

OR MSc Maths Revision Course

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Weeks 1 and 2

- JCMB 1501
 - Revision course tutorials (MRev)
 - Wednesday 23/9 15:00-17:00
 - Thursday 24/9 16:00-18:00
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 - Thursday 1/10 16:00-18:00
 - Mathematics assessment test II

Functions

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Derivative

A function $f(x)$ is said to have derivative at x , written $f'(x)$, if the limit of $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ exists as $h \rightarrow 0$. $f'(x)$ is defined as

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Derivatives of common functions

$f(x)$	a	x	x^n	e^x	a^x	$\ln x$	$\sin x$	$\cos x$
$f'(x)$	0	1	nx^{n-1}	e^x	$a^x \ln a$	$1/x$	$\cos x$	$-\sin x$

Calculus: Derivative rules

- *Constant Factor Rule:* If $f(x) = cu(x)$, where c constant, then

$$f'(x) = cu'(x)$$

- *Sum rule:* If $f(x) = u(x) + v(x)$, then

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- *Product rule:* If $f(x) = u(x)v(x)$, then

$$f'(x) = u'(x)v(x) + u(x)v'(x)$$

- *Quotient rule:* If $f(x) = \frac{u(x)}{v(x)}$, then

$$f'(x) = \frac{u'(x)v(x) - u(x)v'(x)}{[v(x)]^2}$$

- *Chain rule:* If $f(x) = g(u(x))$, then

$$f'(x) = g'(u(x)) \cdot u'(x)$$

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 $f''(x) = 6(4x - 7)$, thus $f''(1/2) = -30 < 0$ and $f''(3) = 30 > 0$

First partial derivatives

Let $z = f(x, y)$ be a function of x and y . Partial derivatives of z wrt x and y , respectively, are defined as

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y + k) - f(x, y)}{k}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6x & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hessian matrix

The *Hessian* H is a square matrix containing all the second partial derivatives. Note that for smooth functions, $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$, so the matrix is symmetric. In this example with two variables,

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$$

The Hessian can be used to test the nature of critical points

Integrals

- Consider two functions $f(x)$ and $F(x)$
- If $F'(x) = f(x)$ then $F(x)$ is the **indefinite integral** of $f(x)$
- This is written as

$$F(x) = \int f(x) dx$$

Integration examples and rules

$$\int (1) dx = x + C$$

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad (n \neq -1)$$

$$\int x^{-1} dx = \ln|x| + C$$

$$\int e^x dx = e^x + C$$

$$\int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C \quad (a > 0, a \neq 1)$$

$$\int af(x) dx = a \int f(x) dx$$

$$\int [f(x) + g(x)] dx = \int f(x) dx + \int g(x) dx$$

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Integration by parts

For two functions $u(x)$ and $v(x)$

$$\int u(x)v'(x) dx = u(x)v(x) - \int v(x)u'(x) dx$$

Integration by Substitution

Substitution If $u(x)$ is differentiable and $f(x)$ continuous then

$$\int f(u(x)) \frac{du(x)}{dx} dx = \int f(u) du$$

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- $F(x) = \int_1^2 \frac{\ln x}{x^2} dx$. By parts, $u(x) = \ln x$ and $v'(x) = x^{-2}$.

$$F(x) = -\log(x)x^{-1} - x^{-1}.$$

Linear Algebra

Matrices

- A **matrix** is any rectangular array of numbers
- The **ij th element** of A , written as a_{ij} , is the number in the i th row and j th column of A
- Two matrices A and B are **equal** if $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$ for all i and j

Vectors

- **Column vector** is a matrix with only one column
- **Row vector** is a matrix with only one row
- **Vector** is a column vector or row vector
- **Dimension** of a vector is the number of elements in it
- **Zero vector** is vector with all elements equal 0

Scalar Product

If \mathbf{u} is row vector and \mathbf{v} is column vector with the same dimension n , then the **scalar product** of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , written $\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}$, is the number

$$u_1v_1 + \cdots + u_nv_n$$

For two column vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , the scalar product is $\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{v}$

Norm

- The **norm** of a vector is a quantity that describes in some way length or size of the vector.
- The p -norm $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p$ for $p = 1, 2, \dots$ is defined as

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \left(\sum_i |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

Commonly used versions of the p -norm are

$$p = 1 \quad \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_i |x_i|$$

$$p = 2 \quad \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\left(\sum_i |x_i|^2 \right)}$$

$$p = \infty \quad \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|.$$

Norm properties

Some useful properties, which are true for all norms, are

- $\|\mathbf{x}\| > 0$ when $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ and $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0$ iff $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$
- $\|k\mathbf{x}\| = |k|\|\mathbf{x}\|$ for any scalar k
- $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$

Special Matrices

- For an $m \times n$ matrix A , the $n \times m$ matrix A^T which has elements $[A^T]_{ij} = a_{ji}$ is called the **transpose** of A
- A **square matrix** has equal numbers of rows and columns
- A matrix A for which $A = A^T$ is **symmetric**
- A **diagonal matrix** is one where only the elements a_{ii} are non-zero
- The **identity matrix** is diagonal with $a_{ii} = 1$
- An **orthogonal matrix** has the property $AA^T = I$

Positive definiteness

A real symmetric matrix is **positive definite** iff

- $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$ for all $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$
- All the leading submatrices of A have positive determinants
- All the eigenvalues of A satisfy $\lambda_i > 0$
- There exists a non-singular matrix W such that $A = W^T W$

If one of these conditions is true, it implies that the others are also true

Critical point test for functions of two variables $f(x, y)$

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$\det H_1 = f_{xx}$	$\det H = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2$	Conclusion
> 0	> 0	H is positive definite, so a (local) minimizer
< 0	> 0	H is negative definite, so a (local) maximizer
$\neq 0$	< 0	H is indefinite, so a saddle point

The test is inconclusive if either of the determinants is 0

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$\neq 0$	< 0	H is indefinite, so a saddle point

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Matrix operations

- **Scalar multiple of a matrix:** If A is a matrix, c is a number, then matrix cA is obtained by multiplying each element of A by c
- **Addition of two matrices:** If A and B are two matrices with same order (that is, $m \times n$), then matrix $C = A + B$ is obtained by defining $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$
- **Matrix multiplication:** The matrix product of two matrices A and B , written AB , is defined if and only if

number of columns in $A =$ number of rows in B

Suppose A is $m \times r$ matrix and B is $r \times n$ matrix, then the **matrix product** $C = AB$ is a $m \times n$ matrix whose ij th element c_{ij} is the scalar product of i th row of A and j column of B

Inversion and Transposition

- **Matrix inversion:** Some $n \times n$ square matrices are invertible and it is possible to find A^{-1} such that

$$AA^{-1} = I$$

- **Inverse of matrix product:** Let A and B both be $n \times n$ square invertible matrices. Then $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
- **Transpose matrices:** from the definition of a transpose matrix above, it is not too hard to see these properties

$$\begin{aligned}(A^T)^T &= A \\ (A+B)^T &= A^T + B^T \\ (cA)^T &= cA^T \\ (AB)^T &= B^T A^T \\ (A^T)^{-1} &= (A^{-1})^T\end{aligned}$$

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Determinant

The **determinant** of a 2×2 matrix can be calculated

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \equiv ad - bc$$

For larger matrices, the determinant may be found by calculating the determinants of minor matrices M_{ij} recursively

$$\det(A) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$$

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calculate $\det(A)$ and $\det(B)$

Methods for inverting matrices

- The formula for a 2×2 matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

- Augment the matrix A to $[A \quad I]$ and use Gauss method (see below)
- Cramer's rule (in theory)

Elementary row operations (ero)

If matrix A' is obtained by a set of elementary row operations from matrix A , then A and A' are equivalent

- **Type 1 ero:** A' is obtained by multiplying any row of A by a nonzero number
- **Type 2 ero:** A' is obtained by first multiplying any row of A (say, row i) by a nonzero number, then adding it to another row of A (say, row j), that is,

$$\text{row } j \text{ of } A' = c(\text{row } i \text{ of } A) + \text{row } j \text{ of } A$$

- **Type 3 ero:** interchange any two rows of A

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Systems of linear equations

- Suppose A is $m \times n$ matrix and \mathbf{b} is a vector of dimension m
- A **system of linear equations** is

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

with unknown column vector \mathbf{x} of dimension n

- A column vector \mathbf{x} is **solution** of a system of linear equations if it satisfies $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$
- **Find a solution by Gauss method:**
For the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, construct the augmented matrix $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$ and use type 1, type 2 and type 3 eros
- **Special cases:**
No solution or infinite number of solutions

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$$(x, y, z) = (3, 3, 1).$$

Differentiating linear algebra expressions

The symbol ∇ denotes the vector derivative or gradient operator

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Here is a brief summary of how to apply this operator to expressions involving vectors and matrices. τ is a scalar, $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are vectors, while A, Q are matrices, all of suitable dimensions

$f(\mathbf{x})$	$\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$	$\tau \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$	$A^T \mathbf{x}$	$\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T Q \mathbf{x}$
$\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$	\mathbf{c}	$\tau \mathbf{c}$	A	$\frac{1}{2}(Q\mathbf{x} + Q^T \mathbf{x})$

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