

# Gâteaux and Fréchet Differentials

Note Title

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$X \rightarrow$  Vector Space

$Y \rightarrow$  N.L.S.

$$T: \underset{X}{D} \rightarrow \underset{Y}{R}$$

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $x \in D \subset X$  and let  $h \in X$   
If the limit

$$\textcircled{*} \quad \delta T(x; h) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\alpha} [T(x + \alpha h) - T(x)]$$

exists, it is called the Gâteaux differential of  $T$  at  $x$  with increment  $h$ .

If the limit in  $\textcircled{*}$  exists  $\forall h \in X$ ,  
 $T$  is said to be Gâteaux diff.  
at  $x$

Note: 0) no norm on  $X$  is req. (diff to <sup>relate</sup> cont.)  
1)  $x + \alpha h \in D$  for small  $\alpha$   
2) lim in the sense of  $\|\cdot\|_Y$  conv in norm

3) If  $x = x_1 \in X$  (fixed)  
 $\delta T(x_1; h) : X \rightarrow Y$  (in general non-linear transform)

If however  $T$  is linear,  
 $\delta T(x_1; h) = T(h)$

4) If  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $T$  is a functional say  $f$   
$$\delta f(x; h) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\alpha} [f(x + \alpha h) - f(x + 0 \cdot h)]$$
$$= \frac{d}{d\alpha} [f(x + \alpha h)] \Big|_{\alpha=0}$$

Ex: 1:  $X = \mathbb{E}^n$   $f: \mathbb{E}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with continuous partial derivatives.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta f(x; h) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} h_i \\ &= \frac{d}{d\alpha} \left[ f(x_1 + \alpha h_1, x_2 + \alpha h_2) \right] \Big|_{\alpha=0} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} h_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} h_2 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 2:  $X = C[0, 1]$  let  $f(x) = \int_0^1 g(x(t), t) dt$

Let  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}$  exist and is cont w.r.t.  $x$  &  $t$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta f(x; h) &= \frac{d}{d\alpha} \int_0^1 g(x + \alpha h, t) dt \Big|_{\alpha=0} \\ &= \int_0^1 g_x(x, t) h(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

If  $X$  is normed, we can define Frechet differentials

Def<sup>n</sup>:  $T: D \rightarrow Y$ ,  $D \subset N.L.S. X$   
 $D$  open  
 $R \subset N.L.S. Y$ .

If For fixed  $x \in D$  and each  $h \in X \exists \delta T(x; h) \in Y$  which is linear + cont.  
w.r.t  $h$  s.t.

$$\lim_{\|h\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|T(x+h) - T(x) - \delta T(x; h)\|}{\|h\|} = 0$$

then  $T$  is Frechet differentiable at  $x$   
 and  $\delta T(x; h)$  is the Frechet  
 differential of  $T$  at  $x$  with increment  $h$ .

FACT: If  $T$  has a Frechet differential  
 it is unique.

Proof:  $\delta T(x; h) \quad \delta^2 T(x; h)$

$$\| \delta T(x; h) - \delta^2 T(x; h) \|$$

$$= [ \delta T(x; h) - T(x+h) + T(x) ]$$

$$+ [ T(x+h) - T(x) - \delta^2 T(x; h) ]$$

$$= \{ - [ T(x+h) - T(x) - \delta T(x; h) ] \} + \dots$$

$$\leq \| T(x+h) - T(x) - \delta T(x; h) \| + \| \dots \|$$

$$= o(\|h\|) \quad \text{Since } [ \delta T(x; h) - \delta^2 T(x; h) ] \text{ is linear + bdd in } h, \text{ it must be zero.}$$

FACT. If the Frechet differential of  $T$   
 exists at  $x$ , then the Gateaux diff.  
 exists at  $x$  and they are equal.

Proof: For any  $h$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \| T(x + \alpha h) - T(x) - \delta T(x; \alpha h) \| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{or } \| \frac{T(x + \alpha h) - T(x)}{\alpha} - \delta T(x; h) \| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{as } \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{T(x+\alpha h) - T(x)}{\alpha} \right] = \delta T(x; h)$$

FACT: If  $T$ , defined on an open set  $D \subset X$  has a Frechet diff at  $x$ , then  $T$  is continuous at  $x$ .

Proof: Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \mathcal{N}(x)$   
 s.t. for  $x+h \in \mathcal{N}(x)$

$$\|T(x+h) - T(x) - \delta T(x; h)\| < \varepsilon \|h\|$$

$$\|T(x+h) - T(x) - \delta T(x; h)\| >$$

$$\|T(x+h) - T(x)\| - \|\delta T(x; h)\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \|T(x+h) - T(x)\| < \varepsilon \|h\| + \underbrace{\|\delta T(x; h)\|}_{\text{lin} + \text{cont.}}$$

$$< M \|h\|$$

