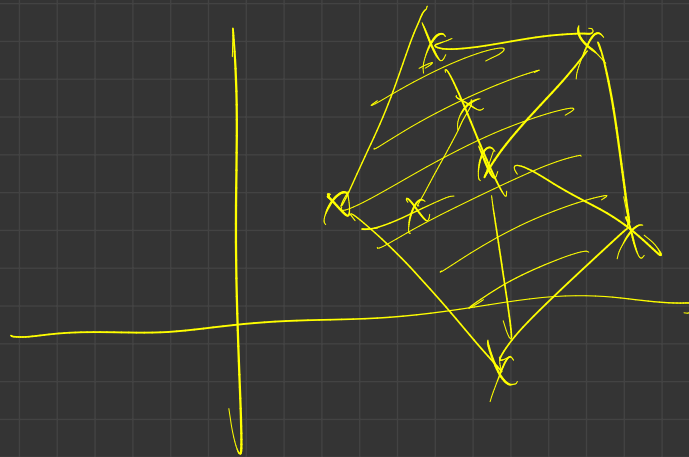
$$0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i = 1$$

— bounded





Exercise 1. Show that convex hull of  $[p_1, p_5]$



This is a closed set

$[1, 2]$

# Derivative

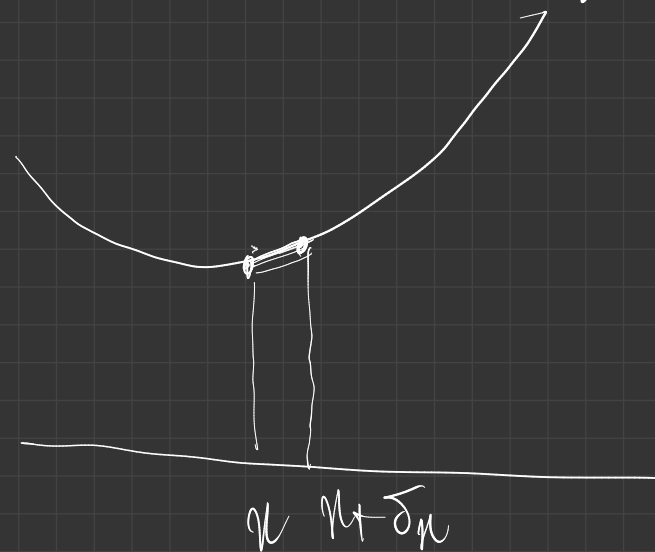
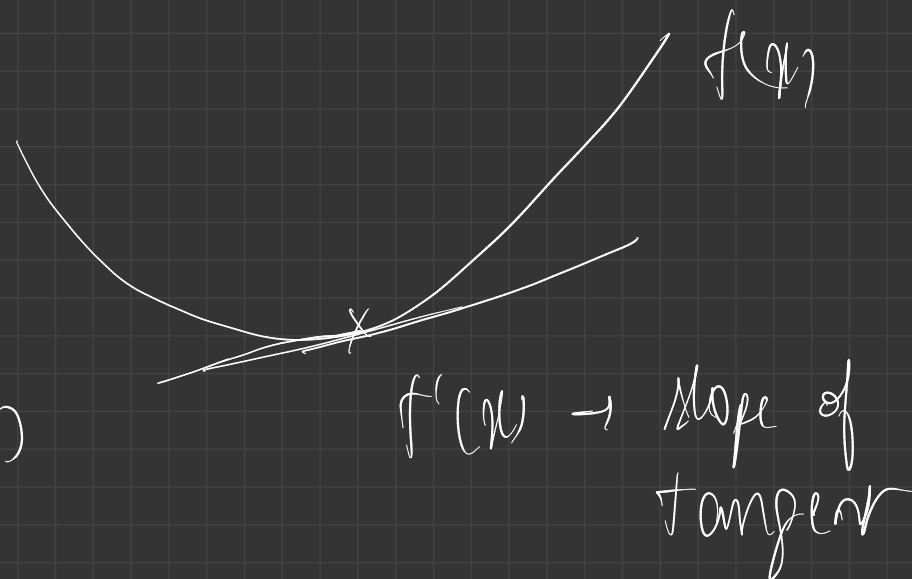
$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f'(x) \equiv \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$$

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$$f(x + \delta x) = f(x) + \delta x f'(x) + e(\delta x)$$

$$\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e(\delta x)}{\delta x} = 0$$



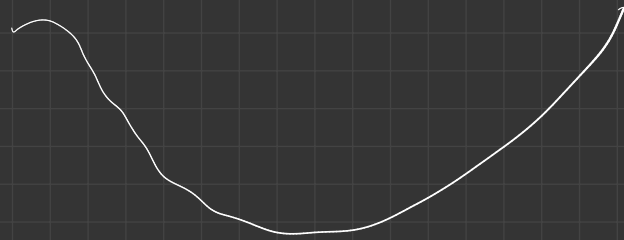
tends to 0 faster than  $\delta x$

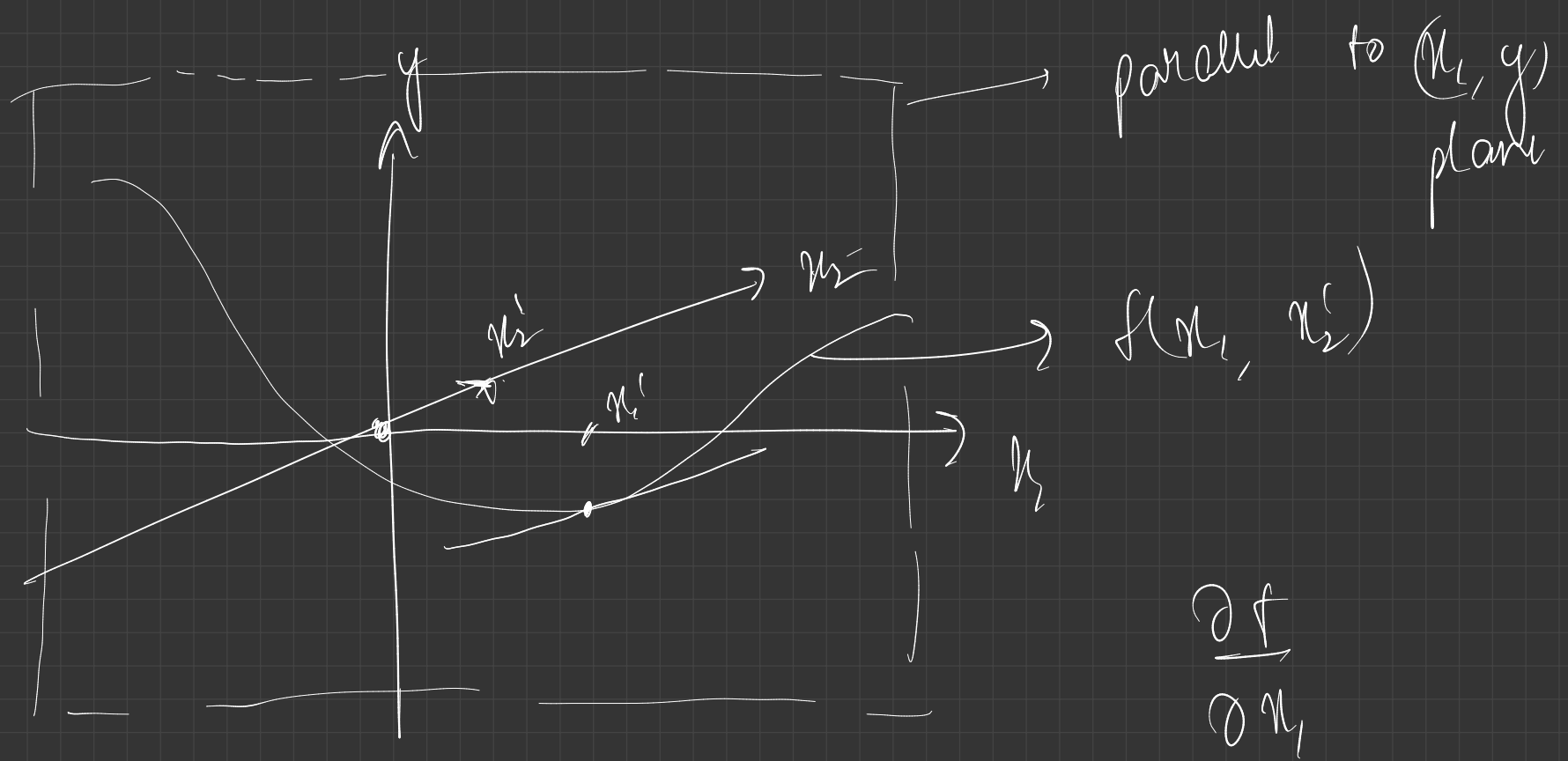
$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_1, x_2) = \lim_{\delta x_1 \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1 + \delta x_1, x_2) - f(x_1, x_2)}{\delta x_1}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(x_1, x_2) = \lim_{\delta x_2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, x_2 + \delta x_2) - f(x_1, x_2)}{\delta x_2}$$





Direction, unit vector

$$\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\|\underline{u}\|_2 = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}$$

Directional derivative along  $\underline{u}$

$$= \langle \underline{u}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} \rangle$$

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\underline{x} + \delta \underline{u}) - f(\underline{x})}{\delta}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_1 + \delta u_1, x_2 + \delta u_2) - f(x_1, x_2)}{\delta}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_1 + \delta u_1, x_2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \delta u_2 + e(\delta) - f(x_1, x_2)}{\delta}$$

$$\approx f(u_1, u_2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_1} \delta u_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_2} \delta u_2 + e'(\delta)$$

$$- \cancel{f(u_1, u_2)}$$

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$\delta$

$$\approx \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_1} u_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_2} u_2$$

General definition

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\lim_{\|h\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(\underline{x} + h) - f(\underline{x}) - D_{f(\underline{x})} h\|}{\|h\|} = 0$$

Then, we say that  $f$  is differentiable at  $\underline{x}$

the derivative is equal to  $D_{f(\underline{x})}$

(Fréchet derivative)



$m \times n$  matrix

$$(D_{f(\underline{x})})_{i,j}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}$$

(Jacobian)

$$\textcircled{1} \quad f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$D_{f(x)} = \frac{df}{dx}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$D_{f(x)} = (\nabla f)^T$$



# Proprietes

①  $f$  &  $g$  differentiable

$$D_{\alpha f + \beta g} = \alpha D_f + \beta D_g$$

②  $g: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$      $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$h(x) = g(f(x))$$

$$D_{h(x)} = D_g(f(x)) \cdot D_f(x)$$

Example:

$$f(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}^T A \underline{x} \quad f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_i x_j$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} x_i$$

$$\nabla f = (A + A^T) \underline{x}$$

②  $f: S_{++}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $\searrow$  set of all  $n \times n$   
+ve definite matrices

$$f(x) = \log \det(x)$$

Positive definite matrices

(P1) Have  $n$  positive eigenvalues

(P2)  $\exists$  some matrix  $X^{1/2}$  invertible

$$X = X^{1/2} X^{1/2}$$

Take two points  $x, z$

$$f(z) = f(x) + \langle D, z-x \rangle + e(z-x)$$

$$z = x + \Delta x$$

$$\log \det(z) = \log(\det(x + \Delta x))$$

$$= \log(\det(x^{1/2} x^{1/2} + \Delta x))$$

$$= \log(\det[x^{1/2} (\mathbb{I} + x^{-1/2} \Delta x x^{-1/2}) x^{1/2}])$$

$$= \log(\det x^{1/2} \times \det(\mathbb{I} + x^{-1/2} \Delta x x^{-1/2}) \times \det(x^{1/2}))$$

$$\approx \left( \overbrace{\log \det X^{1/2}} + \log \det \left( I + X^{-1/2} \Delta X X^{-1/2} \right) \right) + \log \det X^{1/2}$$

$$\approx \log \det(X) + \log \det \left( I + X^{-1/2} (\Delta X) X^{-1/2} \right)$$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$

$$\approx \log \det X + \log \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + \lambda_i)$$

$$\approx \log \det X + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \lambda_i)$$

$$\approx \log \det X + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \approx \text{trace}(X^{-1/2} \Delta X X^{-1/2})$$

$$\approx \text{trace}(X^{-1/2} X^{-1/2} \Delta X)$$

$$\approx \text{trace}(X^{-1} \Delta X)$$

$$f(X + \Delta X) \approx f(X) + \langle X^{-1}, \Delta X \rangle$$

$$D_f(X) = X^{-1}$$

# Second derivative

$$D_f^2(\underline{x}) = D_{D_f}(\underline{x})$$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\nabla f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$D_f^2: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\left( \nabla^2 f \right)_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$$

Hessian matrix

Chain rule

$$h(x) = g(f(x))$$

$$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 h(x) &= g''(f(x)) (\nabla f(x)) (\nabla f(x))^T \\ &\quad + g'(f(x)) \nabla^2 f(x) \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{f(x_1 + \delta u_1, x_2 + \delta u_2) - f(x_1, x_2 + \delta u_2) + f(x_1, x_2 + \delta u_2) - f(x_1, x_2)}{\delta}$$