

**Exercise 7**

1. Find all minimum/maximum points of the function

$$F(x, y) = xy - x - y + 3 ,$$

over the triangle with vertices at  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ , and  $(0, 4)$ .

2. Find all maximum/minimum points of the function

$$z = xy\sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}} ,$$

in its natural domain.

3. Determine whether the following problems have maximum or minimum in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Not need to find them.

(a)  $g(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3xy ,$

(b)  $h(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - x^2 - xy - y^2 ,$

(c)  $k(x, y) = \sin xy + x^2 .$

(d)  $f(x, y) = (x - y + 1)^2 ,$

Suggestion: Theorem 7.2 and its corollaries would be useful.

4. Find all maximum/minimum points of the function  $u = x^2 - xy + y^2 - 2x + y .$
5. Find all maximum/minmimum points of the function  $u = xy^2(1 - x - 2y)$ ,  $x, y > 0 .$
6. Let  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  be  $n$  many order pairs. Find the straight line  $y = ax + b$  so that the square error

$$F(a, b) = \sum_{j=1}^n (y_j - ax_j - b)^2 , \quad (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2 ,$$

is minimized.

7. Find all maximum/minimum points of the function

$$w(x, y) = xy + \frac{50}{x} + \frac{20}{y} , \quad x, y > 0 .$$

8. Find and classify the critical points of the following functions

(a)  $f_1(x, y) = 9 + 4y - 3x^2 - 2y^2 + 4xy .$

(b)  $f_2(x, y) = 3x - x^3 - 3xy^2 .$

(c)  $f_3(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy .$

9. Find and classify the critical points of the function

$$H(x, y) = xy \log(x^2 + y^2), \quad (x, y) \neq (0, 0),$$

and  $H(0, 0) = 0$ .

10. Find all maximum/minimum points of the function

$$h(x, y, z) = xyz,$$

over the set  $\{(x, y, z) : x + y + z = 1, x, y, z \geq 0\}$ .

11. Consider a hexagon with vertices  $(\pm 1, 0), (\pm x, \pm y), x, y \geq 0$ , inscribed in the unit circle. Show that the area is maximal when it is a regular hexagon with equal sides and angles.

12. Use Lagrange multiplier to show that the distance from a point  $z$  to the hyperplane  $H : a \cdot x = b$  is given by

$$\frac{|a \cdot z - b|}{|a|}.$$

13. Find the points on the ellipse  $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 3$  that are closest to and farthest from the origin. Hint: Write the equations in the form  $ax + by = 0, cx + dy = 0$ , and use the fact that  $ad - bc = 0$  if there are non-trivial solutions.

14. Let  $p \in G$  be a critical point of  $f$  subject to  $g = 0$ . Show that if its Lagrange multiplier is non-zero, then it is also a critical point of  $g$  subject to  $f - f(p) = 0$ .

15. (a) Find the points of the hyperbola  $xy = 1$  that are closest to the origin  $(0, 0)$ .  
 (b) Show that the same points maximize  $xy$  over the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 2 = 0$ .  
 (c) Can you explain the “duality” in (a) and (b)?

16. A company uses the Cobb-Douglas production function

$$N(x, y) = 10x^{0.6}y^{0.4}$$

to estimate a new product. Here  $x$  is the number of units of labor and  $y$  is the number of units of capital required to produce  $N(x, y)$  units of the product. Each unit of labor costs \$30 and each unit of capital costs \$60. If \$300,000 is budgeted for the production, determine how that amount should be allocated to maximize production, and find the maximum production.

17. Let  $T$  be a right triangle with sides  $x, y$  and hypotenuse  $z$ . Find the one maximizing the area subject to the perimeter constraint  $x + y + z = 10$ . Does there exist an area minimizing one?
18. Find the maximum/minimum points of the function  $g(x, y, z) = xy + z^2$  subject to the constraints  $y - x = 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ .