

7/24/2025 SECOND HOURLY Practice 4 Maths 21a, O.Knill, Summer 2025

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

- 1) T F The gradient of the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ at a point $(1, 1)$ is perpendicular to the gradient of $g(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$ at $(1, 1)$.

Solution:

Just compute the gradients at the point. It is $[2, 2]$ and $[2, -2]$

- 2) T F The function $f(x, y) = xy$ has only one critical point $(0, 0)$.

Solution:

The gradient is $[y, x]$ which is zero only at $(x, y) = (0, 0)$.

- 3) T F If the discriminant D and f_{xx} are positive at a critical point $(1, 1)$, then $(1, 1)$ is a minimum.

Solution:

This is part of the second derivative test.

- 4) T F The integral $\int_0^\pi \int_0^5 1 \, drd\theta$ is the area of a half disk of radius 5.

Solution:

Just to test your awareness of the r factor.

- 5) T F If $f_{xy} = f_{xx} = f_{yy}$ at a critical point $(0, 0)$ then the discriminant D must be negative at $(0, 0)$.

Solution:

The discriminant is then $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 0$.

- 6) T F The function $L(x, y) = (2x)(x - 1) + (4y)(y - 2)$ is the linearization of $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2$ at the point $(1, 2)$.

Solution:

The linearization is never a non-linear function.

- 7) T F The gradient of $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3$ at the point $(1, 1)$ is a vector perpendicular to the surface $z = x^3 + y^3$ at the point $(1, 1, 2)$.

Solution:

Nonsense. We have completely different objects. The gradient of f is a vector in two dimensions. The vector perpendicular to the surface $z = x^3 + y^3$ is a vector in three dimension. It is a classic confusion we have addressed once also in class.

- 8) T F Assume f and g are functions which both have the same critical point $(0, 0)$ then f must be a multiple of g .

Solution:

Take $f = x^2 + y^2$ and $g = xy$. They are not multiples of each other.

- 9) T F Assume $\vec{r}(t)$ is a planar curve with constant speed $|\vec{r}'(t)| = 1$ and $f(x, y)$ a function, then $d/dt f(\vec{r}(t)) = D_{\vec{r}'(t)} f(\vec{r}(t))$.

Solution:

Yes, this is the chain rule.

- 10) T F If $f_{yy}(x, y) > 0$ for all points (x, y) , then f can not have any local maximum.

Solution:

We would have $f_{yy} < 0$ at a local minimum.

- 11) T F If $f_{xx} = 0$ for all x, y , then at every critical point of f with $D \neq 0$, we have a saddle point.

Solution:

The discriminant is then $-f_{xy}^2$ which is non-positive. As it is non-zero it has to be negative.

- 12) T F If $(0, 0)$ is saddle point for a function f , then there are directions \vec{v}, \vec{w} such that $D_{\vec{v}}f(0, 0) > 0, D_{\vec{w}}f(0, 0) < 0$.

Solution:

A classic also. The directional derivatives are zero at a critical point.

- 13) T F $f_{tt} = f_{xxx}$ is an example of a partial differential equation.

Solution:

This is a probably unstudied differential equation. Lets call it the Knill equation. (You can come up with your own PDE and name it. Seriously, usually you have to earn your name on a PDE. If I would spend half of my life studying this equation and find some interesting behavior and results about it, maybe it would be a path to eternity ...

- 14) T F The Fubini identity assures that $\int_0^1 \int_1^3 f(x, y) dy dx = \int_1^3 \int_0^1 f(x, y) dy dx$.

Solution:

One has also to switch $dx dy$.

- 15) T F Assume $(0, 0)$ is not a critical point of f . Then the direction of steepest increase of f at $(0, 0)$ is $\nabla f(0, 0)/|\nabla f(0, 0)|$.

Solution:

This is a basic property

- 16) T F If $(0, 0)$ is a maximum of a function $f(x, y)$ under the constraint $g(x, y) = 0$, then either $(0, 0)$ is a critical point of g or then a critical point of f .

Solution:

It is in general neither. Even the problem of this exam could be rewritten as such by putting the constant to the other side.

- 17) T F The linearization of $f(x, y) = 3x + 4y + 5$ at the point $(1, 1)$ is $L(x, y) = 3x + 4y + 5$.

Solution:

The linearization of a linear function is the function itself.

- 18) T F If $f(x, y)$ has a maximum at $(0, 0)$, then $D > 0$ and $f_{xx} < 0$.

Solution:

Not necessarily. A counter example is $f(x, y) = -x^4 - y^4$.

- 19) T F The area the region $4 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 9, x \leq 0$ is $\int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} \int_2^3 r \, dr d\theta$.

Solution:

All set up correctly. Also with the integration factor r .

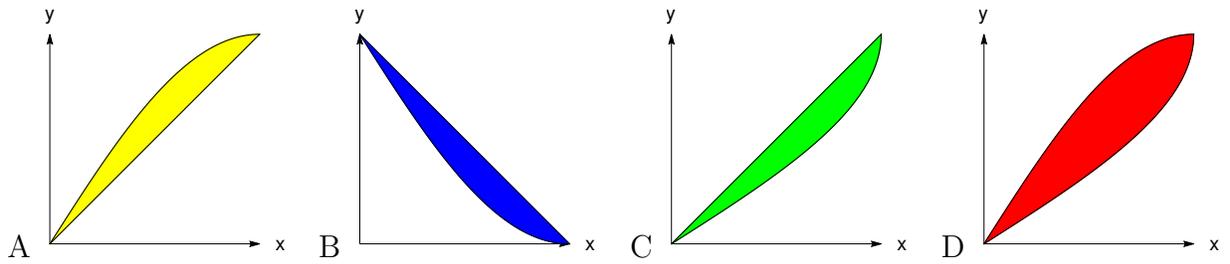
- 20) T F For any invertible function $0 \leq g(x) \leq 1$ we have $\int_0^1 \int_{g(x)}^1 f(x, y) \, dy dx = \int_0^1 \int_0^{g^{-1}(y)} f(x, y) \, dx dy$.

Solution:

Simple examples like $g(x) = x/2$ provide counter examples. In order to make it true, we would need more conditions. An example which would work is if $g(0) = 0, g(1) = 1$ and $g(x)$ is monotone.

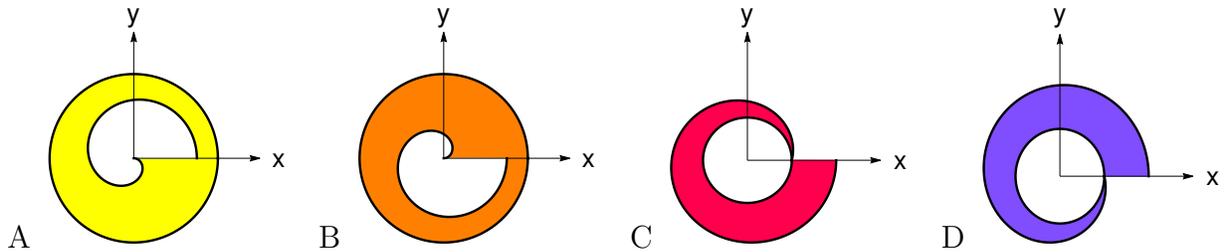
Problem 2) (10 points) No justifications are needed in this problem.

- a) (4 points) Match the regions with their area formulas. A-D are used exactly once.



Enter A-D	Area integral
	$\int_0^1 \int_{2 \arcsin(x)/\pi}^x 1 \, dy dx$
	$\int_0^1 \int_{1-\sin(\pi x/2)}^{1-x} 1 \, dy dx$
	$\int_0^1 \int_{2 \arcsin(x)/\pi}^{\sin(\pi x/2)} 1 \, dy dx$
	$\int_0^1 \int_x^{\sin(\pi x/2)} 1 \, dy dx$

b) (4 points) Match the regions with their area integrals. A-D are used exactly once.



Enter A-D	Area integral
	$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_2^{2+2\sin(t/4)} r \, dr dt$
	$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_2^{2+2\cos(t/4)} r \, dr dt$
	$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{3\sin(t/4)}^4 r \, dr dt$
	$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{3\cos(t/4)}^4 r \, dr dt$

c) (2 points) We want you to write down the formulas for two partial differential equations for the unknown function $f(x, t)$.

Wave equation:

Black-Scholes equation:

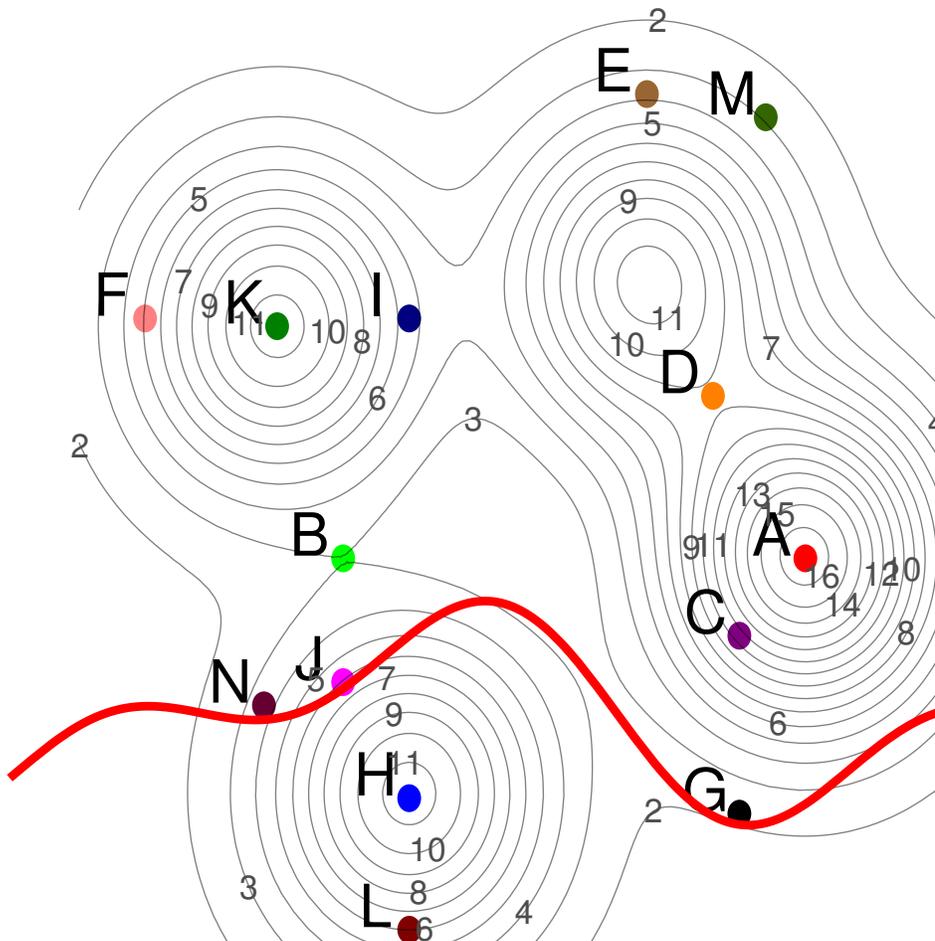
Solution:

- a) CBDA
- b) CDDBA
- c) $u_t = u_x x, f_t = f - x f_x - x^2 f_{xx}$.

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

(10 points) We see the contours of an unknown smooth function, $f(x, y)$. The thick red curve is a constraint $g(x, y) = 0$. Use each of the labels A-N only once. Read carefully: in the last two questions, we want you to enter two letters. You will therefore use 12 of the 14 letters $A - N$ and none of them twice.

	Enter A-N here
The point among A-N with maximal $ \nabla f $.	
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 global maximum of $f(x, y)$.	
A local maximum of $f(x, y)$ on $\{g(x, y) = 0\}$.	
A local minimum of $f(x, y)$ on $\{g(x, y) = 0\}$.	
Two points that are saddle points	and
Two points that are local but not global max	and



Solution:

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Problem 4) (10 points)

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

$$f(x, y) = x^{10} - 5x^2 + y^2 + 2y$$

using the second derivative test.

Point	D	f_{xx}	nature

b) (2 points) Is there a global maximum or minimum of $f(x, y)$? (No explanation is necessary for this part b).)

	Yes	No
There is a global max for f		
There is a global min for f		

Solution:

	x	y	D	f_{xx}	Type	f
a)	0	-1	-20	-	saddle	-1
	-1	-1	160	80	minimum	-5
	1	-1	160	80	minimum	-5

b) There is a global minimum (the x^{10} and

y^2 terms dominate, but no global maximum. For $x=0$, one has $y^2 + 2y$ which is growing indefinitely for $y \rightarrow \infty$.

Problem 5) (10 points)

Use the Lagrange method to solve the problem to extremize

$$f(x, y) = 5 + x^3 + y^3$$

under the constraint $g(x, y) = 9x + 4y = 35$. There is only one solution with positive x and with positive y . Find this solution.

Solution:

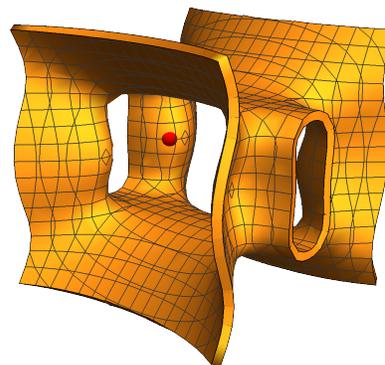
The Lagrange equations are the three equations $3x^2 = \lambda 9$, $3y^2 = \lambda 4$, $9x + 4y = 35$ for the 3 unknowns x, y, λ . Eliminating λ gives $4x^2 = 9y^2$. Since we were told that x, y are positive, we can plug in $2x = 3y$ into the third equation and get $x = 3, y = 2$. This is the solution. (In general, we also would have to consider $2x = -3y$ but would get a bit more complicated fractions.)

Problem 6) (10 points)

a) 5 points) Find the equation $ax + by + cz = d$ of the tangent plane to the surface

$$f(x, y, z) = x^4 - y^4 + z^2 + x^2y^2 - x^2z^2 + y^2 - z^2 = -3$$

at the point $(1, 0, 2)$.



b) (5 points) Estimate $f(1.01, 0.02, 1.97)$ using linearization.

Solution:

a) The gradient is $\nabla f = [-4, 0, -4] = [a, b, c]$. The equation therefor is $-4x - 4z = d$. Plugging in the point $(1, 0, 2)$ gives the tangent plane $-4x - 4z = -12$ which is $x + z = 3$.
b) The estimation is $f(1, 0, 2) + a(x - 1.01) + b(y - 0.02) + c(z - 1.97)$ which is $-3 - 0.04 + 0.12 = -2.92$.

Problem 7) (10 points)

Find the **surface area** of the surface

$$\vec{r}(u, v) = [2u, 4 - u^2 - v^2, 2v]$$

with parameters satisfying $u^2 + v^2 \leq 25$.

Solution:

We have $\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v = [-4u, -4, -4v]$ has length $4\sqrt{1 + u^2 + v^2}$. The integral $\int \int_R 4\sqrt{1 + u^2 + v^2} du dv$ is best done in polar coordinates $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^5 4\sqrt{1 + r^2} r dr d\theta$. The result is $\frac{8\pi}{3}(26^{3/2} - 1)$.

Problem 8) (10 points)

- a) (5 points) You know $D_{\vec{v}}f(1, 2) = \sqrt{2}$ for $\vec{v} = [1, 1]/\sqrt{2}$. You also know $D_{\vec{w}}f(1, 2) = 1$ for $\vec{w} = [3, 4]/5$. Find the directional derivative $D_{\vec{u}}f(1, 2)$ for $\vec{u} = [1, -1]/\sqrt{2}$.
- b) (5 points) Write down the equation $ax + by = d$ of the **tangent line** to the level curve $f(x, y) = f(1, 2)$ at the point $(1, 2)$, where $f(x, y)$ refers to the same function than in a).

Solution:

- a) Write $\nabla f = [a, b]$. We know $a + b = 2$ and $3a + 4b = 5$. This gives $[a, b] = [3, -1]$. Now $t[3, -1] \cdot [1, -1]/\sqrt{2} = 4/\sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{2}$.
- b) The equation is $3x - y = d$, where the constant d is obtained by plugging in at the point $1, 2$ which is $3x - y = 1$.

Problem 9) (10 points)

- a) (5 points) Evaluate the following double integral

$$\iint_G \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} dx dy ,$$

where G is region given by

$$\{4 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 9, y < 0\} .$$

- b) (5 points) As usual, $\log = \ln$ is the natural log. Compute the following integral:

$$\int_1^e \int_0^{\sqrt{\log(x)}} \frac{12x}{e^2 - e^{2y^2}} dy dx .$$

Solution:

- a) Of course polar coordinates $\pi \int_2^3 (1/r^6)r dr = \pi(1/2^5 - 1/3^5)$.
- b) Switch the order of integration using a picture of the region. Note that $y = \sqrt{\log(x)}$ means $x = e^{y^2}$. The left to right integral is now $\int_0^1 \int_{e^{y^2}}^e 12x/(e^2 - e^{2y^2}) dx dy$. This cancels nicely and the result is 6.