

數值分析 MA-3021

Chapter 1. Mathematical Preliminaries

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Theorem

Let $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, c is an accumulation point of I , and f be a real-valued function defined on $I - \{c\}$. Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ if and only if

every sequence $\{c_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq I - \{c\}$ satisfying $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = c$ also has the property that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(c_n) = L$.

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Using the logic notation, $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ if and only if

$$\left(\forall \{c_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq I - \{c\} \right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = c \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(c_n) = L \right).$$

§1.1 Review of Calculus - Continuity of Functions

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Let $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $c \in I$, and $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then f is said to be continuous at c if $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$. Using the ε - δ language, f is continuous at c if and only if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(c_n) = f(c) \quad \text{as long as} \quad \{c_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq I \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = c.$$

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Let $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. The collection of all continuous functions defined on I is denoted by $C(I)$.

Remark:

- 1 For simplicity, we also use $C[a, b]$ to denote $C([a, b])$, and use $C(a, b]$ to denote $C((a, b])$, and etc.
- 2 To be more precise, we use $C(I; J)$ to denote all continuous functions defined on I with codomain J . For example, we use $C(I; \mathbb{R})$ to denote all continuous real-valued function defined on I , and use $C(I; \mathbb{R}^3)$ to denote all continuous three vector-valued functions defined on I , and etc.

§1.1 Review of Calculus - Smoothness

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Let I be a non-empty (open) interval in \mathbb{R} , $c \in I$, and $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

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- 2 If f is differentiable at each point in I , then we say f is differentiable on I .

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- 1 f is differentiable on I .
- 2 f' is continuous on I .

Function f is said to be k -times continuously differentiable on I if

- 1 $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{(k)}$ exists on I .
- 2 $f^{(k)}$ is continuous on I .

The collection of all k -times continuously differentiable functions defined on I is denoted by $C^k(I)$, and the collection of all continuous functions defined on I that have derivatives of all order is denoted by $C^\infty(I)$.

§1.1 Review of Calculus - Mean Value Theorem

Theorem (Extreme Value Theorem)

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. Then there exists $c_1, c_2 \in [a, b]$ such that $f(c_1) \leq f(x) \leq f(c_2)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.

Theorem (Fermat)

Let $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable. If $a < c < b$ and $f(c)$ is a local extreme value of f , then $f'(c) = 0$.

Extreme Value Theorem + Fermat's Theorem \Rightarrow

Theorem (Rolle)

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. If f is differentiable on (a, b) and $f(a) = f(b)$, then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$.

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$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$

Theorem (Generalized Rolle's Theorem)

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. If $f \in C^k((a, b))$ and f has $(k + 1)$ distinct zeros in $[a, b]$, then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that

$$f^{(k)}(c) = 0.$$

§1.1 Review of Calculus - Intermediate Value Theorem

Theorem (Bolzano)

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. If $f(a)f(b) < 0$, then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f(c) = 0$.

Theorem (Intermediate Value Theorem)

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous, and K is any number between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$; that is, $f(a) < K < f(b)$ or $f(b) < K < f(a)$, then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f(c) = K$.

Note: The Least-Upper-Bound Axiom + sign-preserving property
 \Rightarrow Bolzano's Theorem \Rightarrow Intermediate Value Theorem.

§1.1 Review of Calculus - Riemann integrals

Definition

A finite set $\mathcal{P} = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is said to be a partition of the closed interval $[a, b]$ if $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$. Such a partition \mathcal{P} is usually denoted by $\{a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b\}$. The norm of \mathcal{P} , denoted by $\|\mathcal{P}\|$, is the number $\max \{x_i - x_{i-1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$; that is,

$$\|\mathcal{P}\| \equiv \max \{x_i - x_{i-1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. A Riemann sum of f for the partition $\mathcal{P} = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b\}$ of $[a, b]$ is a sum which takes the form

$$\sum_{k=1}^n f(c_k)(x_k - x_{k-1}),$$

where $x_{k-1} \leq c_k \leq x_k$ for each $1 \leq k \leq n$.

§1.1 Review of Calculus - Riemann integrals

Conceptually, a function $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable if

$$\lim_{\|\mathcal{P}\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=1}^n f(c_k)(x_k - x_{k-1}) \text{ exists.}$$

The precise meaning of the limit above is the following

Definition

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. f is said to be Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ if there exists a real number A such that for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that if \mathcal{P} is partition of $[a, b]$ satisfying $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta$, then any Riemann sums for the partition \mathcal{P} belongs to the interval $(A - \varepsilon, A + \varepsilon)$. Such a number A (is unique and) is called the Riemann integral of f on $[a, b]$ and is denoted by $\int_{[a,b]} f(x) dx$.

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Definition

A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is called a **set of measure zero** or is said to have **measure zero** if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist intervals $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n, \dots$ such that

- ① $A \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k$, and
- ② $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |I_k| < \varepsilon$, where $|I_k|$ denotes the length of I_k .

Theorem (Lebesgue)

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a **bounded** function. Then f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ if and only if the collection of discontinuities of f has measure zero.

Therefore, if $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, then f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$.

§1.1 Review of Calculus - Weighted Mean Value Theorem for Integrals

Theorem

Let $f \in C([a, b])$, g is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ and does not change sign on $[a, b]$. There exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that

$$\int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx = f(c) \int_a^b g(x)dx.$$

Proof.

W.L.O.G., we assume that $g \geq 0$ on $[a, b]$ such that $\int_a^b g(x) dx > 0$. Since $f \in C([a, b])$, there exist $m = \min_{x \in [a, b]} f(x)$ and $M = \max_{x \in [a, b]} f(x)$.

Then

$$\int_a^b mg(x)dx \leq \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx \leq \int_a^b Mg(x)dx;$$

thus $m \leq \frac{\int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx}{\int_a^b g(x)dx} \leq M$, and the assertion holds by the Intermediate Value Theorem. □

§1.1 Review of Calculus - Weighted Mean Value Theorem for Integrals

Remark:

- 1 When $g(x) \equiv 1$ on $[a, b]$, the weight MVT for integrals implies that $\int_a^b f(x)dx = f(c)(b - a)$. This is the original MVT for integrals.
- 2 The number $\frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x)dx$ is called the average value of f on $[a, b]$, and sometimes is denoted by $(f)_{[a,b]}$.

§1.1 Review of Calculus - Taylor's Theorem

Theorem (Taylor's Theorem for functions of one variable)

Let $f \in C^{m+1}([a, b])$ and $x_0 \in [a, b]$. Then for every $x \in [a, b]$, there exists $\xi(x)$ between x and x_0 such that

$$f(x) = P_m(x) + R_m(x),$$

where *the m -th Taylor polynomial $P_m(x)$ is given by*

$$P_m(x) = \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(x_0)(x - x_0)^k$$

and *the remainder (error) term $R_m(x)$ is given by*

$$R_m(x) = \frac{1}{m!} \int_{x_0}^x (x-t)^m f^{(m+1)}(t) dt \quad (\text{Integral form})$$

$$= \frac{1}{(m+1)!} f^{(m+1)}(\xi(x))(x - x_0)^{m+1} \quad (\text{Lagrange's form})$$

(the last “=” is by the weighted MVT for integrals)

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Remark: Assume that $f \in C^\infty([a, b])$.

- The series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(x_0)(x - x_0)^k$ is called **the Taylor series of f at x_0** . It is also called **the Maclaurin series of f** when $x_0 = 0$.
- If $R_m(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$, then $P_m(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$; i.e.,

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(x_0)(x - x_0)^k.$$

Example

The Maclaurin series of the sine function is $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$ and the

Maclaurin series of the cosine function is $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!}$. In fact,

$$\sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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Example

Use the Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = \cos(x)$ at $x_0 = 0$ to estimate $\cos(0.01)$.

$$f'(x) = -\sin(x), \quad f''(x) = -\cos(x), \quad f'''(x) = \sin(x), \quad f^{(4)}(x) = \cos(x).$$

$$f(0) = 1, \quad f'(0) = 0, \quad f''(0) = -1, \quad f'''(0) = 0, \quad f^{(4)}(0) = 1.$$

Case $m = 2$:

$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 \sin(\xi(x)), \text{ where } \xi(x) \text{ is between } 0 \text{ and } x.$$

$$\cos(0.01) = 0.99995 + 0.1\bar{6} \times 10^{-6} \sin(\xi), \text{ where } 0 < \xi < 0.01.$$

$$|\cos(0.01) - 0.99995| \leq 0.1\bar{6} \times 10^{-6} |\sin(\xi)| \leq 0.1\bar{6} \times 10^{-6} \times 0.01$$

$$= 0.1\bar{6} \times 10^{-8},$$

where we use the fact $|\sin(x)| \leq |x|$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Case $m = 3$:

$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 \cos(\tilde{\xi}(x)), \text{ where } \tilde{\xi}(x) \text{ is between } 0 \text{ and } x.$$

$$|\cos(0.01) - 0.99995| \leq \frac{1}{24}(0.01)^4 \times 1 \leq 4.2 \times 10^{-10}.$$

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Example (continued)

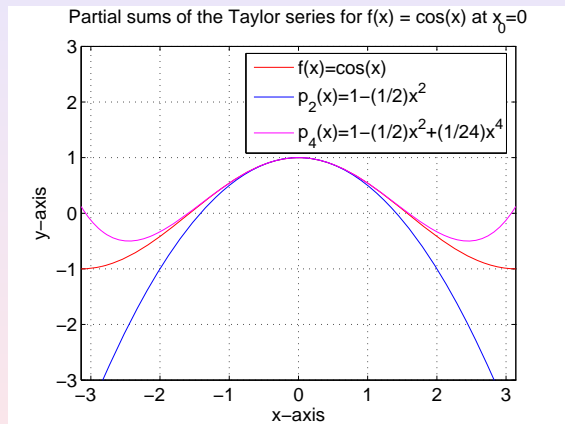
$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= \left(x - \frac{1}{6}x^3\right) \Big|_0^{0.1} + \int_0^{0.1} \frac{1}{24}x^4 \cos(\tilde{\xi}(x)) dx \\
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 &\leq \frac{1}{24} \int_0^{0.1} x^4 dx = 8.\bar{3} \times 10^{-8}.
 \end{aligned}$$

True value is 0.099833416647, actual error for this approximation is 8.3314×10^{-8} .

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Partial sums of the Taylor series for $f(x) = \cos(x)$ at $x_0 = 0$



Note: A Taylor series converges rapidly near the point of expansion and slowly (or not at all) at more remote points.

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Taylor's Theorem for functions of multiple variables:

Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open, and $\mathbf{a} \in U$. Suppose that $\mathbf{x} \in U$ is such that $\overline{\mathbf{ax}} \subseteq U$; that is, \mathbf{x} satisfies that the point

$$\rho(t) = (1-t)\mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{x} \in U \quad \text{whenever } t \in [0, 1].$$

For a function $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, define a function h by

$$h(t) = f(\rho(t)) = f(\mathbf{a} + t(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})).$$

If $h \in C^{m+1}([0, 1])$, then Taylor's theorem for functions of one variable implies that

$$h(1) = h(0) + h'(0) + \frac{1}{2!}h''(0) + \cdots + \frac{1}{m!}h^{(m)}(0) + R_m,$$

where the remainder R_m , in Lagrange's form, is given by

$$R_m = \frac{1}{(m+1)!}h^{(m+1)}(s)$$

for some $s \in [0, 1]$.

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Questions:

- 1 When is $h \in C^{m+1}([0, 1])$?
- 2 What is $h^{(k)}(t)$ for general $k \in \mathbb{N}$?

Definition (Multi-index)

An n -dimensional multi-index is a vector $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ of non-negative integers. Given an n -dimensional multi-index $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$, $|\alpha|$ and $\alpha!$ are defined by

$$|\alpha| = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha! = \prod_{k=1}^n \alpha_k!$$

The differential operator $D_{\mathbf{x}}^{\alpha}$ is defined by

$$D_{\mathbf{x}}^{\alpha} = \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1}}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial^{\alpha_n}}{\partial x_n^{\alpha_n}} = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots \partial x_n^{\alpha_n}}.$$

When the variable is specified, we simply use D^{α} to denote $D_{\mathbf{x}}^{\alpha}$.

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Example

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$$D^{(1,5,3)} f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{\partial^9 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2^5 \partial x_3^3}(x_1, x_2, x_3).$$

The chain rule for functions of multiple variables:

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)) x_j'(t).$$

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Questions:

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- 2 What is $h^{(k)}(t)$ for general $k \in \mathbb{N}$?

Answers:

- 1 The mixed partial derivatives $D^\alpha f$ is continuous in an open set containing $\overline{\mathbf{a}}$ for all n -dimensional multi-index α satisfying $|\alpha| \leq m + 1$.
- 2 By the chain rule for function of multiple variables,

$$h^{(k)}(t) = \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{|\alpha|!}{\alpha!} (D^\alpha f)(p(t)) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})^\alpha,$$

where

$$(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})^\alpha = \prod_{k=1}^n (x_k - a_k)^{\alpha_k} = (x_1 - a_1)^{\alpha_1} (x_2 - a_2)^{\alpha_2} \cdots (x_n - a_n)^{\alpha_n}.$$

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Therefore, if $D^\alpha f$ is continuous in an open set containing $\bar{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{x}$ for all n -dimensional multi-index α satisfying $|\alpha| \leq m + 1$, we have

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Theorem (Taylor's Theorem for functions of multiple variables)

Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open, $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x} \in U$ be such that $\overline{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{x}} \subseteq U$. If $D^\alpha f$ is continuous in an open set containing $\overline{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{x}}$ for all n -dimensional multi-index α satisfying $|\alpha| \leq m+1$, then there exists $\xi \in \overline{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{x}}$ such that

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