

1. Rudin, Chapter 9, Problem 5.
2. *Tangent Planes* The implicit function theorem tells us: Suppose  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is an open set,  $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of class  $C^1$  and  $p = (p_0, r) \in U$  ( $p_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, r \in \mathbb{R}$ ) is such that  $g(p) = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_{n+1}}(p) \neq 0$ . Then there are neighborhoods  $N$  of  $p$  and  $N_0$  of  $p_0$  and a  $C^1$  function  $\phi : N_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  so that

$$Z = \{q \in N : g(q) = 0\} = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n, \phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)) : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in N_0\},$$

in other words, *locally*  $Z$  can be represented in two equivalent ways: as the zero set of  $g$  or as the graph of  $\phi$ . Let  $\Phi : N_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  (a parametric representation of the graph of  $\phi$ ) be defined by

$$\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, \phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)).$$

In advanced calculus (for  $n = 2$ , but the same works for any  $n$ ) the tangent plane to  $Z$  at  $p$ , which we denote by  $T_p Z$ , is defined in two different ways:

- As the image of  $d_{p_0} \Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , that is,  $T_p Z = \{d_{p_0} \Phi(v) : v \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$ .
- As the kernel of  $d_p g : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , that is,  $T_p Z = \{w \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : d_p g(w) = 0\}$ .

Show that these two spaces are the same, therefore the two definitions are equivalent.

3. *Lagrange Multipliers* With the same notation as in the last problem, suppose  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of class  $C^1$ . We say that  $p \in Z$  is a *critical point of  $f|_Z$*  if and only if  $p_0$  is a critical point of  $f \circ \Phi$ . Prove

- (a)  $p$  is a critical point of  $f|_Z$  if and only if  $d_p f(v) = 0$  for all  $v \in T_p Z$ .
- (b)  $p$  is a critical point of  $f|_Z$  if and only if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$d_p f = \lambda d_p g, \quad g(p) = 0.$$

4. Apply the method of Lagrange multipliers to prove the following: suppose  $A = \{a_{i,j}\}$  is a *symmetric*  $n$  by  $n$  matrix, let  $f(x)$  be the associated quadratic form:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{i,j} x_i x_j = Ax \cdot x = x^t Ax$$

Let  $S$  be the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $x \in S$  is critical for  $f|_S$  if and only if  $x$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ . (This means, there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  so that  $Ax = \lambda x$ ), and that the value of  $f$  at a critical point is the corresponding eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

*Suggestion:* Prove that  $d_x f = 2Ax$  by showing that for  $x, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $h \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x + hv) = f(x) + 2hv^t Ax + O(h^2)$ . You may need to use  $v^t Ax = (v^t Ax)^t = x^t A^t v$  and  $A = A^t$ .

5. Rudin Chapter 9, Problems 9, 10.