


Next: def. derivatives for $f: M \rightarrow N$

Ideas: • need linear approximation to f (but manifolds don't have a linear structure)

•  derivative lives in what we will call the tangent space
↳ but: want def. independent of any embedding in higher-dim. space

• also want def. indep. of coordinates

• rough idea: space of all directional derivatives

Recall: directional derivative of $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at point a in direction v :

$$D_v|_a f = D_v f(a) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} f(a+tv) \right|_{t=0} = \sum_i v^i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(a)$$

(in standard basis)

↳ product rule: $D_v(fg)(a) = f(a) D_v g(a) + g(a) D_v f(a)$

Def.: For $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, a map $w: C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called **derivation at a** if it is linear and satisfies Leibniz rule $w(fg) = f(a)wg + g(a)wf \quad \forall f, g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

$$T_a \mathbb{R}^n := \{w: w \text{ derivation at } a\}$$

Note: • $D_v|_a$ is a derivation

• some computations show that $T_a \mathbb{R}^n$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n (or $\mathbb{R}^n_a = \{a\} \times \mathbb{R}^n$, the geometric tangent space)
↳ $v \mapsto D_v|_a$ is isomorphism (see next HW)

• $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}|_a, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}|_a)$ is a basis of $T_a \mathbb{R}^n$ ($\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_a f := \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(a)$)

On a general manifold M we analogously define:

Def.: Let M be a smooth manifold, $p \in M$. A linear map $D: C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called **derivation at p** if $D(fg) = f(p)Dg + g(p)Df \forall f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ (smooth $M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$)

$T_p M = \{D: D \text{ derivation}\}$ is called **tangent space** to M at p .

Note: $T_p M$ is a vector space (so now we have a linear structure for our derivatives)

Ex.: • If $f = \text{const} = c$, then $v(f) = cv(1) = cv(1 \cdot 1) = c(1 \cdot v(1) + 1 \cdot v(1)) = 2cv(1) = 2v(f)$
 $\Rightarrow v(f) = 0 \quad \forall v \in T_p M$

• If $f(p) = g(p) = 0$ then $v(fg) = 0 \quad \forall v \in T_p M$

Def.: Let M, N be smooth manifolds, $F: M \rightarrow N$ smooth, $p \in M$. The **differential of F at p** or **push forward** is a map $dF_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$ def. by

$$\mathbb{R} \ni \left\{ \begin{array}{l} dF_p(v)(f) = v(f \circ F) \\ \underbrace{\in T_p M} \quad \underbrace{\in C^\infty(M)} \quad \underbrace{M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}} \\ \underbrace{\in T_{F(p)} N} \quad \underbrace{\in \mathbb{R}} \end{array} \right. \quad \forall v \in T_p M, f \in C^\infty(M).$$

Note: $dF_p(v)$ is indeed linear (v derivation) and a derivation at $F(p)$:

$$\begin{aligned} dF_p(v)(fg) &= v((fg) \circ F) = v((f \circ F) \cdot (g \circ F)) \\ &= (f \circ F)(p) v(g \circ F) + (g \circ F)(p) v(f \circ F) \\ &= f(F(p)) dF_p(v)(g) + g(F(p)) dF_p(v)(f) \end{aligned}$$

Properties: M, N, P smooth manifolds, $F: M \rightarrow N$, $G: N \rightarrow P$ smooth, $p \in M$, then

(proofs omitted) • $dF_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$ is linear

• $d(G \circ F)_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_{G(F(p))} P$, $d(G \circ F)_p = \underbrace{dG_{F(p)}}_{T_{F(p)} N \rightarrow T_{G(F(p))} P} \circ \underbrace{dF_p}_{T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N}$

see HW \leftarrow

• $d(\text{Id}_M)_p = \text{Id}_{T_p M}$ ($d(\text{Id})_p(v) = v$ by def.)

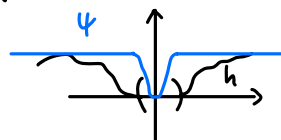
• If F diffeomorphism $\Rightarrow dF_p$ isomorphism and $(dF_p)^{-1} = d(F^{-1})_{F(p)}$

Important: tangent spaces are really local!

Proposition: M smooth manifold, $U \subset M$ open, $i: U \rightarrow M$ inclusion map. Then $\forall p \in U$, $di_p: T_p U \rightarrow T_p M$ is a canonical isomorphism.

$\Rightarrow di_p(v)$ and v are really "the same" and we will identify them in the following

Proof uses this Proposition: let $p \in M, v \in T_p M$. If for $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$, $f|_U = g|_U$ for some neighborhood U of p then $vf = vg$.



we just prove this: $h := f - g$, so $h|_U = 0$

$\psi =$ bump fct. with $\psi = 1$ on $\text{supp}(h)$, $\text{supp } \psi \subset M \setminus \{p\}$

$$\Rightarrow \psi h = h \Rightarrow h(p) = \psi(p) = 0 \Rightarrow v(\psi h) = h(p)v\psi + \psi(p)v h = 0$$

$$\stackrel{||}{=} v(h) \Rightarrow vf = vg \quad \square$$

(Then use extension of smooth fct. s)

Corollary: $T_p M$ has same dimension as M .

↳ proven by using a local smooth chart at p together with previous Proposition

How to do computations?

basis $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}|_{\varrho(p)}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}|_{\varrho(p)}$

Choose smooth chart (U, ϱ) at $p \Rightarrow d\varrho_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_{\varrho(p)} \mathbb{R}^n$ isomorphism

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_p = \underbrace{(d\varrho_p)^{-1}}_{=(d\varrho^{-1})_{\varrho(p)}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_{\varrho(p)} \right) \text{ (coordinate) basis of } T_p M$$

$$\text{note: } f \in C^\infty(U) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_p f = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_{\varrho(p)} (f \circ \varrho^{-1}) = \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial x^i}(\hat{p})$$

(recall def. $dF_p(v)(f) = v(f \circ F)$)

$\hat{f} = f \circ \varrho^{-1}$, $\hat{p} = \varrho(p)$ coordinate representations of f and p

So what is dF_p in local coordinates (for $F: M \rightarrow N$)? \rightarrow see HW