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IMPORTANT

- **DURATION OF THE EXAM: 2h**
- Calculators are **NOT** allowed.
- **Scrap paper:** You may use the last two pages of this exam and the space behind this page.
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- You must show a valid ID to the professor.

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(1) Given the following system of linear equations,

$$\begin{cases} -x + ay + 2z = a \\ 2x + ay - z = 2 \\ ax + 2z = a \end{cases}$$

where $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) **(20 puntos)** Classify the system according to the values of a .

Solution: The matrix associated with the system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & a & 2 & a \\ 2 & a & -1 & 2 \\ a & 0 & 2 & a \end{pmatrix}$$

We make the following elementary operations in the rows:

$$\text{row } 2 \mapsto \text{row } 2 + 2 \times \text{row } 1$$

$$\text{row } 3 \mapsto \text{row } 3 + a \times \text{row } 1$$

And we obtain that the original system is equivalent to another one whose augmented matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & a & 2 & a \\ 0 & 3a & 3 & 2+2a \\ 0 & a^2 & 2+2a & a+a^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, we perform the operation $\text{row } 3 \mapsto \text{row } 3 - \frac{a}{3} \text{row } 2$ and we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & a & 2 & a \\ 0 & 3a & 3 & 2a+2 \\ 0 & 0 & a+2 & \frac{1}{3}a(a+1) \end{pmatrix}$$

We can see that,

- (i) if $a \notin \{-2, 0\}$, then $\text{rank } A = 3 = \text{rank}(A|b) = 3$. The system is consistent and determinate.
- (ii) if $a = 0$, then the original system is equivalent to another one with augmented matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\text{rank } A = 2 < \text{rank}(A|b) = 3$, so it is an inconsistent system.

- (iii) finally, if $a = -2$, then the original system is equivalent to another one with augmented matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & -6 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\text{rank } A = 2 < \text{rank}(A|b) = 3$, so it is also an inconsistent system.

(b) **(10 puntos)** Solve the above system for the values of a for which it is consistent.

Solution: The system is consistent and determinate if $a \notin \{-2, 0\}$. In this case the solutions are

$$x = \frac{4+a}{3(a+2)}, \quad y = \frac{(a+1)(a+4)}{3a(a+2)}, \quad z = \frac{a(a+1)}{3(a+2)}$$

(2) Consider the set

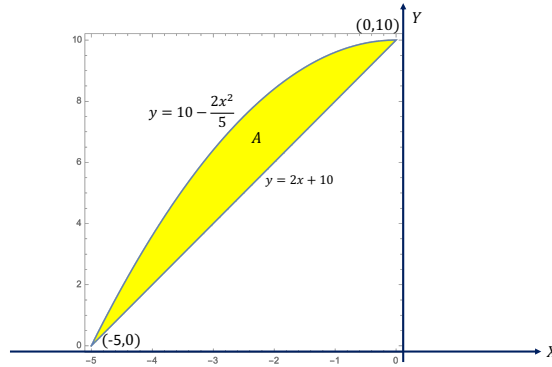
$$A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 2x + 10 \leq y \leq 10 - \frac{2x^2}{5}\}$$

and the function

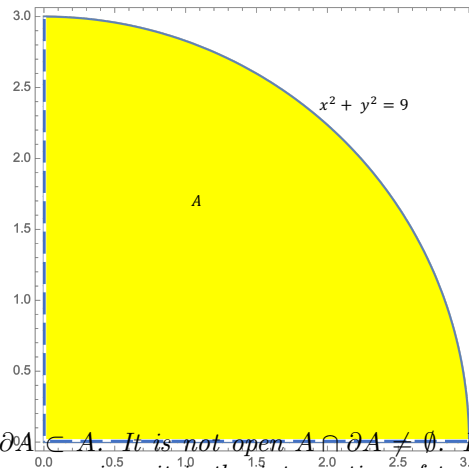
$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

- (a) **(20 puntos)** Sketch the graph of the set A , its boundary and its interior and justify if it is open, closed, bounded, compact or convex.

Solution: The set A is approximately as indicated in the picture.



The interior and the boundary are



The set A is closed since $\partial A \subset A$. It is not open $A \cap \partial A \neq \emptyset$. It is bounded as well, so the set A is compact. The set is convex since it is the intersection of two convex sets, $A = B \cap C$ with $B = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 2x + 10 \leq y\}$ and $C = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y \leq 10 - \frac{2x^2}{5}\}$. The set B is a semiplane so is convex. The set C is a superlevel set of a concave function $g(x) = 10 - \frac{2x^2}{5}$ so is convex. Since A is the intersection of two convex sets it is also convex.

- (b) **(10 puntos)** State Weierstrass' Theorem. Determine if it is possible to apply Weierstrass' Theorem to the function f defined on A .

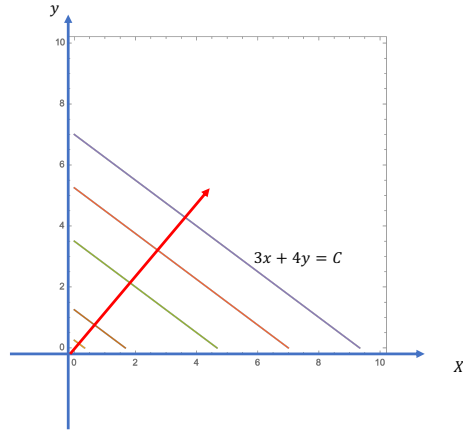
Solution: The set A is compact. The function $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ is continuous in \mathbb{R}^2 . Then f is continuous in every point of the set A and Weierstrass' theorem is fulfilled. The function f attains a global maximum and a global minimum on A .

- (c) **(10 puntos)** Draw the level curves of f , indicating the direction of growth of the function.

Solution: For $D \geq 0$, the level curves $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = D$ are circles

$$x^2 + y^2 = D^2 = C$$

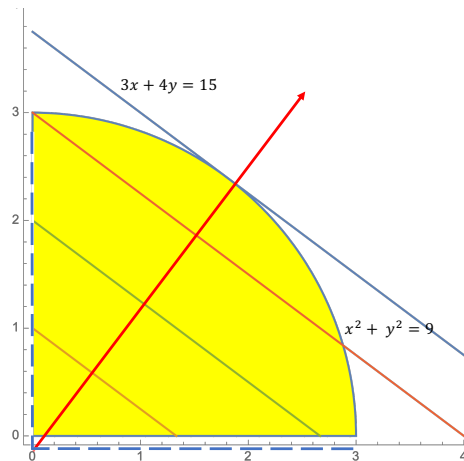
Graphically,



In the picture we represent the level curves in several colours. The red arrow represents the direction of growth of the function f .

- (d) **(20 puntos)** Using the level curves of f , determine (if they exist) the extreme global points of f on the set A .

Solution: Graphically,



we see that the maximum value is attained at the point $(0, 10)$. The maximum value is $f(0, 10) = 10$. The minimum value is attained at the point (a, b) where the line $y = 2x + 10$ is tangent to the graph of the function $y(x)$ defined implicitly by $x^2 + y^2 = C$. At this point we have $2x + 2yy' = 0$. So, $a + by'(a) = 0$. On the other hand, the slope of the line $y = 2x + 10$ is $m = 2$. Hence, $y'(a) = 2$ and we obtain the linear system $a + 2b = 0$, $b = 2a + 10$. Therefore, the solution is $a = -4$, $b = 2$. The minimum value of f is attained at the point $P = (-4, 2)$ and $f(-4, 2) = \sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$.

(3) Consider the function $f(x, y) = 5x^3 - 2xy - x + 3y^2 - \frac{4y}{3}$.

(a) **(10 puntos)** Determine the critical points of the function f in the set \mathbb{R}^2 .

Hint: $\sqrt{784} = 28$.

Solution: The gradient vector of the function f is

$$\vec{\nabla} f(x, y) = \left(15x^2 - 2y - 1, -2x + 6y - \frac{4}{3} \right)$$

The equations that define the critical points are

$$\begin{aligned} 15x^2 - 2y - 1 &= 0 \\ -2x + 6y - \frac{4}{3} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The solutions are $\left(-\frac{13}{45}, \frac{17}{135}\right)$ y $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$.

(b) **(20 puntos)** Classify the critical points of the previous part into (local and/or global) maxima, minima and saddle points.

Solution: The hessian matrix is

$$H(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 30x & -2 \\ -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

We calculate the value of the matrix at the critical points

$$H\left(-\frac{13}{45}, \frac{17}{135}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{26}{3} & -2 \\ -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -2 \\ -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,

- at the point $\left(-\frac{13}{45}, \frac{17}{135}\right)$ we obtain $D_1 = -\frac{26}{3} < 0$, $D_2 = -56 < 0$. The quadratic form is indefinite. Thus, $\left(-\frac{13}{45}, \frac{17}{135}\right)$ is a saddle point.
- at the point $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ we obtain $D_1 = 10 > 0$, $D_2 = 56 > 0$. The quadratic form is positive definite. thus, $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ corresponds to a strict local minimum.

Moreover, we can see that $f(x, 0) = 5x^3 - x$. Then, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(0, x) = \infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x, 0) = -\infty$. Hence there are no global extreme points.

(c) **(10 puntos)** Find the largest open set of points in \mathbb{R}^2 where the function f is convex.

Solution: We need to find the greatest open and convex set of points in \mathbb{R}^2 where the hessian matrix is positive definite or semidefinite for every point. This happens if $D_1 = 30x > 0$ and $D_2 = 180x - 4 > 0$ and the solution is $S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x > \frac{1}{45}\}$.

(d) **(10 puntos)** Determine all the local/global solutions of the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} \max / \min \quad & f(x, y) = 5x^3 - 2xy - x + 3y^2 - \frac{4y}{3} \\ \text{in the set} \quad & A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x > \frac{1}{4}\} \end{aligned}$$

Solution: We have seen in part (a) that the critical points are $\left(-\frac{13}{45}, \frac{17}{135}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$. But only, the point $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ satisfies the condition $x > \frac{1}{4}$. We have also seen that the function f is convex in the set of points $S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x > \frac{1}{45}\}$ and since

$$A = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x > \frac{1}{4} \right\} \subset S$$

we see that the function is convex in the set A . And we conclude that the critical point $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ corresponds to a global minimum of the problem.

(4) Consider the set of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x^3 + 5xy + z^2 &= 2 \\xz + 2yz &= -1\end{aligned}$$

- (a) **(10 puntos)** Prove that the above system of equations determines implicitly two differentiable functions $y(x)$ and $z(x)$ in a neighborhood of the point $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 0, -1)$.

Solution: We first remark that $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 0, -1)$ is a solution of the system of equations. The functions $f_1(x, y, z) = x^3 + 5xy + z^2$ and $f_2(x, y, z) = xz + 2yz$ are of class C^∞ . We compute

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix}_{(x,y,z)=(1,0,-1)} = \begin{vmatrix} 5x & 2z \\ 2z & x + 2y \end{vmatrix}_{(x,y,z)=(1,0,-1)} = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \neq 0.$$

By the implicit function theorem, the above system of equations determines implicitly two differentiable functions $y(x)$ and $z(x)$ in a neighborhood of the point $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 0, -1)$.

- (b) **(20 puntos)** Compute

$$y'(x), \quad z'(x)$$

at the point $x_0 = 1$.

Solution: Differentiating implicitly with respect to x ,

$$\begin{aligned}3x^2 + 5xy'(x) + 5y(x) + 2z(x)z'(x) &= 0 \\ 2z(x)y'(x) + 2y(x)z'(x) + xz'(x) + z(x) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

We plug in the values $x = 1$, $y(1) = 0$, $z(1) = -1$ to obtain the following system

$$\begin{aligned}5y'(1) - 2z'(1) + 3 &= 0 \\ -2y'(1) + z'(1) - 1 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$y'(1) = -1, \quad z'(1) = -1$$

- (c) **(10 puntos)** Compute Taylor's polynomial of order 1 of the functions $y(x)$ and $z(x)$ at the point $x_0 = 1$.

Solution: Taylor's polynomial of order 1 of the function $y(x)$ at the point x_0 is

$$Q_1(x) = y(1) + y'(1)(x - x_0)$$

this is,

$$Q_1(x) = 0 - (x - 1) = 1 - x$$

Taylor's polynomial of order 1 of the function $z(x)$ at the point x_0 is

$$P_1(x) = z(1) + z'(1)(x - x_0)$$

so,

$$P_1(x) = -1 - (x - 1) = -x$$

- (5) Consider the extreme points of the function

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

in the set

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 2x^2 - 4x + 2y^2 = 0\}$$

- (a) **(10 puntos)** Write the Lagrangian function and the Lagrange equations.

Solution: *The Lagrangian is*

$$L(x, y) = x^3 - x + y^2 + 2 + \lambda (2x^2 - 4x + 2y^2)$$

The Lagrange equations are

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^2 + \lambda(4x - 4) - 1 &= 0 \\ 4\lambda y + 2y &= 0 \\ 2x^2 - 4x + 2y^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) **(20 puntos)** Compute the solution(s) of the Lagrange equations .

Solution: *From the second equation we obtain $(2\lambda + 1)y = 0$. Hence, $y = 0$ or $\lambda = -\frac{1}{2}$. Substituting $y = 0$ in the third equation we obtain $x^2 = 2x$. Then, $x = 0$ or $x = 2$. We obtain the solutions*

$$x = 0, y = 0, \lambda = -\frac{1}{4}$$

and

$$x = 2, y = 0, \lambda = -\frac{11}{4}$$

Substituting $\lambda = -\frac{1}{2}$ in the first equation we obtain $3x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$, but this equation has not real solutions.

- (c) **(20 puntos)** Use the second order conditions to determine if the solution(s) of the Lagrange equations correspond to a local maximum or minimum value of f in S .

Solution: *The Hessian matrix associated with the Lagrangian is*

$$HL(x, y; \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 4\lambda + 6x & 0 \\ 0 & 4\lambda + 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence,

$$HL\left(0, 0; -\frac{1}{4}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is indefinite. The associated quadratic form is $Q(x, y, z) = -x^2 + y^2$. We compute the tangent space $T_{(0,0)}S$. Let $g_1(x, y) = 2x^2 - 4x + 2y^2$. Then, $\nabla g_1(x, y) = (4x - 4, 4y)$, $\nabla g_1(0, 0) = (-4, 0)$. Hence,

$$T_{(0,0)}S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (-4, 0) \cdot (x, y) = 0\} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x = 0\} = \{(0, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Substituting $x = 0$ in $Q(x, y)$, we obtain $\bar{Q}(y) = Q(0, y) = y^2 > 0$ if $y \neq 0$. Hence $\bar{Q}(y)$ is positive definite and the conditional critical point $(0, 0)$ corresponds to a local minimum of f on S . Furthermore,

$$HL\left(2, 0; -\frac{11}{4}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -9 \end{pmatrix}$$

is indefinite. The associated quadratic form is $Q(x, y) = x^2 - 9y^2$. Besides, $\nabla g_1(2, 0) = (4, 0)$, then,

$$T_{(2,0)}S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (4, 0) \cdot (x, y) = 0\} = \{(0, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Substituting $x = 0$, in $Q(x, y)$, we obtain $\bar{Q}(y) = Q(0, y) = -9y^2 < 0$ if $y \neq 0$. Hence, $\bar{Q}(z)$ is negative definite and the conditional critical point $(2, 0)$ is a local maximum point of f in S .

- (d) **(10 puntos)** Does any of the solutions of the Lagrange equations correspond to global maximum or minimum of the function f in the set S ?

Solution: The constrain $2x^2 - 4x + 2y^2 = 0$ can be written like $x^2 + (2 - x)^2 + 2y^2 = 4$. The set S is compact since $0 \leq x \leq 2$, $-1 \leq y \leq 1$ in S . Therefore, Weiestrass' Theorem can be applied and the function f attains a global maximum at $(2, 0)$ and a global minimum at $(0, 0)$ en S . The extreme vaules are $f(2, 0) = 8$ y $f(0, 0) = 2$.

Another way of showing that the set S is compact: the maximum value of the function $4x - 2x^2$ is 2. Then, in S : $2y^2 = 4x - 2x^2 \leq 2$. We can see that $-1 \leq y \leq 1$. But, in S we know that the function $2y^2 = 4x - 2x^2$ takes values in between 0 and 2. Hence $0 \leq x \leq 2$. The graph of the function $4x - 2x^2$ can help us to understand this.