

In single variable calculus we studied scalar-valued functions defined from $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and parametric curves in the case of $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$. In the study of multivariate calculus we've begun to consider scalar-valued functions of two variables in the case $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Let us now try to think of all the possible functions we may come across in the study of real variable calculus.

Different Types of Functions:

<p>Scalar-valued functions from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R}: For example consider $f : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ defined by</p> $f(x) = \sqrt{x} + 2x^2.$	<p>Parametric curves from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R}^m:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Planar curves</i> For example consider $\mathbf{r} : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos(t), \sin(t) \rangle.$ • <i>Space curves</i> For example consider $\mathbf{r} : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^3$. defined by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \cos(t), \sin(t), \frac{t}{10} \right\rangle.$
<p>Scalar-valued functions of multiple variables from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}: For example consider $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ defined by</p> $f(x, y) = x^2 - xy^2.$	<p>Vector-valued functions of multiple variables from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m: For example consider $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by</p> $\mathbf{f}(x, y, z) = \langle 3yz, 4x + y \rangle.$

With all these new functions, we return to a familiar question:

How do we differentiate these things?

We have considered derivatives for differentiable functions from $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, and $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Recognize that these are specific cases of functions from $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$.

Derivatives of Diffent Types of Functions:

<p>Scalar-valued functions from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R}: We define the derivative of a differentiable scalar function $f : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ as</p> <hr/>	<p>Parametric curves from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R}^m: We define the derivative of any vector-valued function of one variable $f : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$, for $\mathbf{f}(t) = \langle x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t) \rangle$ as</p> <hr/> <p>given each $x'_i(t)$ exists.</p>
<p>Scalar-valued functions of multiple variables from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}: We define the derivative of a scalar-valued function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}$, given each partial of f exists and is continuous as</p> <hr/> <p>We can also refer to this derivative as the gradient vector of f, and denote the gradient of ∇f.</p>	<p>Vector-valued functions of multiple variables from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m: We define the derivative of a vector-valued function of two variables $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$, for $\mathbf{f}(x, y, z) = \langle u(x, y, z), v(x, y, z) \rangle$ as the 2×3 matrix</p> $D\mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x(x, y, z) & u_y(x, y, z) & u_z(x, y, z) \\ v_x(x, y, z) & v_y(x, y, z) & v_z(x, y, z) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla u \\ \nabla v \end{bmatrix}$ <p>given each partial derivative exists and is continuous.</p>

Compute the derivative for the following functions.

1. $\mathbf{f}(x, y) = \langle x^2 + y^2, xy \rangle$

2. $g(u, v) = 2u^2 - v^2$

3. $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 3t^2, \ln|t|, 1, \cot(t) \rangle$

4. $\mathbf{w}(r, s, t) = \langle r^2s, t^r + 3s^2 \rangle$