

(calculus) (MAT 104)  
Real Analysis (Discussion)

Worksheet 1: Optimization in Practice and in Theory!  
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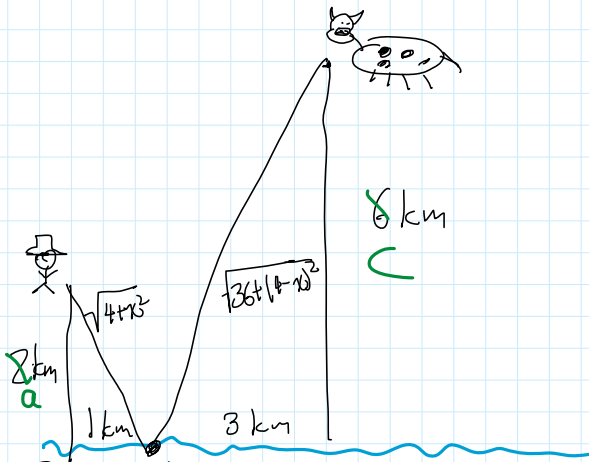
Read: Session 12: Geometric Re-Constructions III (vol. II)

- §1.1. The initial set-up (p. 288); §1.3. A Calculus Drill (pp. 290-292) • Appendix.

Write: clearly. Supply your reasoning in words and/or symbols. Show calculations and relevant pictures.

1. Farmer and Cow) Using Calculus, solve the following problems:

- (Problem 2, p. 4) During a hot summer day, a farmer and a cow find themselves on the same side of a river. The farmer is 2 km from the river and the cow is 6 km from the river. If each of them walks straight to the river, they will be 4 km from each other. But the cow has a broken leg! The farmer must get to the river, dip his bucket there, and take the water to the cow. To which point on the riverbank should the farmer walk so that his total path is as short as possible?  
Hint: Work with the function  $F(x) = f(x, 4-x) = \sqrt{4+x^2} + \sqrt{36+(4-x)^2}$  on the interval  $[0, 4]$ .
- (Exercise 5, p. 292) Using the sign of  $F'(x)$ , show that  $F(x)$  from (a) decreases for all  $x < 0$  and increases for all  $x > 4$ . Make a conclusion about  $F(x)$  on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (Exercise 6, p. 292) Show that  $F(x) = f(x, 4-x) = \sqrt{4+x^2} + \sqrt{36+(4-x)^2}$  has two slant asymptotes:  $y = 2x - 4$  when  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $y = 4 - 2x$  when  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ . Why does this imply  $F(x) \approx |x| + |4-x|$  when  $|x|$  is very large? Use all of the above to sketch the graph of  $F(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (\*) Generalize and solve the problem for distances  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  (instead of 2 km, 6 km, and 4 km).



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2. (Logical Tidbits)

- (a) What does it mean to apply a theorem in a problem? Which theorem(s) did you apply in the optimization problem above? How exactly did you do it?
- (b) How are definitions useful in solving problems? Did you use any definitions above? Why?
- (c) State the **existence** and **uniqueness** of EVT, FT, and CIM. (See the Key Takeaways below.)
- (d) Why do we need to assume that  $f(x)$  is continuous in EVT and CIM, but not in FT? How do you convince me that a condition is necessary?

FT

$f(x) = e^x$  on  $\mathbb{R}$

3. (Concrete Applications) Prove the following statements over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Justify everything rigorously.

- $f(x) = 2020 + (x - 2021)^7$  has a critical number but no extremum there.
- $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1} + x$  has no local or global extrema.
- $f(x) = ax^2 + bx^2 + cx - d$  ( $a \neq 0$ ) can have 0, 1, or 2 critical numbers and 0 or 2 local extrema.

To show condition is necessary, provide ex. w/ condition not fulfilled nor

$f(x) = 1/x$  on  $[-1, 1]$



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Appendix: Key Takeaways and Review

- (Strategy) Real-life problems  $\xrightarrow{\text{translate}}$  Calculus problem  $\xrightarrow{\text{translate back}}$  Real-life answer
- (Applications) To apply a theorem, we must check that its hypothesis is satisfied in the particular problem and then state its conclusion without further proof.
- (Implications) Consider the statement " $A \Rightarrow B$ " (if  $A$  then  $B$ ).
  1. Its converse is " $B \Rightarrow A$ " (if  $B$  then  $A$ ).
  2. Its contrapositive is " $\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A$ " (if not  $B$  then not  $A$ ).
  3. Its inverse is " $\neg A \Rightarrow \neg B$ " (if not  $A$  then not  $B$ ).
- (Definitions) If  $f: D \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  has a:
  1. global maximum  $f(c)$  if  $f(c) \geq f(x) \forall x \in D$ .
  2. local maximum  $f(c)$  if  $f(c) \geq f(x)$  for all  $x$  in an open interval containing  $c$  ( $x \in (c - \delta, c + \delta)$ ).
  3. slant asymptote  $y = ax + b$  for  $x \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [f(x) - (ax + b)] = 0$ .
- (Continuity)  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$ . This means that three things happen simultaneously:
  1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists and is finite (nearly behavior);
  2.  $f(c)$  is well-defined (behavior exactly at  $c$ );
  3.  $L = f(c)$  (the two behaviors match).
- (Fermat's Theorem, FT) If  $f$  has a local maximum or minimum at  $c$ , and if  $f'(c)$  exists, then  $f'(c) = 0$ .
- (Extreme Value Theorem, EVT) If  $f$  is continuous on a closed finite interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  attains a global maximum  $f(c)$  and a global minimum value  $f(d)$  at some numbers  $c, d \in [a, b]$ .
- (Closed Interval Method, CIM) To find the global maximum and minimum values of a continuous function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ :
  1. Find the values of  $f$  at its stationary points in  $(a, b)$ .
  2. Find the values of  $f$  at the endpoints of  $[a, b]$ .
  3. The largest of the values from Steps 1 and 2 is the global maximum value; the smallest of these values is the global minimum value.
- (CIM on an open interval) If  $f$  is defined and continuous on an open interval and has no critical points, then it has no local or global extrema.
- (Monotonicity) If  $f(x) > 0$  on an interval  $I$ , then  $f(x)$  is increasing (not necessarily strictly) on  $I$ .
- (1st Derivative Test) If  $f'(x)$  changes its sign at  $c$ :
  1. from  $+$  to  $-$ , then  $f(c)$  is a local maximum;
  2. from  $-$  to  $+$ , then  $f(c)$  is a local minimum.
- (2nd Derivative Test) If  $f'(c) = 0$  and
  1.  $f''(c) > 0$ , then  $f(c)$  is a local minimum;
  2.  $f''(c) < 0$ , then  $f(c)$  is a local maximum.

Goal Minimize  $f(x) = \sqrt{4+x^2} + \sqrt{36+(4-x)^2}$  for  $x \in [0, 4]$

Use CIM  $f$  is cont.  $\sqrt{\quad}$  is cont.  
closed int.  $[0, 4]$

1) Find where  $f'(c) = 0$  or  $\nexists$ .  $\frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x}{\sqrt{4+x^2}} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{(4-x)(-1)}{\sqrt{36+(4-x)^2}} = 0$$

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{4+x^2}} = \frac{(4-x)}{\sqrt{36+(4-x)^2}} \rightarrow \frac{x^2}{4+x^2} = \frac{(4-x)^2}{36+(4-x)^2}$$

$$9 \cdot 36 x^2 + x^2 (4-x)^2 = 4(4-x)^2 + x^2 (4-x)^2$$

$$9x^2 = x^2 - 8x + 16 \Rightarrow 8x^2 + 8x - 16 = 0$$

$$x^2 + x - 2 = (x+2)(x-1) = 0$$

$x = -2 \notin [0, 4]$   
 $x = 1$

Also check  $x=0$   $x=4$

global min.

$$f(1) = \sqrt{2^2+1^2} + \sqrt{36+3^2} = \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{45} = 4\sqrt{5} \approx 9$$

$$f(0) = \sqrt{4+0^2} + \sqrt{36+4^2} = 2 + \sqrt{52} \approx 9.1$$

$$f(4) = \sqrt{4+4^2} + \sqrt{36+0^2} = 6 + \sqrt{20} \approx 10.5$$

b)  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x}{\sqrt{4+x^2}} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{(4-x)(-1)}{\sqrt{36+(4-x)^2}} = 0$

$$\frac{x < 0}{\sqrt{4+x^2} > 0} + \frac{x-4 < 0}{\sqrt{36+(4-x)^2} > 0} < 0$$

$$\frac{x > 4}{\sqrt{4+x^2} > 0} + \frac{x-4 > 0}{\sqrt{36+(4-x)^2} > 0} > 0$$

$f$  is decreasing when  $x < 0$ , incr.  $x > 4$  }  $x=1$  is a global min. on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

3a)  $f(x) = 2020 + (x - 2021)^7$

$$B_c) f(x) = 2020 + (x-2021)^7$$

Critical pt.  $f'(x) = 0$  or  $\neq$

$$f'(x) = 7(x-2021)^6 = 0 \Rightarrow x-2021=0 \Rightarrow x=2021$$

If  $f'(x)$  doesn't change signs, then  $x$  doesn't have local min/max there

$$x < 2021, f'(x) = 7(x-2021)^6 > 0$$

$$x > 2021$$

