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IM 1) Given the complex number $z = (1 - i^3)^2$, calculate its cubic roots.

$z = (1 - i^3)^2 = (1 + i)^2 = 1 + 2i + i^2 = 2i$. Putting the the complex number z in goniometric form, we get $z = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{2} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$; for the cubic roots we apply the classical formula: $z_k = \sqrt[3]{2}\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{2}{3}k\pi\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{2}{3}k\pi\right)\right)$ $k = 0, 1, 2$. The three roots are:

$$k = 0 \rightarrow z_0 = \sqrt[3]{2}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sqrt[3]{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2}i\right) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}}{2}(\sqrt{3} + i);$$

$$k = 1 \rightarrow z_1 = \sqrt[3]{2}\left(\cos\frac{5}{6}\pi + i\sin\frac{5}{6}\pi\right) = \sqrt[3]{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2}i\right) = -\frac{\sqrt[3]{2}}{2}(\sqrt{3} - i);$$

$$k = 2 \rightarrow z_2 = \sqrt[3]{2}\left(\cos\frac{3}{2}\pi + i\sin\frac{3}{2}\pi\right) = -\sqrt[3]{2}i.$$

IM 2) Given the matrix $\mathbb{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -9 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$. Calculate its eigenvalues and study if

the matrix \mathbb{A} is diagonalizable or not.

At the first step we calculate the characteristic polynomial of matrix \mathbb{A} ;

$$P_{\mathbb{A}}(\lambda) = |\lambda\mathbb{I} - \mathbb{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -2 & \lambda - 4 & -2 \\ -1 & 9 & \lambda + 3 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$(\lambda - 3)\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 4 & -2 \\ 9 & \lambda + 3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ -1 & \lambda + 3 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} -2 & \lambda - 4 \\ -1 & 9 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$(\lambda - 3)((\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 3) + 18) - 2(\lambda + 3) + -2 + 18 - (\lambda - 4) =$$

$$(\lambda - 3)(\lambda^2 - \lambda + 6) - 2\lambda - 6 + 16 - \lambda + 4 =$$

$$\lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 + 9\lambda - 18 - 3\lambda + 14 = \lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 + 6\lambda - 4 = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2) =$$

$(\lambda - 2)((\lambda - 1)^2 + 1)$. Putting $P_{\mathbb{A}}(\lambda) = 0$ we find the three eigenvalues of matrix \mathbb{A} ; if

$\lambda - 2 = 0$, we have the first eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 2$; if $(\lambda - 1)^2 + 1 = 0$ follow

$(\lambda - 1)^2 = -1$ and $\lambda - 1 = \pm i$, thus $\lambda_{2,3} = 1 \pm i$. The three eigenvalues are all different, thus matrix \mathbb{A} is a diagonalizable one.

IM 3) Given a linear map $F: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, with

$F(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4, 2x_1 + mx_3 + x_4, -x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3)$; knowing that the dimension of its image and the dimension of its kernel are equal, find the value of parameter m and calculate a basis for the image of linear map F .

If image and kernel have the same dimension, both are equal to 2, therefore the rank of the matrix associated at F must be 2. Matrix \mathbb{A}_F associated at F is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & m & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \text{ we reduce } \mathbb{A}_F \text{ by elementary operations on its lines:}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & m & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\begin{matrix} R_2 \mapsto R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \mapsto R_3 + R_1 \end{matrix}]{\begin{matrix} R_2 \mapsto R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \mapsto R_3 + R_1 \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & m & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \mapsto R_3 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & m & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & m-1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ from the reduced matrix we find that the unique value of}$$

m such that \mathbb{A}_F has rank two is $m = 1$ and so

$F(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4, 2x_1 + x_3 + x_4, -x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3)$. For the basis of the image of F , note that the first element of the image $x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4$ is just equal to the sum of the second element $2x_1 + x_3 + x_4$ and the third $-x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3$, thus any element of the image can be written as $(y_2 + y_3, y_2, y_3) = y_2(1, 1, 0) + y_3(1, 0, 1)$ and a basis for the image is the set $\mathcal{B}_{IF} = \{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1)\}$.

IM 4) Given the three vectors $V_1 = (1, 1, 1)$, $V_2 = (1, 0, 1)$ and $V_3 = (1, 1, 0)$; if vector W has coordinates $(1, 2, 0)$ respect to the canonical basis $\mathcal{B} = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$, what are the coordinates of W respect to the basis $\mathcal{B}' = \{V_1, V_2, V_3\}$?

Respect basis \mathcal{B} , vector $W = 1(1, 0, 0) + 2(0, 1, 0) + 0(0, 0, 1) = (1, 2, 0)$, while respect basis \mathcal{B}' , vector $W = \alpha(1, 1, 1) + \beta(1, 0, 1) + \gamma(1, 1, 0) = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma, \alpha + \gamma, \alpha + \beta)$; putting $(1, 2, 0) = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma, \alpha + \gamma, \alpha + \beta)$ we easily find $\alpha = \gamma = 1$ and $\beta = -1$.

IM 1) Given the equation $f(x, y) = x \cdot \cos^2 y + y \cdot \sin^2 x = 0$ satisfied at the point $(0, 0)$, verify that with it an implicit function $x = x(y)$ can be defined and then calculate, for this implicit function, its first and second derivatives $x'(0)$ and $x''(0)$.

$f(0, 0) = 0$, $f'_x = \cos^2 y + 2y \cdot \sin x \cdot \cos x$ and $f'_y = -2x \cdot \cos y \cdot \sin y + \sin^2 x$, with $f'_x(0, 0) = 1$ and $f'_y(0, 0) = 0$. Because $f'_x(0, 0) \neq 0$, the equation $f(x, y) = x \cdot \cos^2 y + y \cdot \sin^2 x = 0$ define a function $x = x(y)$ with

$$x'(0) = -\frac{f'_y(0, 0)}{f'_x(0, 0)} = 0. \text{ For the second order derivative we have}$$

$$x''(0) = -\frac{f''_{y,y}(0, 0)}{f'_x(0, 0)} \text{ because } x'(0) = 0; f''_{y,y} = 2x(\sin^2 y - \cos^2 y) \text{ and}$$

$$f''_{y,y}(0, 0) = 0 \text{ thus } x''(0) = 0.$$

IM 2) Solve the problem $\begin{cases} \text{Max/min } f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y \\ \text{u.c.: } x^2 + y^2 \leq 4 \end{cases}$.

The function f is a polynomial, continuous function, the admissible region is a disk with center $(0, 0)$ and radius 2, a bounded and closed set, therefore f presents absolute maximum and minimum in the admissible region. The Lagrangian function is

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) = x^2 + 2y - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 4) \text{ with}$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{L} = (2x - 2\lambda x, 2 - 2\lambda y, -(x^2 + y^2 - 4)).$$

I° CASE (free optimization):

$$\begin{cases} \lambda = 0 \\ 2x = 0 \\ 2 = 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 \leq 4 \end{cases} ; \text{system impossible};$$

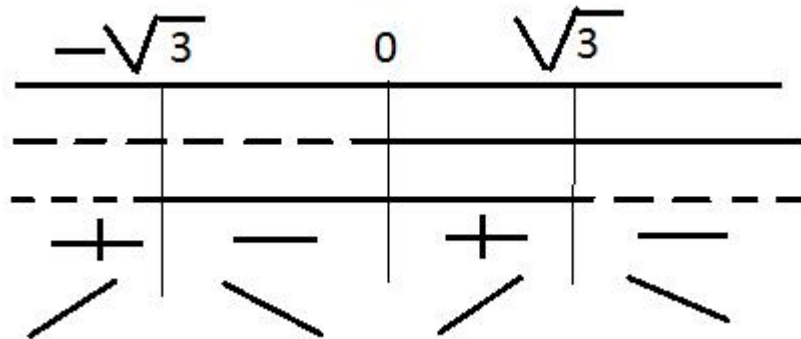
II° CASE (constrained optimization):

$$\begin{cases} \lambda \neq 0 \\ 2x - 2\lambda x = 0 \\ 2 - 2\lambda y = 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda \neq 0 \\ x(1 - \lambda) = 0 \\ \lambda y = 1 \\ x^2 + y^2 = 4 \end{cases} ; \text{if } x = 0, y = \pm 2 \text{ and } \lambda = \pm 1/2, \text{ otherwise}$$

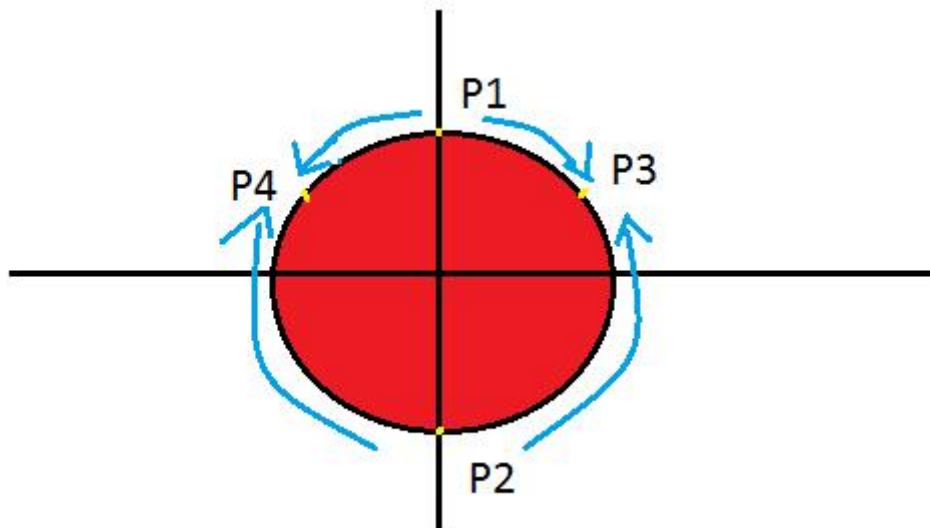
$\lambda = y = 1$ and $x = \pm \sqrt{3}$. Four critical points $P_{1,2} = (0, \pm 2)$, the first a candidate for maximum ($\lambda > 0$), the second for minimum ($\lambda < 0$), and $P_{3,4} = (\pm \sqrt{3}, 1)$, both candidate for maximum ($\lambda > 0$). $f(P_{1,2}) = \pm 4$, $f(P_{3,4}) = 5$, f presents absolute maximum equal 5 on points $(\pm \sqrt{3}, 1)$ and absolute minimum equal -4 on point $(0, -2)$. To analyze the nature of point $(0, 2)$ we study the function f along the upper border of the admissible region ($y = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$).

$$f(x, \sqrt{4 - x^2}) = x^2 + 2\sqrt{4 - x^2} = g(x), g'(x) = 2x + 2 \cdot \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{4 - x^2}} = \frac{2x(\sqrt{4 - x^2} - 1)}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}} ; g'(x) \geq 0 \text{ if and only if } x(\sqrt{4 - x^2} - 1) \geq 0:$$

1. $x \geq 0$;
2. $\sqrt{4 - x^2} - 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{4 - x^2} \geq 1 \Rightarrow 4 - x^2 \geq 1 \Rightarrow x^2 \leq 3 \Rightarrow -\sqrt{3} \leq x \leq \sqrt{3}$.



As on the graphic above, $P_{3,4}$ are points of maximum, while P_1 is a false maximum. In the graphic in the next page, the admissible region, in red, and the behaviour of f along the border represented by the turquoise arrows.



II M 3) Calculate the gradient of the function $f(x, y, z) = (x + y)^z - \log(z - y \cdot x^2)$.

$$f'_x = z(x + y)^{z-1} + \frac{2xy}{z - y \cdot x^2}; \quad f'_y = z(x + y)^{z-1} + \frac{x^2}{z - y \cdot x^2};$$

$$f'_z = (x + y)^z \cdot \log(x + y) - \frac{1}{z - y \cdot x^2}.$$

II M 4) Given the function $f(x, y) = xe^{x+y}$ and the unit vector $v = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$;

find a point (x_0, y_0) such that $\mathcal{D}_v f(x_0, y_0) = 0$. After having determined the point (x_0, y_0) , calculate the second order directional derivative $\mathcal{D}_{v,v}^{(2)} f(x_0, y_0)$.

$$\nabla f(x, y) = ((1 + x)e^{x+y}, xe^{x+y}), \quad \mathcal{D}_v f = \nabla f(x, y) \cdot v =$$

$$((1 + x)e^{x+y}, xe^{x+y}) \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(1 + 2x)e^{x+y}, \text{ thus } \mathcal{D}_v f(x_0, y_0) = 0 \text{ if}$$

and only if $1 + 2x = 0$ then $x_0 = -\frac{1}{2}$. Point (x_0, y_0) that satisfy the condition

$$\mathcal{D}_v f(x_0, y_0) = 0 \text{ are all the point } \left(-\frac{1}{2}, y_0\right).$$

$$\mathcal{H}f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} (2 + x)e^{x+y} & (1 + x)e^{x+y} \\ (1 + x)e^{x+y} & xe^{x+y} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$\mathcal{H}f\left(-\frac{1}{2}, y_0\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2}e^{y_0-1/2} & \frac{1}{2}e^{y_0-1/2} \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{y_0-1/2} & -\frac{1}{2}e^{y_0-1/2} \end{bmatrix} \text{ with}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{v,v}^{(2)} f\left(-\frac{1}{2}, y_0\right) = v^T \cdot \mathcal{H}f\left(-\frac{1}{2}, y_0\right) \cdot v =$$

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2}e^{y_0-1/2} & \frac{1}{2}e^{y_0-1/2} \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{y_0-1/2} & -\frac{1}{2}e^{y_0-1/2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}e^{y_0-1/2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = e^{y_0-1/2}.$$