

Practice problems for the Final
Math 126, Section A
Material covered after Midterm II

1. Find and classify critical points of the function

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

Solution.

$$f_x = y^2 - 4x = 0$$

$$f_y = 2xy - 2y = 0$$

Solving, we get 3 critical points: $(0, 0)$, $(1, 2)$, $(1, -2)$.

To classify the critical points we have to use the Second Derivative test. We compute

$$f_{xx} = -4 \quad f_{yy} = 2x - 2 \quad f_{xy} = 2y$$

Hence, $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = -4(2x - 2) - 4y^2 = 8 - 8x - 8y^2$.

At the critical point $(0, 0)$, $D = 8$, $f_{xx} = -4$. Hence $(0, 0)$ is a local *maximum*.

At the critical points $(1, 2)$, $(1, -2)$, $D = -32$. Hence, $(1, 2)$, $(1, -2)$ are *saddle* points.

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

Solution.

$$f_x = 3y - 2xy - y^2 = 0$$

$$f_y = 3x - x^2 - 2xy = 0$$

Subtracting, we get

$$3(y - x) = y^2 - x^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$3(y - x) = (y - x)(y + x) \Rightarrow$$

$$y = x \text{ or } y + x = 3$$

If $y = x$, then plugging into the first equation we get $y = 0$ or $y = 1$. Hence we obtain two critical points in this case: $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$

If $y + x = 3$, the plugging $x = 3 - y$ into the first equation, we get $y = 0$ and $y = 3$. Hence, we obtain two new critical points: $(3, 0)$ and $(0, 3)$.

To classify the critical points we have to use the Second Derivative test. We compute

$$f_{xx} = -2y, \quad f_{yy} = -2x, \quad f_{xy} = 3 - 2x - 2y$$

Hence, $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 4xy - (3 - 2x - 2y)^2$.

At the critical point $(0, 0)$, $D = -9$. Hence $(0, 0)$ is a *saddle* point.

At the critical point $(1, 1)$, $D = 3$, $f_{xx} = -2$. Hence, $(1, 1)$ is a local *maximum*.

At the critical point $(3, 0)$, $D = -9$. Hence, $(3, 0)$ is a *saddle*. Since the equation is symmetric in x and y , we conclude that $(0, 3)$ is also a *saddle*.

2. Find the points on the surface $xy^2z^3 = 1$ which are closest to the origin.

Solution. We have to minimize the function $f = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ where (x, y, z) are points on the surface given by the equation $xy^2z^3 = 1$. Hence, we have to solve

$$f_x = 2x + 2zz_x = 0$$

$$f_y = 2y + 2zz_y = 0$$

We can find z_x, z_y by implicitly differentiating the equation of the surface $xy^2z^3 = 1$. Applying $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ and using the product rule, we get

$$y^2z^3 + 3xy^2z^2z_x = 0 \quad (*)$$

Now applying $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ and using the product rule again, we get

$$2xyz^3 + 3xy^2z^2z_y = 0 \quad (**)$$

None of the x, y, z can be zero since (x, y, z) is a point on the surface $xy^2z^3 = 1$. Solving the equation $(*)$ for z_x and the equation $(**)$ for z_y , we get

$$z_x = -\frac{z}{3x}, \quad z_y = -\frac{2z}{3y}$$

Now plug z_x, z_y into equations for f_x, f_y . We get

$$x + z\left(-\frac{z}{3x}\right) = 0, \quad y + z\left(-\frac{2z}{3y}\right) = 0$$

Hence,

$$3x^2 = z^2, \quad 3y^2 = 2z^2$$

Finally, plugging $x = \pm\frac{z}{\sqrt{3}}, y^2 = \frac{2z^2}{3}$ into the equation of the surface, we get

$$\pm\frac{z}{\sqrt{3}}\frac{2z^2}{3}z^3 = \pm\frac{2z^6}{3^{3/2}} = 1$$

The “-” sign is not possible, and solving for z we get $z = \pm 3^{1/4}2^{-1/6} = \pm\frac{\sqrt[4]{3}}{\sqrt[6]{2}}$. Hence, the closest points are

$$(3^{-1/4}2^{-1/6}, \pm 3^{-1/4}2^{1/3}, 3^{1/4}2^{-1/6}), (-3^{-1/4}2^{-1/6}, \pm 3^{-1/4}2^{1/3}, -3^{1/4}2^{-1/6})$$

3. (a) Reverse the order of integration and then evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^1 \int_{\sqrt{y}}^1 \sqrt{x^3 + 1} \, dx dy$$

Solution. The integral in reversed order is

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{x^2} \sqrt{x^3 + 1} \, dy dx$$

(You need to draw a picture of the region D given by $\{(x, y) : 0 \leq y \leq 1, \sqrt{y} \leq x \leq 1\}$ to find , integration limits in the reversed order)

Now, integrate

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{x^2} \sqrt{x^3 + 1} \, dy dx = \int_0^1 (y\sqrt{x^3 + 1}) \Big|_0^{x^2} dx = \int_0^1 x^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 1} \, dx = \frac{2(x^3+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{9} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{9} - \frac{2}{9}$$

- (b) Evaluate the following integral

$$\int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^1 x \sin(\pi y^2) \, dy dx$$

Solution. We reverse the order of integration first.

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} x \sin(\pi y^2) \, dx dy$$

and then evaluate

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} x \sin(\pi y^2) \, dx dy = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \sin(\pi y^2) \right) \Big|_0^{\sqrt{y}} dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 y \sin(\pi y^2) \, dy = -\frac{\cos(\pi y^2)}{4\pi} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

4. Find the volume of the solid bounded by the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and the planes $y = z$, $x = 0$, $z = 0$ in the first octant.

Do this problem in two ways: using rectangular coordinates, and then using polar coordinates.

Solution. The region here is 1/4 of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, the quarter in the first quadrant. The function is $z = y$. Hence, we need to evaluate

$$\int \int_D y dx dy$$

I. Cartesian coordinates.

$$\int \int_D y dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} y \, dy dx = \int_0^1 \left. \frac{y^2}{2} \right|_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (1-x^2) dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

II. Polar coordinates.

$$\int \int_D y dx dy = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 (r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 (\sin \theta) r^2 dr d\theta = \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin \theta d\theta \right) \left(\int_0^1 r^2 dr \right) = \frac{1}{3}$$

5. Compute the volume of the solid bounded by the paraboloids $z = x^2 + y^2$ from below and $z = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + 1$ from above.

Solution. First, find the intersection of two paraboloids:

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + 1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2$$

This is the equation of the projection of the intersection onto the xy -plane. The solid in question lies above this circle, so we take

$$D = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 2\}$$

The integral computing the volume of the solid is

$$V = \int \int_D \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + 1 - x^2 - y^2 \right) dx dy = \int \int_D \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{2} \right) dx dy$$

Changing to polar coordinates, we obtain

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{2} \right) r dr d\theta = \pi$$

6. Evaluate the double integral

$$\int \int_D (x^2 + x + y^2) dA$$

where D is the region

$$D = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 4 \text{ and } y \geq x\}$$

Solution. In polar coordinates

$$D = \{(r, \theta) : r \leq 2 \text{ and } \frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{5\pi}{4}\}$$

Hence, the integral in polar coordinates is

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{5\pi}{4}} \int_0^2 (r^2 + r \cos \theta) r dr d\theta = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{5\pi}{4}} \int_0^2 (r^3 + r^2 \cos \theta) dr d\theta = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{5\pi}{4}} \left(\frac{r^4}{4} + \frac{r^3}{3} \cos \theta \right) \Big|_0^2 d\theta =$$

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{5\pi}{4}} \left(4 + \frac{8}{3} \cos \theta \right) d\theta = 4\theta + \frac{8}{3} \sin \theta \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{5\pi}{4}} = 4\pi - \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}$$