

# MA 200 - Lecture 9

## 1 Recap

1. Proved IFT for one-variable functions and recognised the key step.
2. Started it for several variables.

*Proof.* We first prove for  $r = 1$ :

1.  $f$  is locally 1-1.
2. The image of a neighbourhood of  $f$  is open: We wish to prove that every point near  $f(a)$  lies in the image of  $f$ , i.e., the image of  $f$  contains an open ball  $B_{f(a)}(r')$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B_{f(a)}(r')) \cap B_a(r) = U$  will be the desired neighbourhood whose image is open (and one where  $f$  is 1-1). That is, we want to produce an  $r' > 0$  such that for every  $b \in B_{f(a)}(r')$ , we can solve  $f(x) = b$  to get an  $x$ . There are two ways of doing this (one of them is the usual way and the other is in the textbook):

- (a) Iteration/contraction mapping principle:  $x_{n+1} = x_n - Df(x_n)^{-1}(f(x_n) - b)$  if the later makes sense. Firstly, recall that on  $B_a(r)$ ,  $\|(Df)^{-1}\| \leq C$ . If we choose  $r'$  (which is  $> \|f(a) - b\|$ ) to be small enough, we claim that all the  $x_n$  belong to  $B_a(r'')$  where  $r'' < r$  and that  $f(x_n) \in B_b(r')$ . The rough idea is that  $f(x_{n+1}) - b \approx (f(x_n) - b) - (f(x_n) - b) = 0$  and hence less than  $r'$ . (Moreover,  $x_{n+1} - x_n \approx 0$  and hence the geometric series sum will show that  $x_n$  is close to  $a$  for all  $n$ .)

Firstly, there exists  $r'' < r$  and (how? - HW exercise)  $y, z \in B_a(r'')$ , we have  $\|Df(y)(Df)^{-1}(z) - I\|_{Frobenius} < \epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ . (The choice of this  $\epsilon$  comes from hindsight rather than foresight.) In fact, something stronger is true: One can choose  $r'$  so that if  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, z_1, \dots, z_n \in B_a(r')$  then  $\|AB^{-1} - I\|_{Frob} < \frac{1}{2}$ , where the  $i^{th}$  row of  $A$  is  $\nabla f_i(y_i)$  and that of  $B$  is  $\nabla f_i(z_i)$ .

Secondly,  $x_2 = a - (Df(a))^{-1}(f(a) - b)$  and hence  $\|x_2 - a\| \leq C\|f(a) - b\| < Cr' < r''$  if  $r' = \frac{r''}{4C}$  (again from hindsight). (Stopped here the last time.)

We shall inductively prove that  $\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq \frac{r''}{2^{n+1}}$  and  $\|f(x_n) - b\| < \frac{1}{2}\|f(x_{n-1}) - b\|$ : Moreover, by the mean-value-theorem applied to each component of  $f(x)$ ,  $f_i(x_2) = f_i(a) - \langle (\nabla f_i)_{\theta_{i,1}a + (1-\theta_{i,1})x_2}, (Df(a))^{-1}(f(a) - b) \rangle$ . Thus (how again?)  $\|f(x_2) - b\| < \epsilon\|f(a) - b\|$ . Assume inductively for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  that  $\|f(x_i) - b\| < \epsilon\|f(x_{i-1}) - b\|$ , and that  $x_i \in B_a(r'')$ . Now for  $i = n + 1$ ,  $\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq C\|f(x_n) - b\| \leq C\epsilon^{n-1}\|f(a) - b\|$ . Thus,

$\|x_{n+1} - a\| \leq 2C\|f(a) - b\| < 2Cr' < r''$ . Thus  $x_{n+1} \in B_a(r'')$ . Now the same mean-value-trick as in the base case shows that  $\|f(x_{n+1}) - b\| < \epsilon\|f(x_n) - b\|$ . To summarise, we have shown that if  $\|f(a) - b\| < r' = \frac{r''}{4C}$ , then  $\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq \frac{r''}{2^{n+1}}$  and that  $\|f(x_n) - b\| < \frac{r'}{2^{n-1}}$ . Thus this sequence is Cauchy (why?) and hence converges to some  $x_*$ . Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_*)$ . Now  $\|f(x_n) - b\|$  converges to 0 and hence  $f(x_*) = b$ .

We can also phrase this entire business in terms of the contraction mapping principle applied to the function  $g(x) = x - (Df_a)^{-1}(f(x) - b)$  (from a closed ball around  $a$  to itself. This is in Rudin's book).

- (b) Maxima/Minima (in the text): First we need an elementary result: Let  $\phi : U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable on the open set  $U$ . If  $\phi$  has a local with  $-\phi$ , this works for local maxima too) at  $x_0$  (by the way,  $U$  does not have to be open. All we need is for  $x_0$  to be an interior point), then  $D\phi_{x_0} = 0$ . Indeed, consider the one-variable function  $g(t) = \phi(x_0 + tv)$  on  $t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$ . This function has a local min at  $t = 0$  (why?) and hence by one-variable calculus,  $g'(0) = 0 = \nabla_v \phi(x_0)$ . Since this is true for all  $v$ , we are done.

Given  $f(a)$ , we want to show that  $B_{f(a)}(r')$  is in the image for some  $r' > 0$ , i.e., given  $c \in B_{f(a)}$ , we want to find  $x' \in B_a(r)$  such that  $f(x') = c$ . The idea is to minimise the function  $g(x) = \|f(x) - c\|^2$  over an appropriate domain  $Q$  and show that the minimum is 0. Indeed, choose a closed rectangle (or if you like a closed ball) that contains  $a$  and lies entirely within  $B_a(r)$  and such that  $Df_x$  is invertible when  $x \in Q$  (how is this possible?). Then  $Q$  is compact and hence  $g(x)$  does attain a minimum. Choose and  $r'$  so that the ball  $B_{f(a)}(2r')$  does not intersect  $f(Bd(Q))$  (why is this possible? because  $f$  is 1-1). Now the minimum of  $g$  cannot be attained on  $Bd(Q)$  (why?) Hence it is attained at an interior point  $x'$ . By the above,  $\nabla g(x') = 0$  which means that  $Df_{x'}(f(x) - c) = 0$ . By invertibility,  $f(x) = c$ .

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