

# TA Session 5

Definition: Lipschitz continuity

Let  $(X, d_x)$  and  $(Y, d_y)$  metric spaces, and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ .  
 $f$  is  $d_y/d_x$ -Lipschitz continuous iff

$$\exists c > 0: \forall x, y \in X \quad d_y(f(x), f(y)) \leq c \cdot d_x(x, y)$$

Definition: Contractivity

Let  $(X, d)$  metric space and  $f: X \rightarrow X$  a self map.  
 $f$  is a  $d$ -contraction iff

$$\exists 0 < c < 1: \forall x, y \in X \quad d(f(x), f(y)) \leq c \cdot d(x, y)$$

Lemmata:

- $d$ -contractivity  $\Rightarrow$   $d/d$ -Lipschitz continuity
- $d_y/d_x$ -Lipschitz continuity  $\Rightarrow$   $d_y/d_x$ -continuity

Also:

- continuous functions preserve sequential convergence between spaces
- Lipschitz continuous functions preserve Cauchyness between spaces

## Definition: Vector Norms

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional real vector. The  $p$ -norm of  $x$ , with  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , is defined as

$$\|x\|_p := \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{1/p}$$

## Definition: Frobenius Norm

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  be an  $n \times m$  real matrix. The Frobenius norm of  $A$  is defined as

$$\|A\|_F := \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij}^2}$$

Lemma: Submultiplicativity of the Euclidean and the Frobenius norm

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$  an  $m$ -dimensional column vector and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  an  $n \times m$  matrix. Then,

$$\|A \cdot x\|_2 \leq \|A\|_F \cdot \|x\|_2$$

Euclidean norm in  $\mathbb{R}^n$       Frobenius norm in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$       Euclidean norm in  $\mathbb{R}^m$

## Example

Let  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_n)$  and  $(\mathbb{R}^m, d_m)$  Euclidean spaces, with  $d_n$  the Euclidean metric on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $d_m$  the Euclidean metric on  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be everywhere differentiable with a bounded derivative, i.e.,

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \exists \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'}(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \text{ with } \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'}(x) \right\|_F < \infty$$

Then,  $f$  is  $d_m/d_n$ -Lipschitz continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Proof

By the Mean Value Theorem it holds that

$$f(x) = f(y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'}(z) \cdot (x-y)$$

with  $z = \lambda x + (1-\lambda)y$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . So,

$$f(x) - f(y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'}(z) (x-y) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \|f(x) - f(y)\|_2 = \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'}(z) (x-y) \right\|_2 \leq$$

$$\leq \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'}(z) \right\|_F \cdot \|x-y\|_2 \leq$$

$$\leq \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'}(z) \right\|_F \cdot \|x-y\|_2$$

But, we can write

$$d_m(f(x), f(y)) \leq \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'}(z) \right\|_F \cdot d_n(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

and by setting  $c := \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'}(z) \right\|_F > 0$

$$d_m(f(x), f(y)) \leq c \cdot d_n(x, y)$$

and  $f$  is  $d_m/d_n$ -Lipschitz continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
with Lipschitz coefficient  $c = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'}(z) \right\|_F$   
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Remark: The converse (almost) also holds.

If  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_n), (\mathbb{R}^m, d_m)$  Euclidean spaces and  
 $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is  $d_m/d_n$ -Lipschitz continuous, then  
it is differentiable with bounded derivative  
almost everywhere on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

# Banach Fixed Point Theorem

Let:

- $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and
- $f: X \rightarrow X$  a  $d$ -contraction.

Then:

- $f$  has a unique fixed point,  $x_f$ , and furthermore
- $x_f = d\text{-}\lim_{M \rightarrow +\infty} f^{(M)}(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .

## Sketch of Proof

For some  $x \in X$  denote  $x_M = f^{(M)}(x) = \begin{cases} x & M=0 \\ f(x_{M-1}) & M \geq 1 \end{cases}$

You need to prove that:

- $(x_M)_{M \in \mathbb{N}}$  is  $d$ -Cauchy, by showing that

$$\forall M \geq 0 \quad d(x_{M+1}, x_M) \leq c^{M+1} d(x_1, x_0), \quad 0 < c < 1$$

via Mathematical Induction.

Then, since  $(X, d)$  complete,  $(x_M)_{M \in \mathbb{N}}$   $d$ -convergent.

- If  $(x_M)_{M \in \mathbb{N}}$   $d$ -converges, then its  $d$ -limit is a fixed point of  $f$ , using the definition of  $x_f$  and the  $d$ -continuity of  $f$  (due to  $d$ -contraction).
- If  $f$  has a fixed point, then it is unique, by assuming that it is not and using the  $d$ -contractiveness of  $f$  to arrive at a contradiction.