

## The Inverse and Implicit Function Theorems.

**Proposition.** Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are normed vector spaces and  $L$  is a linear isomorphism from  $X$  onto  $Y$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{\|L^{-1}\|} = \inf\{|L(x)| : x \in X \text{ and } |x| = 1\}.$$

**Remark.** In what follows  $1/\infty = 0$  and  $1/0 = \infty$ .

**Proof.** Set  $\beta = \inf\{|L(x)| : x \in X \text{ and } |x| = 1\}$ .

For any  $x \in X$  such that  $|x| = 1$  we have

$$1 = |L^{-1}(L(x))| \leq \|L\|^{-1} \|L(x)\|$$

which implies that  $1/\|L^{-1}\| \leq \beta$ .

For any  $y \in Y$  we have that

$$|y| = |L(L^{-1}(y))| \geq \beta \|L^{-1}(y)\|$$

which implies that  $\|L^{-1}\| \leq 1/\beta$ .  $\square$

**The Inverse Function Theorem.** Suppose

(1)  $X$  and  $Y$  are Banach spaces,  $a \in X$ ,  $0 < R < \infty$ ,  $B = \{x \in X : |x - a| \leq R\}$  and

$$f : B \rightarrow Y.$$

(2)  $L$  is a linear isomorphism from  $X$  onto  $Y$ ,  $\|L\| < \infty$  and

$$p(x) = f(x) - [f(a) + L(x - a)] \quad \text{for } x \in B.$$

(3)  $\alpha < \beta$

where

$$\alpha = \mathbf{Lip}(p) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \inf\{|L(x)| : x \in X \text{ and } |x| = 1\}.$$

Then

(4)  $f^{-1}$  is a function and  $\mathbf{Lip}(f^{-1}) \leq (\beta - \alpha)^{-1}$ ;

(5)  $\{f(a) + L(h) : |h| \leq (1 - \alpha/\beta)R\} \subset \mathbf{rng}(f) \subset \{f(a) + L(h) : |h| \leq (1 + \alpha/\beta)R\}$ ;

(6) if  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  with differential  $L$  then  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at  $f(a)$  with differential  $L^{-1}$ .

**Remark.** It is true and nontrivial that, if  $L$  is a linear isomorphism from the Banach space  $X$  onto the Banach space  $Y$ , the boundedness of  $L$  is equivalent to the boundedness of  $L^{-1}$ . Thus there is some redundancy in our hypotheses.

**Proof.** By virtue of the previous Proposition we have that  $\|L^{-1}\| = 1/\beta$ . Note also that  $p(a) = 0$ .

Suppose  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are points of  $B$ . We have

$$L(x_2 - x_1) = L(x_2 - a) - L(x_1 - a) = f(x_2) - f(x_1) - (p(x_2) - p(x_1))$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} |x_1 - x_2| &= |L^{-1}(L(x_2 - x_1))| \\ &\leq \beta^{-1} (|p(x_2) - p(x_1)| + |f(x_2) - f(x_1)|) \\ &\leq \beta^{-1} (\alpha |x_2 - x_1| + |f(x_2) - f(x_1)|) \end{aligned}$$

which proves (4).

Next we suppose  $y \in \{f(a) + L(h) : |h| \leq (1 - \alpha/\beta)R\}$  and let  $C : B \rightarrow Y$  be such that

$$C(x) = a + L^{-1}(y - f(a) - p(x)) \quad \text{whenever } x \in B.$$

For any  $x \in B$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |C(x) - a| &= |L^{-1}(y - f(a)) + L^{-1}(p(a) - p(x))| \\ &\leq |L^{-1}(y - f(a))| + |L^{-1}(p(a) - p(x))| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha/\beta)R + \alpha/\beta|x - a| \\ &\leq R \end{aligned}$$

so

$$C[B] \subset B.$$

Furthermore, for any  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $B$  we have

$$|C(x_1) - C(x_2)| = |L^{-1}(p(x_1) - p(x_2))| \leq \frac{\alpha}{\beta}|x_1 - x_2|.$$

Thus, by the Contraction Mapping Principle,  $C$  has a unique fixed point  $x$  in  $B$ . Now

$$C(x) = x \Rightarrow x = a + L^{-1}(y - f(a) - p(x)) \Rightarrow L(x - a) = y - f(a) - p(x) \Rightarrow f(x) = y;$$

thus the first inclusion in (5) is proved.

To prove the second inclusion in (5), we suppose  $x \in B$ , set  $h = L^{-1}(f(x) - f(a))$  and note that  $h = (x - a) + L^{-1}(p(x) - p(a))$ . Thus

$$|h| = |(x - a) + L^{-1}(p(x) - p(a))| \leq |x - a| + \frac{\alpha}{\beta}|x - a| = (1 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta})|x - a|.$$

Finally, suppose  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  with differential  $L$  and let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let  $\epsilon_f = \beta\epsilon/(\beta - \alpha)$ . Choose  $\delta_f$  such that

$$x \in B \text{ and } |x - a| \leq \delta_f \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a) - L(x - a)| \leq \epsilon_f|x - a|.$$

Let  $\delta = \delta_f/(\beta - \alpha)$  and suppose  $y \in \mathbf{rng} f$  and  $|y - f(a)| \leq \delta$ . Set  $x = f^{-1}(y)$ . Then

$$|x - a| \leq \mathbf{Lip}(f^{-1})|y - f(a)| \leq \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha}|y - f(a)| \leq \delta_f$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} &|f^{-1}(y) - a - L^{-1}(y - f(a))| \\ &= |L^{-1}(L(x - a) - f(x) - f(a))| \\ &\leq \beta\epsilon_f|x - a| \\ &\leq \beta\epsilon_f \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha}|y - f(a)| \\ &= \epsilon|y - f(a)|; \end{aligned}$$

since we know from (5) that  $f(a)$  is an interior point of  $\mathbf{rng}(f)$  we conclude that  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at  $f(a)$  with differential  $L^{-1}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary.** Suppose

- (1)  $X$  and  $Y$  are Banach spaces;
- (2)  $A \subset X$ ,  $f : A \rightarrow Y$  and  $f$  is differentiable at each point of  $A$ ;
- (3)  $a \in A$ ,  $\partial f$  is continuous at  $a$  and  $\partial f(a)$  is a Banach space isomorphism from  $X$  onto  $Y$ .

Then there is an open subset  $U$  of  $A$  such that  $a \in U$ ,

(4)  $f[U]$  is an open subset of  $Y$ ;

(5)  $f|U$  is univalent;

(6)  $(f|U)^{-1}$  is differentiable at each point of  $f[U]$ .

**Proof.** We let

$$\beta(x) = \inf\{|\partial f(x)(v)| : v \in X \text{ and } |v| = 1\} \quad \text{whenever } x \in A.$$

We let

$$\alpha(x, r) = \sup\{\|\partial f(y) - \partial f(x)\| : y \in A \cap \mathbf{B}_r(x)\} \quad \text{whenever } x \in A \text{ and } 0 < r < \infty.$$

Then

$$(7) \quad \alpha(x, r) \leq 2\alpha(a, |x| + r) \quad \text{whenever } x \in A \text{ and } 0 < r < \infty.$$

Indeed, if  $x \in A$ ,  $0 < r < \infty$  and  $y \in \mathbf{B}_r(x)$  we have

$$\|\partial f(y) - \partial f(x)\| \leq \|\partial f(y) - \partial f(a)\| + \|\partial f(x) - \partial f(a)\| \leq \alpha(a, |x| + r) + \alpha(a, |x|).$$

Moreover, if  $0 < r < \infty$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbf{B}_r(a)$ ,  $v \in X$  and  $|v| = 1$  then

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial f(y)(v)| &\geq |\partial f(x)(v)| - |\partial f(y)(v) - \partial f(x)(v)| \\ &\geq \beta(x) - \|\partial f(y) - \partial f(x)\| \\ &\geq \beta(x) - \|\partial f(y) - \partial f(a)\| - \|\partial f(x) - \partial f(a)\| \\ &\geq \beta(x) - 2\alpha(a, r) \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\beta(y) \geq \beta(x) - 2\alpha(a, r);$$

thus

$$(8) \quad |\beta(y) - \beta(x)| \leq 2\alpha(a, r) \quad \text{whenever } 0 < r < \infty \text{ and } x, y \in \mathbf{B}_r(a).$$

Since  $A$  is open we may choose  $R \in (0, \infty)$  such that  $\mathbf{B}_{2R}(a) \subset A$ . Next we choose  $b$  such that

$$0 < b < \beta(a);$$

this is possible by because  $\partial f(a)$  is a Banach space isomorphism from  $X$  onto  $Y$ . Since  $\partial f(a)$  is continuous at  $a$  we may use (7) and (8) to choose  $R_1$  such that  $0 < R_1 \leq R$ ,

$$(9) \quad \alpha(x, R_1) < b \leq \beta(x) \quad \text{whenever } x \in \mathbf{B}_{R_1}(a).$$

To complete the proof of the Theorem we need only apply the Inverse Function Theorem with  $a, R, f$  there replaced by  $x, R_1, f|_{\mathbf{B}_{R_1}(x)}$  for each  $x \in \mathbf{B}_{R_1}(a)$ .  $\square$