

Theorem. Let X_1, \dots, X_k, Y be Banach spaces, let $D_1 \subset X_1, \dots, D_k \subset X_k$ be open sets, let $f: D_1 \times \dots \times D_k \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Assume that at each point $(x_1, \dots, x_k) \in D_1 \times \dots \times D_k$, each partial derivative $D_i f(x_1, \dots, x_k) \in L(X_i, Y)$ exists, and each map $D_i f: D_1 \times \dots \times D_k \rightarrow L(X_i, Y)$ is continuous. Then f is continuously differentiable, and $DF(x_1, \dots, x_k)(h_1, \dots, h_k) = D_1 f(x_1, \dots, x_k)h_1 + \dots + D_k f(x_1, \dots, x_k)h_k$.

Proof for the case $k=2$. The following calculation shows that $DF(x_1, x_2)$ is the bounded linear map $(h_1, h_2) \rightarrow D_1 f(x_1, x_2)h_1 + D_2 f(x_1, x_2)h_2$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f(x_1+h_1, x_2+h_2) - f(x_1, x_2) - (D_1 f(x_1, x_2)h_1 + D_2 f(x_1, x_2)h_2) \\
 = & f(x_1+h_1, x_2+h_2) - f(x_1+h_1, x_2) + f(x_1+h_1, x_2) - f(x_1, x_2) \\
 & - (D_1 f(x_1, x_2)h_1 + D_2 f(x_1, x_2)h_2) \\
 = & \left(\int_0^1 D_2 f(x_1+h_1, x_2+th_2) - D_2 f(x_1, x_2) dt \right) h_2 \\
 & + \left(\int_0^1 D_1 f(x_1+th_1, x_2) - D_1 f(x_1, x_2) dt \right) h_1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, given $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\|f(x_1+h_1, x_2+h_2) - f(x_1, x_2) - (D_1f(x_1, x_2)h_1 + D_2f(x_1, x_2)h_2)\| \leq$$

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \|D_2f(x_1+th_1, x_2+th_2) - D_2f(x_1, x_2)\| \|h_2\| +$$

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \|D_1f(x_1+th_1, x_2) - D_1f(x_1, x_2)\| \|h_1\| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \|h_2\| + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \|h_1\|$$

$\leq \epsilon \|(h_1, h_2)\|$ for $\|(h_1, h_2)\|$ sufficiently small, because

D_1f and D_2f depend continuously on (x_1, x_2) .

To show that $Df(x_1, x_2)$ depends continuously on (x_1, x_2) :
Fix (x_1, x_2) .

$$(Df(x_1, x_2) - Df(x'_1, x'_2))(h_1, h_2) =$$

$$(D_1f(x_1, x_2) - D_1f(x'_1, x'_2))h_1 + (D_2f(x_1, x_2) - D_2f(x'_1, x'_2))h_2$$

$$\text{Therefore } \|(Df(x_1, x_2) - Df(x'_1, x'_2))(h_1, h_2)\| \leq$$

$$\frac{\epsilon}{2} \|h_1\| + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \|h_2\| \leq \epsilon \|(h_1, h_2)\| \text{ for } \|(x_1, x_2) - (x'_1, x'_2)\|$$

sufficiently small, again because D_1f and D_2f depend continuously on (x_1, x_2) . Hence for $\|(x_1, x_2) - (x'_1, x'_2)\|$

sufficiently small, $\|Df(x_1, x_2) - Df(x'_1, x'_2)\| \leq \epsilon$.