

section 14.7: 13, 15, 21, 31, 43, 45.

13: Find the local max and min values and saddle points of the function $f(x, y) = x^4 - 2x^2 + y^3 - 3y$.

Solution We find critical points:

$$\nabla f = \langle 4x^3 - 4x, 3y^2 - 3 \rangle = 0$$

$$4x^3 - 4x = 0, \quad 3y^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$x^3 - x = 0$$

$$x(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0, \pm 1$$

$$y^2 = 1$$

$$y = \pm 1.$$

6 critical points: $(0, 1), (0, -1), (1, 1), (1, -1), (-1, 1), (-1, -1)$.

Compute D and f_{xx} : $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$

$$\boxed{f_{xx} = 12x^2 - 4}, \quad f_{yy} = 6y - 3, \quad f_{xy} = 0.$$

$$\boxed{D = 12(3x^2 - 1)(2y - 1)}$$

$(0, 1)$: $D(0, 1) < 0 \Rightarrow$ saddle point.

$(0, -1)$: $D(0, -1) > 0, f_{xx}(0, -1) < 0 \Rightarrow$ loc. max

$(1, 1)$: $D(1, 1) > 0, f_{xx}(1, 1) > 0 \Rightarrow$ loc. min.

$(1, -1)$: $D(1, -1) < 0 \Rightarrow$ saddle point.

$(-1, 1)$: $D(-1, 1) > 0, f_{xx}(-1, 1) > 0 \Rightarrow$ loc. min

$(-1, -1)$: $D(-1, -1) < 0 \Rightarrow$ saddle point.

15: Find the local max/min values and saddle points of the function

$$f(x, y) = e^x \cos y.$$

Solution Critical points:

$$\nabla f = \langle e^x \cos y, -e^x \sin y \rangle = 0$$

$$e^x \cos y = 0, \quad e^x \sin y = 0$$

$$\cos y = 0, \quad \sin y = 0 \quad \text{— no solutions}$$

No critical points. Hence no loc. max/min and saddle points.

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21: Show that $f(x,y) = x^2 + 4y^2 - 4xy + 2$ has an infinite number of critical points and that $D = 0$ at each one. Then show that f has a local (and absolute) minimum at each critical point.

Solution Critical points:

$$\nabla f = \langle 2x - 4y, 8y - 4x \rangle = 0$$

$$2x - 4y = 0, \quad 8y - 4x = 0$$

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

This equation has infinitely many solutions. Namely any point of the form $(2y, y)$ is a solution. $\Rightarrow$

$(2y, y)$ is a critical point, for any y .

Will try to use 2nd Derivative Test to classify them.

$$f_{xx} = 2, \quad f_{yy} = 8, \quad f_{xy} = -4.$$

$$D = f_{xx} f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = 2 \cdot 8 - 4^2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ 2nd Derivative Test gives no information.

Need some other way to classify our critical points. We notice; (3)

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + 4y^2 - 4xy + 12 = (x - 2y)^2 + 12 \geq 12$$

~~Therefore~~ $f(x, y) = 12$ exactly when

$$x - 2y = 0.$$

$$x = 2y.$$

Therefore $f(x, y) = 12$ exactly at the critical points and > 12 at all other points.

Hence all the critical points are points of absolute minimum, and the abs. min value is 12. $\square$

31: Find the absolute max and min values of f on the set D , where

$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x$, D is the closed triangular region with vertices $(2, 0)$, $(0, 2)$, and $(0, -2)$

Solution

Step 1: We find critical points.

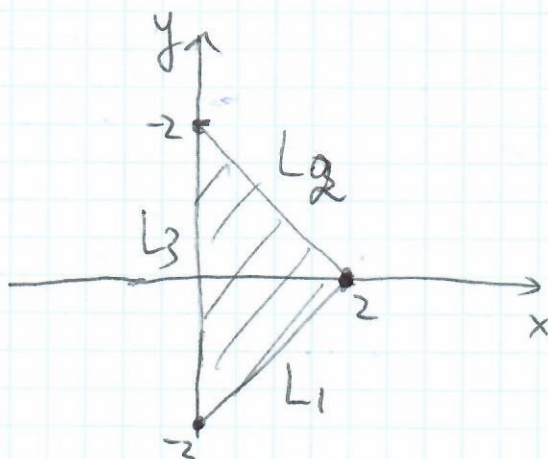
$$\nabla f = \langle 2x - 2, 2y \rangle = 0$$

$$2x - 2 = 0, 2y = 0$$

$$x = 1, y = 0$$

$(1, 0)$ is a crit. point.

$$f(1, 0) = -1$$



Step 2. We find extreme values on the boundary.

The boundary is $L_1 \cup L_2 \cup L_3$ (see the picture).

On L_1 : $L_1 = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 2, y = x - 2\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{On } L_1 \quad f(x, y) &= x^2 + (x-2)^2 - 2(x) = \\ &= x^2 + x^2 - 4x + 4 - 2x = 2x^2 - 6x + 4 \end{aligned}$$

To find the extreme values of $2x^2 - 6x + 4$ on $[0, 2]$, let us denote $2x^2 - 6x + 4 = g(x)$.

$$g' = 4x - 6 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \text{ - critical point.}$$

$$g\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{7}{2}, \quad g(0) = 4, \quad g(2) = 4$$

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On L_2 : $L_2 = \{(x, y) \mid y = 2 - x, 0 \leq x \leq 2\}$.

On L_2 $f(x, y) = x^2 + (2 - x)^2 - 2x = x^2 + 4 - 4x + x^2 - 2x =$
 $= 2x^2 - 6x + 4.$

Let $g(x) := 2x^2 - 6x + 4.$

$$g'(x) = 4x - 6 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \text{ — critical point of } g.$$

$$\boxed{g\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{7}{2}}$$

$$, \quad \boxed{g(0) = 4}$$

$$, \quad \boxed{g(2) = 4}$$

On L_3 : $L_3 = \{(0, y) \mid -2 \leq y \leq 2\}$.

on L_3 $f(x, y) = y^2.$

Max value of y^2 on $[-2, 2]$

is $\boxed{4}$, min is $\boxed{0}$
 $f(0, 2)$ $f(0, 0)$

Step 3 Choose smallest and biggest among
the values found in steps 1 and 2.

abs. max = 4, abs. min = ~~0~~ -1.

43. Find the points on the cone $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ that are closest to the point $(4, 2, 0)$.

Solution. The distance from (x, y, z) to $(4, 2, 0)$ is $d = \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + (y-2)^2 + z^2}$.

For points on the cone we have

$$z^2 = x^2 + y^2. \text{ Substituting it to } d, \\ \text{we obtain } d = \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + (y-2)^2 + x^2 + y^2}$$

We need to find points at which d has absolute minimum. Equivalently, we need to find points at which $d^2 = (x-4)^2 + (y-2)^2 + x^2 + y^2$ has absolute minimum. Therefore we consider

the function $d^2 \equiv f(x, y) = \cancel{d^2} (x-4)^2 + (y-2)^2 + x^2 + y^2$ defined on $\mathbb{R}^2$ and want to find points of abs. min. At first, critical points:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f &= \langle 2(x-4) + 2x, 2(y-2) + 2y \rangle = \\ &= \langle 4x - 8, 4y - 4 \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$4x - 8 = 0, 4y - 4 = 0$$

$$x = 2, y = 1.$$

~~There~~

1 critical point $(2, 1)$.

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Since d^2 must have abs. min (because clearly there is a point on the cone that is closest to the point $(4, 2, 0)$) and since abs. min ~~can~~ can occur only at critical point,

~~$(2, 1, \sqrt{5})$~~ ^{$x=2, y=1$} is a point of abs. min. of f .

Since $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$, we have $z^2 = 5$.
 $z = \pm\sqrt{5}$.

Hence $(2, 1, \sqrt{5})$ and $(2, 1, -\sqrt{5})$ are the points on the cone that are closest to $(4, 2, 0)$.
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Alternative solution: use Lagrange Method.

We need min of $f(x, y, z) = (x-4)^2 + (y-2)^2 + z^2$.
subject to the constraint

$$g(x, y, z) = z^2 - x^2 - y^2 = 0$$

Lagrange Method applies under the assumption $\nabla g \neq 0$.

$\nabla g = \langle -2x, -2y, -2z \rangle \Rightarrow \nabla g = 0$ at $(0, 0, 0)$ which belongs to the cone. 8
Hence the points $(0, 0, 0)$ should be

considered separately.

$$f(0,0,0) = 16 + 4 + 0 = 20.$$

Now apply Lagrange Method to the case
 $(x,y,z) \neq (0,0,0)$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g.$$

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$$\langle 2(x-4), 2(y-2), 2z \rangle = \lambda \langle -2x, -2y, 2z \rangle.$$

$$x-4 = -\lambda x$$

$$y-2 = -\lambda y$$

$$z = \lambda z$$

$$z^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\text{case 1: } \lambda \neq 1 \Rightarrow z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y = 0.$$

But we assumed
 $(x,y,z) \neq (0,0,0)$

$$\text{case 2: } \lambda = 1 \Rightarrow x = 2$$

$$y = 1$$

$$z^2 = 5 \Rightarrow z = \pm\sqrt{5}.$$

$(2,1,\sqrt{5})$ and $(2,1,-\sqrt{5})$

$$f(2,1,\sqrt{5}) = f(2,1,-\sqrt{5}) = 10 \quad \text{— smaller than}$$

$\Rightarrow (2,1,\sqrt{5})$ and $(2,1,-\sqrt{5})$ are the points

on the cone that are closest to $(4,2,0)$. $\square$

45. Find 3 positive numbers whose sum is 100 and whose product is a maximum.

Solution $x + y + z = 100$.

Want: xyz to be maximal possible.

We express z from the 1st equation: $z = 100 - x - y$.

$$xyz = xy(100 - x - y).$$

$$f(x, y) = xy(100 - x - y) = 100xy - x^2y - xy^2.$$

We need its absolute max, which obviously ^{must} exist.
(since $0 \leq x \leq 100$, $0 \leq y \leq 100$, the f-n is on the closed bounded domain)
so Extreme Value Theorem applies.

$$\nabla f = \langle 100y - 2xy - y^2, 100x - x^2 - 2xy \rangle = 0$$

$$y(100 - 2x - y) = 0 \text{ and } x(100 - x - 2y) = 0$$

case 1: ~~gotten from the~~

$$y = 0, x = 0 \Rightarrow z = 100 - x - y = 100.$$

$$\boxed{f(0, 0) = 0}$$

case 2: $y = 0, 100 - x - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$
 $x = 100$

$$\boxed{f(100, 0) = 0}$$

case 3: $100 - 2x - y = 0, x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$
 $y = 100$

$$\boxed{f(0, 100) = 0}$$

case 4: $100 - 2x - y = 0, 100 - x - 2y = 0$.

Expressing y from 1st equation and substituting to 2nd, we obtain

$$x = \frac{100}{3}, y = \frac{100}{3} \Rightarrow z = \frac{100}{3} \quad (10)$$

$$\boxed{f\left(\frac{100}{3}, \frac{100}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{100}{3}\right)^3}$$

On the boundary: $\{(x, y) | x=0\} \cup \{(x, y) | y=0\} \cup$
 $\cup \{(x, y) | x=100\} \cup \{(x, y) | y=100\}.$

we have:

On $\{(x, y) | x=0\}$ $f(0, y) = 0.$

On $\{(x, y) | y=0\}$ $f(x, 0) = 0$

On $\{(x, y) | x=100\}$ $f(100, y) = -100y^2 \leq 0$

On $\{(x, y) | y=100\}$ $f(x, 100) = -100x^2 \leq 0.$

Hence f has abs. max at $x = \frac{100}{3}, y = \frac{100}{3}.$

We have $z = 100 - x - y = \frac{100}{3}.$ $\square$

Alternatively one can use
 Lagrange Method here.