

# Ex 3.4.2

#1 Let 
$$f(x,y) := \begin{cases} \frac{x^3}{x^2+y^2} & (x,y) \neq \vec{0} \\ 0 & (x,y) = \vec{0} \end{cases}$$

- i) is  $f$  cont at  $(0,0)$ ?
- ii)  $\exists \partial_x f(0,0), \partial_y f(0,0)$ ?
- iii) is  $f$  differentiable at  $(0,0)$ ?

Here  $f = f(x,y) : D = \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

i)  $f$  is cont at  $(0,0) \Leftrightarrow$

(\*)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = f(0,0) = 0$

We may notice that

$$f(x,0) = \frac{x^3}{x^2} = x \xrightarrow{|x| \rightarrow 0} 0$$

To check (\*), we write  $f$  in polar coords:

$$f(x,y) = f(\rho \cos \theta, \rho \sin \theta) = \frac{\rho^3 (\cos \theta)^3}{\rho^2} = \rho (\cos \theta)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x,y) - 0| = |f(x,y)| = \rho \underbrace{|\cos \theta|^3}_{\leq 1} \leq \rho = \|(x,y)\| \xrightarrow{(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{0}} 0$$

$\Rightarrow (*)$  true.

ii) Notice that for  $(x,y) \neq \vec{0}$

$$\partial_x f(x,y) = \partial \left( \frac{x^3}{x^2+y^2} \right) = \frac{3x^2(x^2+y^2) - x^3 \cdot 2x}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

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(but unfortunately we cannot use this to compute  $\partial_x f(0,0)$ ). By using the def

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x f(0,0) &= \partial_{(1,0)} f(0,0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\overbrace{(0,0)+t(1,0)}^{(t,0)}) - f(0,0)}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t,0)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{t^3}{t^2+0^2}}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^3}{t^3} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_x f(0,0) = 1.$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_y f(0,0) &= \partial_{(0,1)} f(0,0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\overbrace{(0,0)+t(0,1)}^{(0,t)}) - f(0,0)}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0,t)}{t} \stackrel{0}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \partial_y f(0,0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

iii) (Rmk: the simple  $\exists$  of  $\nabla f(0,0) = (\partial_x f(0,0), \partial_y f(0,0)) = (1,0)$

does not mean that  $f$  is necessarily differentiable)

To be diff we have to prove that

$$f(\vec{0} + \vec{h}) - f(\vec{0}) - \nabla f(0,0) \cdot \vec{h} = o(\|\vec{h}\|)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{d.} \quad f(\vec{0} + \vec{h}) - f(\vec{0}) - \nabla f(\vec{0}) \cdot \vec{h} \stackrel{(1,0)}{=} 0 = 0.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{\vec{h} \rightarrow \vec{0}} \frac{f(\vec{0} + \vec{h}) - f(\vec{0}) - \nabla f(\vec{0}) \cdot \vec{h}}{\|\vec{h}\|} = 0.$$

$$\vec{h} = (u, v)$$

$$\lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow \vec{0}} \frac{f(u,v) - 0 - \overbrace{(1,0) \cdot (u,v)}^u}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2}} = 0?$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow \vec{0}} \frac{\frac{u^3}{u^2 + v^2} - u}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2}} = 0?$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow \vec{0}} \frac{\cancel{u^3} - \cancel{u^3} - uv^2}{u^3 - u(u^2 + v^2)} = 0?$$

Let's consider

$$\lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow (0,0)} \underbrace{\frac{uv^2}{(u^2 + v^2)^{3/2}}}_{g(u,v)}$$

$$(u^2)^{1/2} = |u|$$

$$g(u, 0) \equiv 0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$g(u, u) = \frac{u^3}{(2u^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} \frac{u^3}{|u|^3}$$

$$g(0, v) \equiv 0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} \left( \frac{u}{|u|} \right)^3 = \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} \operatorname{sgn} u \begin{matrix} \nearrow u \rightarrow 0^+ & + \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} \\ \searrow u \rightarrow 0^- & - \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} \end{matrix}$$

∴  $\nexists \lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow (0,0)} g(u,v)$

$\Rightarrow \nexists \lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow (0,0)} g \Rightarrow f$  is not differentiable

$$\# 4: f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 + y^2} + x - y & (x,y) \neq \vec{0} \\ 0 & (x,y) = \vec{0} \end{cases}$$

Same questions.

Sol: Is  $f$  cont at  $\vec{0}$ ? We need to check if

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{0}} f(x,y) = f(0,0) = 0$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{0}} \left( \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 + y^2} + \underbrace{x - y}_0 \right) \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

Let's check if  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{0}} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = 0 \quad (*)$

$$f(x,0) = 0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$|f(x,y) - 0| = |f(x,y)| = f(x,y) = f(\rho \cos \theta, \rho \sin \theta)$$

$$= \frac{\rho^4 (\cos \theta)^2 (\sin \theta)^2}{\rho^2} = \rho^2 C(\theta) \leq \rho^2$$

$\downarrow \rho \rightarrow 0$   
0

(\*) holds true  $\Rightarrow f$  cont at  $(0,0)$ .



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$$\text{ii) } \partial_x f(0,0) = \partial_{(1,0)} f(0,0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0,0) + t(1,0) - f(0,0)}{t}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t}{t} = 1$$

$$\partial_y f(0,0) = \partial_{(0,1)} f(0,0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0,0) + t(0,1) - f(0,0)}{t} = -1$$

iii) By ii)  $\nabla f(0,0) = (1, -1)$ . To be diff we need at  $\vec{0}$

$$\frac{f(\vec{0} + \vec{h}) - f(\vec{0}) - \nabla f(\vec{0}) \cdot \vec{h}}{\|\vec{h}\|} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\vec{h} = (u, v)$$

$$\frac{f(u, v) - (1, -1) \cdot (u, v)}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2}} \xrightarrow{(u, v) \rightarrow \vec{0}} 0 \quad ?$$

$$= \frac{\frac{u^2 v^2}{u^2 + v^2} + u - v - (u - v)}{(u^2 + v^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$= \frac{u^2 v^2}{(u^2 + v^2)^{3/2}}$$

so we've to check if  $\lim_{(u, v) \rightarrow \vec{0}} \underbrace{\frac{u^2 v^2}{(u^2 + v^2)^{3/2}}}_{g(u, v)} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |g(u,v) - 0| &= g(u,v) = g(\rho \cos \theta, \rho \sin \theta) \\
 &= \frac{\rho^4 (\cos \theta)^2 (\sin \theta)^2}{(\rho^2)^{3/2}} = \rho (\cos \theta)^2 (\sin \theta)^2 \\
 &\leq \rho \rightarrow 0 \quad \rho \rightarrow 0
 \end{aligned}$$

true.

Conclusion:  $f$  is diff at  $(0,0)$   $\blacksquare$

Total Differential Thm:

Let  $\vec{f}: D \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\vec{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$

(here  $f_j = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_d) : D \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ )

If

$$\exists \partial_j f_i \in \underline{\mathcal{C}(D)} \quad \forall i=1, \dots, m \\
 \forall j=1, \dots, d$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{f}$  is diff at every pt  $\vec{x} \in D$ .

Ex. 3.4.3 Show that  $f(x,y) = x\sqrt{x^2+y^2}$   $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$   
is diff on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  ( $\forall (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ).

Sol: Here  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\partial_x f(x,y) = \partial_x (x\sqrt{x^2+y^2}) = \sqrt{x^2+y^2} + x \cdot \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_x f(x,y) &= \partial_x (x \sqrt{x^2+y^2}) = \sqrt{x^2+y^2} + x \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{x^2+y^2} + \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \quad \forall (x,y) \neq \vec{0}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_x f \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{\vec{0}\})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_y f(x,y) &= \partial_y (x \sqrt{x^2+y^2}) = x \frac{2y}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \\ &\quad (x,y) \neq (0,0)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_y f \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{\vec{0}\})$$

so on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{\vec{0}\}$   $f$  is diff. (by tot. diff thm)

What about  $\vec{0}$ ?

$$\partial_x f(0,0) = \partial_{(1,0)} f(0,0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t,0) - f(0,0)}{t}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t}{t} = 0 \Rightarrow \exists \partial_x f(0,0) = 0$$

$$\partial_y f(0,0) = \partial_{(0,1)} f(0,0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0,t) - f(0,0)}{t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(0,0) = (0,0).$$

How do we check that  $f$  is diff?

Two ways:

- use the def
- use the total diff thm (but warning! if this fails  $f$  could be  $\hat{C}^1$  diff)

$$\downarrow$$

$$\partial_y f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & (x,y) \neq \vec{0} \\ 0 & (x,y) = \vec{0} \end{cases}$$

is  $\partial_y f$  cont at  $(0,0)$ ?

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{0}} \underbrace{\frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}_{g(x,y)} = 0 \quad ?$$

$$g(x,0) \equiv 0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$|g(\rho \cos \theta, \rho \sin \theta) - 0| = |g(\rho \cos \theta, \rho \sin \theta)|$$

$$= \frac{\rho^2 |\cos \theta| |\sin \theta|}{\rho} = \rho |\cos \theta| |\sin \theta|$$

$$\leq \rho \rightarrow 0 \quad \rho \rightarrow 0$$

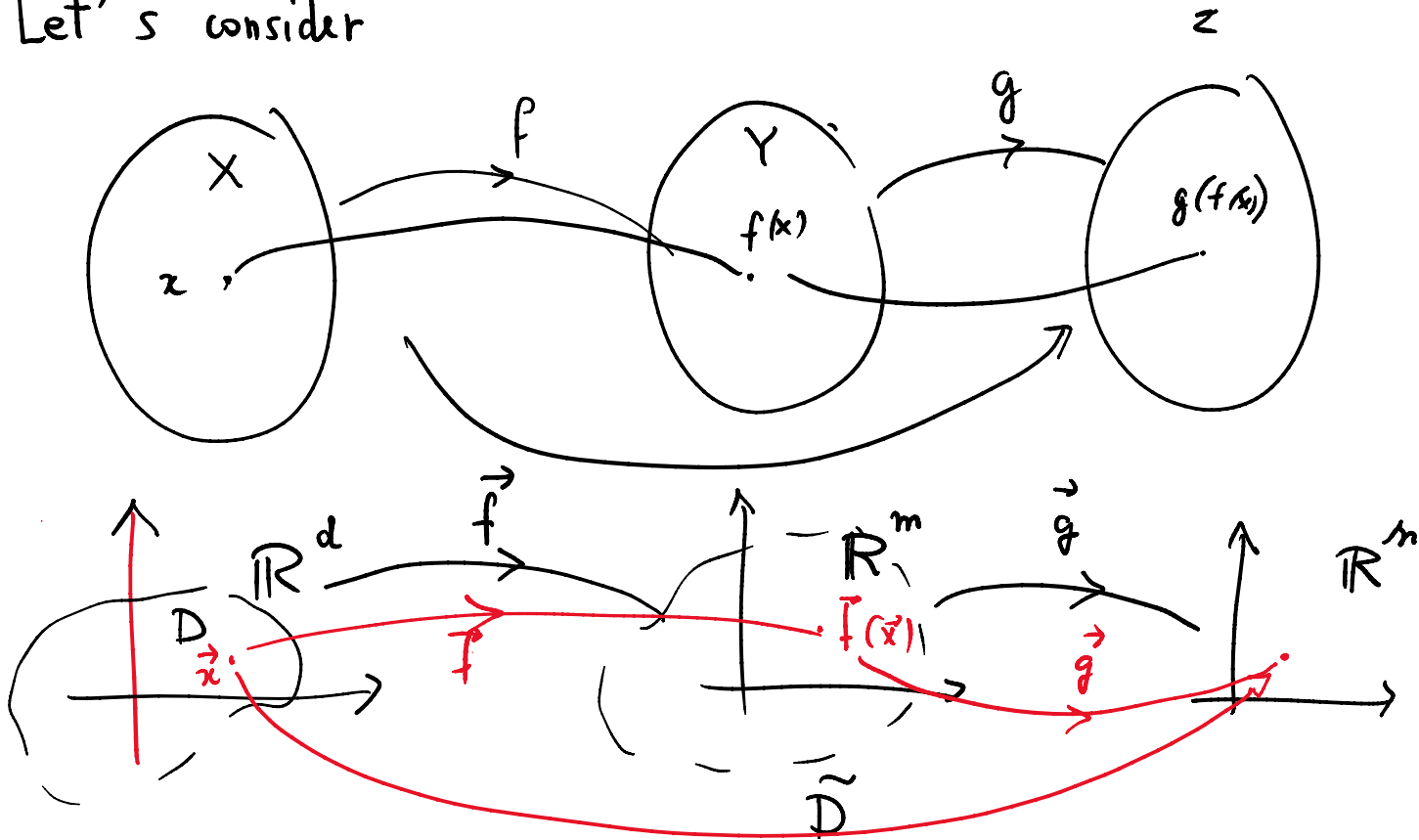
$\Rightarrow \partial_y f$  cont at  $(0,0)$

Similarly  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{0}} \partial_x f(x,y) = \partial_x f(0,0) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \partial_x f, \partial_y f \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^2) \Rightarrow$  (tot diff thm)  $f$  is diff on  $\mathbb{R}^2$   $\square$

## Rules of Calculus

Let's consider



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{f}: D \subset \mathbb{R}^d &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \\ \vec{g}: \tilde{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^m &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \vec{f}(\vec{x}) \in \tilde{D} \quad \forall \vec{x} \in D$$

In this case the composition

$$(\vec{g} \circ \vec{f})(\vec{x}) := \vec{g}(\vec{f}(\vec{x})) \quad \vec{x} \in D$$

is well defined

$$\vec{g} \circ \vec{f}: D \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Recall that if

$$f: D \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad g: \tilde{D} \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \exists f', g'$$

$$\Rightarrow (g \circ f)'(x) = g'(f(x)) f'(x).$$

Thm: If

- $\vec{f}: D \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is diff on  $D$
- $\vec{g}: \tilde{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is diff on  $\tilde{D}$
- $\vec{f}(\vec{x}) \in \tilde{D} \quad \forall \vec{x} \in D$

$\Rightarrow \vec{g} \circ \vec{f}$  is diff on  $D$  and

$$(\vec{g} \circ \vec{f})'(\vec{x}) = g'(\vec{f}(\vec{x})) \cdot f'(\vec{x})$$

$\xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad}$   
jacobian matrix of  $f/g$ .

Rmk: A particular case is the so called total derivative

Imagine we have to compute

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ g(x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_m(t)) \right]$$

$$t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Here  $g: \tilde{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^m \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^1 \quad (n=1)$

$$f: D \subset \mathbb{R}^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$f(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_m(t))$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [g(x_1(t), \dots, x_m(t))] = \frac{d}{dt} [g(f(t))]$$

$$= g'(f(t)) f'(t)$$

$$\downarrow \quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \partial_t x_1 \\ \partial_t x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \partial_t x_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_m'(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{jacobian matrix} \quad [\partial_1 g \quad \partial_2 g \quad \dots \quad \partial_m g] = \nabla g$$

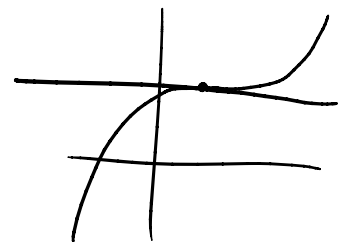
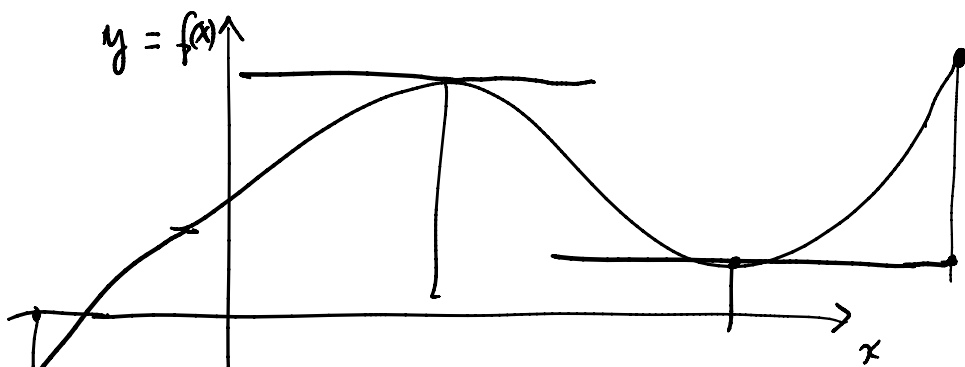
$$= \nabla g(x_1(t), \dots, x_m(t)) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_m'(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m \partial_j g(x_1(t), \dots, x_m(t)) x_j'(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [g(x_1(t), \dots, x_m(t))] = \sum_{j=1}^m \partial_j g(x_1(t), \dots, x_m(t)) x_j'(t)$$

Min/max pts

Let's return to the case  $f = f(x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$ .





Thm (Fermat)

If  $x_0$  is a local min/max and  $x_0$  is in the interior of domain of  $f \Rightarrow f'(x_0) = 0$ .

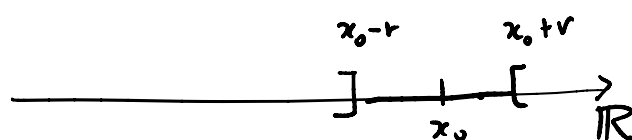
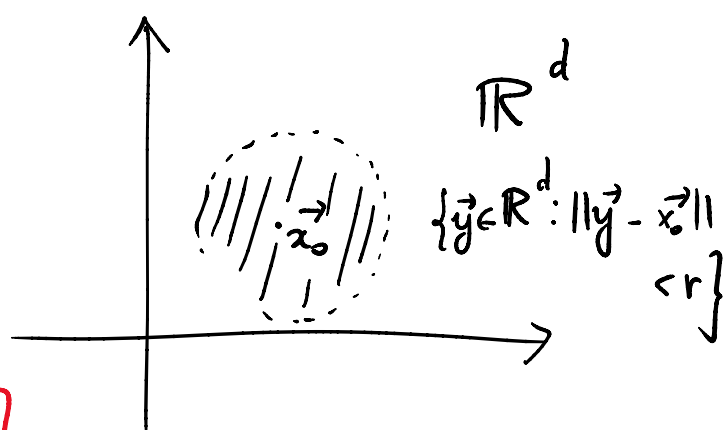
We now consider the case

$$f = f(x_1, \dots, x_d) : D \subset \mathbb{R}^d \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

To extend the Fermat Thm we need few defs:

Def: We call neighbourhood of  $\vec{x}_0$  any set of type

$$B(\vec{x}_0, r[ := \left\{ \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|\vec{y} - \vec{x}_0\| < r \right\}$$



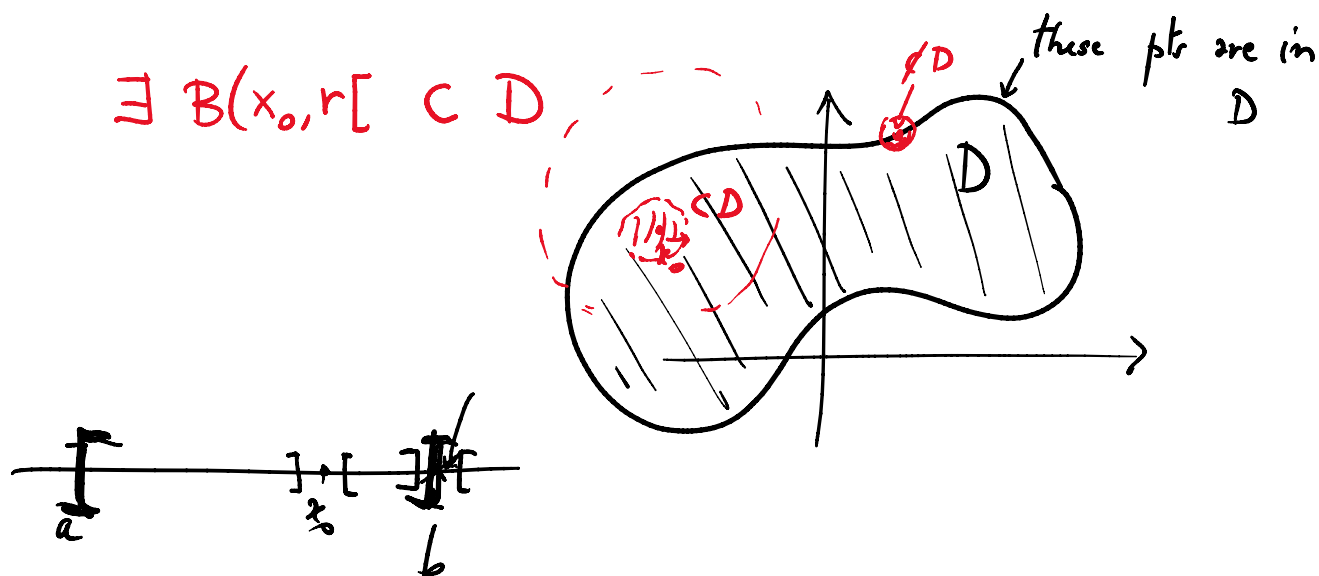
$$]x_0 - r, x_0 + r[ = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R} : |y - x_0| < r \right\}$$

Def: Given a set  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  we say that  $\vec{x}_0$  is in the interior of  $D$  (notation:  $\vec{x}_0 \in \text{Int}(D)$ )



if

$$\exists B(x_0, r] \subset D$$



Def: Given  $f: D \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we say that  $\vec{x}_0$  is a local min for  $f$  if

$$\exists B(\vec{x}_0, r] : f(\vec{x}_0) \leq f(\vec{x}), \quad \forall \vec{x} \in B(\vec{x}_0, r] \cap D.$$

Similarly the concept of local max is defd.

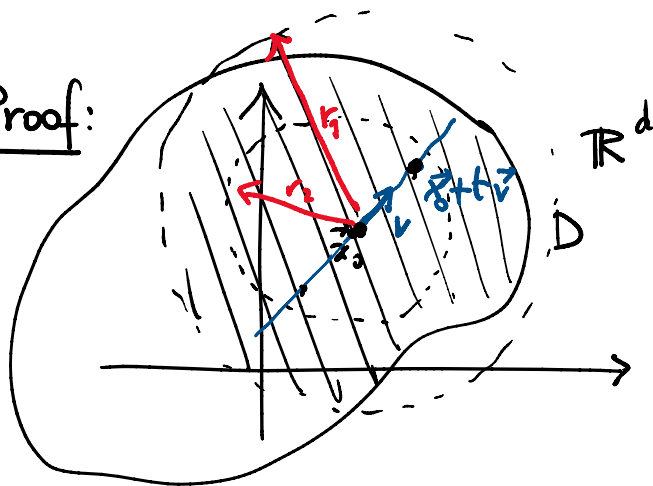
With these defs we can finally state and prove the

Thm (Fermat)

Let  $f: D \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , differentiable,  $\vec{x}_0$  be a local min/max for  $f$  s.t.  $\vec{x}_0 \in \text{int } D$ . Then

$$\nabla f(\vec{x}_0) = \vec{0}.$$

Proof:



Assume  $\vec{x}_0$  be a local  
min:  $\exists B(x_0, r_1] :$

$$f(\vec{x}) \leq f(\vec{x}_0)$$

$$\forall \vec{x} \in B(\vec{x}_0, r_1] \cap D$$

Because  $\vec{x}_0 \in \text{Int } D \Rightarrow \exists B(x_0, r_2] \subset D$

Taking  $r = \min\{r_1, r_2\}$  we may assume

$$\underline{f(\vec{x}_0) \leq f(\vec{x})} \quad \forall \vec{x} \in B(x_0, r] \subset D$$

Define

$$g(t) := f(\vec{x}_0 + t\vec{v}) \in \mathbb{R} \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \quad g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g(0) = f(\vec{x}_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow g(t) \geq g(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow g \text{ has min at } t=0$$

$\Downarrow$  Fermat for real var  
functrs

$$g'(0) = 0$$

Now

$$g'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left[ f(x_{0,1} + tv_1, x_{0,2} + tv_2, \dots, x_{0,d} + tv_d) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^d \partial_j f(\vec{x}_0 + t\vec{v}) \cdot v_j = \nabla f(\vec{x}_0 + t\vec{v}) \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = g'(0) = \nabla f(x_0) \cdot \vec{v} \quad \forall \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$\nabla f(x_0) \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \nabla f \perp \vec{v} \quad \forall \vec{v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(\vec{x}_0) = 0 \quad \square$$