

KEY

Problem 1. [20 points]

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + xy^2 - 2x + 1$$

(a) Compute each of the following.

$$f_x(x, y) = 2x + y^2 - 2$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 2xy$$

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = 2$$

$$f_{yy}(x, y) = 2x$$

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = 2y$$

$$\nabla f(1, 1) = \langle 2+1-2, 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \rangle = \langle 1, 2 \rangle$$

(b) Determine the critical point(s) of f .

$$2x + y^2 - 2 = 0 \quad \text{AND} \quad \frac{2xy = 0}{x=0 \text{ or } y=0}$$

$$\text{If } x=0, \text{ then } 2x + y^2 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{If } y=0, \text{ then } 2x + y^2 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow 2x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

So critical points are $(0, \sqrt{2})$, $(0, -\sqrt{2})$ and $(1, 0)$.

(c) Use the Second Derivative Test to classify each critical point of f .

$$\text{At } (0, \sqrt{2}), D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 2 \cdot (0) - (2\sqrt{2})^2 = -8 < 0$$

Saddle point at $(0, \sqrt{2})$.

$$\text{At } (0, -\sqrt{2}), D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 2 \cdot (0) - (-2\sqrt{2})^2 = -8 < 0$$

Saddle point at $(0, -\sqrt{2})$.

$$\text{At } (1, 0), D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 2 \cdot (2) - (0)^2 = 4 > 0, f_{xx} = 2 > 0$$

Local min at $(1, 0)$