

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

$$DG(y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2} & y_1e^{y_1y_2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$D(F \circ G)(y) = DF(G(y))G(y) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6x_1^5 + x_2 + (1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2})x_1 & (y_1e^{y_1y_2})x_1 \\ 1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2} & y_1e^{y_1y_2} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $x = (x_1, x_2) = (y_1, g(y_1, y_2)) = (y_1, y_1 + e^{y_1y_2})$ . So

$$D(F \circ G)(y) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6y_1^5 + y_1 + e^{y_1y_2} + (1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2})y_1 & (y_1e^{y_1y_2})y_1 \\ 1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2} & y_1e^{y_1y_2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

5.  $D(G \circ F) = DG(F(x))F(x) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6x_1^5 + x_2 & x_1 \\ (1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2})(6x_1^5 + x_2) & (1 + y_2e^{y_1y_2})(x_1) + y_1e^{y_1y_2} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $y = (y_1, y_2) = (x_1^6 + x_1x_2, x_2)$ . So  $D(G \circ F)(x) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6x_1^5 + x_2 & x_1 \\ (1 + x_2e^{(x_1^6 + x_1x_2)x_2})(6x_1^5 + x_2) & (1 + x_2e^{(x_1^6 + x_1x_2)x_2})(x_1) + (x_1^6 + x_1x_2)e^{y_1x_2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

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  $h'(0) = 1$ .