

Day 2 (Again, less important questions are marked with \*\*\*)

- (1) Rebecca's Problems: 9,10,11, 12 (A only), 13 (A only), 15 (a only) (See answers online).
- (2) Day 2 problems on first day sheet. (Ask me in person.)
- (3) Find the following quantities for  $u = (2, 4, 6)$ ,  $v = (1, 2, 3)$ ,  $w = (0, 1, 0)$ 
  - (a)  $\sqrt{v \cdot v} = \sqrt{14}$
  - (b)  $\sqrt{u \cdot u} = \sqrt{2v \cdot 2v} = 2\sqrt{v \cdot v} = 2\sqrt{14}$
  - (c)  $u \cdot v = 2v \cdot v = 2 \cdot 14 = 28$
  - (d)  $w \cdot u = 4$
  - (e)  $v \cdot u = 2$
- (4) Find the maximum of  $e^{\alpha x}$  on  $[20, 50]$  for  $\alpha > 0$ . What about for  $\alpha < 0$ ?  
The derivative is given by  $\alpha e^{\alpha x}$  which is  $> 0$  for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $< 0$  for  $\alpha < 0$ . So for when  $\alpha$  is positive, the function is strictly increasing so the maximum occurs at  $x = 50$ , and when  $\alpha$  is negative, the function is strictly decreasing so the maximum occurs at  $x = 20$ .
- (5) Find the maximum of  $\alpha x^2 + x$  for  $\alpha < -1$  on  $[0, 10]$ .  
For  $f(x) = \alpha x^2 + x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= 2\alpha x + 1 \\f''(x) &= 2\alpha < 0\end{aligned}$$

so  $f$  is strictly concave. From the class result, our candidates for a maximum are 0, 10 and the critical point  $-\frac{1}{2\alpha}$  and

$$\begin{aligned}f(0) &= 0 \\f(10) &= 100\alpha + 10 \\f\left(-\frac{1}{2\alpha}\right) &= \alpha\left(-\frac{1}{2\alpha}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \\&= \frac{1}{4\alpha} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \\&= \frac{1}{4\alpha}\end{aligned}$$

- Since  $\alpha < -1$ ,  $\frac{1}{4\alpha} < 0$  and  $100\alpha + 10 < 0$  so the maximum is actually at  $x = 0$  which gives  $f(0) = 0$ .
- (6) \*\*\*If you're feeling confident (really, it shouldn't be so hard with your notes!). Define  $F(x)$  by

$$F(x) = \int_0^{x^2} \frac{1}{2} \ln(y) dy$$

Find the maximum of  $F$  on  $[1, 100]$  using this definition. Find  $F'(x)$  and use it first to see if  $F$  is concave, then use it to find a formula for  $F(x)$ . What is  $(xF'(x))'$ ?

At each  $y \in [1, 100]$ , the integrand  $\frac{1}{2} \ln(y)$  is positive so the larger  $x$  is, "the more area" the integral covers to the function is strictly increasing. Thus the maximum occurs at  $x = 100$ .

Now let  $g(x) = x^2$  and

$$h(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{2} \ln(y) dy$$

so that

$$F(x) = h(g(x))$$

The fundamental theorem of calculus says that

$$h'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x)$$

and to get  $F'(x)$  we can use the chain rule,

$$\begin{aligned} F'(x) &= h'(g(x))g'(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2) \cdot 2x \\ &= 2x \cdot \ln x \end{aligned}$$

Once we know this,  $(xF'(x))'$  is easy to find, and we also have that

$$F''(x) = 2 \ln x + 2$$

and for  $x \in [1, 100]$ ,  $F''(x) > 0$  so the function is not concave (but is in fact strictly convex!).

(7) Find the set of all critical points,  $\{x : f'(x) = 0\}$ , of the following functions (for d-e you should see a trick!):

(a)  $f(x) = \alpha$

Critical Points: All of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(b)  $g(x) = e^{\beta x}$

Critical Points: None! Or rather, the set of critical points is the empty set,  $\emptyset$ .

(c)  $h(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

$h'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$  so to find the critical points, we need to set  $h'(x) = 0$ , and quadratic (or rather 2nd degree polynomial) so we may use the quadratic formula to get

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-2b \pm \sqrt{4b^2 - 12ac}}{6a} \\ &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 3ac}}{3a} \end{aligned}$$

which has two solutions so long as  $b^2 - 3ac > 0$  and one solution if  $b^2 - 3ac = 0$ , giving two and one critical point, respectively. Finally, when  $b^2 - 3ac < 0$  we have no critical points.

(d) \*\*\* $f(x) \cdot g(x)$

Here as in (b), we have no critical points, since the derivative we get is

$$\begin{aligned} (f(x) \cdot g(x))' &= f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x) \\ &= \alpha\beta e^{\beta x} \end{aligned}$$

(e) \*\*\* $f(x) \cdot h(x)$

Now we get a new polynomial like in (c), but the coefficients are  $\alpha a, \alpha b, \alpha c, \alpha d$  instead of  $a, b, c, d$ .