

November 05 Lecture Schedule

Differential of composite function ([Takahashi, Kato] p.128, 4.4, [Kaneko] II p.19, 6.4, [Kodaira] II p.278, 6.2 e))

$f(x, y)$: function of two variables x and y .

$g(t), h(t)$: function of t .

Composite function is the function $f(g(t), h(t))$ we can obtain by the substitution .

The composite function $f(g(t), h(t))$ must be continuous if $f(x, y)$, $g(t)$, and $h(t)$ are all continuous.

Meaning.

Let differential $(a, b) = (g(c), h(c))$. We assume $g(t)$,and $h(t)$ are differential at $t = c$, and $f(x, y)$ is (total) differential at $(x, y) = (a, b)$. In such a case, the composite function $f(g(t), h(t))$ is differential at $t = c$ in which we can write as

$$\frac{d}{dt}f(g(t), h(t))|_{t=c} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}f(a, b)g'(c) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}f(a, b)h'(c).$$

Graphical implication: a tangent line is included in the tangent plane.

[Proof] Given our hypothesis, if $\sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} \leq r$, function $k(r) \rightarrow 0$ that satisfies below must exist:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(x, y) - f(a, b) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}f(a, b)(x - a) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}f(a, b)(y - b) \right| \\ & \leq k(r)\sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} \end{aligned}$$

We let $F(t) = f(g(t), h(t))$, and which gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| F(t) - F(c) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}f(a, b)(g(t) - g(c)) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}f(a, b)(h(t) - h(c)) \right| \\ & \leq k(r)\sqrt{(g(t) - g(c))^2 + (h(t) - h(c))^2} \end{aligned}$$

Divide both sides of the equation by $t - c$, and further let $t \rightarrow c$ then we can write as

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \lim_{t \rightarrow c} \frac{F(t) - F(c)}{t - c} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}f(a, b)g'(c) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}f(a, b)h'(c) \right| \\ & \leq k(r)\sqrt{(g'(c))^2 + h'(c)^2} \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

The mean value theorem:

We apply the mean value theorem $F(1) - F(0) = F'(t)$ to the function $F(t) = f(a + t(x - a), b + t(y - b))$:

$$\begin{aligned} & f(x, y) - f(a, b) \\ = & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(a + t(x - a), b + t(y - b))(x - a) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(a + t(x - a), b + t(y - b))(y - b). \end{aligned}$$

Higher-order derivatives:

The second-order partial derivatives $f_{xx}(x, y)$ and $f_{xy}(x, y)$ can be defined if and only the partial derivative $f_x(x, y)$ is partial differentiable. $f_{yx}(x, y)$ and $f_{yy}(x, y)$ can be treated in the same way. The higher-order partial derivatives are defined the same way.

Notation. $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f(x, y)$, $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} f(x, y)$, and so on.