

The exam consists of 15 subproblems with equal weight. All answers must be justified.

**Problem 1.**

Consider the matrix  $A$  and the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & a & 0 \\ a & 1 & a \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Compute the determinant of  $A$ , and factorize the expression.
- Find  $A^{-1}$  when  $a = 2$ .
- Solve the equation  $A^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  for  $\mathbf{x}$  when  $a = 2$ .

**Problem 2.**

Consider the matrix  $A$  and the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 8 & -9 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

and let the column vectors of  $A$  be denoted by  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4$ .

- Use Gaussian elimination to solve the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .
- Write  $\mathbf{b}$  as a linear combination of the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4$  if possible.

**Problem 3.**

Compute the following integrals:

$$\text{a) } \int x e^{-x} dx \qquad \text{b) } \int \frac{3x+4}{x^2+x-6} dx \qquad \text{c) } \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}} dx$$

Let  $I(x) = 200 \cdot 1.04^x$  be the cash flow after  $x$  years when renting out a property. We view this as a continuous cash flow, and we use continuous discounting with discount rate  $r = 6\%$  when computing the net present value.

- Find the total present value of the rental income during the first five years.

**Problem 4.**

Consider the function  $f$  given by  $f(x,y) = 9(x-3)^2 + 4y^2$ .

- Find the stationary points of  $f$ . Compute the Hessian of  $f$  and use this to classify any stationary points you found.
- Draw level curves for  $f(x,y)$  at the levels  $c = 0, 1, 4$  and  $9$ . Use this figure to explain whether  $f$  has maximum- and/or minimum values.
- Assume that we instead consider the optimization problem  $\max / \min f(x,y)$  with the constraint  $x + y = 4$ . Draw the graph of this constraint into the same coordinate system as the level curves. Use the figure to estimate the maximum- and/or minimum values for the Lagrange problem.

**Problem 5.**

Consider the Lagrange problem  $\max / \min f(x,y) = x^2 y^2 + 2x^2 + y^2$  when  $x^2 + y^2 = 33$ .

- Find all points  $(x,y;\lambda)$  that satisfy the Lagrange conditions.
- State the Extreme Value Theorem (EVT). Can the Extreme Value Theorem be applied to this Lagrange problem?
- Solve the Lagrange problem. Remember to give a complete justification for your answer.

# Formula Sheet

## FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS

### Geometric series.

A finite geometric series has sum

$$S_n = a_1 \cdot \frac{1 - k^n}{1 - k} = a_1 \cdot \frac{k^n - 1}{k - 1}$$

and an infinite geometric series has sum

$$S = a_1 \cdot \frac{1}{1 - k} \quad \text{when } |k| < 1$$

### Present values.

The present value  $K_0$  of a payment  $K$  is given by

$$K_0 = \frac{K_n}{(1 + r)^n} \quad \text{and} \quad K_0 = \frac{K_n}{e^{rn}}$$

using discrete and continuous compounding.

## INTEGRATION

### Integration techniques.

a) Integration by parts:

$$\int u'v \, dx = uv - \int uv' \, dx$$

b) Substitution:

$$\int f(u)u' \, dx = \int f(u) \, du$$

c) Partial fractions:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{px + q}{(x - a)(x - b)} \, dx \\ = \int \left( \frac{A}{x - a} + \frac{B}{x - b} \right) \, dx \end{aligned}$$

### Area.

The area of the region bounded by  $a \leq x \leq b$  and  $f(x) \leq y \leq g(x)$  is given by

$$A = \int_a^b (g(x) - f(x)) \, dx$$

## LINEAR ALGEBRA

### Cramer's rule.

A linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where  $|A| \neq 0$  has a unique solution given by

$$x_1 = \frac{|A_1(\mathbf{b})|}{|A|} \quad x_2 = \frac{|A_2(\mathbf{b})|}{|A|} \quad \dots \quad x_n = \frac{|A_n(\mathbf{b})|}{|A|}$$

where  $A_i(\mathbf{b})$  is the matrix obtained by replacing column  $i$  of  $A$  by  $\mathbf{b}$ .

## FUNCTIONS OF TWO VARIABLES

### Second derivative test.

A stationary point  $(x^*, y^*)$  of the function  $f(x, y)$  is a

- local minimum if  $A > 0$  and  $AC - B^2 > 0$
- local maximum if  $A < 0$  and  $AC - B^2 > 0$
- saddle point if  $AC - B^2 < 0$

when  $H(f)(x^*, y^*) = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{pmatrix}$ .

### Level curves.

The slope  $y' = dy/dx$  of the tangent line to the level curve  $f(x, y) = c$  is given by

$$y' = -\frac{f'_x}{f'_y}$$

### Method of Lagrange multipliers.

The Lagrange conditions for the problem

$$\max / \min f(x, y) \quad \text{when } g(x, y) = a$$

is given by

$$\mathcal{L}'_x = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}'_y = 0, \quad g(x, y) = a$$

An admissible point has degenerated constraint if

$$g'_x = 0, \quad g'_y = 0$$