

# Approximate Derivative



## Mathematics

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### ABSTRACT

*The functions one encounters in elementary analysis are usually differentiable or at least, piecewise differentiable. Such functions are, for many purposes, sufficiently well behaved to give rise to smoothly flowing theories. One does not always need the full force of differentiability to obtain the results that one wants, however. Often, the existence of some sort of generalized derivative suffices for the development of at least part of the theory. For, example, the theorem which asserts that a function  $F$ , defined on an interval  $I$ , and having a positive derivative at each point of  $I$ , must be increasing, can be generalized in a number of ways through the use of generalized derivatives. The class of approximate derivatives is much larger than the class of derivatives. In this paper, I can share my ideas about the behavior of approximate derivative and the study of structure of approximate derivative, which is the natural one to consider when dealing with the surface area.*

### Introduction

Of the many generalized derivatives which have been investigated, the one whose study fits most easily into the context of our first few chapters is the approximate derivative. Accordingly, we shall study this derivative in some detail in sections 1,2,3,below,Then, in sections 4,we discuss a number of Miscellany briefly. Each of these approximate derivatives is obtained by a modification of the requirement that it be the limit of a difference quotient, and is therefore a "pointwise" derivative. There are also generalized derivatives which exist only in a "global" sense.

The Approximate Derivative – Basic properties.

We outline a development of the elementary properties of approximate derivatives.

**Definition:** Let  $F$  be measurable in a neighborhood of a point  $x_0$ . The upper approximate limit of  $F$  at  $x_0$  is the greatest lower bound of the set  $\{y: \{x: F(x) > y\}$  has  $x_0$  as a point of dispersion  $\}$ . When the two are equal, their common value is called the approximate limit of  $F$  at  $x_0$ .

We denote these limit by  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow x_0} F(x)$  and  $\liminf_{x \rightarrow x_0} F(x)$  respectively.

It follows immediately from this definition that each approximate limit of  $F$  at  $x_0$  exists if and only if there exists a measurable set  $E$  such that

$$d(E, x_0) = 1 \text{ \& } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} F(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \text{ap } F(x)$$

for all  $x \in E$

It is also clear that if two functions coincide on a measurable set, their approximate extreme limits agree at each point of density of that set.

Intuitively speaking, in dealing with approximate limits, we "ignore sets of density zero."

The unilateral approximate extreme limits are defined in the obvious manner.

Now let  $F$  be any finite measurable function defined in a neighborhood of  $x_0$  and let

$$G(x, x_0) = \dots(x)$$

We define the approximate upper right derivate,

The approximate lower right derivative  
 The approximate upper left derivative  
 The approximate lower left derivative  
 The approximate bilateral upper derivative and  
 The approximate bilateral lower derivate as the corresponding approximate extreme limits of  $G(x, x_0)$  as  $x \rightarrow x_0$ .

When all of these derivatives are equal, we call their common value the approximate derivative of  $F$  at  $x_0$  and denote it by  $\dots$ .

When the approximate derivative of  $F$  at  $x_0$  is finite, we say  $F$  is approximately differentiable at  $x_0$  or  $F$  is approximately derivable at  $x_0$ .

We state, without proof, two theorems which indicate relationships between approximate differentiability and generalized bounded variations.

**Theorem 1:** If  $F$  is measurable and generalized bounded variation on a set  $E$ , then  $F$  is approximately derivable a. e. on  $E$ .

**Theorem 2:** If at every point  $x$  of a measurable set  $E$ , a measurable function  $F$  satisfies at least one of the inequalities

Then  $F$  is generalized bound variation.

Thus, if a measurable function  $F$  satisfies at least one of the inequalities of Theorem 2. On a measurable set  $E$ , we see from Theorem 1, that  $F$  is approximately differentiable at almost every point of  $E$ .

Although we shall have no need for it in the sequel i.e. we do not assume  $F$  measurable the definitions of the approximate extreme derivatives are the same as in the measurable case except that Lebesgue measure in the definition of concepts involving density.

**Theorem 3: Let  $F$  be defined on an interval  $I$ , With the possible exception of a null set,  $I$  can be decomposed into four sets:**

- Set  $P$ , on which  $F$  has a finite approximate derivative:
- Set  $Q$ , on which  $\dots$ ,
- Set  $R$ , on which  $\dots$ ,
- $\dots$ , and
- Set  $S$ , on which  $\dots$ ,
- $\dots$ ,

If  $F$  is measurable, then the sets  $Q$  and  $R$  must also be null sets.

2.Behavior of approximate derivatives.

It is convenient to begin this section with an example. Let  $\{I_n\}$  be a sequence of disjoint closed intervals none of which contains the origin but whose union has the origin as point of density. Let  $F(0)=0$ ,  $F \in C^1$ . Then, no matter how  $F$  is defined elsewhere,  $F$  will be approximately differentiable at  $x=0$ , and it is easy to define  $F$  in such a manner as to be differentiable on all of

$\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , but not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

We can even construct  $F$  to be of bounded variation on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Now let  $P$  be a nonempty nowhere dense perfect set contained in  $[0, 1]$ . To each interval  $J_n$  contiguous to  $P$  corresponds a subinterval  $[a_n, b_n]$  whose midpoint is the midpoint of  $J_n$  and whose length satisfies  $b_n - a_n = |J_n|/n$ .

For each  $n$ , let  $F_n$  be a function defined on

$[a_n, b_n]$  such that

$F_n(a_n) = F_n(b_n) = 0$ , such that  $\max_{a_n < x < b_n} |F_n(x)| = 1$  and such that  $F_n$  is differentiable on  $(a_n, b_n)$ , and approximately differentiable (but not differentiable) at  $a_n$ .

Finally, define  $F$  to equal  $F_n$  on  $[a_n, b_n]$  and to vanish elsewhere. It is easy to verify that  $F$  is approximately differentiable, that on  $P \setminus \{0\}$ , and that  $F$  is differentiable everywhere except on that set. If we choose  $P$  to have positive measure, then we see that

an approximately differentiable function can fail to be differentiable on a set of positive measure

$P \setminus \{0\}$ . Note, however, that this set is nowhere dense. Note also that  $F$  is approximately continuous. It is not continuous, but we could easily modify  $F$  so as to be continuous and still exhibit the other properties we mentioned.

**3. Study of the structure of approximate derivatives.**

We turn now to a study of the structure of approximate derivatives and of approximately differentiable functions. We shall see that although the class of approximate derivatives contains the class of derivatives properly, each approximate derivative possesses many of the desirable properties shared by all derivatives. We shall see that an approximate derivative  $P$  is always in BAIRE's first category.

It is always an actual derivative on a dense open set, and will be an actual derivative if it is bounded, or even if it is dominated by a derivative. We shall emphasize finite approximate derivatives, and then discuss briefly the complications that arise when we allow approximate derivatives to assume infinite values.

We shall make use of some of these simpler proofs in our development. In particular, we shall make use of some of the ideas we developed. We begin with a lemma.

**Lemma 1:** Let  $f$  be defined on some interval  $I$ . If  $f$  is the limit of a convergent interval function

**Proof:** Suppose  $f$ . We can find positive integers  $n$  and  $k$ , a non-empty perfect subset  $Q$  of  $I$  and a set  $Q_k$  such that following are equivalent.

1. for all  $x \in Q$
2.  $Q_k$  is dense in  $Q$
3.  $|Q_k| > 0$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $F$  be approximately differentiable on  $I$ . Then the function  $f = F'$ .

**Proof:** By above lemma, it suffices to show that  $f$  is the limit of a convergent interval function. In order to define  $f$ , let us first define  $f$  for each interval  $I$  and

each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  a set  $A(I, \alpha)$  in  $I$  by  $A(I, \alpha) = \{x, y \in I : |x - y| > \alpha \text{ and } |F(x) - F(y)| < \alpha\}$

Since  $F$  is approximately differentiable,  $F$  is also approximately continuous and therefore measurable. Thus  $A(I, \alpha)$  is measurable subset of  $I$ . Letting denote two dimensional Lebesgue measure, we now define

$$\lambda(A(I, \alpha))$$

We show  $\lambda(A(I, \alpha)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ . Let  $\{I_n\}$  be a sequence of intervals in  $I$  such that

$$\sum \lambda(I_n) = \lambda(I) \text{ and } \lambda(I_n \cap I_m) = 0 \text{ for } n \neq m.$$

Write  $\zeta = f(x)$  and let  $1/8 > \epsilon > 0$ . There exists a positive integer  $N$  such that for  $n > N$

$\lambda(A(I_n, \epsilon)) < \epsilon/8$  on a set  $E_n$

for which

Now fix  $n > N$ , for  $x \in E_n$ , let

$$E(x) = \{y \in E_n : |x - y| < 8|x - y|\}$$

The set  $E(x)$  consists of those points in  $E_n$  which, for our purposes, are "not too close to  $x$ ." using elementary facts about inequalities, we can readily verify that if  $x \in E_n$  and  $y \in E(x)$ , then

$$\lambda(E(x)) > \lambda(E_n)(1 - \epsilon)$$

It now follows from Fubini's theorem that the set of points  $(x, y) \in E_n \times E_n$  for which

$$|F(x) - F(y)| > \epsilon$$

$$\lambda(E_n \times E_n) \epsilon^{-2}$$

Thus  $\lambda(E_n) - \zeta < 17\epsilon$ . It follows that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (F_n)' = f(x)$  and the proof of the theorem is complete.

We shall now show that a monotonic function  $F$  is differentiable at each point of approximate differentiability and that if and only if  $F$  is monotonically increasing. It will then follow that each approximately differentiable function on some dense open set.

**Lemma:** Let  $F$  be an increasing function defined on an interval  $I_0$ . For each  $x_0 \in I_0$ ,

$F'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x_0 + h) - F(x_0)}{h}$ . The corresponding equalities for the other extreme derivatives and extreme approximate derivatives are also valid.

**Theorem:** Let  $F$  be increasing on an interval  $I_0$ . If  $F$  is approximately differentiable at  $x_0$  and  $F'(x_0) = l$

**Proof:** If  $F$  is approximately differentiable at  $x_0$ , then the four approximate extreme unilateral derivatives are equal at that point.

The theorem now follows immediately from lemma, that there are examples of continuous functions of bounded variations for which the analogue of theorem fails. so the functions we defined at the beginning of this section furnishes an example if it is suitably defined on the set where it does not vanish.

We state the following theorems, with out proof, which are indicates the behavior of approximate derivatives in measure theory.

**Theorem:** If  $F$  is approximately differentiable on an interval  $I_0$  and  $I_0$ , then  $F$  is increasing on  $I_0$

**Theorem:** Let  $F$  be approximately differentiable on  $I_0$  and let  $G$  be differentiable on  $I_0$ . If  $G'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in I_0$ , then  $F$  is differentiable on  $I_0$  and

$$F'(x) = G'(x) \text{ for all } x \in I_0.$$

Theorem: Let  $F$  be approximately differentiable on  $I_0$ , Then there exists a dense open subset of  $I_0$  on which  $F$  is differentiable.

**Theorem:** Let  $F$  be approximately differentiable on  $I_0$  and let  $f = ,$  then  $f \in D$

Corollary:(Mean value theorem). If  $F$  is approximately differentiable on  $I_0$  , then to each pair of numbers  $a, b \in I_0$  corresponds a number  $c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $(c)$

Approximate Derivatives share another property with derivatives, the so-called Denjoy Property.

Theorem: Let  $F$  be approximately differentiable on  $I_0$ .

If the set  $E = \{x : \alpha < \beta\}$  is not empty, then  $\lambda(E) > 0$ .

**4. Miscellany.**

We discuss briefly certain additional topics related to approximate differentiability.

**a. Infinite approximate derivative.**

Without the hypothesis that is finite, the analysis becomes considerably more complicated.

If exists (finite or infinite), on  $I_0$ , then it does not follow that  $FD$ . Even for  $FD$ , it is possible that  $F \notin$ . The function  $F$  might fail to be approximately continuous on a set of cardinality  $c$ , though this set must be of the first category (and, of course, of measure 0)

**b. Theories of Integration .**

The usual definitions of the integrals of Lebesgue, Denjoy and Khintchine are all constructive in nature. The Lebesgue integral is defined by a limiting process involving certain sums, and the Denjoy and Khinchine integrals involve certain operations and some (transfinite) inductive processes.

Each of these integrals can also be defined in a so called "Descriptive" way that is, as an operation which is inverse to some already defined differentiation process. Thus, we could give the following definitions (each of which would be a theorem if the constructive process were followed).

Definations: The function  $F$  is the Lebesgue integral of  $f$  on  $I_0$  provided

(1)  $F$  is Approximately Continuous on  $I_0$ , and  
(2)  $F_1 = f$  a.e. on  $I_0$   
The function  $F$  is the Denjoy integral of  $f$  on  $I_0$  provided

(1)  $F$  is Approximately continuously differentiable on  $I_0$  and  
(2)  $F_1 = f$  a.e. on  $I_0$   
The function  $F$  is the khintchine integral of  $f$  on  $I_0$  provided

(1)  $F$  is approximately continuously differentiable on  $I_0$   
(2)  $f = F$  a.e. on  $I_0$

c. Functions of several variables. We have been concerned almost entirely with functions of one real variable. Because approximate differentiation plays an important role in certain parts of the theory of functions of several real variables we take a moment to discuss ways in which approximate differentiation is "superior" to ordinary differentiation in this setting.

We have already observed that the Dini derivatives of a function  $F$  of one variable inherit the measurability properties of  $F$ . For functions of several variables this is not so, however. If  $F$  is a function of two or more variables and is Lebesgue (Borel) measurable, then the extreme partial derivatives of  $F$  might fail to be Lebesgue measurable. (It is true, however, that if  $F$  is continuous (Borel measurable), then these derivatives will be Borel (resp. Lebesgue) measurable). The approximate extreme partial derivatives do inherit the measurability properties of  $F$ , however.

Let  $F$  be continuous in some region  $D$  in  $R^2$ . If the partial derivatives exist a.e. in  $D$ , must  $F$  be differentiable; But, if  $F$  has approximate partial derivatives a.e. in  $D$ , then  $F$  will be approximately differentiable a.e. in  $D$ . In this case,  $F$  will also have directional derivatives in almost every direction at almost every point.

**Conclusion:**

To establish the desired applications of approximate differentiability to explain the inner concept of monotonic increasing functions are approximately differentiable on some dense open set. In addition to the approximate derivative, a number of other generalized derivatives may be defined and studied by Mathematicians and Scientists. I am not state explicitly the obvious modifications necessary to define the unilateral or extreme derivatives. It supports the Riemann, Taylor and Peano derivatives, which are having important applications in approximation theory.

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