

# SOLUTIONS: MAXIMIZING AND MINIMIZING

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## SECTION ONE

(1) Put  $f(x, y, z) = x e^{yz}$

The normal vector to the tangent plane is

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(1, 0, 5) &= \langle e^{yz}, xze^{yz}, xye^{yz} \rangle \Big|_{(1, 0, 5)} \\ &= \langle 1, 5, 0 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

so the tangent plane is

$$(x-1) + 5(y-0) + 0(z-5) = 0$$

i.e.  $\underline{\underline{x + 5y = 1}}$

(2) The direction vector of the normal line is

$$\nabla(x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2) = \langle 2x, -2y, 4z \rangle$$

and we need this to be parallel to the vector

$$\langle 5, 3, 6 \rangle - \langle 3, -1, 0 \rangle = \langle 2, 4, 6 \rangle$$

Thus ~~this~~  $\langle 2x, -2y, 4z \rangle = t \langle 2, 4, 6 \rangle$

for some  $t$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}x &= t \\ y &= -2t \\ z &= \frac{3}{2}t\end{aligned}$$

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Also  $x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2 = 1$ , so  $t^2 - 4t^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{9t^2}{4} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2}t^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

The points in question are

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, -2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, 4\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, -4\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\right)$$

## SECTION TWO

(1) Critical points satisfy  $f_x = f_y = 0$ , i.e.

$$\begin{cases} 3x^2y + 24x = 0 & \text{--- (1)} \\ x^3 - 8 = 0 & \text{--- (2)} \end{cases}$$

From (2),  $x = 2$ . Substituting into (1) we find

$$12y + 48 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -4$$

The only critical point is  $(2, -4)$ .

$$f_{xx} = 6xy + 24 \quad f_{xy} = f_{yx} = 3x^2 \quad f_{yy} = 0$$

$$\text{so } D = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = -9x^4$$

This is negative at  $(2, -4)$ , so the critical point is a saddle.

(2) Critical points satisfy  $f_x = f_y = 0$ , so

$$\begin{cases} (y - 2x^2y) e^{-x^2-y^2} = 0 & \dots \textcircled{1} \\ (x - 2xy^2) e^{-x^2-y^2} = 0 & \dots \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

Since  $e^{-x^2-y^2}$  is never zero, we have

$$\begin{cases} y(1-2x^2) = 0 & \dots \textcircled{3} \\ x(1-2y^2) = 0 & \dots \textcircled{4} \end{cases}$$

From  $\textcircled{3}$  either  $y=0$  or  $2x^2=1$

Case I:  $y=0$

Then from  $\textcircled{4}$  we have  $x=0 \rightsquigarrow \underline{\underline{(0,0)}}$

Case II:  $2x^2=1$ , so  $x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$

From  $\textcircled{4}$  we have  $2y^2=1$  also, so

$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

~~ABSTRACT~~

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Critical points are:  $(0,0)$ ,  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ ,  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ ,  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ ,  
 $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$

$$f_{xx} = 2xy(2x^2-3)e^{-x^2-y^2}$$

$$f_{xy} = f_{yx} = (2x^2-1)(2y^2-1)e^{-x^2-y^2}$$

$$f_{yy} = 2xy(2y^2-3)e^{-x^2-y^2}$$

$$\text{so } D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$$

$$= -e^{-2(x^2+y^2)} \left( 1 - 4x^2 + 4x^4 - 4y^2 - 20x^2y^2 + 8x^4y^2 \right. \\ \left. + 4y^4 + 8x^2y^4 \right)$$

$$= -e^{-2(x^2+y^2)} \left( 1 - 4(x^2+y^2) + 4x^4 + 4y^4 + 8x^2y^2(x^2+y^2) - 20x^2y^2 \right)$$

$$D(0,0) = -1, \quad D\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = D\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = D\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = D\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = 4$$

$f_{xx}$  is ~~negative~~ positive at  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ ,  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$   
 and negative at  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ ,  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$

so we have a

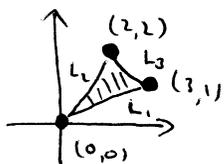
saddle at  $(0,0)$

local maxima at  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$  and  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$

local minima at  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$  and  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$

SECTION THREE

(1)



There are no ~~interior~~ critical points of  $f$ , so the max or min. must occur on the boundary. Parametrize the boundary:

$$L_1 \text{ is } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle 3t, t \rangle \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$L_2 \text{ is } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle 2t, 2t \rangle \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$L_3 \text{ is } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle 2+t, 2-t \rangle \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$\text{so } f \text{ on } L_1 \text{ is } f(3t, t) = 7t + 5 \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$f \text{ on } L_2 \text{ is } f(2t, 2t) = 2t + 5 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{maximized at } t=1 \text{ i.e. } (3,1) \\ 0 \leq t \leq 1 \end{array}$$

$$f \text{ on } L_3 \text{ is } f(2+t, 2-t) = 5t + 7 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{maximized at } t=1 \text{ i.e. } (3,2) \\ 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ \text{maximized at } t=1 \text{ i.e. } (3,1) \end{array}$$

The absolute maximum is at  $(3,1)$ , and the max. value is  $f(3,1) = 12$ .

(2) Step 1: Find interior maxima/minima. These occur at critical points.

$$\begin{cases} g_x = 0 \\ g_y = 0 \end{cases} \text{ gives } \begin{cases} 2x+1 = 0 \\ 2y+1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

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So only interior crit. point is  $(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$

$$g(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}) = \text{min } -\frac{1}{2}$$

Step 2: Find boundary extrema

The boundary  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  is parametrized by

$$x(t) = \cos t \quad y(t) = \sin t \quad 0 \leq t < 2\pi$$

and  $f(x(t), y(t)) = 1 + \cos t + \sin t$

This is extremized when  $\frac{d}{dt}(1 + \cos t + \sin t) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -\sin t + \cos t = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan t = 1 \quad \text{so } t = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$f(x(\frac{\pi}{4}), y(\frac{\pi}{4})) = 1 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$f(x(\frac{3\pi}{4}), y(\frac{3\pi}{4})) = 1 - \sqrt{2}$$

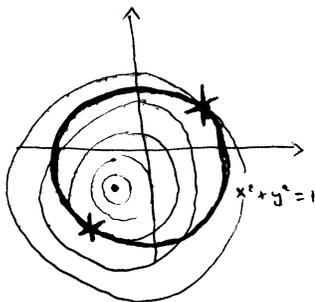
So the maximum value of  $f(x, y)$  on the disc  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$  is

$$\max(-\frac{1}{2}, 1 + \sqrt{2}, 1 - \sqrt{2}) = \underline{\underline{1 + \sqrt{2}}}$$

## SECTION FOUR

(1) (a) Level curves of  $f$  are  $3x - 2y = \text{const.}$

(b)



$$g(x, y) = (x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + (y + \frac{1}{2})^2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

so level curves of  $g$  are circles centered at  $(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$

level curves of  $g$  are tangent to  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  at  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$  and  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ . The maximum clearly occurs at  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$  and equals  $g(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ .

(c) Solve  $g(a, b) = h(a, b)$  and  $\nabla g(a, b) = t \nabla h(a, b)$  for some  $t \dots$

