

Re: question in spivak's calculus on manifolds

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thx a lot for the replies

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Quotes from The Weather Man:

Robert Spritz: Do you know that the harder thing to do, and the right thing to do, are usually the same thing? "Easy" doesn't enter into grown-up life... to get anything of value, you have to sacrifice.

"Someonekicked" <someonekicked@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:lZqdnXxXJ8klpFTeRVn-ow@xxxxxxxxxxxx

> the notation is cumbersome, thats why if u have the book, maybe better to
> look up the question in the book.

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> anyway, the question is page 33, 2-29 part c). For some reason, im stuck!

> I cant show why $D_x f(a) = Df(a)(x)$.

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> Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

> and let $D_x f(a) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [(f(a + tx) - f(a)) / t]$

> (here x is column vector in \mathbb{R}^n).

> the question is to show that if f is differentiable, then $D_x f(a) =$

> $Df(a)(x)$

> $Df(a)$ is ,(a linear transformation), the derivative of f at a.

> The associated matrix with $Df(a)$ would be $f'(a)$.

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> By definition, thats how to verify $Df(a)$ (which also previously proven to
> be unique),

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> $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [| f(a+h) - f(a) - Df(a)(h) | / |h|] = 0$

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> Since here the range of f is in \mathbb{R} , then norm in the numerator is not
> necessary, so

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> $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [(f(a+h) - f(a) - Df(a)(h)) / |h|] = 0$

> that is,

> $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [Df(a)(h) / |h|] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [(f(a+h) - f(a)) / |h|]$

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> so its enough to show that,

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> $\lim_{(h \rightarrow 0)} [D_h f(a) / |h|] = \lim_{(h \rightarrow 0)} [(f(a+h) - f(a)) / |h|]$ (I)
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> now,
> $\lim_{(h \rightarrow 0)} [D_h f(a) / |h|]$
> $= \lim_{(h \rightarrow 0)} [\lim_{(t \rightarrow 0)} [(f(a + t h) - f(a)) / t] / |h|]$
> $= \lim_{(h \rightarrow 0)} [\lim_{(t \rightarrow 0)} [(f(a + t h) - f(a)) / (t |h|)]]$
> now if we let vector $K = t h$, then we should be able to verify (I) ?
> $t |h|$ is the denominator making it hard for me to do any substitution.
> any suggestions or hints?
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> in part b), I proved that
> $D_{(s x)} f(a) = s D_x f(a)$ (here s is constant in \mathbb{R}).
> so I can write the expression above as
> $\lim_{(h \rightarrow 0)} [\lim_{(t \rightarrow 0)} [(f(a + t h / |h|) - f(a)) / t]]$
> but still not sure how to continue.
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> btw, that question came on my mind, whats the derivative of $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
> defined as $f(x) = x / |x|$
> or more simply, derivative of $g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $g(x) = |x|$, at some a in \mathbb{R}^n .
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> thx in advance
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