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Image of balls under differentiable maps

Definition. Derivative of a map $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ at a point

Let

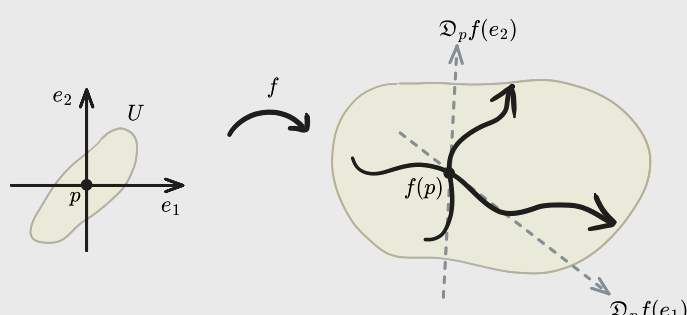
$$f : U \text{ (open)} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

be a map. Then the **derivative** of f at $p \in U$ is the linear map

$$\mathcal{D}_p f : T_p \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_p \mathbb{R}^m$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(p+v) - f(p) - \mathcal{D}_p f(v)}{|v|} &= 0 \\ \iff \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(p+v) - f(p) - \mathcal{D}_p f(v)|}{|v|} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \iff \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \frac{|f(x) - f(p) - \mathcal{D}_p f(x-p)|}{|x-p|} &= 0 \\ \iff \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists r(\epsilon) > 0 : \\ \forall x \in B_{r(\epsilon)}(p), |f(x) - f(p) - \mathcal{D}_p f(x-p)| &\leq \epsilon |x-p| \end{aligned}$$

- This implies for $x \in B_{r(\epsilon)}(p)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(p)| &= |f(x) - f(p) - \mathcal{D}_p f(x-p) + \mathcal{D}_p f(x-p)| \\ &\leq |f(x) - f(p) - \mathcal{D}_p f(x-p)| + |\mathcal{D}_p f(x-p)| \\ &\leq \epsilon |x-p| + \|\mathcal{D}_p f\| |x-p| \\ &\leq (\epsilon + \|\mathcal{D}_p f\|) r(\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, f takes the ball of radius $r(\epsilon)$ about p into the ball of radius $(\epsilon + \|\mathcal{D}_p f\|)r(\epsilon)$ about $f(p)$

$$B_{r(\epsilon)}(p) \xrightarrow{f} B_{(\epsilon + \|\mathcal{D}_p f\|)r(\epsilon)}(f(p))$$

for $f : U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ with invertible $\mathcal{D}_p f$

- For all $x \in B_{r(\epsilon)}(p)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(p)| &\geq |\mathcal{D}_p f(x-p)| - |f(x) - f(p) - \mathcal{D}_p f(x-p)| \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\|(\mathcal{D}_p f)^{-1}\|} |x-p| - \epsilon |x-p| \\ &\geq \left(\frac{1}{\|(\mathcal{D}_p f)^{-1}\|} - \epsilon \right) |x-p| \end{aligned}$$

- Let $\epsilon > 0$ be small enough so that

$$a(\epsilon) := \frac{1}{\|(\mathcal{D}_p f)^{-1}\|} - \epsilon > 0$$

- For $x \in \partial B_{r(\epsilon)}(p)$, we have

$$|f(x) - f(p)| \geq \underbrace{a(\epsilon)}_{>0} r(\epsilon)$$

so

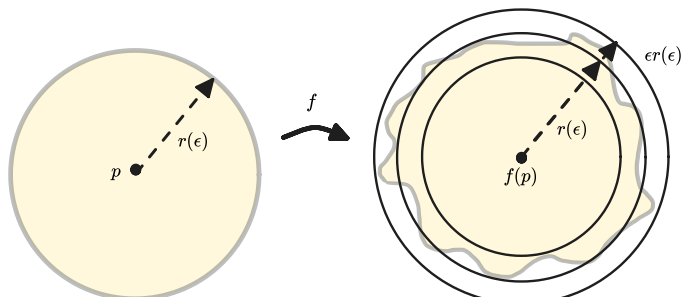
$$\partial B_{r(\epsilon)}(p) \xrightarrow{f} (B_{a(\epsilon)r(\epsilon)}(f(p)))^c$$

for $\mathcal{D}_p f = \text{Id}$

- For the case $\mathcal{D}_p f = \text{Id}$, consider $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} B_{r(\epsilon)}(p) &\xrightarrow{f} B_{(\epsilon+1)r(\epsilon)}(f(p)) \\ \partial B_{r(\epsilon)}(p) &\xrightarrow{f} (B_{(1-\epsilon)r(\epsilon)}(f(p)))^c \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, $f(x)$ is strictly different from $f(p)$ outside the ball of radius $(1-\epsilon)r(\epsilon)$ about $f(p)$.



The ball $B_{(1-\epsilon)r(\epsilon)}(f(p))$ seems to be inside the image $f(B_{r(\epsilon)}(p))$ by the [above picture](#).

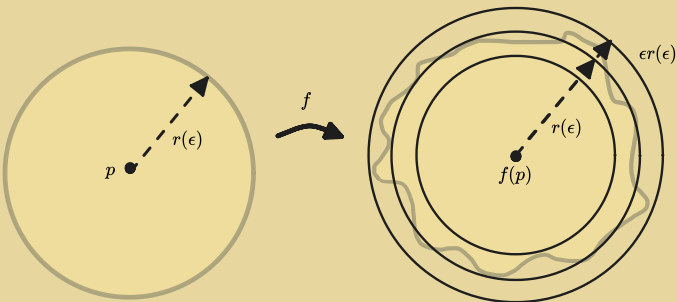
And it is.

☰ Let $p \in U$ and $f : U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a map such that $f(p) = p, \mathfrak{D}_p f = \text{Id}$, that is, >

$$\forall \epsilon \exists r(\epsilon) : \forall x \in B_{r(\epsilon)}(p), \left| f(x) - \cancel{f(p)} - x - \cancel{p} \right| \leq \epsilon |x - p|$$

Then for each $r \in (0, r(\epsilon)]$

$$B_{(1-\epsilon)r}(f(p)) \subseteq f(B_r(p))$$



📍 For $r \in (0, r(\epsilon)]$ and $x \in B_r(p)$ and $y \in B_{(1-\epsilon)r}(p)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |x - f(x) + y - p| &\leq |x - f(x)| + |y - p| \\ &\leq \epsilon |x - p| + |y - p| \\ &\leq \epsilon r + (1 - \epsilon)r \\ &= r \end{aligned}$$

- Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{P}_y f : \overline{B_r(p)} &\rightarrow B_r(p) \\ x &\mapsto x - f(x) + y \end{aligned}$$

- By

☰ **(Brouwer's fixed point theorem)** Let $\varphi : \overline{D^n} \rightarrow \overline{D^n}$ be a continuous map for $n \geq 2$, then it has a fixed point.

we conclude $\mathfrak{P}_y f$ has a fixed point in $\overline{B_r(p)}$.

- Then

$$\exists x : x = x - f(x) + y \implies f(x) = y$$

- Thus,

$$B_{(1-\epsilon)r}(p) \subseteq f(B_r(p))$$

for conformal $\mathfrak{D}_p f$

for $\mathbb{C}$ -linear $\mathfrak{D}_p f$

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