

7/24/2025 SECOND HOURLY Practice 2 Maths 21a, O.Knill, Summer 2025

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Problem 1) (20 points) No justifications are needed.

- 1) T F If $\nabla f(0,0)$ is non-zero then $\vec{v} = \nabla f(0,0)/|\nabla f(0,0)|$ is a unit vector for which $D_{\vec{v}}(f) = |\nabla f|$ is positive.

Solution:

Angles dance upwards.

- 2) T F The integral $\iint_R f(x,y) dA$ is the volume under the graph of a function and so always bigger or equal to zero.

Solution:

The function could be negative.

- 3) T F We can use multi-variable calculus to compute the improper integral $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$.

Solution:

Yes, this was the gifted problem

- 4) T F It is possible that a function $f(x,y)$ with $D > 0$ has a local maximum where $f_{xx} = -f_{yy}$.

Solution:

If $f_{xx} = -f_{yy}$ then D is negative so that we have a saddle point.

- 5) T F $(0,0)$ is a local maximum of the function $f(x,y) = 5 - x^{88} - y^{88}$.

Solution:

$(0,0)$ is a local maximum because the value there is 5 and the function is smaller everywhere else.

- 6) T F Assume $(1, 1)$ is a solution of the Lagrange equations for $f(x, y)$ under the constraint $g(x, y) = 0$. If λ is negative then $(1, 1)$ is a saddle point.

Solution:

The sign of λ has nothing to say about the nature of the critical point.

- 7) T F The chain rule assures that $\frac{d}{dt}f(\vec{r}(t)) = \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)$ if f is a function of three variables and $\vec{r}(t)$ parametrizes a curve.

Solution:

We can form $f(\vec{r}(t))$ but the combination $\vec{f}(\vec{r}(t))$ does not make sense.

- 8) T F If R is the unit disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$, then $\iint_R x^2 + y^2 dA \leq \iint_R 1 dA$.

Solution:

Yes, the integrand is always smaller or equal than 1.

- 9) T F If $f(x, y, z) = x^2yz + y^3xz^2 + y^5 = 3$ defines z as a function $z = g(x, y)$ near the point $(1, 1, 1)$ then by implicit differentiation, $g_x(1, 1) = -f_x(1, 1, 1)/f_z(1, 1, 1)$.

Solution:

By the formula $z_x = -f_x/f_z$.

- 10) T F If $(1, 1)$ is a critical point of f and $f_{xx}(1, 1) = 1$ and $f_{yy}(1, 1) = 1$, then $(1, 1)$ is a local minimum.

Solution:

We do not know whether $D > 0$.

- 11) T F If the discriminant at a critical point is non-zero, then we know the critical point is either a local maximum, a local minimum or a saddle point.

Solution:

This is the second derivative test

- 12) T F If $R = \{x > 0\}$ then $\iint_R x \, dx dy = \int_0^\pi \int_0^\infty r \cos(\theta) r dr d\theta$.

Solution:

The angle bound is false.

- 13) T F By linear approximation, we can estimate $\sqrt{102.4} = 10 + 2.4/20 = 10.12$.

Solution:

Yes, this is how we do linear estimation. The correct value is 10.1193.

- 14) T F If $(3, 3)$ is a critical point of $f(x, y)$, then $(3, 3)$ is also a critical point for the function $f(x, y)^2$.

Solution:

$$\nabla f(x, y)^2 = 2f(x, y)\nabla f(x, y)$$

- 15) T F The gradient of $f(x, y)$ is a vector perpendicular to the graph $z = f(x, y)$.

Solution:

The gradient of f is a vector with 2 components, not with 3 components.

- 16) T F If (x_0, y_0) is a min of $f(x, y)$ then (x_0, y_0) is a minimum under the constraint $g(x, y) = g(x_0, y_0) = c$.

Solution:

Yes, $\nabla f(x, y) = 0$ automatically also gives a solution to the Lagrange equations.

- 17) T F The area of $x^4 + y^4 \leq 4$ is larger or equal than the area of the region $x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$.

Solution:

The first set is contained in the second set. This is a bit tricky. For $x^4 + y^4 \leq 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ it would be reversed.

- 18) T F If \vec{v} is a unit vector perpendicular to $\nabla f(1, 1, 1)$ and $(1, 1, 1)$ is not critical point of f , then $D_{\vec{v}}f(1, 1, 1) = 0$.

Solution:

We are perpendicular to the gradient.

- 19) T F The vector $\vec{r}_u(1, 1)$ is tangent to the surface parametrized by $\vec{r}(u, v)$.

Solution:

These are velocity vectors of the grid curves.

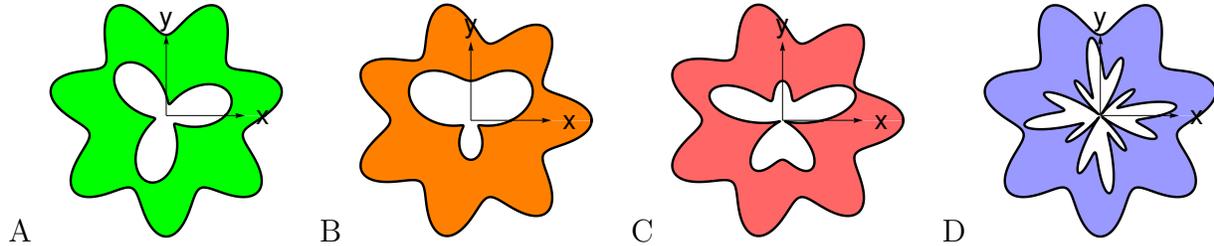
- 20) T F There is a function $f(x, y)$ which is continuous on the open square $(0, 1) \times (0, 1)$ but not continuous on $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ where Fubini fails.

Solution:

We have seen such an example in a slide during class.

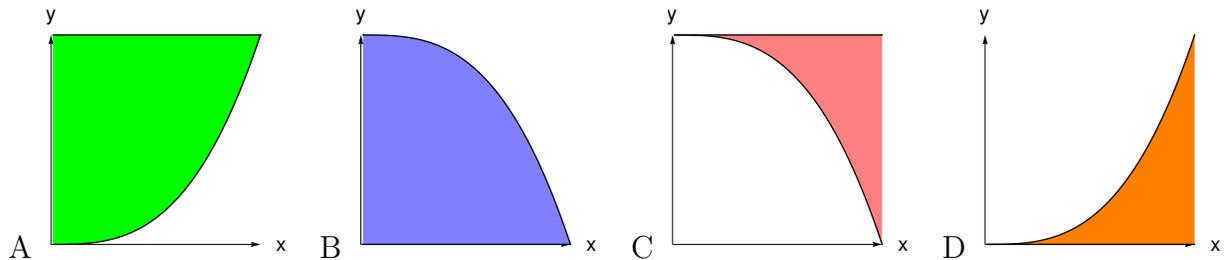
Problem 2) (10 points) No justifications are needed in this problem.

a) (4 points) Please match **polar regions** with area integrals. A-D are used exactly once.



Enter A-D	Area integral
	$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{2+\sin(5t)+\sin(3t)}^{5+\cos(7t)} r dr d\theta$
	$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{2+\sin(12t)+\cos(4t)}^{5+\sin(7t)} r dr d\theta$
	$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{2+\sin(3t)+\sin(t)}^{5+\cos(7t)} r dr d\theta$
	$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{2+\sin(3t)+\cos(3t)}^{5+\sin(7t)} r dr d\theta$

b) (4 points) Now match the regions with the area formulas. A-D are used exactly once.



Enter A-D	Area integral
	$\int_0^1 \int_{y^{1/3}}^1 1 dx dy$
	$\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x^3} 1 dy dx$
	$\int_0^1 \int_0^{y^{1/3}} 1 dx dy$
	$\int_0^1 \int_{1-x^3}^1 1 dy dx$

c) (2 points) Recall the differential equations for the unknown function of two variables.

Wave equation for $f(t, x)$:

Laplace equation for $f(x, y)$:

Solution:

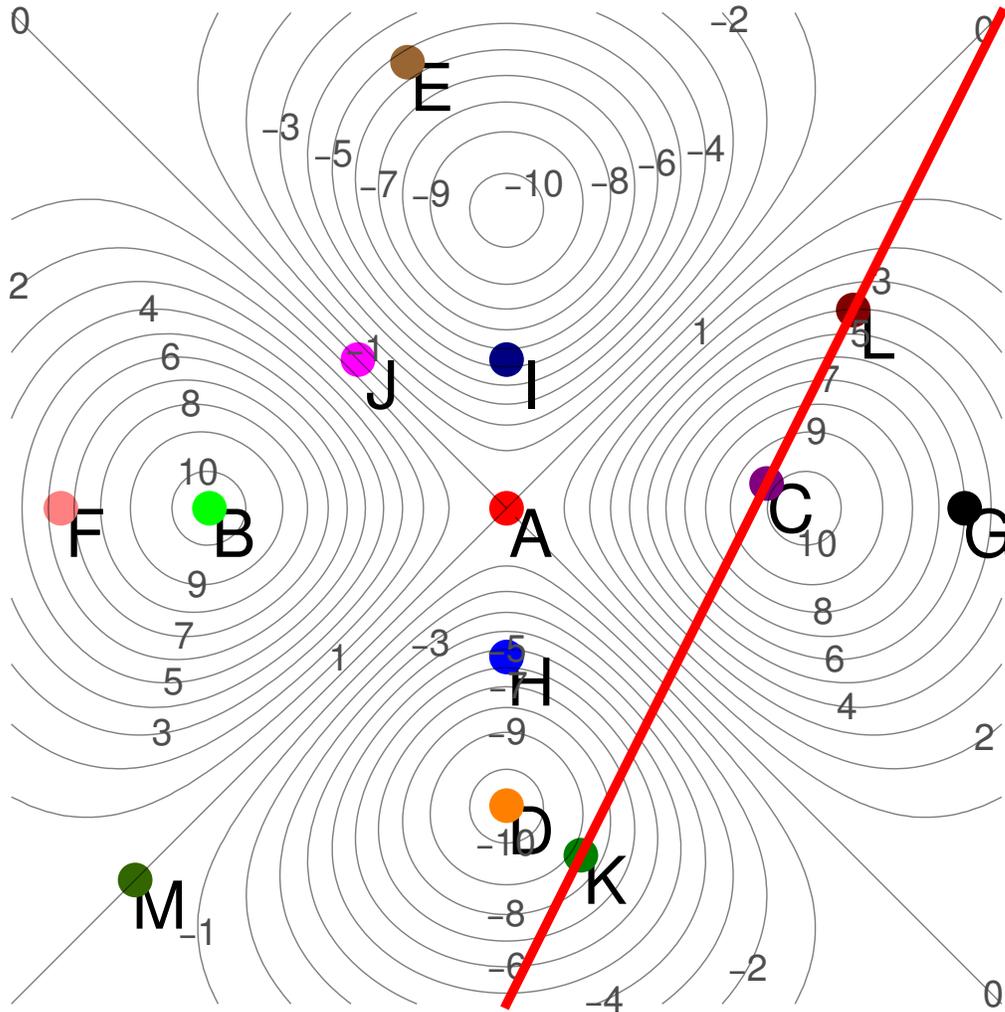
a) CDBA

b) DBAC

c) $f_{tt} = f_{xx}$ and $f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$.

Problem 3) (10 points) No justifications are needed in this problem.

Answer the following 10 questions for the **contour map** of a function $f(x, y)$. There is a line drawn which passes through the points K, C, L . This line is referred to as $g(x, y) = 0$ in the last two problems. Each problem is worth one point. Pick 10 of the 12 locations A-M on the map.



	Enter A-M
A point, where $f_x < 0, f_y = 0$.	
A point, where $f_x > 0, f_y = 0$.	
A point, where $f_y > 0, f_x = 0$.	
A point, where $f_y < 0, f_x = 0$.	
A saddle point of $f(x, y)$.	
A local minimum of $f(x, y)$.	
A local maximum of $f(x, y)$.	
A non critical point among A-M with minimal $ \nabla f > 0$.	
A local maximum of $f(x, y)$ on $\{g(x, y) = 0\}$.	
A local minimum of $f(x, y)$ on $\{g(x, y) = 0\}$.	

Solution:

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Problem 4) (10 points)

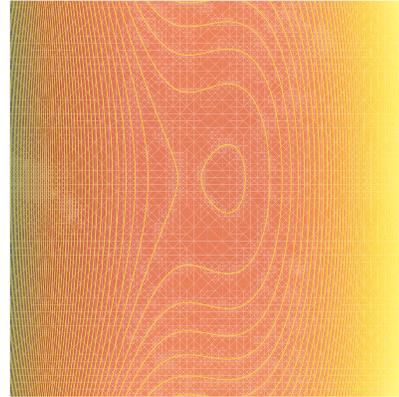
Elliptic curves are important in many fields like cryptography, analysis or physics.

a) (8 points) Classify the critical points of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^3 + y^2 - 3x - 2y$$

using the **second derivative test**.

b) (2 points) Is there a global max or min for f ? If yes, locate them. Otherwise, tell why they do not exist.



Level curves of the function f are called elliptic curves.

Solution:

The gradient is $\nabla f(x, y) = [3x^2 - 3 = 0, 2y - 2 = 0]$. There are three critical points. The Hessian is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6xy & 3x^2 - 1 \\ 3x^2 - 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

x	y	D	f_{xx}	Type	Value
-1	1	-12	-6	saddle	0
1	1	12	6	min	0

Problem 5) (10 points)

You have seen the analog of the problem for a dice where we had 6 variables. We do it here for a coin, where x is the probability that the coin shows head and y is the probability that the coin shows tail. Use the Lagrange method to solve this problem. Your task is to find the probability distribution (x, y) that maximizes the **Shannon entropy**

$$f(x, y) = -x \log(x) - y \log(y)$$

under the constraint $g(x, y) = x + y = 1$. As usual, we wrote $\log(x) = \ln(x)$ for the natural log.



Solution:

The Lagrange equations are

$$\begin{aligned} -1 - \log(x) &= \lambda \\ -1 - \log(y) &= \lambda \\ x + y &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

The solution is $(x, y) = (1/2, 1/2)$. It is the fair coin.

Problem 6) (10 points)

a) (3 points) Find the **tangent line** to the curve

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + xy + y^2 = 3$$

at the point $(1, 1)$.

b) (4 points) Find the **tangent plane** to the **air tag level surface**

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + xy + y^2 + yz + z^2 = 5,$$

at the point $(1, 1, 1)$.

c) (3 points) Estimate $f(1.01, 1.001, 1.0001)$ for the air tag function using linear approximation.



Oliver's wallet and keys are air tagged with ellipsoids

Solution:

- a) $x + y = 2$.
- b) $3x + 4y + 3z = 10$
- c) 5.0343

Problem 7) (10 points)

Use the standard surface area formula to compute the surface area of the surface which has the parametrization

$$\vec{r}(u, v) = \begin{bmatrix} u^2 + v^2 \\ u^2 - v^2 \\ u^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and where the parameter domain is $0 \leq u \leq 1$ and $0 \leq v \leq 1$.

Solution:

The $|r_u \times r_v|^2 = 96u^2v^2$ gives $|r_u \times r_v| = uv\sqrt{6}/4$ The result after integration is $\sqrt{6}$.

Problem 8) (10 points)

In order to honor the magic of the number 21, we evaluate the double integral

$$\int_1^2 \int_0^{4-x^2} \frac{y^{21}}{\sqrt{4-y}-1} dy dx .$$

Solution:

Standard change of order of integration problem. The answer is $3^{22}/22$.

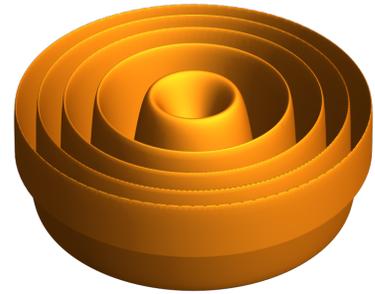
Problem 9) (10 points)

Evaluate the double integral

$$\iint_G 2\pi \sin(\pi(x^2 + y^2)) \, dx dy ,$$

where G is region given by

$$\{0 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 9, y > |x|\} .$$



The graph of $2\pi \sin(\pi(x^2 + y^2))$.

Solution:

Use polar coordinates. The final result is π .