

1. Find the local max. & min. pt(s), the local max. & min. vals., & saddle pt(s) of the fn:

$$f(x, y) = 12x^2 - 4x^3 + 6y^2 + 12xy$$

Step 1: Find crit. pts. (set 1st-order derivs. = 0)

$$f_x(x, y) = 24x - 12x^2 + 12y = 0 \quad (1) \quad \leftarrow \text{sub.}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 12y + 12x = 0 \quad (2) \quad x = -y$$

$$24(-y) - 12(-y)^2 + 12y = 0$$

$$x = -(0) = 0$$

$$-24y - 12y^2 + 12y = 0$$

$$x = -(-1) = 1$$

$$-12y^2 - 12y = 0$$

$$x = 0, 1$$

$$-12y(y + 1) = 0$$

$$y = 0, -1$$

$$\text{Crit. pts.} = (0, 0), (1, -1)$$

Step 2: Compute discriminant (2nd-order partial derivs.)

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = 24 - 24x$$

$$D(x, y) = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2$$

$$f_{yy}(x, y) = 12$$

$$= (24 - 24x)(12) - (12)^2$$

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = 12$$

$$= 288 - 288x - 144 = -288x + 144$$

$$= -144(2x - 1)$$

Step 3: 2nd Deriv. Test

$$D(0, 0) = 144 > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{xx}(0, 0) = 24 > 0 \quad (\text{local min.})$$

$$D(1, -1) = -144 < 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\text{saddle pt.})$$

(1, -1) is a saddle pt. & f(0, 0) is a local min. w/ val. of 0