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Recently we used the notion of a derivative of a function defined on a metric space in a proof of the Maximum Principle for an optimal control problem with general constraints. In this talk we will explore some properties of this “sequential strict derivative.” In addition to a few concrete calculations, we indicate a some elementary properties. Finally we outline the calculation needed in the proof of the Maximum Principle. (Received January 16, 2007)