

Math 3593H Honors Math II  
Midterm exam 1, Thursday February 16, 2017

**Instructions:**

50 minutes, closed book and notes, no electronic devices.  
There are four problems, worth 25 points each.

- 1.(i) (10 points) Show the solution set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to this system is a manifold:

$$x^2 + y^2 = z,$$

$$x + y + z = 4.$$

The solution set  $M = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : F \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + y^2 - z \\ x + y + z - 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

and  $[DF \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}] = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 2y & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has (full) rank 2 unless  $\begin{cases} 2x+1=0 \\ 2y+1=0 \end{cases}$ ,

row-reduce  $\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2x+1 & 2y+1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  i.e. unless  $x = -\frac{1}{2} = y$ .

$$\text{But then } z = x^2 + y^2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

would mean  $x + y + z = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \neq 4$ ,

i.e. there are no such points on M.

- (ii) (5 points) What is its dimension as a manifold?

Since  $\mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{F} \mathbb{R}^2$  has  $DF(x)$  of full rank  $\forall x \in M$ , its dimension is  $3 - 2 = 1$

- (iii) (10 points) Find equations that cut out its tangent space  $T_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}} M$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}} M &= \ker [DF \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}] = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \ker \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \underbrace{\begin{array}{l} 2x + 2y - 1 = 0 \\ x + y + 1 = 0 \end{array}}_{\text{these are such equations}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

2. (i) (10 points) Compute the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Taylor polynomial  $P_{f,(0)}^4(x)$  at the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , for  $f(x,y) = e^{x^2-3y^2+y^3}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} e^{x^2-3y^2+y^3} &= 1 + \frac{(x^2-3y^2+y^3)^1}{1!} + \frac{(x^2-3y^2+y^3)^2}{2!} + \mathcal{O}(|[x,y]|^4) \\ &= \underbrace{1 + x^2-3y^2+y^3 + \frac{x^4-6x^2y^2+9y^4}{2}}_{\text{this is } P_{f,(0)}^4(x)} + \mathcal{O}(|[x,y]|^4) \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) (5 points) Prove that  $f$  has a critical point at the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

The above calculation shows  $P_{f,(0)}^1(x) = 1 + 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y + \mathcal{O}(|[x,y]|^1)$ ,  
 so  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(0)} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(0)} = 0$ .

- (iii) (10 points) Classify this critical point as either a local maximum, a local minimum, a saddle, or something indeterminate.

The above calculation shows  $P_{f,(0)}^2(x) = 1 + \underbrace{x^2-3y^2}_{\text{call this }} + \mathcal{O}(|[x,y]|^2)$   
 $Q(x)$

Since  $Q(x) = x^2-3y^2$  has signature  $(1,1)$ , this critical point is a saddle.

3. Write down a system of  $m$  equations in  $m$  unknowns, for some value of  $m$ , whose solution would let you compute the point(s) in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  on the hyperbola  $xy = 1$  closest to the point  $(\frac{1}{0})$ . Don't bother with solving the system, but do explain what you would do with its solution to find the closest point(s).

Want to minimize  $f(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}) = (x-1)^2 + (y-0)^2 \leftarrow$  squared distance to  $(\frac{1}{0})$   
 $= (x-1)^2 + y^2$

subject to the constraint  $xy = 1$

i.e.  $F(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}) = xy - 1 = 0$

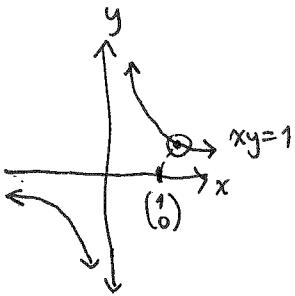
so Lagrange multipliers says to calculate critical points in  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

for the Lagrangian  $L(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}) = f(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}) - \lambda F(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix})$   
 $= (x-1)^2 + y^2 - \lambda(xy - 1)$

Critical points for  $L$  solve

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 2(x-1) - \lambda y \\ 0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 2y - \lambda x \\ 0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = -(xy - 1) \end{array} \right\}$$

Once one finds all solutions  $\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$  to the above system,  
one could plug in to find their values  $f(\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix})$ , to see which  
one is smallest.



4. Find the signature of the quadratic form  $\mathbb{R}^4 \xrightarrow{Q} \mathbb{R}$  in the four variables  $w, x, y, z$  defined by

$$Q\begin{pmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q\begin{pmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} &= xw - yz \\ &= \frac{1}{4}[(x+w)^2 - (x-w)^2] - \frac{1}{4}[(y+z)^2 - (y-z)^2] \\ &= +\left(\frac{x+w}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{x-w}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-z}{2}\right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \text{signature } &(2,2) \end{aligned}$$

— OR —

$$Q\begin{pmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = [w \ x \ y \ z] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \bar{x}^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x}$$

call this  $A$

$$\text{and } \varphi_A(t) = \det(tI_4 - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} t & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (t^2-1)(t^2-1) \\ &= (t+1)^2(t-1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

so  $A$  has eigenvalues  $(+1, +1, -1, -1)$   
and  $Q(\bar{x})$  has signature  $(2,2)$