

No documents, no calculators, no cell phones or electronic devices allowed but you may keep your pet blobfish for moral support.

All your answers must be fully justified, unless noted otherwise.

**Exercise 1.** Let  $C = [0, 2] \times [0, 2]$ . We define the function  $f$  as

$$f : C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (x, y) \longmapsto x^4 + y^4 - 4x - \frac{y}{2}.$$

1. Explain why  $f$  possesses a global minimum and a global maximum.
2. Determine the value of  $\min_C f$  and of  $\max_C f$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

and let  $q$  be the quadratic form on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $[q]_{\text{std}} = A$ , and let  $\varphi$  be the polar form of  $q$ .

1. Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = P D {}^t P$ .
2. Is  $\varphi$  an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

**Exercise 3.** Let  $E = C([0, 1])$  be the real vector space that consists of all real-valued continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$ . We define the symmetric bilinear form  $\varphi$  on  $E$  as:

$$\varphi : E \times E \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (f, g) \longmapsto \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) \, t \, dt$$

(mind the lonely  $t$  in the integral). For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we define the element  $u_k \in E$  as:

$$u_k : [0, 1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ t \longmapsto t^k.$$

We define

$$F_1 = \text{Span}\{u_0, u_1\},$$

so that  $F_1$  consists of all polynomial functions on  $[0, 1]$  of degree non-greater than 1. You're given that  $\mathcal{B}_1 = (u_0, u_1)$  is a basis of  $F_1$  (i.e., that the vectors  $u_0$  and  $u_1$  are independent).

1. Show that  $\varphi$  is an inner product on  $E$ .
2. Let  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$ . Compute the value of  $\varphi(u_k, u_\ell)$ .
3. Use the Gram-Schmidt process to obtain, from the basis  $\mathcal{B}_1 = (u_0, u_1)$ , an orthogonal (with respect to  $\varphi$ ) basis  $\mathcal{B}'_1 = (v_0, v_1)$  of  $F_1$ .
4. Let  $p_1 : E \rightarrow F_1$  be the orthogonal (with respect to  $\varphi$ ) projection onto  $F_1$ . Determine,  $p_1(u_3)$ .
5. Deduce the value of

$$m = \min_{(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2} \int_0^1 (t^3 - at - b)^2 \, t \, dt.$$

**Exercise 4.** The two parts of this exercise are not independent: Part II uses the result of Part I.

**Part I**

Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $E = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $q$  be a quadratic form on  $E$  and let  $\varphi : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be its polar form. We denote by  $A = [q]_{\text{std}} = [\varphi]_{\text{std}}$  the matrix of  $q$  (and hence of  $\varphi$ ) in the standard basis  $\text{std}$  of  $E$ .

Let  $\beta : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a linear map. We denote by  $B = [\beta]_{\text{std}}$  the matrix of  $\beta$  in the standard basis  $\text{std}$  of  $E$ .

We set

$$\begin{aligned} f : E &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ u &\longmapsto q(u) + \beta(u). \end{aligned}$$

1. Show that

$$\forall u_0, h \in E, \quad f(u_0 + h) = q(h) + 2\varphi(u_0, h) + \beta(h) + q(u_0) + \beta(u_0).$$

2. Let  $u_0 \in E$ . We denote by  $U_0 = [u_0]_{\text{std}}$  its coordinates in the standard basis  $\text{std}$  of  $E$ . Briefly explain why the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{u_0} : E &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ h &\longmapsto 2\varphi(u_0, h) + \beta(h) \end{aligned}$$

is linear, and give its matrix  $M_{u_0} = [\mu_{u_0}]_{\text{std}}$  in the standard basis  $\text{std}$  of  $E$ , in terms of  $A = [q]_{\text{std}}$ ,  $B = [\beta]_{\text{std}}$  and  $U_0 = [u_0]_{\text{std}}$ .

3. In this question we assume that  $q$  is non-degenerate, i.e., that the matrix  $A = [q]_{\text{std}}$  is invertible.

a) Show that there exists a unique  $u_0 \in E$  such that  $\mu_{u_0} = \mathbf{0}$ . Explicit the expression of  $U_0$  in terms of  $A$  and  $B$ .

b) Deduce that

$$\forall h \in E, \quad f(u_0 + h) = q(h) - q(u_0),$$

where  $u_0$  is the element obtained in Question 3a. *Hint: you may find useful to use the fact that  $\mu_{u_0}(u_0) = 0$ .*

**Part II**

Let

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{R}^2 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto 13x^2 + 10xy + 13y^2 + 26\sqrt{2}x + 10\sqrt{2}y. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(\mathcal{C})$  be the curve of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by

$$(\mathcal{C}) \quad f(x, y) = 46.$$

1. Explicit the quadratic form  $q$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and the linear form  $\beta$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that

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

2. Find, using the results of Part I, the unique element  $u_0 = (x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that

$$\forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad f(x, y) = q(x - x_0, y - y_0) - q(x_0, y_0).$$

3. Determine an orthonormal basis  $\mathcal{B}' = (v_1, v_2)$  (with respect to the standard dot product of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) such that the matrix of  $q$  in  $\mathcal{B}'$  is

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

4. Explain why the equation of  $(\mathcal{C})$  in  $\mathcal{B}'$  is

$$\frac{(x' - x'_0)^2}{3^2} + \frac{(y' - y'_0)^2}{2^2} = 1,$$

where the coordinates of  $u_0 = (x_0, y_0)$  in  $\mathcal{B}'$  are  $[u_0]_{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{pmatrix} x'_0 \\ y'_0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

5. Plot the curve  $(\mathcal{C})$ . *Hint: start by plotting the point  $u_0$  and the axes corresponding to  $\mathcal{B}'$  that pass through  $u_0$ .*