

① Question 2: The point  $A(-1, 1)$  is a stationary point of the function  $f(x) = x^2|x^3| + 3ax^2 + b$ . Find the value of  $\frac{a}{b}$

Solution:

The function is:

$$\text{Given: } f(x) = x^2|x^3| + 3ax^2 + b \rightarrow \text{①}$$

$$\text{Here, } |x^3| = x^3 \text{ for } x \geq 0$$

$$\text{Also } |x^3| = -x^3 \text{ for } x \leq 0$$

As  $|x^3|$  depends on the sign of  $x$ .

For  $x = -1$ , then substitute this in  $|x^3|$

$$|(-1)^3| = |-1| = 1$$

Thus the function becomes:

$$f(x) = x^2(-x^3) + 3ax^2 + b \text{ for } x < 0$$

$$f(x) = -x^5 + 3ax^2 + b \text{ for } x < 0$$

↓ Eq. ②

① To find the stationary point:

A stationary point occurs when  $f'(x) = 0$   
(ie)  $f'(x)$  is the first derivative of function  $f(x)$ . for  $x < 0$ .

$$f(x) = -x^5 + 3ax^2 + b$$

$$f'(x) = -5x^4 + 6ax$$

③

Equation ③ represents the first derivative of the function  $f(x)$ .

Step 2: To Evaluate at  $x = -1$

Given. A  $(-1, 1)$  is a stationary point

$$f'(-1) = 0$$

Substitute  $x = -1$  at Eq. ③

$$f'(-1) = -5(-1)^4 + 6(a)(-1)$$

$$f'(-1) = -5 - 6a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 - 6a = 0$$

$$-5 = 6a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{-5}{6} \rightarrow \text{④}$$

) To find  $b$  using  $a$  value:

Given  $f(-1) = 1$  :

$$f(-1) = -(-1)^3 + 3a(-1)^2 + b \quad (\text{From Eq. (2)} \\ \text{sub } x = -1)$$

$$f(-1) = -(-1) + 3a + b = 1$$

$$1 = -1 + 3a + b$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 3a + b$$

$$2 = 3\left(\frac{-5}{2}\right) + b$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{-15}{2} + b$$

$$b = \frac{-15}{2} + 2 = \frac{-15 + 4}{2} = \frac{-11}{2}$$

④ To calculate  $\frac{a}{b}$  :

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{-5}{\frac{5}{2}}$$

Where  $= \frac{-5}{b} = a$

$b = \frac{5}{2}$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{-5}{\frac{5}{2}} \times \frac{2}{5} = \frac{-10}{5} = -\frac{2}{1}$$

Thus the value of  $\frac{a}{b}$  is  $-\frac{2}{1}$ .

② For the matrix :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & b \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ b & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(i) Discuss the rank of the matrix based on the value of  $b$ .

(ii) For what values of  $b$  the matrix has non-negative eigenvalues?

Solution:

Given:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & b \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ b & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(i) To find the rank of the matrix, we need to calculate the determinant of the matrix:

$$\det(A) = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ b & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ b \begin{vmatrix} -1 & b \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

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①

Calculating the  $2 \times 2$  determinants in Eq. (1).

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - (-1)(-1) = 4 - 1 = \boxed{3}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ b & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2 - (-1)(b) = -2 + b \Rightarrow \boxed{b-2}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & b \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 - 2(b) = 1 - 2b \Rightarrow \boxed{2b-1}$$

Now  $\det(A)$  becomes:

$$\det(A) = 2(3) - (-1)(b-2) + b(1-2b)$$

$$\det(A) = 6 + b - 2 + b - 2b^2 = 4 + 2b - 2b^2$$

$$\boxed{\det(A) = -2b^2 + 2b + 4} \quad \downarrow \text{Eq. (2)}$$

Here the determinant is a quadratic function, Rank depends on whether the determinant is zero (or) non zero.

$$-2b^2 + 2b + 4 = 0$$

$$\boxed{b^2 - b - 2 = 0} \quad \downarrow \text{Eq. (3)}$$



Solving the quadratic equation (3):

$$b = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

where  $a=1$   
 $b=1$   
 $c=2$

$$b = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{(1)^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)}$$

$$b = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+8}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{9}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm 3}{2}$$

$$b = \frac{1+3}{2} \quad (\text{or}) \quad b = \frac{1-3}{2}$$

$$b = \frac{4}{2} \quad (\text{or}) \quad \frac{-2}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{b = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad b = -1}$$

The determinant is zero for  $b=2$  +  $b=-1$

(i) For the values of  $b=2, -1$ ; Rank is less than:  
Other values of  $b \Rightarrow$  Rank is 3

(ii) Non-Negative Eigen Values:

To find the value of  $b$  for which matrix has non-negative eigen values, find the characteristic polynomial.

The characteristic polynomial of A is:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 & b \\ -1 & 2-\lambda & -1 \\ b & -1 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

↓ ④

Now Again, calculate the determinant:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 2-\lambda \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & b \\ -1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + b \begin{vmatrix} -1 & b \\ 2-\lambda & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

↓ ⑤

Now calculating the  $2 \times 2$  determinants.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (2-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - (-1)(-1) \\ &= 4 - 2\lambda - 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 1 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 \Rightarrow (2-\lambda)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & b \\ -1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (2-\lambda)(-1) - (b)(-1) \\ &= -2 + \lambda + b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & b \\ 2-\lambda & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(-1) - (2-\lambda)(b) \\ = 1 - b(2-\lambda) = 1 - 2b + \lambda b$$

Use the values in Eq. (5).

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = (2-\lambda)((2-\lambda)^2 - 1) + (2-\lambda + b) \\ + b(1 - 2b + \lambda b)$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda - 2)^3 - (\lambda - 2) + (\lambda - 2 + b) + \\ b(\lambda b - 2b + 1)$$

(ii) The matrix  $A$  is symmetric. Thus eigenvalues are real.

We use properties of symmetric matrices & Gershgorin Circle Theorem to ensure non-negative eigen values in Matrix  $A$ .

Here  $a_{11} = 2 > 0$

Also  $\det(A)$  of top left matrix  $> 0$

$$(12) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - (1) = 3 > 0$$

Also  $\det(A) = 4 - 1b^2 + 2b$  From Eq. (2)



For A to be positive, the determinant of A must be positive:

We have to solve for  $-2b^2 + 2b + 4 > 0$

It becomes

$$2b^2 - 2b - 4 < 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{b^2 - b - 2 < 0}$$

The roots for the above equation are  $b=2$  and  $b=-1$ , Thus value of  $b$  lies between:

$$\boxed{-1 < b < 2}$$

Thus Matrix A has non negative eigenvalues for  $b$  in the range  $-1 \leq b \leq 2$ ; But with strictly positive eigenvalues,

It is:  $-1 < b < 2$  for the given

Matrix.

③ Question ③:

Given:

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is } x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

(i) What is the dimension of row space of  $A$ ?

The Equation:

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{where } x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(ii) Dimension of row space of  $A$ :

The solution of  $x$  is:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $x$  is a combination (linear) of vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Thus the null space of  $A$  is said to be 2-dimensional.

Given that  $A$  maps  $x$  to a 3-dimensional vector and the nullspace of  $A$  has dimension 2, by the rank-nullity theorem:

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$$

where  $n$  is the number of columns of  $A$ .

$$\text{Since } n=3;$$

$$\boxed{\text{rank}(A) + 2 = 3}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \boxed{\text{rank}(A) = 1}$$

Since the rank of  $A$  is 1, thus the dimension of the row space of  $A$  is also said to be 1.

(ii) To find matrix  $A$ :

we know that:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

From the equation  $A \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2g &= 2 \\ 2d &= 4 \\ 2a &= 2 \end{aligned} \quad \therefore \quad A \begin{bmatrix} a \\ d \\ g \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus:  $a=1, d=2, g=1$

Thus Eq. ① becomes:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b & c \\ 2 & e & f \\ 1 & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , we can find the values of  $b, c, e, f, h$  and  $i$  respectively.

These  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are in null space

of  $A$ .

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+b \\ 2+e \\ 1+h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \\ i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus we get equations:

$$c = 0$$

$$b = 0$$

$$i = 0$$

$$1 + b = 0; \quad b = -1$$

$$2 + e = 0; \quad e = -2$$

$$1 + h = 0; \quad h = -1$$

Thus the matrix A becomes:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answers:

(i) The dimension of row space of A is 1.

(ii) The matrix A is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$



To find the stationary points, we have to set  $f_x(x, y) = 0$  + by  $f_y(x, y) = 0$ :

$$-\frac{1}{x^2} + y = 0; \quad \boxed{y = \frac{1}{x^2}} \rightarrow (4)$$

$$x - \frac{1}{y^2} = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{1}{y^2}} \rightarrow (5)$$

Substitute (4) in (5):

$$x = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x^4}\right)} = x^4$$

$$x^4 = x \Rightarrow x^4 - x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x^3 - 1) = 0$$

Thus we have 2 solutions:

$$x = 0; \quad x^3 = 1; \quad \boxed{x = 1}$$

$$\text{If } x = 1, \text{ then } y = \frac{1}{(1)^2} = 1$$

$$\text{If } x = 0, \text{ then } y = \frac{1}{(0)^2} = \text{undefined};$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Not a valid stationary point.

④ Find and classify all the stationary points of:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{x} + xy + \frac{1}{y}$$

Solution:

Given:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{x} + xy + \frac{1}{y} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

To find first partial derivatives:

With respect to:

$x$ :

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{1}{x} + xy + \frac{1}{y} \right)$$

$$\boxed{f_x(x, y) = -\frac{1}{x^2} + y} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$y$ :

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{1}{x} + xy + \frac{1}{y} \right)$$

$$\boxed{f_y(x, y) = x - \frac{1}{y^2}} \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

(i) Thus the only valid stationary point;

$(x, y)$  is  $(1, 1)$ .

(ii) To compute second derivatives of  $f(x, y)$  in order to classify the stationary points.

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -\frac{1}{x^2} + y \right) = \frac{2}{x^3}$$

$$f_{yy}(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( x - \frac{1}{y^2} \right) = \frac{2}{y^3}$$

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x \partial y} \left( -\frac{1}{x^2} + y \right) = 1$$

At point  $(1, 1)$ :

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = \frac{2}{(1)^3} = 2$$

$$f_{yy}(x, y) = \frac{2}{(1)^3} = 2$$

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = 1$$

The Determinant  $\Delta \therefore f_{xx}(1, 1) f_{yy}(1, 1) - (f_{xy}(1, 1))^2$   
✓ Hessian

$$\Delta = (2)(2) - (1)^2 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

$\therefore D > 0$ , and  $f_{xx}(1,1) > 0$ ;  
The function  $f(x,y)$  has local minimum at stationary point  $(1,1)$ .

⑤ Find the maximum value of  $f(x,y) = x^{\frac{2}{3}}y^{\frac{1}{3}}$   
subject to constraint  $x + 4y = 96$ .

Solution:

$$f(x,y) = x^{\frac{2}{3}}y^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

$$\text{where } x + 4y = 96.$$

By the method of Lagrange Multiplier,

(i) The Lagrangian function  $\mathcal{L}$  is given by:

$$\mathcal{L}(x,y,\lambda) = f(x,y) - \lambda(g(x,y) - c)$$

$$\text{where } g(x,y) = x + 4y \text{ and } c = 96$$

Thus:

$$\mathcal{L}(x,y,\lambda) = x^{\frac{2}{3}}y^{\frac{1}{3}} - \lambda(x + 4y - 96)$$

(ii) Finding the Partial Derivatives of  $\mathcal{L}$  with respect to  $x, y, \lambda$  and set them to zero.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = \frac{2}{3}x^{-\frac{1}{3}}y^{\frac{1}{3}} - \lambda = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{3} x^{2/3} \cdot y^{1/3} - 4\lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = -(x + 4y - 96) = 0$$

(iii) Solving the system of Equations:

from  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = 0$ ;

$$\lambda = \frac{2}{3} x^{-1/3} \cdot y^{1/3} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

from  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} = 0$ ,

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{12} x^{2/3} y^{-2/3} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Equating  $\textcircled{1}$  &  $\textcircled{2}$ :

$$\frac{2}{3} x^{-1/3} y^{1/3} = \frac{1}{12} x^{2/3} y^{-2/3}$$

$$8x^{-1/3} y^{1/3} = x^{2/3} y^{-2/3} \quad / \quad 8y = x$$

$$x = 8y$$

Now substituting  $x = 8y$  in  $x + 4y = 96$ .

$$8y + 4y = 96$$

$$12y = 96$$

$$\boxed{y = 8}$$



Substituting  $y = 8$  in  $x = 8y$ ;

$$x = 8 \cdot 8 = 64$$

$$\boxed{x = 64}$$

When  $x = 64$ ,  $y = 8$ ;

$$x + 4y = 96$$

$$64 + 4(8) = 64 + 32 \Rightarrow 96$$

Thus these  $x, y$  values satisfy the constraint.

$$f(x, y) = f(64, 8) = 64^{2/3} \cdot 8^{1/3}$$

$$64^{2/3} = (4^3)^{2/3} = 4^2 = 16$$

$$8^{1/3} = (2^3)^{1/3} = 2 = 2$$

$$f(64, 8) = 16 \cdot 2 = 32$$

$$\boxed{f(64, 8) = 32}$$

Thus the maximum value of  $f(x, y) = x^{2/3} \cdot y^{1/3}$  subjecting to constraint  $x + 4y = 96$  is 32.

⑥. Question 6:

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X=x)$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$\frac{1}{3}$

(i) Suppose  $E[X] = \frac{25}{6}$ . Find values of  $a + b$ .

Solution:

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=1}^6 x \cdot P(X=x) \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Eq ① shows the formula for expected value  $E[X]$ .

$$P(X=1) = a$$

$$P(X=3) = a$$

$$P(X=5) = b$$

$$P(X=2) = a$$

$$P(X=4) = b$$

$$P(X=6) = \frac{1}{3}$$

All probabilities sum up to 1:

$$3a + 2b + \frac{1}{3} = 1$$

$$3a + 2b = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\boxed{3a + 2b = \frac{2}{3}} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

The expected value is:

$$E[X] = 1 \cdot a + 2 \cdot a + 3 \cdot a + 4 \cdot b + 5 \cdot b + 6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{25}{6}$$

$$6a + 9b + 2 = \frac{25}{6}$$

$$6a + 9b = \frac{25}{6} - 2 = \frac{25 - 12}{6} = \frac{13}{6}$$

$$E[x] = 6a + 9b = \frac{13}{6} \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

From  $\textcircled{2}$  &  $\textcircled{3}$

$$3a + 2b = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$6a + 9b = \frac{13}{6}$$

Multiply Eq.  $\textcircled{2} \times 2$

$$6a + 4b = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$(-) \quad 6a (-) 9b = (-) \frac{13}{6}$$

$$-9b + 4b = -\frac{13}{6} + \frac{4}{3} \times 2$$

$$-5b = \frac{-13 + 8}{6}$$

$$-5b = \frac{-5}{6}$$

$$b = \frac{5}{30} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\boxed{b = \frac{1}{6}} \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

Put ④ in ②

$$3a + 2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$3a + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$3a = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\boxed{a = \frac{1}{9}}$$

The values of  $[a, b]$  for  $E[X] = \frac{25}{6}$  are  $\left[\frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{6}\right]$

(ii) Find  $k$ :

$y$	1	2	3	4	5
$F(y)$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{2}{10}$	$3k$	$4k$	$5k$

Given the CDF of  $Y$ ,  $F(y)$  is:

CDF means, Cumulative Distribution

Function.

Since  $F(y)$  is a CDF, Then  $F(5) = 1$

$$5k = 1$$

$$\boxed{k = \frac{1}{5}}$$

(iii) Find the probability mass function of  $Y$ :

$y$	$F(y)$	$P(Y=y)$
1	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$
2	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{2}{10} - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{10}$
3	$\frac{3}{10}$	$3K - \frac{2}{10} = \frac{3}{10} - \frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{10}$
4	$\frac{4}{10}$	$4K - 3K = \frac{4}{10} - \frac{3}{10} = \frac{1}{10}$
5	1	$5K - 4K = 1 - \frac{4}{10} = \frac{1}{10}$

$$P(Y=y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{10} & \text{for } y \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$