

PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

CANONICAL BASIS OF \mathbb{R}^n

CAN. BASIS is $\{ \underset{i=1}{e_1}, \underset{i=2}{e_2}, \dots, \underset{i=n}{e_n} \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

WHERE $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$e_i = (0, 0, \dots, \underset{i\text{-th}}{0, 1, 0, \dots, 0}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ THE NORM IS 1 since $\|e_i\| = 1$

EX $n=3$ $e_1 = (1, 0, 0), e_2 = (0, 1, 0), e_3 = (0, 0, 1)$

GIVEN $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \cdot e_i \quad (*)$$

EX: IN \mathbb{R}^3 LET $v = (2, -1, 3)$ THEN

$v = (2, -1, 3) = 2 \cdot e_1 - 1 \cdot e_2 + 3 \cdot e_3 =$

$$= 2(1, 0, 0) - 1(0, 1, 0) + 3(0, 0, 1) \quad \square$$

GIVEN $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ THE i -TH PARTIAL DERIVATIVE AT $z \in A$ (OF $f: A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, A$ OPEN, $z \in A$)

IS

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial e_i}(z) \stackrel{\text{DEF}}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z + t e_i) - f(z)}{t} \quad (+)$

REWRITE (+) IN TERMS OF "VARIABLES"

WRITE $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$ $t e_i = (0, 0, \dots, \underset{i\text{-th}}{t}, 0, \dots, 0)$

(+) BECOMES

$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}, z_i + t, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_n) - f(z_1, \dots, z_i, \dots, z_n)}{t} \quad ???$

TWO QUESTIONS

- i) WHY "PARTIAL" ???
- ii) WE WRITE (AS USUAL NOTATION) $\left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right] ?$



(#) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i+t, \dots, x_m) - f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_m)}{t} \quad ???$

EX $n=3 \quad f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x, y, z) = x^2 z + x y z^3 - 3 y^2 z$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y, z) = 2 x z + y z^3$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y, z) = 3 x y z^2 - 6 y z$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(x, y, z) = x^2 + 3 x y z^2 - 3 y^2$



let $f: A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad A$ open, $z \in A$.

DEF f DIFFERENTIABLE AT $z \in A \Rightarrow$

$\exists \mathcal{N}: \|\mathcal{N}\| = 1$ DIRECTION

$\exists \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathcal{N}}(z) \stackrel{!}{=} L_{\mathcal{N}}(z), \quad \mathcal{N}$ DIRECTION $\|\mathcal{N}\| = 1$.

PROOF $\text{LET } f \text{ DIFF AT } z \in A \stackrel{\text{DEF}}{\Leftrightarrow}$

$\exists L_z: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ LINEAR SUCH THAT

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{f(z+h) - f(z) - L_z(h)}{\|h\|} = 0 \quad (*)$

BY "SPECIALIZATION" SETTING $h = t \cdot \mathcal{N}$

$t \in \mathbb{R}$

(*) BECOMES

$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+t\mathcal{N}) - f(z) - L_{\mathcal{N}}(t\mathcal{N})}{\|t \cdot \mathcal{N}\|} = 0 \quad (**)$

NOTICE $(x) \Rightarrow (x)$

BUT $\|t \cdot \mathcal{N}\| = |t| \cdot \|\mathcal{N}\| = |t|$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} = \infty$$

(22) becomes

$$(22) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0 \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{f(x+t) - f(x) - L_x(t)}{|t|} = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0 \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{f(x+t) - f(x) - L_x(t)}{t} = 0$$

$$L_x(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t \cdot L_x(x)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+t) - f(x)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{L_x(t)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t \cdot L_x(x)}{t} = L_x(x)$$

IN SYNTHEIS, WE PROVED THAT f DIFF AT $x \in A$

IMPLIES

$$\exists \text{ FINITE } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+t) - f(x)}{t} = L_x(x) \in \mathbb{R}$$

THAT IS $\boxed{\exists \frac{df}{dx}(x) = L_x(x)} \quad \underline{\underline{QED}}$

BREAK QUESTIONS?

BEGIN AGAIN AT 10.10