

**Exercise 1.**

1. The function  $f$  is *continuous* on the *closed* and *bounded* set  $C$  hence, by the Extreme Value Theorem,  $f$  is bounded and attains its bounds.
2. We determine the critical points of  $f$  in  $\overset{\circ}{C}$ : Let  $(x, y) \in \overset{\circ}{C}$ . Then:

$$\partial_1 f(x, y) = 4x^3 - 4, \quad \partial_2 f(x, y) = 4y^3 - \frac{1}{2},$$

hence

$$(x, y) \text{ is a critical point of } f \iff \begin{cases} 4x^3 - 4 = 0 \\ 4y^3 - 1/2 = 0 \end{cases} \iff (x, y) = (1, 1/2).$$

We now study the Hessian matrix of  $f$  at this critical point: for  $(x, y) \in C$ ,

$$\partial_{1,1}^2 f(x, y) = 12x^2, \quad \partial_{1,2}^2 f(x, y) = 0, \quad \partial_{2,2}^2 f(x, y) = 12y^2,$$

hence the Hessian matrix of  $f$  at  $(1, 1/2)$  is

$$H_{(1,1/2)} f = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Its signature is  $(2, 0)$ , hence  $f$  possesses a local minimum at  $(1, 1/2)$ , and  $f(1, 1/2) = -51/16$ .

We now study  $f$  on  $\partial C$ :

- On the lower horizontal side  $[0, 2] \times \{0\}$ :

$$\forall x \in [0, 2], \varphi(x) = f(x, 0) = x^4 - 4x.$$

We study the extreme values of  $\varphi$ :

$$\varphi'(x) = 4x^3 - 4,$$

hence  $\varphi$  possesses a unique critical point at 1, and  $\varphi(1) = -3$ . Moreover,  $\varphi(0) = 0$  and  $\varphi(2) = 8$ , hence the minimum value of  $f$  on this side is  $-3$  and its maximum is 8.

- On the upper horizontal side  $[0, 2] \times \{2\}$ :

$$\forall x \in [0, 2], \varphi(x) = f(x, 2) = x^4 + 16 - 4x - 1 = x^4 - 4x + 15.$$

This is just a shifted version of the previous case, hence the minimum value of  $f$  on this side is 12 and its maximum is 23.

- On the left vertical side  $\{0\} \times [0, 2]$ :

$$\forall y \in [0, 2], \varphi(y) = f(0, y) = y^4 - \frac{y}{2}.$$

We study the extreme values of  $\varphi$ :

$$\varphi'(y) = 4y^3 - \frac{1}{2},$$

hence  $\varphi$  possesses a unique critical points at  $1/2$  and  $\varphi(1/2) = -3/16$ . Moreover,  $\varphi(0) = 0$  and  $\varphi(2) = 15$ , hence the minimum value of  $f$  on this side is  $-3/16$  and its maximum value is 15.

- On the right vertical side  $\{2\} \times [0, 2]$ :

$$\forall y \in [0, 2], \varphi(y) = f(2, y) = 16 + y^4 - 8 - \frac{y}{2} = y^4 - \frac{y}{2} + 8.$$

This is just a shifted version of the previous case, hence the minimum value of  $f$  on this side is  $-3/16 + 8 = 125/16$  and its maximum value is 23.

Conclusion: the minimum value of  $f$  on  $C$  is  $-51/16$  and is attained at  $(1, 1/2)$  and the maximum value of  $f$  on  $C$  is  $23$  and is attained at  $(2, 2)$ .

**Exercise 2.**

1.  $1$  is an obvious eigenvalue of  $A$  since

$$\text{rk}(A - I_3) = \text{rk} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

and we conclude that its multiplicity is  $3 - \text{rk}(A - I_3) = 2$  (since  $A$  is diagonalizable since  $A$  is a real symmetric matrix). We use the trace to determine the other eigenvalue:

$$\text{tr}(A) = 6 = 1 + 1 + \text{other eigenvalue}$$

hence  $4$  is the other eigenvalue of  $A$ .

We know that the eigenspaces of  $A$  are orthogonal; now the equation of the eigenspace  $E_1$  associated with the eigenvalue  $1$  is

$$(E_1) \quad x - y - z = 0$$

from which we read that  $X_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \in E_1^\perp$ , hence  $X_4$  is an eigenvalue associated with the eigenvalue  $4$ .

We now pick a random (non-nil) vector in  $E_1$ , say  $X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . We use the cross-product to produce another vector in  $E_4^\perp = E_1$ , orthogonal to  $X_1$ :

$$Y_1 = X_4 \times X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

At this point, we know that  $(X_1, Y_1, X_4)$  is an orthogonal family. We define the matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix},$$

obtained by stacking the vectors  $X_1, Y_1, X_4$  divided by their respective norm, so that  $P$  is an orthogonal matrix, and by setting

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

we have  $A = P D {}^t P$ .

**Exercise 3.**

1. We are given that  $\varphi$  is a symmetric bilinear form on  $E$ . Moreover,

- $\varphi$  is positive semi-definite: let  $f \in E$ . Then

$$\varphi(f, f) = \int_0^1 f(t)^2 t \, dt,$$

and since  $t \mapsto f(t)^2 t$  is non-negative on  $[0, 1]$ , we conclude that  $\varphi(f, f) \geq 0$ .

- $\varphi$  is positive definite: let  $f \in E$  such that  $\varphi(f, f) = 0$ . Then, since  $t \mapsto f(t)^2 t$  is *continuous* and *non-negative*, we conclude that

$$\forall t \in [0, 1], f(t)^2 t = 0,$$

hence

$$\forall t \in (0, 1], f(t) = 0,$$

and since  $f$  is continuous at  $0$ , we conclude that  $f(0) = 0$ . Hence  $\forall t \in [0, 1], f(t) = 0$ , i.e.,  $f = 0_E$ .

2. Let  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\varphi(u_k, u_\ell) = \int_0^1 t^{k+\ell+1} dt = \frac{1}{k+\ell+2}.$$

3. • We set  $v_0 = u_0$ .  
 • We set  $v_1 = u_1 + \lambda u_0$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$v_1 \perp_\varphi v_0 \iff \varphi(v_1, v_0) = 0 \iff \varphi(u_1, u_0) + \lambda \varphi(u_0, u_0) = 0 \iff \lambda = -\frac{\varphi(u_1, u_0)}{\varphi(u_0, u_0)} = -\frac{1/3}{1/2} = -\frac{2}{3}.$$

We hence set

$$v_1 = u_1 - \frac{2}{3}u_0.$$

The family  $\mathcal{B}'_1 = (v_0, v_1)$  is an orthogonal basis of  $F_1$ .

4. Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\mathcal{B}'_1$  is an orthogonal basis of  $F_1$ , we have

$$p_1(u_3) = \frac{\varphi(u_3, v_0)}{\varphi(v_0, v_0)}v_0 + \frac{\varphi(u_3, v_1)}{\varphi(v_1, v_1)}v_1.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(u_3, v_1) &= \varphi(u_3, u_1) - \frac{2}{3}\varphi(u_3, u_0) = \frac{1}{6} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{30} \\ \varphi(v_1, v_1) &= \varphi(u_1, u_1) - \frac{4}{3}\varphi(u_0, u_1) + \frac{4}{9}\varphi(u_0, u_0) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{36}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} p_1(u_3) &= \frac{1/5}{1/2}v_0 + \frac{1/30}{1/36}v_1 \\ &= \frac{2}{5}v_0 + \frac{6}{5}v_1 \\ &= \frac{2}{5}u_0 + \frac{6}{5}\left(u_1 - \frac{2}{3}u_0\right) \\ &= -\frac{2}{5}u_0 + \frac{6}{5}u_1. \end{aligned}$$

5.

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2} \int_0^1 (t^3 - at - b)^2 t dt &= \min_{(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|u_3 - au_1 - u_0\|_\varphi^2 \\ &= \min_{v \in F_1} \|u_3 - v\|_\varphi^2 \\ &= \|u_3 - p_1(u_3)\|_\varphi^2 \quad \text{by the property of the orthogonal projection} \\ &= \|u_3\|_\varphi^2 - \|p_1(u_3)\|_\varphi^2 \quad \text{by the Pythagorean Theorem} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} - \left\| \frac{2}{5}v_0 + \frac{6}{5}v_1 \right\|_\varphi^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{8} - \left\| \frac{2}{5}v_0 \right\|_\varphi^2 - \left\| \frac{6}{5}v_1 \right\|_\varphi^2 \quad \text{by the Pythagorean Theorem} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} - \frac{4}{25} \times \frac{1}{2} - \frac{36}{25} \times \frac{1}{36} \\ &= \frac{1}{200}. \end{aligned}$$

#### Exercise 4.

##### Part I

1. Let  $u_0, h \in E$ . Recall that

$$q(u_0 + h) = q(u_0) + 2\varphi(u_0, h) + q(h)$$

and that, since  $\beta$  is linear,  $\beta(u_0 + h) = \beta(u_0) + \beta(h)$ . Hence

$$f(u_0 + h) = q(u_0 + h) + \beta(h) = q(u_0) + 2\varphi(u_0, h) + q(h) + \beta(u_0) + \beta(h),$$

as required.

2. Since  $\varphi$  is a bilinear form,  $\varphi$  is linear with respect to its second argument. We hence recognize  $\mu_{u_0}$  as a linear combination of two linear maps; hence  $\mu_{u_0}$  is linear. Now let  $h \in E$  and denote by  $H = [h]_{\text{std}}$  its coordinates in the standard basis  $\text{std}$  of  $E$ . Then

$$\mu_{u_0}(h) = 2\varphi(u_0, h) + \beta(h) = 2 {}^t U_0 A H + B H = (2 {}^t U_0 A + B) H,$$

hence the matrix of  $\mu_{u_0}$  in the standard basis  $\text{std}$  of  $E$  is

$$M_{u_0} = [\mu_{u_0}]_{\text{std}} = 2 {}^t U_0 A + B.$$

3. a) Let  $u_0 \in E$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{u_0} = \mathbf{0} &\iff M_{u_0} = \mathbf{0} \\ &\iff 2 {}^t U_0 A + B = \mathbf{0} && \text{by Question 2} \\ &\iff {}^t U_0 A = -\frac{1}{2} B \\ &\iff {}^t A U_0 = -\frac{1}{2} {}^t B && \text{since } {}^t({}^t U_0 A) = {}^t A U_0 \\ &\iff A U_0 = -\frac{1}{2} {}^t B && \text{since } A \text{ is symmetric} \\ &\iff U_0 = -\frac{1}{2} A^{-1} {}^t B && \text{since } A \text{ is invertible} \end{aligned}$$

Hence there exists a unique  $u_0 \in E$  such that  $\mu_{u_0} = \mathbf{0}$ , namely the element  $u_0 \in E$  such that

$$U_0 = [u_0]_{\text{std}} = -\frac{1}{2} A^{-1} {}^t B.$$

- b) Let  $h \in E$ . Then, by Question 1,

$$f(u_0 + h) = q(h) + 2\varphi(u_0, h) + \beta(h) + q(u_0) + \beta(u_0) = q(h) + \mu_{u_0}(h) + q(u_0) + \beta(u_0).$$

Now,  $u_0$  is such that  $\mu_{u_0}(h) = 0$ , so that

$$f(u_0 + h) = q(h) + q(u_0) + \beta(u_0).$$

Also,  $0 = \mu_{u_0}(u_0) = 2q(u_0) + \beta(u_0)$ , hence  $\beta(u_0) = -2q(u_0)$ , hence

$$f(u_0 + h) = q(h) + q(u_0) - 2q(u_0) = q(h) - q(u_0).$$

## Part II

1. We set

$$q : \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta : \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (x, y) \longmapsto 13x^2 + 10xy + 13y^2 \quad (x, y) \longmapsto 26\sqrt{2}x + 10\sqrt{2}y.$$

Clearly  $q$  is a quadratic form (since  $q$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree 2) and  $\beta$  is linear. It is also clear that

$$\forall u \in \mathbb{R}^2, f(u) = q(u) + \beta(u).$$

2. We first observe that  $A = [q]_{\text{std}} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 & 5 \\ 5 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$  satisfies  $\det A = 169 - 25 = 144 \neq 0$ , hence  $A$  is invertible, hence we can apply the result of Question 3 in Part I.

We know that  $u_0 = (x_0, y_0)$  satisfies

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} A^{-1} {}^t B$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 13 & 5 \\ 5 & 13 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = (26\sqrt{2} \quad 10\sqrt{2}).$$

Now,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{144} \begin{pmatrix} 13 & -5 \\ -5 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

hence

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2 \times 144} \begin{pmatrix} 13 & -5 \\ -5 & 13 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 26\sqrt{2} \\ 10\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{144} \begin{pmatrix} 13 & -5 \\ -5 & 13 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{144} \begin{pmatrix} 144 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence  $u_0 = (-\sqrt{2}, 0)$ .

3. 8 and 18 are eigenvalues of  $A$  since

$$A - 8I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A - 18I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 5 \\ 5 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

and these matrices are not invertible. It is now clear that

$$X_8 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X_{18} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

are eigenvectors of  $A$  associated with the eigenvalues 8 and 18 respectively. We set  $v_1 = (1/\sqrt{2}, -1/\sqrt{2})$  and  $v_2 = (1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2})$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{B}' = (v_1, v_2)$  is an orthonormal (with respect to the standard dot product of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and that

$$[q]_{\mathcal{B}'} = A' = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 18 \end{pmatrix}.$$

4. Let  $[u_0]_{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{pmatrix} x'_0 \\ y'_0 \end{pmatrix}$  be the coordinates of  $u_0$  in the basis  $\mathcal{B}'$ . Then, for  $u = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with coordinates  $[u]_{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix}$  we obtain, from Question 3b of Part I:

$$f(u) = q(u - u_0) - q(u_0) = 8(x' - x'_0)^2 + 18(y' - y'_0)^2 - q(u_0).$$

Now,  $q(u_0) = 13 \times (-\sqrt{2})^2 + 10 \times (-\sqrt{2}) \times 0 + 13 \times 0^2 = 26$ , hence

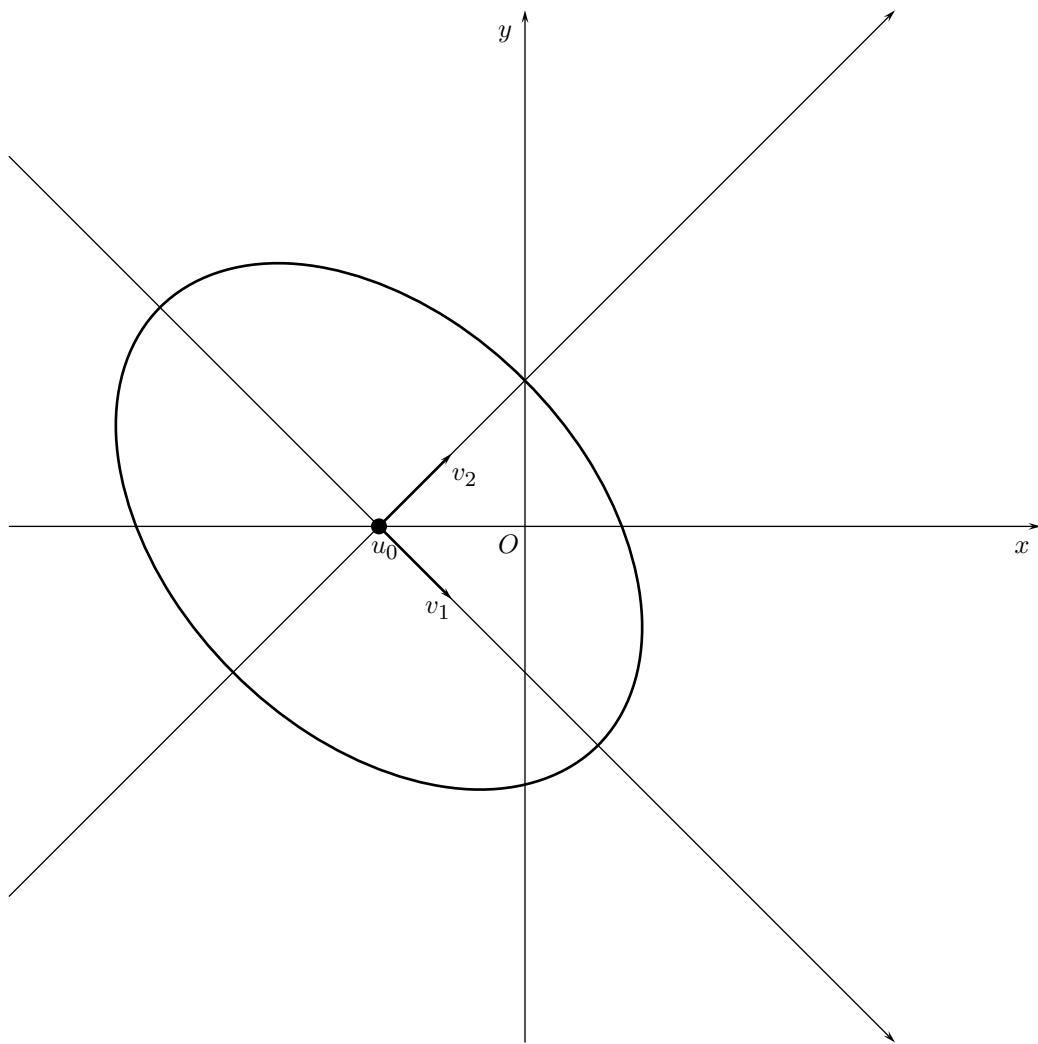
$$f(u) = 8(x' - x'_0)^2 + 18(y' - y'_0)^2 - 26.$$

Hence

$$u \in (C) \iff 8(x' - x'_0)^2 + 18(y' - y'_0)^2 - 26 = 46 \iff 8(x' - x'_0)^2 + 18(y' - y'_0)^2 = 72 \iff \frac{(x' - x'_0)^2}{9} + \frac{(y' - y'_0)^2}{4} = 1$$

as required.

5. See Figure 8.



**Figure 8.** Ellipse (C) of Exercise 4