

**Question 1A:** Find all locations and values of all local minima, global minima, local maxima, global maxima and saddle points of the function

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

$$f_x = 2x + y, \quad f_y = x + 2y + 1$$

$$\text{Set both} = 0 \quad 2x + y = 0, \quad x + 2y + 1 = 0$$

**Solve for x and y:**  $y = -2/3$   $x = 1/3$

**Test critical point:**  $f_{xx} = 2$ ,  $f_{yy} = 2$ ,  $f_{xy} = 1$ , so  $D = f_{xx} f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = (2)(2) - 1 = 3$

**So  $(1/3, -2/3)$  is a global and local minimum:** Value is  $(1/3)(1/3) + (1/3)(-2/3) + (-2/3)(-2/3) + (-2/3)$

**Question 1B:**

Let  $f(x, y)$  be the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ . Let  $D$  be the ellipse  $4x^2 + y^2 = 4$ . Identify and clearly label the location of all local minimum (or minima), local maximum (or maxima), global maxima, and global minima, achieved for points  $(x; y)$  that are included in  $D$ , and give the values of  $f(x, y)$  achieved at those points.

**What I wanted:**  $f_x = 2x$ ,  $f_y = 2y$ , set = 0 equal, critical point is  $(0, 0)$ ,  $f_{xx} = 2$ ,  $f_{yy} = 2$ ,  $f_{xy} = 0$ ,  $D = 4$ , so global min at  $(0, 0)$ , achieves a min of  $f(0, 0) = 0$

**Check on boundary:** On the boundary given by  $4x^2 + y^2 = 4$ ,  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$  has max at  $(0, 2)$ , and  $(0, -2)$ , with value 4.

**There is no local min, because at  $(1, 0)$  and  $(-1, 0)$  gives min on boundary but not over whole region.**

**Question 2:** True or False?

(1) Let  $f(x, y)$  be a function. Let  $S_1$  be the  $k_1$  level set of  $f$ ,  $S_2$  be the  $k_2$  level set of  $f$ , with  $k_1 \neq k_2$ . Then  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  cannot intersect. [TRUE]

(2) Let  $\vec{u}$  be a vector in 3D. Then  $|(\vec{u} \times \vec{u})| = 0$  [TRUE]

(3) For all vectors  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $c$  is the projection of  $b$  onto  $a$ , then the projection of  $c$  onto  $b$  is zero [FALSE]

(4) Given  $f(x, y)$  from  $R^2$  to  $R$ ,  $\nabla$  the direction in output space that  $f$  changes the most. [FALSE]

(5)  $[\vec{u} \times \vec{v}] \times \vec{v} = \vec{u}$  [FALSE]

**Question 3:**

Suppose  $x^4 + 3y^2 + z^2 + xyz = 1$ . Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ .

$x^4 + 3y^2 + z(x)^2 + xyz(x) = 1$ . Take partial of both sides with respect to  $z$

$$\frac{\partial [x^4 + 3y^2 + z(x)^2 + xyz(x)]}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial 1}{\partial x}.$$

$$4x^3 + 0 + 2(z) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + yz + xy \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{Solve for } \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-4x^3 - yz}{2z + xy}$$

**Question 4a:**

Suppose  $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{(x \log x)} y e^{xy} z$  Calculate  $f_{xxyyzz}$

By Clairaut's theorem, we can swap the order. Taking the derivative with respect to  $z$  gets rid of all terms containing  $z$ , so doing it again to get the second partial with respect to  $z$  gives zero.

**Question 4b:** If  $F(x, y, z, t) = x^2 y^3 z t^4$  and  $x = t^2, y = t^3, z = t$

Find  $\frac{dF(x(t), y(t), z(t), t)}{dt}$  in terms of  $t$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dF}{dt} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} + \frac{dF}{dt} \\ &= (2xy^3zt^4)(2t) + (x^2 3y^2 z t^4)(3t^2) + (x^2 y^3 t^4)(1) + x^2 y^3 z 4t^3 \end{aligned}$$

And now go substitute  $x, y$  and  $z$  in terms of  $t$

**Question 5: Suppose**  $z = xy + f(x^2 - y^2)$  **where f is a differentiable function.**

**Let** 
$$g(x, y) = y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

Describe, parameterized by t, the level set corresponding to  $g=4$

$$z_x = y + (f')(2x) \qquad z_y = x + (f')(-2y)$$

$$y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = y^2 + y[(f')(2x)] + x^2 + x(f')(-2y) = x^2 + y^2$$

**So, we need to find the level set  $g=4$ , which is the circle of radius 2, so**

**So  $x = 2\cos t$ ,  $y = 2 \sin t$**

**Question 6:**

Find the tangent plane to  $z = 2x^2 + y^2$  at the point  $(1, 1, 3)$ .

$$f_x = 4x \quad f_y = 2y$$

$$(z - z_0) = f_x(x - x_0) + f_y(y - y_0) = (z - 3) = 4(1)(x - 1) + 2(1)(y - 1)$$

**Question 7a:**

Consider the function  $w(x, y, z) = x^2 + 3y^2 + 6z^2$ .

This is a mapping from  $R^3$  to  $R^1$ .

Let  $S$  be the level surface corresponding to  $w = 24$  and let  $\Gamma(t)$  be the curve on  $S$  with  $x = 0$

Find  $\frac{dw(\Gamma(t))}{dt}$

**Since this curve is on a level surface, then  $w$  does not change along this curve. So the answer is zero.**

**Question 8:**

At what point (or points) on the ellipsoid  $x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 = 1$  is the tangent plane parallel to the plane  $x + 2y + z = 1$ .

Normal to ellipsoid is  $(2x, 2y, 4z)$

Normal to plane is  $(1, 2, 1)$

So need  $x, y, z$  such that  $(2x, 2y, 4z) = k(1, 2, 1)$

So  $x = k/2, y = k, z = k/4$

Plugging into ellipse, we have  $(k/2)^2 + k^2 + 2(k/4)^2 = k^2/4 + k^2 + k^2/8 = 11/8 k^2 = 1$

$k = \pm \sqrt{8/11}$

Put that in to get the two points



**Question 9:**

**Who is the most annoying celebrity out there right now?**

Lots of contenders--

**Question 10: Show that every plane that is tangent to the cone  $x^2+y^2 = z^2$  passes through the origin.**

Let  $P=(x_0,y_0,z_0)$  be a point on the cone

Let  $w(x,y,z) = z^2 - (x^2+y^2)$ , so the cone is  $w(x,y,z)=0$

Then the normal is  $(-2x,-2y,2z)$

So the tangent plane at  $(x_0,y_0,z_0)$  is

$$(w_x(x-x_0) + w_y(y-y_0) + w_z(z-z_0) = 0$$

$$(-2x_0)(x-x_0) + (-2y_0)(y-y_0) + (2z_0)(z-z_0) = 0$$

Need to verify that the origin solves this.

Let's check let  $(x,y,z)=(0,0,0)$  so this becomes

$$-2x_0^2 + -2y_0^2 + 2(z_0)^2 = 0$$

Which is true, since that's the original equation for the cone.

## Okay---a review of Lagrange Multipliers and some problems:

Suppose we want to find the extreme points of a function  $f(x,y,z)$  subject to the constraint  $g(x,y,z)=k$ . Then at an extreme point we must have that they point in the same direction, so we must have that

Want to maximize  $f(x,y) = -[x^2 + y^2]$

Let's plot the level curves:

Seems clear that the maximum occurs at  $(0,0)$ .  
And the maximum  $f(0,0)$  is 0

**Constraint  $g(x,y) = 2$**

Level set  $k=-9$ :  $f(x,y)=-9$

Level set  $k=-4$ :  $f(x,y)=-4$

Level set  $k=-1$ :  $f(x,y)=-1$

Level set  $k=0$ :  $f(x,y)=0$

Input space

**Let's now add a constraint.**  
**We require that  $(x,y)$  satisfy  $y-x^2=2$ .**  
**So if  $g(x,y)=y-x^2$ , we are requiring that  $g(x,y)=2$**

**By adding this constraint, the maximum now occurs at  $(0,2)$ , and the maximum value  $f(x,y)=-4$**

**This maximum occurs where the constraint curve touches a level set exactly once!**

**Extreme value occurs where normal to the constraint curve points in the direction as the normal to the level set**

**More examples: Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum, and minimum values of  $f(x, y) = x^2y$  subject to the constraint  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$**

$$f(x, y) = x^2y \rightarrow (f_x, f_y) = (2xy, x^2) \quad g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \rightarrow (g_x, g_y) = (2x, 2y)$$

$$f_x = \lambda g_x \rightarrow 2xy = \lambda 2x \rightarrow y = \lambda \quad \text{or} \quad x = 0 \rightarrow y = \lambda$$

$$(f_x, f_y) = \lambda(g_x, g_y) \rightarrow$$

$$f_y = \lambda g_y \rightarrow x^2 = \lambda 2y = 2\lambda^2$$

$$\text{Substitute into constraint } x^2 + y^2 = 1 \rightarrow 2\lambda^2 + \lambda^2 = 1 \rightarrow 3\lambda^2 = 1$$

$$\text{So } \lambda = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \rightarrow y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\text{So points are } \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right), \left(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right), \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right), \left(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right),$$

$$\text{So max is } x^2y = \left[\frac{2}{3}\right]\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right] \quad \text{And min is } x^2y = \left[\frac{2}{3}\right]\left[\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right]$$