

The Implicit Function and Inverse Function Theorems

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Ideas Of Solving Equations

There are different ways to solve equations. Two ideas:

- Let $f : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a function. We want to solve the equation

$$f(p, x) = 0.$$

Idea: x is a function of p : $x = s(p)$, such that

$$f(p, s(p)) = 0.$$

The function $x = s(p)$ is defined *implicitly* by the equation.

- Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a function. The idea of solving the equation

$$f(x) = y$$

for x as a function of y concerns the inversion of f .

Important Theorems

When does such a function $s(p)$ or inversion of f exist?

There are two well-known theorems, which guarantee us a at least **local** solution under special conditions:

- Implicit Function Theorem
- Inverse Function Theorem

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Solution Mapping

'Problem': fix vector p and we are looking for a 'solution' x such that the equation $f(p, x) = 0$ holds.

⇒ **solution mapping S** as **set-valued mapping** signaled by the notation:

$$S : \mathbb{R}^d \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$$
$$p \mapsto \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(p, x) = 0\}$$

The **graph of S** is the set

$$\text{gph}S = \{(p, x) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^n \mid x \in S(p)\}$$

What are the properties of set-valued mappings?

Properties of set-valued mappings

General set-valued mapping

$$F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^m$$

with graph of F

$$\text{gph}F = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \mid y \in F(x)\}$$

F is ...

... **empty-valued** at $x : \Leftrightarrow F(x) = \emptyset$

... **single-valued** at $x : \Leftrightarrow F(x) = y$ with $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

... **multivalued** at $x : \Leftrightarrow F(x)$ assigns more than one element, $|F(x)| \geq 2$.

Domain and Range of F

Let $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^m$ be a set-valued mapping. The **domain** of F is the set

$$\text{dom}F = \{x \mid F(x) \neq \emptyset\}$$

while the **range** of F is

$$\text{rge}F = \{y \mid y \in F(x) \text{ for some } x\}$$

A *function* from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m is a set-valued mapping $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^m$ which is single-valued at every point of $\text{dom}F$.

We can emphasize this by writing $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$.

Inverse of set-valued mappings

One advantage of the framework of set-valued mappings:

Every set-valued mapping $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^m$ has an inverse, namely the set valued mapping $F^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by

$$F^{-1}(y) = \{x \mid y \in F(x)\}$$

In this manner a function f **always** has an inverse f^{-1} as a **set-valued mapping**.

When is the set-valued mapping f^{-1} a function?

Graphical Localization

For $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^m$ and a pair $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \text{gph } F$, a **graphical localization of F at \bar{x} for \bar{y}** is a set-valued mapping \bar{F} , such that

$$\text{gph } \bar{F} = (U \times V) \cap \text{gph } F \text{ for some neighborhoods } U \text{ of } \bar{x} \text{ and } V \text{ of } \bar{y}$$

so that

$$\bar{F} : x \mapsto \begin{cases} F(x) \cap V & x \in U \\ \emptyset & \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{F}^{-1} : y \mapsto \begin{cases} F^{-1}(y) \cap U & y \in V \\ \emptyset & \end{cases}$$

Single-Valued Localization

Definition

By a **single-valued localization of F** at \bar{x} will be meant a graphical localization that is a function, its domain not necessarily being a neighbourhood of \bar{x} .

The case where the domain is indeed a neighbourhood of \bar{x} will be indicated by referring to a single-valued localization of F around \bar{x} for \bar{y} , instead of just \bar{x} for \bar{y} .

The Solution Mapping

The solution mapping of $f(p, x) = 0$ is a set-valued mapping, which is defined by

$$S : \mathbb{R}^d \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$$
$$S(p) = \{x \mid f(p, x) = 0\}$$

We can look at pairs (\bar{p}, \bar{x}) in $\text{gph}S$ and ask whether S has a single-valued localization s around \bar{p} for \bar{x} .

Such a localization is exactly what constitutes an implicit function coming out of the equation.

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Classical Implicit Function Theorem

Theorem

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be continuously differentiable in a neighbourhood of a point (\bar{p}, \bar{x}) and such that $f(\bar{p}, \bar{x}) = 0$, and let the partial Jacobian of f with respect to x at (\bar{p}, \bar{x}) , namely $\nabla_x f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})$, be nonsingular.

Then the solution mapping S has a single-valued localization s around \bar{p} for \bar{x} which is continuously differentiable in a neighbourhood Q of \bar{p} with Jacobian satisfying

$$\nabla s(p) = -\nabla_x f(p, s(p))^{-1} \nabla_p f(p, s(p)) \quad \forall p \in Q$$

Contraction Mapping Principle

Theorem (Contraction Mapping Principle)

Let X be a complete metric space with metric d . Consider a point $\bar{x} \in X$ and function $\phi : X \rightarrow X$ for which there exist scalars $a > 0$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1)$ such that

$$1. d(\phi(\bar{x}), \bar{x}) \leq a(1 - \lambda)$$

$$2. d(\phi(x'), \phi(x)) \leq \lambda d(x', x) \quad \forall x, x' \in \mathbb{B}_a(\bar{x})$$

Then there is a unique $x \in \mathbb{B}_a(\bar{x})$ satisfying $x = \phi(x)$.

Proof: Analysis

Another equivalent version of contraction mapping principle:

Parametric Contraction Mapping Principle

Theorem

Let X be a complete metric space and P be a metric space with metrics d_x, d_p and let $\phi : P \times X \rightarrow X$. Suppose that there exist a $\lambda \in [0, 1)$ and $\mu \geq 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} d_x(\phi(p, x'), \phi(p, x)) &\leq \lambda d_x(x', x) & \forall x, x' \in X \forall p \in P \\ d_x(\phi(p', x), \phi(p, x)) &\leq \mu d_p(p', p) & \forall p, p' \in P \forall x \in X \end{aligned}$$

then the mapping

$$\Psi : p \mapsto \{x \in X \mid x = \phi(p, x)\} \quad \text{for } p \in P$$

is single-valued on P , which is moreover Lipschitz continuous on P with Lipschitz constant $\mu/(1 - \lambda)$.

Sketch Of Proof

Step 1: Existence of a single-valued localization $s(p) = x$

To show: The function

$$\begin{aligned}\psi : \mathbb{R}^q \times \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ (p, x) &\mapsto x - D^{-1}f(p, x)\end{aligned}$$

where $D := \nabla_x f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})$, satisfies the condition of the Parametric Contraction Mapping Principle - Theorem.

\Rightarrow single-valued localization in a neighbourhood of (\bar{p}, \bar{x}) .

$$s : p \mapsto \{x \mid x = \psi(p, x) = x - D^{-1}f(p, x)\}$$

Step 2: Derivative of s

Use Chainrule. Let $p \in U(\bar{p})$

$$0 = f(p, s(p))$$

$$0 = \nabla_p f(p, s(p)) + \nabla_x f(p, s(p)) \nabla_p s(p)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \nabla s(p) = -\nabla_x f(p, s(p))^{-1} \nabla_p f(p, s(p))$$

Step 3: Continuous differentiability of s

f is continuously differentiable and $\nabla_x f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})$ is nonsingular.

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Classical Inverse Function Theorem

Theorem

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be continuously differentiable in a neighbourhood of a point \bar{x} and let $\bar{y} = f(\bar{x})$.

If $\nabla f(\bar{x})$ is nonsingular, then f^{-1} has a single-valued localization s around \bar{y} for \bar{x} . Moreover, the function s is continuously differentiable in a neighbourhood V of \bar{y} , and its Jacobian satisfies

$$\nabla s(y) = \nabla f(s(y))^{-1} \quad \forall y \in V$$

Sketch Of Proof

The Inverse Function Theorem is a special case of the Implicit Function Theorem:

Sketch of Proof: Let $\bar{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be defined by $\bar{f}(x, y) = f(x) - y$. f is continuously differentiable and hence \bar{f} is continuously differentiable and $\nabla_x \bar{f}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \nabla f(\bar{x})$ is nonsingular.

\Rightarrow a single valued function exists:

$$s : y \mapsto \{x | f(x) - y = 0\} = \{x | f(x) = y\}$$

And

$$\nabla s(y) = -\nabla_x \bar{f}(x, y)^{-1} \nabla_y \bar{f}(x, y) = \nabla f(x)^{-1}$$

Are there any conditions such that the following two statements are equivalent?

- the solution mapping S has a single-valued localization s around \bar{p} for \bar{x} which is continuously differentiable in a neighbourhood Q of \bar{p}
- $\nabla_x f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})$ is nonsingular.

Answer: Yes! The condition: $\nabla_p f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})$ has full rank n .

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Symmetric Implicit Function Theorem

Theorem (Symmetric Implicit Function Theorem)

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be continuously differentiable in a neighbourhood of (\bar{p}, \bar{x}) and such that $f(\bar{p}, \bar{x}) = 0$, and let $\nabla_p f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})$ be of full rank n . Then the following are equivalent

- the solution mapping S has a single-valued localization s around \bar{p} for \bar{x} which is continuously differentiable in a neighbourhood Q of \bar{p}
- $\nabla_x f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})$ is nonsingular.

Symmetric Inverse Function Theorem

Theorem (Symmetric Inverse Function Theorem)

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be continuously differentiable around \bar{x} . Then the following are equivalent

- $\nabla f(\bar{x})$ is nonsingular.
- f^{-1} has a single-valued localization around $\bar{y} := f(\bar{x})$ for \bar{x} which is continuously differentiable around \bar{y} .

Proof: Classical Inverse Function Theorem + Symmetric Implicit Function Theorem

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Calmness

Definition (Calmness)

A function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is said to be **calm at \bar{x}** relative to a set D in \mathbb{R}^n if $\bar{x} \in D \cap \text{dom} f$ and there exists a constant $\kappa \geq 0$ such that

$$|f(x) - f(\bar{x})| \leq \kappa |x - \bar{x}| \quad \forall x \in D \cap \text{dom} f$$

Definition (Lipschitz Continuous Functions)

A function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is said to be **Lipschitz continuous** relative to a set D , or on a set D , if $D \subset \text{dom} f$ and there exists a constant $\kappa \geq 0$ such that

$$|f(x) - f(x')| \leq \kappa |x - x'| \quad \forall x, x' \in D$$

Calmness Modulus

Definition (Calmness Modulus)

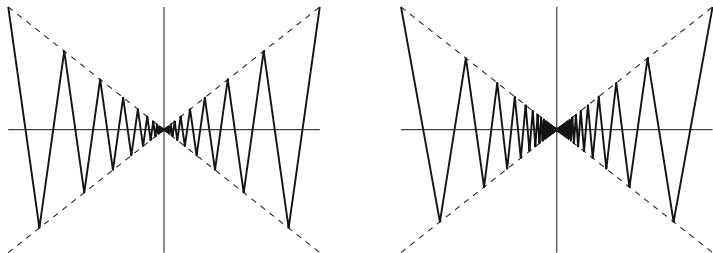
The **calmness modulus** of f at \bar{x} , denoted $\text{clm}(f; \bar{x})$ is defined by

$$\text{clm}(f; \bar{x}) := \limsup_{x \in \text{dom} f, x \rightarrow \bar{x}, x \neq \bar{x}} \frac{|f(x) - f(\bar{x})|}{|x - \bar{x}|}$$

It is obvious that

$$f \text{ is calm at } \bar{x} \iff \text{clm}(f; \bar{x}) < \infty$$

Lipschitz vs Calmness



$$1. f(x) = (-1)^{n+1}9x + (-1)^n \frac{2^{2n+1}}{5^{n-2}}, |x| \in \left[\frac{4^n}{5^{n-1}}, \frac{4^{n-1}}{5^{n-2}} \right]$$

$$2. f(x) = (-1)^{n+1}(6+n)x + (-1)^n 210 \frac{(5+n)!}{(6+n)!},$$

$$|x| \in \left[210 \frac{(5+n)!}{(7+n)!}, 210 \frac{(4+n)!}{(6+n)!} \right]$$

Properties of Calmness Modulus

- $\text{clm}(f; \bar{x}) \geq 0$ for every $\bar{x} \in \text{dom} f$
- $\text{clm}(\lambda f; \bar{x}) = |\lambda| \text{clm}(f; \bar{x})$ for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\bar{x} \in \text{dom} f$
- $\text{clm}(f + g; \bar{x}) \leq \text{clm}(f; \bar{x}) + \text{clm}(g; \bar{x})$ any $\forall \bar{x} \in \text{dom} f \cap \text{dom} g$
- $\text{clm}(f \circ g; \bar{x}) \leq \text{clm}(f; \bar{x}) \cdot \text{clm}(g; \bar{x})$ whenever $\bar{x} \in \text{dom} g$
and $g(\bar{x}) \in \text{dom} f$
- $\text{clm}(f + g; \bar{x}) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{clm}(f; \bar{x}) = \text{clm}(g; \bar{x})$ whenever $\bar{x} \in \text{dom} g \cap \text{dom} f$
(converse is false!!!)

Partial Calmness

Definition

A function $f : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be **calm w. r. t. x** at $(\bar{p}, \bar{x}) \in \text{dom}f$ when the function ϕ with values $\phi(\bar{x}) = f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})$ is calm at \bar{x} . Such calmness is said to be **uniform in p** at (\bar{p}, \bar{x}) when there exists a constant $\kappa \geq 0$ and neighbourhoods Q of \bar{p} and U of \bar{x} such that actually

$$|f(p, x) - f(p, \bar{x})| \leq \kappa |x - \bar{x}| \quad \forall (p, x) \in (Q \times U) \cap \text{dom}f$$

The **partial calmness modulus of f w. r. t. x** at (\bar{p}, \bar{x}) is denoted as $\text{clm}_x(f; (\bar{p}, \bar{x}))$.

While the **uniform partial calmness modulus** is

$$\widehat{\text{clm}}_x(f; (\bar{p}, \bar{x})) := \limsup_{x \rightarrow \bar{x}, p \rightarrow \bar{p}, (p, x) \in \text{dom}f, x \neq \bar{x}} \frac{|f(p, x) - f(p, \bar{x})|}{|x - \bar{x}|}.$$

The Theorems shows that the invertibility of the derivative is a necessary condition to obtain a calm single valued localization of the inverse.

Theorem (Jacobian Nonsingularity from Inverse Calmness)

Given $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\bar{x} \in \text{int dom} f$. Let f be differentiable at \bar{x} and let $\bar{y} = f(\bar{x})$.

If f^{-1} has a single-valued localization around \bar{y} for \bar{x} , which is calm at \bar{y} then $\nabla f(\bar{x})$ is nonsingular.

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Lipschitz Continuity

Definition (Lipschitz Continuous Functions)

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$$|f(x) - f(x')| \leq \kappa |x - x'| \quad \forall x, x' \in D$$

Definition (Lipschitz Modulus)

The **Lipschitz modulus** of f at \bar{x} , denoted $\text{clm}(f; \bar{x})$ is defined by

$$\text{lip}(f; \bar{x}) := \limsup_{x', x \rightarrow \bar{x}, x \neq x'} \frac{|f(x) - f(x')|}{|x - x'|}$$

It is obvious that

$$f \text{ is Lipschitz continuous around } \bar{x} \iff \text{lip}(f; \bar{x}) < \infty$$

Lipschitz Continuity from Differentiability

Theorem

If f is continuously differentiable on an open set O and C is a compact convex subset of O , then f is Lipschitz continuous relative to C with constant

$$\kappa = \max_{x \in C} |\nabla f(x)|.$$

Proof: Analysis.

Easy Examples:

- The function $x \mapsto x^2$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R} , but not Lipschitz continuous on \mathbb{R} .
- The function $x \mapsto |x|$ is Lipschitz continuous with $\text{lip}(|x|, x) = 1$ on \mathbb{R} but it is not differentiable at 0.

Strict Differentiability

Definition (Strict Differentiability)

A function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is said to be **strictly differentiable** at point \bar{x} if there is a linear mapping $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ such that

$$\text{lip}(e; \bar{x}) = 0 \text{ for } e(x) = f(x) - [f(\bar{x}) + A(x - \bar{x})]$$

$$\text{lip}(e; \bar{x}) = \limsup_{x', x \rightarrow \bar{x}, x \neq x'} \frac{|f(x) - [f(x') + A(x - x')]|}{|x - x'|}$$

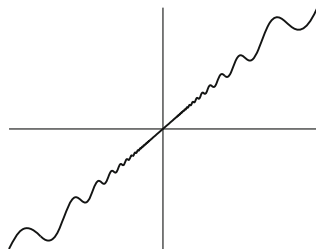
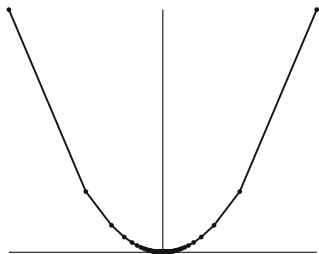
Definition

A function f is differentiable if there exists a linear mapping $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ such that

$$\text{clm}(e, \bar{x}) = 0, \quad \text{clm}(e, \bar{x}) = \limsup_{x \in \text{dom} f, x \rightarrow \bar{x}, x \neq \bar{x}} \frac{|f(x) - [f(\bar{x}) + A(x - \bar{x})]|}{|x - \bar{x}|}$$

If f is differentiable at \bar{x} then $A = \nabla f(\bar{x})$.

Strict Differentiability vs Differentiability



1. $f(0) = 0$, $f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2}$ and it is linear in the Intervals $\left[\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n+1}\right]$
2. $f(0) = 0$, $f(x) = \frac{x}{2} + x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

Properties of Strict Differentiability

- f is continuously differentiable in a neighbourhood of $\bar{x} \Rightarrow f$ is strictly differentiable at \bar{x}
- f is strictly differentiable on an open set $O \iff f$ is continuously differentiable on O
- f is differentiable at every point in a neighbourhood of \bar{x} . Then

f is strictly differentiable at $\bar{x} \iff \nabla f$ is continuous at \bar{x}

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Symmetric Inverse Function Theorem Under Strict Differentiability

Theorem (Symmetric Inverse Function Theorem Under Strict Differentiability)

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be strictly differentiable at \bar{x} . Then the following are equivalent

- $\nabla f(\bar{x})$ is nonsingular
- f^{-1} has a single-valued localization s around $\bar{y} := f(\bar{x})$ for \bar{x} which is strictly differentiable at \bar{y} . In that case, moreover

$$\nabla s(\bar{y}) = \nabla f(\bar{x})^{-1}$$

Strict Partial Differentiability

Definition (Strict Partial Differentiability)

A function $f : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is said to be **strictly differentiable with respect to x** at (\bar{p}, \bar{x}) if the function $x \mapsto f(\bar{p}, x)$ is strictly differentiable at \bar{x} . It is said to be **strictly differentiable with respect to x uniformly in p** at (\bar{p}, \bar{x}) if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there are neighbourhoods Q of \bar{p} and U of \bar{x} such that

$$|f(p, x) - [f(p, x') + D_x f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})(x - x')]| \leq \epsilon |x - x'| \quad \forall x, x' \in U \forall p \in Q.$$

Implicit Functions Under Strict Partial Differentiability

Theorem (Implicit Functions Under Strict Partial Differentiability)

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be strictly differentiable at a point (\bar{p}, \bar{x}) and such that $f(\bar{p}, \bar{x}) = 0$ and let the partial Jacobian $\nabla_x f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})$ be nonsingular. Then the solution mapping

$$S : p \mapsto \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(p, x) = 0\}$$

has a single-valued localization s around \bar{p} for \bar{x} which is strictly differentiable at \bar{p} with its Jacobian expressed by

$$\nabla s(\bar{p}) = -\nabla_x f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})^{-1} \nabla_p f(\bar{p}, \bar{x}).$$

Proof: Similar to the proof of the Classic Implicit Function Theorem.

Summary - Inverse Function Theorem

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be **continuously differentiable around** / **strictly differentiable at** \bar{x} and let $\bar{y} = f(\bar{x})$. Then the following are equivalent

- ∇f is nonsingular
- f^{-1} has a single-valued localization s around $\bar{y} := f(\bar{x})$ for \bar{x} which is **continuously differentiable around** / **strictly differentiable at** \bar{y} . In that case, moreover

$$\nabla s(y) = \nabla f(s(y))^{-1} \quad y \in U_\epsilon(\bar{y})$$

$$\nabla s(\bar{y}) = \nabla f(\bar{x})^{-1}$$

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be **differentiable at** $\bar{x} \in \text{int dom } f$ and let $\bar{y} = f(\bar{x})$. If f^{-1} has a single-valued localization around \bar{y} for \bar{x} , which is **calm** at \bar{y} then $\nabla f(\bar{x})$ is nonsingular.

Summary - Implicit Functions

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be **continuously differentiable around** / **strictly differentiable at** (\bar{p}, \bar{x}) and such that $f(\bar{p}, \bar{x}) = 0$ and let the partial Jacobian $\nabla_x f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})$ be nonsingular.

Then the solution mapping S has a single-valued localization s around \bar{p} for \bar{x} which is **continuously differentiable around** / **strictly differentiable at** \bar{p} with its Jacobian expressed by

$$\nabla s(p) = -\nabla_x f(p, s(p))^{-1} \nabla_p f(p, s(p)) \quad p \in U_\epsilon(\bar{p})$$

$$\nabla s(\bar{p}) = -\nabla_x f(\bar{p}, \bar{x})^{-1} \nabla_p f(\bar{p}, \bar{x}).$$

Thank you for your attention