

Absolute/Relative Extrema Key Math 254 (Summer '12)

1. $f(x,y) = xy$

$$f_x = y = 0 \quad (0,0)$$

$$f_y = x = 0$$

$$f_{xx} = 0$$

$$D = 0 \cdot 0 - (1)^2 = -1$$

$$f_{yy} = 0$$

saddle pt.

$$f_{xy} = 1$$

2. $f(x,y) = 2x^2 + 2xy + y^2 + 2x - 3$

$$f_x = 4x + 2y + 2 = 0$$

$$4x - 2x + 2 = 0$$

$$2x = -2 \quad x = -1$$

$$f_y = 2x + 2y = 0 \quad x = -y$$

$$y = 1$$

$$(-1, 1)$$

$$f_{xx} = 4$$

$$f_{yy} = 2$$

$$D = 4 \cdot 2 - 2^2 = 8 - 4 = 4$$

$$f_{xy} = 2$$

$$f_{xx} > 0 \quad \text{min}$$

3. $f(x,y) = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$

$$f_x = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \quad x = 0$$

$$f_y = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \quad y = 0$$

$$f_{xx} = \frac{1 \cdot \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{1}{2} x \cdot 2x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$f_{yy} = \frac{y^2}{(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^3}$$

$$f_{xy} = \frac{-xy}{(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^3}$$

D not defined
inconclusive

geometrically, it is a minimum

$$4. f(x,y) = (x^2 + 4y^2)e^{1-x^2-y^2}$$

$$f_x = (2x)e^{1-x^2-y^2} + (x^2 + 4y^2)e^{1-x^2-y^2}(-2x)$$

$$e^{1-x^2-y^2} [2x[1-x^2-4y^2]] = 0 \quad x=0 \quad x^2+4y^2=1$$

$$f_y = 8y e^{1-x^2-y^2} + (x^2 + 4y^2)e^{1-x^2-y^2}(-2y)$$

$$2y e^{1-x^2-y^2} [4-x^2-4y^2] = 0 \quad y=0 \quad x^2+4y^2=4$$

↗ not both true

$$(x=0, y=0)$$

$$(0,0)$$

$$x=0 \quad x^2+4y^2=4$$

$$y=\pm 1$$

$$(0,1) (0,-1)$$

$$y=0, \quad x^2+4y^2=1$$

$$x=\pm 1$$

$$(1,0) (-1,0)$$

$$f_{xx} = e^{1-x^2-y^2} [2x[1-x^2-4y^2]](-2x) + e^{1-x^2-y^2} [2][1-x^2-4y^2] +$$

$$e^{1-x^2-y^2} [2x[-2x]]$$

$$f_{yy} = 2e^{1-x^2-y^2} [4-x^2-4y^2] + 2y e^{1-x^2-y^2} (-2y) [4-x^2-4y^2] +$$

$$2y e^{1-x^2-y^2} [-8y]$$

$$f_{xy} = e^{1-x^2-y^2} (-2y) [2x[1-x^2-4y^2]] + e^{1-x^2-y^2} [2x(-8y)]$$

$$D(0,0) = [(\cancel{e}(0) + (0)(2)(1)) + 2(e)(4) + \cancel{0+0}] - [(\cancel{e})(0+0)]^2$$

$$2e \cdot 8e = 16e^2 > 0 \quad \text{min}$$

$$D(0,1) = [(\cancel{1(0)(-3)} + (1)(2)(-3) + \cancel{4(0)}) + 2(\cancel{4(0)} + 2(1)(4)(1)(0) + 2(1)(0)(-8)]$$

$$-[(\cancel{1(-2)(0)(-3)} + \cancel{4(0)(-8)})]^2 = -6 \cdot (-16) > 0 \quad \text{max}$$

$$D(0,-1) = [0 + (1)(2)(-3) + 0] + 2(1)(-8) - [0+0]^2 = -6 \cdot (-16) > 0 \quad \text{max}$$

$$D(1,0) = [(\cancel{1(3)(1)} + \cancel{4(0)} + (1)(2)(-2))] + 2(1)(3) + 0 + 0 - [0+0]^2 = -4(6) < 0$$

Saddle

$$D(-1,0) = [(\cancel{1(-2)(0)} + 0 + (1)(2)(-2))] + 2(1)(3) + 0 + 0 - [0+0]^2 = -4(6) < 0$$

saddle

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5. $f(x,y) = x^3 + y^3$

$$f_x = 3x^2 = 0 \quad x=0$$

$$f_y = 3y^2 = 0 \quad y=0 \quad (0,0)$$

$$f_{xx} = 6x$$

$$f_{yy} = 6y$$

$$f_{xy} = 0$$

$$D = 0 \cdot 0 - 0^2 = 0 \quad \text{inconclusive}$$

graphically it's none

6. $f(x,y) = x^{2/3} + y^{2/3}$

$$f_x = \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3} \quad \text{undef. at } 0 \quad (0,0)$$

$$f_y = \frac{2}{3}y^{-1/3} \quad \text{undef. at } 0$$

$$f_{xx} = -\frac{2}{9}x^{-4/3}$$

$$f_{yy} = -\frac{2}{9}y^{-4/3}$$

$$f_{xy} = 0$$

$$D = \text{undefined}$$

graphically min

7. $f(x,y) = x^3 + y^3 - 6x^2 + 9y^2 + 12x + 27y + 19$

$$f_x = 3x^2 - 12x + 12 = 0 \quad x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0 \quad (x-2)^2 = 0 \quad x=2$$

$$f_y = 3y^2 + 18y + 27 = 0 \quad y^2 + 6y + 9 = 0 \quad (y+3)^2 = 0 \quad y=-3$$

$$f_{xx} = 6x - 12 \quad \text{at } (2,-3) = 0$$

$$f_{yy} = 6y + 18 \quad \text{at } (2,-3) = 0$$

$$f_{xy} = 0$$

$$D = 0 \cdot 0 - 0 = 0 \quad \text{inconclusive}$$

graphically none

8. $f(x,y,z) = x^2 + (y-3)^2 + (z+1)^2$

graphically this is a 4D paraboloid (hyperparaboloid)

centered at $(0, 3, -1)$ it opens "up" so this is a

minimum

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9. $f(x,y) = x^2 + xy$ $R: \{(x,y) \mid -2 \leq x \leq 2, -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$

$$f_x = 2x + y = 0$$

$$f_y = x = 0 \quad (0,0)$$

$$f(-2,y) = 4 - 2y$$

$$f'(-2,y) = -2 \neq 0$$

$$f(2,y) = 4 + 2y$$

$$f'(2,y) = 2 \neq 0$$

corners $f(-2,-1) = 6$

$$f(x,-1) = x^2 - x$$

$$f'(x,-1) = 2x - 1 = 0 \quad x = \frac{1}{2}$$

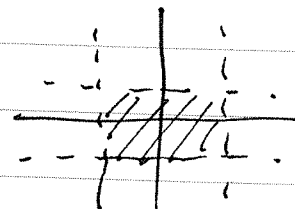
$$f(x,1) = x^2 + x$$

$$f'(x,1) = 2x + 1 = 0 \quad x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

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

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

$$f(2,1) = 6$$



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

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

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

Abs min at $f(0,0) = 0$ abs max at $f(-2,-1) = f(2,1) = 6$

10. $f(x,y) = 12 - 3x - 2y$ R bounded by triangle w/ vertices $(2,0)$, $(0,1)$, $(1,2)$

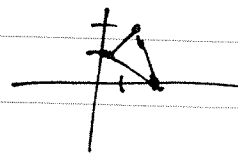
$$f_x = -3 \neq 0 \quad \text{no critical points}$$

$$f_y = -2 \neq 0$$

boundaries: $m = \frac{1-0}{0-2} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 1$

$$m = \frac{2-1}{1-0} = 1 \quad y = x + 1$$

$$m = \frac{2-0}{1-2} = -2 \quad y = -2x + 4$$



$$f(x, -\frac{1}{2}x + 1) = 12 - 3x - 2(-\frac{1}{2}x + 1) = 12 - 3x + x - 2 = 10 - 2x \quad f' = -2 \neq 0$$

$$f(x, x + 1) = 12 - 3x - 2(x + 1) = 12 - 3x - 2x - 2 = 10 - 5x \quad f' = -5 \neq 0$$

$$f(x, -2x + 4) = 12 - 3x - 2(-2x + 4) = 12 - 3x + 4x - 8 = 4 + x \quad f' = 1 \neq 0$$

$$f(2,0) = 6 \quad f(0,1) = 10 \quad f(1,2) = 5$$

MAX

MIN

11. $f(x,y) = 2x - 2xy + y^2$ $R: \{(x,y) \mid y \geq x^2, y \leq 1\}$

$$f_x = 2 - 2y = 0 \quad y = 1$$

$$(1,1)$$

$$f_y = -2x + 2y = 0 \quad y = x \quad x = 1$$

$$f(x, x^2) = 2x - 2x^3 + x^4$$

$$f'(x, x^2) = 2 - 6x^2 + 4x^3 = 0$$

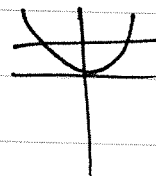
$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = 1$$

$$(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4})$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$y = 1, y = -1$$



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11. cont'd

$$f(x,1) = 2x - 2x + 1 = 1 \quad f'(x,1) = 0$$

corner $(-1,1)$

$$f(1,1) = 1 \quad f(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}) = -\frac{11}{16} \quad f(-1,1) = 1$$

MAX MIN MAX

$$12. f(x,y) = x^2 + 2xy + y^2 \quad R: \{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 8\}$$

$$f_x = 2x + 2y = 0 \quad x = -y$$

$$f_y = 2x + 2y = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 8 \quad y^2 = 8 - x^2 \quad y = \pm \sqrt{8 - x^2}$$

$$f(x, \pm \sqrt{8 - x^2}) = 8 \pm 2x\sqrt{8 - x^2}$$

$$f'_x(x, \pm \sqrt{8 - x^2}) = \pm 2\sqrt{8 - x^2} \pm \frac{2x(\frac{1}{2}) \cdot -2x}{\sqrt{8 - x^2}} = 0$$

$$\sqrt{8 - x^2} \pm 2\sqrt{8 - x^2} = \pm \frac{2x^2}{\sqrt{8 - x^2}} \sqrt{8 - x^2}$$

$$\cancel{\sqrt{8 - x^2}} \pm 2\sqrt{8 - x^2} = \cancel{\sqrt{8 - x^2}} \cancel{2x^2}$$

$$8 - x^2 = x^2$$

$$8 = 2x^2$$

$$4 = x^2$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

MAX

$$f(2,2) = 16 \quad f(2,-2) = 0 \quad f(-2,2) = 0 \quad f(-2,-2) = 16$$

MAX

$$y = \pm 2$$

$$f(x,y) = 0$$

MIN is every point on this line $y = -x$
between $x = -2$ and $x = 2$

