

# Solutions Multivariable calculus, 2008-10-31.

1. The function  $f(x, y) = e^{x^2+2x+y^2}$  is defined on the disk  $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + 2x + y^2 \leq 0\}$ .

(a) Calculate the maximum directional derivative of  $f(x, y)$  at the point  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ . (2p)

*Answer:*

The maximum value of the directional derivative at the given point is:

$$|\nabla f(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})| = |(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y})_{(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})}| = |((2x+2)e^{x^2+2x+y^2}, 2ye^{x^2+2x+y^2})_{(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})}| = |e^{-\frac{1}{2}}, e^{-\frac{1}{2}}| = \sqrt{\frac{2}{e}}.$$

(b) Calculate the absolute minimum and maximum values of  $f(x, y)$  (on  $D$ ). (3p)

*Answer:*

We first establish if there are any interior critical points:

$$\begin{aligned} f_x = 0 &\Leftrightarrow (2x+2)e^{x^2+2x+y^2} = 0 \\ f_y = 0 &\Leftrightarrow 2ye^{x^2+2x+y^2} = 0 \end{aligned} \Leftrightarrow (x, y) = (-1, 0). \text{ This is an interior point of } D.$$

We then observe that, on the boundary of  $D$  (that is, when  $x^2 + 2x + y^2 = 0$ ),  $f$  has the constant value  $f(x, y) = e^0 = 1$ .

Since  $f(-1, 0) = e^{-1} < 1$ , we can infer that  $f_{min} = e^{-1}$  and  $f_{max} = 1$ .

If we rewrite the function as  $f(x, y) = e^{(x+1)^2+y^2-1}$  the result above can be arrived at even more directly.

(c) Calculate  $\iint_D f(x, y) dx dy$ . (3p)

*Answer:*

Taking our cue from the last comment above we set:  $x + 1 = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ . This gives:  $x^2 + 2x + y^2 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow (x+1)^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq r \leq 1$ . This gives

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 e^{r^2-1} r dr d\theta = 2\pi e^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} e^{r^2} \right]_0^1 = \pi(1 - e^{-1}).$$

Notice that  $A_D f_{min} < \pi(1 - e^{-1}) < A_D f_{max}$ , where  $A_D = \pi$  is the area of the disk.

2. Find and classify all critical points of the function  $g(x, y) = x^2y + y^2 + 2xy$ . (3p)

*Answer:*

We first find all critical points:

$$\begin{aligned} g_x = 0 &\Leftrightarrow 2y(x+1) = 0 \\ g_y = 0 &\Leftrightarrow x^2 + 2y + 2x = 0 \end{aligned} \Leftrightarrow (y = 0 \vee x = -1) \wedge x^2 + 2y + 2x = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x, y) = (0, 0) \vee (x, y) = (-2, 0) \vee (x, y) = (-1, \frac{1}{2}).$$

Also, we need the second derivatives:  $g_{xx} = 2y$ ,  $g_{yy} = 2$ ,  $g_{xy} = 2x + 2$ .

An expansion to second order around the critical points then yields:

$$(x, y) = (0, 0) : g(0+h, 0+k) \simeq g(0, 0) + \frac{1}{2} (g_{xx}(0, 0)h^2 + 2g_{xy}(0, 0)hk + g_{yy}(0, 0)k^2) =$$

$2hk + k^2 = (h+k)^2 - h^2$ . This means that  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle-point.

(This result can also be obtained directly from the functional form of  $g$ ).

$$(x, y) = (-2, 0) : g(-2+h, 0+k) \simeq g(-2, 0) + \frac{1}{2} (g_{xx}(-2, 0)h^2 + 2g_{xy}(-2, 0)hk + g_{yy}(-2, 0)k^2) = -2hk + k^2 = (h-k)^2 - h^2. \text{ We see that } (-2, 0) \text{ is also a saddle-point.}$$

$(x, y) = (-1, \frac{1}{2}) : g(-1+h, \frac{1}{2}+k) \simeq g(-1, \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}(g_{xx}(-1, \frac{1}{2})h^2 + 2g_{xy}(-1, \frac{1}{2})hk + g_{yy}(-1, \frac{1}{2})k^2) = -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}h^2 + k^2$ . From this we conclude that  $(-1, \frac{1}{2})$  is a local minimum point.

3. Calculate  $\iint_A \sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} dx dy$ , where  $A$  is bounded by the curves  $x^2y = 1$ ,  $y = 1$  and  $x = 4$ . (3p)

Answer:

A sketch of the curves will show that the region  $A$  can be described as  $A : \frac{1}{x^2} \leq y \leq 1, 1 \leq x \leq 4$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{This gives } \iint_A \sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} dx dy &= \int_1^4 \sqrt{x} \left( \int_{\frac{1}{x^2}}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} dy \right) dx = \int_1^4 \sqrt{x} \left[ 2\sqrt{y} \right]_{\frac{1}{x^2}}^1 dx = \\ &= 2 \int_1^4 \left( \sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) dx = 2 \left[ \frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_1^4 = \frac{16}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

4. Calculate  $\iint_D (x^2 - y^2) \ln(x+y) dx dy$ ,  $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 \leq x - y \leq 1, 1 \leq x + y \leq 2\}$ . (3p)

Answer:

The 'tilted' square  $D$  in the  $xy$ -plane can be transformed into the square  $0 \leq u \leq 1, 1 \leq v \leq 2$  in the  $uv$ -plane by the substitution:

$$u = x - y, \quad v = x + y, \quad \text{which gives } \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = \left( \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Inserted into the integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D (x^2 - y^2) \ln(x+y) dx dy &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \int_1^2 uv \ln v dv du = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 u du \int_1^2 v \ln v dv = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2}u^2 \right]_0^1 \left( \left[ \frac{1}{2}v^2 \ln v \right]_1^2 - \int_1^2 \frac{1}{2}v^2 \frac{1}{v} dv \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left( 2 \ln 2 - \left[ \frac{1}{4}v^2 \right]_1^2 \right) = \frac{\ln 2}{2} - \frac{3}{16}. \end{aligned}$$

5. Calculate  $\iiint_B \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} dx dy dz$ , where  $B$  is the solid sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 3$ . (3p)

Answer:

Using spherical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_B \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} dx dy dz &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1}{\rho} \rho^2 d\rho \sin \phi d\phi d\theta = \\ &= 4\pi \int_0^{\sqrt{3}} \rho d\rho = 4\pi \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho^2 \right]_0^{\sqrt{3}} = 6\pi. \end{aligned}$$

6. Find the absolute minimum and maximum values of  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$  subject to the constraint  $5x^2 - 6xy + 5y^2 = 4$ . (5p)

Answer:

Alt. 1 Using the method of Lagrange multipliers (let  $g(x, y, z) = 5x^2 - 6xy + 5y^2 - 4 = 0$  represent the constraint) :

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= \lambda g_x &\Leftrightarrow & 2x = \lambda(10x - 6y) \\ f_y &= \lambda g_y &\Leftrightarrow & 2y = \lambda(10y - 6x) \end{aligned} \Rightarrow$$

(multiply the two equations with  $y$  and  $x$ , respectively)

$$\begin{aligned} 2xy &= \lambda(10x - 6y)y \\ 2yx &= \lambda(10y - 6x)x \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \lambda(10xy - 6y^2) - \lambda(10yx - 6x^2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda = 0 \vee y = x \vee y = -x.$$

Now,  $\lambda = 0$  gives  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  which does not satisfy the constraint. This leaves us with the alternatives:

$$y = x \text{ into the constraint: } 5x^2 - 6x^2 + 5y^2 - 4 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm 1.$$

Interesting points:  $(-1, -1)$  and  $(1, 1)$ .

$$y = -x \text{ into the constraint: } 5x^2 - 6x(-x) + 5y^2 - 4 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{2}.$$

Interesting points:  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  and  $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$ .

$$\text{Comparison: } f(-1, -1) = f(1, 1) = 2, \quad f(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) = f(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Conclusion:  $f_{min} = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $f_{max} = 2$ .

7. Calculate  $\iiint_K z \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} dx dy dz$ ,  $K = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq z \leq 2 - x^2 - y^2\}$ . (5p)

Answer:

Alternative 1:

With  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , we get  $r \leq z \leq 2 - r^2 \Rightarrow r^2 + r - 2 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq r \leq 1$  (since  $r \geq 0$ ).

This gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_K z \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} dx dy dz &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r \left( \int_r^{2-r^2} z dz \right) r dr d\theta = 2\pi \int_0^1 r^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} z^2 \right]_r^{2-r^2} dr = \\ &= \pi \int_0^1 r^2 ((2-r^2)^2 - r^2) dr = \pi \int_0^1 (r^6 - 5r^4 + 4r^2) dr = \pi \left[ \frac{1}{7} r^7 - r^5 + \frac{4}{3} r^3 \right]_0^1 = \frac{10\pi}{21}. \end{aligned}$$

Alternative 2:

A 'slice' through  $K$  parallel to the  $xy$ -plane will be a circular disk with radius  $r = z$  for  $0 \leq z \leq 1$  and  $r = \sqrt{2-z}$  for  $1 \leq z \leq 2$ . This gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_K z \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} dx dy dz &= 2\pi \int_0^1 z \left( \int_0^z r r dr \right) dz + 2\pi \int_1^2 z \left( \int_0^{\sqrt{2-z}} r r dr \right) dz = \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{3} \int_0^1 z^3 dz + \frac{2\pi}{3} \int_1^2 z (2-z)^{\frac{3}{2}} dz = \frac{10\pi}{21}. \end{aligned}$$