

MATH3404, Assignment 1 (due at 15:00 on 25 August 2014)
Submission: At the tutorial or at the Assignment
Box on Level 4 of the Priestley Building 67.

Question 1. (3 Marks)

Find the local minimum of the function

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2 + x_3^2$$

in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Question 2. (3 Marks)

Find the critical points of the following constrained optimization problem

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 2x_3^2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad g(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 4$$

and check that they are non-degenerate. Determine the local minima and maxima.

Question 3. (4 Marks)

Find the local maxima and minima of the following problem by introducing two Lagrange multipliers:

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3$$

subject to $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 2$ and $x_1^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 + x_3^2 = 3$.