## 1. Functions of several variables

### Points, vectors and lines

- 1. Find cartesian and parametric equations for these lines:
  - (a) The line through the points (1, 2) i (3, 1);
  - (b) The line through (1, 1) with direction vector equal to (0, 1).
- 2. Provide parametrizations for the sides of the triangle determined by x=0, y=0 and x+y=6.
- 3. Find cartesian and parametric equations for these lines:
  - (a) The line through the points (-1, 0, 2) i (3, 3, 1);
  - (b) The line through  $(\sqrt{2}, 1, -\pi)$  with direction vector equal to (0, 1, e).
- 4. Compute the measure of the angles given by:
  - (a) The vectors (2, 4) i (4, 2),
  - (b) The lines x + 2y + 4 = 0 i 4x + 3y + 1 = 0,
  - (c) The vectors (2, 4, 7) i (7, 4, -2),
  - (d) The lines  $r_1$  i  $r_2$  given by these equations

$$r_1$$
:  $x + 2y + 3z + 4 = 0$ ,  $4x + 3y + 2z + 1 = 0$   
 $r_2$ :  $5x + y - z + 1 = 0$ ,  $-x - y + z + 3 = 0$ .

- 5. (a) Compute the dot product of these plane vectors:  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) \cdot (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2})$  and of these 3-d vectors i  $(-1, 0, 2) \cdot (3, 3, 1)$ .
  - (b) Find equations for the line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which is orthogonal to the plane x+y+z-1=0 and goes through the point (3,1,-4).
  - (c) Find all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which are perpendicular to the line given by the equations

$$5x + y - z + 1 = 0$$
,  $-x - y + z + 3 = 0$ .

(d) Determine all pairs of vectors v, w satisfying ||v + w|| = ||v|| + ||w||. Find also all vectors u, w such that  $|\langle u, w \rangle| = ||u|| \cdot ||w||$ .

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- 6. Prove or disprove these claims:
  - (a)  $||v w|| \ge |||v|| ||w|||$ .
  - (b)  $||u v||^2 + ||u + v||^2 = 2(||u||^2 + ||v||^2)$ .

- 7. Compute  $v \times w$  for v = (-1, 2, 3) i w = (6, 1, 0). Find all vectors which are orthogonal to v. Provide a description of all vectors of modulus 1 in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  as well as the subset of those which are orthogonal to w. (Here all vectors are supposed to start at  $(0, 0, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .)
- 8. Describe these sets of point of the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :
  - (a) Those at a fixed distance r > 0 to the point (a, b).
  - (b) Those at the same distance to the point (a, 0) as to the *Y*-axis.
  - (c) The points (x, y) such that  $x^2 + y^2 = 2x$ .
  - (d) The points (x, y) such that  $x^2 y^2 = 2x$ .
- 9. Give a geometric description of this subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ : (Hint: It's a sphere.)

$$\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2x + 2y\}.$$

# Curves in the plane and in 3-dimensional space

10. Provide descriptions of the paths in the plane given by these curves:

(a) 
$$t \to (0,0)$$
; (b)  $t \to (t,t)$ ; (c)  $t \to (t,t^2)$ ; (d)  $t \to (t^2,t^3)$ ;  
(e)  $t \to (\sin 2\pi t, \cos 2\pi t)$ ; (f)  $t \to (t - \sin t, 1 - \cos t)$ ; (g)  $t \to (t, \sqrt[4]{|t|})$ ;  
(h)  $t \to (\cos 2\pi t, t)$ ; (i)  $t \to (e^{-t} \cos t, e^{-t} \sin t)$ ; (j)  $t \to (e^{-t} \cos t, e^{-t})$ .

- 11. Compute the tangent vector and the tangent line at the point P=(1,0) for the curve (i) in exercise 10. Is there any tangent line for the curve (c) in exercise 10 which passes through the point  $Q=\left(\frac{13}{4},10\right)$ ?
- 12. (a) Provide descriptions of the paths in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by these curves:

(1) 
$$t \to (t, t, t)$$
; (2)  $t \to (t, t^2, t^3)$ ; (3)  $t \to (\sin 2\pi t, \cos 2\pi t, 1)$   
(4)  $t \to (\sin 2\pi t, \cos 2\pi t, t)$ ; (5)  $t \to (e^{-t} \sin t, e^{-t} \cos t, e^{-t})$ .

- (b) Prove that the path given by the curve  $\left(t, \frac{1+t}{t}, \frac{1-t^2}{t}\right)$  for  $t \neq 0$  lies in a plane,
- 13. Compute the tangent vector to the curve (e) in exercise 12 at the point P = (0, 1, 1), as well as cartesian equations of the tangent line to the curve through this same point.

#### Differentiable functions of several variables

14. Describe the largest subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  where these formulas define functions:

(a) 
$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{1 - x + y}$$
.

(b) 
$$g(x, y) = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y^2}$$
.

(c) 
$$h(x, y) = \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}$$
.

(d) 
$$f_1(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{16 - x^2 - y^2}}$$

(e) 
$$g_1(x, y) = |x - y|^{-1} + \sin(x + y) + e^{x - y^2}$$

(f) 
$$h_1(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2 - y}$$

(g) 
$$f_2(x, y) = (\log(|x| - |y|))^{-1}$$

(h) 
$$g_2(x, y) = \log(f(x, y)^2) + \log(x^2 + y^2)$$

- 15. Find the isolines of the functions f, g, h, f<sub>1</sub> in exercise 14.
- 16. Find the isolines/isosurfaces of these functions:

a) 
$$f(x, y) = x - y + 2$$
,

b) 
$$g(x, y) = x + y$$
,

c) 
$$h(x, y) = xy$$
.

d) 
$$F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + 4z^2$$
, e)  $G(x, y, z) = 4x^2 + y^2 - z^2$ .

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- 17. Plot the functions f, g, h, f<sub>1</sub> in exercise 14.
- 18. Plot the functions f, g, h, in exercise 16.
- 19. Compute the gradient of these functions:

(a) 
$$f(x, y) = xy$$
.

(b) 
$$f(x, y) = e^{xy}$$
.

(c) 
$$f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^2 - y^2}$$
.

(d) 
$$g(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{y}$$
.

(e) 
$$g(x, y, z) = e^{zx} \cos(x + zy)$$
.

(f) 
$$g(x, y, z) = xe^{2y} \log(x^2yz)$$
.

20. Compute the directional derivatives of the following functions at the given points in the indicated directions:

a) 
$$f(x,y) = x + 2xy - 3y^2$$
,  $P = (1,2)$ ,  $v = (3/5,4/5)$ .

b) 
$$g(x, y) = \log \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
,  $P = (1, 0)$ ,  $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(2, 1)$ .  
c)  $h(x, y) = \sin x + \cos y$ ,  $P = (0, \pi)$ ,  $v = (0, 1)$ .

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d) 
$$k(x, y) = e^{2xy^2}$$
,  $P = (0, 1)$ ,  $v = (1, 0)$ .

21. Find the cartesian equations of the tangent planes to the plots of the following functions at the given points.

a) 
$$f(x, y) = \arctan\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$$
,  $P = \left(1, \sqrt{3}, \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ .

b) 
$$g(x,y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \quad P = (1,0,1).$$

22. For each of the following surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  find the tangent plane and the normal line at the given points:

a) 
$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3$$
,  $P = (1, -1, 1)$ .

b) 
$$\cos z = \sin(x + y), P = (\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}).$$

c) 
$$x^2 + z^2 = 4y$$
,  $P = (4, 8, 4)$ .

d) 
$$xyz = 1$$
,  $P = (1, 1, 1)$ .

e) 
$$z = \cos x \cos y$$
,  $P = (0, \pi/2, 0)$ .

f) 
$$x^2 - y^2 = z^2$$
,  $P = (-3, 1, 2\sqrt{2})$ .

23. Compute the Jacobian matrix of each of these maps:

a) 
$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$$
,  $(x, y) \mapsto (y, x)$ .

b) 
$$g: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$$
,  $(x, y) \mapsto (xe^y + \cos y, x, x + e^y)$ .

24. Use the chain rule to compute  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$ , where h(x,y)=f(u(x,y),v(x,y)) and f,u,v are given as follows:

a) 
$$f(u, v) = u^2 + v^2$$
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c) 
$$f(u, v) = \sqrt{u^2 + 2uv}$$
,  $u(x, y) = \cos xy$ ,  $v(x, y) = \sin xy$ .

d) 
$$f(u, v) = \sqrt{v^2 + 2uv}$$
,  $u(x, y) = \sin xy$ ,  $v(x, y) = \cos xy$ .

e) 
$$f(u, v) = \log(u^2 + v^2)$$
,  $u(x, y) = \sqrt{xy}$ ,  $v(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - xy}$ 

f) 
$$f(u, v) = e^{uv}$$
,  $u(x, y) = e^{xy}$ ,  $v(x, y) = x^2y - xy^2$ .

25. Consider the maps  $q: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  i  $h: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$g(x, y) = (x^2 + y, x - y^2)$$
 i  $h(x, y) = (x^2 + y)^3 - (x - y^2)^4$ .

- (a) Compute the differential matrix Dq(1,0).
- (b) Find a function f(u, v) such that h(x, y) = f(g(x, y)) and compute the gradient vector  $\nabla f(1,1)$ .
- (c) Check that  $\nabla h(1,0) = (2,3)$ .
- (d) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the plot z = h(x, y) at the point (1, 0, 0).

26. The *ideal gas law* is PV = nRT where P is the pressure, V is the volume, T is the temperature and R is the *ideal gas constant* (the same for all gases), while n is a constant related to the number of particles in the gas divided by the Avogadro constant. Prove that the following formula holds:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \frac{\partial T}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} = -1.$$

The Van der Waals equation extends the ideal gas law in the following way:

$$P = \frac{RT}{V - \beta} - \frac{\alpha}{V^2},$$

where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  are constants. Check that the previous formula still holds for the Van der Waals equation.

- 27. Consider a square metallic plate  $Q = \{(x,y) : 0 \le x \le 5, \ 0 \le y \le 5\}$  which is heated in a way that the temperature at the point (x,y) is given by the function  $T(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$ . Compute the direction of the thermal flux (in the plate) at the point (2,4). In which points of the plate can we find the highest temperature?
- 28. Compute  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$  i  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$  for each of the following functions:

$$f(x, y) = \cos(xy^2), \quad f(x, y) = e^{x^2+y^2}.$$

- 29. Is there any function  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\nabla f(x,y) = (2xy + 1, x^2)$ ?
- 30. Prove that the origin is a critical point of the function  $f(x, y) = ax^2 + 2bxy + y^2$ . Describe its type for all values of a and b.

#### Extrema

- 31. Find the local extrema of these functions:
  - (a)  $f(x, y) = 8x^3 24xy + y^3$ .
  - (b)  $f(x, y) = \log(2 + \sin(xy))$ .
  - (c)  $f(x, y) = \sin x \cos y$ .
  - (d)  $f(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2 + 1)^{-1}$ .
  - (e)  $g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 z^2 xy + xz 2z$ .
  - (f) g(x, y, z) = xyz(1-x)(1-y)(1-z).

- 32. Find the absolute extrema of the following functions in the indicated sets:
  - a)  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$  along the line 3x + 2y = 6.
  - b)  $f(x,y) = 1 x^2 y^2$  along the line x + y = 1 with  $x \ge 0$  i  $y \ge 0$ .
  - c)  $f(x, y) = x^2y + 12y^2 + 2xy$  along the ellipse  $x^2 + 2x + 16y^2 = 9$ .
  - d) f(x, y) = x y along the hyperbola  $x^2 y^2 = 2$ .
  - e)  $f(x, y) = \cos^2 x + \cos^2 y$  along the line  $x + y = \pi/4$ .
  - f)  $g(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + 3y^2 + z^2$  in the plane x + y + z = 1.
  - g)  $g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  in the set  $4x^2 + 9y^2 + 16z^2 = 1$ , x = y.
- 33. Find the maximum of the function  $f(x, y) = x^2y(4 x y)$  in the triangle bounded by the lines x = 0, y = 0, x + y = 6.
- 34. Consider the function  $f(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^3 + z^3$  where n is a natural number. Find its absolute extrema in the ball  $\{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \le 1\}$ .
- 35. Let  $E = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \le 1, y \ge x\}$  and let f be the function given by  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 2x$ .
  - (a) Is *E* compact?
  - (b) Does f have maximum and minimum in E? If it does, find these extrema.
- 36. Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  be the function given by  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 2x 2y$  and let D be the semi-disc  $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \le 4, y \ge 0\}$ .
  - (a) Find the critical points of f in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and describe their type (local maximum, local minimum or saddle point).
  - (b) Has f absolute extrema in D? If it does, find them.
- 37. Find the absolute maximum and minimum of the function  $f(x, y) = 5x^2 + 5y^2 8xy$  in the compact set  $\{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 xy \le 1\}$ .
- 38. Find the triangle with the largest area among the triangles with a fixed perimeter. (Hint: use Heron's formula  $S^2 = p(p-a)(p-b)(p-c)$  where a,b,c are the lengths of the sides, S is the area and p is half the perimeter.)
- 39. Consider the function  $T(x, y) = 20 + 2x + 2y x^2 y^2$ . Prove that the value of T in any point of the disc  $D = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \le 2\}$  is higher that in any point of

$$R = \left\{ (x, y) : x^2 - 8x + y^2 + 16 \le \frac{1}{16} \right\}.$$

- 40. Find the rectangular parallelepiped with the largest volume among those with the same area.
- 41. Find the circular sector with the smaller perimeter among those with the same area.

- 42. Find a rectangular parallelepiped satisfying each of these conditions:
  - (a) Length of the diagonal is fixed and volume is maximum.
  - (b) Volume is 500 and area without the top face is minimum.
- 43. Consider the ellipsoid  $16x^2+4y^2+9z^2=144$ . Find the largest volume of any rectangular parallelepiped inscribed in this ellipsoid in such a way that its sides are parallel to the coordinate planes.
- 44. Find the points closest to the origin in the plane 2x y + 2z = 16 and in the surface  $z^2 xy = 1$ .
- 45. Imagine the temperature at each point of a plane is given by

$$T(x,y) = \frac{100}{x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y + 6}.$$

- (a) What is the temperature at the origin and in which direction does the thermal flux flow? Find the isotherm curve through the origin.
- (b) Which is the hottest point and what is its temperature?
- (c) Which points in the disc  $x^2 + y^2 \le 1$  have highest and lowest temperature?
- 46. Consider the function  $f(x, y) = x^3 x + y^2 y + 2xy$ .
  - (a) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface z=f(x,y) at the point (1,1,2).
  - (b) Find the direction in which the function decreases most quickly at the point (1, -1).
  - (c) Find all critical points of f, as well as their type.
- 47. Consider the function  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  given by

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

- (a) Find all critical points of f, as well as their type.
- (b) Find the maximum and minimum of f along the circle  $\{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ .

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(c) Does f have absolute extrema in the disc  $D=\{(x,y)\in\mathbb{R}^2: x^2+y^2\leq 1\}$ ? If yes, find them.

# 2. Multiple integrals

48. Compute

(a) 
$$\int_0^1 \left( \int_0^1 xy e^{(x+y)} dy \right) dx$$
.

(b) 
$$\int_{-1}^{0} \left( \int_{1}^{2} x \log y \, dy \right) \, dx$$
.

49. Compute the following double integrals:

(a) 
$$\iint_{Q} (xy)^2 \cos x \, dx \, dy$$
 where  $Q = [0, \frac{\pi}{2}] \times [0, 1]$ .

(b) 
$$\iint_{T} y \ dx \ dy; \iint_{T} x \ dx \ dy$$

where T is the triangle with vertices A = (0,3), B = (3,0), C = (3,6). Assuming density is constant, find the center of mass of T.

50. Compute the following double integrals:

(a) 
$$\iint_D (x^2 + y^2) dx dy$$
 where *D* is the closed unit disk.

(b) 
$$\iint_{R} (x^3 y) \, dx \, dy$$

where R is the region bounded by the y axis and the parabola  $x = y^2 - 4$ .

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(c) 
$$\iint_S x^2 y \, dx \, dy$$
 where  $S = \{(x, y) : 0 \le y \le \frac{1}{2}, \ x^2 + y^2 \le 1\}.$ 

51. Plot the plane regions given by the integral limits and compute the integrals.

(a) 
$$\int_{1}^{2} \left( \int_{2x}^{3x+1} y \, dy \right) \, dx$$

(b) 
$$\int_0^1 \left( \int_{x^3}^{x^2} y^2 \, dy \right) \, dx$$

(c) 
$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \left( \int_0^{\cos x} y \sin x \, dy \right) \, dx$$

52. Use Fubini's theorem to compute the following iterated integrals.

(a) 
$$\int_0^2 \left( \int_{\frac{u}{2}}^1 e^{x^2} dx \right) dy$$

(b) 
$$\int_0^1 \left( \int_{\sqrt[6]{x}}^1 \sin y^7 \, dy \right) \, dx$$

(c) 
$$\int_0^4 \left( \int_{\sqrt{y}}^2 \frac{y e^x}{x^4} dx \right) dy$$

- 53. Use polar coordinates to find:
  - (a) The area of the region bounded by

$$S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x^2 + y^2)^2 = 2a^2(x^2 - y^2)\}, \ a > 0.$$

(b) he area of the region bounded by the curves  $r = b(1 + \cos \varphi)$  i  $r = b \cos \varphi$ , b > 0,

(c) 
$$\iint_D \sqrt{a^2 - x^2 - y^2} \, dx \, dy \text{ where } D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \le r^2\}, \, r > 0,$$

- (d)  $\iint_{R} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \, dx \, dy \text{ where } R = \{(x, y) \, | \, x^2 + y^2 \le 2x\}.$
- 54. Compute the center of mass of this three-dimensional object (assuming constant density):

$$B = \{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 \le 1, \ 0 \le z \le (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} \}.$$

55. Let *B* be the solid unit sphere. Using an appropriate change of variables compute

$$I = \iiint_B \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2}} \, dV.$$

- 56. Find the volume of the following three-dimensional bodies, as well as their surface area.
  - (a)  $\{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \le 36, z \ge 2\}.$
  - (b)  $\{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \le 36, -1 \le z \le 3\}.$
- 57. Find the center of mass of these bodies (assuming constant density):
  - (a) A circular cone with base radius R and height h.
  - (b) The body bounded by the conic surface  $c^2z^2=x^2+y^2$  with  $z\geq 0$ , and the sphere with radius R and center at the origin. (c is a constant.)
- 58. Consider a plane metallic disc of radius  $\pi$  cm which has a variable density given by the function (polar coordinates, g/cm<sup>2</sup>)

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$$\rho(r,\theta) = r^2 \sin^2 4\theta + 2$$

- (a) Compute the weight of the disk.
- (b) What is the average density of the disk?

# 3. Curves and line integrals

## Curves and line integrals

- 59. Plot the following curves and compute their length:
  - (a) **Logarithmic spiral**  $\gamma(t) = (ae^{bt}\cos t, ae^{bt}\sin t), b < 0, t \in [0, +\infty).$
  - (b) Catenary  $y(x) = a(e^{\frac{x}{a}} + e^{-\frac{x}{a}})/2, x \in [-a, a], a > 0.$
  - (c) **Cycloid**  $c(t) = (rt r\sin t, r r\cos t), \quad 0 \le t \le 2\pi, r > 0.$
  - (d)  $p(t) = (t, a \arcsin(t/a), (a/4) \log(a+t)/(a-t), t \in [0, a/2], a > 0.$
- 60. Compute the line integral of the vector field  $F(x, y, z) = (x, \cos z, y)$  along the curve  $\gamma(t) = (t, t^2, 0)$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$ .
- 61. Compute the line integral of the vector field  $(x^3z, -z^3x, y^3)$  along the curve  $(\sin t, t, \cos t)$  for  $t \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ .
- 62. Compute the work done by the force F(x, y) = (y, -x) acting on a particle which moves along the curve  $\gamma(t) = (t^3, t^4)$  for  $0 \le t \le 1$ .
- 63. Compute the line integral of the vector field F(x, y, z) = (x, y, z) along these paths:
  - (a)  $c_1(t) = (t, t, t), t \in [0, 1].$
  - (b)  $c_2(t) = (\cos \pi t, \sin \pi t, 0), t \in [0, 1].$
  - (c)  $c_3(t) = (\cos 2\pi t, \sin 2\pi t, t), t \in [0, n], n \in \mathbb{N}.$

# 4. Convex Optimization

### **Convex functions**

64. Show that if  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function, then it satisfies Jensen's inequality for all  $n \geq 2$ :

$$f(a_1x_1+\cdots+a_nx_m)\leq a_1f(x_1)+\cdots+a_nf(x_n)$$

for  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a_i \geq 0$  for all i and  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1$ , and all  $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

65. Show that for all  $x_1, \ldots, x_n > 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{n}(x_1+\cdots x_n)\geq \sqrt[n]{x_1\cdots x_n}.$$

Hint: Use Jensen's inequality and the fact that In is concave.

66. Show that the functions  $x^2, x^4, \dots, x^{2n}$  are all convex.

67. Let  $w \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$f(x) = w^T x + b$$

is both convex and concave.

68. Show that if  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is a symmetric positive semidefinite matrix,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{\mathsf{T}}Ax + b^{\mathsf{T}}x + c$$

is convex.

69. Show that if  $f_1, f_2 : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$  are convex and  $a_1, a_2$  are non-negative real numbers, then  $a_1 f_1 + a_2 f_2$  is also a convex function.

70. Show that if  $f_1, f_2 : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$  are convex then so is the max function:

$$f(x) = \max\{f_1(x), f_2(x)\}.$$

71. Show that  $f: \mathbb{R}^n_+ \to \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$f(x_1,\ldots,x_n)=\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \ln(x_i)$$

is convex.

#### Convex sets

72. Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$ . The *epigraph* of f is:

$$E = \{(x, s) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} : f(x) \le s\}.$$

Show that E is a convex set if and only if f is a convex function.

73. Suppose that  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n > 0$ . Show that the ellipsoid

$$S = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : a_1 x_1^2 + a_2 x_2^2 + \dots + a_n x_n^2 \le 1\}$$

is a convex set.

- 74. Consider whether the following statements are true or false:
  - (a) The intersection of two convex subsets is convex.
  - (b) The union of two convex subsets is convex.
  - (c) The difference  $A \setminus B = \{x \in A : x \notin B\}$  of a convex set A from another convex set B is convex.

### Optimization. Duality.

75. Express the following optimization problem

$$\max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \xi \in \mathbb{R}} p^\mathsf{T} x + \xi$$

subject to the constraints  $\xi \ge 0$ ,  $x_0 \le 0$ ,  $x_1 \le 3$  as a standard linear program in matrix notation.

76. Consider the linear program

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} - \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

subject to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \le \begin{bmatrix} 33 \\ 8 \\ -5 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Derive the dual program using Lagrange duality.

#### 77. Consider the quadratic program

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

subject to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \le \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Derive the dual quadratic program using Lagrange duality.

#### 78. Consider the convex optimization problem

$$\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{2} w^\mathsf{T} w$$
 subject to  $w^\mathsf{T} x \ge 1$ .

Derive the Lagrangian dual by introducing Lagrange multipliers  $\lambda$ .