

**Math 211, Multivariable Calculus, Fall 2011**  
**Midterm III Practice Exam 2 Solutions**

1. (a) What does it mean to say that  $(a, b)$  is a **saddle point** of the function  $f(x, y)$ ?  
(b) Find the critical points of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^3 - xy + y^2.$$

(c) For each critical point, decide if it is a local maximum, local minimum or saddle point.

- (a) It means that  $(a, b)$  is a strict local maximum for  $f$  when restricted to one cross-section through  $(a, b)$  and a strict local minimum for  $f$  when restricted to another cross-section through  $(a, b)$ .  
(b) The critical points occur when  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$ , that is

$$3x^2 - y = 0, \quad -x + 2y = 0.$$

Therefore  $x = 2y$  and so

$$3(2y)^2 - y = 0$$

and so

$$y(12y - 1) = 0.$$

This implies that  $y = 0$  or  $y = \frac{1}{12}$ . Therefore, the two critical points are  $(0, 0)$  and  $(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{12})$ .

(c) We use the Second Derivative Test. We have

$$D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = (6x)(2) - (-1)^2 = 12x - 1.$$

Therefore  $D(0, 0) = -1$ , so  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle point, and  $D(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{12}) = 2$ ,  $f_{xx}(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{12}) > 0$ , so  $(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{12})$  is a local minimum.

2. Find the absolute maximum of the function

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

on the region

$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 1.$$

(Make sure you explain how you know that your answer is the absolute maximum.)

We know there is an absolute maximum by the Extreme Value Theorem because the region  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$  is closed and bounded. The possible points are:

- points where  $\nabla f = \mathbf{0}$  (but there are no such points because  $\nabla f = \langle 1, -2y \rangle$ )
- points where  $f$  is not differentiable (none)

- points on the boundary  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

To find the maximum value of  $f$  on the boundary we can use the Lagrange Multiplier Method with  $g(x) = x^2 + y^2$ . The possibilities are

- points on the boundary where  $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$  for some  $\lambda$
- points on the boundary where  $\nabla g = \mathbf{0}$  (there are none of these because  $\nabla g = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$  so is only zero at  $(0, 0)$  which is not on the boundary)
- points where  $g$  is not differentiable (none)

The possible points then are where

$$1 = 2x\lambda, \quad -2y = 2y\lambda.$$

The first equation tells us that  $x \neq 0$  so,  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2x}$  and so

$$-2y = \frac{y}{x}$$

or

$$y(1 + 2x) = 0.$$

Therefore, either  $y = 0$ , in which case  $x = \pm 1$  (from  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ ) or  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ , in which case  $y = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ . So there are four candidates:

$$(1, 0), (-1, 0), (-1/2, \sqrt{3}/2), (-1/2, -\sqrt{3}/2).$$

It's easy to see that  $f(x, y)$  is negative when  $x$  is negative, so the absolute maximum must occur at  $(1, 0)$  with  $f(1, 0) = 1$ .

3. Let  $R$  be the triangular region with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1)$ ,  $(2, 2)$ . Calculate

$$\iint_R xy \, dA.$$

We can express this region as

$$0 \leq x \leq 2, \quad x \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2}x + 1.$$

The integral is therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x=0}^{x=2} \int_{y=x}^{y=\frac{1}{2}x+1} xy \, dy \, dx &= \int_{x=0}^{x=2} x \left[ \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_{y=x}^{y=\frac{1}{2}x+1} dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^{x=2} \frac{x}{2} ((x/2 + 1)^2 - x^2) dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^{x=2} (x/2 + x^2/2 - 3x^3/8) dx \\ &= \left[ x^2/4 + x^3/6 - 3x^4/32 \right]_{x=0}^{x=2} \\ &= 1 + 8/6 - 3/2 \\ &= 5/6 \end{aligned}$$

4. Let  $D$  be the solid cylinder whose ends are given by the planes  $z = -1$  and  $z = 2$ , and whose curved surface is given by  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Calculate

$$\iiint_D z \, dV.$$

The region  $D$  can be expressed in cylindrical coordinates as

$$-1 \leq z \leq 2, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, \quad 0 \leq r \leq 1.$$

The integral is therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{z=-1}^{z=2} \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=2\pi} \int_{r=0}^{r=1} z r \, dr \, d\theta \, dz &= \int_{z=-1}^{z=2} z \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \, d\theta \, dz \\ &= \int_{z=-1}^{z=2} \pi z \, dz \\ &= \pi \left[ \frac{z^2}{2} \right]_{z=-1}^{z=2} \\ &= \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

5. The *hyperbolic coordinates* of a point in the  $xy$ -plane are the variables  $s, t$  given (when  $x > 0$ ) by

$$s = xy, \quad t = \frac{y}{x}.$$

- (a) Find the Jacobian  $\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(s,t)}$  for the change of variables from  $x, y$  to  $s, t$ .  
 (b) Let  $R$  be region in the  $xy$ -plane bounded by the lines  $y = x$  and  $y = 2x$ , and the curves  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $y = \frac{2}{x}$ . Sketch a diagram of the region  $R$ .  
 (c) Use hyperbolic coordinates to calculate the integral

$$\iint_R xy \, dA.$$

- (a) (This question should have specified to assume that  $x, y > 0$  to avoid problems when  $y = 0$ .) We first need to find expressions for  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $s$  and  $t$ . The second equation gives

$$y = xt$$

so then the first gives

$$s = x^2 t$$

and so

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{s}{t}}.$$

(We take the positive square-root because we are told in the question that these coordinates only work for the region where  $x > 0$ .)

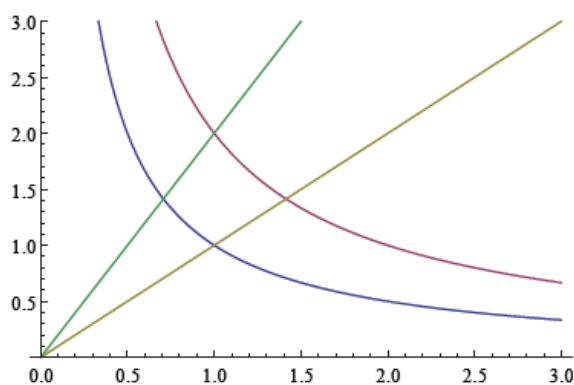
We then get

$$y = xt = \sqrt{st}.$$

We then have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(s, t)} &= \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial s}\right)\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t}\right) - \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial t}\right)\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial s}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{st}} \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2\sqrt{t}} - \frac{-\sqrt{s}}{2t^{3/2}} \frac{\sqrt{t}}{2\sqrt{s}} \\ &= \frac{1}{4t} + \frac{1}{4t} \\ &= \frac{1}{2t} \end{aligned}$$

(b) The picture looks like:



(c) The four boundary curves become, respectively,  $t = 1$ ,  $t = 2$ ,  $s = 1$ ,  $s = 2$ , so the integral is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{s=1}^{s=2} \int_{t=1}^{t=2} \frac{s}{2t} dt ds &= \int_{s=1}^{s=2} \frac{s}{2} [\ln t]_{t=1}^{t=2} ds \\ &= \int_{s=1}^{s=2} \frac{s}{2} \ln 2 ds \\ &= \ln 2 \left[ \frac{s^2}{4} \right]_{s=1}^{s=2} \\ &= \frac{3 \ln 2}{4} \end{aligned}$$