

Inversion.

Let

$$\iota : \mathbf{C} \sim \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \sim \{0\}$$

be **inversion**; that is

$$\iota(z) = \frac{1}{z} \quad \text{whenever } z \in \mathbf{C} \sim \{0\}.$$

Let's give two proofs that

$$\iota'(z) = -\frac{1}{z^2}, \quad z \in \mathbf{C} \sim \{0\}.$$

Suppose $a \in \mathbf{C} \sim \{0\}$. Let

$$g(h) = \frac{1}{a+h} - \frac{1}{a} - \left(-\frac{h}{a^2}\right) \quad \text{for } h \in \mathbf{C} \sim \{-a\}.$$

Proof One. Let $\epsilon > 0$ and We have

$$\begin{aligned} |g(h)| &= \left| \frac{a^2 - a(a+h) + h(a+h)}{a^2(a+h)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{h^2}{a^2(a+h)} \right| \\ &\leq 2 \frac{|h|^2}{|a|^3} \quad \text{provided } |h| \leq \frac{|a|}{2} \\ &\leq \epsilon|h| \quad \text{provided } |h| \leq \frac{\epsilon|a|^3}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$g(h) \leq \epsilon|h| \quad \text{if } 0 < |h| \leq \epsilon = \min\left\{\frac{|a|}{2}, \epsilon \frac{|a|^3}{2}\right\}.$$

Proof Two. We have

$$\frac{1}{a+h} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{1}{1 - \left(-\frac{h}{a}\right)} = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{h}{a}\right)^m$$

whenever $a+h \in D = \{w \in \mathbf{C} : |w-a| < |a|\}$. Thus

$$g(h) = \frac{h^2}{a^3} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{h}{a}\right)^m.$$

Our assertion now follows from our theory of infinite series.

The second proof is amenable to generalization as follows. Let X be a Banach space and let \mathcal{I} be the set of invertible members of $\mathbf{B}(X; X)$. Thus $A \in \mathcal{I}$ if $A \in \mathbf{B}(X; X)$ and there is $B \in \mathbf{B}(X, X)$ such that AB and BA equal the identity map of X . One easily verifies that such a B is unique and we denote it by

$$A^{-1}.$$

Let

$$\iota(A) = A^{-1} \quad \text{whenever } A \in \mathcal{I}.$$

As an exercise show that \mathcal{I} is open and that ι is differentiable at A and determine its differential at A . Use the above to try to guess what the differential at A is. Here is a big hint as to how to proceed. Suppose $A \in \mathcal{I}$ and $H \in \mathbf{B}(X; X)$ is such that

$$(1) \quad \|H\| < \frac{1}{\|A\|}.$$

If $A + H \in \mathcal{I}$ we have

$$(A + H)^{-1} = A^{-1}(1 - (-H \circ A^{-1})) = A^{-1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-H \circ A^{-1})^m.$$

Justify this; that is, show that that if (1) holds then the series converges absolutely. Then show its sum is $(A + H)^{-1}$. Finally, show that ι is differentiable at A and determine what its differential is.

Bonus question. Show that ι has derivatives of all orders.