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This examination paper consists of **4** pages and **6** questions. Please bring any discrepancy to the attention of an invigilator. The number in brackets at the start of each question is the number of points the question is worth.

Answer **5 of 6** questions.

**To obtain credit, you must explicitly state your result and give arguments to support your answer.**

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1. [10] For the function  $f(x, y) = x + xy + y$  compute: the partial derivatives, the gradient, the directional derivative at  $Q(0, 0)$  toward the point  $P(3, -4)$ , and the maximal and minimal rate of change of  $f$  at  $Q(0, 0)$ .

**Solution:**

- $f_x = 1 + y, f_y = 1 + x$ .
- $\vec{\nabla} f = \langle 1 + y, 1 + x \rangle, (\vec{\nabla} f)(0, 0) = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$ .
- $\vec{u} = \vec{QP} = \frac{\langle 3, -4 \rangle}{\sqrt{9+16}} = \langle \frac{3}{5}, -\frac{4}{5} \rangle$ .
- $(D_{\vec{u}} f)(0, 0) = (\vec{\nabla} f)(0, 0) \cdot \vec{u} = \langle 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle \frac{3}{5}, -\frac{4}{5} \rangle = -\frac{1}{5}$ .
- The maximal/minimal rate of change of  $f$  at  $Q(0, 0)$  is  $\pm |(\vec{\nabla} f)(0, 0)| = \pm\sqrt{2}$ .

2. [10] Compute *all* local minima, maxima, and saddle points of the function  $f(x, y) = xy - x - y + 1$

**Solution:** If you write  $xy - x - y + 1 = (x - 1)(y - 1)$  and change coordinates  $x' = x - 1, y' = y - 1$  this problem is identical to Quiz 4. Here is the solution again: The first and second order derivatives are

$$f_x = y - 1, \quad f_y = x - 1, \quad f_{x,x} = 0, \quad f_{y,y} = 0, \quad f_{x,y} = f_{y,x} = 1.$$

Setting  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  equal to zero gives only one critical point, namely  $(1, 1)$ . The Hessian matrix is constant and equals

$$H_f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus  $D_f = |H_f| = 0 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 1 < 0$  and the second derivative test tells us that  $(1, 1)$  is a saddle point.

*Answer:* The *only* critical point  $(1, 1)$  of  $f$  is a saddle point.

3. [10] Find the points  $(x, y)$  where the gradients of the two functions  $f(x, y) = (x-1)^2 + y^2$  and  $g(x, y) = (x+1)^2 + y^2$  are orthogonal. Explain your result geometrically (text or picture).

**Solution:** The gradients of the two functions are, up to a factor 2,  $\vec{\nabla}f \equiv \langle x-1, y \rangle$  and  $\vec{\nabla}g \equiv \langle x+1, y \rangle$ . They are orthogonal exactly if the dot product

$$\vec{\nabla}f \cdot \vec{\nabla}g \equiv (x-1)(x+1) + y^2 = x^2 + y^2 - 1$$

equals 0. This is equivalent to the condition  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . *Conclusion:* The points in question are exactly the points on a unit circle centered at the origin.

*Geometrical explanation:* The level curves of  $f$  are circles centered at  $(1, 0)$ , those of  $g$  are circles centered at  $(-1, 0)$ . Recall that at each point the gradient is normal to the level curve through this point. Thus the two gradients are orthogonal at  $(x, y)$  exactly if the level curves of  $f$  and  $g$  through  $(x, y)$  are orthogonal. This means that the triangle with vertices  $(-1, 0)$ ,  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(x, y)$  has a  $90^\circ$  angle at  $(x, y)$ . Thales' Theorem states that all  $(x, y)$  for which this is true lie on the circle whose diameter is the line segment between  $(-1, 0)$  and  $(1, 0)$ . So the above computation verifies Thales' Theorem.

4. [10] Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the maximal volume of a circular cylinder with fixed surface area equal to 1.

**Solution:** Let  $r > 0$  be the radius and  $h > 0$  be the height of the cylinder. Then its volume is  $V(r, h) = \pi r^2 h$  and its surface is  $S(r, h) = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h = 2\pi(r^2 + rh)$ . Up to constant factors, the gradients of these two functions are

$$\vec{\nabla}V(r, h) = \langle 2rh, r^2 \rangle, \quad \vec{\nabla}S(r, h) = \langle 2r + h, r \rangle.$$

By the method of Lagrange multipliers, we have to solve the system  $\vec{\nabla}V(r, h) = \lambda \cdot \vec{\nabla}S(r, h)$ ,  $S(r, h) = 1$  or, more explicitly,

$$2rh = 2\lambda r + \lambda h, \quad r^2 = \lambda r, \quad r^2 + rh = \frac{1}{2\pi}.$$

Because  $r > 0$  the second equation gives  $r = \lambda > 0$ . Substituting into the first yields  $2\lambda h = 2\lambda^2 + \lambda h$  and hence  $h = 2\lambda$ . Finally we substitute this into our third equation to compute  $3\lambda^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi}$  and hence  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6\pi}}$ . Finally,  $r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6\pi}}$ ,  $h = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3\pi}}$ , and the maximal volume is  $V(r, h) = \frac{\pi}{6\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3\pi}} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{6\pi}}$ .

*Conclusion:* The maximal volume of a circular cylinder with surface 1 equals  $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{6\pi}}$ . The height and diameter of this maximal cylinder both equal  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3\pi}}$ .

5. [10] Calculate the double integral  $\iint_R \frac{x}{y} dA$  over the rectangle  $R = [0, 2] \times [1, 2]$ .

**Solution:** This is a simplified version of Exercise 16.2.9 which has been a homework problem for lecture 21.

$$\begin{aligned}\iint_R \frac{x}{y} dA &= \int_0^2 \int_1^2 \frac{x}{y} dy dx \\ &= \int_0^2 x [\log(y)]_1^2 dx \\ &= \log(2) \int_0^2 x dx \\ &= \frac{\log(2)}{2} [x^2]_0^2 \\ &= 2 \log(2)\end{aligned}$$

6. [10] Compute the double integral  $\iint_D x + 2y dA$  over the region  $D$  bounded by the two parabolas  $y = 2x^2$  and  $y = 1 + x^2$ .

**Solution:** This is Example 1 in Section 16.3 which has been discussed in lecture 22.

**End of examination**

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