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**Quantitative Methods for Economic Applications -**  
**Mathematics for Economic Applications**  
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IM 1) Calculate the complex roots of equation  $z^2 + 4i = 0$ .

From  $z^2 + 4i = 0$  we get  $z^2 = -4i$  and finally  $z = \sqrt{-4i} = 2\sqrt{-i}$ . Putting the imaginary number  $-i$  in goniometric form, we get  $-i = \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{2}$ ; for the square roots we apply the classical formula:

$z_k = 2 \left( \cos \left( \frac{3\pi}{4} + k\pi \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{3\pi}{4} + k\pi \right) \right)$   $k = 0, 1$ . The two roots of equation are:

$$k = 0 \rightarrow z_0 = 2 \left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \right) = 2 \left( -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}i \right) = -\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i;$$

$$k = 1 \rightarrow z_1 = 2 \left( \cos \frac{7\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{4} \right) = 2 \left( \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}i \right) = \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i = -z_0.$$

IM 2) Given the matrix  $\mathbb{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . 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  $\mathbb{A}$ ;

$$P_{\mathbb{A}}(\lambda) = |\lambda \mathbb{I} - \mathbb{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & \lambda - 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda + 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & \lambda + 2 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -2 \\ -2 & \lambda - 2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 2 & 2 \\ 2 & \lambda + 2 \end{vmatrix} = ((\lambda - 2)^2 - 4) \cdot ((\lambda + 2)^2 - 4) =$$

$(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda) \cdot (\lambda^2 + 4\lambda) = \lambda^2(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 4)$ . Putting  $P_{\mathbb{A}}(\lambda) = 0$  we find three eigenvalues of matrix  $\mathbb{A}$ .  $\lambda_1 = 0$ , with algebraic multiplicity 2,  $\lambda_2 = 4$ , with algebraic multiplicity 1 and  $\lambda_3 = -4$ , with algebraic multiplicity 1. To verify if the matrix is diagonalizable, we find the geometric multiplicity of eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ , for our goal we calculate the rank of matrix  $\mathbb{A}$ , it's easy note that from matrix  $\mathbb{A}$  we can define a

principal minor of order 2,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  with determinant different from 0 and matrix  $\mathbb{A}$

has the second row equal to the first and the fourth equal to the third, thus

$Rank(\mathbb{A}) = 2$  and the geometric multiplicity of eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$  is 2. The matrix is diagonalizable.

I M 3) Given the linear system 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ mx_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ mx_1 + mx_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ mx_1 + mx_2 + mx_3 + x_4 = 0 \end{cases}, \text{ where } m \text{ is a real}$$

parameter. We indicate with  $S_m$  the set of its solutions, study, varying of  $m$ , the dimension of the set  $S_m$ , and when the dimension is bigger, find a basis for  $S_m$ .

The matrix associated to the system is 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ m & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ m & m & 1 & 1 \\ m & m & m & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 We reduce the matrix by elementary

operations on its lines: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ m & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ m & m & 1 & 1 \\ m & m & m & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \mapsto R_2 - mR_1 \\ R_3 \mapsto R_3 - mR_1 \\ R_4 \mapsto R_4 - mR_1 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - m & 1 - m & 1 - m \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - m & 1 - m \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 - m \end{bmatrix}, \text{ from the}$$

reduced matrix we find that:  $dim(S_m) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } m = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } m \neq 1 \end{cases}.$  Dimension of  $S_m$  is bigger if  $m = 1$ ,

and in this case the system is reduced to the unique equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$  or  $x_4 = -x_1 - x_2 - x_3$ , and a generic element of  $S_m$  is  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, -x_1 - x_2 - x_3) = x_1(1, 0, 0, -1) + x_2(0, 1, 0, -1) + x_3(0, 0, 1, -1)$ , a basis for  $S_m$  is the set of vectors  $\mathcal{B} = \{(1, 0, 0, -1), (0, 1, 0, -1), (0, 0, 1, -1)\}.$

I M 4) Check if there are values of  $x$  and  $y$  for which the matrix  $\mathbb{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{13}{3} & x \\ y & \frac{19}{3} \end{bmatrix}$  is similar to

the matrix  $\mathbb{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , if the matrix of the similarity transformation is  $\mathbb{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

Matrix  $\mathbb{A}$  is similar to the matrix  $\mathbb{B}$  with matrix of transformation  $\mathbb{P}$  if  $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{P}^{-1} \cdot \mathbb{B} \cdot \mathbb{P}.$

$|\mathbb{P}| = -3, \mathbb{P}^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\mathbb{P}|} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$  and

$\mathbb{P}^{-1} \cdot \mathbb{B} \cdot \mathbb{P} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} =$

$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 6 \\ -2 & -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{13}{3} & -\frac{20}{3} \\ \frac{20}{3} & \frac{19}{3} \end{bmatrix}.$

Put  $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{13}{3} & x \\ y & \frac{19}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{13}{3} & -\frac{20}{3} \\ \frac{20}{3} & \frac{19}{3} \end{bmatrix}$  we find  $x = -\frac{20}{3}$  and  $y = \frac{20}{3}.$

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

$f(0, 0) = 0, f'_x = 1 \cdot \sin^2 x + x \cdot 2 \cdot \sin x \cdot \cos x$  and

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

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

$y''(0) = -\frac{f''_{x,x}(0, 0)}{f'_y(0, 0)}$  because  $y'(0) = 0;$

$f''_{x,x} = 2 \cdot \sin x \cdot \cos x + 2 \cdot \sin x \cdot \cos x + x \cdot 2 \cdot \cos^2 x - x \cdot 2 \cdot \sin^2 x$  and  $f''_{x,x}(0,0) = 0$  thus  $y''(0) = 0$ .

II M 2) Solve the problem  $\begin{cases} \text{Max/min } f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \\ \text{u.c.: } x^2 + 4y^2 + 8y \leq 12 \end{cases}$ .

The function  $f$  is a polynomial, continuous function, the admissible region is the interior region of an ellipse, a bounded and closed set; constraint is qualified on ellipse therefore  $f$  presents absolute maximum and minimum in the admissible region. The Lagrangian function is

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) = x^2 + y^2 - \lambda(x^2 + 4y^2 + 8y - 12) \text{ with}$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{L} = (2x - 2\lambda x, 2y - 8\lambda y - 8\lambda, -(x^2 + 4y^2 + 8y - 12)).$$

I° CASE (free optimization):

$$\begin{cases} \lambda = 0 \\ 2x = 0 \\ 2y = 0 \\ x^2 + 4y^2 + 8y - 12 \leq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda = 0 \\ x = 0 \\ y = 0 \\ -12 \leq 0 \end{cases} ; \text{ point } (0, 0) \text{ is admissible,}$$

$$\mathcal{H}f = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{H}_1 = 2 > 0, \mathcal{H}_2 = 4 > 0. (0, 0) \text{ is a minimum point.}$$

II° CASE (constrained optimization):

$$\begin{cases} \lambda \neq 0 \\ 2x - 2\lambda x = 0 \\ 2y - 8\lambda y - 8\lambda = 0 \\ x^2 + 4y^2 + 8y - 12 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda \neq 0 \\ 2x(1 - \lambda) = 0 \\ 2(y - 4\lambda y - 4\lambda) = 0 \\ x^2 + 4y^2 + 8y = 12 \end{cases} ; \text{ if } x = 0 \text{ and } y = -3,$$

$\lambda = 3/8$ , if  $x = 0$  and  $y = 1$ ,  $\lambda = 1/8$ , otherwise  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $y = -4/3$  and

$x = \pm 2\sqrt{35}/3$ . Four critical points  $P_1 = (0, -3)$ ,  $P_2 = (0, 1)$  and

$P_{3,4} = (\pm 2\sqrt{35}/3, -4/3)$ , all candidates for maximum ( $\lambda > 0$ ).  $f(P_1) = 9$ ,

$f(P_2) = 1$ ,  $f(P_{3,4}) = 52/3 > 9$ ,  $f$  presents absolute maximum equal  $52/3$  on points

$(\pm 2\sqrt{35}/3, -4/3)$  and absolute minimum equal 0 on point  $(0, 0)$ . To analyze the

nature of point  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  we study the function  $f$  along the upper and the lower border of the admissible region. Rewrite the ellipse's equation as  $x^2 + 4(y+1)^2 = 16$ , we get

$(y+1)^2 = 4 - \frac{1}{4}x^2$  and the upper and the lower border of the admissible region are

respectively  $y = -1 + \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{4}x^2}$  and  $y = -1 - \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{4}x^2}$ .

In the upper border consider the function  $f\left(x, -1 + \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{4}x^2}\right) =$

$$x^2 + \left(-1 + \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{4}x^2}\right)^2 = 5 + \frac{3}{4}x^2 - \sqrt{16 - x^2} = g(x),$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{16 - x^2}} = \frac{x(3\sqrt{16 - x^2} + 2)}{2\sqrt{16 - x^2}} ; g'(x) \geq 0 \text{ if and only if } x \geq 0.$$

Along the upper border, function  $f$  is decreasing for  $x \leq 0$  and increasing for  $x \geq 0$ ,  $P_2$  is a false maximum (minimum point along the border).

In the lower border consider the function  $f\left(x, -1 - \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{4}x^2}\right) =$

$$x^2 + \left(-1 - \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{4}x^2}\right)^2 = 5 + \frac{3}{4}x^2 + \sqrt{16 - x^2} = h(x),$$

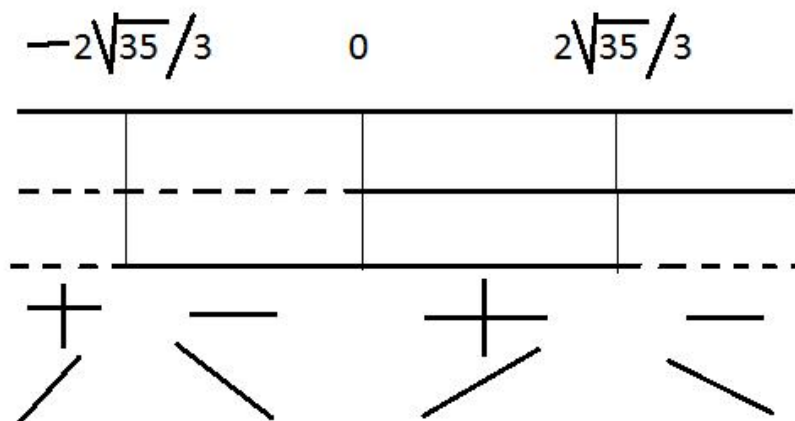
$$h'(x) = \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{16 - x^2}} = \frac{x(3\sqrt{16 - x^2} - 2)}{2\sqrt{16 - x^2}}; h'(x) \geq 0 \text{ if and only if}$$

$$x(3\sqrt{16 - x^2} - 2) \geq 0.$$

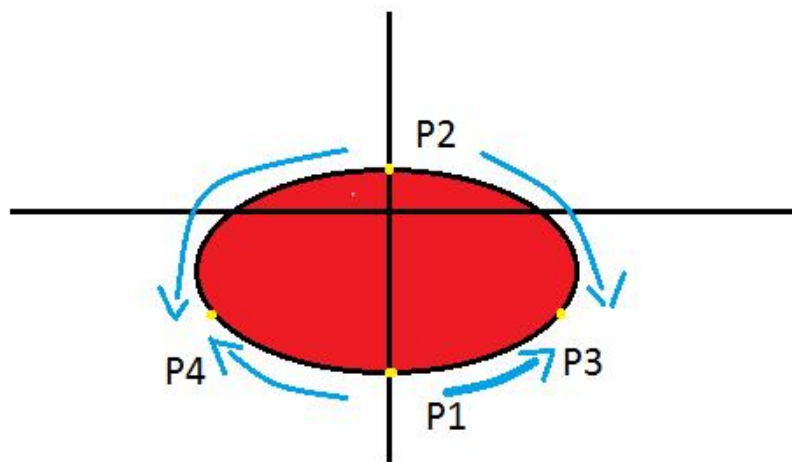
$$1. x \geq 0;$$

$$2. 3\sqrt{16 - x^2} - 2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{16 - x^2} \geq \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow 16 - x^2 \geq \frac{4}{9} \Rightarrow x^2 \leq \frac{140}{9} \Rightarrow$$

$$-\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{35} \leq x \leq \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{35}.$$



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



II M 3) Solve the problem  $\begin{cases} \text{Max/min } f(x, y) = x + y \\ \text{u.c.: } x^2 + y^2 = \frac{18}{4} \end{cases}$ .

The Lagrangian function of the problem is

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) = x + y - \lambda \left( x^2 + y^2 - \frac{18}{4} \right) \text{ with}$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{L} = \left( 1 - 2\lambda x, 1 - 2\lambda y, - \left( x^2 + y^2 - \frac{18}{4} \right) \right).$$

FOC:

$$\begin{cases} 1 - 2\lambda x = 0 \\ 1 - 2\lambda y = 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 = \frac{18}{4} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 1/(2\lambda) \\ y = 1/(2\lambda) \\ 1/(4\lambda^2) + 1/(4\lambda^2) = \frac{18}{4} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 1/(2\lambda) \\ y = 1/(2\lambda) \\ 2/\lambda^2 = 18 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \pm \frac{3}{2} \\ y = \pm \frac{3}{2} \\ \lambda = \pm \frac{1}{3} \end{cases};$$

two constraint critical points  $P_{1,2} = \left( \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2} \right)$ .

SOC:

$$\bar{\mathcal{H}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2x & -2y \\ -2x & -2\lambda & 0 \\ -2y & 0 & -2\lambda \end{bmatrix}, \text{ with } |\bar{\mathcal{H}}| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2x & -2y \\ -2x & -2\lambda & 0 \\ -2y & 0 & -2\lambda \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$-2\lambda \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2x \\ -2x & -2\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 2y \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -2x & -2\lambda \\ -2y & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 8\lambda x^2 + 8\lambda y^2 = 8\lambda(x^2 + y^2).$$

$|\bar{\mathcal{H}}(P_1)| = 12 > 0$ ,  $P_1$  point of maximum with  $f(P_1) = 3$ ,  $|\bar{\mathcal{H}}(P_2)| = -12 < 0$ ,  $P_2$  point of minimum and  $f(P_2) = -3$ .

II M 4) Given the function  $f(x, y) = (x + y)e^{x-y}$  and the unit vector

$v = \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)$ ; calculate on point  $(0, 0)$  the directional derivatives  $\mathcal{D}_v f(0, 0)$  and

$\mathcal{D}_{v,v}^{(2)} f(0, 0)$ .

$$\nabla f(x, y) = ((1 + x + y)e^{x-y}, (1 - x - y)e^{x-y}), \nabla f(0, 0) = (1, 1),$$

$$\mathcal{D}_v f(0, 0) = \nabla f(0, 0) \cdot v = (1, 1) \cdot \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) = \sqrt{2}.$$

$$\mathcal{H}f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} (2 + x + y)e^{x-y} & -(x + y)e^{x-y} \\ -(x + y)e^{x-y} & -(2 - x - y)e^{x-y} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathcal{H}f(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } \mathcal{D}_{v,v}^{(2)} f(0, 0) = v^T \cdot \mathcal{H}f(0, 0) \cdot v = \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} =$$

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