

More about matrices & linear functions.

Calc 1: $f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x_0) \approx \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

$$\underbrace{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}_{\text{change in } f} \approx f'(x_0) \underbrace{h}_{\text{change in } x}$$

$$\text{change in } f \approx f'(x_0) (\text{change in } x)$$

Thinking of matrices as functions.

example: $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

We can think of this
as a linear function
from $\mathbb{R}^2$ to $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \uparrow \\ \text{---} \end{array} \xrightarrow{F} \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \uparrow \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

$$F\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x+y \\ -x+y \end{pmatrix}$$

What the derivative matrix tells us:

$$\text{If } G: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Then $G'(x_0)$ is a $n \times k$ matrix.
 $\uparrow$
 $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^k$

and $G(x_0+h) - G(x_0) \approx G'(x_0)h = \text{vector}$
 $n \times k$ $k \times 1$

$$x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} x_{0,1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{0,k} \end{pmatrix} \quad h = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_k \end{pmatrix}$$

$\rightarrow$ Thus $G(x_0+h) \approx G(x_0) + G'(x_0)h$

good 1st order approximation
of the function.

Example

$$\text{let } U(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 - 3xy \\ \cos(y - 2x) \end{pmatrix}$$

Let's calculate the derivative
matrix at $(1, 2)$ and figure
out what it tells us.

$$U(1,2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1^2 - 3(1)(2) \\ \cos(2 - 2(1)) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 U'(x,y) &= \begin{pmatrix} u_{1x} & u_{1y} \\ u_{2x} & u_{2y} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 2x-3y & -3x \\ 2\sin(y-2x) & -\sin(y-2x) \end{pmatrix} \\
 \text{at } (1,2) &= \begin{pmatrix} 2(1)-3(2) & -3(1) \\ 2\sin(2-2(1)) & -\sin(2-2(1)) \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = U'(1,2)
 \end{aligned}$$

This tells us that

$$U(1,2) + (h_1, h_2) \approx U(1,2) + U'(1,2) \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(1+h_1, 2+h_2) \approx \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U(1+h_1, 2+h_2) \approx \begin{pmatrix} -5 & -4h_1 - 3h_2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Best linear approximation
to $U(x,y)$ near $(1,2)$

Example Let $B(x,y,z) = x^2 - 3y - xe^{2yz}$

Find the derivative matrix at $(2,0,3)$. What does this tell us?

$$B: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$\Rightarrow B'$ is a 1×3 matrix

$$B' = \nabla B$$

$$B' = \nabla B = (B_x, B_y, B_z) \text{ at } (2,0,3)$$

$$= (2x - e^{2yz}, -3 - 2xz e^{2yz}, -2xy e^{2yz})$$

$$= (4 - 1, -3 - 12, 0) = (3, -15, 0)$$

$$B(x_0 + h) - B(x_0) \approx B'(x_0)h$$

$$B((2,0,3) + (h_1, h_2, h_3)) - B(2,0,3) \approx (3, -15, 0) \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B(2+h_1, h_2, 3+h_3) - 2 \approx 3h_1 - 15h_2$$

Let's check with some numbers.

$$h_1 = .1, h_2 = .1, h_3 = .05$$

$$B(2.1, .1, 3.05) - 2 \approx 3(.1) - 15(.1) \approx -1.2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(x, y, z) &= x^2 - 3y - xe^{2yz} \\
 &= 2.1^2 - 3(1) - 2.1 e^{2(1)(3.05)} \approx 2 + -1.2 \\
 &\approx 0.8 \quad \text{(0.245)}
 \end{aligned}$$

In general, if $F: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Then $F(x_0 + h) - F(x_0) \approx \nabla F \cdot h$

$$F(x_0 + h) \approx F(x_0) + \nabla F \cdot h$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(x_0 + h) &\approx F(x_0) + F_{x_1}(x_0)h_1 + F_{x_2}(x_0)h_2 \\
 &\quad + \dots + F_{x_k}(x_0)h_k
 \end{aligned}$$

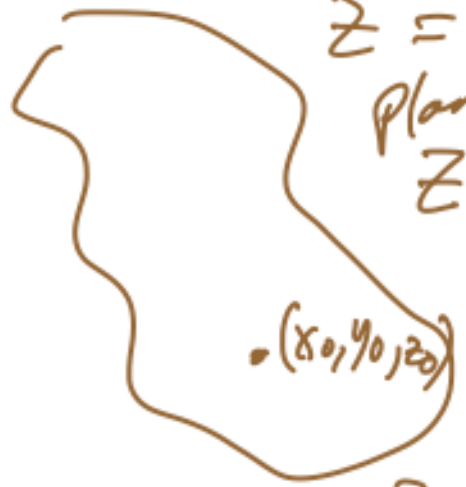
Best linear approximation of the fcn at $x_0 \rightarrow$ gives the equation of the tangent plane, if you graph it.

Example $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

$$F((x_0, y_0) + (h_1, h_2)) \approx F(x_0, y_0) + F_x(x_0, y_0)h_1$$

$$+ F_y(x_0, y_0) h_2$$

Graph of function



$$z = F(x, y) \quad , \quad \begin{aligned} h_1 &= x - x_0 \\ h_2 &= y - y_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$z = F(x_0, y_0) + F_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

$z_0 = F(x_0, y_0)$

also known as the first order Taylor polynomial at (x_0, y_0)

Chain Rule for fns of several variables

Case 1: $y = f(x) \quad x = g(t)$

$$(f \circ g)(t) = f(g(t))$$

$$[f \circ g]'(t) = f'(g(t)) \cdot g'(t)$$

example: $(e^{\tan(\theta)})' = e^{\tan \theta} \cdot \sec^2 \theta$

Several variables:

$$F: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \quad G: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$$

For $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$, $G(F(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^p$

Let $H = G \circ F: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$
be defined by $H(x) = G(F(x))$, then

$$H'(x) = G'(F(x)) \cdot F'(x)$$

↑ matrix mult.

Example: Let $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined
by $f(x, y) = x^2 y - 2y^3$
let $\alpha(t) = (\cos(t), 2\sin(t))$



↑ ellipse.

$$\text{let } g(t) = f(\alpha(t))$$

Find $g'(\frac{\pi}{4})$.

- ① Compute composition first.
- ② Use Chain Rule.

$$f(x, y) = x^2 y - 2y^3$$

$$\textcircled{1} g(t) = f(\alpha(t)) = f(\cos(t), 2\sin(t))$$

$$= \cos^2(t)(2\sin(t)) - 2(2\sin(t))^3$$

$$= 2\cos^2(t)\sin(t) - 16\sin^3(t)$$

$$g'(t) = 4\cos(t)(-\sin(t))\sin(t) + 2\cos^2(t)\cos(t) - 16(3)\sin^2(t)\cos(t)$$

$$= -52\sin^2(t)\cos(t) + 2\cos^3(t)$$

$$t = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$g'(t) = -52\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^3$$

$$= (-52 + 2)\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} = \boxed{-\frac{25}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

$\textcircled{2}$ Chain rule:

$$g'(t) = f'(\alpha(t))\alpha'(t). \quad t = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\alpha'(t) = (-\sin(t), 2\cos(t)) \quad \alpha(t) = (\cos(t), 2\sin(t))$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2}\right) \quad = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2}\right)$$

$$f' = \nabla f = \nabla(x^2y - 2y^3)$$

$$= (2xy, x^2 - 6y^2)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{plug in } \alpha(t)}{=} = \left(2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)(\sqrt{2}), \frac{1}{2} - 6(2)\right)$$

$$= \left(2, -\frac{23}{2}\right)$$

Chain rule

$$g'(t) = f'(\alpha(t))\alpha'(t)$$

$$= \left(2, -\frac{23}{2}\right) \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} + -\frac{23\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{-23}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{-25}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

Suppose we look at the
surface (manifold) $f(x, y, z, \dots) = C$



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

Then $f(\alpha(t)) = C$
Take derivative of both sides.

$$f'(\alpha(t)) \cdot \alpha'(t) = 0$$

$$\nabla f(\alpha(t)) \cdot \underline{\alpha'(t)} = 0$$

tangent vector

$\Rightarrow$ The ∇f is perpendicular to every tangent vector.

ie ∇f is $\perp$ to level sets of f .
