

This is a lecture on calculus on linear spaces — not necessarily finite dimensional.

We denote vector spaces as X, Y etc. Linear operators/maps from X to Y themselves form a vector space denoted as $L(X, Y)$. A norm on X is a non-negative function $\| \cdot \| : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ satisfying axioms.

$$(a) \quad \| \alpha x \| = |\alpha| \|x\| \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, x \in X$$

$$(b) \quad \|x\| = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 0$$

$$(c) \quad \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \quad (\text{triangle inequality})$$

A linear map $A : X \rightarrow Y$ between normed linear spaces is said to be bounded if there exists a constant $c \geq 0$ such that $\|Ax\| \leq c \|x\| \quad \forall x \in X$.

If such a 'c' exists then 'c+b' would do as well for any $b \geq 0$.

We define norm of A, denoted $\|A\|$ to be

$$\inf \{ c : \|Ax\| \leq c \|x\| \quad \forall x \in X \}$$

The property of boundedness is preserved under addition of linear maps:

$$A_1 \text{ such that } \|A_1 x\| \leq c_1 \|x\| \quad \forall x \in X$$

$$A_2 \text{ such that } \|A_2 x\| \leq c_2 \|x\| \quad \forall x \in X$$

$$\|(A_1 + A_2)x\| = \|A_1 x + A_2 x\|$$

$$\leq \|A_1 x\| + \|A_2 x\| \quad (\text{triangle ineq.})$$

$$\leq c_1 \|x\| + c_2 \|x\| \quad (\text{by hypothesis})$$

$$\leq (c_1 + c_2) \|x\|$$

One also has the equivalent definitions

$$\|A\| = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|Ax\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|$$

Proposition 1 A linear operator $A: X \rightarrow Y$ is bounded iff it is continuous.

Proof (\Rightarrow) Let A be bounded. Then $\|Ax - Ay\| = \|A(x-y)\|$
 $\leq \|A\| \cdot \|x-y\|$ $\xrightarrow{\|A\| \neq 0 \text{ (assumption)}}$

Thus given $\varepsilon > 0$, let $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2\|A\|}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x-y\| < \delta &\Rightarrow \|Ax - Ay\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|x-y\| \\ &\leq \|A\| \frac{\varepsilon}{2\|A\|} \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Hence A is continuous.

(\Leftarrow) Assume A is continuous and linear. Given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\|x\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|Ax\| < \varepsilon. \quad (\text{by continuity at } x=0)$$

For any $x \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\delta/2}{\|x\|} \cdot x \right\| &= \frac{|\delta/2|}{\|x\|} \cdot \|x\| \\ &= \frac{\delta}{2} < \delta \end{aligned}$$

and

~~$\|Ax\| = \|A\| \|x\|$~~

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= A \left(\left(\frac{\delta/2}{\|x\|} \right)^{-1} \frac{\delta/2}{\|x\|} \cdot x \right) \\ &= \frac{\|x\|}{\delta/2} A \left(\frac{\delta/2}{\|x\|} \cdot x \right) \quad (\text{linearity of } A) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\|Ax\| = \frac{\|x\|}{\delta/2} \cdot \|A \left(\frac{\delta/2}{\|x\|} \cdot x \right)\| < \frac{\|x\|}{\delta/2} \varepsilon$ (continuity of A)

$$= \frac{2\varepsilon}{\delta} \|x\|$$

$$\text{Thus } \|Ax\| < \frac{2\varepsilon}{\delta} \|x\| \quad \forall x \in X$$

$\Rightarrow A$ is bounded. □

The collection of all bounded linear operators $A: X \rightarrow Y$ is a vector space (as shown at the bottom of page 1). We denote this as $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$. Show that the operator norm $\|A\|$ defined ~~to~~ above, is a norm

on the space $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ (satisfying the axioms (a) (b) (c) on page 2) — you need to verify the triangle inequality.

Also show that $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\|$ for $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(X, X)$

Examples of normed linear spaces and associated operator norms.

(i) $X = \mathbb{R}^n$. $\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$; $\|x\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$
 $\|x\|_2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^{1/2}$ are different norms on same space

(ii) $Y = \mathbb{R}^m$, $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ $\|\cdot\|$ on X and Y are $\|\cdot\|_1$

$A: X \rightarrow Y$ (matrix multiplication operator)

$$\|Ax\| = \sum_{i=1}^m \left| \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \right|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij} x_j| \quad (\text{triangle inequality})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}| |x_j|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^m \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |a_{ij}| \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j|$$

$$= \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \max_{1 \leq l \leq k} |a_{il}| \right) \|x\|_1$$

So A is bounded. What is $\|A\|$?

(iii) $X = C[0,1]$ = space of continuous real valued functions on the interval $[0,1]$.

Let the norm on X be

$$\|x\|_1 \triangleq \int_0^1 |x(t)| \cdot dt$$

$$A: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$x \mapsto x(1/2)$ = value of the function x at $t=1/2$.

A is a linear map. Verify.

Question: Is A a bounded linear operator?

(iv) $X = C[0,1]$ = space as in (iii). Let norm on X

$$\text{be } \|x\|_\infty = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |x(t)|$$

Same as in (iii). It is bounded since,

$$\|Ax\| = |x(1/2)| \leq \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |x(t)| = \|x\|_\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A\| = 1.$$

We denote a sequence $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, \dots$ in a ^{normed} linear space as $\{x_n\} \subset X$.

Definition (Convergence) A sequence $\{x_n\} \subset X$ is said to converge to $x^* \in X$ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x^*\| = 0$.

(i.e. given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a positive integer $N > 0$ such that $\|x_n - x^*\| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n > N$).

Definition (Cauchy sequence)

A sequence $\{x_n\} \subset X$ is a Cauchy sequence if $\lim_{\substack{n \rightarrow \infty \\ m \rightarrow \infty}} \|x_n - x_m\| = 0$.

Proposition 2 Convergent \Rightarrow Cauchy.

Proof: Given $\varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists$ N integer > 0 s.t.
 $\|x_n - x^*\| < \varepsilon/2 \quad \forall n > N$

~~But $\|x_n - x^*\| < \varepsilon/2$~~

$$\text{But } \|x_n - x_m\| = \|(x_n - x^*) - (x_m - x^*)\| \\ \leq \|x_n - x^*\| + \|x_m - x^*\|$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \forall n, m > N$$

$$= \varepsilon$$

$\Rightarrow \{x_n\}$ is Cauchy. \square

Converse of the above proposition is not true in general.

However, if X is a normed linear space ~~such~~ such

that, ~~for~~ every Cauchy sequence in X is also a

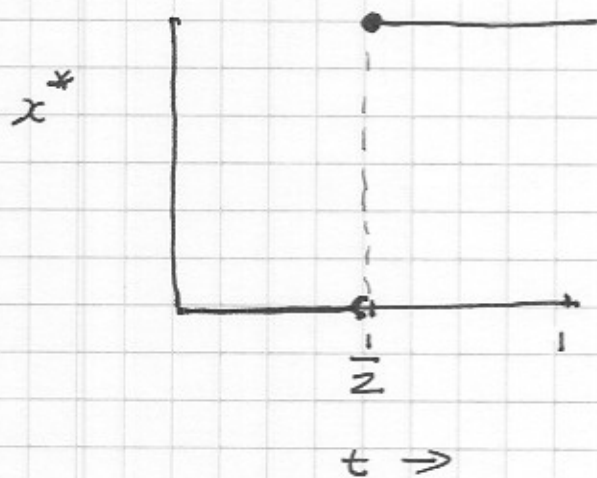
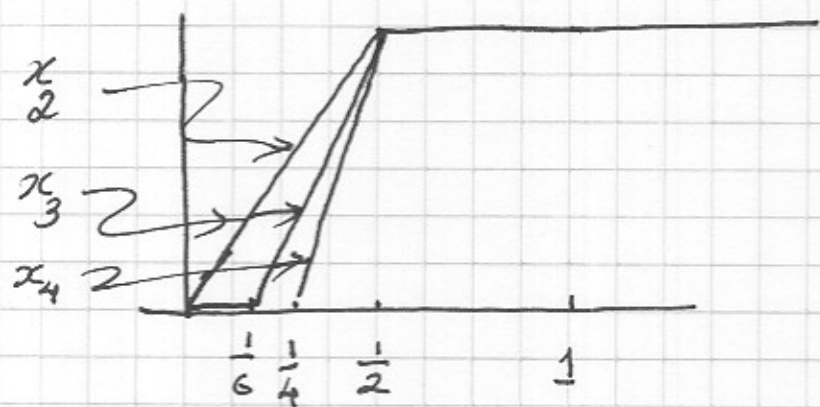
convergent sequence in X , we say that X is a

complete normed linear space — a Banach space

A fundamental property of $X = \mathbb{R}$ with $\|x\| = |x|$ is that it is a complete normed linear space. But, $X = C[0, 1]$ with $\|x\|_1 = \int_0^1 |x(t)| dt$ is not a single Cauchy sequence that does not converge in X .

Consider $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

$$x_n(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \\ nt - \frac{n}{2} + 1 & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \leq t < \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & t \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$



$$x^*(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

We claim $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ in $\|\cdot\|_1$.

Proof: $\|x_n - x^*\|_1 = \int_0^1 |x_n(t) - x^*(t)| dt$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}} 0 dt + \int_{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}}^{\frac{1}{2}} (nt - \frac{n}{2} + 1) dt + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 0 dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 0 + \int_{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(nt - \frac{n}{2} + 1 \right) dt + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (1-1) dt \\
&= \left(\frac{nt^2}{2} - \frac{nt}{2} + t \right) \Big|_{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= \frac{1}{2n} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

But $x^* \notin X$ since x^* is discontinuous at $\frac{1}{2}$.
 Thus the sequence $\{x_n\}$ does not converge to anything in X .

Separately, verify that $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy.

Conclude that X is not complete under the norm $\|\cdot\|_1$. But one can show that

$(X, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ where $\|x\|_\infty = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |x(t)|$ is

a complete normed linear space. Completeness depends on the chosen norm.

We now proceed to the study of derivatives of maps between general linear spaces.

Derivatives Let X be a vector space and let Y be a normed linear space with norm $\| \cdot \|$. Let $T: X \rightarrow Y$ be an operator/map — not necessarily linear.

If the limit

$$\delta T(x; h) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\alpha} (T(x + \alpha h) - T(x))$$

exists, then $\delta T(x; h)$ is called the Gâteaux differential of T at x with increment h . If the limit exists for every $h \in X$, the map T is said to be Gâteaux differentiable at x . In that case the operator

$$h \mapsto \delta T(x; h)$$

is the Gâteaux derivative operator at $x \in X$.

Q: Does it have to be a linear operator?

We also refer to $\delta T(x; h)$ as the first variation of T at x with increment h .

Example $X = \mathbb{R}^n$, $Y = \mathbb{R}$ $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\delta f(x; h) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \alpha h) - f(x)}{\alpha}$$

$$= \left. \frac{d}{d\alpha} f(x + \alpha h) \right|_{\alpha=0}$$

= directional derivative of f along h at x .

If f has continuous first partials w.r.t. each variable x_i , then the chain rule applies and

$$\begin{aligned} Df(x;h) &= \left. \frac{d}{d\alpha} f(x+\alpha h) \right|_{\alpha=0} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x+\alpha h) h_i \Big|_{\alpha=0} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \cdot h_i \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we think of the Gateaux derivative as the operator of multiplication by the row vector $\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)$, clearly a linear operator. \square

Example $X = C[0, 1]$

$$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(x) = \int_0^1 g(x(t), t) dt$$

for a specified function of two variables g .

Assume that $g_x = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}$ = partial of g w.r.t. the first argument, exists and is continuous w.r.t x and t . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
Sf(x; h) &= \frac{d}{d\alpha} \int_0^1 g(x(t) + \alpha h(t), t) dt \Big|_{\alpha=0} \\
&= \int_0^1 \frac{d}{d\alpha} g(x(t) + \alpha h(t), t) dt \Big|_{\alpha=0} \\
&= \int_0^1 \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x(t) + \alpha h(t), t) h(t) dt \Big|_{\alpha=0} \\
&= \int_0^1 \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x(t), t) h(t) dt
\end{aligned}$$

again linear in h □

Example

$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ with continuous first partials

Then $ST(x; h) = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) h$

matrix of \nearrow first partials □

The concept of Gateaux derivative is a weak concept. It does not require X to have a norm. Suppose X does carry a norm. Then we have a stronger notion

Fréchet differential...

\nearrow definition!

Let $U \subset X$ be an open subset of X containing the point x_0 . Suppose there exists

a linear ^{bounded} map $DT(x; \cdot) : X \rightarrow Y$
 $h \mapsto DT(x; h)$

such that

$$\lim_{\|h\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|T(x+h) - T(x) - DT(x; h)\|_Y}{\|h\|_X} = 0.$$

Then T is said to be Fréchet differentiable at $x \in U \subset X$ and $DT(x; h)$ is called the Fréchet differential of T at x with increment h .
The operator $DT(x; \cdot)$ is the Fréchet derivative.

Proposition 3 (uniqueness)

If $T: X \rightarrow Y$ has a Fréchet differential at $x \in X$ then it is unique.

Proof: Exercise □

Proposition 4 ($F = G$)

If the Fréchet differential $DT(x; h)$ exists at x , with increment h , then so does the Gateaux differential $\delta T(x; h)$ and they must be equal.

Proof By the definition of Fréchet differential, for fixed h

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|T(x + \alpha h) - T(x) - DT(x; \alpha h)\|}{\alpha} = 0$$

By linearity of $DT(x; \alpha h)$ w.r.t αh it follows

that $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(x+ah) - T(x)}{a} = DT(x; h)$

i.e. $\delta T(x; h) = DT(x; h)$ \square

Proposition 5 (continuity from differentiability)

If $T: U \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$ is Fréchet differentiable at x then T is continuous at x , (here $x \in U$).

Proof Given $\epsilon > 0$, there is a ball centered at x of radius $\frac{\epsilon}{M}$.

provided ϵ is sufficiently small

For $x+h \in B_{\frac{\epsilon}{M}}(x)$,

$$\|T(x+h) - T(x) - DT(x; h)\| \leq \epsilon \|h\|.$$

$$\text{Thus } \|T(x+h) - T(x)\| \leq \epsilon \|h\| + \|DT(x; h)\|$$

$$\leq \epsilon \|h\| + \|DT(x; \cdot)\| \|h\|$$

$$\leq (\epsilon + \|DT(x; \cdot)\|) \|h\|$$

$$= M \|h\|$$

\square

Example Let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have continuous first partial

derivatives at $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then the differential

$$\delta f(x_0; h) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right) \Big|_{x=x_0} \cdot h_i$$

is the Fréchet differential.

Some notation

Since $DT(x; h)$ is linear in h , it is customary to write

$$DT(x; h) = DT(x)h$$

We call $DT(x)$ the Fréchet derivative operator at x . It is a bounded linear operator by definition.

Another Example

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(x) = x' Q x$$

where $Q = Q'$. Then f is Gateaux and Fréchet differentiable at any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and

$$Df(x) = 2x'Q$$

To see this -

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\alpha} f(x + \alpha h) &= \frac{d}{d\alpha} (x + \alpha h)' Q (x + \alpha h) \\ &= \frac{d}{d\alpha} \{ x' Q x + \alpha h' Q x + \alpha x' Q h + \alpha^2 h' Q h \} \\ &= 2x' Q h + 2\alpha h' Q h \end{aligned}$$

$$Df(x; h) = \frac{d}{d\alpha} f(x + \alpha h) \Big|_{\alpha=0} = 2x' Q h = Df(x)h$$

$$\text{Hence } Df(x) = 2x'Q$$