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At previous lecture:

To find loc. max/min we look at critical pts

(a pt (x_0, y_0) is critical if either $\nabla f(x_0, y_0) = 0$ or $\nabla f(x_0, y_0) \nexists$).

2nd Derivative Test: if (x_0, y_0) is a critical pt, we should look at $D = f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) \cdot f_{yy}(x_0, y_0) - (f_{xy}(x_0, y_0))^2$

(a) if $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) > 0 \Rightarrow$ loc. min

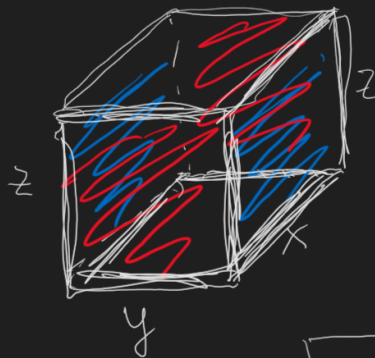
(b) if $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) < 0 \Rightarrow$ loc. max

(c) if $D < 0 \Rightarrow$ saddle pt.

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Solution



$$V = xyz$$

Area of walls is

$$2zx + 2zy + yx = 12$$

Express z :

$$z(2x + 2y) + yx = 12$$

$$z = \frac{12 - yx}{2x + 2y} = \frac{12 - yx}{2(x + y)}$$

Substitute into V :

$$V = xy \cdot \frac{12 - yx}{2(x + y)} \rightarrow \text{abs. max}$$

$$V(2,2) = 4 \cdot \frac{12 - 4}{2(2+2)} = 4 \cdot \frac{8}{8} = 4$$

$$\nabla V = \left\langle \frac{y^2(12 - 2xy - x^2)}{2(x+y)^2}, \frac{x^2(12 - 2xy - y^2)}{2(x+y)^2} \right\rangle = 0$$

$$x, y > 0$$

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$\Rightarrow$

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$$\Rightarrow$$

$$y^2 - x^2 = 0$$

$$y = x$$

Substitute into:

$$12 - 2x^2 - x^2 = 0$$

$$12 = 3x^2$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = 2, \quad y = 2$$

We got 1 critical pt $(2, 2)$

In this problem abs. max must exist
(because you cannot get arbitrary big volume
out of 12 m^2 of cardboard).

Hence $(2, 2)$ is a pt of abs. max.

Abs. max value $V(2, 2) = 4$

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In general, do abs. max/abs. min
exist?

and

minimum

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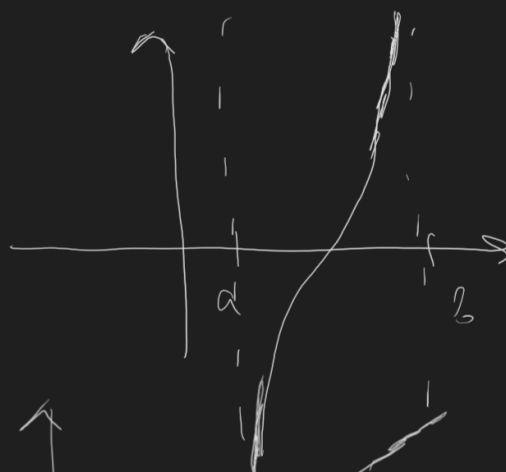
Abs. maximum and minimum.

(Abs. max and min are called extreme values)

For f -s of 1 variable:

Extreme Value Theorem If f is a contin. f -n of 1 variable on $[a, b]$, then f has abs. max and abs. min.

On (a, b) — no



On $\mathbb{R}$ — no



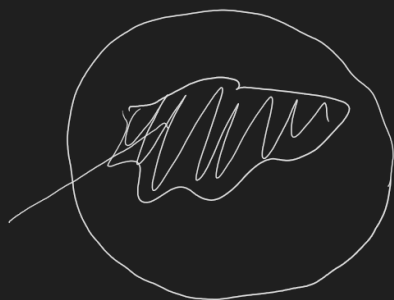
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bounded



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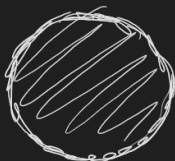
A set in $\mathbb{R}^2$ is closed if it contains all the boundary pts.

boundary



A pt in set D is called a boundary pt if any disc centered in it contains both pts from D and pts from outside D.

Examples:



— closed.

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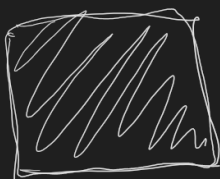
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$$\{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$$



— not closed.

(a disc with 1 point on the circle removed)



closed



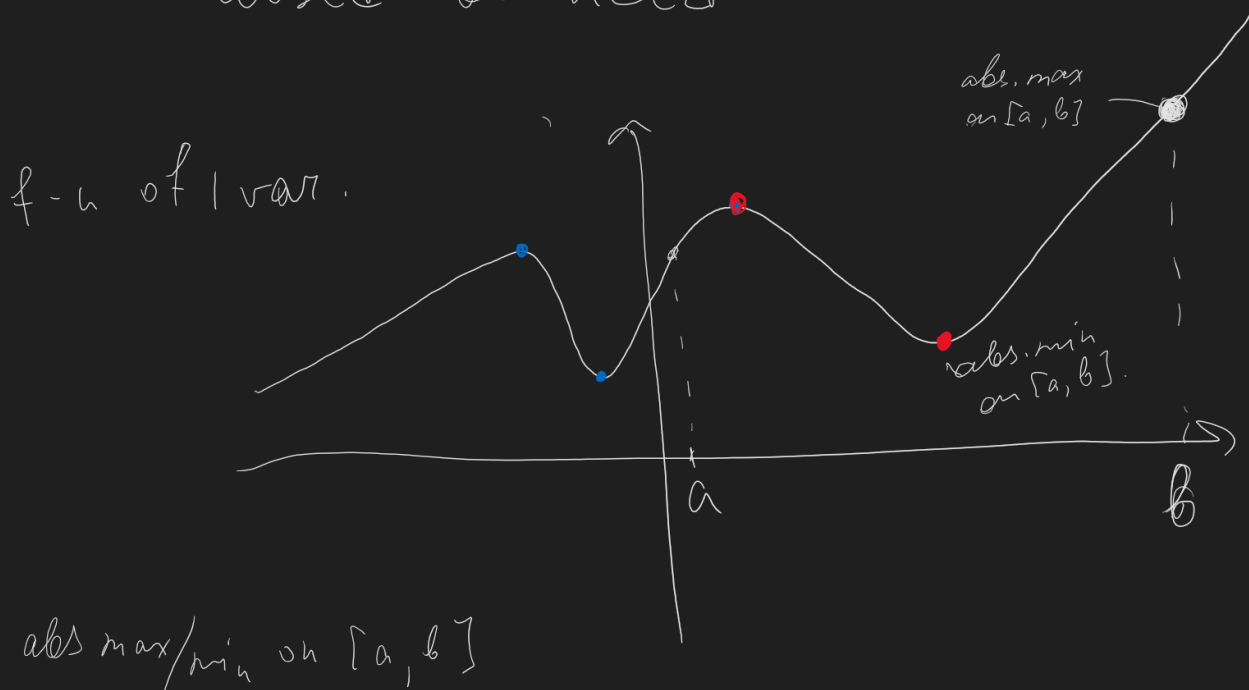
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The following theorem is proved in Topology.

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 f -n of 2 variables on a bounded
 closed set, then f has the abs. max
 and min values.

How to find abs max/min on a
 closed bounded set?



To find abs. max/min of a contin. f -n
 f on a closed bounded set R

1 step Find critical pts ^{in R} and compute
 value of f at them.

2 step Find abs max/min on the boundary
 of f .

3 step The largest of the values found is

value of f at them.

2 step

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3 step

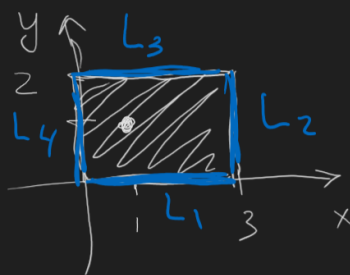
The largest of the values found in steps 1 and 2 is the abs. max.
The smallest is the abs. min.

Ex. Find the abs. max and min values of $f(x,y) = x^2 - 2xy + 2y$ on the rectangle $R = \{(x,y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 3, 0 \leq y \leq 2\}$.

Solution

R is closed and bounded

$\Rightarrow$ abs. max/min exist on R .



step 1

$$\nabla f = \langle 2x - 2y, -2x + 2 \rangle = 0$$

$$2x - 2y = 0, \quad -2x + 2 = 0$$

$$x = y, \quad x = 1.$$

$(1,1)$ is a critical pt in D .

$$f(1,1) = 1^2 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 = 1$$

step 2 Boundary =

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$$L_4 = \{(x, y) \mid x = 0, 0 \leq y \leq 2\}$$

$$f = x^2 - 2xy + 2y$$

on L_1 : $f = x^2$

$$f(0, 0) = 0, \quad f(3, 0) = 9$$

on L_2 : $f(x, y) = 9 - 4y$

$$x = 3, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 2$$

$$f(3, 0) = 9, \quad f(3, 2) = 1$$

on L_3 : $f(x, y) = x^2 - 4x + 4 = (x - 2)^2$

$$f(2, 2) = 0, \quad f(0, 2) = 4$$



on L_4 : $f(0, y) = 2y$

$$f(0, 0) = 0, \quad f(0, 2) = 4$$

Step 3: The abs. max value is 9.

The abs. min value is 0. $\square$

Lagrange Multipliers Method.



under some constraint

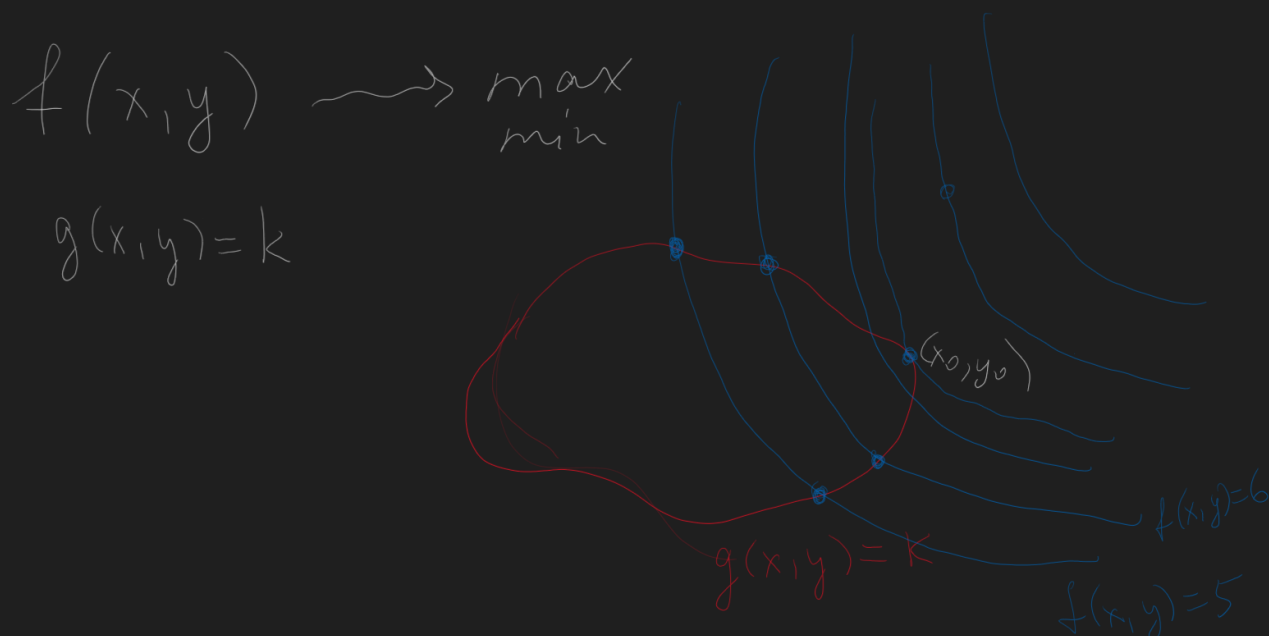
$$g(x, y, z) = k \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right)$$

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- Sometimes it is not possible to express z
- Even if it is possible, the formulas become too huge to deal with.

For such cases there is
Lagrange Multiplier Method.



at (x_0, y_0)

Max/min $\Rightarrow$ The level curve passing through (x_0, y_0) must touch the constraint curve $g(x, y) = k$.