

# 1 Recap

1. Higher derivatives and Clairaut's theorem.
2. Taylor's theorem.
3. Second derivative test.
4. Positive-definiteness.

# 2 Bump functions

Unfortunately, even if the Taylor series converges, it need NOT be equal to the function itself! Let  $E(t) = e^{-1/t}$  when  $t > 0$  and 0 when  $t \leq 0$ . It turns out that  $E(t)$  is  $C^\infty$  everywhere (an exercise/Lee's book).

Theorem: There exists a smooth function  $\chi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies

1.  $0 \leq \chi \leq 1$ .
2.  $\chi = 1$  on  $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1] \dots [-1, 1]$ .
3.  $\text{supp}(\chi)$  is contained in  $[-2, 2] \times [-2, 2] \dots$

We can find a function that satisfies similar properties but is instead radially symmetric. Such functions are called bump functions.

Proof: We first construct  $\chi$  for  $n = 1$ . Let  $\zeta(t) = \frac{E(t)}{E(t)+E(1-t)}$ . Now  $\zeta(t) = 0$  for  $t \leq 0$  and  $\zeta(t) = 1$  for  $t \geq 1$ . Let  $\eta(t) = \zeta(2+t)\zeta(2-t)$ . This does the job when  $n = 1$ . If we want a spherically symmetric bump function in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , simply define it as  $\chi(x) = \eta(r)$ . If we want a cylindrically symmetric bump function in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , simply define it as  $\chi(x) = \eta(x^1)\eta(x^2)\eta(x^3) \dots$  □

# 3 The Einstein summation convention

It is painful to keep using  $\Sigma$  every time we want to sum over. Einstein invented a convenient notation for us. "Sum over indices that are repeated above and below. Column vectors have superscripts and row vectors have subscripts."

Examples:

1. If  $v$  is a real row vector, and  $w$  is a real column vector, then  $\langle v^T, w \rangle = v_i w^i$ .
2. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, and  $v$  is an  $n \times 1$  vector, then  $(Av)^i = A_j^i v^j$ .
3.  $\text{Tr}(A) = A_i^i$ .
4.  $D(f \circ g)_j^i = [Df]_k^i [Dg]_j^k$ .
5.  $\text{Tr}(AB) = A_j^i B_i^j = B_i^j A_j^i = \text{Tr}(BA)$ .

If  $V$  is a vector space, basis vectors are denoted with *subscripts* ( like  $e_1, e_2, \dots$ ) and components w.r.t a basis are denoted with *superscripts* ( like  $v = v^i e_i$ ). For the dual space, the indices are flipped, i.e.,  $e_1^* = e^1, \dots$  and  $\omega = \omega_i e^i$ .

## 4 The inverse function theorem and its cousins

Consider  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Is  $y$  a differentiable function of  $x$ ? Of course not!  $y = \pm\sqrt{1-x^2}$ . So  $y$  is not even a *function* of  $x$ ! Also, both functions are not differentiable at  $x = \pm 1$ . The best we can say is “near”  $(a, b)$  on the circle, we can differentiably solve for either  $y$  in terms of  $x$  or  $x$  in terms of  $y$ . We can also generalise this observation to  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ . Near say  $(\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}})$ ,  $y = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$  is a smooth function of  $(r, x)$ . What about  $x^{\sin(y)} + y^2 + e^{xy} = 1$ ? It is not clear whether we can solve for either variable in terms of the other. Even if we can, it is unlikely that we can write a simple formula for the solution.

More generally, given a  $C^k$  function  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , we can ask, “Can we solve for  $y$  as a  $C^1$  function of  $x, c$  from  $F(x, y) = c$ ?” Since  $C^1$  functions can be approximated by linear functions, let us at least try our luck when  $F(x, y) = Ax + By$  where  $A, B$  are constant matrices (of what type?). So if  $Ax + By = c$ , can we solve for  $y$  in terms of  $x, c$  uniquely?  $By = c - Ax$ . Therefore, this question has an affirmative answer iff  $B$  is an invertible matrix.

Often in maths, general cases can be reduced to the simplest non-trivial special cases. Suppose  $n = 0$ , i.e., if  $F(y) = c$ , can we locally solve for  $y$  as a  $C^1$  function of  $c$ ? That is, when do local inverses exist and are differentiable, i.e., when is  $F$  a *local diffeomorphism*? Also, what is the derivative of  $F^{-1}$ ? When  $n = 1$ , by monotonicity, this problem is not hard. In general, we need a theorem. We *expect* that it is good enough for  $DF_a$  to be invertible. Indeed, this expectation is true.

**Theorem 1** (The inverse function theorem (IFT)). *Let  $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be open sets. Suppose  $F : U \rightarrow V$  is a  $C^k$  function (where  $k \geq 1$  can be  $\infty$ ). If  $DF_a$  is invertible at  $a \in U$ , then there exist connected neighbourhoods  $a \in U_a \subset U$ ,  $F(a) \in V_a \subset V$  such that  $F : U_a \rightarrow V_a$  is a  $C^k$ -diffeomorphism. Moreover,  $DF_{f(a)}^{-1} = (DF_a)^{-1}$ .*

You might have seen the case when  $k = 1$ . Given that case, the general case is an easy inductive application of the chain rule to the formula for the derivative of  $F^{-1}$ . The proof of this theorem can be done using Newton’s iteration. (Optional fun fact: The proof shows that the same kind of a result holds when  $U, V$  are open subsets of a Banach space. While we won’t need this fact, it is useful for PDE.)

Corollary: Suppose  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is open and  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $C^k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq \infty$ ). Assume that  $\det(DF_a) \neq 0 \forall a \in U$ . Then  $F$  is an open map, and if  $F$  is 1-1,  $F : U \rightarrow F(U)$  is a  $C^k$ -diffeomorphism.

Proof: Open map: The IFT implies that  $F$  is a local diffeo. Thus, if  $W \subset U$  is an open set, then  $W = \cup_a U_a$ . Since  $F(U_a)$  is open and  $F(W) = \cup_a F(U_a)$ , we see that  $F(W)$  is open.

Diffeomorphism:  $F$  is invertible. Thus, every local inverse coincide with  $F^{-1}$  and hence  $F^{-1}$  is a  $C^k$ -difeo.  $\square$

Therefore,  $x = r \cos(\theta), y = r \sin(\theta)$  is a diffeo on  $(0, \infty) \times (0, 2\pi)$  (more generally, on any open subset away from  $r = 0$  where it is 1-1).