

**Exercise 1** For each of the following functions, justify that a minimum and maximum under the given constraint exists, and use Lagrange multipliers to find them.

function	constraint	
$f_1(x, y) = 4xy$	$x^2 + y^2$	$= 1$
$f_2(x, y) = x^2y$	$x^2 + 2y^2$	$= 1$
$f_3(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 2y + 1$	$x^2 + y^2$	$= 2$
$f_4(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$	$xy$	$= 1$
$f_5(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$	$x - 2y + 6$	$= 0$
$f_6(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$	$x + 2y - 5$	$= 0$
$f_7(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$	$(x - 1)^2 + 4y^2$	$= 4$
$f_8(x, y) = 4x^3 + y^2$	$2x^2 + y^2$	$= 1$

**Exercise 2** Prove that the functions  $f(x, y, z) := x^4 + y^4 + z^4$  and  $g(x, y, z) := xyz$  admit a maximum on  $S = \{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$ . Calculate it.

**Exercise 3** Show that  $f(x, y, z) = yz + xy$  admit a minimum and maximum on the set  $S = \{xy = 1, y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$ . Find it.

**Exercise 4** Consider  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  and  $S = \{x + y + z = 9, x + 2y + 3z = 20\}$ . Does the minimum/maximum on  $S$  exist? If so, calculate it in two different ways.

**Exercise 5** Let  $T = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (x - 1)^2 + y^2 = 0, y + z = 0\}$  and  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z$ . Prove that  $f$  admits a minimum and a maximum on  $T$  and find them.

**Exercise 6** Let  $C \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a closed set and  $f : C \rightarrow C$  a self-map. Suppose that  $f$  is differentiable, and that  $|f'(x)| \leq q < 1$ . Show that  $f$  admits a fixed point in  $C$ . Example:  $f(x) = \ln(2x + 1)$  on  $C = [1, 2]$ .

**Exercise 7** Consider the function  $g(x) = x^2/4 + 5x/4 - 1/2$ .  
 a)  $g$  has two fixed points – what are they?  
 b) For each of these, find the largest region around them such that  $g$  is a contraction on that region.

**Exercise 8** Let  $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$  on  $A = [0, \infty)$ . Show that  $f$  is a self-map of  $A$  and that  $|f(x) - f(y)| < |x - y|$ . Does  $f$  admit a fixed point?

**Exercise 9\*** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by  $f(x, y) = (x^3 - 3xy^2, -3x^2y + y^3)$ . Show that  $f$  is a strict contraction on  $A := B[(0, 0), \frac{1}{2}]$  by calculating both eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix at  $(x, y)$ . Justify all steps. Give the fixed point of  $f$  on  $A$ .

**Exercise 10** Let  $(x_n)$  be the sequence defined by  $x_1 = \sqrt{3}$ ,  $x_2 = \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{3}}$ ,  $x_3 = \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{3}}}$ ,  $x_4 = \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{3}}}}$ ,  $\dots$ . Prove that  $(x_n)$  converges and give its limit.

**Exercise 11\*** (Newton iteration)

- a) Let  $f \in C^2(I)$  and assume that  $f(x^*) = 0$ , but  $f'(x^*) \neq 0$ . Let  $N(x) = x - (f'(x))^{-1}f(x)$ . Prove that  $N$  is a contraction in a suitable closed neighbourhood  $C$  of  $x^*$ . Deduce that the sequence, defined by

$$x_{n+1} := N(x_n) \tag{1}$$

converges to  $x^*$  for any  $x_0 \in C$ .

- b)\*\* Now let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be  $C^2$  mapping (i.e., all first and second partial derivatives of all components of  $F$  are continuous). Let us assume that the equation  $F(x) = 0$  has a solution  $x^* \in \Omega$  such that the derivative  $D_F(x^*)$  is invertible.

- i) Show that the derivative  $D_F(x)$  is invertible in some ball  $B(x^*, r)$ ,  $r > 0$ .  
 ii) Let  $N(x) = x - D_F(x)^{-1}(F(x))$  defined on  $B(x^*, r)$ . Show “by hand” that  $N$  is differentiable in  $x^*$  with  $D_N(x^*) = 0$ : to this end write

$$N(x^* + h) = N(x^*) + h - D_F(x^*)^{-1}f(x^* + h) - (D_F(x^* + h)^{-1} - D_F(x^*)^{-1})(f(x^* + h))$$

and use that  $f(x^* + h) = 0 + D_F(x^*)(h) + r(h)$ , with  $\frac{\|r(h)\|}{\|h\|^2} \rightarrow 0$ . Hint: the identity  $A^{-1} - B^{-1} = A^{-1}(B - A)B^{-1}$  may be useful.

- iii) Show now that in a suitable ball  $C := B[x^*, R]$  (for some  $0 < R < r$ ),  $N$  is a strictly contractive self-map from  $C$  to itself. Infer that the iteration scheme (1) converges to  $x^*$  for any starting point  $x_0 \in C$ .

**Exercise 12**

- a) Formulate the local inversion theorem in the case of a  $C^1$ -function in  $\mathbb{R}$  (dimension one), and give a simple proof. Compare your proof with the “general case” you saw in the lecture.  
 b) Consider  $f(x) = x + x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x})$ . Show that  $f$  is differentiable in  $x = 0$ , but that  $f'$  is discontinuous in  $x = 0$ .  
 c)\* Can one find a local inverse in a neighbourhood of  $x = 0$ ?

**Exercise 13** Let  $f(x, y) = (x^2 - y^2, 2xy)$ . Show that  $f$  is locally invertible at each point. Is there a global inverse? Think complex!

**Exercise 14** Let  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be given by  $f(x, y) = \left(\frac{x}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{y}{x^2+y^2}\right)$ . Show that  $f$  is locally invertible in each point  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Provide explicitly the inverse function and discuss global invertibility.

**Exercise 15** Let  $f(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2, \sin(\cos(y)))$  and  $g(x, y) = (x + y^3, e^x)$ . In which points are these functions locally invertible?

**Exercise 16** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $(x, y, z) \mapsto (x + y + z, xy + yz + zx, xyz)$ . Show that  $f$  is locally invertible in a neighbourhood of  $(a, b, c)$  if and only if  $(a - b)(b - c)(c - a) \neq 0$ . Provide in this case the Jacobian matrix of the inverse function  $g$  at the point  $y = f(a, b, c)$ .