

Non-programmable calculators are permitted. This test is closed book.

Supply your answers on this sheet, but TA's have extra paper if you need it.

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**Please show your work where appropriate!**

1. [4] Let  $z = f(x, y) = x^3 + y^2 - 2xy + 7x - 8y + 2$ . Determine the  $(x, y)$  coordinates of the critical point(s). You do not have to determine whether these are a max/min/saddle.

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow 3x^2 - 2y + 7 = 0 ; \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow 2y - 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$\Downarrow \Rightarrow y = x + 4$$

$$\therefore 3x^2 - 2(x+4) + 7 = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (3x+1)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 5$$

$$x = -1/3 \Rightarrow y = 3^{2/3} = 1/3$$

$\therefore (1, 5)$  and  $(-1/3, 1/3)$  are critical points.

2. [6] Let  $z = f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 27x - 12y + 25$ . *mistake in original question, (which doesn't matter).*  
This function has 4 critical points whose  $(x, y)$  coordinates are:  $(1, 2)$ ,  $(-1, -2)$ ,  $(1, -2)$  and  $(-1, 2)$ .  
Determine the nature of each of these 4 points (max/min/saddle).

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 3x^2 - 27 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = 6x$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 3y^2 - 12 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 6y$$

Also note that:  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow D = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix}$

$\left. \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \right|_{(1,2)} = 6 > 0$  and  $\left. \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right|_{(1,2)} = 12 > 0$  Min.  $(D > 0)$   $\checkmark$  confirmed!

$\left. \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \right|_{(-1,-2)} = -6 < 0$  and  $\left. \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right|_{(-1,-2)} = -12 < 0$  Max.  $(D > 0)$   $\checkmark$

$\left. \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \right|_{(1,-2)} = -6 < 0$  and  $\left. \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right|_{(1,-2)} = 12 > 0$  Saddle  $(D < 0)$   $\checkmark$

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3. [5] Let  $z = f(x, y) = y^2 + 4x^2 - 2xy^2$  and  $y = g(x) = -2x^2 + 3$ . Determine  $dz/dx$  by any method.

Method 1: Direct substitution:

$$z = f(x, y) = f(x, g(x)) = (-2x^2 + 3)^2 + 4x^2 - 2x(-2x^2 + 3)^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{dz}{dx} = 2(-2x^2 + 3)(-4x) + 8x - 2x(2(-2x^2 + 3)(-4x)) - 2(-2x^2 + 3)^2$$

$$\dots = (-2x^2 + 3)(-8x + 16x^2 - 2(-2x^2 + 3)) + 8x$$

$$\therefore \frac{dz}{dx} = y(16x^2 - 8x - 2y) + 8x$$

Method 2: Formula for the total derivative:

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} ; \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= 8x - 2y^2 \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= 2y - 4xy \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= g'(x) = -4x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{dz}{dx} &= 8x - 2y^2 + (2y - 4xy)(-4x) \\ &= 8x - 2y^2 - 8xy + 16x^2y \\ &= y(16x^2 - 8x - 2y) + 8x \end{aligned}$$

4. [5] Let  $z = f(x, y) = x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + 12x - 4y + 3$ . Use the differential  $dz$  to estimate the change in  $z$  (i.e.  $\Delta z$ ) when moving from  $(x, y) = (1, 2)$  to  $(1.05, 1.9)$ . Compare the result with the actual value of  $\Delta z$ .

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x - 2y + 12 ; \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -2x + 2y - 4$$

Also  $dx = 0.05$  and  $dy = -0.1$

Now, compare  $dz$  with:

$$\left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right|_{(x,y)=(1,2)} = 10 ; \quad \left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right|_{(x,y)=(1,2)} = -2$$

$$\therefore dz = 10 \cdot 0.05 + (-2)(-0.1) = 0.7$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta z &= f(1.05, 1.9) - f(1, 2) \\ f(1.05, 1.9) &= 8.7225 \\ f(1, 2) &= 8 \\ \therefore \Delta z &= 0.7225 \end{aligned}$$

5. [5] Let  $3xy - (x^2 - y^2)^2 = x + y^2$ . Determine  $dy/dx$  by any method.

Method 1: Let  $3xy - (x^2 - y^2)^2 - x - y^2 = 0 = f(x, y)$

Then:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f_x}{f_y}$ , with:  $f_x = 3y - 2(x^2 - y^2)(2x) - 1$   
 $\dots = 3y - 1 - 4x(x^2 - y^2)$

and:  $f_y = 3x + 4y(x^2 - y^2) - 2y$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f_x}{f_y} = -\frac{3y - 1 - 4x(x^2 - y^2)}{3x - 2y + 4y(x^2 - y^2)}$$

Method 2: differentiate both sides w.r.t.  $x$ , then solve for  $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx} (3xy - (x^2 - y^2)^2) = \frac{d}{dx} (x + y^2)$$

$$3y + 3xy' - 2(x^2 - y^2) \cdot (2x - 2yy') = 1 + 2yy'$$

$$3xy' - 4x(x^2 - y^2) + 4y(x^2 - y^2)y' = 1 - 3y + 2yy'$$

$$y'(3x + 4y(x^2 - y^2) - 2y) = 1 - 3y + 4x(x^2 - y^2)$$

$$y' = \frac{1 - 3y + 4x(x^2 - y^2)}{3x - 2y + 4y(x^2 - y^2)}, \text{ which}$$

is algebraically equivalent to the first answer.

6. [5] Let  $z = f(x, y) = y^2 + 2x^2 - 2xy^2$  and  $y = g(x) = x - 5$ . Determine the  $(x, y)$  coordinates of the constrained optima (there are 2).

Method 1: Direct substitution.

$$z = f(x, g(x)) = (x-5)^2 + 2x^2 - 2x(x-5)^2 = (x-5)^2 + 2x^2 - 2x^3 + 20x^2 - 50x = 0$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2(x-5) + 4x - 6x^2 + 40x - 50}{2x-10} = 0$$

$$-6x^2 + 46x - 60 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-46 \pm \sqrt{46^2 - 4(-6)(-60)}}{2(-6)}$$

$$x = \frac{-46 \pm \sqrt{676}}{-12} = \frac{-46 \pm 26}{-12}$$

$$= 6 \text{ OR } \frac{5}{3}$$

then:  $y = x - 5 = 1 \text{ OR } -\frac{10}{3}$

$$\therefore (x, y) = (6, 1) \text{ OR } \left(\frac{5}{3}, -\frac{10}{3}\right)$$

Method 2: set  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f_x}{f_y} = \frac{dy}{dx} = g'(x) = 1$

$$f(x, y) = y^2 + 2x^2 - 2xy^2 \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} f_x &= 4x - 2y^2 \\ f_y &= 2y - 4xy \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore -\frac{f_x}{f_y} = \frac{4x - 2y^2}{4xy - 2y} = 1 \Rightarrow 4x - 2y^2 = 4xy - 2y \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Work with (1) and  $y = x - 5$  to determine the  $(x, y)$  coordinates of the critical points:

$$4x - 2y^2 = 4xy - 2y \text{ and } y = x - 5 \text{ yields:}$$

$$4x - 2(x-5)^2 = 4x(x-5) - 2(x-5)$$

$$4x - 2x^2 + 20x - 50 = 4x^2 - 20x - 2x + 10$$

$$-6x^2 - 46x - 60 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{this is the same quadratic eq. as before.}$$

Method 3: Lagrange multipliers

$$\text{set } L = f + \lambda g, \text{ where } f(x, y) = y^2 + 2x^2 - 2xy^2 \text{ and } g(x, y) = y - x + 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore L = f(x, y) + \lambda g(x, y)$$

$$L = y^2 + 2x^2 - 2xy^2 + \lambda(y - x + 5)$$

Now set up 3 equations:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow 4x - 2y^2 - \lambda = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow 2y - 4xy + \lambda = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow y - x + 5 = 0 \quad \text{--- (3) this is } g(x, y) = 0 \text{ (always)}$$

$$\text{from (1): } \lambda = 4x - 2y^2 \quad \text{--- (1')}$$

$$\text{from (2): } \lambda = 4xy - 2y \quad \text{--- (2')}$$

To eliminate  $\lambda$ , set: (1') = (2') and then work with (3), and you're back in familiar territory ...