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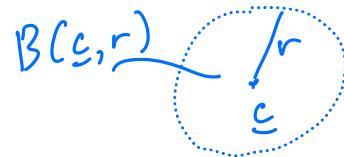
# Basic Topology

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## Open and closed balls

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :Given  $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $r > 0$ ,

"open" ball

$$B(c, r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - c\| < r\}$$

any norm.

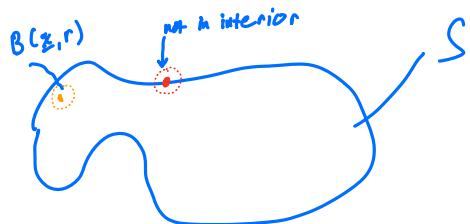
"closed" ball

$$B[c, r] = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - c\| \leq r\}$$



# The set interior and open sets

Given a set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\underline{x} \in S$  is in the interior of  $S$  if  $\exists r > 0$   
 "is a subset of" s.t.  $B(\underline{x}, r) \subset S$ .



The interior of a set  $S$ ,  $\text{int}(S) = S^\circ$ , is the collection of all points in the interior of  $S$ .

$$\text{int}(S) = \{\underline{x} \in S \mid \exists r > 0 \text{ s.t. } B(\underline{x}, r) \subset S\}$$

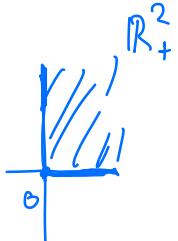
A set  $S$  is open if  $S = \text{int}(S)$ .

Ex: in  $\mathbb{R}$ :  $(0, 1)$  is open  
 $(-\pi, \infty)$  is open  
 $[\pi, \pi]$  is not open  
 $\text{int}([\pi, \pi]) = (\pi, \pi).$

$\mathbb{R}$  is open

in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is open  
 $B(x, r)$  is open ( $r > 0$ )

$\text{int}(\mathbb{R}_+^n) = \mathbb{R}_{++}^n$



## Set boundaries

Given  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is on the boundary of  $S$  if

$$\forall r > 0, B(\underline{x}, r) \cap S \neq \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad B(\underline{x}, r) \cap S^c \neq \emptyset$$

$\emptyset$

"complement" of  $S$ ,  
all points not in  $S$ .

$B(\underline{x}, r)$  contains points in  $S$  and not in  $S$

boundary point.



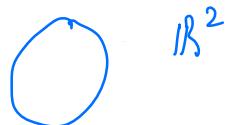
The set of all boundary points  
of  $S$  is denoted  $\text{bd}(S) = \partial S$

Ex. in  $\mathbb{R}$ :  $bd((0, 1)) = \{0, 1\}$



$$bd(\mathbb{R}) = \emptyset$$

in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $B(0, 1) \rightarrow bd(B(0, 1)) = \{x : \|x\| = 1\}$



$\mathbb{R}^2$

## Closed sets

Given a set  $S$ , the closure of  $S$  is  $S$  along with its boundary.

$$\text{cl}(S) = S \cup \text{bd}(S)$$

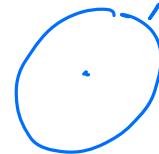
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$$\overline{S}$$

unions with

A set  $S$  is closed if  $S = \text{cl}(S)$

Ex:  $B[\underline{c}, r]$  is closed



Proposition: If  $S$  is closed, then  $S^c$  is open.

$$\text{E.g., } \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (0, 1 + \frac{1}{n}) = [0, 1]$$

A finite union/intersection of open/closed sets  
is open/closed.

$$\text{Ex. } \text{bd}(\mathbb{R}) = \emptyset.$$

$$\text{cl}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$$

## Level sets and contours

Let  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

$f$  is a function from  $S$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Given  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ :  $\text{Lev}(f; a) = \{\underline{x} \in S \mid f(\underline{x}) \leq a\}$

level set  $f^{-1}((-\infty, a])$

contour  $f^{-1}(a)$

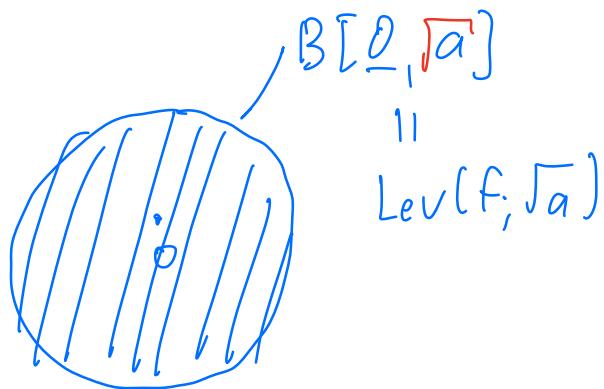
contour

$f^{-1}(a)$

Ex.  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(\underline{x}) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

$$\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2)$$



$\text{Con}(f; a)$ : circle of radius  $\sqrt{a}$

centered at origin

$\text{bd}(B(O, \sqrt{a}))$

Proposition: If  $f$  is continuous, then  $\text{Lev}(f; a)$  and  $\text{Con}(f; a)$  are closed  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## Bounded and compact sets

A set  $S$  is bounded if  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$  s.t.

$$B(\underline{o}, M) \supset S$$

A set  $S$  is compact if it is bounded and closed.

(E.g.  $B[\underline{s}, r]$  is compact).

## Directional derivatives and the gradient

Let  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Assume that  $S$  is open.

Given  $\underline{d} \neq 0$ , the directional derivative of  $f$  in direction  $\underline{d}$  is equal to

$$\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{f(\underline{x} + t\underline{d}) - f(\underline{x})}{t},$$

if this limit exists.

We write  $f'(\underline{x}; \underline{d})$  as this directional derivative.

If  $\underline{d} = e_j$ , then we write  $f'(\underline{x}; e_j) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}$   
 ↑ cardinal unit vector in  $j$ th direction

$$e_j = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$\uparrow^n$   
entry  $j$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}$  is a "partial" derivative.

$$\nabla f(\underline{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(\underline{x}) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(\underline{x}) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \nabla f: \text{"gradient"}$$

If  $\nabla f$  exists at  $\underline{x}$ , we say  $f$  is differentiable.  
 at  $\underline{x}$ .

If  $f$  is differentiable at  $\underline{x}$ , then  $f'(\underline{x}; \underline{d})$  exists

&  $\underline{d} \neq 0$ , and

$$f'(\underline{x}; \underline{d}) = \nabla f^T(\underline{x}) \underline{d} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(\underline{x}) d_j$$

## Continuous differentiability

If  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is differentiable everywhere in  $S$  and  $\nabla f$  is continuous on  $S$ , then  $f$  is continuously differentiable on  $S$ ,  $f \in C^1(S)$

$f \in C^k(S)$  if its  $k$ th derivatives are all continuous.

## Consistency of directional derivatives

Proposition (First-order Taylor theorem)

Assume  $f \in C^1(S)$ , and let  $\underline{x} \in S$ . Then

$$\lim_{\|\underline{d}\| \downarrow 0} \frac{f(\underline{x} + \underline{d}) - f(\underline{x}) - f'(\underline{x}; \underline{d})}{\|\underline{d}\|} = 0$$

I.e.:  $\lim_{\|\underline{d}\| \downarrow 0} \frac{f(\underline{x} + \underline{d}) - f(\underline{x})}{\|\underline{d}\|} - \nabla f^T \frac{\underline{d}}{\|\underline{d}\|} = 0$

I.e., for  $y$  "sufficiently" close to  $\underline{x}$ , then  
 $(y = \underline{x} + \underline{d})$

$$f(y) = f(\underline{x}) + \nabla f(\underline{x})^\top (y - \underline{x}) + o(\|y - \underline{x}\|)$$

$o(\cdot)$  is a function satisfying  
 $\frac{o(q)}{q} \rightarrow 0$  as  $q \downarrow 0$ .

## The Hessian

The Hessian of  $f$  at  $\underline{x}$  is defined as

$$H_f(\underline{x}) = \nabla^2 f(\underline{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

Theorem: If  $f \in C^2(S)$  and  $\underline{x} \in S, y \in S$ , then

$$f(y) = f(\underline{x}) + \nabla f^\top(\underline{x})(y - \underline{x}) +$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(y - \underline{x})^\top \nabla^2 f(\underline{x})(y - \underline{x}) + o(\|y - \underline{x}\|^2)$$