

$$z = f(x, y).$$



that is an interior

1st derivative test: if f achieves a local maximum or local minimum at (x_0, y_0) and if $f_x(x_0, y_0)$ and $f_y(x_0, y_0)$ exist, then $f_x(x_0, y_0) = 0 = f_y(x_0, y_0)$.

critical point: (x_0, y_0) is a critical point if $f_x(x_0, y_0) = 0 = f_y(x_0, y_0)$ or one or both of $f_x(x_0, y_0)$ and $f_y(x_0, y_0)$ do not exist.

local extremal points are critical points.

critical point may not be local extrema, because it may be a saddle point



Thm: 2nd derivative test for local extreme values.

Assume $f, f_x, f_y, f_{xx}, f_{xy}, f_{yy}$ all exist and ^{are} continuous

$f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$. Then look at Hessian matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix}$$

Symmetric matrix

i) if $f_{xx} < 0$ and $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 > 0$, then f has local maximum at (a, b) .

ii) $f_{xx} > 0$ and $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 > 0$, ... minimum ...

iii) $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 < 0$, ... saddle point ...

iv) $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 0$, then inconclusive.

$$\begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2$$

(Compare to $y = f(x)$)

- 1st der. test. local extrema satisfies $f'(a) = 0$.
- 2nd der. test. $f''(a) > 0 \Rightarrow$ local minimum
- $f''(a) < 0 \Rightarrow$ local maximum
- $f''(a) = 0 \Rightarrow$ inconclusive



$$f(x, y) = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b) \cdot (x - a) + f_y(a, b) \cdot (y - b) + \frac{1}{2} (f_{xx}(a, b) \cdot (x - a)^2 + 2f_{xy}(a, b) \cdot (x - a)(y - b) + f_{yy}(a, b) \cdot (y - b)^2) + \text{error}$$

$$f(x, y) = f(a, b) + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} x - a & y - b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x - a \\ y - b \end{pmatrix} + \text{error}$$

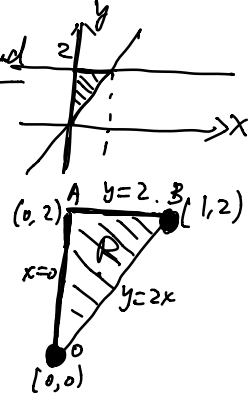
Ex: Find absolute max./min. of function $f(x,y) = 2x^2 - 4x + y^2 - 4y + 6$ on the closed triangle bounded by the lines $x=0, y=2, y=2x$.

step 1: list interior points where f may have local extrema and evaluate f at these points.

$$f_x = 4x - 4 = 0, \quad f_y = 2y - 4 = 0$$

\Rightarrow critical point $(1, 2)$ over xy -plane

there is no interior critical point.



step 2: List the boundary points of R where f has local maximum/minimum and evaluate.

\overline{OA} : $x=0, 0 \leq y \leq 2$

$$f(0,y) = y^2 - 4y + 6 = (y-2)^2 + 2$$

$f(0,y)$: minimum at $y=2$ $(0,2)$ $f(0,2) = 2$
 maximum at $y=0$ $(0,0)$ $f(0,0) = 6$.

$$\overline{AB}: y=2, 0 \leq x \leq 1. \quad f(x,2) = 2x^2 - 4x + \frac{2^2 - 4 \cdot 2 + 6}{4 - 8 + 6} = 2x^2 - 4x + 2$$

$$= 2(x^2 - 2x + 1) = 2 \cdot (x-1)^2$$

$f(x,2)$: minimum at $x=1$ $(1,2)$ $f(1,2) = 0$
 maximum at $x=0$ $(0,2)$ $f(0,2) = 2$.

$$\overline{OB}: y=2x, 0 \leq x \leq 1. \quad f(x,2x) = 2x^2 - 4x + (2x)^2 - 4(2x) + 6$$

$$= 6x^2 - 12x + 6 = 6 \cdot (x-1)^2$$

$f(x,2x)$ minimum at $x=1$ $(1,2)$ $f(1,2) = 0$
 maximum at $x=0$ $(0,0)$ $f(0,0) = 6$.

step 3: $\begin{array}{c} \text{abs.} \\ \text{min} \end{array}$

bdry (x_0, y_0)	(0, 2)	(1, 2)
f	2	0

$\Rightarrow f$ obtains absolute minimum at (1, 2)
with value 0.

$\begin{array}{c} \text{abs.} \\ \text{max.} \end{array}$

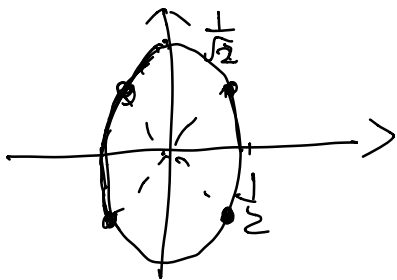
	(0, 0)	(0, 2)
	6	2

$\Rightarrow f$ obtains absolute maximum at
with value $f(0, 0) = 6$.
(0, 0)

14.8 Lagrange multiplier

a method for find constrained max/min.

Ex: Find the points on the ellipse $4x^2 + 2y^2 = 1$
 where $f(x,y) = xy$ has its extreme value.



$$a^2 = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{2} = 1$$

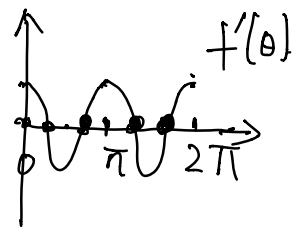
Method 1:
$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta = a \cdot \cos \theta \\ y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta = b \cdot \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

 $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

$$f(x,y) = x \cdot y = \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \sin(2\theta)$$

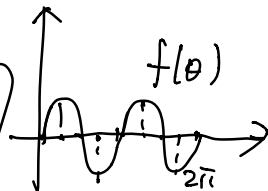
$$f'(x(\theta), y(\theta)) = f'(\theta) = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \sin(2\theta)$$

$$f'(\theta) = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \cos(2\theta) \cdot 2 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \cos(2\theta)$$



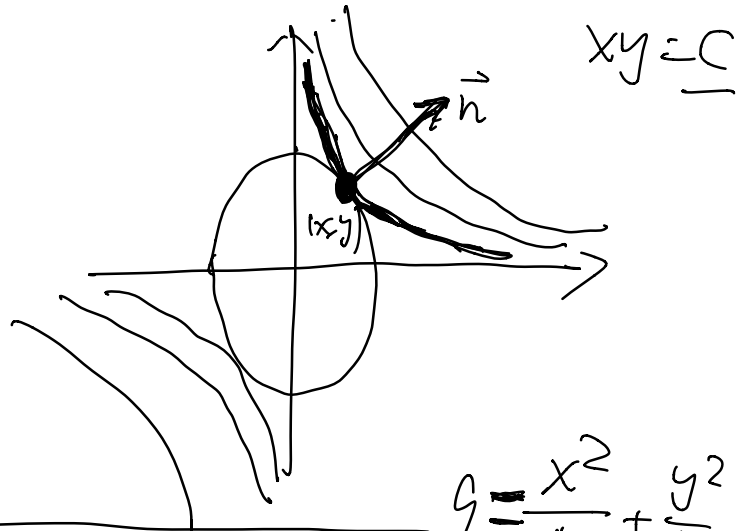
$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$f(\theta) = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}$$



$$\bullet f(0) = 0 = f(2\pi)$$

Method 2:



$$\vec{n} \parallel \nabla f, \quad \vec{n} \parallel \nabla g$$

$$g = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{2} - 1$$

multiplier

$$\nabla f \parallel \nabla g \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \\ g(x, y) = 0 \end{cases}$$