

1 Exercise: Numerical integration

2 Exercise: Local Minimizer - C++

Given function:

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

For local minima/maxima the condition $\partial_x f(x, y) = 0$ and $\partial_y f(x, y) = 0$ has to be fulfilled.

$$\partial_x f(x, y) = -2xe^{-x^2 - y^2}$$

and

$$\partial_y f(x, y) = -2ye^{-x^2 - y^2}$$

Because e^z is never zero for any z , so $-2x = 0$ and $-2y = 0$, equal to $x = 0$ and $y = 0$. That means a local extremal point is at $(0,0)$.

To determine if it is a local minimum or maximum the second derivatives have to be calculated. H is the Hessian matrix :

$$H(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx}(x, y) & f_{xy}(x, y) \\ f_{yx}(x, y) & f_{yy}(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D(x_c, y_c) = \det(H(x, y)) = f_{xx}(x_c, y_c)f_{yy}(x_c, y_c) - [f_{xy}(x_c, y_c)]^2$$

With the cases:

- If $D(a, b) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$ (a, b) is a local minimum of f .
- If $D(a, b) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$ (a, b) is a local maximum of f .
- If $D(a, b) < 0$ then (a, b) is a saddle point of f .
- If $D(a, b) = 0$ then the derivative test is inconclusive.

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = -2e^{-x^2-y^2} + 4xe^{-x^2-y^2}$$

$$f_{yy}(x, y) = -2e^{-x^2-y^2} + 4ye^{-x^2-y^2}$$

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = f_{yx}(x, y) = 4xye^{-x^2-y^2}$$

$$D(0, 0) = (-2 + 0) \cdot (-2 + 0) - 0 = 4 > 0$$

$$f_{xx}(0, 0) = -2 + 0 = -2 < 0$$

This means that there is a local maximum at (0,0).

