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I M 1) Find all the complex numbers  $z$  such that their imaginary part are equal 2 and the module of complex number  $z + i$  is equal 5. For every complex number  $z$  found, calculate its argument.

If the imaginary part of complex number is equal 2,  $z = a + 2i$  and  $z + i = a + 3i$  with the module  $\rho = \sqrt{a^2 + 9}$ . Put  $\sqrt{a^2 + 9} = 5$  follow  $a^2 + 9 = 25$  and  $a^2 = 16$  with  $a = \pm 4$ ; the request complex numbers are  $z_1 = 4 + 2i$  and  $z_2 = -4 + 2i$ . For its arguments remember that if  $a \neq 0$ , the argument of  $z$  can be calculated by

$$\theta = \arctg\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \text{ and for } z_1 \text{ and } z_2 \text{ we get } \theta_{1,2} = \arctg\left(\pm \frac{2}{4}\right) = \pm \arctg\left(\frac{1}{2}\right);$$

$$\theta_{1,2} \approx \pm 0.46 \text{ radian.}$$

I M 2) Given the matrix  $\mathbb{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & k & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and knowing that 1 is an eigenvalue of

the matrix; study if the matrix  $\mathbb{A}$  is diagonalizable or not.

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

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

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

$$- 2 \cdot (\lambda + 2 - 3) - (-k + 3(\lambda - 2)) = (\lambda - 2) \cdot (\lambda^2 - 4 - k) - 2 \cdot (\lambda - 1) +$$

$$- (3\lambda - 6 - k) = \lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 - (9 + k)\lambda + 16 + 3k. \text{ If 1 is an eigenvalue of the matrix,}$$

1 is a root of the characteristic polynomial thus  $P_{\mathbb{A}}(1) = 0$  and  $P_{\mathbb{A}}(1) = 6 + 2k$ ; put

$$6 + 2k = 0 \text{ easily we find } k = -3. \text{ Matrix } \mathbb{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$P_{\mathbb{A}}(\lambda) = \lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 7 = (\lambda - 1) \cdot (\lambda^2 - \lambda - 7).$$

Now we calculate the remaining two eigenvalues putting  $\lambda^2 - \lambda - 7 = 0$ , the equation

has solutions  $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{29}}{2}$  and the three eigenvalues of  $\mathbb{A}$  are  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and

$\lambda_{2,3} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{29}}{2}$ ; matrix is diagonalizable because its three eigenvalues are one to one distinct.

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

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

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

operations on its lines:

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & m & m \\ m & m & 1 \\ m & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \mapsto R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \mapsto R_3 - R_1 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} m & m & m \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - m \\ 0 & 1 - m & 1 - m \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \circ R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} m & m & m \\ 0 & 1 - m & 1 - m \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - m \end{bmatrix}.$$

The determinant of the reduced matrix is  $\begin{vmatrix} m & m & m \\ 0 & 1 - m & 1 - m \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - m \end{vmatrix} = m(1 - m)^2$  and it is different

from zero if and only if  $m \neq 0$  and  $m \neq 1$ , rank of matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} m & m & m \\ m & m & 1 \\ m & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is three if and only if

$m \neq 0$  and  $m \neq 1$  and this imply that in this case the dimation of  $S_m$  is zero. If  $m = 1$  the matrix

associated to the system is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , with rank equal at 1 and dimation of  $S_m$  2; finally if

$m = 0$  the matrix associated to the system is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , with rank equal at 2 and dimation of

$S_m$  1. In conclusion  $\dim(S_m) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } m = 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } m = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ . Dimation of  $S_m$  is bigger if  $m = 1$ , and in this

case the system is reduced to the unique equazion  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$  or  $x_3 = -x_1 - x_2$ , and a generic element of  $S_1$  is  $(x_1, x_2, -x_1 - x_2) = x_1(1, 0, -1) + x_2(0, 1, -1)$ , a basis for  $S_1$  is the set of vectors  $\mathcal{B}_{S_1} = \{(1, 0, -1), (0, 1, -1)\}$ . To be thorough we consider also the case  $m = 0$ ,

in this situation the system is reduced to  $\begin{cases} x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$ , and a generic element of  $S_0$  is  $(x_1, 0, 0) = x_1(1, 0, 0)$ , a basis for  $S_0$  is the set  $\mathcal{B}_{S_0} = \{(1, 0, 0)\}$ .

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

1.  $F(1, 1, 1) = (0, 0, 0)$ ;
2.  $F(0, 0, 1) = (0, 0, 1)$ ;
3.  $F(1, 0, 0) = (1, 0, 0)$ .

Find the dimation of its image and the dimation of its kernel; and for both, image and kernel, set a basis.

For the linear map  $F$  we know that the vector  $(1, 1, 1)$  belongs in the kernel of  $F$ , thus the dimation of the kernel is at least one:  $\dim(\text{Ker}F) \geq 1$ . The two linear independent vectors  $(0, 0, 1)$  and  $(1, 0, 0)$  belong in the image of  $F$ , thus the dimation of the image is at least two:  $\dim(\text{Im}F) \geq 2$ . By the dimation Theorem is known that for the linear map  $F$ ,  $\dim(\text{Ker}F) + \dim(\text{Im}F) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$ , an by the two previous inequalities easily we conclude that  $\dim(\text{Ker}F) = 1$  and  $\dim(\text{Im}F) = 2$ . The two basis for the spaces kernel and image can be easily found as  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{Ker}F} = \{(1, 1, 1)\}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{Im}F} = \{(0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0)\}$ .

II M 1) The equation  $f(x, y) = 0$  satisfied on point  $P(x_P, y_P)$ , defined an implicit function  $y = y(x)$ . We know that the gradient of  $f$  on point  $P$  is  $\nabla f(P) = (1, -1)$

and the Hessian matrix of  $f$  on point  $P$  is  $\mathcal{H}f(P) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . For this implicit

function calculate the first and second derivatives  $y'(x_P)$  and  $y''(x_P)$ .

By the Dini's Theorem if  $f'_y(P) \neq 0$ ,  $y'(x_P) = -\frac{f'_x(P)}{f'_y(P)} = -\frac{1}{-1} = 1$ ; and

$$y''(x_P) = -\frac{f''_{x,x}(P) + 2 \cdot f''_{x,y}(P) \cdot y'(x_P) + f''_{y,y}(P) \cdot (y'(x_P))^2}{(f'_y(P))^2} =$$

$$-\frac{f''_{x,x}(P) + 2 \cdot f''_{x,y}(P) + f''_{y,y}(P)}{(f'_y(P))^2} =$$

$$-\frac{1 + 2 \cdot (-1) + 1}{(-1)^2} = 0.$$

II M 2) Solve the problem  $\begin{cases} \text{Max/min } f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 \\ \text{u.c.: } x^2 + y^2 \leq 8 \end{cases}$ .

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

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) = x^3 + y^3 - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 8) \text{ with}$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{L} = (3x^2 - 2\lambda x, 3y^2 - 2\lambda y, -(x^2 + y^2 - 8)).$$

I° CASE (free optimization):

$$\begin{cases} \lambda = 0 \\ 3x^2 = 0 \\ 3y^2 = 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 - 8 \leq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda = 0 \\ x = 0 \\ y = 0 \\ -8 \leq 0 \end{cases}; \text{ point } (0, 0) \text{ is admissible, } \mathcal{H}f = \begin{bmatrix} 6x & 0 \\ 0 & 6y \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$\mathcal{H}f(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_2(0, 0) = 0$ . We haven't any information about the nature of point  $(0, 0)$ .

II° CASE (constrained optimization):

$$\begin{cases} \lambda \neq 0 \\ 3x^2 - 2\lambda x = 0 \\ 3y^2 - 2\lambda y = 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 - 8 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda \neq 0 \\ x(3x - 2\lambda) = 0 \\ y(3y - 2\lambda) = 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 = 8 \end{cases}; \text{ we must evaluate four possibilities:}$$

a: if  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ ,  $0^2 + 0^2 \neq 8$ ; point  $(0, 0)$  isn't admissible;

b: if  $x = 0$  and  $y = \frac{2}{3}\lambda$ , we get  $\frac{4}{9}\lambda^2 = 8 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 18 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 3\sqrt{2}$ ; point

$P_1(0, 2\sqrt{2})$  is a candidate to maximum, while point  $P_2(0, -2\sqrt{2})$  is a candidate to minimum;

c: if  $y = 0$  and  $x = \frac{2}{3}\lambda$ , we get again  $\frac{4}{9}\lambda^2 = 8 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 3\sqrt{2}$ ; point  $P_3(2\sqrt{2}, 0)$  is a candidate to maximum, while point  $P_4(-2\sqrt{2}, 0)$  is a candidate to minimum;

d: if  $x = \frac{2}{3}\lambda$  and  $y = \frac{2}{3}\lambda$ , we get  $\frac{8}{9}\lambda^2 = 8 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 9 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 3$ ; point  $P_5(2, 2)$  is a candidate to maximum, while point  $P_6(-2, -2)$  is a candidate to minimum.

$f(P_{1,3}) = 16\sqrt{2}$ ,  $f(P_5) = 16 < 16\sqrt{2}$ ,  $f$  presents absolute maximum equal  $16\sqrt{2}$  on points  $(0, 2\sqrt{2})$  and  $(2\sqrt{2}, 0)$ ;  $f(P_{2,4}) = -16\sqrt{2}$ ,  $f(P_6) = -16 > -16\sqrt{2}$ ,  $f$  presents absolute minimum equal  $-16\sqrt{2}$  on points  $(0, -2\sqrt{2})$  and  $(-2\sqrt{2}, 0)$ .

To analyze the nature of point  $P_5$  and  $P_6$  we study the function  $f$  along the upper and the lower border of the admissible region. Rewrite the circumference's equation as

$y^2 = 8 - x^2$ , the upper and the lower borders of the admissible region are respectively  $y = +\sqrt{8 - x^2}$  and  $y = -\sqrt{8 - x^2}$ .

In the upper border consider the function  $f(x, +\sqrt{8 - x^2}) =$

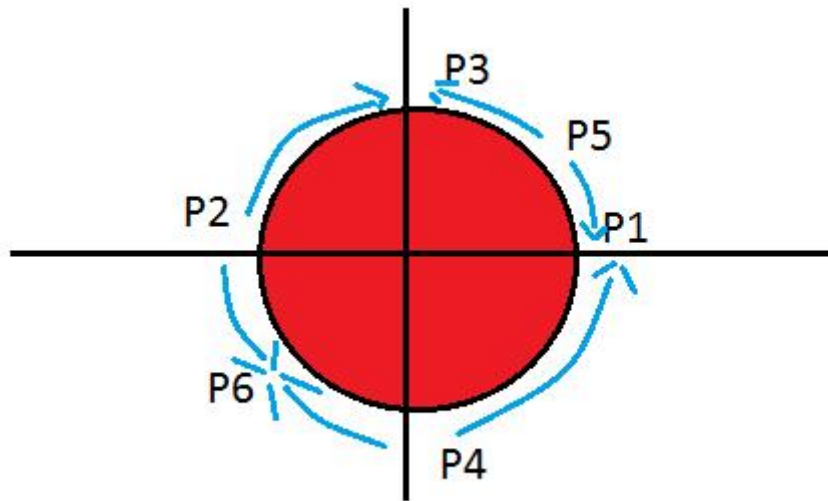
$$x^3 + (\sqrt{8 - x^2})^3 = g(x), g'(x) = 3x^2 + 3(\sqrt{8 - x^2})^2 \cdot \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{8 - x^2}} =$$

$3x(x - \sqrt{8 - x^2})$ ;  $g'(x) > 0$  if and only if  $-2\sqrt{2} < x < 0$  or  $2 < x < 2\sqrt{2}$ . Along

the upper border, function  $f$  is increasing for  $-2\sqrt{2} < x < 0$  and  $2 < x < 2\sqrt{2}$ , decreasing for  $0 < x < 2$ ,  $P_5$  is a false maximum (minimum point along the border).

By the exchangeability on variables in function  $f$  ( $f(x, y) = f(y, x)$ ), similar results can be achieved in the lower 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  $\begin{cases} \text{Max/min } f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \\ \text{u.c.: } x - y = 4 \end{cases}$ .

The Lagrangian function of the problem is

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

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

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$$\begin{cases} 2x - \lambda = 0 \\ 2y + \lambda = 0 \\ x - y = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \lambda/2 \\ y = -\lambda/2 \\ \lambda/2 + \lambda/2 = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \lambda/2 \\ y = -\lambda/2 \\ \lambda = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 2 \\ y = -2 \\ \lambda = 4 \end{cases}; \text{ one}$$

constraint critical points  $P = (2, -2)$ .

SOC:

$$\bar{\mathcal{H}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ with } |\bar{\mathcal{H}}| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$-2 - 2 = -4. |\bar{\mathcal{H}}(P)| < 0, P \text{ point of minimum with } f(P) = 8.$$

II M 4) Given the function  $f(x, y) = e^{x+y} - e^{x-y}$  and the unit vector  $v = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ ;

calculate on point  $(0, 0)$  the directional derivatives  $\mathcal{D}_v f(0, 0)$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{v,v}^{(2)} f(0, 0)$ .

$$\nabla f(x, y) = (e^{x+y} - e^{x-y}, e^{x+y} + e^{x-y}), \nabla f(0, 0) = (0, 2),$$

$$\mathcal{D}_v f(0, 0) = \nabla f(0, 0) \cdot v = (0, 2) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = \sqrt{3}.$$

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

$$\mathcal{D}_{v,v}^{(2)} f(0, 0) = v^T \cdot \mathcal{H}f(0, 0) \cdot v = \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{3}.$$