

HOMEWORK. pgs. 273-275 numbers 2,8,10, pgs 279-280, numbers 2 4, pgs 286-287 number 2 (skip plotting task), 4,6, pgs 292-293 number 2,4. Also do:

- 1) Take a parameterized curve $\gamma : (f(u), g(u))$, where $g(u) > 0$ in the $x - y$ -plane and revolve it about the x -axis in space to create a surface (called a "surface of revolution").
 - a) Show that $X(u, v) = (f(u), g(u) \cos(v), g(u) \sin(v))$ parameterizes the surface, where $v \in [0, 2\pi)$.
 - b) Sketch the surface of revolution if $f(u) = u, g(u) = 1$ and in the case $f(u) = \cos(u), g(u) = \sin(u) + 2$.
- 2) Find a parameterization for the surface obtained by revolving the curve $y = e^x$ about the x -axis.
- 3) Find a parameterization for the surface, where $x - y^2 + z^4 y^4 = 0$.
- 4) Find a parameterization for the $y > 0$ part of the surface, where $y^2 - ((x^4 + z^4)^8 + 1) = 0$.
- 5) Find the area of the part of the plane $x + y + z = 1$, where $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$.
- 6) Integrate the function $f(x, y, z) = x - y$ over the part of the plane $x + 2y + 3z = 6$, where $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$.

MIDTERM
TOPICS.

- Extrema of functions of several variables
- Linear approximation. Level curves.
- Extrema of functions defined on surfaces.
- Integration in two variables

LEVELS OF UNDERSTANDING.

1. I) OBJECTS. Know **what** are the objects, definitions, theorems, names, jargon and history.
2. II) TASKS. Know **how** to work with the objects, run algorithms.
3. III) UNDERSTANDING. See different aspects, contexts. **Why** is it done like this?
4. IV) APPLY. Extend the theory, apply to new situations, invent new objects, ask question: **Why not...?**

I) Definitions and objects.

CONSTRAINED EXTREMUM of F constrained by $G = c$ are obtained where $\nabla F = \lambda \nabla G, G = c$.

CHAIN RULE. If $r(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ is a curve and $F(x, y)$ is a function, then $d/dt F(r(t)) = \nabla F(r(t)) \cdot r'(t)$.

CRITICAL POINT. $\nabla F(x, y) = (0, 0)$. Is also called **stationary point**.

DOUBLE INTEGRAL. $\int_a^b \int_{f(x)}^{g(x)} f(x, y) dy dx$ is an example of a double integral.

GRADIENT. $F(x, y)$ function of two variables, $\nabla F(x, y) = (\partial_x F(x, y), \partial_y F(x, y)) = (F_x(x, y), F_y(x, y))$.

HESSIAN. $F(x, y)$ function of two variables. The Hessian is the matrix $H(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} F_{xx}(x, y) & F_{xy}(x, y) \\ F_{yx}(x, y) & F_{yy}(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$.

LEVEL SURFACE. $F(x, y, z) = 0$ has gradients $\nabla F(x, y, z)$ as normals.

LINEAR APPROXIMATION. $L(x, y) = F(x_0, y_0) + \nabla F(x_0, y_0) \cdot (x - x_0, y - y_0)$.

LOCAL MAXIMUM. A critical point for which $\det(H(x, y)) > 0, H_{xx}(x, y) < 0$ is a local maximum.

LOCAL MINIMUM. A critical point for which $\det(H(x, y)) > 0, H_{xx}(x, y) > 0$ is a local minimum.

QUADRATIC APPROXIMATION. $Q(x, y) = L(x, y) + [H(x, y)(x - x_0, y - y_0)] \cdot (x - x_0, y - y_0)/2$.

SADDLE POINT. A critical point for which $\det(H(x, y)) < 0$.

TRIPLE INTEGRAL. Example: $\int_a^b \int_{f(x)}^{g(x)} \int_{u(x, y)}^{v(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz dy dx$.

II) Algorithms

INTEGRATION OVER A DOMAIN R.

- 1) Eventually chop the region into pieces which can be parametrized.
- 2) Start with one variable, say x and find the smallest x -interval $[a, b]$ which contains R .
- 3) For fixed x , intersect the line $x = \text{const}$ with R to determine the y -bounds $[f(x), g(x)]$.
- 4) Evaluate the integral $\int_a^b \left[\int_{f(x)}^{g(x)} F(x, y) \right] dy dx$.
- 5) Solve the double integral by 1D integration starting from inside.
- 6) In case of problems with the integral, try to switch the order of integration. (Go to 2) and start with y).

EXAMPLE. Integrate $x^2 y^2$ over the triangle $x + y/2 \leq 3, x > 0, y > 1$. The triangle is contained in the strip $0 \leq x \leq 3$. The x -integration ranges over the interval $[0, 3]$. For fixed x , we have $y \geq 1$ and $y \leq 2(3 - x)$ which means that the y bounds are $[0, 2(3 - x)]$. The double integral is $\int_0^3 \int_1^{6-2x} x^2 y^2 dy dx$.

FINDING THE MAXIMUM OF A FUNCTION $F(x,y)$ OVER A DOMAIN R with boundary $G(x,y)=c$.

- 1) First look for all stationary points $\nabla F(x,y)$ in the interior of R .
- 2) Eventually classify the points in the interior by looking at $\det(H)(x,y)$, $H_{xx}(x,y)$ at the critical points.
- 3) Locate the critical points at the boundary by solving $\nabla F(x,y) = \lambda \nabla G(x,y)$, $G(x,y) = c$.
- 4) List the values of F evaluated at all the points found in 1) and 3) and compare them.

EXAMPLE. Find the maximum of $F(x,y) = x^2 - y^2 - x^4 - y^4$ on the domain $x^4 + y^4 \leq 1$.

$\nabla F(x,y) = (2x - 4x^3, -2y - 4y^3)$. The critical points inside the domain are obtained by solving $2x - 4x^3 = 0$, $-2y - 4y^3 = 0$ which means $x = 0, x = 1/4, y = 0, y = -1/4$. We have four points $P_1 = (0,0), P_2 = (1/\sqrt{2}, 0), P_3 = (0, -1/\sqrt{2}), P_4 = (1/\sqrt{2}, -1/\sqrt{2})$.

The critical points on the boundary are obtained by solving the Lagrange equations $(2x - 4x^3, -2y - 4y^3) = \lambda(4x^3, 4y^3)$, $x^4 + y^4 = 1$. Solutions (see below) are $P_5 = (0, -1), P_6 = (0, 1), P_7 = (-1, 0), P_8 = (1, 0)$. A list of function values $F(P_1) = 0, F(P_2) = 1/2 - 1/4, F(P_3) = -1/2 - 1/4, F(P_4) = -2/4, F(P_5) = -2, F(P_6) = -2, F(P_7) = 0, F(P_8) = 0$ shows that P_2 in the interior is the maximum. Indeed, the Hessian at this point is $H = \text{diag}(-1, -2)$ which has positive determinant and negative H_{11} .

SOLVING THE LAGRANGE EQUATIONS.

- 1) Write down the equations neatly.
- 2) See whether some variable can be eliminated easily. λ can always be eliminated.
- 3) If some variable can be eliminated easily, go back to 1) using one variable less and repeat.
- 4) Try to combine, rearrange, simplify the equations. The system might not have an algebraic solution.
- 5) Finally, (if possible) check with a symbolic manipulation program, whether you overlooked something.

EXAMPLE.

$\begin{aligned} 2x - 4x^3 &= 4\lambda x^3 \\ -2y - 4y^3 &= 4\lambda y^3 \\ x^4 + y^4 &= 1 \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} 2x - (4 + 4\lambda)x^3 &= 0 \\ -2y - (4 + 4\lambda)y^3 &= 0 \\ x^4 + y^4 &= 1 \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} x &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1/\sqrt{2 + 2\lambda} \\ y &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad y = -1/\sqrt{2 + 2\lambda} \\ x^4 + y^4 &= 1 \end{aligned}$
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If $x=0$, then $y=1$, or $y=-1$, if $y = 0$ then $x = 1$ or $x = -1$. There are 4 critical points.

III) "Understanding". Try to answer questions like:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do the Lagrange equations mean geometrically? Explain the method to somebody with a drawing. • Explain why only critical points can be candidates for maxima or minima of a function $F(x,y)$. • What can happen at a critical point if the quadratic approximation at this point vanishes? • What is the geometric meaning of the entry H_{xy} in the Hessian? • Discuss the chain rule $F(r(t))$ for $F(x,y) = \sqrt{x^2}$, $r(t) = (x(t), y(t)) = (t, t^2)$. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In which situations is the Lagrange multiplier $\lambda = 0$? • If a function $F(x,y)$ is replaced by its quadratic approximation $Q(x,y)$, what do you expect the error $F(0.01, 0.01) - Q(0.01, 0.01)$ to be? • Can you figure out an example of a function, where the linear approximation works, but where the quadratic approximation fails? • Can we have a circular shaped island on which all critical points are saddles? • Find a criterium for maximum or minimum for functions $F(x,y,z)$ of 3 or 4 variables. |
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IV) Apply to new situations.

Problem solving and creativity skills are acquired best by "doing" it, by pondering over new questions, working on specific problems. Nevertheless, there is also theoretical help: for example, G. Polya (1887-1985)'s book "how to solve it" gives some general advise on "how to solve problems". Abstract: "How to solve a problem?":

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| <p>I) Understand the problem.
 II) Think of a plan by solving subproblems. Connect with older problems.</p> | <p>III) Walk along the plan while controlling each step.
 IV) Check the result. Is the result obvious? Is the method useful for other problems?</p> |
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