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Problem 1 : Maxima and Minima

For following functions:

1. compute the critical points;
2. Apply the second derivative test to find out local behavior;
3. If the second derivative test fails, use other method (drawing zero set or level set) to look for local behavior.

1. $f(x, y) = y^4 - 4x^2y^2 - 18x^2 + x^4;$ $f_x = -36x + 4x^3$ $f_{xx} = -36 + 12x^2$
 $f_y = 4y^3 - 8y$ $f_{yy} = 12y^2 - 8$
 2. $f(x, y) = x(x-y)(x-1);$ $f_{xy} = 0$
 3. $f(x, y) = (1 - x^2 - y^2)^2;$ so $\begin{cases} f_x = 0 \\ f_y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 0, \pm 3 \\ y = 0, \pm 2 \end{cases}$ cp: $(0, 0)$ $(0, 2)$ $(0, -2)$
 4. $f(x, y) = y(x+y)(x-y);$ $(3, 0)$ $(3, 2)$ $(3, -2)$
 $(-3, 0)$ $(-3, 2)$ $(-3, -2)$

2. $f_x = (x-y)(x-1) + x(x-1) + x(x-y)$
 $f_y = x(x-1)(-1)$
 $\begin{cases} f_x = 0 \\ f_y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x = 0 = y$ or $x = y = 1$
 if $x = y = 0$ $Q(x, y) = -36x^2 - 8y^2$ negative def.
 if $x = 0$ $y = \pm 2$ $Q(x, y) = -36x^2 + 40y^2$ local max.
 if $x = \pm 3$ $y = 0$ $Q(x, y) = 72x^2 - 8y^2$ indef.
 if $x = \pm 3$ $y = \pm 2$ $Q(x, y) = 72x^2 + 40y^2$ saddle pt.
 if $x = y = 1$ $Q(x, y) = 2x^2 + 2xy$ indef. saddle pt.
 $f_{xx} = 2(x-y) + 2(x-1) + 2x$
 $f_{yy} = 0$
 $f_{xy} = (-1) \cdot (2x-1)$
 if $x = y = 0$ $Q(x, y) = -2x^2 + 2xy$ indefinite.
 saddle pt.

Problem 2 : Lagrange Multiplier

Find all the optimal points for the following questions by Lagrange Multiplier.

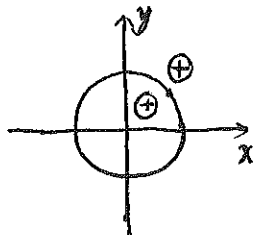
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For (α, β) on unit sphere. $1 - \alpha^2 - \beta^2 = 0$

$Q(x, y) = 8\alpha^2x^2 + 16\alpha\beta xy + 8\beta^2y^2$
 $= 8(\alpha x + \beta y)^2$ semi-definite
 inclusive:

Draw level set at $f(\alpha, \beta) = 0$.

so local minimum.



3. $f_x = 2 \cdot (1 - x^2 - y^2) \cdot (-2x)$
 $f_y = 2 \cdot (1 - x^2 - y^2) \cdot (-2y)$

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

$f_{xy} = 2 \cdot (-2y) \cdot (-2x)$

$f_{yy} = 2 \cdot (1 - x^2 - y^2) \cdot (-2) + 2 \cdot (-2y) \cdot (-2y)$

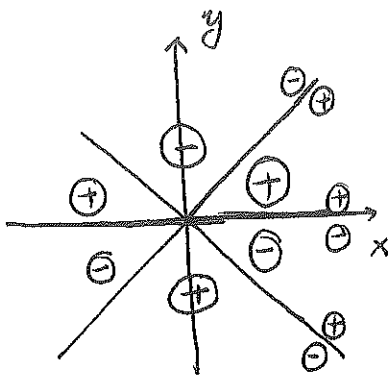
$\begin{cases} f_x = 0 \\ f_y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 1 - x^2 - y^2 = 0$ or $(0, 0)$

if $x=0$ $y=0$ $Q(x, y) = -4x^2 - 4y^2$ negative definite local max

4. $f_x = 2yx$ $f_y = x^2 - y^2 + 2xy$
 $f_{xx} = 2y$ $f_{xy} = 2x$ $f_{yy} = -2y + 2x$

$\begin{cases} f_x = 0 \\ f_y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$ c.p: $(0, 0)$ $Q(x, y) = 0$
 so draw level set at $f(0, 0) = 0$:

so it is a saddle pt.



Lagrange Multiplier:

$$1. \begin{cases} f(x,y) = xy \\ g(x,y) = x^2 + \frac{1}{4}y^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{for c.p: } \begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \cdot \nabla g \\ x^2 + \frac{1}{4}y^2 = 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y = \lambda \cdot 2x & \textcircled{1} \\ x = \lambda \cdot \frac{1}{2}y & \textcircled{2} \\ x^2 + \frac{1}{4}y^2 = 1 & \textcircled{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \quad x = \lambda \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lambda \cdot 2x = \lambda^2 x \Rightarrow (\lambda^2 - 1) \cdot x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } \lambda = \pm 1$$

if $x=0$ then from $\textcircled{1}$ $y=0$ then $\textcircled{3}$ does not hold.

$$\text{if } \lambda = 1, \quad y = 2x \text{ by } \textcircled{1} \text{ plug in } \textcircled{3} \quad x^2 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 4x^2 = 2x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \quad \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$\text{if } \lambda = -1 \quad y = -2x \text{ by } \textcircled{1} \text{ plug in } \textcircled{3} \quad x^2 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \quad \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

so there're 4 c.p. The minimal value for $f(x,y) = xy$ is -1 at $\left(\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \mp \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$

$$2. \text{ distance}^2: f(x,y,z) = (x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z-4)^2$$

$$g(x,y,z) = 2x - y + 3z = 1$$

$$\text{for c.p. } \begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \cdot \nabla g \\ 2x - y + 3z = 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2(x-2) = \lambda \cdot 2 & \textcircled{1} \\ 2(y-1) = -\lambda & \textcircled{2} \\ 2(z-4) = 3\lambda & \textcircled{3} \\ 2x - y + 3z = 1 & \textcircled{4} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{by } \textcircled{1} \quad x = \lambda + 2 \quad \textcircled{2} \quad y = -\frac{\lambda}{2} + 1 \\ &\textcircled{3} \quad z = \frac{3}{2}\lambda + 4 \\ &\text{plug all in } \textcircled{4} \\ &\Rightarrow \lambda = -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{c.p: } x = 0 \quad y = 2 \quad z = 1 \quad . \text{ The minimal distance is } \sqrt{(0-2)^2 + (2-1)^2 + (1-4)^2} = \sqrt{14}.$$

3. $\frac{1}{2}$ Surface Area: $f(x, y, z) = xy + yz + xz$ ③

Volume: $g(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2} xyz = \frac{1}{2}$

for c.p: $\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \\ xyz = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y+z = \lambda yz & \textcircled{1} \\ x+z = \lambda xz & \textcircled{2} \\ x+y = \lambda xy & \textcircled{3} \\ xyz = \frac{1}{2} & \textcircled{4} \end{cases}$

① $\times x \Rightarrow xy + yz = \lambda xyz$

compare with ② $\times y$ ③ $\times z$

we have $xy + yz = \lambda xyz =$

$xz + yz = \lambda xyz$

$\Rightarrow xy = yz = xz = \frac{1}{2} \lambda xyz = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\lambda}{4}$ plug in ① ② ③ $y+z = x+z = x+y = \frac{\lambda^2}{4}$

$\Rightarrow x=y=z = \frac{\lambda^2}{8}$ plug in ④. $\frac{\lambda^6}{8^3} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda = 2^{\frac{4}{3}}$ $x=y=z = 2^{-\frac{1}{3}}$

The shape of the box should be. Length \times Wide \times Height = $2^{-\frac{1}{3}} \times 2^{-\frac{1}{3}} \times 2^{-\frac{1}{3}}$