

1. Let  $A \subset \mathbf{R}^2$  be the annulus (ring-shaped region)

$$A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 : 1 < x^2 + y^2 < 9\}$$

Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^1$  is a differentiable function that has the property that  $\|Df\| < 3$  at every point of the annulus  $A$ . Furthermore, suppose  $f(2, 0) = 9$ . Give the best estimate you can for  $f(-2, 0)$ .

2. Find and classify all the critical points of the function

$$f(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2)e^{\frac{-(x^2+4y^2)}{9}}.$$

3. Show that the function  $g(x, y) = (x - y^2)(x - 3y^2)$  has the property that its restriction to any line through the origin has an absolute local minimum at  $(0, 0)$ , yet  $g$  does not have a local minimum at  $(0, 0)$  (or anywhere else, for that matter).

4. Where (i.e., in neighborhoods of what points) do the equations

$$x + y + z = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xz - 1 = 0$$

determine  $x$  and  $y$  as functions of  $z$ ?

5. Show that the function  $f$  defined by  $f(t) = t + 2t^2 \cos(1/t)$  for  $t \neq 0$  and  $f(0) = 0$  is differentiable on  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $f'(0) = 1 \neq 0$ , but there is no neighborhood of  $t = 0$  on which  $f$  is one-to-one. Why does this not contradict the inverse function theorem?

6. Are the functions

$$u_1 = \frac{x + y}{x - y} \quad u_2 = \frac{xy}{(x - y)^2}$$

functionally dependent (i.e., can one be written as a function of the other)? How does the derivative help you decide this? How about the functions

$$u_1 = \frac{yz - x}{x} \quad u_2 = \frac{xyz - y^2z^2 + x^2}{xyz + y^2z^2} ?$$

7. (*Lagrange multipliers I*) Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $\mathbf{R}^m$  and suppose that  $\varphi: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are continuously differentiable on  $\Omega$  and that the point  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$  is in the set  $M = \{x \in \Omega : f(x) = 0\}$ . Further, suppose that  $Df \neq 0$  throughout  $\Omega$ . Finally, assume that the restriction of  $\varphi$  to  $M$  has a local extremum (max or min) at  $c$  – this means that there is some neighborhood  $V$  of  $c$  so that either  $\varphi(x) \leq \varphi(c)$  for all  $x \in V \cap M$  or  $\varphi(x) \geq \varphi(c)$  for all  $x \in V \cap M$ . Show that there is a (unique) number  $\lambda$  such that

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i}(c) + \lambda \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(c) = 0. \quad (*)$$

The point of this is that if one seeks points  $c$  at which  $\varphi|_M$  has local extrema, then one need only search among those  $c \in M$  for which this last equation has a solution  $\lambda$  (so one need only consider solutions  $c_1, \dots, c_n, \lambda$  of  $\partial f / \partial x_i = 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $(*)$ ). The variable  $\lambda$  is known as a *Lagrange multiplier*.