Analysis III for Engineering Students Sheet 4, Homework

Exercise 1:

The equation $g(x,y) = x^4 - x^2 + y^2 = 0$ implicitly describes a curve in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Determine the symmetries of this curve, its singular points (+ Classification) and the curve points with horizontal or vertical tangents.

Solution 1:

Since g(x,y) = g(-x,y) = g(x,-y) = g(-x,-y) the curve is symmetrical with respect to the y-axis, the x-axis and the zero point.

i) Singular Points:

$$g_x(x,y) = 4x^3 - 2x = 0 \iff x = 0 \lor x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$g_y(x,y) = 2y = 0 \iff y = 0$$

Candidates: $P_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Since additionally $g(P_0) = 0$ holds the curve passes through P_0 and P_0 is a singular point of the curve, whereas $g(P_{1,2}) = -\frac{1}{4} \neq 0$ shows that the curve does not pass through the two other candidates.

To classify the singular point P_0 we calculate the second order derivatives

$$g_{xx}(x,y) = 12x^2 - 2,$$
 $g_{xy}(x,y) = 0,$ $g_{yy}(x,y) = 2$
and die Hessian: $Hf(0,0) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0\\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$

Since the matrix is indefinit we have a double point.

ii) Points with horizontal tangents:

Form part i) we already know that

$$g_x = 0, g_y \neq 0 \iff x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \land y \neq 0.$$

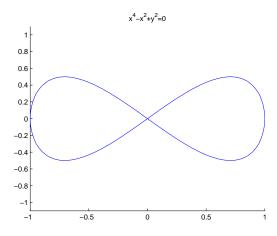
The points must lie on the curve, hence y must solve:

$$g(\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y) = -\frac{1}{4} + y^2 = 0$$

and we obtain $P_{3,4} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \pm \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ and $P_{5,6} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \pm \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$.

iii) Points with vertical tangents: From part i) we know that $g_y = 0 \iff y = 0$. We are looking for points on the curve, hence x must satisfy $x^4 - x^2 = x^2(x^2 - 1) = 0 \iff x = 0 \quad \lor \quad x = \pm 1$ The point $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is singular.

 $P_{7,8} = \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ are points with vertical tangents.



Exercise 2: Given a function $g(x, y) := x^4 + y^4 + 8xy = 0$.

a) (i) Using the implicit function theorem show that g(x, y) can be solved for y near the point $(x_0, y_0)^T := (2, -2)^T$. This means that there exists a function f(x) with f(2) = -2, such that in some neighborhood of x_0 and y_0 the following equivalence holds

$$g(x,y) = 0 \iff y = f(x)$$

- (ii) Compute the first-order Taylor polynomial of the function f from part (i) centered at a point $x_0 = 2$.
- (iii) Compute the second-order Taylor polynomial of the function f from part (i) centered at a point $x_0 = 2$.
- b) Using the Implicit Function Theorem show that the solution set of

$$g(x, y, z) := (x^2 - 2e^{xy})z + 2 = 0$$

in a neighborhood of the point $P_0 := (x_0, y_0, z_0)^T := (0, 1, 1)^T$ can be solved for x. This means that there is a function f(y, z) with f(1, 1) = 0 such that in a neighborhood of x_0, y_0, z_0 it holds

$$g(x, y, z) = 0 \iff x = f(y, z).$$

For which other variable(s) can one solve the problem using the Implicit Function Theorem?

Solution 2:

a) (i) g(2,-2) = 0. $\boldsymbol{J} g(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} 4x^3 + 8y \\ 4y^3 + 8x \end{pmatrix}^T \implies \boldsymbol{J} g(2,-2) = \begin{pmatrix} 32 - 16 \\ -32 + 16 \end{pmatrix}^T \implies$ One can solve both for u and for x near the point $(2,-2)^T$

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(ii) $T_1(x;2) = f(2) + f'(2)(x-2)$ For the first-order Taylor polynomial we also need f'(2). Following the implicit function theorem we have

$$f'(x) = -g_x/g_y = -\frac{4x^3 + 8y}{4y^3 + 8x} \implies f'(2) = -\frac{16}{-16} = 1.$$

Alternatively : implicit differentiation

$$g(x, y(x)) = x^{4} + (y(x))^{4} + 8xy(x) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}g(x, y(x)) = 4x^{3} + 4(y(x))^{3}y'(x) + 8y(x) + 8xy'(x)$$

$$= (4x^{3} + 8y(x)) + (4(y(x))^{3} + 8x)y'(x) = 0$$

$$\implies y'(x) = -\frac{4x^{3} + 8y}{4y^{3} + 8x}$$

$$T_{1}(x; 2) = y(2) + y'(2)(x - 2) = -2 + (x - 2)$$

(iii) For the second order Taylor polynomial we have to calculate f''(2). We therefore differentiate

$$\frac{d}{dx}g(x,y(x)) = 4x^3 + 8y(x) + (4(y(x))^3 + 8x)y'(x) = 0$$

once again

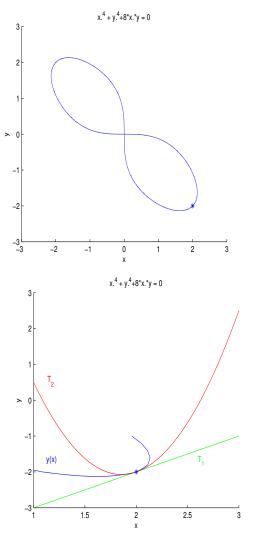
$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}g(x,y(x)) = 12x^2 + 8y'(x) + \left(12(y(x))^2(y'(x)) + 8\right)y'(x) + \left(4(y(x))^3 + 8x\right)y''(x) = 0.$$

Inserting x = 2, y(2) = -2 and y'(2) = 1 gives

$$48 + 8 + 48 + 8 + (-32 + 16)y''(2) = 0 \implies y''(2) = -\frac{112}{-16} = 7.$$

Hence

$$T_2(x;2) = y(2) + y'(2)(x-2) + \frac{1}{2}y''(2)(x-2)^2 = -2 + (x-2) + \frac{7}{2}(x-2)^2$$



b) As Jacobian matrix of g we have

$$\mathbf{J}g(x, y, z) = \left((2x - 2ye^{xy})z, -2xze^{xy}, x^2 - 2e^{xy} \right)$$

and hence it holds Jg(0, 1, 1) = (-2, 0, -2).

Since $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(0,1,1) = -2$ and $\frac{\partial g}{\partial z}(0,1,1) = -2$ as 1×1 -matrices are invertible, from the implicit function theorem it follows that in some neighborhood of P_0 there exist the functions x(y,z) and z(x,y) with x(1,1) = 0 and g(x(y,z),y,z) = 0 as well as z(0,1) = 1 and g(x, y, z(x,y)) = 0. The theorem does not provide the information whether it is possible to solve locally for y. An explicit solution of the formula for g = 0 to y is

$$y = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{z}\right).$$

This expression is not defined in any neighborhood of $(x_0, z_0) = (0, 1)^T$.

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