

## Part 3

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### \*\* Extrema of a function:

- (1)  $f(a,b)$  is a Local maximum if  $\exists$  an open set  $A \subseteq$  Domain of  $f$  such that  $f(a,b) \geq f(x,y)$  for all  $(x,y) \in A$
- (2) By the same manner, we can define  $f(a,b)$  is a Local minimum
- (3)  $(a,b)$  is called a critical point of  $f(x,y)$  if is either  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a,b) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a,b) = 0$   
or  
 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a,b)$  or  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a,b)$  is not existed
- (4) ~~If  $(a,b)$  is the center of an open set  $D$  (i.e. disc) such that  $f(a,b)$~~

Example Find all critical points of  $f(x,y) = x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^3}{3} + y}$

Solution: we should compute:

$$f_x = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^3}{3} + y} + x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^3}{3} + y} \cdot (-x)$$
$$= (1-x^2) e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^3}{3} + y}$$

$$f_y = x(1-y^2) e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^3}{3} + y}$$

Notice that  $f_x = 0 \Leftrightarrow (1-x^2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm 1$

$f_y = 0 \Leftrightarrow x(1-y^2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$  or  $y = \pm 1$

So,  $\{(1,1), (1,-1), (-1,1), (-1,-1)\}$  are critical points. (Notice that  $x=0$  doesn't make  $f_x=0$ ).

There is no points make  $f_x$  or  $f_y$  is not existed.

Def: Let  $(a, b)$  be a critical point of  $f(x, y)$  then the point  $(a, b, f(a, b))$  is called a saddle point of  $f(x, y)$ . (2)

### Rules:

Let  $(a, b)$  be a point such that  $f'_x(a, b) = f'_y(a, b) = 0$

(1) The discriminant  $D$  for a point  $(a, b) = D(a, b) = f''_{xx}(a, b) \cdot f''_{yy}(a, b) - [f''_{xy}(a, b)]^2$ .

(2)  $D(a, b) > 0$  and  $f''_{xx}(a, b) > 0 \Rightarrow f(a, b)$  is local minimum

$D(a, b) > 0$  and  $f''_{xx}(a, b) < 0 \Rightarrow f(a, b)$  is local maximum

$D(a, b) < 0 \Rightarrow (a, b, f(a, b))$  is a saddle point

$D(a, b) = 0 \Rightarrow$  we can not induce any thing anymore.

Example Find local extrema of  $f(x, y) = 2x^2 - y^3 - 2xy$

Solution we will use  $D(a, b)$  !!

$$f'_x = 4x - 2y \quad \text{and} \quad f'_y = -3y^2 - 2x$$

$$\text{let } f'_x = 0 \Rightarrow 4x - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = 2x}$$

$$\text{if } f'_y = 0 \Rightarrow -3y^2 - 2x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3(2x)^2 - 2x = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = 0 \text{ or } x = -\frac{1}{6}} \Rightarrow \boxed{y = 0 \text{ or } \frac{-1}{3}}$$

so, critical points are  $(0, 0)$  or  $(-\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{3})$

Now we should compute :

$$f_{xx} = 4$$

$$f_{yy} = -6y$$

$$f_{xy} = -2$$

Now  $D(0,0) = 4(0) - (-2)^2 = -4 < 0$

$$D\left(\frac{-1}{6}, \frac{-1}{3}\right) = 4(-6) \times \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right) - (-2)^2 = 4 > 0$$

Notice that

①  $D(0,0) < 0 \Rightarrow (0, 0, f(0,0))$  is a saddle point.

②  $D\left(\frac{-1}{6}, \frac{-1}{3}\right) > 0$  and  $f_{xx}\left(\frac{-1}{6}, \frac{-1}{3}\right) = 4 > 0 \Rightarrow \dagger$

$\left(\frac{-1}{6}, \frac{-1}{3}, f\left(\frac{-1}{6}, \frac{-1}{3}\right)\right)$  is Local minimum  $\square$

Remark

Let  $f(x,y)$  is continuous on the closed set  $A \Rightarrow f$  has absolute extremum (i.e. minimum and maximum).

Notice that The absolute extremum occurs on the critical points or on the boundary of  $A$ .

Remark

$\square$  If  $f(x,y,z)$  has extremum at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  on the surface  $g(x,y,z) = 0$  Then

$$\begin{cases} f_x(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \lambda g_x(x_0, y_0, z_0) \\ f_y(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \lambda g_y(x_0, y_0, z_0) \\ f_z(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \lambda g_z(x_0, y_0, z_0) \\ g(x_0, y_0, z_0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\lambda$  is called Lagrange multiplier

## Example

Finding the minimum distance

use Lagrange multipliers to find the point on the line  $y = 3 - 2x$  that is closest to the origin?

Solution: suppose that  $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$ .

$$\nabla f(x,y) = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$$

(in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ )  
centered by  
(0,0)

Let  $g(x,y) = 2x + y - 3$

$$\nabla g(x,y) = \langle 2, 1 \rangle$$

Now

$$\nabla f(x,y) = \lambda \nabla g(x,y)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 2\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad 2y = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \lambda = 2y}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \text{as } g(x,y) &= 2x + y - 3 \\ &= 4y + y - 3 = \cancel{2x + 2x} - 3 \quad (\text{since } 2y = x) \\ &= 5y - 3 = \cancel{4x} - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } g(x,y) = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{5} \quad \text{and}$$

$$x = \frac{6}{5}$$

So,  $(\frac{6}{5}, \frac{3}{5})$  is the closest point.

## Example

optimization with an inequality constraint !!

suppose  $T(x,y) = x^2 + 2x + y^2$ , for a point  $(x,y)$  on  $x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 24$ . Find the maximum and minimum of  $T(x,y)$ ?

Solution

Firstly, we should compute critical point of

$$T(x,y):$$

$$f_x = 2x + 2 \quad \text{and} \quad f_y = 2y$$

If  $f_x = f_y = 0$  then  $(-1, 0)$  is the critical point.

secondly, we compute the extrema of  $T(x,y)$  on  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 24$  :

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STEP 1  $g(x,y) = x^2 + 4y^2 - 24 = 0$

STEP 2  $\nabla T(x,y) = \langle 2x+2, 2y \rangle$

$\nabla g(x,y) = \langle 2x, 8y \rangle$

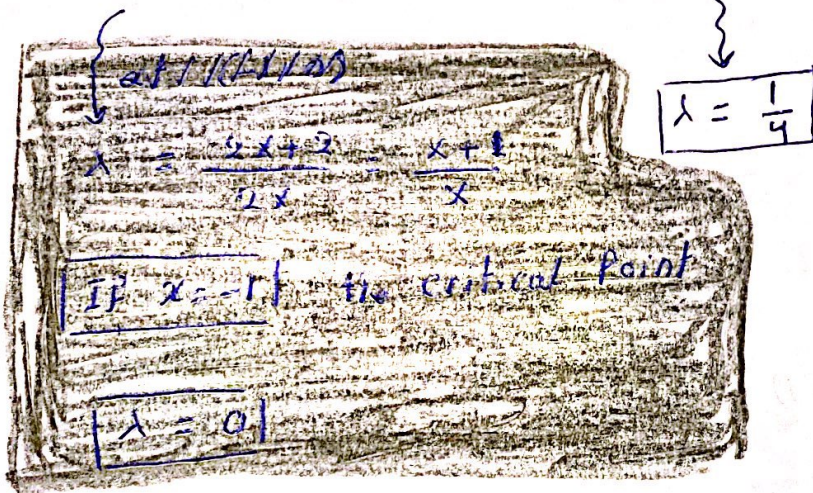
STEP 3 By using Lagrange multiplier :

$\nabla T(x,y) = \lambda \nabla g(x,y)$

$\langle 2x+2, 2y \rangle = \lambda \langle 2x, 8y \rangle$

Therefore :

$2x+2 = \lambda 2x$  and  $2y = 8\lambda y$



If  $\lambda = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow 2x+2 = \frac{1}{2}x \Rightarrow x = -\frac{4}{3}$

By substitution on  $T(x,y) = x^2 + 4y^2 = 24$

$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{50}{3}}$

The max extrema points are either  $T(-1,0)$

$T\left(-\frac{4}{3}, \sqrt{\frac{50}{3}}\right)$

$T\left(-\frac{4}{3}, -\sqrt{\frac{50}{3}}\right)$