

Problem 39

(a) At stationary points, we must have

$$f'_1(x, y) = \frac{1}{x+y} - 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$f'_2(x, y) = \frac{1}{x+y} - 2y = 0$$

Subtracting the second equation from the first to cancel out  $1/(x+y)$ :

$$\text{we get } 2y = 2x - 1 \rightarrow y = x - \frac{1}{2}$$

Substituting this into the first FOC:

$$\frac{1}{2x - \frac{1}{2}} = 2x - 1 \rightarrow 1 = 4x^2 - 3x + \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow 4x^2 - 3x - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow 8x^2 - 6x - 1 = 0.$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 + 32}}{16} = \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{17}}{16} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{8}$$

since  $x > 0$  and  $\frac{3 - \sqrt{17}}{8} < 0$ , we must have  $x^* = \frac{3 + \sqrt{17}}{8}$ , then  $y^* = x^* - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{17} - 1}{8}$

so we find one stationary point  $(x^*, y^*) = \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{17}}{8}, \frac{\sqrt{17} - 1}{8}\right)$ .

(b) Simply put if we have

$$f''_{11}(x, y) \leq 0, \quad f''_{22}(x, y) \leq 0, \quad \text{and}$$

$$f''_{11}(x, y)f''_{22}(x, y) - (f''_{12}(x, y))^2 \geq 0 \text{ for all } x > 0, y > 0$$

Then  $(x^*, y^*)$  is global maximum,

if

$$f''_{11}(x, y) \geq 0, \quad f''_{22}(x, y) \geq 0, \quad \text{and}$$

$$f''_{11}(x, y)f''_{22}(x, y) - (f''_{12}(x, y))^2 \geq 0 \text{ for all } x > 0, y > 0.$$

Then  $(x^*, y^*)$  is global minimum.

Let's first look at the second-order derivatives:

$$f''_{11}(x, y) = -(x+y)^{-2} - 2 < 0, \quad f''_{22}(x, y) = -(x+y)^{-2} - 2 < 0$$

$$f''_{12}(x, y) = f''_{21}(x, y) = -(x+y)^{-2},$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''_{11}(x, y)f''_{22}(x, y) - (f''_{12}(x, y))^2 &= (-(x+y)^{-2} - 2)^2 - (-(x+y)^{-2})^2 \\ &= ((x+y)^{-2} + 2)^2 - ((x+y)^{-2})^2 = (x+y)^{-4} + 4(x+y)^{-2} + 4 - (x+y)^{-4} \\ &= 4 + 4(x+y)^{-2} > 0 \text{ since } x > 0, y > 0. \end{aligned}$$

So we have  $(x^*, y^*) = \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{17}}{8}, \frac{\sqrt{17} - 1}{8}\right)$  which is an interior point for function

$f(x, y)$  defined in a convex set  $x > 0, y > 0$ .

We also know that for all  $x > 0, y > 0$ , one has:

$$f''_{11}(x, y) \leq 0, \quad f''_{22}(x, y) \leq 0, \quad \text{and}$$

$$f''_{11}(x,y)f''_{22}(x,y) - (f''_{12}(x,y))^2 \geq 0.$$

then  $(x^*, y^*)$  is a global maximum point of  $f$ .

Problem 138

(a)

$x + y + z = 1$  and  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  form a nonempty, closed and bounded set through which  $f(x, y, z)$  is continuous, so according to the Extreme Value Theorem there must exist both a maximum and a minimum in this set.

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y, z) = e^x + y + z - \lambda(x + y + z - 1) - \mu(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_1(x, y, z) = e^x - \lambda - 2\mu x = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_2(x, y, z) = 1 - \lambda - 2\mu y = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_3(x, y, z) = 1 - \lambda - 2\mu z = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_2(x, y, z) - \mathcal{L}'_3(x, y, z) = 2\mu(z - y) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{either } \mu = 0 \text{ or } z - y = 0$$

if  $\mu = 0$ , we have that  $1 - \lambda = 0$  so  $\lambda = 1$ , then  $e^x - \lambda = 0 \rightarrow x = 0$ .

The two constraints then become:

$$y + z = 1, \quad y^2 + z^2 = 1$$

$$\rightarrow y^2 + (1 - y)^2 = 2y^2 - 2y + 1 = 1 \rightarrow 2y^2 - 2y = 0$$

$$2y(y - 1) = 0 \rightarrow y = 0, z = 1 \text{ or } y = 1, z = 0.$$

We have then got two solution candidates

$$(x_1, y_1, z_1, \lambda_1, \mu_1) = (0, 1, 0, 1, 0), \quad f(x_1, y_1, z_1) = 2$$

$$\text{and } (x_2, y_2, z_2, \lambda_2, \mu_2) = (0, 0, 1, 1, 0), \quad f(x_2, y_2, z_2) = 2.$$

if  $z = y$ , the two constraints could be rewritten as :

$$x + 2y = 1, \quad x^2 + 2y^2 = 1$$

Then  $y = \frac{1-x}{2}$ , substituting into the second constraint gives us:

$$\rightarrow x^2 + 2\left(\frac{1-x}{2}\right)^2 = x^2 + \frac{1}{2}(1 - 2x + x^2) = \frac{3}{2}x^2 - x + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$\rightarrow 3x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (x - 1)(3x + 1) = 0$$

so we have  $x = 1, y = z = 0$ , or  $x = -\frac{1}{3}, y = z = \frac{2}{3}$ .

For  $x = 1, y = z = 0$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}'_1(x, y, z) = e - \lambda - 2\mu = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_2(x, y, z) = 1 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda = 1, \mu = \frac{e - 1}{2}$$

For  $x = -\frac{1}{3}, y = z = \frac{2}{3}$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}'_1(x, y, z) = e^{-\frac{1}{3}} - \lambda + \frac{2}{3}\mu = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_2(x, y, z) = 1 - \lambda - \frac{4}{3}\mu = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \mu = \frac{1 - e^{-\frac{1}{3}}}{2}, \lambda = \frac{2e^{-\frac{1}{3}} + 1}{2}$$

We have then got another two solution candidates

$$(x_3, y_3, z_3, \lambda_3, \mu_3) = \left(1, 0, 0, 1, \frac{e-1}{2}\right), \quad f(x_3, y_3, z_3) = e.$$

$$(x_4, y_4, z_4, \lambda_4, \mu_4) = \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2e^{-\frac{1}{3}} + 1}{2}, \frac{1 - e^{-\frac{1}{3}}}{2}\right), \quad f(x_4, y_4, z_4) = e^{-\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{4}{3} < 1 + \frac{4}{3} < e.$$

It is easy to see that solution candidate

$$(x_3, y_3, z_3, \lambda_3, \mu_3) = \left(1, 0, 0, 1, \frac{e-1}{2}\right) \text{ with } f(x_3, y_3, z_3) = e$$

Solve the problem.

(b)

$$\max f(x, y) \text{ s.t. } g(x, y) = c$$

if we write the maximized  $f$  as  $f^*$ , then

$$f^*(c + dc) - f^*(c) \approx \lambda(c)dc.$$

$$\Delta f^*(x, y, z) \approx \lambda(0.02) + \mu(-0.02) = 0.02 - 0.01(e - 1)$$

$$= 0.01(3 - e)$$

Problem 86

(a)  $\mathcal{L}(x, y, z) = x^2 + x + y^2 + z^2 - \lambda(x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 16)$

$$\mathcal{L}'_1(x, y, z) = 2x + 1 - 2\lambda x = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_2(x, y, z) = 2y - 4\lambda y = 0 = 2y(1 - 2\lambda)$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_3(x, y, z) = 2z - 4\lambda z = 0 = 2z(1 - 2\lambda)$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_2(x, y, z) - \mathcal{L}'_3(x, y, z) = 2(y - z)(1 - 2\lambda) = 0$$

If  $1 - 2\lambda = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$

$$2x + 1 - x = 0 \rightarrow x = -1,$$

substituting this into the constraint gives us:

$$1 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 = 16 \rightarrow y^2 + z^2 = \frac{15}{2}$$

So our first solution candidate(s) are:

$$(x, y, z) = (-1, y, z) \text{ with } y^2 + z^2 = \frac{15}{2}, \quad f(x, y, z) = \frac{15}{2}$$

If  $\lambda \neq \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $y = z = 0 \rightarrow x^2 = 16 \rightarrow x = \pm 4 \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{9}{8}$  or  $\frac{7}{8}$  satisfies  $\lambda \neq \frac{1}{2}$

So our second and third solution candidates are

$$(x, y, z) = (4, 0, 0), \quad f(x, y, z) = 20 \text{ and}$$

$$(x, y, z) = (-4, 0, 0), \quad f(x, y, z) = 12.$$

Easy to see that  $(x, y, z) = (4, 0, 0)$  gives the maximum  $f(x, y, z) = 20$ ,

$$\text{And } (x, y, z) = (-1, y, z) \text{ with } y^2 + z^2 = \frac{15}{2} \text{ gives the minimum } f(x, y, z) = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$(b) \mathcal{L}(x, y, z) = x^2 + x + y^2 + z^2 - \lambda(x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 16)$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_1(x, y, z) = 2x + 1 - 2\lambda x = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_2(x, y, z) = 2y - 4\lambda y = 0 = 2y(1 - 2\lambda)$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_3(x, y, z) = 2z - 4\lambda z = 0 = 2z(1 - 2\lambda)$$

Introduce the complementary slackness condition:

$$\lambda \geq 0, \text{ with } \lambda = 0 \text{ if } x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 < 16$$

Let's first assume  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 = 16$ , then we have  $\lambda \geq 0$ , and the problem is identical with (a), which gives us the following solution candidates (and for all these candidates we can verify that indeed  $\lambda \geq 0$ ):

$$(x, y, z) = (-1, y, z) \text{ with } y^2 + z^2 = \frac{15}{2}, \quad f(x, y, z) = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$(x, y, z) = (4, 0, 0), \quad f(x, y, z) = 20$$

$$(x, y, z) = (-4, 0, 0), \quad f(x, y, z) = 12$$

Then we assume  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 < 16$ , which means that  $\lambda = 0$

The FOCs then gives us  $y = z = 0, x = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

So we have another solution candidates  $(x, y, z) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0\right)$  with  $f(x, y, z) = -\frac{1}{4}$

Easy to see that  $(x, y, z) = (4, 0, 0)$  gives the maximum  $f(x, y, z) = 20$ ,

$$\text{And } (x, y, z) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0\right) \text{ gives the minimum } f(x, y, z) = -\frac{1}{4}$$