

**2022-23 Second Semester**  
**MATH1063 Linear Algebra II (1003)**

Assignment 9

Due Date: **24/May/2023 (Wednesday), 15:00 @T3-602-R25-H2.**

- Write down your **CHN name** and **student number**. Write neatly on **A4-sized** paper (*staple if necessary*) and **show your steps**.
  - **Late submissions or answers without steps** won't be graded.
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1. Locate all critical points and classify them

(a)  $f(x, y) = e^{-x^2}(y^2 + 1)$

(b)  $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + xy^2 - 4xy + 1$

(c)  $f(x, y) = x \sin(y)$

2. Show that for every symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , there exists a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  such that  $B^3 = A$ .

3. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ -1/2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Show that  $A$  is positive definite and that  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T B \mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

(b) The definition of definite matrix can be extended to non-symmetric matrices. But the eigenvalue test and determinant test will no longer work for non-symmetric matrices.

Use the definition to show that  $B$  is positive definite, while  $B^2$  is not.

4. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with rank  $n$ . Show that the matrix  $A^T A$  is symmetric positive definite.

5. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix, if  $A$  is positive definite, show that  $A$  can be written as  $A = BB^T$ , where  $B$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with orthogonal columns.