

BMAT101L - CALCULUS

Problem Sheet - Module 3

EASY

1. Expand $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$ in Taylor series at $(1, 1)$ upto second degree.

Solution. $f(x, y) = e + \frac{1}{1!}[(x-1)e + (y-1)e] + \frac{1}{2!}[(x-1)^2e + 2(x-1)(y-1)(2e) + (y-1)^2(e)] + \dots$

2. Construct the Taylor series through the 2nd order for $f(x, y) = x^2y + y^2$ at $(x, y) = (1, 3)$.

Solution. $f(x, y) = 12 + 6(x-1) + 7(y-3) + \frac{1}{2}(2(x-1)^2 + 4(x-1)(y-3) + 2(y-3)^2) + \dots$

3. Find the area of the rectangle with the sides measuring x and y , if the perimeter is 14.

Solution. $x = y = \frac{7}{2}, \frac{49}{4}$

4. Find the minimum value of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ subject to the condition $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 1$.

Solution. $(x, y, z) = (3, 3, 3)$, minimum value = 27.

5. For a rectangle whose perimeter is 20 m, find the dimensions that will maximize the area.

Solution. The maximum area occurs for a rectangle whose width and height both are 5 m.

MODERATE

6. Expand $e^x \log(1+y)$ in powers of x and y upto terms of third degree.

Solution. $f(x, y) = y + \frac{2xy - y^2}{2!} + \frac{3x^2y - 3xy^2 + 2y^3}{3!} + \dots$

7. Expand $x^2y + 3y - 2$ in powers of $(x-1)$ and $(y+2)$ upto the third degree term.

Solution. $-10 - 4(x-1) + 4(y+2) - 2(x-1)^2 + 2(x-1)(y+2) + (x-1)^2(y+2) + \dots$

8. Find the points on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 80$ which are closest to and farthest from the point $(1, 2)$.

Solution. $(4, 8)$ is the point on the circle closest to $(1, 2)$ and $(-4, -8)$ is the farthest from $(1, 2)$.

Hints: The distance d from any point (x, y) to the point $(1, 2)$ is $d = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2}$ and minimizing the distance is equivalent to minimizing the square of the distance. Thus the problem can be stated as:
Maximize (and minimize) : $f(x, y) = (x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2$
given : $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 = 80$.

9. Find the dimensions of the box with largest volume if the total surface area is 64 cm^2 .

Solution. $x = y = z = 3.266$.

Hints: We want to find the largest volume and so the function that we want to optimize is given by,

$$f(x, y, z) = xyz.$$

Next, we know that the surface area of the box must be a constant 64. So this is the constraint. The surface area of a box is simply the sum of the areas of each of the sides so the constraint is given by,
 $2xy + 2yz + 2xz = 64$.

10. Expand $\sin(xy)$ in power of $(x-1)$ and $(y-\pi/2)$ upto second degree terms by using Taylor's series.

Solution. $1 - \frac{\pi^2}{8}(x-1)^2 - \frac{\pi}{2}(x-1)(y-\frac{\pi}{2}) - \frac{1}{2}(y-\frac{\pi}{2})^2$.

HARD

11. A rectangular box open at the top is to have a volume of 32 cc . Find the dimensions of the box that requires the least material for its construction.

Solution. $x = 4, y = 4, z = 2$

12. Find the point on the plane $ax + by + cz = p$ at which $f = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ has a stationary value and find the stationary value of f using Lagrange's method of multipliers.

Ans. $x = \frac{ap}{a^2+b^2+c^2}, y = \frac{bp}{a^2+b^2+c^2}, z = \frac{cp}{a^2+b^2+c^2}$; stationary value of $f = \frac{p^2}{a^2+b^2+c^2}$

13. Find the extreme distance of a variable point on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ from the fixed point $B(0, b)$.

Ans. The minimum value is $2\sqrt{a(b-a)}$.

Hints: Let $R(x, y)$ be any point on the parabola. If we assume the length from of the line from B as r , then $r^2 = (x - b)^2 + y^2$. The Lagrangian function is $L = (x - b)^2 + y^2 + \lambda(y^2 - 4ax)$

14. If $f(x, y) = (2x - 3y + 1)(x + y) - 8x + 2y - 9$, find its stationary points. Show that the both the stationary points are saddle points.

15. If $f(x, y, z) = (ax + by + cz)e^{-(\alpha^2 x^2 + \beta^2 y^2 + \gamma^2 z^2)}$, then the maximum and minimum values of f are $\pm \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{2}\{(\frac{a}{\alpha})^2 + (\frac{b}{\beta})^2 + (\frac{c}{\gamma})^2\}}{e}}$

Hints: Let $f(x, y, z) = \sum ax.e^{\sum \alpha^2 x^2} = uv$ where $u = \sum ax$ and $v = \sum \alpha^2 x^2$. Then $f_x = (a - 2\alpha^2 xu)v$ $f_y = (b - 2\beta^2 yu)v$ $f_z = (c - 2\gamma^2 zu)v$