

3.1 The Jacobi matrix and linearization

Key Ideas.

- Recall Taylor's theorem

$$f(t_* + \Delta t) = f(t_*) + f'(t_*)\Delta t + \text{remainder}$$

The best linear approximation of f near t_* is

$$L(\Delta t) = f(t_*) + f'(t_*)\Delta t.$$

- Multivariable version

$$\begin{aligned} & T(u_* + \Delta u, v_* + \Delta v, \dots) \\ &= T(u_*, v_*, \dots) + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial T}{\partial u}(u_*, v_*, \dots) & \frac{\partial T}{\partial v}(u_*, v_*, \dots) & \cdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta u \\ \Delta v \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad + \text{remainder} \end{aligned}$$

Write as

$$T(u_* + \Delta u, v_* + \Delta v, \dots) = T(u_*, v_*, \dots) + DT(u_*, v_*, \dots) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta u \\ \Delta v \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} + \text{remainder}$$

- The multivariable derivative is the **Jacobi matrix**

$$DT = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial T}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial v} & \cdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial}{\partial v} & \cdots \end{pmatrix}$$

If we write $T(u, v, \dots) = (x(u, v, \dots), y(u, v, \dots), \dots)$ then

$$DT = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

- The best linear approximation of T at the point (u_*, v_*) is given by the affine transformation

$$L(\Delta u, \Delta v) = T(u_*, v_*) + DT(u_*, v_*) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta u \\ \Delta v \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercises.

1. Consider the transformation

$$T(u, v) = (u \cos(v), u \sin(v)).$$

- Draw, as best you can, the transformation T .
- Compute the Jacobi matrix for T .
- Use the Jacobi matrix to find the best linear approximation of T at the point $(u, v) = (1, \pi/3)$.
- Draw, as best you can, the linear approximation. Be sure to indicate the coordinate vector fields in your picture.

2. Consider the transformation

$$T(u, v) = (u \cos(v), u \sin(v), u^2).$$

- Draw, as best you can, the transformation T .
- Compute the Jacobi matrix for T .
- Use the Jacobi matrix to find the best linear approximation of T at the point $(u, v) = (1, \pi/4)$.
- Draw, as best you can, the linear approximation. Be sure to indicate the coordinate vector fields in your picture.

3. Consider the transformation

$$T(u, v) = (\cos(v), \sin(v), u).$$

- Draw, as best you can, the transformation T .
- Compute the Jacobi matrix for T .
- Use the Jacobi matrix to find the best linear approximation of T at the point $(u, v) = (1, \pi/4)$.
- Draw, as best you can, the linear approximation. Be sure to indicate the coordinate vector fields in your picture.

4. Consider the transformation

$$T(t) = (\cos(t), \sin(t)).$$

- Draw, as best you can, the transformation T .
- Compute the Jacobi matrix for T .
- Use the Jacobi matrix to find the best linear approximation of T at the point $t = \pi/4$.
- Draw, as best you can, the linear approximation. Be sure to indicate the coordinate vector fields in your picture.

5. Consider the transformation

$$T(t) = (\cos(t), \sin(t)).$$

- (a) Draw, as best you can, the transformation T .
- (b) Compute the Jacobi matrix for T .
- (c) Use the Jacobi matrix to find the best linear approximation of T at the point $t = \pi/4$.
- (d) Draw, as best you can, the linear approximation. Be sure to indicate the coordinate vector fields in your picture.

6. Consider the transformation

$$T(x, y) = x^2 - y^2.$$

- (a) Draw, as best you can, the transformation T .
- (b) Compute the Jacobi matrix for T .
- (c) Use the Jacobi matrix to find the best linear approximation of T at the point $(x, y) = (2, 3)$.
- (d) Draw, as best you can, the linear approximation. Be sure to indicate the coordinate vector fields in your picture.

7. Consider the transformation

$$T(u, v) = (u^2 - v^2, 2uv),$$

where $u \geq 0$.

- (a) Draw, as best you can, the transformation T .
- (b) Compute the Jacobi matrix for T .
- (c) Use the Jacobi matrix to find the best linear approximation of T at the point $(u, v) = (1, 1)$.
- (d) Draw, as best you can, the linear approximation. Be sure to indicate the coordinate vector fields in your picture.