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**Homework 4**

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**Exercise 1** Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x, y) = 2x^3 + 6xy - 3y^2 + 2$  for any  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

- (i) Determine the local extrema of  $f$ ,
- (ii) Does  $f$  possess global extrema ?
- (iii) Consider the segment  $L$  defined by

$$L = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid -2 \leq x \leq 0, y = x + 1\}$$

and determine the global extrema of  $f$  restricted to  $L$ . Where are these extrema located ?

**Exercise 2** Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x, y) = xye^{-\frac{1}{2}(x^2+y^2)}$ .

- (i) Study the local extrema of  $f$  (you can use the symmetries of this function),
- (ii) Show that  $f(x, y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\|(x, y)\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,
- (iii) Deduce that there exist some global extrema and compute them.

**Exercise 3** Draw the unit ball of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the three norms  $\|\cdot\|_2$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ .

**Exercise 4** Consider the functions  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $\varphi(t) := \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x, y) := e^{3x+2y}$ . We consider the composition of these two functions, namely  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $F = f \circ \varphi$ . Compute the derivative of this function by two different methods: once by a direct computation, and once as the derivative of a composed function (chain rule).

**Exercise 5** Let us consider  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x, y, z) = e^{xy} \cos(z)$  for any  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Assume also that  $x = tu$ ,  $y = \sin(tu)$  and  $z = u^2$  for some  $t, u \in \mathbb{R}$ . By setting

$$F(t, u) := f(tu, \sin(tu), u^2)$$

Compute the derivative  $\partial_2 F \equiv \partial_u F$  by two different methods: once by a direct computation, and once as the derivative of a composed function (chain rule). For the second method, note that one often sees expressions like

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}.$$