

## ON THE INTERMEDIATE DIFFERENTIABILITY OF LIPSCHITZ MAPS BETWEEN BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we introduce the intermediate differential of a Lipschitz map from a Banach space to another Banach space and prove that every locally Lipschitz function  $f$  defined on an open subset  $\Omega$  of a superreflexive real Banach space  $X$  to a finite dimensional Banach space  $Y$  is uniformly intermediate differentiable at every point  $\Omega \setminus A$ , where  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ -lower porous set.

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### 1. Introduction

In this note we will prove the intermediate differentiability of Lipschitz maps between Banach spaces. Several authors([2], [3], [5] and therein) investigate the intermediate differentiability of Lipschitz maps defined on Banach space. Let  $X$  be a super-reflexive real Banach space,  $Y$  a finite dimensional real Banach space. The open ball with center  $x$  and radius  $r$  is denote by  $B(x, r)$ . If  $f$  is a Lipschitz function, then the Lipschitz constant of  $f$  is denote by  $\text{Lip}(f)$ .

If  $f$  be a function on  $X$  into  $Y$  and  $x, v \in X$ , then we introduce the *upper* and *lower(one-side) directional derivatives*

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \bar{d}f(x, v), y^* \rangle &= \limsup_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left\langle \frac{f(x + tv) - f(x)}{t}, y^* \right\rangle, \\ \langle \underline{d}f(x, v), y^* \rangle &= \liminf_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left\langle \frac{f(x + tv) - f(x)}{t}, y^* \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

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for each  $y^* \in Y^*$ . We denote  $L(X, Y)$  by the space of all linear maps from  $X$  to  $Y$ . We say that  $m \in L(X, Y)$  is an *intermediate derivative* of a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $y^* \in Y^*$  the inequality

$$\langle df(x, v), y^* \rangle \leq \langle m(v), y^* \rangle \leq \langle \bar{d}f(x, v), y^* \rangle$$

holds for every  $v \in X$ . Clearly, if  $f$  has at  $x$  the Gâteaux derivative, then it has also the (unique) intermediate derivative. Therefore Aronszajn's differentiability theorem implies that every (locally) Lipschitz function on a separable Banach space has an intermediate derivative at all points except a set  $E$  which is null in Aronszajn's sense.

In case  $Y$  is a real scalar, Fabian and Preiss[2], and Zajíček[5] have obtained the results on the intermediate differentiability of Lipschitz maps on the super-reflexive Banach space. We extend their result to a finite dimensional Banach space  $Y$ . Similarly, we introduce a uniform intermediate derivative of a Lipschitz map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ .

**Definition 1.** A function  $f$  defined on an open subset  $\Omega$  of a Banach space  $X$  to a Banach space  $Y$  is said to be *uniformly intermediate differentiable* at  $x \in X$  if there exists a linear function  $m : X \rightarrow Y$  and a sequence  $t_n \searrow 0$  such that for each  $y^* \in Y^*$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \frac{f(x + t_n v) - f(x)}{t_n} - m(v), y^* \right\rangle = 0$$

for each direction  $v \in X$  with  $\|v\| = 1$ .

## 2. Main results

The following theorem is due to [1]. We modify their theorem as follows:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $X$  be nonzero super-reflexive Banach space and  $Y$  a finite-dimensional Banach space. Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $c = c(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that for every ball  $B(x, \rho)$  in  $X$  and every Lipschitz function  $f : B(x, \rho) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  there exists a ball  $B(y, r) \subset B(x, \rho)$  and an affine function  $a : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $r \geq c\rho$  and*

$$\|f(z) - a(z)\| \leq \varepsilon r \text{Lip}(f) \text{ for each } z \in B(y, r).$$

Let  $X$  be a normed linear space and  $A \subset X$ . We introduce some terminology via Zajíček[6]:  $A$  is  $\sigma$ -lower porous if  $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n$ , where each set  $P := P_n$  has the following property:

$$\exists \alpha > 0 \forall x \in X \forall r > 0 \exists y \in X \text{ such that } B(y, \alpha r) \subset B(x, r) \setminus P. \quad (1)$$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $X$  be a super-reflexive Banach space. Then every locally Lipschitz function  $f$  defined on an open subset  $\Omega$  of  $X$  to a finite dimensional Banach space  $Y$  is uniformly intermediate differentiable at every point  $\Omega \setminus A$ , where  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ -lower porous set.*

### 3. Proof of Theorem 2

Let  $G_n$  be the union of all balls  $B(c, r) \subset \Omega$  such that  $r < 1/n$  and there exists an affine function  $a$  on  $X$  for which  $\|f(z) - a(z)\| \leq r/n$  where  $z \in B(c, 2r)$ . Put  $P_n = \Omega \setminus G_n$  and  $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n$ . It is sufficient to prove that

(i) each  $P_n$  is  $\sigma$ -lower porous and

(ii)  $f$  has a uniform intermediate derivative at each point of  $\Omega \setminus A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n$ .

For (i), it is sufficient to prove that each  $P_n$  is lower porous at each point  $x \in \Omega$ . To prove this choose  $n$ ,  $x$  and find  $\delta > 0$ ,  $K > 0$  such that  $B(x, \delta) \subset \Omega$ ,  $\delta < 1/n$  and  $f$  is Lipschitz with constant  $K$  on  $B(x, \delta)$ . Now find  $c = c(\frac{1}{2nK})$  by Theorem 1 and consider an arbitrary  $0 < \rho < \delta$ . By the choice of  $c$  there exists a ball  $B(y, r) \subset B(x, \rho)$  and an affine function  $a$  on  $X$  such that  $r \geq c\rho$  and

$$\|f(z) - a(z)\| \leq \frac{1}{2nK}rK = \frac{r}{2n} \quad \text{for each } z \in B(y, r).$$

Therefore  $B(y, r/2) \subset G_n$  and we see that  $P_n$  is lower porous at  $x$  (with  $\eta = c/2$ ).

To prove (ii), suppose that  $z \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n$  is given. Then there exist sequences  $(B(c_n, r_n))$  of balls and  $(a_n)$  of affine functions on  $X$  such that  $0 < r_n < 1/n$ ,  $z \in B(c_n, r_n)$  and

$$\|f(y) - a_n(y)\| < r_n/n \quad \text{for each } y \in B(c_n, 2r_n). \quad (2)$$

Let  $a_n(t) = q_n + m_n(t)$ , where  $q_n \in Y$  and  $m_n$  be a linear function of  $X$  to  $Y$ . If  $v \in X$ ,  $\|v\| = 1$ , then (1) implies that for any  $\|y^*\| \leq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left\langle \frac{f(z + r_nv) - f(z)}{r_n} - m_n(v), y^* \right\rangle \right| \\ &= \left| \left\langle \frac{f(z + r_nv) - f(z)}{r_n} - \frac{a_n(z + r_nv) - a_n(z)}{r_n}, y^* \right\rangle \right| \\ &\leq \left| \left\langle \frac{f(z + r_nv) - a(z + r_nv)}{r_n}, y^* \right\rangle \right| + \left| \left\langle \frac{f(z) - a_n(z)}{r_n}, y^* \right\rangle \right| \\ &< \frac{2}{n} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Since  $f$  is locally Lipschitz, there exist  $L > 0$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|\langle m_n(v), y^* \rangle| < L + \frac{2}{n}$  whenever  $n \geq n_0$  and  $\|v\| = 1$ . Therefore  $\{m_n\}_{n=n_0}^{\infty}$  is a uniformly bounded sequence in the space  $L(X, Y)$  with the uniform operator topology. Because of the uniform boundedness of  $\{m_n\}$  in  $L(X, Y)$  we can choose a subsequence  $\{m_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  and  $x \in L(X, Y)$  such that for all  $v \in X$ ,  $m_{n_k}(v)$  converges to  $m(v)$  weakly in  $Y$ . Put  $t_k := r_{n_k}$ . Then (3) and the weak convergence of  $\{m_{n_k}(v)\}$  imply that

$$\frac{f(z + t_kv) - f(z)}{t_k} \rightarrow m(v) \text{ weakly in } Y$$

for each  $v \in X$ ,  $\|v\| = 1$ , which completes the proof.

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