

I pledge my honor that I have abided by the Stevens Honor System.

1) $S^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 & 0 \\ 8 & 25 & 9 \\ 0 & 9 & 25 \end{bmatrix} = S$ thus S is symmetric

If all upper left corner determinants are positive, then S is positive definite

$$\det[4] = 4 > 0 \checkmark$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 8 & 25 \end{bmatrix} = 4(25) - 8(8) = 100 - 64 = 36 > 0 \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 & 0 \\ 8 & 25 & 9 \\ 0 & 9 & 25 \end{bmatrix} &= 4(25^2 - 9^2) - 8(8(25) - 9(0)) + 0 \\ &= 4(544) - 8(191) \\ &= 648 > 0 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Thus, S is positive definite.

b) First, elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 & 0 \\ 8 & 25 & 9 \\ 0 & 9 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 9 \\ 0 & 9 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = U$$

$$LDL^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & & \\ & 9 & \\ & & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \sqrt{D} L^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = C^T C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

2a) S is positive definite if $x^T S x > 0$ for every nonzero x where

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \quad x^T S x = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$$

First, we solve for the matrix $S = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$ with our given quadratic form $f(x, y)$

$$x^2 + xy + y^2 = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$$

$$a=1 \quad 2b=1 \quad c=1$$

$$b=1/2$$

So, S is a symmetric matrix $S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Recall that $n \times n$ matrix S is positive definite if its n upper-left determinants are positive. So,

$$\det |1| = 1 > 0 \checkmark$$

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(1) - (1/2)(1/2) = 3/4 > 0 \checkmark$$

Thus, the symmetric matrix S is positive definite.

$$2b) \quad x^2 + xy + y^2 = 1 \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 - 1/4 = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 3/4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \lambda = 3/2, 1/2$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q \Lambda Q^T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3/2 \left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + 1/2 \left(\frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 = 1$$

$$2b) \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{3}{2} u^2 + \frac{1}{2} v^2 = 1 \quad \text{where } u = \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{2}} \quad v = \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$u\text{-axis: } v=0 \quad \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} = 0 \quad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \perp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v\text{-axis: } u=0 \quad \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{2}} = 0 \quad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \perp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3/2}} = \sqrt{2/3} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{1/2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

The minor axis is $\sqrt{2/3}$ in direction $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

The major axis is $\sqrt{2}$ in direction $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$3) \quad H = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & a \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ a & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_1 = -2 < 0$$

$$M_2 = 3 > 0$$

$$M_3 = (3)(-2) - (1)(-2-a) + (a)(1+2a) \\ = -6 + 2 + a + a + 2a^2$$

$$M_3 = 2a^2 + 2a - 4$$

$$a = 1, -2$$

above 1, M_3 becomes positive, and below -2 it also becomes positive. Thus, for $(0,0,0)$ to be a point of local maximum for f ,

a must be in the range of

$$(-2, 1)$$

noninclusive