

## Exercise Series 02

• **Exercise 01:** Let

$$\Omega = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}.$$

Determine all tangent vectors to  $\Omega$

• **Exercise 02:**

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathcal{E} \in \Omega$ . Calculate  $T_x(\mathcal{E})$  in the following cases:

**Case 1:**  $\Omega = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y = x\}$

Let  $x \in \Omega$  be arbitrary.

**Case 2:**  $\Omega = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$

• **Exercise 03:**

We consider the ball  $\mathbb{B}$  centered at  $(0, 0)$  with radius 1, i.e.:

$$\mathbb{B} = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}.$$

1. Compute  $T_{\mathbb{B}}((x_0, y_0))$  in the case  $x_0^2 + y_0^2 < 1$ . (Recall that  $T_{\mathbb{B}}((x_0, y_0))$  is the tangent cone to  $\mathbb{B}$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .)
2. Compute  $T_{\mathbb{B}}((x_0, y_0))$  in the case  $x_0^2 + y_0^2 = 1$ .
3. Using Nagumo's theorem, give a necessary and sufficient condition for the Cauchy problem

$$(y_1', y_2') = f(y_1, y_2); \quad (y_1(t_0), y_2(t_0)) = (a, b) \in \mathbb{B}$$

where  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is defined by

$$f(y_1, y_2) = (y_1, 0),$$

to have at least one local solution.

**Solution to Exercise 1** We want to determine all vectors  $v$  tangent to  $\Omega$  at a point  $x_0$ .

A vector  $v = (v_1, v_2)$  is tangent to  $\Omega$  at  $x_0$  if:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\text{dist}(x_0 + hv, \Omega)}{h} = 0.$$

Here,  $x_0 + hv = (1 + hv_1, hv_2)$ . The distance between  $(1 + hv_1, hv_2)$  and the circle is:

$$\text{dist}((1 + hv_1, hv_2), \Omega) = \left| \sqrt{(1 + hv_1)^2 + (hv_2)^2} - 1 \right|.$$

Hence:

$$\frac{1}{h} \text{dist}(x_0 + hv, \Omega) = \frac{\sqrt{(1 + hv_1)^2 + (hv_2)^2} - 1}{h}.$$

Taking the limit as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , we get:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h} \text{dist}(x_0 + hv, \Omega) = v_1 = 0.$$

Thus, all tangent vectors at the point  $(1, 0)$  are of the form  $v = (0, v_2)$ .

### Solution to Exercise 2

**Reminder:** A vector  $v \in T_x(\mathcal{E})$  if and only if:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h} \text{dist}(\mathcal{E} + hv, \Omega) = 0.$$

Let  $\mathcal{E} = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) \in \Omega$ , so  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2$ . Let  $v = (v_1, v_2) \in T_{\mathcal{E}}(\Omega)$ .

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h} \text{dist}((\epsilon_1 + hv_1, \epsilon_2 + hv_2), \Omega) = 0$$

The distance from a point  $(a, b)$  to the line  $y = x$  is:

$$\text{dist}((a, b), \Omega) = \frac{|a - b|}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

So:

$$\text{dist}(\mathcal{E} + hv, \Omega) = \frac{|(\epsilon_1 + hv_1) - (\epsilon_2 + hv_2)|}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{|h(v_1 - v_2)|}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Then:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h} \text{dist}(\mathcal{E} + hv, \Omega) = \frac{|v_1 - v_2|}{\sqrt{2}} = 0 \implies v_1 = v_2.$$

Thus:

$$T_{\mathcal{E}}(\Omega) = \{(v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid v_1 = v_2\}.$$

**Case 2:**  $\Omega = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$

Let  $\mathcal{E} = (0, 0)$  be the origin. Let  $v = (v_1, v_2) \in T_{\mathcal{E}}(\Omega)$ .

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h} \text{dist}(\mathcal{E} + hv, \Omega) = 0$$

Here,  $\mathcal{E} + hv = (hv_1, hv_2)$ . The distance from  $(hv_1, hv_2)$  to the circle is:

$$\text{dist}((hv_1, hv_2), \Omega) = \left| \sqrt{(hv_1)^2 + (hv_2)^2} - 1 \right| = |h\sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2} - 1|.$$

Then:

$$\frac{1}{h} \text{dist}((hv_1, hv_2), \Omega) = \frac{|h\sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2} - 1|}{h} = \frac{|1 - h\sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}|}{h} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0^+.$$

This limit is never zero for any nonzero vector  $v$ .

**Conclusion:**

$$T_{(0,0)}(\Omega) = \{(0, 0)\}.$$

### Solution to Exercise 03

We consider the unit ball

$$\mathbb{B} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}.$$

#### 1. Case $x_0^2 + y_0^2 < 1$ (interior point)

If  $(x_0, y_0)$  is strictly inside the ball, then the tangent cone at  $(x_0, y_0)$  is the whole space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , since we can move in any direction without leaving the ball. Hence,

$$T_{\mathbb{B}}((x_0, y_0)) = \mathbb{R}^2, \quad \text{if } x_0^2 + y_0^2 < 1.$$

#### 2. Case $x_0^2 + y_0^2 = 1$ (boundary point)

If  $(x_0, y_0)$  is on the boundary (the unit circle), the tangent cone consists of all vectors pointing *inwards or tangent to the circle*, i.e., not pointing outside. For a convex set, the tangent cone at a boundary point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is given by

$$T_{\mathbb{B}}((x_0, y_0)) = \{(v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_0 v_1 + y_0 v_2 \leq 0\}.$$

#### 3. Nagumo's theorem and the Cauchy problem

Consider the Cauchy problem

$$(y'_1, y'_2) = f(y_1, y_2) = (y_1, 0), \quad (y_1(t_0), y_2(t_0)) = (a, b) \in \mathbb{B}.$$

According to **Nagumo's theorem** (Theorem ??), a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a local solution that remains in  $\mathbb{B}$  is

$$f(y_1, y_2) \in T_{\mathbb{B}}(y_1, y_2), \quad \forall (y_1, y_2) \in \partial\mathbb{B}.$$

At a boundary point  $(x_0, y_0)$ , we have

$$f(x_0, y_0) = (x_0, 0) \in T_{\mathbb{B}}((x_0, y_0)) \implies x_0^2 + 0 \cdot y_0 \leq 0 \implies x_0 = 0.$$

Therefore, the necessary and sufficient condition for a solution to remain inside  $\mathbb{B}$  is

$$(a, b) \in \mathbb{B}, \quad \text{and if } a^2 + b^2 = 1 \text{ (boundary), then } a = 0.$$

$$\text{Summary: } \begin{cases} T_{\mathbb{B}}((x_0, y_0)) = \mathbb{R}^2, & \text{if } x_0^2 + y_0^2 < 1, \\ T_{\mathbb{B}}((x_0, y_0)) = \{(v_1, v_2) \mid x_0 v_1 + y_0 v_2 \leq 0\}, & \text{if } x_0^2 + y_0^2 = 1, \\ \text{Nagumo condition: } (a, b) \in \mathbb{B}, & \text{and if } a^2 + b^2 = 1, \text{ then } a = 0. \end{cases}$$