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Midterm

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**Exercise 1** Consider the parametric curve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by the function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$f(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ t \\ t^{3/2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (i) Compute the tangent vector to this curve at any  $t > 0$ , and its norm,
- (ii) Compute the length of this curve for  $t \in [0, 4]$ .

**Exercise 2** Consider the function  $h : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $h(x, y, z) = xy^2z^3$ .

- (i) Compute the partial derivatives of  $h$ , and its gradient,
- (ii) Compute the directional derivative of  $h$  in any direction defined by  $V \in \mathbb{R}^3$  with  $\|V\| = 1$ ,
- (iii) Is  $h$  differentiable, and why ?

**Exercise 3** Consider the function  $g : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$g(x, y, z) = e^x - x \cos(y) + \cos(z).$$

- (i) Show that  $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, 0)$  is a critical point for  $g$ ,
- (ii) Compute the Hessian matrix for  $g$ ,
- (iii) Study if  $\mathbf{0}$  is a local maximum, a local minimum, a saddle point, or if we can not conclude by looking at the Hessian matrix only.

**Exercise 4** Consider the domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+$  defined by the four curves of equation

$$y = 2x, \quad y = x/2, \quad y = 4/x, \quad y = 1/4x.$$

Consider also the function  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+$  given by  $f(x, y) = (xy, y/x)$ .

- (i) Represent the domain  $\Omega$ ,
- (ii) Compute the Jacobian matrix of  $f$ , and its determinant,
- (iii) Represent the image of  $\Omega$  by  $f$ , namely  $f(\Omega)$ .

## Exercise 1 4 pts

$$i) f'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} \cdot t^{1/2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \|f'(t)\| = \left( 1+1+\frac{9}{4}t \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\left( 2 + \frac{9}{4}t \right)^{1/2}}}. \quad 1$$

$$ii) L = \int_0^4 \|f'(t)\| dt = \int_0^4 \left( 2 + \frac{9}{4}t \right)^{1/2} dt$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left( 2 + \frac{9}{4}t \right)^{3/2} \cdot \frac{4}{9} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=4} = \underline{\underline{\frac{8}{27} \left( (11)^{3/2} - (2)^{3/2} \right)}}. \quad 2$$

## Exercise 2 5 pts

$$i) \partial_x h(x, y, z) = y^2 z^3, \quad \partial_y h(x, y, z) = 2xy z^3$$

$$\text{and } \partial_z h(x, y, z) = 3xy^2 z^2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla h(x, y, z) = \underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} y^2 z^3 \\ 2xy z^3 \\ 3xy^2 z^2 \end{pmatrix}}}. \quad 2$$

ii) Since  $h$  has continuous partial derivatives, one has  $\text{Div } h(x, y, z) = \nabla \cdot \nabla h(x, y, z)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Div } h(x, y, z) = v_1 y^2 z^3 + 2 v_2 xy z^3 + 3 v_3 xy^2 z^2.$$

$$\text{for } \mathbf{V} = (v_1, v_2, v_3). \quad 2$$

iii)  $h$  is differentiable because its partial derivatives are continuous. 1

### Exercise 3 5pts

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) } \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g(x, y, z) &= e^x - \cos(y) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g(x, y, z) &= x \sin(y) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} g(x, y, z) &= -\sin(z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla g(0, 0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$\mathbf{0}$  is a critical point of  $g$ . 2

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) } \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} g(x, y, z) &= \sin(y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g(x, y, z) \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} g(x, y, z) &= 0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g(x, y, z) \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial z} g(x, y, z) &= 0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g(x, y, z) \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial x} g(x, y, z) &= e^x \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial y} g(x, y, z) &= x \cos(y) \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial z} g(x, y, z) &= -\cos(z), \end{aligned}$$

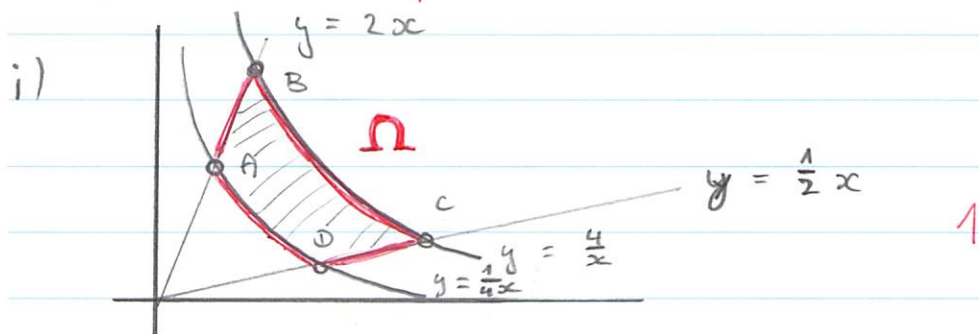
$$\Rightarrow Hg(\mathbf{0}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ with}$$

eigenvalues  $(1, 0, -1)$ . 2

iii) Because of the eigenvalue 0, we can not conclude about the nature of this critical point.

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## Exercise 4 5<sup>th</sup>



Let us compute A, B, C and D (not strictly required):

$$A: \frac{1}{4x} = 2x \Leftrightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{8}, \quad A = \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$B: \frac{1}{4x} = 2x \Leftrightarrow x^2 = 2, \quad B = (\sqrt{2}, 2\sqrt{2})$$

$$C: \frac{1}{4x} = \frac{1}{2}x \Leftrightarrow x^2 = 8, \quad C = (2\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$$

$$D: \frac{1}{4x} = \frac{1}{2}x \Leftrightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad D = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \right).$$

ii)

$$J_f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} (x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} y & x \\ -\frac{y}{x^2} & \frac{1}{x} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$|J_f(x, y)| = \frac{y}{x} + \frac{y}{x} = \underline{\underline{2 \frac{y}{x}}}.$$

iii)

Line $(x, 2x)$	through $f$ :	$f(x, 2x) = (2x^2, 2)$
Line $(x, \frac{1}{2}x)$	" "	$f(x, \frac{1}{2}x) = (\frac{1}{2}x^2, \frac{1}{2})$
Curve $(x, \frac{4}{x})$	" "	$f(x, \frac{4}{x}) = (4, \frac{4}{x^2})$
Curve $(x, \frac{1}{4x})$	" "	$f(x, \frac{1}{4x}) = (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4x^2})$

