

## ANSWERS FOR EXAM 1.

**Problem 1.** We should minimize the function  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  under the constrain equation  $h(x, y, z) = x + y + z - 1 = 0$ . Note that

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = (2x, 2y, 2z), \quad \nabla h(x, y, z) = (1, 1, 1).$$

By the method of Lagrange multipliers

$$\begin{cases} 2x = \lambda \\ 2y = \lambda \\ 2z = \lambda \\ x + y + z = 1 \end{cases}$$

From the first three equations we have

$$x = y = z.$$

So we can rewrite the fourth equation as

$$3x = 1$$

Hence the closest point is  $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$ .

**Problem 2.** First we need the partial derivatives for the function  $f(x, y, z)$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x, y, z) &= \cos(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - 2x \sin(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 1, & f_y(x, y, z) &= -2xy \sin(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 1, \\ f_z(x, y, z) &= -2xz \sin(x^2 + y^2 + z^2). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $f_x(0, 0, 0) = 2$ ,  $f_y(0, 0, 0) = 1$ ,  $f_z(0, 0, 0) = 0$ . Using the formula for the total differential we have

$$dw = 2dx + dy.$$

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**Problem 3.** Let  $P = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  be a point on the paraboloid  $z = x^2 + (y - 1)^2$ . Then the tangent plane to the paraboloid at this point given by formula

$$2x_0(x - x_0) + 2(y_0 - 1)(y - y_0) - (z - z_0) = 0.$$

This plane is parallel to the plane  $z = -1$  if and only if there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that

$$\begin{cases} 2\lambda x_0 = 0 \\ 2\lambda(y_0 - 1) = 0 - \lambda = 1 \end{cases}$$

from the third equation we have  $\lambda = -1$ . We can plug in this value of  $\lambda$  into first two equations

$$-2x_0 = 0, \quad -2(y_0 - 1) = 0.$$

Hence  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1$ . Since the point is assumed to be on the paraboloid we have  $z_0 = x_0^2 + (y_0 - 1)^2$ . Hence  $z_0 = 0$ .

**Problem 4.** Let find the first partial derivatives of the function  $f(x, y)$

$$f_x(x, y) = 2x - 10y + 2 \quad f_y(x, y) = -10x + 2y$$

Solving the linear system

$$\begin{cases} x - 5y = -1 \\ -5x + y = 0 \end{cases}$$

we have  $y = \frac{5}{24}$  and  $x = \frac{1}{24}$ . Since  $f_{xx}(x, y) = 2, f_{yy}(x, y) = 2$  and  $f_{xy}(x, y) = -10$  we have

$$\mathcal{D} = 2 \cdot 2 - 10^2 < 0$$

So the point  $(\frac{1}{24}, \frac{5}{24})$  is the saddle point.