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VU Amsterdam	Calculus 2 for BA (X_400636)
Faculty of Sciences	Exam 2
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**The use of a calculator, the book, or lecture notes is not permitted.  
Do not just give answers, but write calculations and explain your steps.**

**You can score 33 points.**

**Question 1.** (1+1+2+4+2 points)

Consider the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + xy$ .

- a) Compute the gradient of the function.
- b) Compute the Hessian of the function.
- c) Compute the directional derivative of the function in direction  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  at the point  $p = (2, 4)$ .
- d) Determine all maxima and minima of the function along the curve  $\gamma(x) = 3x + 6$ .
- e) Sketch the gradient vector field of the function in the marked points  $p_1 = (-1, 2), p_2 = (0, -1), p_3 = (1, -1), p_4 = (1, 1)$ .

a)  $\text{grad}_f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x + y \\ x \end{bmatrix}$

b)  $\text{Hess}_f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- c) The directional derivative is

$$\frac{v_1}{|v|} f_1(p_x, p_y) + \frac{v_2}{|v|} f_2(p_x, p_y) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{9+16}} 4 + 4 + \frac{-3}{\sqrt{9+16}} 2 = \frac{32}{5} - \frac{6}{5} = \frac{26}{5}.$$

- d) There are several possible approaches to this question.

First solution: Use Lagrange multiplier.

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + xy, g(x, y) = 3x - y + 6, L(x, y, \lambda) = x^2 + xy + \lambda(3x - y + 6).$$

Find the critical point of  $L(x, y, \lambda)$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 2x + y + 3\lambda \\ 0 &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = x - \lambda \Leftrightarrow x = \lambda \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow y = -5x$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = 3x - y + 6 \Rightarrow 8x = -6 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{3}{4}, y = \frac{15}{4}.$$

Since in all points (and therefore also in the critical point) the first entry of the Hessian is  $2 > 0$  and the determinant of the Hessian is  $1 > 0$ , the point is a minimum.

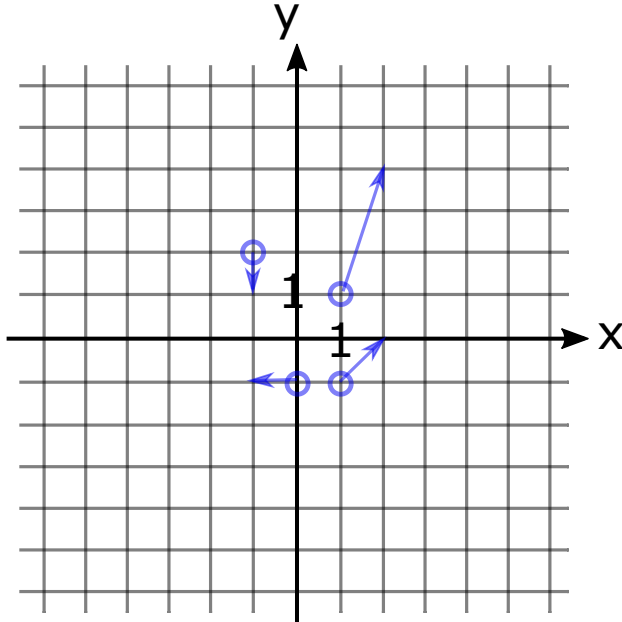
Second solution: Restrict the function to one variable by concatenation.

$$f(x) = x^2 + x(3x + 6) = x^2 + 3x^2 + 6x = 4x^2 + 6x.$$

Find the critical points of  $f(x)$ :

$$f'(x) = 8x + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{3}{4}. \text{ Therefore, } y = 3\frac{-3}{4} + 6 = -\frac{9}{4} + \frac{24}{4} = \frac{15}{4}.$$

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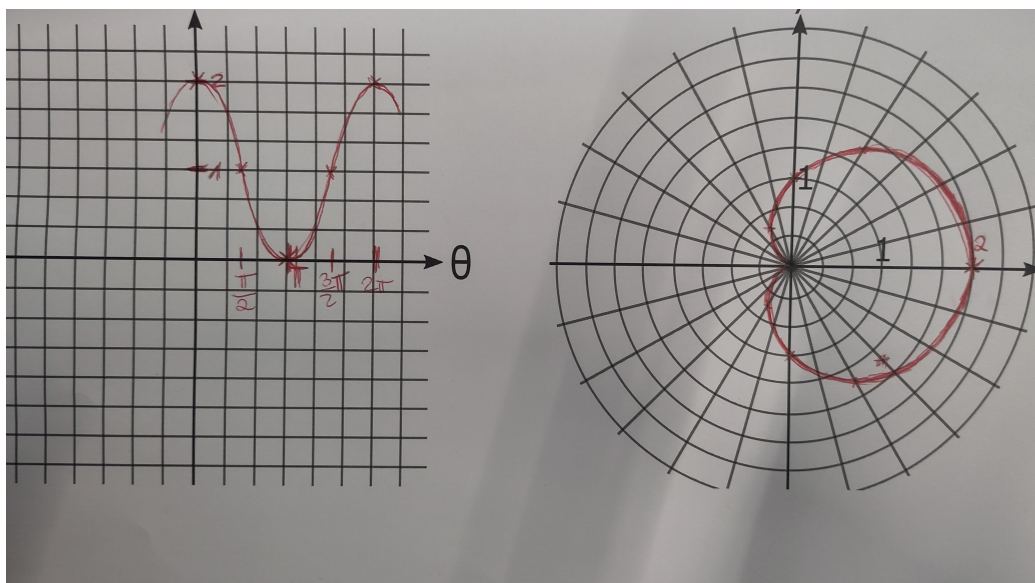
e)

**Question 2.** (3+4 points)

Consider the polar curve  $r = f(\theta) = 1 + \cos(\theta)$ .

- Rewrite the equation  $r = 1 + \cos(\theta)$  in Cartesian coordinates. (I.e., all  $r$  and  $\theta$  should be replaced by  $x$  and  $y$ .) You do not need to simplify the solution.
- Sketch the polar curve in both, the Polar and the Cartesian coordinate system. Do not forget to label the axes to indicate the step sizes you use.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) With } r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \text{ and } x = r \cos(\theta), \quad x = r \cos(\theta) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \cos(\theta) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \cos(\theta) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \text{ we have } r = 1 + \cos(\theta) \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}. \\ &\left( \Leftrightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \Leftrightarrow 1 = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + x}{x^2 + y^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$



b)

**Question 3.** (4 points)

Compute  $\int_0^2 \int_0^y y^2 e^{xy} dx dy$

$$\int_0^2 \int_0^y y^2 e^{xy} dx dy = \int_0^2 y^2 \left[ \frac{1}{y} e^{xy} \right]_0^y dy = \int_0^2 y (e^{y^2} - 1) dy = \left[ \frac{e^{y^2} - y^2}{2} \right]_0^2 = \frac{e^4 - 5}{2}.$$

**Question 4.** (2 points)

What is the geometric meaning of the Jacobian determinant of a coordinate transformation (such as from Cartesian to polar coordinates or vice versa)?

The absolute value of the Jacobian is the ratio between corresponding area elements (in general: volume elements) in the different coordinate systems. Or: The Jacobian determinant gives the factor with which areas (in general:  $n$ -volumes) are stretched/shrunk by the coordinate transformation (in general: by a differentiable function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ).

**Question 5.** (2+3 points)

a) Compute the real part and the imaginary part of  $(a + ib)^2$ .

b) Explain how real numbers relate to their complex conjugates.

a)  $(a + ib)^2 = a^2 + 2aib + (ib)^2 = a^2 - b^2 + i2ab$ . Therefore, the real part of  $(a + ib)^2$  is  $a^2 - b^2$  and the imaginary part is  $2ab$ .

b) The complex conjugate of the complex number  $a + ib$  is  $a - ib$ . Since real numbers are exactly the complex numbers with  $b = 0$ , real numbers are their own complex conjugates.

**Question 6.** (1+4 points)

- a) State the general form of a linear ordinary nonhomogeneous differential equation of order  $n$ .
- b) Let  $y_1(x)$  be a solution to a linear ordinary nonhomogeneous differential equation of order  $n$ , and let  $y_0(x)$  be a solution to the corresponding homogeneous ordinary differential equation.  
Show that the function  $y(x) = y_1(x) + y_0(x)$  is also a solution of the same linear nonhomogeneous differential equation.

a)  $a_n(x)y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1(x)y^{(1)}(x) + a_0(x)y(x) = f(x).$

- b)  $y_1$  being a solution to the nonhomogeneous differential equation means that

$$a_n(x)y_1^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1}(x)y_1^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1(x)y_1^{(1)}(x) + a_0(x)y_1(x) = f(x).$$

$y_0$  being a solution to the homogeneous corresponding differential equation means that

$$a_n(x)y_0^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1}(x)y_0^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1(x)y_0^{(1)}(x) + a_0(x)y_0(x) = 0.$$

Adding the two equations gives

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x) + 0 \\ &= a_n(x)y_1^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1}(x)y_1^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1(x)y_1^{(1)}(x) + a_0(x)y_1(x) \\ &\quad + a_n(x)y_0^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1}(x)y_0^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1(x)y_0^{(1)}(x) + a_0(x)y_0(x) \\ &= a_n(x)(y_1^{(n)}(x) + y_0^{(n)}(x)) + a_{n-1}(x)(y_1^{(n-1)}(x) + y_0^{(n-1)}(x)) + \cdots \\ &\quad \cdots + a_1(x)(y_1^{(1)}(x) + y_0^{(1)}(x)) + a_0(x)(y_1(x) + y_0(x)) \\ &= a_n(x)y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1(x)y^{(1)}(x) + a_0(x)y(x) \end{aligned}$$

which shows the claim.

**End of exam.**