MA1103 Solutions for Exercise Set 8

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Problem 1

First, by the extreme-value theorem, we know that f assumes extreme values on D. Critical points:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x = 0.$$

That is, the origin (0,0). This is an interior point of D. Next, we need to consider $f|_{\partial D}$ (the restriction of f to ∂D) and look for extreme values here. Consider

$$g(x, y) = x^2 + xy + y^2 - 3.$$

Then $\partial D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : g(x, y) = 0\}$. Lagrange's method therefore gives multiplier λ such that

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

That is,

$$(y,x) = \lambda \left(2x + y, x + 2y\right).$$

That is,

$$y = \lambda(2x + y)$$
$$x = \lambda(2y + x).$$

That is,

 $y(1 - \lambda) = \lambda 2x$ $x(1 - \lambda) = \lambda 2y.$

Note first that we may assume $\lambda \neq 0$. Else we end up with with the critical point (0,0) which does not belong to ∂D . Similarly we may assume $\lambda \neq 1$. Thus, we find

$$y\frac{1-\lambda}{\lambda} = 2x$$
$$x\frac{1-\lambda}{\lambda} = 2y.$$

If x = 0, we see that y = 0 and vice versa. Hence, we may assume $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$. Then dividing we find

$$\frac{2x}{y} = \frac{2y}{x}$$

 or

$$2x^2 = 2y^2.$$

That is, $x^2 = y^2$. That is, $x = \pm y$. Substituted into g(x, y) = 0 we find $2x^2 \pm x^2 = 3$. If we choose + we get $3x^2 = 3$ or $x^2 = 1$. That is, $x = \pm 1 = y$. If we choose -, we get $x^2 = 3$ or $x = \pm \sqrt{3} = -y$. This gives the points $\pm (1, 1)$ and $\sqrt{3}(\pm 1, \pm 1)$. That is, four points:

$$p_1 = (1,1), \quad p_2 = (-1,-1), \quad p_3 = \sqrt{3(1,-1)}, \quad p_4 = \sqrt{3(-1,1)}.$$

Substituted into f(x, y) gives

$$f(0,0) = 0$$
, $f(p_1) = 1 = f(p_2)$, $f(p_3) = -3 = f(p_4)$.

Thus the maximum value of f on D is 1 and the minimum value is -3.

Problem 2

$$\begin{cases} x = u^3 + v^3, \\ y = uv - v^2, \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} u = u(x, y), \\ v = v(x, y). \end{cases}$$

Differentiating the given equations with respect to x, we get

$$1 = 3u^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 3v^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x},$$

$$0 = v \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (u - 2v) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}.$$

At u = v = 1, we have

$$1 = 3\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 3\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$
$$0 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}.$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

Similarly, differentiating the given equations with respect to y and putting u = v = 1, we get

$$0 = 3\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 3\frac{\partial v}{\partial y},$$

$$1 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}.$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Finally, at u = v = 1, we have

$$\det \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{1}{6}.$$

Problem 3

a) Note that $f(x,y) = e^{g(x,y)}$ where $g(x,y) = -2x^2 - 4xy - y^4$. Thus, the critical points of f are those of g. Computing we find

$$\nabla g(x,y) = \left(-4x - 4y, -4x - 4y^3\right) = -4(x+y, x+y^3).$$

Solving $\nabla g(x, y) = 0$ gives x = -y and $x - x^3 = x(1 - x^2) = 0$. This latter one gives $x^2 = 1$ or x = 0. From $x^2 = 1$ we find $x = \pm 1 = -y$. This gives the critical points

$$p_1 = (0,0), \quad p_2 = (1,-1), \quad p_3 = (-1,1).$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^g \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \implies \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = e^g \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\right)^2 + e^g \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} = e^g \left(\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2}\right)$$

By symmetry we also find

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = e^g \left(\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} \right),$$

and since f and g are smooth,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^g \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + e^g \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y \partial x} = e \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y \partial x} \right).$$

Put $f_{xx} := A, f_{xy} := B, f_{xy} := C$. Then the Hessian of f is given by

$$H(f) = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{pmatrix}$$

with determinant $det(H(f)) = AC - B^2$. Computing we find

$$\begin{split} g(x,y) &= -(2x^2 + 4xy + y^4) \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x,y) &= -4(x+y) \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(x,y) &= -4(x+y^3) \\ \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2}(x,y) &= -4 \\ \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2}(x,y) &= -12y^2 \\ \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y \partial x}(x,y) &= -4 \end{split}$$

Now consider each of the points p_1, p_2, p_3 above. We find

• For $p_1 = (0, 0)$:

$$A(p_1) = e^{g(0,0)}((g_x(0,0))^2 + g_{xx}(0,0)) = e^0(0^2 + (-4)) = -4$$

$$C(p_1) = e^{g(0,0)}((g_y(0,0)^2 + g_{yy}(0,0)) = e^0(0^2 + 0) = 0$$

$$B(p_1) = -4.$$

b)

Thus $det(H(f))(p_1) = -16 < 0$. So $p_1 = (0, 0)$ is a saddle point.

• For $p_2 = (1, -1)$:

$$A(p_2) = e^{(1,-1)}((g_x(1,-1))^2 + g_{xx}(1,-1)) = e^{-(3-4)}(0-4) = -4e$$

$$C(p_2) = e^{(1,-1)}((g_y(1,-1))^2 + g_{yy}(1,-1)) = e^{-(3-4)}(0-12) = -12e$$

$$B(p_2) = -4.$$

Thus $det(H(f))(p_2) = 48e^2 - 16 > 0$, and $A(p_2) < 0$. So $p_2 = (1, -1)$ is a local maximum.

- For $p_3 = (-1, 1)$: by symmetry, p_3 is also a local maximum.
- c) Let $h(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 1$. Then we are looking for the maximum and minimum values of g along $\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : h(x,y) = 0\}$. Lagrange's method gives multiplier λ such that

$$\nabla g = \lambda \nabla h.$$

That is,

$$5((x-y)^4, -(x-y)^4) = 2\lambda(x,y).$$

That is,

$$(x-y)^4 = \frac{2}{5}\lambda x$$
$$-(x-y)^4 = \frac{2}{5}\lambda y.$$

Suppose that $\lambda \neq 0$. Then, x = -y. Substituted into h(x, y) = 0 gives $2x^2 = 1$ or $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -y$. This gives the two points $q_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1)$ and $q_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1, 1)$. Substituted into the expression for g(x, y) gives

$$g(q_1) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^5 (1 - (-1))^5 = (\sqrt{2})^5 = 4\sqrt{2}$$
$$g(q_2) = -4\sqrt{2}.$$

Now consider $\lambda = 0$. We get $\nabla g(x, y) = 0$ which gives x = y. Note that $g|_{\{x=y\}} = 0$. Thus $g(q_1)$ and $g(q_2)$ above are the maximum and minimum values of g along the given curve respectively.

Problem 4

Let $L = x + \lambda(x + y - z) + \mu(x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 8)$. For critical points of L:

$$0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 1 + \lambda + 2\mu x \tag{1}$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = \lambda + 4\mu y \tag{2}$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = -\lambda + 4\mu z \tag{3}$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = x + y - z \tag{4}$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mu} = x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 8.$$
 (5)

From (2) and (3), we have $\mu(y+z) = 0$. Thus $\mu = 0$ or y+z = 0.

CASE I. $\mu = 0$. Then $\lambda = 0$ by (2), and 1 = 0 by (1), so this case is not possible.

CASE II. y + z = 0. Then z = -y and, by (4), x = -2y. Therefore, by (5), $4y^2 + 2y^2 + 2y^2 = 8$, and so $y = \pm 1$. From this case we obtain two points: (2, -1, 1) and (-2, 1, -1).

The function f(x, y, z) = x has maximum value 2 and minimum value -2 when restricted to the curve $x + y = z, x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 = 8$.

Problem 5

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-x} y e^{-y^2} \, dx \, dy = \left(\int_0^\infty y e^{-y^2} \, dy\right) \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-x} \, dx\right) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-y^2} \mid_0^\infty = \frac{1}{2}$$

Problem 6

a) Using polar coordinates:

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{x^4 + y^4 + x^3y^3}{x^4 + y^4} = \lim_{r\to 0} \frac{r^4\cos^4\theta + r^4\sin^4\theta + r^6\cos^3\theta\sin^3\theta}{r^4\cos^4\theta + r^4\sin^4\theta} = 1.$$

b) Let $f(x,y) = \sin\left(\frac{x^3y}{x^4+y^4}\right)$. Then $f(x,x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$, while f(0,1) = 0. Thus the limit $\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} f(x,y)$ does not exist.

Problem 7

The chain rule gives

$$f_x = f_r r_x + f_\theta \theta_x$$

$$f_y = f_r r_y + f_\theta \theta_y.$$

We have $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$. Let $z \in \{x, y\}$. Partial differentiating with respect to z gives $2rr_z = 2z$. That is, $r_z = \frac{z}{r}$. That is, $r_x = \cos\theta$, $r_y = \sin\theta$. Let $t_x(\theta) = \cos(\theta)$, $t_y = \sin(\theta)$ (the t here stands for trigonometric and the subscript z is simply an index and not a partial differentiation). Then from $z = rt_z(\theta)$, differentiating with respect to z we find $1 = r_z t_z + r(t_z)'\theta_z$. That is, $\theta_z = \frac{1-r_z t_z}{r(r_z)'}$. That is,

$$\theta_x = \frac{1 - r_x \cos \theta}{-r \sin \theta} = \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{-r \sin \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$
$$\theta_y = \frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta}{r \cos \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta}{r}.$$

Note that $\mathbf{u} = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta), \mathbf{u}^{\perp} = (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$ (recall \mathbf{u}^{\perp} is \mathbf{u} rotated by $\frac{\pi}{2}$ counter-clockwise). Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{(x,y)} f &= (f_r r_x + f_\theta \theta_x, f_r r_y + f_\theta \theta_y) \\ &= \left(f_r \cos \theta - f_\theta \frac{\sin \theta}{r}, f_r \sin \theta + f_\theta \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right) \\ &= f_r (\cos \theta, \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r} f_\theta (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta) \\ &= f_r \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{r} f_\theta \mathbf{u}^{\perp}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get that $a = f_r, b = \frac{1}{r} f_{\theta}$.

Problem 8

a) Rewrite the equations into $f_1 = x^2 + 2y^2 + u^2 + v - 6 = 0$ and $f_2 = 2x^3 + 4y^2 + u + v^2 - 9 = 0$. Define $\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ to be

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, u, v) = (x^2 + 2y^2 + u^2 + v - 6, 2x^3 + 4y^2 + u + v^2 - 9).$$

Step 1: Check F is C^1 near (1, -1, -1, 2). A quick differentiation yields

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} = 2x, \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = 4y, \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u} = 2u, \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial v} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} = 6x^2, \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} = 8y, \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial v} = 2v.$$

Since all partial derivatives exist and continuous everywhere, F is C^1 everywhere (in particular near (1, -1, -1, 2)).

Step 2: Check F(p) = 0. Clearly F(1, -1, -1, 2) = (0, 0).

Step 3: Check det $\frac{\partial(f_1, f_2)}{\partial(u, v)}(\mathbf{p}) \neq 0$.

$$\det \frac{\partial (f_1, f_2)}{\partial (u, v)}(\mathbf{p}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{(1, -1, -1, 2)} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 2u & 1 \\ 1 & 2v \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{(1, -1, -1, 2)} = -9 \neq 0.$$

Hence, by Implicit Function Theorem, (u, v) can be expressed as a differentiable function of (x, y) near (1, -1, -1, 2).

b) To find $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ (denote by u_x) and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ (denote by u_y), we differentiate both sides of each equation with respect to x (i.e. implicit differentiation), it gives

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 2uu_x + v_x = 0, \\ 6x^2 + u_x + 2vv_x = 0, \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} 2uu_x + v_x = -2x, \\ u_x + 2vv_x = -6x^2, \end{cases} \implies \begin{pmatrix} 2u & 1 \\ 1 & 2v \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_x \\ v_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2x \\ -6x^2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2x \\ -7x^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solving the above system, near (1, -1, -1, 2), we have

$$u_x = \frac{6x^2 - 4xv}{4uv - 1}$$
 and $v_x = \frac{2x - 12x^2u}{4uv - 1}$.

Hence,

$$u_x(1, -1, -1, 2) = \frac{2}{9}, \quad v_x(1, -1, -1, 2) = -\frac{14}{9}.$$