

1. (10%) Read the following statements. Answer "True" if it is correct. Answer "False" if it is incorrect.
- (a) (2%) True  $A$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix. The dimension of  $A$ 's column space equals the dimension of  $A$ 's row space.
- (b) (2%) True  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix. If  $\det A=0$ , then 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
- (c) (2%) True  $A$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix. The rank of  $A$  is less than or equal to  $n$ . The rank of  $A$  is less than or equal to  $m$ .
- (d) (2%) False The set  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (e) (2%) False  $B$  is a  $k \times n$  matrix. Suppose that there is a  $\mathbf{x}_0 \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $B\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ . Then  $B$  is not full rank.

2. (18%) Consider the quadratic form  $f(x, y, z) = -2x^2 + 2xy - 2y^2 - 5z^2$ .

(a) (3%) Express  $f$  in the form of

$$f(x, y, z) = (x, y, z) M \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $M$  is a real-valued symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrix. Find  $M$ .

(b) (6%) Find the eigenvalues of  $M$  and their corresponding eigenvectors.

(c) (4%) Diagonalize  $M$ . That is, find a nonsingular matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}MP = D$ .

(d) (5%) Use Sylvester's criterion to determine the definiteness of  $M$ , and thus  $f$ .

**Solution:**

(a)  $M = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$ . (3pts)

(b)

$$0 = \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 - \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{characteristic polynomial}$$

$$= (-5 - \lambda)((-2 - \lambda)^2 - 1) \quad \text{expand}$$

$$= (-5 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 3) \quad \text{expand}$$

$$= -(\lambda + 5)(\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 3) \quad \text{factor}$$

$$\lambda = -5, -1, -3 \quad \text{solve (3pts)}$$

(1)  $\lambda = -5 \implies \begin{pmatrix} -2+5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2+5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5+5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\implies$  eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t \neq 0$ . (1pt)

(2)  $\lambda = -3 \implies \begin{pmatrix} -2+3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2+3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5+3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\implies$  eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  for any  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $s \neq 0$ . (1pt)

(3)  $\lambda = -1 \implies \begin{pmatrix} -2+1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2+1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5+1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\implies$  eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = r \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  for any  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $r \neq 0$ . (1pt)

(c)  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (2pts)  $\implies P^{-1}MP = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = D$ . (2pts)

(d)  $M$  is negative definite (2pts), and thus  $f$ , since (3pts)

$$-2 < 0, \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = 3 > 0, \det M = -15 < 0.$$

3. (20%) Find the maximum value of the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2$  subject to the constraints  $x + 2y \leq 9$ ,  $x^2 + y^2 \geq 16$ ,  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \geq 0$ .
- (a) (2%) Could both constraints  $x + 2y \leq 9$  and  $x^2 + y^2 \geq 16$  be binding?
- (b) (2%) Check whether the Kuhn - Tucker version NDCQ is satisfied.
- (c) (2%) Write down the Kuhn - Tucker version Lagrangian function  $\tilde{L}$ .
- (d) (3%) Write down the Kuhn - Tucker version first order conditions.
- (e) (4%) Is there a solution such that the constraint  $x^2 + y^2 \geq 16$  is binding?
- (f) (5%) Find solution(s) such that the constraint  $x + 2y \leq 9$  is binding.
- (g) (2%) Find the maximum value.

**Solution:**

Let  $g_1(x, y) = x + 2y$  and  $g_2(x, y) = -x^2 - y^2$ . Suppose that  $(x^*, y^*)$  is the maximizer of the problem.

- (a) We want to find  $(x, y)$  satisfies  $x + 2y = 9$  and  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ . Since  $x = 9 - 2y$ ,

$$(9 - 2y)^2 + y^2 = 16 \Rightarrow 65 - 36y + 5y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{it has no real solution because } 36^2 - 65 \times 20 < 0.$$

(2 points).

- (b) We have that  $\nabla g_1(x, y) = \langle 1, 2 \rangle$  and  $\nabla g_2(x, y) = \langle -2x, -2y \rangle$ .

From (a), we know that  $g_1 \leq 9$  and  $g_2 \leq 16$  can not both binding.

Suppose that  $g_1(x^*, y^*) = 9$ . Since  $\nabla g_1(x, y) = \langle 1, 2 \rangle$ ,  $(\frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x})$ ,  $(\frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y})$ ,  $(\frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y})$  all have rank 1. (1 point).

Suppose that  $g_2(x^*, y^*) = 16$ , then  $(x^*)^2 + (y^*)^2 = 16 \Rightarrow x^*$  and  $y^*$  can not be both 0. If  $x^* > 0$  but  $y^* = 0$ , then  $(\frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} = 2x^*)$  has rank 1.

If  $x^* = 0$  but  $y^* > 0$ , then  $(\frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y} = 2y^*)$  has rank 1.

If  $x^* > 0$  and  $y^* > 0$ , then  $(\frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y})$  has rank 1. (1 point) Therefore it satisfies Kuhn-Tucker version NDCQ.

- (c)  $\tilde{L}(x, y, l_1, l_2) = x^2 + 2y^2 - l_1(x + 2y - 9) - l_2(-x^2 - y^2 + 16)$ . (2 points).

- (d) At the maximizer  $(x^*, y^*)$ , there exist  $l_1^* \geq 0, l_2^* \geq 0$  satisfy

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \tilde{L}}{\partial x} &= 2x^* - l_1^* + 2x^*l_2^* \leq 0 \dots (1) \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{L}}{\partial y} &= 4y^* - 2l_1^* + 2y^*l_2^* \leq 0 \dots (2) \\ x^* \frac{\partial \tilde{L}}{\partial x} &= 0 = x^* \cdot (2x^* - l_1^* + 2x^*l_2^*) \dots (3) \\ y^* \frac{\partial \tilde{L}}{\partial y} &= 0 = y^* \cdot (4y^* - 2l_1^* + 2y^*l_2^*) \dots (4) \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{L}}{\partial \lambda_1} &= -(x^* + 2y^* - 9) \geq 0 \dots (5) \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{L}}{\partial \lambda_2} &= (x^*)^2 + (y^*)^2 - 16 \geq 0 \dots (6) \\ l_1^* \frac{\partial \tilde{L}}{\partial \lambda_1} &= 0 = l_1^* \cdot (x^* + 2y^* - 9) = 0 \dots (7) \\ l_2^* \frac{\partial \tilde{L}}{\partial \lambda_2} &= 0 = l_2^* \cdot [(x^*)^2 + (y^*)^2 - 16] = 0 \dots (8) \end{cases}$$

If you write down one correct equation, you get 0.5 point. If you write down all correct equations, you get 3 points.

- (e) If  $(x^*)^2 + (y^*)^2 = 16$ , then  $x^* + 2y^* \neq 9$ .

$$(7) \Rightarrow l_1^* = 0.$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow 2y^*(2 + l_2^*) \leq 0. \text{ Since } l_2^* \geq 0 \text{ and } y^* \geq 0, y^* = 0. \text{ It implies that } x^* = 4.$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow l_2^* = -1. \text{ It is a contradiction. Therefore } (x^*)^2 + (y^*)^2 \geq 16 \text{ can not be binding. If you get one of correct } x^*, y^*, l_1^*, l_2^*, \text{ you get one point.}$$

- (f) If  $x^* + 2y^* = 9$ , then  $(x^*)^2 + (y^*)^2 > 16$ .

$$(8) \Rightarrow l_2^* = 0. (1 \text{ point})$$

$$(3), (4) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^*(2x^* - l_1^*) = 0 \\ y^*(4y^* - 2l_1^*) = 0. \end{cases}$$

If  $x^* = 0$ , then  $y^* = \frac{9}{2} \Rightarrow l_1^* = 9$ . It implies that  $(x^*, y^*, l_1^*, l_2^*) = (0, \frac{9}{2}, 9, 0)$ . (1 point)

If  $y^* = 0$ , then  $x^* = 9 \Rightarrow l_1^* = 18$ . It implies that  $((x^*, y^*, l_1^*, l_2^*) = (9, 0, 18, 0)$ . (1 point)

If  $x^* > 0, y^* > 0$ , then  $l_1 = 2x^* = 2y^* \Rightarrow x^* = y^*$ . Thus  $3x^* = 9 \Rightarrow x^* = 3 \Rightarrow l_1^* = 6$ . Thus  $((x^*, y^*, l_1^*, l_2^*) = (3, 3, 6, 0)$ . (2 points)

- (g)  $f(0, 9/2) = \frac{81}{2}$ ,  $f(9, 0) = 81$ ,  $f(3, 3) = 27$ . The maximum value is 81. (2 points)

4. (22%) Consider a  $C^2$  utility function  $U(x_1, x_2)$  such that  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_1} > 0$  and  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_2} > 0$ . We want to maximize  $U(x_1, x_2)$  under constraints  $P_1x_1 + P_2x_2 \leq I$ ,  $x_1 \geq 0$ , and  $x_2 \geq 0$ , where  $P_1 > 0$ ,  $P_2 > 0$  are unit prices and  $I > 0$  is the budget.
- (a) (2%) Write down the usual version Lagrangian function.
- (b) (2%) Show that the usual version NDCQ is satisfied.
- (c) (3%) List the usual version first order conditions.
- (d) (3%) From the first order conditions show that at the maximizer the constraint  $P_1x_1 + P_2x_2 \leq I$  must be binding.
- (e) (6%) Suppose that the first order conditions has a solution  $(x_1^*, x_2^*)$  with  $x_1^* > 0$ ,  $x_2^* > 0$ . Write down the bordered Hessian matrix at  $(x_1^*, x_2^*)$ . List the condition which guarantees that  $U(x_1^*, x_2^*)$  is a local maximum value.
- (f) (6%) Now  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$  and  $I$  are parameters. Then the maximum value of  $U$  depends on  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $I$ , which is denoted by  $\tilde{U}(P_1, P_2, I)$ . Compute  $\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial P_1}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial P_2}$ , and  $\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial I}$ . Determine the signs of these partial derivatives.

**Solution:**

(a)  $L(x_1, x_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = U(x_1, x_2) - \lambda_1(P_1x_1 + P_2x_2 - I) + \lambda_2x_1 + \lambda_3x_2$ .  
(缺少  $\lambda_2x_1 + \lambda_3x_2$  扣一分。  $\lambda_2x_1 + \lambda_3x_2$  寫成  $-\lambda_2x_1 - \lambda_3x_2$  扣一分)

(b) Let  $g_1(x_1, x_2) = P_1x_1 + P_2x_2$ ,  $g_2(x_1, x_2) = -x_1$ ,  $g_3(x_1, x_2) = -x_2$ .  
 $\vec{\nabla} g_1 = (P_1, P_2) \neq \vec{0}$ ,  $\vec{\nabla} g_2 = (-1, 0) \neq \vec{0}$ ,  $\vec{\nabla} g_3 = (0, -1) \neq \vec{0}$ . (1pt: 算出  $\vec{\nabla} g_1, \vec{\nabla} g_2, \vec{\nabla} g_3$ )

At the maximizer at most two of the constraints are binding and any two of  $\{\vec{\nabla} g_1, \vec{\nabla} g_2, \vec{\nabla} g_3\}$  are linearly independent. Hence the NDCQ is satisfied. (1pt)

(c) First Order conditions : At the maximizer  $(x_1^*, x_2^*)$  there are  $\lambda_1^*, \lambda_2^*, \lambda_3^*$  s.t

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_1} - \lambda_1^*P_1 + \lambda_2^* = 0 \dots \textcircled{1} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_2} - \lambda_1^*P_2 + \lambda_3^* = 0 \dots \textcircled{2} \\ \lambda_1^*(P_1x_1^* + P_2x_2^* - I) = 0 \dots \textcircled{3} \\ \lambda_2^*x_1^* = 0 \dots \textcircled{4} \\ \lambda_3^*x_2^* = 0 \dots \textcircled{5} \\ P_1x_1^* + P_2x_2^* \leq I \dots \textcircled{6} \\ x_1^* \geq 0, x_2^* \geq 0, \lambda_1^* \geq 0, \lambda_2^* \geq 0, \lambda_3^* \geq 0 \dots \textcircled{7} \end{cases}$$

1pt:  $\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}$

1pt:  $\textcircled{3} + \textcircled{4} + \textcircled{5}$

1pt:  $\textcircled{6} + \textcircled{7}$

(d) If  $P_1x_1^* + P_2x_2^* < I$ , then  $\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \lambda_1^* = 0$ . (1pt) Thus  $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i}(x_1^*, x_2^*) + \lambda_2^* = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i}(x_1^*, x_2^*) = -\lambda_2^* \leq 0$  contradicton!  
(2pts)  
Hence  $P_1x_1^* + P_2x_2^* = I$ .

(e) Since only the constraint  $P_1x_1 + P_2x_2 \leq I$  is binding at  $(x_1^*, x_2^*)$ , the bordered Hessian matrix is  $H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P_1 & P_2 \\ P_1 & L_{x_1x_1} & L_{x_1x_2} \\ P_2 & L_{x_2x_1} & L_{x_2x_2} \end{pmatrix}$   
(1pt)

Because  $L_{x_1x_1} = U_{x_1x_1}$ ,  $L_{x_1x_2} = U_{x_1x_2}$ ,  $L_{x_2x_2} = U_{x_2x_2}$ , the bordered Hessian matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & P_1 & P_2 \\ P_1 & U_{x_1x_1} & U_{x_1x_2} \\ P_2 & U_{x_2x_1} & U_{x_2x_2} \end{pmatrix}$  (1pt)

There are 2 variables  $(x_1, x_2)$  and one binding constraint.

We need to check the last  $(2 - 1)$  leading principal minor which is  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P_1 & P_2 \\ P_1 & U_{x_1x_1} & U_{x_1x_2} \\ P_2 & U_{x_2x_1} & U_{x_2x_2} \end{pmatrix}$ . (1pt)

$$\det H = -P_1(P_1U_{x_2x_2} - P_2U_{x_2x_1}) + P_2(P_1U_{x_2x_1} - P_2U_{x_1x_1}) \\ = -P_1^2U_{x_2x_2} + 2P_1P_2U_{x_1x_2} - P_2^2U_{x_1x_1} \Big|_{(x_1^*, x_2^*)} \cdot (2pts)$$

If  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P_1 & P_2 \\ P_1 & U_{x_1x_1} & U_{x_1x_2} \\ P_2 & U_{x_2x_1} & U_{x_2x_2} \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{(x_1^*, x_2^*)} = -P_1^2U_{x_2x_2} + 2P_1P_2U_{x_1x_2} - P_2^2U_{x_1x_1} > 0$ , then  $U(x_1^*, x_2^*)$  is a local maximum value. (1pt)

(f) By the envelope theorem

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial P_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial P_1} = -\lambda_1^* x_1^* < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial P_2} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial P_2} = -\lambda_1^* x_2^* < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial I} = \lambda_1^* > 0$$

(1pt for  $\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial P_1} = -\lambda_1^* x_1^*$ , 1pt for the sign < 0, 1pt for  $\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial P_2} = -\lambda_1^* x_2^*$ , 1pt for the sign < 0, 1pt for  $\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial I} = \lambda_1^*$ , 1pt for the sign > 0.)

\* (f) 的答案.  $\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial P_1}$  寫成  $-\lambda_1 x_1$  (沒有加\*),  $\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial P_2} = -\lambda_1 x_2$  (沒有加\*),  $\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial I} = \lambda_1$  (沒有加\*) 不扣分

5. (18%) Suppose that in the following week you have 12 hours each day to study for the final exams of Calculus 4 and English. Let  $C$  be the number of hours per day spent studying for Calculus 4 and  $E$  be the number of hours per day spent studying for English. Let your grade point average from these two courses be  $GPA = f(C, E) = \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{C} + \sqrt{2E})$ .
- (a) (6%) Solve the optimization problem : Maximize  $f(C, E)$  under the constraint  $C + E = 12$ .  
Use the bordered Hessian matrix to verify that the solution is indeed a local maximum.
- (b) (6%) To assure that you obtain certain grades for Calculus 4 and English individually, you impose inequality constraints  $C \geq 5$  and  $E \geq 4$ .  
Solve the optimization problem : Maximize  $f(C, E)$  under constraints  $C + E = 12$ ,  $C \geq 5$ , and  $E \geq 4$ .
- (c) (6%) By the meaning of multipliers, estimate the maximum value of  $GPA$  when the constraints are  $C + E = 12.5$ ,  $C \geq 5.5$  and  $E \geq 4.1$ .

**Solution:**

(a) Define  $L(x, y, \mu) = \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{C} + \sqrt{2E}) - \mu(C + E - 12)$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial L}{\partial C} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}} - \mu = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial E} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} - \mu = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mu} = C + E - 12 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C = \frac{1}{9\mu^2} \\ E = \frac{2}{9\mu^2} \end{cases}$$

and  $C + E = 12 \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{6}$ ,  $C = 4$ ,  $E = 8$ .

(4pts for correct answers  $C = 4$ ,  $E = 8$ ,  $\mu = \frac{1}{6}$ ) The bordered Hessian matrix is  $\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial C^2} L & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial E \partial C} L \\ 1 & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial C \partial E} L & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial E^2} L \end{pmatrix}$  (1pt)

At  $(C, E) = (4, 8)$

$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{48} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{96} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\det \hat{H} = \frac{1}{96} + \frac{1}{48} > 0$ . (1pt) Hence  $f(C, E)$  is a local maximum.

(b) Define  $L(C, E, \mu, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{C} + \sqrt{2E}) - \mu(C + E - 12) - \lambda_1(-C + 5) - \lambda_2(-E + 4)$  (1pt) constraints are

$$\begin{aligned} h(C, E) &= C + E = 12 \\ g_1(C, E) &= -C \leq -5 \\ g_2(C, E) &= -E \leq -4 \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{\nabla} h = (1, 1)$ ,  $\vec{\nabla} g_1 = (-1, 0)$ ,  $\vec{\nabla} g_2 = (0, -1)$ . NDCQ is satisfied.

$$(2pts) \begin{cases} \frac{\partial L}{\partial C} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{C}} - \mu + \lambda_1 = 0 \dots \textcircled{1} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial E} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{E}} - \mu + \lambda_2 = 0 \dots \textcircled{2} \\ \lambda_1(-C + 5) = 0 \dots \textcircled{3} \\ \lambda_2(-E + 4) = 0 \dots \textcircled{4} \\ C + E = 12 \dots \textcircled{5} \\ \lambda_1 \geq 0, \lambda_2 \geq 0, C \geq 5, E \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

We discuss cases  $\{\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0\}$ ,  $\{\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 > 0\}$ ,  $\{\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 = 0\}$ ,  $\{\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0\}$   
(以下4個 cases 共3分: 求出正確解, 但是沒有討論全部的 cases 酌扣 1 2分)

- $\{\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0\}$  :  $\textcircled{3}\textcircled{4}\textcircled{5}$  contradiciton.
- $\{\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 > 0\}$  :  $\textcircled{4}\textcircled{5} \Rightarrow E = 4, C = 8$   
 $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}}$   
 $\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6} - \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} + \lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 < 0$  contradiction.
- $\{\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 = 0\}$  :  $\textcircled{3}\textcircled{5} \Rightarrow C = 5, E = 7$ ,  $\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}$   
 $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \mu - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{7}} - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{5}} > 0$ .  
 Ans :  $(C^*, E^*, \mu^*, \lambda_1^*, \lambda_2^*) = \left(5, 7, \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}, \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{7}} - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{5}}, 0\right)$ .

4.  $\{\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 0\} : \textcircled{1}\textcircled{2}\textcircled{5} \Rightarrow C = 4, E = 8$  contradiction to the constraint  $C \geq 5$ .

Hence the maximum value is  $f(5, 7) = \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{14})$ .

(c) The maximum value for new constraints can be approximated by

$$\begin{aligned} f(5, 7) + \mu^* \times (12.5 - 12) + (-\lambda_1^*) \times (5.5 - 5) + (-\lambda_2^*) \times (4.1 - 4) & \quad (4pts) \\ = f(5, 7) + 0.5(\mu^* - \lambda_1^*) - 0.1\lambda_2^* & = \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{14}) + \frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}} \quad (2pts) \end{aligned}$$

6. (12%) Suppose that  $f(x, y, z)$  is a  $C^2$  function and  $P = (1, 2, -3)$  is a critical point of  $f$  which means that  $f_x = f_y = f_z = 0$  at  $P$ . If at point  $P$ ,  $f_{xx} = 1$ ,  $f_{yy} = 1$ ,  $f_{zz} = -3$ ,  $f_{xy} = -1$ ,  $f_{xz} = 3$ , and  $f_{yz} = 3$ , determine whether  $f(1, 2, -3)$  is a local extreme value.
- (a) (1%) Write down the Hessian matrix of  $f$  at  $P$  which is denoted by  $H$ .
- (b) (3%) Is  $H$  positive definite, negative definite, or indefinite? Is  $f(1, 2, -3)$  a local maximum, local minimum, or a saddle point?
- (c) (3%) Now we want to find the extreme value of  $f$  under the constraint  $x^2 + xy + xz - 3z = 9$ . Write down the Lagrangian function  $\mathcal{L}(x, y, z, \mu)$ . Find  $\mu^*$  such that  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z} = 0$  when  $(x, y, z, \mu) = (1, 2, -3, \mu^*)$ .
- (d) (5%) On the constraint set  $x^2 + xy + xz - 3z = 9$ , is  $f(1, 2, -3)$  a local maximum, local minimum, or a saddle point?

**Solution:**

(a)  $H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  (1pt)

(b) The leading principal minors of  $H$  are  $H_1 = 1$ ,  $H_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ ,  $H_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -36$  (2pts)

$\therefore H_1 \cdot H_3 = -36 < 0 \therefore H$  is indefinite.  $f(P)$  is a saddle point. (1pt)

(c)  $\mathcal{L}(x, y, z, \mu) = f(x, y, z) - \mu(x^2 + xy + xz - 3z - 9)$  (1pt)  
At  $(1, 2, -3)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1, 2, -3) - \mu \times 1 = -\mu \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1, 2, -3) - \mu \times 1 = -\mu \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(1, 2, -3) - \mu \times (-2) = 2\mu \end{aligned}$$

when  $\mu = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z} = 0$ . Hence  $\mu^* = 0$ . (2pts)

(d)  $S : g(x, y, z) = 9$  where  $g(x, y, z) = x^2 + xy + xz - 3z$ ,  $\vec{\nabla} g(1, 2, -3) = (1, 1, -2)$ .  
At  $(x, y, z, \mu) = (1, 2, -3, 0)$ ,  $L_{xx} = f_{xx} = 1$ ,  $L_{xy} = f_{xy} = -1$ ,  $L_{xz} = f_{xz} = 3$ ,  $L_{yy} = f_{yy} = 1$ ,  $L_{yz} = f_{yz} = 3$ ,  $L_{zz} = f_{zz} = -3$ . (1pt) The bordered Hessian is

$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1pt)$$

There are 3 variables and 1 constraint. Hence we need to check the last 3 - 1 leading principal minors of  $\hat{H}$ .

$$\hat{H}_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -4 < 0 \quad (1pt)$$

$$\hat{H}_4 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 3 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -36 < 0 \quad (1pt)$$

$\hat{H}_3$  and  $\hat{H}_4$  both have the same sign as  $(-1)^1$ . Thus  $H$  is positive definite on the constraint set.  $f(1, 2, -3)$  is a local minimum on  $S$ . (1pt)