

Exercise 1.

1. a) For $(u, v) \in D$, $e^{u+v} \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, and since $u - v > 0$, $\ln(u - v)$ is well-defined and belongs to \mathbb{R} . Hence $(e^{u+v}, \ln(u - v))$ is well-defined and belongs to Ω .
- b) • Clearly φ is of class C^1 (and even of class C^∞).
- We now show that φ is a bijection (and we'll also show we have an explicit expression for φ^{-1}): let $(u, v) \in D$ and $(x, y) \in \Omega$. Then

$$\varphi(u, v) = (x, y) \iff \begin{cases} e^{u+v} = x \\ \ln(u - v) = y \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} u + v = \ln(x) \\ u - v = e^y \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} u = \frac{\ln(x) + e^y}{2} \\ v = \frac{\ln(x) - e^y}{2} \end{cases}.$$

Hence φ is a bijection and

$$\varphi^{-1} : \Omega \longrightarrow D \\ (x, y) \longmapsto \left(\frac{\ln(x) + e^y}{2}, \frac{\ln(x) - e^y}{2} \right).$$

- Clearly, from the form of φ^{-1} we notice that φ^{-1} is of class C^1 (and even of class C^∞).¹
Hence φ is a C^1 -diffeomorphism.

- c) i) Let $(u, v) \in D$. Then

$$J_{(u,v)}\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} e^{u+v} & e^{u+v} \\ 1/(u - v) & -1/(u - v) \end{pmatrix}.$$

- ii) Let $(x, y) \in \Omega$. Then

$$J_{(x,y)}(\varphi^{-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2x & e^y/2 \\ 1/2x & -e^y/2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- iii) The relation between $J\varphi$ and $J(\varphi^{-1})$ is:

$$\forall (u, v) \in D, (J_{(u,v)}\varphi)^{-1} = J_{\varphi(u,v)}(\varphi^{-1})$$

or, equivalently,

$$\forall (x, y) \in \Omega, (J_{\varphi^{-1}(x,y)}\varphi)^{-1} = J_{(x,y)}(\varphi^{-1})$$

We show the first relation: For $(u, v) \in D$,

$$(J_{(u,v)}\varphi)^{-1} = -\frac{u - v}{2e^{u+v}} \begin{pmatrix} -1/(u - v) & -e^{u+v} \\ -1/(u - v) & e^{u+v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2e^{u+v} & (u - v)/2 \\ 1/2e^{u+v} & -(u - v)/2 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$J_{\varphi(u,v)}(\varphi^{-1}) = J_{(e^{u+v}, \ln(u - v))}(\varphi^{-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2e^{u+v} & (u - v)/2 \\ 1/2e^{u+v} & -(u - v)/2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Let $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and define $g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $g = f \circ \varphi$. Since φ is a C^1 -diffeomorphism, we know that f is of class C^1 if and only if g is of class C^1 . We assume that f is of class C^1 .

Observe that we have:

$$\forall (u, v) \in D, g(u, v) = f(e^{u+v}, \ln(u - v)),$$

hence, for $(u, v) \in D$, set $(x, y) = \varphi(u, v)$, and it follows from the Chain Rule that

$$\partial_2 g(u, v) = e^{u+v} \partial_1 f(x, y) - 1/(u - v) \partial_2 f(x, y) = x \partial_1 f(x, y) - e^{-y} \partial_2 f(x, y).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} f \text{ is a solution of } (*) &\iff \forall (x, y) \in \Omega, x \partial_1 f(x, y) - e^{-y} \partial_2 f(x, y) - 3f(x, y) = 0 \\ &\iff \forall (u, v) \in D, \partial_2 g(u, v) - 3g(u, v) = 0 \\ &\iff \exists A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ of class } C^1, \forall (u, v) \in D, g(u, v) = A(u)e^{3v} \\ &\iff \exists A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ of class } C^1, \forall (x, y) \in \Omega, f(x, y) = A(\ln(x) + e^y)e^{3(\ln(x) - e^y)/2}. \end{aligned}$$

¹We could also have computed the Jacobian matrix of φ and used the GIFT, but this is asked in the next question.

Exercise 2.

1. Since U is simply-connected, we only need to show that ω is closed. Notice that since f is of class C^2 , ω is of class C^1 . Denoting by P_1 and P_2 the components of ω , namely, $P_1 = -\partial_2 f$ and $P_2 = \partial_1 f$ we have:

$$\partial_2 P_1 = -\partial_{2,2}^2 f = \partial_{1,1}^2 f = \partial_1 P_2$$

where we used the fact that f is harmonic in the middle equality. Hence ω is closed; moreover, since ω is of class C^1 , by Poincaré's Lemma, ω is exact and there exists a function $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of class C^2 such that $dg = \omega$. Of course, g can be chosen such that $g(0, 0) = 0$ (for otherwise, take $g - g(0, 0)$ instead).

2. Notice that $\partial_1 g = -\partial_2 f$ and $\partial_2 g = \partial_1 f$. Hence,

$$\partial_{1,1}^2 g + \partial_{2,2}^2 g = -\partial_{1,2}^2 f + \partial_{2,1}^2 f = 0,$$

by Schwarz' Lemma, since f is of class C^2 . Hence g is harmonic.

3. a) Notice that:

$$\begin{aligned} f(0, 0) = g(0, 0) = 0, & \quad \partial_1 g(0, 0) = -\partial_2 f(0, 0), & \quad \partial_2 g(0, 0) = \partial_1 f(0, 0), \\ \partial_{1,1}^2 g(0, 0) = -\partial_{1,2}^2 f(0, 0), & \quad \partial_{1,2}^2 g(0, 0) = -\partial_{2,2}^2 f(0, 0) = \partial_{1,1}^2 f(0, 0), & \quad \partial_{2,2}^2 g(0, 0) = \partial_{1,2}^2 f(0, 0), \end{aligned}$$

We'll use these equalities in the sequel. By the second-order Taylor-Young expansion of f and g at $(0, 0)$ we have (using $f(0, 0) = g(0, 0) = 0$):

$$\begin{aligned} xf(x, y) + yg(x, y) & \underset{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}{=} x \left(x\partial_1 f(0, 0) + y\partial_2 f(0, 0) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}(x^2\partial_{1,1}^2 f(0, 0) + 2xy\partial_{1,2}^2 f(0, 0) + y^2\partial_{2,2}^2 f(0, 0)) + o(x^2 + y^2) \right) \\ & \quad + y \left(x\partial_1 g(0, 0) + y\partial_2 g(0, 0) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}(x^2\partial_{1,1}^2 g(0, 0) + 2xy\partial_{1,2}^2 g(0, 0) + y^2\partial_{2,2}^2 g(0, 0)) + o(x^2 + y^2) \right) \\ & \underset{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}{=} x^2\partial_1 f(0, 0) + xy\partial_2 f(0, 0) + \frac{1}{2}(x^3\partial_{1,1}^2 f(0, 0) + 2x^2y\partial_{1,2}^2 f(0, 0) + xy^2\partial_{2,2}^2 f(0, 0)) \\ & \quad + xy\partial_1 g(0, 0) + y^2\partial_2 g(0, 0) + \frac{1}{2}(x^2y\partial_{1,1}^2 g(0, 0) + 2xy^2\partial_{1,2}^2 g(0, 0) + y^3\partial_{2,2}^2 g(0, 0)) \\ & \quad + o\left((x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}\right) \\ & \underset{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}{=} x^2\partial_1 f(0, 0) + xy\partial_2 f(0, 0) + \frac{1}{2}(x^3\partial_{1,1}^2 f(0, 0) + 2x^2y\partial_{1,2}^2 f(0, 0) - xy^2\partial_{1,1}^2 f(0, 0)) \\ & \quad - xy\partial_2 f(0, 0) + y^2\partial_1 f(0, 0) + \frac{1}{2}(-x^2y\partial_{1,2}^2 f(0, 0) + 2xy^2\partial_{1,1}^2 f(0, 0) + y^3\partial_{1,2}^2 f(0, 0)) \\ & \quad + o\left((x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}\right) \\ & \underset{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}{=} (x^2 + y^2)\partial_1 f(0, 0) + \frac{1}{2}(x^3\partial_{1,1}^2 f(0, 0) + (x^2y + y^3)\partial_{1,2}^2 f(0, 0) + xy^2\partial_{1,1}^2 f(0, 0)) \\ & \quad + o\left((x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}\right) \\ & \underset{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}{=} (x^2 + y^2)\partial_1 f(0, 0) + \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)(x\partial_{1,1}^2 f(0, 0) + y\partial_{1,2}^2 f(0, 0)) + o\left((x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$u(x, y) \underset{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}{=} \partial_1 f(0, 0) + \frac{1}{2}(x\partial_{1,1}^2 f(0, 0) + y\partial_{1,2}^2 f(0, 0)) + o\left((x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}\right),$$

as required.

b) Define the mapping

$$\alpha : \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(x, y) \longmapsto \frac{\partial_{1,1}^2 f(0,0)}{2}x + \frac{\partial_{1,2}^2 f(0,0)}{2}y.$$

Clearly α is linear, and it follows from the previous question that

$$\frac{u(x, y) - u(0,0) - \alpha(x, y)}{\|(x, y)\|_2} \underset{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}{=} o(1) \xrightarrow{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} 0,$$

hence u is differentiable at $(0,0)$ and $d_{(0,0)}u = \alpha$.

Exercise 3.

1. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_1 f(x, y) &= y^3 g'(xy^2), & \partial_2 f(x, y) &= g(xy^2) + 2xy^2 g'(xy^2), \\ \partial_{1,1}^2 f(x, y) &= y^5 g''(xy^2), & \partial_{1,2}^2 f(x, y) &= 3y^2 g'(xy^2) + 2xy^4 g''(xy^2), & \partial_{2,2}^2 f(x, y) &= 6xyg'(xy^2) + 4x^2 y^3 g''(xy^2). \end{aligned}$$

2. We hence have:

$$\begin{aligned} f(2, 1) &= g(2) = 3, & \partial_1 f(2, 1) &= g'(2) = -1, & \partial_2 f(2, 1) &= g(2) + 4g'(2) \\ & & & & &= 3 - 4 = -1, \\ \partial_{1,1}^2 f(2, 1) &= g''(2) = 1, & \partial_{1,2}^2 f(2, 1) &= 3g'(2) + 4g''(2) & \partial_{2,2}^2 f(2, 1) &= 12g'(2) + 16g''(2) \\ & & &= -3 + 4 = 1, & &= -12 + 16 = 4. \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$f(2+h, 1+k) \underset{(h,k) \rightarrow (0,0)}{=} 3 - h - k + \frac{1}{2}h^2 + hk + 2k^2 + o(h^2 + k^2).$$

3. The gradient of f at $(2, 1)$ gives a normal vector to \mathcal{C} at $(2, 1)$. Now, $\vec{\nabla} f(2, 1) = (-1, -1)$, hence an equation of Δ is:

$$(\Delta) \quad -(x-2) - (y-1) = 0.$$

4. a) Since $f(2, 1) = 3$, we must have $\varphi(2) = 1$. Moreover, differentiating (**) yields

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \partial_1 f(x, \varphi(x)) + \varphi'(x)\partial_2 f(x, \varphi(x)) = 0,$$

hence

$$\partial_1 f(2, \varphi(2)) + \varphi'(2)\partial_2 f(2, \varphi(2)) = 0,$$

hence, since $\varphi(2) = 1$, we must have $-1 - \varphi'(2) = 0$, and hence

$$\varphi'(2) = -1.$$

Differentiating again we obtain

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \partial_{1,1}^2 f(x, \varphi(x)) + 2\varphi'(x)\partial_{1,2}^2 f(x, \varphi(x)) + \varphi''(x)\partial_2 f(x, \varphi(x)) + \varphi'(x)^2\partial_{2,2}^2 f(x, \varphi(x)) = 0.$$

and hence, evaluating at $x = 2$ and using $\varphi(2) = 1$ and $\varphi'(2) = -1$ we obtain: $\varphi''(2) = 3$.

b) Hence the Taylor–Young expansion of φ at 2 is

$$\varphi(2+h) \underset{h \rightarrow 0}{=} 1 - h + \frac{3}{2}h^2 + o(h^2),$$

and we conclude that \mathcal{C} lies above its tangent line in a neighborhood of $(2, 1)$. See figure 2.

Exercise 4.

1. a) Let $(x, y) \in (-1, 1) \times \mathbb{R}$. Since $x \in (-1, 1)$ we have $x^2 < 1$ and hence $x^4 \leq x^2$. Hence

$$x^2 + y^4 \geq x^4 + y^4 = \|(x, y)\|_4^4.$$

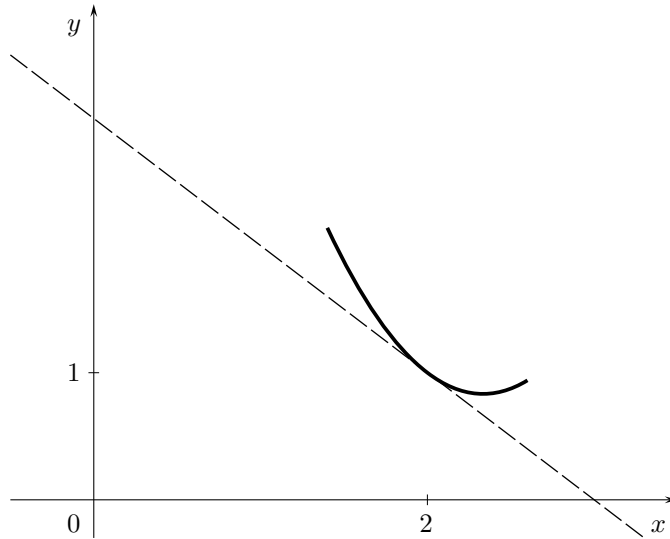


Figure 2. Sketch of the curve \mathcal{C} and Δ of Exercise 3 in a neighborhood of $(2, 1)$

b) Hence, for $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$,

$$|f(x, y) - f(0, 0)| = f(x, y) \leq \frac{\|(x, y)\|_2^{9/2}}{\|(x, y)\|_4^4}.$$

Now, since \mathbb{R}^2 is a finite-dimensional vector space, the 2-norm and the 4-norm are equivalent; in particular, there exists $\alpha > 0$ such that $\|\cdot\|_2 \leq \alpha \|\cdot\|_4$, hence

$$|f(x, y) - f(0, 0)| \leq \frac{\|(x, y)\|_2^{9/2}}{\|(x, y)\|_4^4} \leq \frac{\alpha^{9/2} \|(x, y)\|_4^{9/2}}{\|(x, y)\|_4^4} = \alpha^{9/2} \|(x, y)\|_4^{1/2} \xrightarrow{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} 0,$$

and we conclude that f is continuous at $(0, 0)$.

2. Let $h \in \mathbb{R}^*$. Then

$$\frac{f(h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \frac{|h|^{9/2}}{h^3} = \frac{|h|^{5/2}}{h} = |h|^{3/2} \frac{|h|}{h} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0,$$

since $|h|/h$ remains bounded and $|h|^{3/2} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0$. Hence $\partial_1 f(0, 0)$ exists and $\partial_1 f(0, 0) = 0$.

Let $h \in \mathbb{R}^*$. Then

$$\frac{f(0, h) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \frac{|h|^{9/2}}{h^5} = \frac{|h|^{1/2}}{h},$$

the limit of which doesn't exist as $h \rightarrow 0$ (it's easy to see that the right-sided limit yields $+\infty$). Hence $\partial_2 f(0, 0)$ doesn't exist.

Since $\partial_2 f(0, 0)$ doesn't exist, f is not differentiable at $(0, 0)$.

3. Let $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ and let $t \in \mathbb{R}^*$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(t\alpha, t\beta) - f(0, 0)}{t} &= \frac{(t^2\alpha^2 + t^2\beta^2)^{9/4}}{t(t^2\alpha^2 + t^4\beta^4)} = \frac{|t|^{9/2}(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^{9/4}}{t^3(\alpha^2 + t^2\beta^4)} = \frac{|t|^{5/2}(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^{9/4}}{t(\alpha^2 + t^2\beta^4)} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{|t|^{5/2}(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^{9/4}}{t(\alpha^2 + t^2\beta^4)} & \text{if } \alpha \neq 0 \\ \frac{|t|^{1/2}|\beta|^{9/2}}{t\beta^4} & \text{if } \alpha = 0 \end{cases} \\ &\xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \alpha \neq 0 \\ \text{DNE} & \text{if } \alpha = 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the directional derivatives of f at $(0, 0)$ exist in all direction except in a direction of the form $(0, \beta)$ for $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^*$.