

Suggested Solutions for Exam Aug19

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We suggest solutions for the Exam in Multivariable Calculus from Augst 2019. Observe that there may be more ways of solving the problems.

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1 Problem 1

The function is

$$f(x, y) = y^2 - xy - 3y + 2x \quad (1)$$

and we want to find maximum and minimum on the triangle T in \mathbb{R}^2 spanned by the points $(4, 0)$, $(0, 0)$ and $(0, 4)$. Since f is continuous we know that maxima and minima are attained.

To look for maxima/minima in the interior, we solve for $\nabla f = \vec{0}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= -y + 2, \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= 2y - x - 3. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

It is easily seen that the point $(1, 2)$ is the only solution and $f(1, 2) = -2$. We need not analyze the type of stationary point in $(1, 2)$, (it will be a saddle point for the very interested reader), but we rather compare the value -2 with how f behaves on the boundary. We have $f(4, 0) = 8$, $f(0, 0) = 0$ and $f(0, 4) = 4$.

We investigate how f behaves on the boundary of T along the x -axis, i.e. the straight line between $(0, 0)$ and $(4, 0)$. If $g(t) = f(t, 0) = 2t$ we see that we have no interior extremal point. If $g(t) = f(0, t) = t^2 - 3t$, then $g'(t) = 0$ implies $t = 3/2$ and furthermore $g''(t) = 2 > 0$, so that this point is a local minimum. We have $g(3/2) = -9/4$. Finally on the line between $(4, 0)$ and $(0, 4)$ we let

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= f(t, 4 - t) \\ &= (4 - t)^2 - t(4 - t) - 3(4 - t) + 2t \\ &= 2t^2 - 7t + 4, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

so that $g'(t) = 4t - 7 = 0$ implies $t = 7/4$ and $g''(t) = 4 > 0$ so that $t = 7/4$ is a local minimum. We have $f(7/4) = -17/8$.

We compare all extremal points and conclude that

$$\max_T(f) = 8, \quad \min_T(f) = -\frac{9}{4}. \quad (4)$$

2 Problem 2

The PDE is

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y^2 \quad (5)$$

on $\{x, y > 0\}$. We do the change of variables

$$u = xy, \quad v = \frac{y}{x} \quad (6)$$

in the standard way:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \left(-\frac{y}{x^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

We plug this into the left hand side of Equation 5:

$$\begin{aligned} x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= x \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \left(-\frac{y}{x^2} \right) \right) \\ &\quad + y \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \right) \\ &= 2xy \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \\ &= 2u \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The right hand side of Equation 5 is $2y^2 = 2uv$. Hence

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} = v. \quad (10)$$

We integrate this equation with respect to u and get

$$f(u, v) = vu + g(v), \quad (11)$$

where $g \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^+)$, where $\mathbb{R}^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 0\}$. Plugging in the initial variables x, y we get

$$f(x, y) = y^2 + g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right). \quad (12)$$

It is not difficult to see that f satisfies Equation 5, which on the exam you should check.

3 Problem 3

(a)

We see two ways of solving this. On the one hand we may use the fact that the gradient is orthogonal to the level curves at all points. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla g &= \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= \left(3x^2 - 2y, -2x - 3y^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

which at $P = (1, 1)$ evaluates to $\nabla g = (1, -5)$. We see that the vector $v = (5, 1)$ is orthogonal and so the straight line given by

$$\gamma(t) = p + tv \quad (14)$$

solves the problem. To get this on the form $y = kx + m$, we observe that the vector v gives

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

and then we solve for m by plugging in P into the straight line:

$$\begin{aligned} m &= y - kx \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{5} \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{4}{5}. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Alternatively, we may use the Implicit function theorem. Since again

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right|_P &= (-2x - 3y^2)|_P \\ &= -5 \\ &\neq 0, \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

the Implicit Function Theorem says that the level curve $g(x, y) = 0$ can be written as a graph of $y(x)$ "near" $(1, 1)$. From the calculation

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{dx} g(x, y(x)) \\ &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{dy(x)}{dx} \\ &= \left(3x^2 - 2y \right) + \left(-2x - 3y^2 \right) \frac{dy(x)}{dx}. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Evaluating at $P(1, 1)$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1,1)} &= -\frac{1}{-5} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

and we would have solved for m the same way as above.

(b)

We comment that this Problem was prone to misinterpretation. We provide solutions to both interpretations.

We to approximate the graph of the level curve $g(x, y) = 0$ by its Taylor polynomial near $P = (1, 1)$. To do this we find the second derivative, which in turn we find by deriving Equation 18 once more:

$$0 = \left(6x - 2 \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + \left(-2 - 6y \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + \left(-2x - 3y^2 \right) \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2}, \tag{20}$$

which evaluated at $P = (1, 1)$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} -5 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \left(6 - \frac{2}{5} \right) + \left(-2 - \frac{6}{5} \right) \frac{1}{5} \\ &= \frac{156}{25} \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

so that

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{156}{125} \quad (22)$$

at $P = (1, 1)$. Hence, the second order curve

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= y(1) + y'(1)(x-1) + y''(1)\frac{(x-1)^2}{2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{5}(x-1) - \frac{156}{125}\frac{(x-1)^2}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

approximates $g(x, y) = 0$ near P .

We present the alternative (and by the Examiner intended) interpretation, that we want a second order polynomial in both x, y that approximates the level curve $g(x, y) = 0$ near P . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} &= 6x, \\ \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x \partial y} &= -2 \\ \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} &= -6y \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} g(x, y) &\approx g(1, 1) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\bigg|_{(1,1)}(x-1) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}\bigg|_{(1,1)}(y-1) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2}\bigg|_{(1,1)}(x-1)^2 + 2\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x \partial y}\bigg|_{(1,1)}(x-1)(y-1) + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2}\bigg|_{(1,1)}(y-1)^2\right) \\ &= (x-1) - 5(y-1) + 3(x-1)^2 - 2(x-1)(y-1) - 3(y-1)^2 \\ &= 2 - 3x + 3y + 3x^2 - 2xy - 3y^2. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

4 Problem 4

(a)

We calculate the rotation $\nabla \times \vec{F}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{F} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{e}_x & \vec{e}_y & \vec{e}_z \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \left(e^{yz} + yze^{yz} - (e^{yz} + yze^{yz}), 0 - 0, \frac{-2y}{(1+y^2)^2} - \frac{-2y}{(1+y^2)^2} \right) \\ &= (0, 0, 0). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Look up e.g. Sarrus' rule for how to calculate the determinant, in case this is not clear.

(b)

We now observe that since the vector field \vec{F} is irrotational and \mathbb{R}^3 is simply connected, \vec{F} is **conservative**, i.e. there exists $\varphi(x, y, z)$ such that $\nabla\varphi = \vec{F}$. By inspection we find

$$\varphi = \frac{x}{1+y^2} + e^{yz} + z^2 \quad (27)$$

and since the curve integral of a conservative vector field is independent of the path, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \varphi(1, 0, 2\pi) - \varphi(1, 0, 0) \\ &= 1 + (2\pi)^2 - 1 \\ &= 4\pi^2. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

As an alternative route, we may use Stokes Theorem, which in our case, since \vec{F} was irrotational, says that the curve integral along any piecewise smooth curve must vanish. We let γ_1 denote the curve in question and add the two curves γ_2 and γ_3 , where γ_2 passes from $(1, 0, 2\pi)$ to $(1, 0, 0)$ and γ_3 passes from $(1, 0, 0)$ to itself clock-wise seen from the positive z -axis. By Stoke's Theorem we then have

$$\int_{\gamma_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{\gamma_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{\gamma_3} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0. \quad (29)$$

To calculate the γ_2 -integral, we parametrize $\gamma_2(t) = (1, 0, 2\pi - t)$ so that $\dot{\gamma}_2(t) = (0, 0, -1)$ and $t \in (0, 2\pi)$. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \vec{F}(\gamma_2) \cdot \dot{\gamma}_2(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} -2(2\pi - t) dt \\ &= \dots \\ &= -4\pi^2. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

To do the γ_3 -integral, we parametrize $\gamma_3(t) = (\cos(t), -\sin(t), 0)$ with $t \in (0, 2\pi)$ so that $\dot{\gamma}_3(t) = (-\sin(t), -\cos(t), 0)$. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma_3} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \vec{F}(\gamma_3) \cdot \dot{\gamma}_3 dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \sin^2(t)}, -2 \frac{\cos(t)(-\sin(t))}{(1 + \sin^2(t))}, 0 \right) \cdot (-\sin(t), -\cos(t), 0) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (-\sin(t)) \frac{(1 + \sin^2(t) + 2 \cos^2(t))}{(1 + \sin^2(t))^2} dt \\ &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

That the last step follows, i.e. that the integral vanishes, follows as the trigonometric functions are 2π -periodic, so that the integral equals the same integral over the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$ and then the $\sin(t)$ -term is odd and the terms in the quotient is even over this interval.

We have shown that

$$\int_{\gamma_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} - 4\pi^2 + 0 = 0. \quad (32)$$

So try to find a scalar potential if you can!

5 Problem 5

We apply the Divergence Theorem to solve for the flow. This is allowed since the vector field has smooth components and the boundary ∂T consists of piecewise smooth surfaces. It is straightforward to calculate the divergence of \vec{F} :

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} \vec{F} &= \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z} \\ &= z^2 - 1 + 1 \\ &= z^2. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

From the Divergence Theorem and iterated integration we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\oint_{\partial T} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} &= \iiint_T \operatorname{div} \vec{F} dV \\
&= \iiint z^2 dx dy dz \\
&= \int_{z=0}^1 \left(\iint_{A_z} z^2 dx dy \right) dz \\
&= \int_{z=0}^1 z^2 \operatorname{Vol}(A_z) dz
\end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

where A_z is the half rectangle at height z . It is not difficult to see from the equation of the plane (e.g. fix $y = 0$ so that $x = 1 - z$ on the equilateral triangle seen from above) that

$$\operatorname{Vol}(A_z) = \frac{(1-z)^2}{2}. \tag{35}$$

Continuing the iterated integration yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{z=0}^1 z^2 \operatorname{Vol}(A_z) dz &= \int_{z=0}^1 z^2 \frac{(1-z)^2}{2} dz \\
&= \dots \\
&= \frac{1}{60}.
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

6 Problem 6

We let I denote the integral and

$$K = \{x^2 + y^2 + (z-2)^2 \leq 4\} \cap \{z \geq 2\}, \tag{37}$$

which is the half-sphere centered at $(0,0,2)$ with radius 2. We start by observing that ("easy integrals"!) we have both

$$\iiint_K x dV = 0 \tag{38}$$

and similarly for y by the symmetry and

$$\begin{aligned}
\iint_K 5 dV &= 5 \operatorname{Vol}(K) \\
&= 5 \frac{4\pi 2^3}{2 \cdot 3} \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot 20.
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

The z -integral is calculated with iterated integration:

$$\begin{aligned}
\iiint_K z dV &= \int_{z=2}^4 \left(\iint_{C_z} z dx dy \right) dz \\
&= \int_{z=2}^4 z \text{Vol}(C_z) dz \\
&= \int_2^4 z \pi \left(4 - (z-2)^2 \right) dz \\
&= \pi \left[\frac{4}{3} z^3 - \frac{z^4}{4} \right]_2^4 \\
&= \pi \left(\frac{4}{3} 4^3 - \frac{4^4}{4} \right) - \pi \left(\frac{4}{3} 2^3 - \frac{2^4}{4} \right) \\
&= \dots \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot 11.
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot 11 + \frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot 20 \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot 31.
\end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

Alternatively, we can calculate the z -integral with polar coordinates. Firstly, we shift the z -variable:

$$\begin{aligned}
x &\rightarrow u, \\
y &\rightarrow v, \\
z - 2 &\rightarrow w,
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

so that

$$K = \{u^2 + v^2 + w^2 \leq 4\} \cap \{w \geq 2\}. \tag{43}$$

We claim that this change of variables does not change the volume measure:

$$\iiint_K z dx dy dz = \iiint_K (w+2) du dv dw, \tag{44}$$

which you should check to be true (Just look at the Jacobian). The 2-integral is just the volume of the half-sphere:

$$\begin{aligned}
\iiint_K 2 du dv dw &= \frac{2}{2} \frac{4\pi 2^3}{3} \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot 8.
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

The w -integral is calculated with spherical polar coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned}
u &= r \cos(\varphi) \cos(\theta), \\
v &= r \sin(\varphi) \cos(\theta), \\
w &= r \sin(\theta).
\end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

It is not difficult to see that

$$\frac{\partial(u, v, w)}{\partial(r, \varphi, \theta)} = r^2 \cos(\theta) \tag{47}$$

and you should do the calculation so as to agree. We note that here $\theta \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ (which may disagree with the convention sometimes used that θ runs from 0 to π and you should work out

that this parametrization makes no difference) and on K $\theta \in (0, \pi/2)$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\iiint_K z \, dx dy dz &= \iiint_K w \, du dv dw + \frac{4\pi}{3} 8 \\
&= \int_{r=0}^2 \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi/2} \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} (r \sin(\theta)) r^2 \cos(\theta) dr d\theta d\varphi + \frac{4\pi}{3} 8 \\
&= \int_{r=0}^2 r^3 dr \cdot \int_{\theta=-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) d\theta \cdot \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} d\varphi + \frac{4\pi}{3} 8 \\
&= \frac{2^4}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\pi + \frac{4\pi}{3} 8 \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot 11,
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

since the θ -integral can be computed with, for instance, some smart change of variables, or some boring trigonometric identity. The rest follows.

7 Problem 7

We have the vector field

$$\vec{F} = \left(e^{\sin(x)} - x^2 y, e^{y^2} \right) \tag{49}$$

and so we may apply Green's formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
\oint_{\gamma} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} \right) dx dy \\
&= \iint_D \left(0 - (-x^2) \right) dx dy \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \iint_D (x^2 + y^2) dx dy \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_{r=0}^1 \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} r^2 r dr d\varphi \\
&= \frac{1}{2} 2\pi \int_0^1 r^3 dr \\
&= \pi \left[\frac{r^4}{4} \right]_0^1 \\
&= \frac{\pi}{4}.
\end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

We used the symmetry of x and y over the circle in the third equality and then changed to polar coordinates.

8 Problem 8

The differential form is on the form $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$, and we check that it is exact:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} &= 3x \cos(y) - 2y \sin(x), \\
\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} &= 3x \cos(y) - 2y \sin(x)
\end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

so that the form is exact. We solve for a scalar potential φ and we see directly that

$$\varphi(x, y) = x^2 \sin(y) + y^2 \sin(x) + y \tag{52}$$

(modulo constants) solves for the form. The solutions are the equations $\varphi = C$, for any real-valued constant C .

Since

$$\varphi(0, \pi) = \pi^2 + \pi \tag{53}$$

this solves the equation passing through $(0, \pi)$.

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