

14.7-8 - Optimization

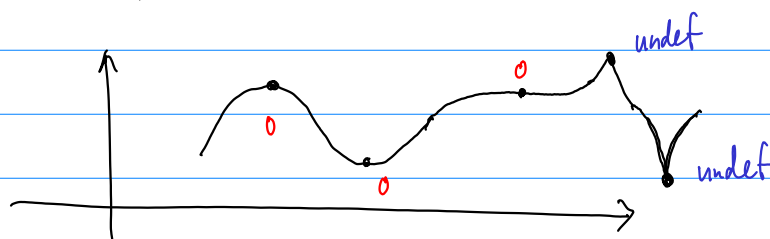
Defn. A critical point of a function f of multiple variables is a point P in the domain of f such that

$$\nabla f(P) = \vec{0}$$

or $\nabla f(P) = \text{undef.}$

Recall from Calc I,

Fermat's Theorem. If f has a local max or min at p , then p is a critical number of f .



Theorem. If $f = f(x, y)$ has a local max or min at $P(x_0, y_0)$, then P is a critical point of f .

Recall, the Hessian matrix of f is

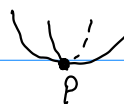
$$\hat{H}(f) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Hessian function is $H(f) = \det(\hat{H}(f)) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \right)^2$

Second Derivative Test

Let f be a function of two variables with continuous 2nd partials, and suppose P is a critical point of f , so $\nabla f(P) = \vec{0}$.

Case 1.) If $H_f(P) > 0$ and if $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(P) > 0$
then $(P, f(P))$ is a local minimum.



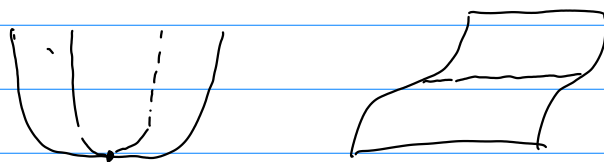
Case 2.) If $H_f(P) < 0$ and if $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(P) < 0$
then $(P, f(P))$ is a local maximum.



Case 3.) If $H_f(P) < 0$, then $(P, f(P))$ is a saddle point.



If $H_f(P) = 0$, the second derivative test does not apply.



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

Find all critical points, then classify them.

$$\nabla f = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle = \left\langle \underbrace{2x - 2y}_{\partial x}, \underbrace{-2x + 4y}_{\partial y} \right\rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 2y &= 0 \\ + \quad -2x + 4y &= 0 \\ \hline 2y &= 0 \quad \rightarrow y = 0 \\ &\quad \quad \quad x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$(0, 0)$ is the only CP.

$$\hat{H}_f = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\hat{H}_f) = H_f = 8 - (4) = 4 > 0$$

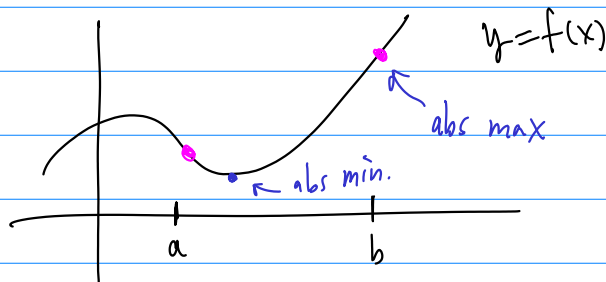
for all points.

$$H_f(P) > 0. \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(P) = 2 > 0.$$

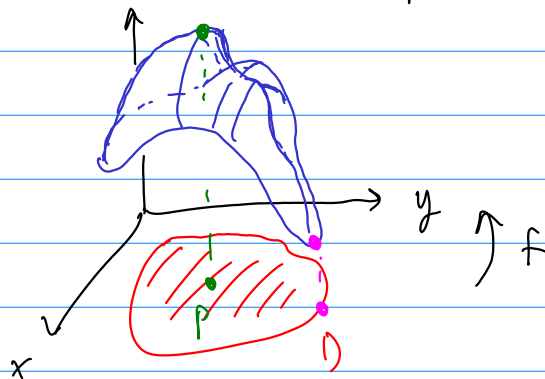
So P is a local minimum.



Extreme Value Theorem

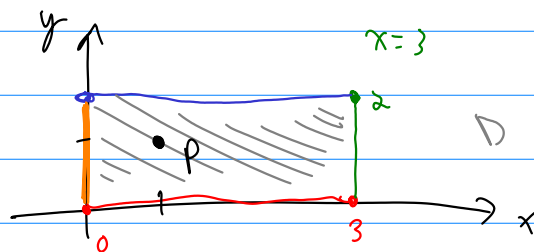


Let f be a function of two variables that is continuous on a region D .
Then f attains an absolute max and min on D .
These extreme value either occur at critical points or on the boundary. ^{closed.}



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

$$D = \{(x,y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 3, 0 \leq y \leq 2\}$$



$$y=0, x: 0 \rightarrow 3$$

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

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

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 2y = 0 \\ -2x + 2 = 0 \end{cases} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} x = 1 \\ y = 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$CP = (1,1)$$

$$f(P) = f(1,1) = 1 - 2 + 2 = 1$$

— set $y = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 3.$

$$f(x,0) = x^2 \quad \text{use Calc I on this!}$$

$$f'(x) = 2x \quad x=0 \quad \text{already on the boundary.}$$

$$f(0,0) = 0^2 = 0$$

$$f(3,0) = 3^2 = 9$$

1 $x=3 \quad 0 \leq y \leq 2 : \quad f(3,y) = 9 - 6y + 2y = 9 - 4y$

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

$$f(3,2) = 9 - 8 = 1$$

— $y=2 \quad 0 \leq x \leq 3 : \quad f(x,2) = x^2 - 4x + 4 = (x-2)^2 \quad x=2 \text{ is CP.}$

$$f(3,2) = 1$$

$$f(2,2) = 0$$

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

1 $x=0, 0 \leq y \leq 2, \quad f(0,y) = 2y$

$$f(0,0) = 0$$

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

Absolute max is 9 at (3,0)
 Absolute min is 0 at (0,0)
 and (2,2)

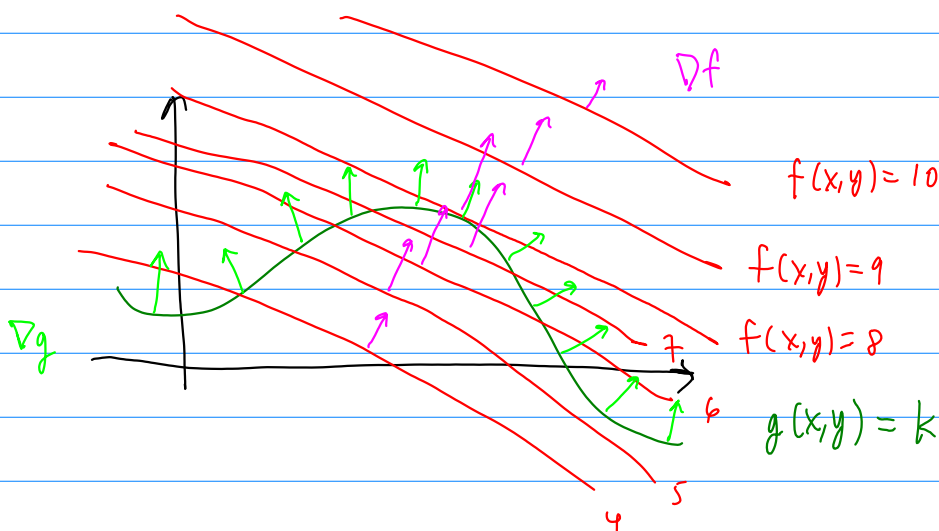
Lagrange Multipliers

Let $f(x,y)$ be a function of two variables, differentiable.

(∇f exists at all points).

Let $g(x,y)$ be another differentiable function.

Suppose we wish to optimize f subject to the constraint $g(x,y)=k$.

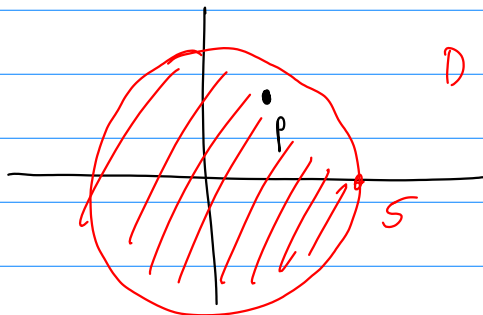


At the points of optimization $\nabla f(P) = \lambda \nabla g(P)$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

We get a system of 3 equations and 3 unknowns $\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \\ g(x,y)=k. \end{cases}$

Ex. $f(x,y) = x^2 - 4x + y^2 - 9y$

$D = x^2 + y^2 \leq 25$



$$\nabla f = \langle 2x-4, 2y-9 \rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x-4=0 \\ 2y-9=0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x=2 \\ y=9/2 \end{cases} \Bigg\} P$$

$$f(2, \frac{9}{2}) = 2^2 - 4(2) + (\frac{9}{2})^2 - 9(\frac{9}{2}) = -4 - \frac{81}{4} = -\frac{97}{4} = -24.25$$

Two ways to handle the boundary:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 5^2$$

1. Parametrize it and use calc I. $\begin{cases} x = 5 \cos t \\ y = 5 \sin t \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

$$f(x, y) = f(5 \cos t, 5 \sin t) = f(t).$$

2. Use Lagrange: $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ w/ restriction $g(x, y) = 25$

$$\nabla g = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g : \quad \langle \underline{2x-4}, \underline{2y-9} \rangle = \underline{\lambda} \langle \underline{2x}, \underline{2y} \rangle$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x-4 = 2\lambda x \\ 2y-9 = 2\lambda y \\ x^2 + y^2 = 25 \end{cases}$$

$$2x - 2\lambda x = 4$$

$$x(2-2\lambda) = 4$$

$$x = \frac{4}{2-2\lambda}$$

$$2y - 2\lambda y = 9$$

$$y(2-2\lambda) = 9$$

$$y = \frac{9}{2-2\lambda}$$

$$\left(\frac{4}{2-2\lambda}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{9}{2-2\lambda}\right)^2 = 25$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \frac{97}{(1-\lambda)^2} = 25 \quad \rightarrow \quad (1-\lambda)^2 = \frac{97}{100} \quad \Rightarrow \quad 1-\lambda = \pm \frac{\sqrt{97}}{10}$$

$$(\lambda-1)^2 = \frac{97}{100}$$

$$\lambda = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{97}}{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{2}{1-\lambda} & x &= \frac{2}{\pm \frac{\sqrt{97}}{10}} = \pm \frac{20}{\sqrt{97}} \\
 y &= \frac{9/2}{1-\lambda} = \frac{9/2}{\pm \frac{\sqrt{97}}{10}} = \pm \frac{45}{\sqrt{97}}
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{2}{1-\lambda} \\ y &= \frac{9/2}{1-\lambda} \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{Boundary pts:}$$

$$\left(\frac{20}{\sqrt{97}}, \frac{45}{\sqrt{97}} \right)$$

$$\left(-\frac{20}{\sqrt{97}}, -\frac{45}{\sqrt{97}} \right)$$

$$f\left(\frac{20}{\sqrt{97}}, \frac{45}{\sqrt{97}}\right) = \left(\frac{20}{\sqrt{97}}\right)^2 - 4\left(\frac{20}{\sqrt{97}}\right) + \left(\frac{45}{\sqrt{97}}\right)^2 - 9\left(\frac{45}{\sqrt{97}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{400 + 2025}{97} - \frac{80 + 405}{\sqrt{97}} = \frac{2425 - 485\sqrt{97}}{97}$$

$$f\left(\frac{-20}{\sqrt{97}}, \frac{-45}{\sqrt{97}}\right) = \frac{2425 + 485\sqrt{97}}{97} \quad \text{MAX}$$

$$-24.25 \quad \text{MIN}$$

$$\approx -24.24$$