

# 13 - Directional Derivatives

Note Title

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Linear algebra

$V =$  vector space,  $\langle -, - \rangle$  pos  
 $e_1, \dots, e_n$  def inner product

$$\langle -, - \rangle \sim [g_{ij}]$$

$$g_{ij} = \langle e_i, e_j \rangle$$

$$e_1, \dots, e_n \text{ orthonormal} \iff g_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$$

If this is the case

$$x \in V$$

$$x = \sum_i \langle x, e_i \rangle e_i$$

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Q: what if  $e_i$ 's are Not  
orthonormal?

Write  $x = \sum_j h^j e_j$

$$\langle x, e_j \rangle = h_j$$

Q: what is relationship?

However Let  $(-, -)$  denote the form corresponding to  $[g_{ij}] = Id$

$$h^j = \langle x, e_j \rangle$$

$$h_j = \langle x, e_j \rangle = \langle x, [g_{ij}] e_j \rangle$$

$$= \langle x, \begin{bmatrix} g_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ g_{nj} \end{bmatrix} \rangle$$

$$= \sum_i g_{ij} \langle x, e_i \rangle$$

$$= \sum_i g_{ij} h^i$$

So  $h^i = \sum_j g^{ij} h_j$

App

Thm

$$f: U \rightarrow M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$$

$\mathbb{R}^2$

$$K = \frac{\det[h_{ij}]}{\det[g_{ij}]}$$

(pf)

$$L: T_x M \rightarrow T_x M$$

$$K := \det(L)$$

Take basis of  $T_x M$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial u_i} = e_i$$

$$L e_i = L \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_i} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u_i} = \sum_j h_{ij}^0 \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_j} = \sum_j h_{ij}^0 e_j$$

Write matrix for  $L$

$$L \sim \begin{bmatrix} h_{11}^0 \\ \vdots \\ h_{ij}^0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$g_{ij} = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_i}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_j} \right\rangle = \langle e_i, e_j \rangle$$

$$h_{ij} = \left\langle \frac{\partial x}{\partial u_i}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_j} \right\rangle$$

$$h_i^j = \sum_k h_{i,k} g^{k,j}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_i^j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{i,j} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} g^{ij} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K = \text{Ret} \left( \begin{bmatrix} h_i^j \end{bmatrix} \right) &= \det [h_{ij}] \det [g^{ij}] \\ &= \frac{\det [h_{ij}]}{\det [g_{ij}]} \end{aligned}$$


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## Directional Derivatives

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$M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  is a surface

OR

$M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is a hypersurface

$$\varphi: \begin{array}{c} U \\ \cap \\ \mathbb{R}^n \end{array} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{smooth}$$

$$X \in T_p \mathbb{R}^n$$

Define  $\nabla \varphi(p) \in T_p \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\nabla_x \varphi(p) = \langle X, \nabla \varphi(p) \rangle$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\mathbb{R}$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varphi(p + hX) - \varphi(p)}{h}$$

Or:

$$c: I \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$c(t_0) = p$$

$$\dot{c}(t_0) = X$$

$$\varphi(c(t)) : I \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t_0} \varphi(c(t)) = \nabla_x \varphi(p)$$

$$\varphi: M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{smooth} \\ \text{(Scalar valued)} \\ \text{function} \end{array}$$

(Note - we defined what this was)

$$X \in T_p M$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_X \varphi \quad \text{"directional derivative of } \varphi \text{ at } X \text{"}$$

Two defns

$$c: I \longrightarrow M \quad \begin{array}{l} c(t_0) = p \\ \dot{c}(t_0) = X \end{array}$$

$$\nabla_X \varphi = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t_0} \varphi(c(t))$$

$$\varphi: M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$D\varphi: T_p M \longrightarrow T_{\varphi(p)} \mathbb{R} \\ \mathbb{R}$$

$$D_x \varphi = D\varphi|_p(x)$$

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Note!  $\nabla_x \varphi = D_x \varphi$

Why  $I \xrightarrow{c} M \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbb{R}^n$   
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Local coordinates  $f: U \rightarrow M$

$$D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i}} \varphi = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} \varphi(f(u_1, u_2))$$

$$D_x \varphi = \sum_i h^i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} \varphi(f(u_1, u_2))$$

$$x = \sum_i h^i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i}$$

Suppose

$$Y(p) = \text{v.f. in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

direction in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$D_x Y(p)$$

like ----

new vector field

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Q: given vector field  $Y$  on  $M$

$$D_x Y ?$$

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$$D_x Y(p) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{Y(f(x+h)) - Y}{h}$$

$$Y: M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$DY: T_p M \longrightarrow T_p \mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$x \longmapsto D_x Y^e$$



Problem

$$X \in T_{z_0} M$$

$Y(x)$  tangent vector field

$$D_x Y \notin T_{z_0} M$$

$$D \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$$

Define

$$\nabla_x Y = \text{project}$$

$$= D_x Y - \langle D_x Y, \nu \rangle \nu$$

$$\text{Note } \langle D_x Y, \nu \rangle = \mathbb{I}(x, Y)$$

$$\Rightarrow D_x Y = \nabla_x Y + \mathbb{I}(x, Y) \nu$$

Def Let  $c: I \rightarrow M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  be a curve.

$c$  is a Geodesic if

$$\nabla_{\dot{c}} \dot{c}(t) = 0 \quad \forall t.$$

Let  $Y: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  be a tangent  
vector field along  $c$

$Y$  is parallel if

$$\nabla_{\dot{c}} Y = 0 \quad \forall t$$

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