Mathematical Concepts 2

## Solution 1:

Matrix Calculus

(a) 
$$\frac{\partial \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}\|_{2}^{2}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \|\mathbf{u}\|_{2}^{2}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{u}^{\top} (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{I}^{\top}) = 2(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^{\top}$$

(b) 
$$\frac{\partial \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}\|_2}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \sqrt{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}\|_2^2}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{0.5}{\sqrt{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}\|_2^2}} \frac{\partial \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}\|_2^2}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \stackrel{(a)}{=} \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^\top}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}\|_2}$$

(c) 
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{I} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{v}^{\top} \mathbf{I}^{\top} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{u}^{\top} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{v}^{\top} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

$$(\mathbf{d}) \ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{Y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{y}_{1} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{y}_{d} \end{pmatrix}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \stackrel{(c)}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^{\top} \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_{1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{y}_{1}^{\top} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{\top} \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_{d}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{y}_{d}^{\top} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \end{pmatrix}$$

(e) Note for  $\mathbf{y}: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})$  the *i*-th column of  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$  is  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial x_i}$ . With this it follows that

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x} \partial \mathbf{x}^\top} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \\ &\stackrel{(c)}{=} \frac{\partial \left( \mathbf{u}^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{v}^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \\ &\stackrel{(d)}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^\top \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{v}}{\partial x_1 \partial \mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial x_1}^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \\ & \vdots \\ & \mathbf{u}^\top \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{v}}{\partial x_d \partial \mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial x_d}^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}^\top \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial x_1 \partial \mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x_1}^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \\ & \vdots \\ & \mathbf{v}^\top \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial x_d \partial \mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x_d}^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^\top \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{v}}{\partial x_1 \partial \mathbf{x}} \\ & \vdots \\ & \mathbf{u}^\top \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{v}}{\partial x_1 \partial \mathbf{x}} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}^\top \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial x_1 \partial \mathbf{x}} \\ & \vdots \\ & \mathbf{v}^\top \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial x_1 \partial \mathbf{x}} \end{pmatrix}. \end{split}$$

## Solution 2:

Optimality in 1d

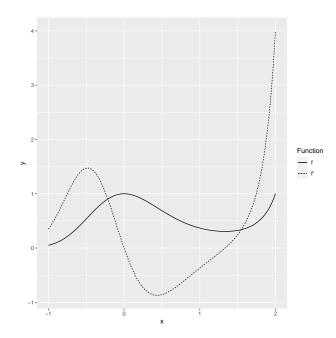
Let 
$$f: [-1, 2] \to \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto \exp(x^3 - 2x^2)$$

(a) 
$$f'(x) = \exp(x^3 - 2x^2) \cdot (3x^2 - 4x)$$

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(b) library(ggplot2)
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f <- function(x) exp(x^3 - 2*x^2)
df <- function(x) f(x) * (3*x^2 - 4*x)

ggplot(data.frame(x = seq(-1, 2, by=0.005)), aes(x)) +
  geom_function(fun = f, aes(linetype = "f")) +
  geom_function(fun = df, aes(linetype = "f")) +
  scale_linetype_discrete(name = "Function")</pre>
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(c) f is continuously differentiable  $\Rightarrow$  candidates can only be stationary points and boundary points.

Find stationary points, i.e., points where 
$$f'(x) = 0 \iff \exp(x^3 - 2x^2) \cdot (3x^2 - 4x) = 0 \iff 3x^2 - 4x = 0 \iff x(3x - 4) = 0.$$

 $\Rightarrow x_1 = 0, x_2 = 4/3$ . The other candidates are boundary points, i.e.,  $x_3 = -1, x_4 = 2$ .

- (d)  $f''(x) = \exp(x^3 2x^2) \cdot (3x^2 4x)^2 + \exp(x^3 2x^2) \cdot (6x 4)$
- (e)  $f''(x_1) = \exp(0) \cdot (-4) < 0$  $\Rightarrow x_1$  is a local maximum

$$f''(x_2) = \exp((4/3)^3 - 2(4/3)^2) \cdot (4) > 0$$
  
 $\Rightarrow x_2$  is a local minimum.

The boundary points  $x_3$  and  $x_4$  are not considered as local optima.

- (f)  $f(x_1) = \exp(0) = 1$   $f(x_2) = \exp((4/3)^3 - 2(4/3)^2) \approx 0.3057$ 
  - $f(x_3) = \exp(-3) \approx 0.05$
  - $f(x_4) = \exp(0) = 1$

 $\Rightarrow x_1, x_4$  are global maxima.  $x_3$  is global minimum.