

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

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

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

Problem 2.

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

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & 10 & -10 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

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:

$$\text{a) } \int 3xe^x dx \qquad \text{b) } \int \frac{3x+1}{x^2-x-6} dx \qquad \text{c) } \int_1^4 \frac{5}{\sqrt{x+3}} dx$$

Let $I(x) = 300 \cdot e^{0.05x}$ 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 (compounding) with discount rate $r = 8\%$ when computing the (net) present value.

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

Problem 4.

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

- 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 $c = 16, 4$ and 0 . 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 $0.5x + y = 4$. Draw the graph of this constraint into the same coordinate system as the level curves. Use the figure to estimate maximum- and/or minimum values for the Lagrange problem.

Problem 5.

Consider the Lagrange problem $\max/\min f(x, y) = x^2y^2 + 22x^2 + 2y^2$ n\u00e5r $x^2 + y^2 = 52$.

- 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_n 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

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