MS 221 — Homework Set (7)

(Lagrange Multipliers / Grad, Div and Curl)

QUESTION 1

Determine the **shortest distance** from the point (0, b) on the y-axis to the parabola $x^2 - 4y = 0$ in each of the following ways:

- (i) Use the method of Lagrange multipliers.
- (ii) Use the constraint $x^2 4y = 0$ to eliminate one of the variables, thus reducing the problem to the calculus of one variable.

Hint: Distance is minimized \iff (Distance)² is minimized

QUESTION 2

Let \wp be the plane in \mathbb{R}^3 which passes through the point p and is normal to the vector n. If q is any point in \mathbb{R}^3 , use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the shortest distance from the point q to the plane \wp .

QUESTION 3

The cone $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ is cut by the plane 2x + 2y + 2z = 4 in a curve \mathcal{C} . Find the points on \mathcal{C} which are nearest and furthest away from the xy-plane.

QUESTION 4

Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the points on the curve

$$3x^2 - 8xy - 3y^2 = 5$$

which are nearest and furthest away from the origin.

QUESTION 5

Calculate $\nabla \varphi_p$ (that is, the **gradient** of φ at p) where the function $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}$ and the point $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ are given by

$$\varphi(x, y, z) = x^2 z + e^{yz}$$
 and $\boldsymbol{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, respectively.

QUESTION 6

Calculate $\nabla . F_p$, (that is, the divergence of F at p) where the vector field $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ and the point $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ are given by

$$F(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} x^2y \\ x - yz \\ \sin(yz) \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $p = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, respectively.

QUESTION 7

Calculate $\nabla \times F_p$, (that is, the **curl** of F at p) where the vector field $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ and the point $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ are as given in Question A

QUESTION 8

In the case of any (smooth) scalar field $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}$ and vector field $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ establish the following

- (i) $\nabla \cdot (\varphi \mathbf{F}) = (\nabla \varphi) \cdot \mathbf{F} + \varphi (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}).$
- (ii) $\nabla \times (\varphi \mathbf{F}) = (\nabla \varphi) \times \mathbf{F} + \varphi (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}).$
- (iii) $\nabla \times (\nabla \varphi) \equiv \mathbf{0}$.
- (iv) $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \equiv 0$.
- (v) $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \varphi) = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z^2}.$

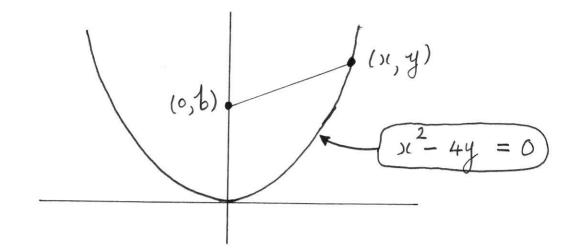
QUESTION 9

Use the Chain Rule to express the two dimensional Laplacian

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \varphi) = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2}$$

in terms of polar coordinates.





Minimize
$$f(x,y) = (distance)^2 = x^2 + (y-6)^2$$

Subject to the constraint
$$g(x,y) = x^2 - 4y = 0$$

(i) Lagrange Multipliers:

Solve

$$\nabla f - \lambda \nabla g = 0$$

$$\iff \begin{bmatrix} 2\lambda - \lambda 2\lambda \\ 2(y-b) - \lambda(-4) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(y-b) + 2\lambda = 0 \dots (1)$$

$$(y-b) + 2\lambda = 0 \dots (2)$$

Equation (1) results in the following two cases:

and
$$(dist)^2 = f(0,0) = 6^2$$

Case 2:
$$\lambda = 1$$
 $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{E}_{Qu}^n(2)}$ $y = (b-2)$

$$\frac{\text{constraint}}{} > x = \pm 2\sqrt{6-2}$$

Mote: For this case to arise we require $b \ge 2$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Hene
$$(dist)^2 = (y-6)^2$$

= $4(b-2) + 4$
= $4b-4$

The question now is:

Is (distance in case 1) < (distance in case 2) 3

This is true

$$\langle = \rangle$$
 $6^2 - 46 + 4 \leq 0$

$$\langle = \rangle \qquad \left(6 - 2 \right)^2 \leq 0$$

and this is never true unless b=2, in which case we get equality.

Thus, shortest distance is always given by the formula in case 2. That is,

distance =
$$2\sqrt{6-1}$$

(ii) Eliminate one of the variables using constraint:

constraint $x^2 - 4y = 0$

So $(dist)^2 = 11^2 + (y-b)^2$ = $4y + (y-b)^2 \quad \forall y \ge 0$.

$$\varphi: [0,\infty) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}: y \longmapsto 4y + (y-b)^2$$

$$\varphi(y)$$

$$\varphi'(y) = 4 + 2(y-b) = 2y - 2(b-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow q'(y) \text{ is } \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } y > (6-2) \\ < 0 & \text{if } y < (6-2) \end{cases}$$

CASE (A):
$$6 \le 2 \implies \varphi'(y) \ge 0 \quad \forall y \in [0, \infty)$$

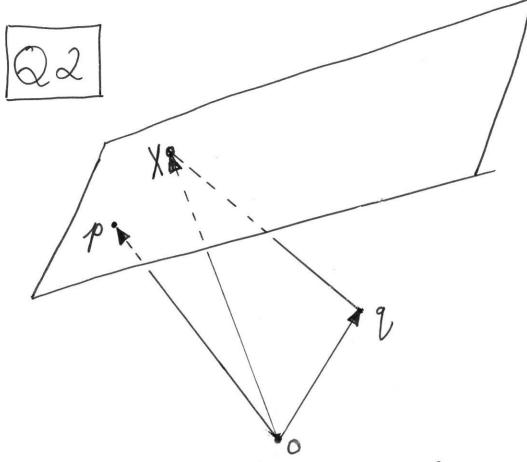
=> minimum value of
$$\phi = \phi(0)$$

$$=6^2$$

$$\frac{\text{CASE (B)}}{h}: b>2 \Rightarrow \varphi(y) \text{ is } \begin{cases} <0 \ \forall \ y \in [0, b-2) \\ >0 \ \forall \ y \in (b-2, \infty) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\varphi(y)}{b-2}$$

So minimum value of
$$\phi$$
 is
= $\phi(b-2)$
= $4(b-2) + (b-2-6)^2$
= $4b-4$



We must minimize $\|X-q_i\|^2$ subject to the constraint that $X \in plane$

Let
$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$
 $q = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $h = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ 6 \\ C \end{bmatrix}$

Thus, the equation of the plane is $\langle X-p, H \rangle = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \langle X, n \rangle = \langle p, n \rangle$$

$$= > an + by + cz = d$$

Therefore, we must minimize $f(x,y,3) = (x-x,)^2 + (y-y,)^2 + (3-3,)^2$ subject to the constraint g(x,y,z) = ax + by + cz = d.

 $\nabla f - \lambda \nabla g = 0$

 $\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} : 2(y-y_1) - \lambda a = 0 \dots (1) \\ \frac{1}{2} : 2(y-y_1) - \lambda b = 0 \dots (2) \end{cases}$

2 (3-3,) - 2 C = 0 (3)

 $\Rightarrow (X-9) = \frac{\lambda}{2} + \cdots + (4)$

That is, the line joining q to X meets the plane onthogonally (i.e. is parallel to 11). In any case, the shortest distance from q to the plane is $\| X - Q \| = \frac{|A|}{2} \| M \|.$

$$\langle X-p,n\rangle=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle (X-q) + (q-p), H \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle X-q, n \rangle + \langle q-p, n \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle X-q, n \rangle = \langle p-q, n \rangle.$$

now use equation (4) to obtain

$$\left\langle \frac{\lambda}{2} n, n \right\rangle = \left\langle p - q, n \right\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{2} \| \mathbf{n} \| = \frac{\langle p-q, \mathbf{n} \rangle}{\| \mathbf{n} \|}$$

Thus the shortest distance

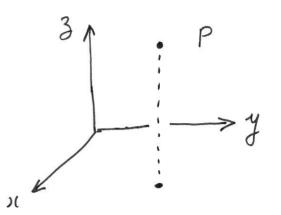
$$|| x - q || = |\frac{\lambda}{2}| || n || = |\frac{\langle p - q, n \rangle}{|| n ||}$$

Mote, the distance from a point

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 to the

sy-plane is 13/

$$\Rightarrow$$
 (distance) = 3²



Thus, we must minimize

$$f(11,4,3) = 3^2$$

subject to the constraints

$$g(x,y,z) = 3^2 - x^2 - y^2 = 0$$

$$g_2(x, y, 3) = 211 + 2y + 23 = 4$$
.

Uf - 2, Dg, - 2, Dg, = 0 Solve

$$\frac{2}{3}$$
: $0 - \lambda_1(-2)(1) - \lambda_2 2 = 0 \dots (1)$

$$\frac{2}{5y}$$
: $0 - \frac{1}{2}(-2y) - \frac{1}{2}z = 0 - - - (2)$

$$\frac{2}{23}$$
: $23 - \lambda_1(23) - \lambda_2 2 = 0 - ... (3)$

$$(\varepsilon q^{n})_{1} - (\varepsilon q^{n})_{2}$$

$$\Longrightarrow 2\pi \lambda_{1} - 2y\lambda_{1} = 0$$

$$\Longrightarrow (\pi - y)\lambda_{1} = 0 \dots (4)$$

So that two cases arise:

CASE 1
$$\lambda_1 = 0$$
 Then

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\Longrightarrow} \lambda_2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \stackrel{(3)}{\Longrightarrow} 3 = \lambda_1 3 - \lambda_2 = 0$$

That is, [3=0]. But then the constraint

$$g_{1}(x,y,z) = 0$$
 => $x^{2}+y^{2}=0$
=> $x = y = 0$

So
$$\left[\lambda_{1}=0\right] =>\left[n=y=3=0\right]$$

But this is impossible because from the constraint g, (11, y, 3) = 4 we have

$$y(+y+3)=2$$

Therefore, CASE 1 is NOT Valid.

The constraints
$$g_1(n, y, 3) = 0$$

 $g_2(n, y, 3) = 4$

$$3^{2} - 2x^{2} = 0$$

$$2x + 3 = 2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3^2 = 2n^2 \\ 3^2 = \left[2(1-n)\right]^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4[11^{2}-211+1]=211^{2}$$

$$\mu^2 - 4\mu + 2 = 0$$

$$3^{2} = \chi^{2} + y^{2} = 2\chi^{2}$$

$$= 2(2 + \sqrt{2})^{2} = 2[4 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2]$$

$$= 2[6 + 2\sqrt{2}]$$

For "nearest" take "_" here and furthest

So minimize

$$f(n,y,3) = x^2 + y^2$$

Subject to the constraint that

$$g(n,y,3) = 3n^2 - 8ny - 3y^2 = 5$$

Solve

$$\nabla f - \lambda \nabla g = 0$$

$$\frac{2}{2}$$
: $2x - \lambda(6x - 8y) = 0....(1)$

$$\frac{2}{3y}$$
: $2y - \lambda(-8x - 6y) = 0 \dots (2)$

$$\stackrel{(1) \times y}{\Longrightarrow} 2\pi y - \lambda \left(6\pi y - 8y^2\right) = 0 \dots (3)$$

$$\implies 2\pi y + \lambda (8\pi^2 + 6\pi y) = 0 - - (4)$$

From Equation (5) two cases arise:

Case 1:
$$\lambda = 0$$
 Here, it follows from $\lambda = 0$ Equations (1) & (2) that, $\lambda = 0$.

But now the constraint g(s, y, z) = 5 is NOT satisfied. Thus <u>Case 1</u> does NOT hold.

Case 2:
$$8x^2 + 12xy - 8y^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 3xy - 2y^2 = 0 - (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 + 9xy - 6y^2 = 0$$

$$constraint + 6x^2 - 16xy - 6y^2 = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 25 \times y = -10$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{2}{5} \times \cdots \times (7)$$

$$(6) & (7) \\ = > 2x^{2} + 3x \left(-\frac{2}{5x}\right) - 2\left(-\frac{2}{5x}\right)^{2} = 0$$

$$= > 25x^{4} - 15x^{2} - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (5x^{2} - 4)(5x^{2} + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

and
$$y = -\frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = -\frac{2}{5} \cdot \left(-\frac{15}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{15}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 $(x,y) = \left(\frac{2}{15}, -\frac{1}{15}\right)$ or $\left(-\frac{2}{15}, \frac{1}{15}\right)$

In either case

$$f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$$

$$=\frac{4}{5}+\frac{1}{5}=1$$

note: Both minimize distance, There is no maximum distance since curve $3x^2 - 8xy - 3y^2 = 5$ looks like

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\boxed{Q5} & \varphi(n,y,3) = n3 + e^{y3}, & p = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
\boxed{7} & \varphi(p) \\
\boxed{9} & \varphi(p) \\
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\end{array} = \begin{bmatrix} 2n3 \\ 3e^{y3} \\ 2e^{y3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1^2 + ye^{y3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla \varphi_{p} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}(p) \\ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}(p) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2xy \\ 3e^{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1^{2} + ye^{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Qb
$$\nabla \cdot F_p = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial n} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}_p$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (n^2y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (n^2y^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \sin(y^2y^2) \end{bmatrix}_{p=\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2ny - 3 + y\cos(y^2y^2) \end{bmatrix}_{p=\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -0 & +3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \boxed{Q8} \\ (i) \ \nabla.(\varphi F) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\varphi F_1 \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\varphi F_2 \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\varphi F_3 \right) \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} \right) F_1 + \varphi \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial n} \right] + \left[\left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right) F_2 + \varphi \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} \right] + \left[\cdots \right] \\ \boxed{DOT-PRODUCT} &= \left[\left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} \right) F_1 + \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right) F_2 + \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \right) F_3 \right] + \varphi \left[\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial n} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} \right] \\ &= \left(\nabla \varphi \right) \cdot F + \varphi \left(\nabla. F \right) \end{array}$$

(ii)
$$\nabla \times (\varphi F) = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\varphi F_3) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\varphi F_2) dz$$

components

are similar

$$= \left[\left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right) F_3 + \varphi \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \right) F_2 - \varphi \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$= \left[\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) F_3 - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) F_2 \right] + \phi \left[\frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} \right]$$

$$= (\nabla \varphi) \times F + \varphi \nabla \times F$$

= 0 Because of the equality
of mixed partial
derivatives.

(iv)
$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla x F) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\nabla x F)_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\nabla x F)_2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\nabla x F)_3$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\cdots \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\cdots \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2 F_3}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 F_2}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 F_1}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 F_3}{\partial y \partial x} + \cdots$$

$$= 0 \quad \begin{cases} \text{Because of the equality of} \\ \text{mixed partial derivatives}. \end{cases}$$

$$(V) \nabla \cdot (\nabla \varphi) = \nabla \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z^2}$$

= r- (d, coso + d,-smo)

7 [1- (dyy cos a - dy sin a)] (1 cos a)

$$\Rightarrow cloo = 1^{-2} \left[clyy \cos \alpha + cloo + cloo + cloo + cloo + coso \right]$$

$$= 2 cloo + clo + cloo +$$

$$= \frac{1}{v^{-2}} + \frac{$$

 $= \phi_{nin} \cos \phi + 2\phi_{niy} \sin \phi \cos \phi + \phi_{yy} \cos \phi$ $+ \phi_{nin} \sin^2 \phi - 2\phi_{niy} \sin \phi \cos \phi + \phi_{yy} \cos \phi$ $= \phi_{nin} \left(\sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi \right) + \phi_{yy} \left(\sin^2 \phi + \cos \phi \right)$

 $= q_{nn} + q_{yy} = \nabla^2 q_1$