

Math-484 Homework #4

I will finish this homework before 11 am Sep 28 and bring it to class. If I have troubles with my work I may come to the study session on Sep 26, 5-7 pm, 145 Altgeld Hall. If I spot a mathematical mistake I will let the lecturer know as soon as possible.

I will write clearly and neatly as the grader is not an expert in cryptography. I will sign each paper of my work and indicate if I am D14 (4 hours student).

Exercise 1: (A little test repetition)

Define $f(x, y, z)$ on \mathbb{R}^3 as $f(x, y, z) = e^x + e^y + e^z + 2e^{-x-y-z}$. Show that $Hf(x, y, z)$ is positive definite at all points of \mathbb{R}^3 . Find strict global minimizer of f .

Hint:

You should get $(\frac{\ln 2}{4}, \frac{\ln 2}{4}, \frac{\ln 2}{4})$ as the minimizer.

Exercise 2: (A little test repetition)

Show that no matter what value of a is chosen, the function $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^3 - 3ax_1x_2 + x_2^3$ has no global maximizers. Determine the nature of the critical points of this function for all values of a .

Exercise 3: (I will recall convexity of a function)

Show that for all positive x and y :

$$\frac{x}{4} + \frac{3y}{4} \leq \sqrt{\ln \left(\frac{e^{x^2}}{4} + \frac{3}{4}e^{y^2} \right)}$$

Hint:

The desired inequality follows from convexity of an appropriate function.

Exercise 4: (Can I use (A - G) inequality?)

Solve using (A - G) inequality the following problems:

- Minimize $x^2 + y + z$ subject to $xyz = 1$ and $x, y, z > 0$
 - Maximize xyz subject to $3x + 4y + 12z = 1$ and $x, y, z > 0$
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Exercise 5: (I wanna be a (GP) master!)

Solve the following (GP) where c_1, c_2, c_3 are positive numbers:

Minimize $f(x, y) = c_1x + c_2x^{-2}y^{-3} + c_3y^4$ over all $x, y > 0$.

Exercise 6: (Semidefinite matrices theoretically. **D14 only**)

Show that the matrix

$$A(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x^4 & x^3 & x^2 \\ x^3 & x^2 & x \\ x^2 & x & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is positive semidefinite for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Hint:

See page 79, ex. 13 and 14.
