MATH 247 Calculus 3, Solutions to Assignment 6

1: (a) Define $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ by f(0,0) = 0 and $f(x,y) = \frac{x^3 - xy^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ for $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$. Determine whether f is differentiable at (0,0).

Solution: We claim that f is not differentiable at (0,0). When $\alpha(t) = (t,0)$ and $g(t) = f(\alpha(t)) = t$, we have $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0,0) = g'(0) = 1$. When $\beta(t) = (0,t)$ and $h(t) = f(\beta(t)) = 0$, we have $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0,0) = h'(0) = 0$. When $\gamma(t) = (t,t)$ and $k(t) = f(\gamma(t)) = 0$, if f was differentiable at (0,0), then by the Chain Rule we would have $k'(0) = Df(0,0)\gamma'(0) = (1\ 0)\binom{1}{1} = 1$, but instead we have k'(0) = 0.

(b) Suppose $f: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable and f has a local maximum at $a \in U$. Show that Df(a) = O (this is Exercise 6.15 in the lecture notes).

Solution: Suppose, for a contradiction, that $Df(a) \neq O$. Choose $0 \neq u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $Df(a)u \neq 0$. By replacing u by -u if necessary, we may assume that Df(a)u = c > 0. Let $\alpha(t) = a + tu$, choose $\delta_1 > 0$ small enough so that $\alpha(t) \in U$ for all $|t| < \delta_1$, and let $g(t) = f(\alpha(t))$ for $|t| < \delta_1$. By the Chain Rule we have $g'(t) = Df(\alpha(t))\alpha'(t)$ so that, in particular, g'(0) = Df(a)u = c > 0. Since $c = g'(0) = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{g(t) - g(0)}{t}$,

we can choose δ with $0 < \delta < \delta_1$ such that when $0 < |t| < \delta$ we have $\left|\frac{g(t)-g(0)}{t} - c\right| < \frac{c}{2}$, and hence $\frac{c}{2} < \frac{g(t)-g(0)}{t} < \frac{3c}{2}$. For $0 < t < \delta$ we have $g(t) - g(0) > \frac{ct}{2} > 0$ so that g(t) > g(0). Thus f(a + tu) > f(a) for all $0 < t < \delta$, and so f does not have a local maximum at a.

(c) Let $f: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$. Suppose the partial derivatives $\frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_\ell}(x)$ exist and are bounded in U. Prove that f is continuous.

Solution: We imitate the proof of Theorem 5.13. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $M \ge 0$ so that $\left|\frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_\ell}(x)\right| \le M$ for all indices k, ℓ and all $x \in U$ and choose δ with $0 < \delta < \frac{\epsilon}{Mnm}$ so that $B(a, \delta) \subseteq U$. Let $x \in B(a, \delta)$. For $0 \le \ell \le n$, let $u_\ell = (x_1, \cdots, x_\ell, a_{\ell+1}, \cdots, a_n)$, with $u_0 = a$ and $u_n = x$, and note that each $u_\ell \in B(a, \delta)$. For $1 \le \ell \le n$, let $\alpha_\ell(t) = (x_1, \cdots, x_{\ell-1}, t, a_{\ell+1}, \cdots, a_n)$ for t between a_ℓ and x_ℓ . For $1 \le k \le m$ and $1 \le \ell \le n$, let $g_{k,\ell}(t) = f_k(\alpha_\ell(t))$ so that $g'_{k,\ell}(t) = \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_\ell}(\alpha_\ell(t))$. By the Mean Value Theorem, we can choose $s_{k,\ell}$ between a_ℓ and x_ℓ so $g'_{k,\ell}(s_{k,\ell})(x_\ell - a_\ell) = g_{k,\ell}(x_\ell) - g_{k,\ell}(a_\ell)$ or, equivalently, so $\frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_\ell}(\alpha_\ell(s_{k,\ell}))(x_\ell - a_\ell) = f_k(u_\ell) - f_k(u_{\ell-1})$. Then

$$f_k(x) - f_k(a) = f_k(u_n) - f_k(u_0) = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \left(f_k(u_\ell) - f_k(u_{\ell-1}) \right) = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_\ell} \left(\alpha_\ell(s_{k,\ell}) \right) (x_\ell - a_\ell),$$

so that $|f_k(x) - f_k(a)| \le M \sum_{\ell=1}^n |x_\ell - a_\ell| \le M n |x - a|$. Thus $|f(x) - f(a)| = \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^m |f_\ell(x) - f_\ell(a)|^2\right)^{1/2} \le \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^m n^2 M^2 |x - a|^2\right)^{1/2} = M n m |x - a|$

$$\left| f(x) - f(a) \right| = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} \left| f_k(x) - f_k(a) \right|^2 \right)^{1/2} \le \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} n^2 M^2 |x - a|^2 \right)^{1/2} = Mnm \, |x - a| < Mnm \, \delta < \epsilon$$

2: (a) Let $(u, v) = f(x, y) = \left(x \ln(y - x^4), \left(2 + \frac{y}{x}\right)^{3/2}\right)$. Explain why f is locally invertible in a neighbourhood of (1, 2) and find the linearization of its inverse at (0, 8).

Solution: Note that f(1,2) = (0,8). Also

$$DF(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \ln(y - x^4) - \frac{4x^2}{y - x^4} & \frac{x}{y - x^4} \\ -\frac{3y}{2x^2} \left(2 + \frac{y}{x}\right)^{1/2} & \frac{3}{2x} \left(2 + \frac{y}{x}\right)^{1/2} \end{pmatrix} \text{, so } DF(1,2) = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ -6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

F is locally invertible near (1,2) because the matrix DF(1,2) is invertible, and the partial derivatives u_x , u_y , v_x and v_y are all continuous near (1,2). Since F(1,2) = (0,8) we have $F^{-1}(0,8) = (1,2)$, and we have

$$DF^{-1}(0,8) = F(1,2)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1\\ -6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1\\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

and so the linearization of F^{-1} at (0, 8) is

$$L_{(0,8)}F^{-1}\begin{pmatrix}x\\y\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}1\\2\end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{6}\begin{pmatrix}3&-1\\6&-4\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}x-0\\y-8\end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Define $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x, y) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 2y^3 + 3y^2$ and let C = Null(f). Use the Implicit Function Theorem to find all the points on C at which C is locally equal to the graph of a function y = g(x), or locally equal to the graph of a function x = h(y).

Solution: By the Implicit Function Theorem, C is locally equal to the graph of a function y = g(x) at all points on C except (possibly) where $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$, and it is locally equal to the graph of a function x = h(y) at all points on C except (possibly) where $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$. We have $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 6y^2 + 6y = 6y(y+1)$ and so $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \iff y \in \{0, -1\}$. For $(x, y) \in C$ we have $2x^2 - 3x^2 = -(2y^3 + 3y^2)$, so

$$\begin{split} y &= 0 \Longrightarrow 2x^3 - 3x^2 = 0 \Longrightarrow x^2(2x - 3) = 0 \Longrightarrow x \in \left\{0, \frac{3}{2}\right\}, \\ y &= -1 \Longrightarrow 2x^3 - 3x^2 = -1 \Longrightarrow 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 1 = 0 \Longrightarrow (x - 1)^2(2x + 1) = 0 \Longrightarrow x \in \left\{1, -\frac{1}{2}\right\} \end{split}$$

Thus C is locally equal to the graph of a smooth function y = g(x) except (possibly) at the points

$$(x,y) \in \{(0,0), (\frac{3}{2},0), (1,-1), (-\frac{1}{2},-1)\}.$$

Also, we have $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 6x^2 - 6x = 6x(x-1)$ so that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \iff x \in \{0,1\}$. When $(x,y) \in C$ so that $2y^3 + 3y^2 = -(2x^3 - 3x^2)$, we have

$$x = 0 \Longrightarrow 2y^3 + 3y^2 = 0 \Longrightarrow y^2(2y+3) = 0 \Longrightarrow y \in \left\{0, -\frac{3}{2}\right\}, x = 1 \Longrightarrow 2y^3 + 3y^2 = 1 \Longrightarrow 2y^3 + 3y^2 - 1 = 0 \Longrightarrow (y+1)^2(2y-1) = 0 \Longrightarrow y \in \left\{-1, \frac{1}{2}\right\}.$$

Thus C is locally equal to the graph of a function x = h(y) at all points in C except (possibly) at the points $(x, y) \in \{(0, 0), (0, -\frac{3}{2}), (1, -1), (1, \frac{1}{2})\}.$

3: (a) Let $U = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x^2 > y^2\}$. Find the 2nd Taylor polynomial of the map $f : U \to \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x,y) = \sqrt{x^2 - y^2}$ at the point (5,4).

Solution: We have $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - y^2}}, \ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{-y}{\sqrt{x^2 - y^2}}, \ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - y^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - y^2}}}{x^2 - y^2} = \frac{-y^2}{(x^2 - y^2)^{3/2}}, \ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{xy}{(x^2 - yy^2)^{3/2}},$ and $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{-\sqrt{x^2 - y^2} - \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - y^2}}}{x^2 - y^2} = \frac{-x^2}{(x^2 - y^2)^{3/2}}$, so that f(5, 4) = 3, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(5, 4) = \frac{5}{3}$, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(5, 4) = -\frac{4}{3}$, $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(5, 4) = -\frac{16}{27}$ $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(5,4) = \frac{20}{27}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(5,4) = -\frac{25}{27}$, and hence the 2nd Taylor polynomial of f at (5,4) is

$$T(x,y) = 3 + \frac{5}{3}(x-5) - \frac{4}{3}(y-4) - \frac{8}{27}(x-5)^2 + \frac{20}{27}(x-5)(y-4) - \frac{25}{54}(y-4)^2.$$

(b) Define $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^3 - y$. Find and classify all the critical points of f in \mathbb{R}^2 , and find the absolute maximum and minimum values of f on the set $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | y^2 - 1 \le x \le 2\}$.

Solution: We have $Df(x,y) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) = \left(2x - y, -x + 3y^2 - 1\right)$, so

$$Df(x,y) = (0,0) \iff (y = 2x \text{ and } x = 3y^2 - 1) \iff (y = 2x \text{ and } x = 3(2x)^2 - 1).$$

Since $x = 3(2x)^2 - 1 \iff 12x^2 - x - 1 = 0 \iff (4x + 1)(3x - 1) = 0 \iff x \in \{\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{4}\}$, we have $Df(x, y) = (0, 0) \iff (x, y) \in \{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}), (-\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{2})\}.$

$$Df(x,y) = (0,0) \iff (x,y) \in \{(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}), (-\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{2})\}$$

To classify the critical points, we find the Hessian of f. We have

$$Hf(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 6y \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the point $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$ we have $Hf = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$. The characteristic polynomial is $x^2 - 6x + 7$ so the eigenvalues are $\frac{6\pm\sqrt{36-28}}{2} = 3\pm 2$. Since both eigenvalues are positive, f has a local minimum at $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$. At $(-\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{2})$ we have $Hf = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$. The characteristic polynomial is $x^2 + x - 7$ so the eigenvalues are $\frac{-1\pm\sqrt{29}}{2}$. Since one eigenvalue is positive and the other is negative, f has a saddle point at $\left(-\frac{1}{4},-\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

Since f is continuous and A is compact, f attains its maximum and minimum values on A. In A^{o} , f has a local minimum at $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ with $f(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}) = \frac{1}{9} - \frac{2}{9} + \frac{8}{27} - \frac{2}{3} = -\frac{13}{27}$. The boundary of A is the union of the parabolic curve $x = y^2 - 1$ with $-\sqrt{3} \le y \le \sqrt{3}$ and the line segment x = 2 with $-\sqrt{3} \le y \le \sqrt{3}$. When $x = y^2 - 1$ we have $f(x, y) = f(y^2 - 1, y) = (y^2 - 1)^2 - (y^2 - 1)y + y^3 - y = (y^2 - 1)^2$. For $g(y) = (y^2 - 1)^2$ we have $g'(y) = 4y(y^2 - 1)$ so that $g'(y) = 0 \iff y = 0, \pm 1$, and we note that $g(0) = 1, g(\pm 1) = 0$ and $g(\pm\sqrt{3}) = 4$ (so the max and min values of f along $x = y^2 - 1$ are $f(2, \pm\sqrt{3}) = 4$ and $f(0, \pm 1) = 0$. When x = 2 we have $f(x, y) = f(2, y) = 4 - 2y + y^3 - y = y^3 - 3y + 4$. For $h(y) = y^3 - 3y + 4$ we have $h'(y) = 3y^2 - 3y = 3(y^2 - 1)$ so that $h'(y) = 0 \iff y = \pm 1$, and we note that $h(-\sqrt{3}) = 4$, h(-1) = 6, h(1) = 2 and $h(\sqrt{3}) = 4$ (so the max and min values of f along x = 2 are f(2, -1) = 6 and f(2, 1) = 2). Thus the absolute maximum value of f is f(2, -1) = 6 and the absolute minimum value is $f(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}) = -\frac{13}{27}$.

4: (Lagrange Multipliers) For $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ with $a \in X$, we define the **tangent space** of X at a to be the set $T_a X$ of all vectors $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that there exists $\delta > 0$ and there exists a differentiable map $\alpha : (-\delta, \delta) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \to X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\alpha(0) = a$ such that $\alpha'(0) = u$.

(a) Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open with $a \in U$, let $f : U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ be differentiable at a, let b = f(a). Prove that $T_{(a,b)}\operatorname{Graph}(f) = \operatorname{Graph}(Df(a))$, which is an *n*-dimensional vector space in \mathbb{R}^{n+m} .

Solution: Let $\alpha : (-\delta, \delta) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \to \operatorname{Graph}(f) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$ be differentiable with $\alpha(0) = (a, b)$, where $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Since $\operatorname{Graph}(f) = \{(x, y) \mid x \in U, y = f(x)\}$, we can write $\alpha(t) = (x(t), y(t)) = (x(t), f(x(t)))$ with $x(t) \in U$ and x(0) = a. By the Chain Rule, we have $\alpha'(t) = (x'(0), Df(a)x'(0)) = (u, Df(a)u)$ where $u = \alpha'(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $Df(a)u \in \mathbb{R}^m$. This shows that $T_{(a,b)}\operatorname{Graph}(f) \subseteq \{(u, Df(a)u) \mid u \in \mathbb{R}^n\} = \operatorname{Graph}(Df(a))$. On the other hand, given $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$, since U is open with $a \in U$ we can choose $\delta > 0$ so that $a + tu \in U$ for all $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$, then we can define $\alpha : (-\delta, \delta) \to \operatorname{Graph}(f)$ by $\alpha(t) = (a + tu, f(a + tu))$ to get $\alpha(0) = (a, b)$ and $\alpha'(0) = (u, Df(a)u)$. This shows that $\operatorname{Graph}(Df(a)) \subseteq T_{(a,b)}\operatorname{Graph}(f)$. Finally, we recall (see Note 1.23) that $\operatorname{Graph}(Df(a)) = \operatorname{Col}\begin{pmatrix} I \\ Df(a) \end{pmatrix}$, which is an *n*-dimensional vector space.

(b) Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open with $a \in U$, let $g: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ be \mathcal{C}^1 in U with g(a) = 0, and suppose that $\operatorname{rank}(Dg(a)) = m < n$. Prove that $T_a\operatorname{Null}(g) = \operatorname{Null}(Dg(a))$, an (n-m)-dimensional vector space in \mathbb{R}^n .

Solution: Let $\alpha : (-\delta, \delta) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \to \text{Null}(g) \subseteq U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be differentiable with $\alpha(0) = a$. For all $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$, since $\alpha(t) \in \text{Null}(g)$ we have $g(\alpha(t)) = 0$. By the Chain Rule, $Dg(\alpha(t))\alpha'(t) = 0$. Taking t = 0 gives $Dg(a)\alpha'(0) = 0$. This shows that $T_a\text{Null}(g) \subseteq \text{Null}(Dg(a))$.

Since g is C^1 in U and rank(Dg(a)) = m, it follows from the Implicit Function Theorem that Null(g) is locally equal to the graph of a C^1 function h: reorder the variables in \mathbb{R}^n so that the last m columns of Dg(a)are independent, write elements in \mathbb{R}^n as (x, y) with $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n-m}$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and write a = (b, c), choose an open set $U_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ with $a = (b, c) \in U_0 \subseteq U$, and a C^1 function $h : W_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n-m} \to \mathbb{R}^m$ with h(b) = c so that Null $(g) \cap U_0 = \text{Graph}(h)$. Because these two sets are equal, it follows that T_a Null $(g) = T_{(b,c)}$ Graph(h)(indeed, given a differentiable map $\alpha : (-\delta_0, \delta_0) \to \text{Null}(g) \cap U_0$). Since T_a Null $(g) = T_{(b,c)}$ Graph(h), we know from Part (a) that T_a Null(g) is an (n-m)-dimensional vector space. Since T_a Null(g) and Null(Dg(a))are both (n-m)-dimensional vector spaces with T_a Null $(g) \subseteq \text{Null}(Dg(a))$, they must be equal.

(c) Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open with $a \in U$, let $f : U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable at a, let $g : U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ be \mathcal{C}^1 in U with g(a) = 0 and $\operatorname{rank}(Dg(a)) = m < n$. Prove that if $f(a) \ge f(x)$ for all $x \in \operatorname{Null}(g)$, or if $f(a) \le f(x)$ for all $x \in \operatorname{Null}(g)$, then $\nabla f(a) \in \operatorname{Row}(Dg(a)) = \operatorname{Span}\{\nabla g_1(a), \dots, \nabla g_m(a)\}$.

Solution: Let $u \in \text{Null}(Dg(a))$. By Part (b), we have $u \in T_a\text{Null}(g)$, so we can choose a differentiable map $\alpha : (-\delta, \delta) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \to \text{Null}(g)$ with $\alpha(0) = a$ and $\alpha'(0) = u$. Define $h : (-\delta, \delta) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ by $h(t) = f(\alpha(t))$. By the Chain Rule, h is differentiable in $(-\delta, \delta)$ with $h'(t) = Df(\alpha(t))\alpha'(t)$ for all $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$. From our assumption that either $f(a) \ge f(x)$ for all $x \in \text{Null}(g)$ or $f(a) \le f(x)$ for all $x \in \text{Null}(g)$, it follows that either $h(0) \ge h(t)$ for all $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$ or $h(0) \le h(t)$ for all $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$ and, in either case, we must have h'(0) = 0. Thus $0 = h'(0) = Df(\alpha(0))\alpha'(0) = Df(a)u = \nabla f(a) \cdot u$. Since $\nabla f(a) \cdot u = 0$ for every $u \in \text{Null}(Dg(a))$, we have $\nabla f(a) \in (\text{Null}(Dg(a)))^{\perp} = \text{Row}(Dg(a))$. (d) Using Part (c), find the maximum and minimum values of f(x, y, z) = xy on the circle in \mathbb{R}^3 given by $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and x + y + z = 0.

Solution: Define $g : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ by $g(x, y, z) = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1, x + y + z)$ so that the given circle is C = Null(g). We remark that C is compact, so f attains its maximum and minimum values on C. We have

$$Dg(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x & 2y & 2z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $\nabla f(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

By Part (c), if f attains a maximum or minimum value at $(x, y, z) \in C$, then $\nabla f(x, y, z) \in \operatorname{Row} Dg(x, y, z)$, that is (y, x, 0) = s(2x, 2y, 2z) + t(1, 1, 1) for some $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$. We solve the equations y = 2sx + t (1), x = 2sy + t (2), 0 = 2sz + t (3) along with $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ (4) and x + y + z = 0 (5). Subtract (2) from (1) to get y - x = 2s(x - y), that is (2s + 1)(x - y) = 0 so that either $s = \frac{1}{2}$ or x = y. First consider the case that $s = \frac{1}{2}$. Equation (3) gives -z + t = 0 so that t = z, and putting $s = -\frac{1}{2}$ and t = z into (1) gives x = -y + z so that x + y = z. Putting x + y = z into (5) gives 2z = 0 so that z = 0, hence also x + y = 0so that y = -x. Then putting y = -x and z = 0 into (4) gives $2x^2 = 1$ so that $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, Thus in the case $s = \frac{1}{2}$ we obtain the solutions $(x, y, z) = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1, 0)$. Now consider the case that x = y. Putting y = xinto (5) gives 2x + z = 0 so that z = -2x, then putting y = x and z = -2x into (4) gives $6x^2 = 1$ so that $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$. Thus in the case x = y we obtain the solutions $(x, y, z) = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1, 1, -2)$. Thus the maximum value of f on C is $f(\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1, 1, -2)) = \frac{1}{6}$ and the minimum value is $f(\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1, 0)) = -\frac{1}{2}$.