

Instruction: Hand in your work in the mail box labeled INC691 by 4 pm. or submit it via email. DO NOT copy homework from your classmates or lend it to others. Anyone who violates this regulation will be given zero for the homework.

1. Show that the eigenvalues of the Hessian of a quadratic function are equal to the second derivatives of that function in the direction of the corresponding Hessian eigenvectors.
2. Let $V : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $V(x) = x_1^2 - 2x_1 + 3x_1x_2^2 + 4x_2^3$, $x_0 = [1 \ 1]^T$, $f = [-2, 1]^T$. Find the first and second order of the directional derivative of $V(x)$ along f .