

Unit 6: The Jacobian

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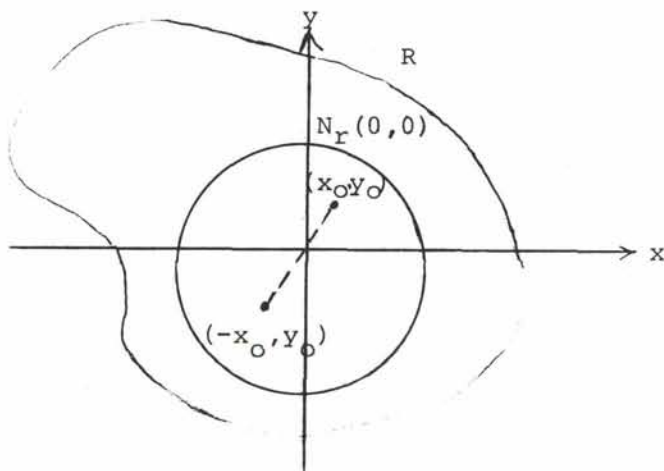
a. Notice that

$$u = x^2 - y^2$$
$$v = 2xy$$

implies that  $\underline{f}(x,y) = \underline{f}(-x,-y)$ , since  $x^2 - y^2 = (-x)^2 - (-y)^2$  and  $2xy = 2(-x)(-y)$ . Thus  $\underline{f}$  maps  $(x,y)$  and  $(-x,-y)$  into the same element, namely,  $\underline{f}(x,y) = \underline{f}(-x,-y) = (x^2 - y^2, 2xy)$ .

Geometrically  $(x,y)$  and  $(-x,-y)$  lie on the same line through the origin. Thus, given any (non-zero) neighborhood  $R$  of  $(0,0)$ , it contains a circular neighborhood  $N_r(0,0)$  centered at  $(0,0)$ , having radius  $r$ . Pick  $(x_0, y_0) \in N_r(0,0)$  subject only to the condition that  $(x_0, y_0) \neq (0,0)$ . Then  $(-x_0, -y_0) \in N_r(0,0) \cap R$  and  $\underline{f}(x_0, y_0) = \underline{f}(-x_0, -y_0)$ . Therefore  $\underline{f}$  is not 1-1 on  $R$ .

Pictorially



(1)  $R$  is drawn large so we can "see well".

(2)  $(x_0, y_0) \in R$  does not guarantee that  $(-x_0, -y_0) \in R$  since  $R$  need not be symmetric with the origin.

(3) The reason for constructing  $N_r(0,0)$  was simply to replace  $R$  by a region which is symmetric with respect to the origin (we did not have to pick a circular region). The key point is that such a symmetric region can be inscribed in any

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non-zero region R.

(4)  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(-x_0, -y_0) \in R$  [since they are in the subregion  $N_r(0,0)$ ] and  $\underline{f}(x_0, y_0) = \underline{f}(-x_0, -y_0) = (x_0^2 - y_0^2, 2x_0y_0)$ .

Note:

Using the technique described in Lecture 4.040 we would have that

$$\begin{aligned} du &= 2x dx - 2y dy \\ dv &= 2y dx + 2x dy \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

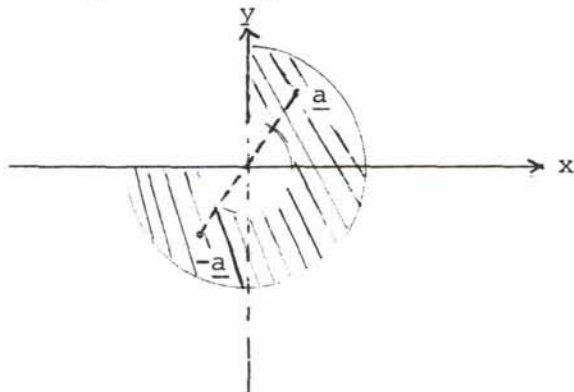
$$dx = \frac{x}{2(x^2 + y^2)} du + \frac{y}{2(x^2 + y^2)} dv \tag{1}$$

$$dy = \frac{-y}{2(x^2 + y^2)} du + \frac{x}{2(x^2 + y^2)} dv$$

From (1) we would expect trouble when  $(x,y) = (0,0)$ , since then and only then is  $2(x^2 + y^2) = 0$ . The inversion theorem verifies that  $\underline{f}$  is not invertible in any neighborhood of  $(0,0)$  but is invertible in sufficiently small neighborhoods (i.e., is locally invertible) of any other point, since

$$\left| \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \right| = 0 \leftrightarrow (x,y) = (0,0).$$

b. The region S in question is



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The region  $S$  does not include the point  $(0,0)$ . Therefore  $|\underline{f}'(\underline{a})| \neq 0$  for every  $\underline{a} \in S$ . Yet  $\underline{f}$  is not 1-1 on  $S$ . Indeed if  $\underline{a}$  is any first quadrant point in  $S$  then  $-\underline{a}$  is a third quadrant point in  $S$  and  $\underline{f}(\underline{a}) = \underline{f}(-\underline{a})$  even though  $\underline{a} \neq -\underline{a}$ .

All the inversion theorem allows us to conclude is that for each  $\underline{a} \in S$  there is a sufficiently small neighborhood of  $\underline{a}$  on which  $\underline{f}$  is 1-1. The trouble with  $S$  is that it is too large a region for  $\underline{f}$  to be 1-1.

In summary, then

(1)  $\underline{f}: E^r \rightarrow E^r$  is locally invertible in a sufficiently small neighborhood of  $\underline{a}$  provided only that  $|\underline{f}'(\underline{a})| \neq 0$ .

(2) The fact that  $|\underline{f}'(\underline{a})| \neq 0$  guarantees us that  $\underline{f}$  is invertible near  $\underline{a}$ , but the size of the neighborhood must be suitably restricted. That is, knowing that  $|\underline{f}'(\underline{a})| \neq 0$  for every  $\underline{a} \in S$  is not enough to insure that  $\underline{f}$  is 1-1 on  $S$ .

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4.6.2

a. We have  $\underline{f}: E^2 \rightarrow E^2$  defined by  $\underline{f}(x,y) = (x^3 - y^3, 2xy)$ . That is,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= x^3 - y^3 \\ v &= 2xy \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

From (1),

$$\frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3x^2 & -3y^2 \\ 2y & 2x \end{bmatrix}$$

therefore,

$$\left| \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \right| = 6x^3 + 6y^3 = 6(x^3 + y^3)$$

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therefore,

$$\left| \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \right| = 0 \leftrightarrow x^3 + y^3 = 0 \leftrightarrow \underline{y = -x} .$$

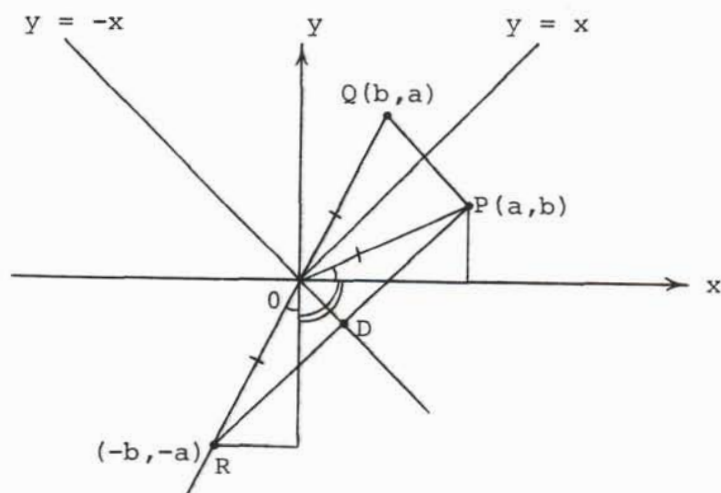
Therefore,  $\underline{f}$  is locally invertible at any point  $(x,y) \in E^2$  provided only the point is not on the line  $y = -x$ .

b.  $x^3 - y^3 = (-y)^3 - (-x)^3$

$$2xy = 2(-y)(-x) .$$

Hence  $\underline{f}$  maps  $(x,y)$  and  $(-y,-x)$  into the same element  $(x^3 - y^3, 2xy)$ .

Notice that  $(x,y)$  and  $(-y,-x)$  are symmetric with respect to the line  $y = -x$ . [I.e.



(1)  $P(a,b)$  and  $Q(b,a)$  are symmetric w.r.t.  $y = x$ .

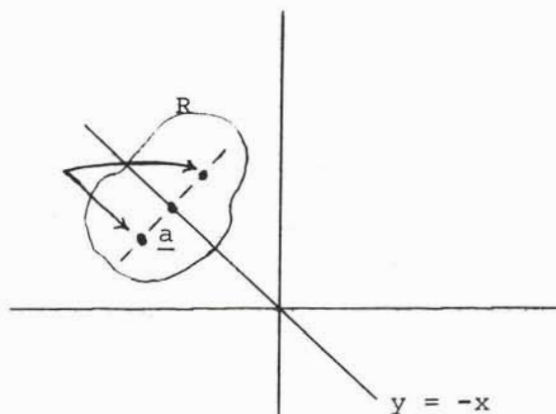
(2)  $Q(b,a)$  and  $R(-b,-a)$  are symmetric w.r.t. the origin (i.e.  $r$  and  $-r$  are symmetric with respect to origin)

(3)  $\triangle ORP$  is isosceles and  $OA$  is an angle bisector. Therefore  $OA$  is perpendicular bisector of  $RP$ .

(4)  $P(a,b)$  and  $R(-b,-a)$  are symmetric w.r.t  $y = -x$

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Hence, for any point  $\underline{a}$  on  $y = -x$  we have



(1) These two points have the same image under  $\underline{f}$  since they are symmetric with respect to  $y = -x$ .

(2) No matter how small we choose  $R$ , once it contains  $\underline{a}$  it contains (at least) 2 points symmetric with respect to  $y = -x$ .

(3) Therefore,  $\underline{f}$  cannot be 1-1 in any neighborhood of  $\underline{a}$  if  $\underline{a}$  is on the line  $y = -x$ .

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4.6.3

Since  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are assumed to be independent  $\partial x_i / \partial x_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ . and of course  $\partial x_i / \partial x_j = 1$  if  $i = j$ .

Accordingly

$$\frac{\partial (x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial (x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial x_i \\ \partial x_j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_n .$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial (x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial (x_1, \dots, x_n)}$$

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can be cancelled (as if it were the fraction  $\frac{a}{a}$ ) as a "factor" from any matrix equation since it represents the identity matrix.

In the language of determinants

$$\frac{|\partial(x_1, \dots, x_n)|}{|\partial(x_1, \dots, x_n)|} = 1$$

and this is why some people like the notation

$$\frac{\partial(y_1, \dots, y_n)}{\partial(x_1, \dots, x_n)}$$

to denote the Jacobian determinant rather than the Jacobian matrix. That is, with this notation,

$$\frac{\partial(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = 1.$$

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4.6.4

a. In Exercise 4.6.2 we saw that

$$\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3x^2 & -3y^2 \\ 2y & 2x \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

b. Now, from

$$\begin{cases} u = x^3 - y^3 \\ v = 2xy \end{cases}$$

we have

$$\begin{cases} du = 3x^2 dx - 3y^2 dy \\ dv = 2y dx + 2x dy \end{cases}. \quad (2)$$

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Solving (2) for  $dx$  and  $dy$  in terms of  $du$  and  $dv$  we obtain

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 6(x^3 + y^3)dx &= 2xdu + 3y^2dv \\ 6(x^3 + y^3)dy &= -2ydu + 3x^2dv \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

Therefore unless  $6(x^3 + y^3) = 0$ , we may divide by it in (2) to obtain

$$\left. \begin{aligned} dx &= \frac{x}{3(x^3 + y^3)} du + \frac{y^2}{2(x^3 + y^3)} dv \\ dy &= \frac{-y}{3(x^3 + y^3)} du + \frac{x^2}{2(x^3 + y^3)} dv \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4)$$

[Notice again how the mechanical approach yields (4) directly, that is,  $6(x^3 + y^3)$  is the Jacobian determinant. Hence we know it cannot be zero at a point where  $\underline{f}$  is invertible. In other words we can derive (4) without (consciously) referring to the Jacobian

At any rate, from (4) we deduce that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_u &= \frac{x}{3(x^3 + y^3)} \quad , \quad x_v = \frac{y^2}{2(x^3 + y^3)} \quad , \\ y_u &= \frac{-y}{3(x^3 + y^3)} \quad , \quad \text{and } y_v = \frac{x^2}{2(x^3 + y^3)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5)$$

From (5) we conclude that

$$\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} = \begin{bmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{3(x^3 + y^3)} & \frac{y^2}{2(x^3 + y^3)} \\ \frac{-y}{3(x^3 + y^3)} & \frac{x^2}{2(x^3 + y^3)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

c. Combining (1) and (6) we have

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$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \\ \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3x^2 & -3y^2 \\ 2y & 2x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{3(x^3+y^3)} & \frac{y^2}{2(x^3+y^3)} \\ \frac{-y}{3(x^3+y^3)} & \frac{x^2}{2(x^3+y^3)} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x^3}{x^3+y^3} + \frac{y^3}{x^3+y^3} & \frac{3x^2y^2}{2(x^3+y^3)} - \frac{3x^2y^2}{2(x^3+y^3)} \\ \frac{2xy}{3(x^3+y^3)} - \frac{2xy}{3(x^3+y^3)} & \frac{y^3}{x^3+y^3} + \frac{x^3}{x^3+y^3} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(provided  $x^3 + y^3 \neq 0$ ) (7)

- d. Since  $\det I_n = 1$  and  $\det AB = (\det A)(\det B)$ , equation (7) yields

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \\ \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \\ \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \end{vmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \\ \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \end{vmatrix}$$

and this makes sense since

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \\ \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

when  $x^3 + y^3 \neq 0$ .

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4.6.5

- a. We must examine

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \end{vmatrix}.$$



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Since

$$u = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$$

and

$$v = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \text{ we have}$$

$$u_x = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)2x - (x^2 - y^2)2x}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{4xy^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$u_y = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)(-2y) - (x^2 - y^2)2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{-4x^2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$v_x = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)y - xy(2x)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{y^3 - x^2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$v_y = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)x - xy(2y)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{x^3 - xy^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}.$$

Therefore,

$$\left| \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \right| =$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{4xy^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} & \frac{-4x^2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\ \frac{y^3 - x^2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} & \frac{x^3 - xy^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{4xy^2(x^3 - xy^2) + 4x^2y(y^3 - x^2y)}{(x^2 + y^2)^4} \equiv 0$$

Therefore  $u$  and  $v$  are functionally dependent.

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$$b. \quad u^2 = \frac{(x^2 - y^2)^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$4v^2 = \frac{4x^2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} .$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} u^2 + 4v^2 &= \frac{(x^2 - y^2)^2 + 4x^2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{(x^4 + 2x^2y^2 + y^4)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{(x^2 + y^2)^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} , \end{aligned}$$

and since  $x^2 + y^2 \neq 0$ ,

$$u^2 + 4v^2 \equiv 1 \tag{1}$$

therefore,

$$\underline{u^2 + 4v^2 - 1 = 0}$$

$$\text{Let } f(u,v) = u^2 + 4v^2 - 1.$$

Therefore  $f \neq 0$  but  $f[u(x,y), v(x,y)] \equiv 0$ .

c.  $\underline{f}: E^2 \rightarrow E^2$  is defined by

$$\underline{f}(x,y) = \left( \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

if  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$  and  $\underline{f}(0,0) = (0,0)$ ; hence the image of  $\underline{f}$  in the  $uv$ -plane [from equation (1)] is the ellipse  $u^2 + 4v^2 = 1$  together with the point  $(0,0)$  [which does not belong to the ellipse; i.e., equation (1) was derived under the assumption that  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$ ]

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a.  $f(x,y,z,u,v) = 0$   
 $g(x,y,z,u,v) = 0$  (1)

We want to know whether (1) allows us to view  $u$  and  $v$  as functions of the independent variables  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  \* in some neighborhood of  $(x_0, y_0, z_0, u_0, v_0)$ . According to our theory this can be done at any point satisfied by (1) provided only that

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(u,v)} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0.$$

b. To show that  $u$  and  $v$  are functions of  $x, y$ , and  $z$  it is sufficient to show that  $u_x, u_y, u_z$  as well as  $v_x, v_y$  and  $v_z$  are determined. From a purely mechanical point of view, as we did in Block 3, we may differentiate system (1) implicitly with respect to  $x, y$ , and  $z$  to obtain

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_x + f_u u_x + f_v v_x &= 0 \\ f_y + f_u u_y + f_v v_y &= 0 \\ f_z + f_u u_z + f_v v_z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} g_x + g_u u_x + g_v v_x &= 0 \\ g_y + g_u u_y + g_v v_y &= 0 \\ g_z + g_u u_z + g_v v_z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

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\*We named the variables  $x, y, z, u, v$  rather than  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$  to make it easier to remember "which variables are which". That is, think of  $x, y$ , and  $z$  as denoting whatever three of the variables  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$  are being chosen at random (i.e., the independent variables).

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Appropriately pairing members of (2) with members of (3) we obtain

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_x + f_u u_x + f_v v_x = 0 \\ g_x + g_u u_x + g_v v_x = 0 \\ \\ f_y + f_u u_y + f_v v_y = 0 \\ g_y + g_u u_y + g_v v_y = 0 \\ \\ f_z + f_u u_z + f_v v_z = 0 \\ g_z + g_u u_z + g_v v_z = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad (4)$$

From the left side of (1) we can explicitly compute  $f_x, f_y, f_z, f_u, f_v, g_x, g_y, g_z, g_u$  and  $g_v$ .

Therefore at any solution of (1) the unknowns in (4) are  $u_x, v_x, u_y, v_y, u_z,$  and  $v_z$ . In each case, then, our determinant of coefficients for each pair of equations is

$$\begin{vmatrix} f_u & f_v \\ g_u & g_v \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\partial(f, g)}{\partial(u, v)}$$

and unless this determinant is 0 we can solve (4) for  $u_x, v_x, u_y, v_y, u_z,$  and  $v_z$ .

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4.6.7

- a. Without the knowledge contained in Chapter 7 of the Supplementary Notes, we could have proceeded as follows:

Assuming that the system

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x + y + z = 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xz - 1 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad (1)$$

determines  $y$  and  $z$  as functions of  $x$ , we can differentiate (1) implicitly with respect to  $x$  to obtain

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$$1 + \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dz}{dx} = 0$$

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} + 2z \frac{dz}{dx} + 2x \frac{dz}{dx} + 2z = 0$$

or

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dz}{dx} &= -1 \\ y \frac{dy}{dx} + (x+z) \frac{dz}{dx} &= -(x+z) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

Solving (2) for  $dy/dx$  and  $dz/dx$  we obtain

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -y \frac{dy}{dx} - y \frac{dz}{dx} &= y \\ y \frac{dy}{dx} + (x+z) \frac{dz}{dx} &= -(x+z) \end{aligned} \right\} .$$

Therefore,

$$(x+z-y) \frac{dz}{dx} = (-x-z+y) \quad (3)$$

or

$$\frac{dz}{dx} \equiv -1 \quad (4)$$

and correspondingly

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \equiv 0 \quad (5)$$

unless  $x+z-y=0$  [since in this case we cannot solve (3) for  $\frac{dz}{dx}$ ].

That is, once we know that system (1) determines  $y$  and  $z$  as functions of  $x$ , equations (4) and (5) follow inescapably.

The point of this exercise is to show that the general theory supports what we already suspect to be true - that  $y$  and  $z$  are function of  $x$  unless  $x+z-y=0$ .

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More specifically, the general theory tells us that  $y$  and  $z$  are functions of  $x$  if

$$\left| \frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(y,z)} \right| \neq 0$$

where  $f(x,y,z) = x + y + z$  and  $g(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xz - 1$ .

Now

$$\left| \frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(y,z)} \right| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2y & 2z + 2x \end{vmatrix} = 2z + 2x - 2y.$$

Therefore,

$$\left| \frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(y,z)} \right| = 0 \leftrightarrow x + z - y = 0.$$

Therefore, the theory tells us, just as we suspected, that unless  $x + z - y = 0$  (i.e., unless we are on the plane  $z = y - x$ ) system (1) determines  $y$  and  $z$  as differentiable functions of  $x$ .

As a direct check notice that  $x + z - y = 0$  says  $y = x + z$ , whereupon (1) becomes

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x + (x + z) + z &= 0 \\ x^2 + (x^2 + 2xz + z^2) + z^2 + 2xz - 1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (6)$$

From (6) it follows that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 2(x + z) &= 0 \\ 2(x + z)^2 &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7)$$

Since  $2(x + z)^2 = 1$  implies  $x + z = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , system (7) is inconsistent since it implies  $0 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Hence system (1) is incompatible when  $x + z - y = 0$ ; otherwise system (1) determines  $y$  and  $z$  as differentiable functions of  $x$

4.6.7 continued

with  $dy/dx$  and  $dz/dx$  as given by (4) and (5).

b. If we look at

$$\left| \frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(x,z)} \right|$$

we obtain

$$\left| \frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(x,z)} \right| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2x + 2z & 2x + 2z \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

Therefore  $x$  and  $z$  are never expressible as functions of  $y$ . In particular, notice that (1) can be written as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (x + z) + y &= 0 \\ (x + z)^2 + y^2 - 1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1')$$

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4.6.8

a. Row reducing our given system of equations yields

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x - y + 2z + u &= 0 \\ 2x + 2y - 3z + 2u &= 0 \\ 3x + y - z + u^2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \sim \left. \begin{aligned} x - y + 2z + u &= 0 \\ 4y - 7z &= 0 \\ 4y - 7z + u^2 - 3u &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

The last two equations on the right side of (1) imply that

$$u^2 - 3u = 0; \text{ or, } u = 0 \text{ or } u = 3.$$

Therefore the given system of equations is incompatible unless  $u = 0$  or  $u = 3$ .

b. With  $u = 0$ , (1) becomes

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x - y + 2z &= 0 \\ 4y - 7z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

4.6.8 continued

and from (2) we see that we may pick  $x$  or  $y$  or  $z$  at random and then solve for the remaining two.

For example, if we let  $z = z_0$  then  $4y - 7z = 0$  implies  $y = \frac{7}{4} z_0$ ; whereupon  $x - y + 2z = 0$  then tells us that

$$x - \frac{7}{4} z_0 + 2z_0 = 0$$

or

$$x = -\frac{z_0}{4}.$$

Therefore with  $z = z_0$ ,  $u = 0$  implies that  $y = \frac{7}{4}z_0$  and  $x = -\frac{z_0}{4}$ . Hence, one set of points (4-tuples) which satisfy the given system of equations is

$$\left\{ \left( -\frac{z_0}{4}, \frac{7z_0}{4}, z_0, 0 \right) \right\}. \quad (3)$$

Therefore, "near"  $(x, y, z, 0) \in S$ , we have

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u = 0 \\ y = \frac{7}{4} z \\ x = -\frac{1}{4} z \end{array} \right\}. \quad (4)$$

Hence  $y$  and  $x$  can all be expressed as functions of  $z$ .

With  $u = 3$ , system (1) yields

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x - y + 2z = -3 \\ 4y - 7z = 0 \end{array} \right\}. \quad (5)$$

So from (5) we obtain for  $z = z_0$

$$y = \frac{7}{4} z_0$$

and



4.6.8 continued

$$x - \frac{7}{4} z_0 + 2z_0 = -3, \text{ or } x = -\frac{z_0}{4} - 3.$$

Therefore near  $(x, y, z, 3) \in S$ ,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= 3 \\ y &= \frac{7}{4} z \\ x &= -\frac{1}{4} z - 3 \end{aligned} \right\} . \quad (6)$$

Therefore the given system can always be solved for  $u$ ,  $x$ , and  $y$  in terms of  $z$  since the given system is equivalent to the union of (4) and (6).

- c. If  $u \neq 0$  or  $u \neq 3$  the given system is incompatible. Hence we cannot view  $x, y$ , and  $z$  as functions of  $u$  since any such function would have the domain  $\{0, 3\}$ . That is,  $u$  assumes only the two discrete values 0 and 3.
- d. We now want to show how these results are obtained in terms of the general theory.

First of all, in order that the given system determines  $x, y$ , and  $u$  in terms of  $z$  we must look at

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial (f, g, h)}{\partial (x, y, u)} \end{array} \right|$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z, u) &= x - y + 2z + u \\ g(x, y, z, u) &= 2x + 2y - 3z + 2u \\ h(x, y, z, u) &= 3x + y - z + u^2 . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\left| \frac{\partial (f, g, h)}{\partial (x, y, u)} \right| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2u \end{vmatrix}$$

4.6.8 continued

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2u \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2u \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 4u - 2 + 4u - 6 + 2 - 6 \\ &= 8u - 12. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\left| \frac{\partial(f,g,h)}{\partial(x,y,u)} \right| \neq 0 \text{ unless } u = \frac{3}{2}. \quad (7)$$

Hence in a neighborhood of any solution  $(x_0, y_0, z_0, u_0)$  of the given system, we may express  $x, y$ , and  $u$  as functions of  $z$ , except when  $u_0 = 3/2$ .

But in part (a) we showed that  $u_0 = 3/2$  means  $(x_0, y_0, z_0, u_0)$  is not a solution of our system. In fact we showed that  $(x_0, y_0, z_0, u_0)$  could not be a solution unless  $u_0 = 0$  or  $u_0 = 3$ .

In any event, since  $u_0 \neq 3/2$ , equation (7) tells us  $x, y$ , and  $u$  may be expressed as functions of  $z$  near  $(x_0, y_0, z_0, u_0)$ .

Finally

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial(f,g,h)}{\partial(x,y,z)} \right| &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 + 7 - 8 \\ &\equiv 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $x, y$ , and  $z$  cannot be expressed in terms of  $u$ .

4.6.9

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a. Here

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(x,y,z) &= x + y + z \\ g(x,y,z) &= \frac{1}{3}x^3 + x - \frac{1}{3}y^3 - z^2y \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(x,y)} \right| &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ x^2 + 1 & -y^2 - z^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -y^2 - z^2 - x^2 - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\left| \frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(x,y)} \right| = 0 \iff -(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 1) = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(x,y)} \right| &\neq 0 \text{ for all } (x,y,z) : f(x,y,z) = g(x,y,z) = 0 \\ \text{since } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 1 &\geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore in the given system  $x$  and  $y$  are always determined as functions of  $z$ .

b. From (1)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dz} + \frac{dy}{dz} + 1 &= 0 \\ (x^2 + 1) \frac{dx}{dz} - y^2 \frac{dy}{dz} - z^2 \frac{dy}{dz} - 2zy &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Therefore,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dz} + \frac{dy}{dz} &= -1 \\ (x^2 + 1) \frac{dx}{dz} - (y^2 + z^2) \frac{dy}{dz} &= 2zy \end{aligned} \right\}$$

4.6.9 continued

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (y^2 + z^2) \frac{dx}{dz} + (y^2 + z^2) \frac{dy}{dz} &= - (y^2 + z^2) \\ (x^2 + 1) \frac{dx}{dz} - (y^2 + z^2) \frac{dy}{dz} &= 2yz \end{aligned} \right\} .$$

Therefore,

$$(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 1) \frac{dx}{dz} = -y^2 - z^2 + 2yz = -(y - z)^2 .$$

Therefore

$$\frac{dx}{dz} = \frac{-(y - z)^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 1} . \quad (2)$$

[Notice that on the right side of (2)  $x, y,$  and  $z$  are not independent; rather they satisfy  $f(x, y, z) = 0$  and  $g(x, y, z) = 0$ . In other words,  $x$  and  $y$  are functions of  $z$  for which  $f(x, y, z) \equiv g(x, y, z) \equiv 0$ . The fact that  $x$  and  $y$  are differentiable functions of  $z$  was established in part (a).]

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