Advanced Topics in Geometry A1 (MTH.B405) Overview

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Commutativity of Partial Derivatives

Theorem

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Corollary

 \Rightarrow

 $f: U \to \mathbb{R}$: a function of class C^2 defined on a domain $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$$

Functions of Class C^r

Definition

A function f defined on a domain $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is said to be

- of class C^0 if it is continuous on U,
- of class C^1 if there exists a partial derivative f_x and f_y on U, and both of them are continuous,
- of class C^r (r = 2, 3, ...) if it is of class C^{r-1} and all of the (r-1)-st partial differentials are of class C^1 , and
- of class C^{∞} if it is of class C^r for arbitrary non-negative integer r.

Commutativity as a property of $C^\infty\text{-}\mathsf{functions}$

Theorem

$$f: U \to \mathbb{R}: \text{ of class } C^{\infty} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}.$$

We assume here that all functions are of class C^∞ unless otherwise specified.

Example—Harmonicity of holomorphic functions

- w = f(z): a function of complex variable.
- Taking real and imaginary parts of z and w:

$$z = u + \sqrt{-1}v, \qquad w = x + \sqrt{-1}y$$

 $\bullet\,$ Then the function f is decomposed to two real-valued function

$$x = x(u, v),$$
 $y = y(u, v)$

Theorem (Cauchy-Riemann equation)

f is differentiable in complex variable $z \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_u &= y_v \\ x_v &= -y_u \end{cases}$

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Corollary

$$\Delta x := x_{uu} + x_{vv} = 0, \qquad \Delta y := y_{uu} + y_{vv} = 0.$$

Commutativity in terms of differential forms

f, a, b, c,...: C^{∞} -functions on a domain $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

- $\alpha = a \, dx + b \, dy$: differential 1-form
- $\omega = c \, dx \wedge dy$: differential 2-form

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$$df := f_x \, dx + f_y \, dy.$$

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$$\alpha = a \, dx + b \, dy$$

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: a function $\Rightarrow df = f_x dx + f_y dy$.

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Lemma

ddf = 0 for any function f.

Poincaré Lemma

Theorem (Poincaré lemma)

- $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$: a simply connected domain
- α : 1-form on U.
- $d\alpha = 0$

 \Rightarrow

• $\exists f \text{ such that } df = \alpha$.

Exercise 1-1

Problem (Ex. 1-1)

Let $f(x,y) := e^{ax} \cos y$, where a is constant. Find a function g(x,y) satisfying

$$g_x = -f_y, \qquad g_y = f_x, \qquad g(0,0) = 0.$$

Exercise 1-2

Problem (Ex. 1-2)

•
$$U = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(t,0); t \leq 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$
,

•
$$\alpha = a(x,y) \, dx + b(x,y) \, dy := \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \, dx + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \, dy.$$

• P =
$$(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \in U$$
 $(r > 0, 0 < \theta < \pi)$
• $c_1(t) := (x_1(t), y_1(t)) = (\cos t, \sin t)$ $(0 \le t \le \theta),$
• $c_2(s) := (x_2(s), y_2(s)) = (s \cos \theta, s \sin \theta)$ $(1 \le s \le r)$

Compute the line integral

$$\int_{c_1 \cup c_2} \alpha := \int_0^\theta \left(\alpha(x_1(t), y_1(t)) \frac{dx_1}{dt} dt + \beta(x_1(t), y_1(t)) \frac{dy_1}{dt} dt \right) \\ + \int_1^r \left(\alpha(x_2(s), y_2(s)) \frac{dx_2}{ads} ds + \beta(x_2(s), y_2(s)) \frac{dy_2}{ds} ds \right).$$

Homeworks

- Solve a problem eithere 1-1 or 1-2 (2 points),
- Present a question on the contents of the lecture, or to point out error(s) in the lecture note/the lecture (up to 3 points).

Deadline: 15. April, 2025, 10:00 JST.

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