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We will look at extremal solutions to the so-called nonlinear Riemann-Hilbert problem on the ball in  $\mathbf{C}^n$ . These extremal functions tend to satisfy interesting properties over the boundary of the ball. We will see that the cases  $n = 1$  and  $n > 1$  are different - but present a theorem illustrating that under useful circumstances they can be similar. (Received February 18, 2005)