

Math2310 - Fall '22

Syllabus - Lecture 16

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Review

1 Optimization on the boundary

- continuous functions on closed and bdd domain attain max and min and are bounded
- exmpl the gradient of the function $(x, y) \mapsto \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \right\|$
- exmpl the gradient of the function $(x, y) \mapsto \frac{1}{1 + \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2}$
- why extremal points in the interior are critical points
- the direction of the gradient and rate of change

2 Optimization on the boundary - parametric approach

- parameterizing the boundary of a domain and optimizing in lower dimensions.
- exmpl $f(x, y) = x e^y$ on $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} : x \geq 1, y \geq \frac{1}{2}, xy \geq 2 \right\}$

Topics

1 Optimization on the boundary - Lagrange multipliers

- directions of gradients and boundary tangent directions
- defn constraints
- optimization under constraints
- the method of Lagrange multipliers
 - motivation
 - method of Lagrange multipliers
 - the role of the multiplier λ
 - exmpl $f(x, y) = x e^y$ on $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} : x \geq 1, y \geq \frac{1}{2}, xy \leq 2 \right\}$
 - exmpl $f(x, y) = x + y$ on $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} : y < -e^x \right\}$
 - shortcomings: once candidate is found, no “second derivative test” is available

2 Integrals over multivariable domains

- Examples and motivation.

References

Textbook

- [Ste] Chap 14.7 (complete) - Maximum and minimum values
- [Ste] Chap 14.8 (complete) - Lagrange multipliers (skip 2 constraints).
- [Ste] Chap 15.1 (complete) - Double integrals over rectangles

Videos

- Lagrange multipliers, using tangency to solve constrained optimization - YouTube
- Lagrange Multipliers | Geometric Meaning & Full Example - YouTube
- Lagrange Multipliers - YouTube