

Economics 205, Fall 2007
Quiz III Answers

Comments. Let $x = (x_1, x_2)$ and $y = (y_1, y_2)$.

1. $D_1f(x) = 6x_1^5 + x_2, D_2f(x) = x_1; D_1g(y) = 1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2}, D_2g(y) = y_1e^{y_1y_2}$.
2. Solving the systems, you get $Df(x) = (0, 0)$ if and only if $x = (0, 0)$. Similarly, $y = (0, -1)$ is the only critical point of g .
3. Examine the matrix of second partial derivatives of the two functions. For f , we have: $D^2f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 30x_1^4 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ therefore, $D^2f(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Check that the eigenvalues of $D^2f(0, 0) = -1, 1$, hence this matrix is indefinite and the critical point is neither a minimum nor a maximum. For g , we have $D^2g(0, -1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Check that the eigenvalues of $D^2g(0, -1) = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ and $\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$. So, once again matrix is indefinite so that the critical point is neither min nor max.
4. $DF(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1^5 + x_2 & x_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $DG(y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2} & y_1e^{y_1y_2} \end{bmatrix}$. $D(G \circ F) = DG(F(x))F'(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1^5 + x_2 & x_1 \\ (1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2})(6x_1^5 + x_2) & (1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2})(x_1) + y_1e^{y_1y_2} \end{bmatrix}$, where $y = (y_1, y_2) = (x_1^6 + x_1x_2, x_2)$.
5. $D(F \circ G) = DF(G(x))G'(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1^5 + x_2 + (1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2})x_1 & (y_1e^{y_1y_2})x_1 \\ 1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2} & y_1e^{y_1y_2} \end{bmatrix}$, where $y = (y_1, y_2) = (x_1^6 + x_1x_2, x_2)$.
6. $Df(1, 1) = [7 \ 1]$ so the equation is $(z_3 - f(1, 1)) = (7, 1) \cdot [(z_1, z_2) - (1, 1)]$, since $f(1, 1) = 2$, this simplifies to: $7z_1 + z_2 - z_3 = 6$.
7. Only the second choice is on the surface. If we write $h(y_2)$ for the function that satisfies: $g(h(y_2), y_2) = 0, h(0) = -1$, then, by the chain rule, $D_1g(-1, 0)h'(0) + D_2g(-1, 0) = 0$, where $D_1g(-1, 0) = 1$ and $D_2g(-1, 0) = -1$. Since $D_1g(-1, 0) \neq 0$ it is possible to write y_1 as a function of y_2 and the derivative $h'(0) = 1$.