

Mathematical analysis 2, WNE, 2018/2019  
meeting 20. – solutions

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1. Check the theorem of inverse function for  $f(x, y) = (xy^2, x)$  and points  $(1, 1)$  and  $(t, 0)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Generally there is no inverse function – it is not possible to get out of  $(xy^2, x)$  uniquely  $(x, y)$ , because even though  $x$  can be determined uniquely, we do not know the sign of  $y$ . We can write that  $(a, b) \mapsto (b, \pm\sqrt{a/b})$ , but we cannot determine the sign.

But in a neighborhood of a given point it may be possible. E.g. consider the point  $(1, 1)$ . In its neighborhood  $y > 0$ , so for  $B((1, 1), 1/2)$ , we get  $f^{-1}(a, b) = (b, \sqrt{a/b})$  – and it works. Looking at the Theorem, indeed,

$$f' = \begin{bmatrix} y^2 & 2xy \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

so

$$f'(1, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $\det f'(1, 1) = -2 \neq 0$ . Moreover, indeed

$$(f')^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1/2xy & -y/2x \end{bmatrix}$$

is the same as

$$(f^{-1}(a, b))' = (b, \sqrt{a/b})' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1/2xy & -y/2x \end{bmatrix}.$$

On the other hand at  $(x, 0)$  (for any  $x$ ) there is not inverse function since

$$f'(x, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and so  $\det f'(x, 0) = 0$ .