

Data Visualization

Lecture 5 Mathamatics Visualization

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Find the domain of a function of 2 variables

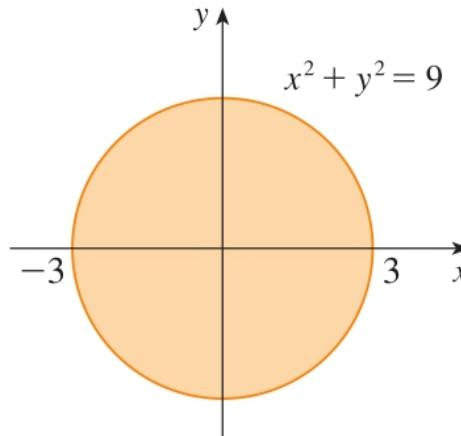


FIGURE 4

Domain of $g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$

EXAMPLE 4 Find the domain and range of $g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$.

SOLUTION The domain of g is

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid 9 - x^2 - y^2 \geq 0\} = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 9\}$$

which is the disk with center $(0, 0)$ and radius 3. (See Figure 4.) The range of g is

$$\{z \mid z = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}, (x, y) \in D\}$$

Since z is a positive square root, $z \geq 0$. Also, because $9 - x^2 - y^2 \leq 9$, we have

$$\sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} \leq 3$$

So the range is

$$\{z \mid 0 \leq z \leq 3\} = [0, 3]$$



Graph a function of two variables

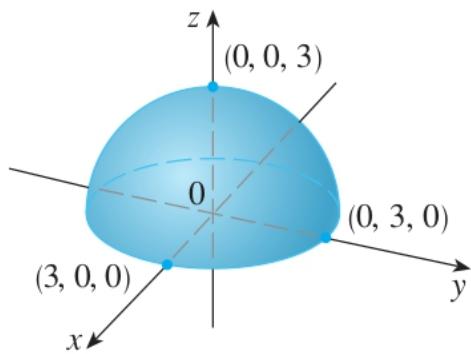


FIGURE 7

Graph of $g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$

▼ **EXAMPLE 6** Sketch the graph of $g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$.

SOLUTION The graph has equation $z = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$. We square both sides of this equation to obtain $z^2 = 9 - x^2 - y^2$, or $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$, which we recognize as an equation of the sphere with center the origin and radius 3. But, since $z \geq 0$, the graph of g is just the top half of this sphere (see Figure 7). ■

NOTE An entire sphere can't be represented by a single function of x and y . As we saw in Example 6, the upper hemisphere of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$ is represented by the function $g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$. The lower hemisphere is represented by the function $h(x, y) = -\sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$.

Plot a function of two variables

V EXAMPLE 8 Find the domain and range and sketch the graph of $h(x, y) = 4x^2 + y^2$.

SOLUTION Notice that $h(x, y)$ is defined for all possible ordered pairs of real numbers (x, y) , so the domain is \mathbb{R}^2 , the entire xy -plane. The range of h is the set $[0, \infty)$ of all non-negative real numbers. [Notice that $x^2 \geq 0$ and $y^2 \geq 0$, so $h(x, y) \geq 0$ for all x and y .]

The graph of h has the equation $z = 4x^2 + y^2$, which is the elliptic paraboloid that we sketched in Example 4 in Section 12.6. Horizontal traces are ellipses and vertical traces are parabolas (see Figure 9).

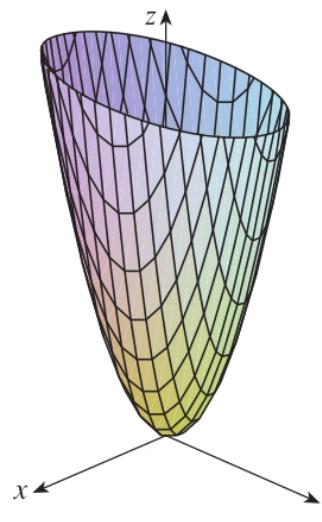


FIGURE 9

Graph of $h(x, y) = 4x^2 + y^2$

Plot a function of two variables: level curve or countour map

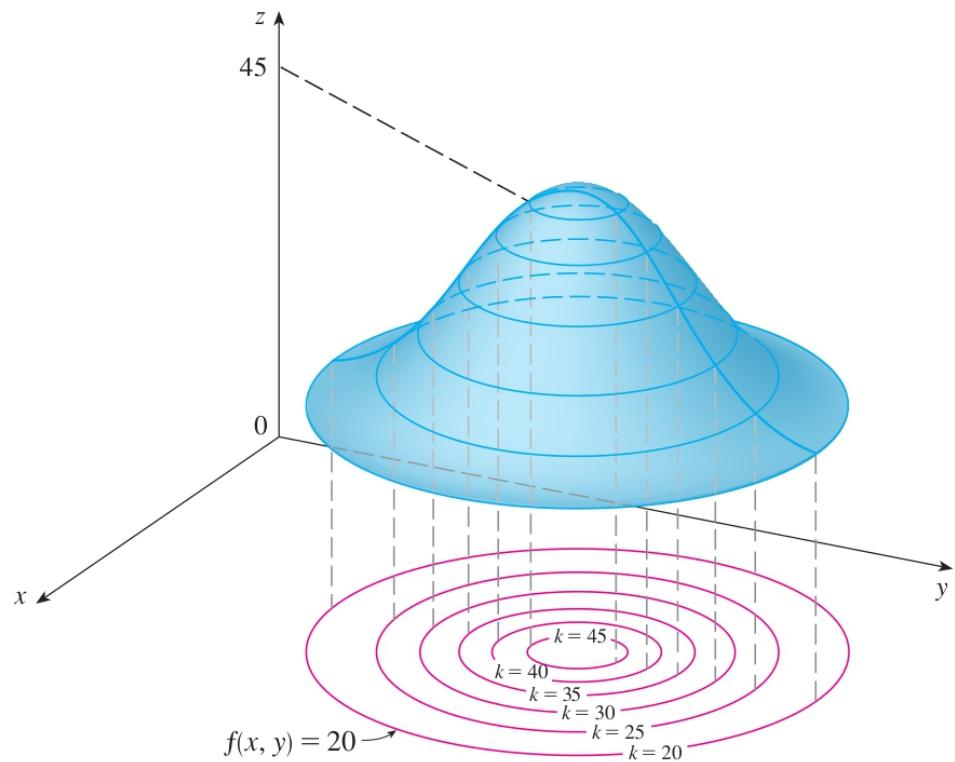
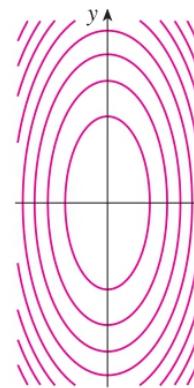


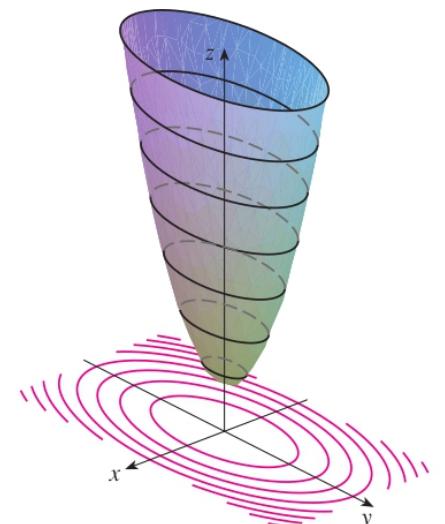
FIGURE 11

TEC Visual 14.1B demonstrates the connection between surfaces and their contour maps.

FIGURE 17
The graph of $h(x, y) = 4x^2 + y^2 + 1$ is formed by lifting the level curves.



(a) Contour map



(b) Horizontal traces are raised level curves

Understanding level curve

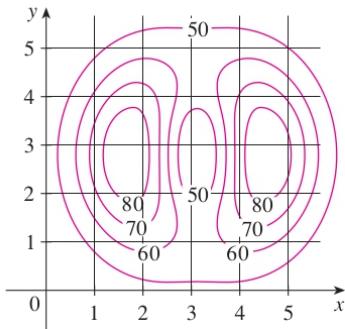


FIGURE 14

EXAMPLE 9 A contour map for a function f is shown in Figure 14. Use it to estimate the values of $f(1, 3)$ and $f(4, 5)$.

SOLUTION The point $(1, 3)$ lies partway between the level curves with z -values 70 and 80. We estimate that

$$f(1, 3) \approx 73$$

Similarly, we estimate that

$$f(4, 5) \approx 56$$



EXAMPLE 10 Sketch the level curves of the function $f(x, y) = 6 - 3x - 2y$ for the values $k = -6, 0, 6, 12$.

SOLUTION The level curves are

$$6 - 3x - 2y = k \quad \text{or} \quad 3x + 2y + (k - 6) = 0$$

This is a family of lines with slope $-\frac{3}{2}$. The four particular level curves with $k = -6, 0, 6$, and 12 are $3x + 2y - 12 = 0$, $3x + 2y - 6 = 0$, $3x + 2y = 0$, and $3x + 2y + 6 = 0$. They are sketched in Figure 15. The level curves are equally spaced parallel lines because the graph of f is a plane (see Figure 6).

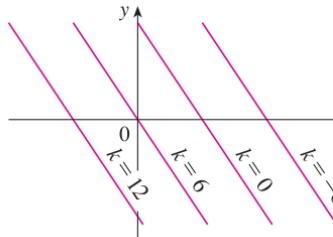


FIGURE 15
Contour map of
 $f(x, y) = 6 - 3x - 2y$

Understanding level curve

V EXAMPLE 11 Sketch the level curves of the function

$$g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

SOLUTION The level curves are

$$\sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} = k \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 + y^2 = 9 - k^2$$

This is a family of concentric circles with center $(0, 0)$ and radius $\sqrt{9 - k^2}$. The cases $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ are shown in Figure 16. Try to visualize these level curves lifted up to form a surface and compare with the graph of g (a hemisphere) in Figure 7. (See TEC Visual 14.1A.)

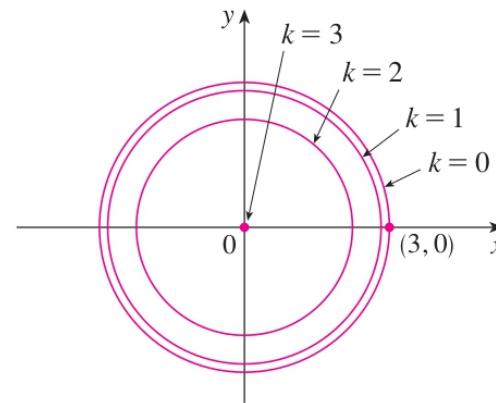


FIGURE 16

Contour map of $g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$

Plot function with two variables in R

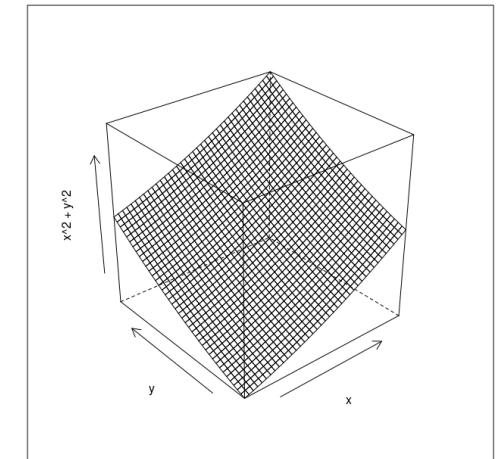
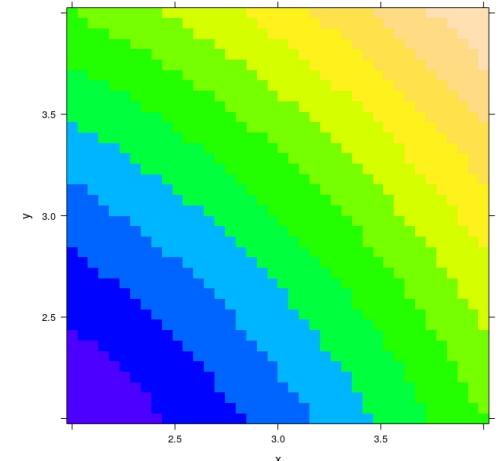
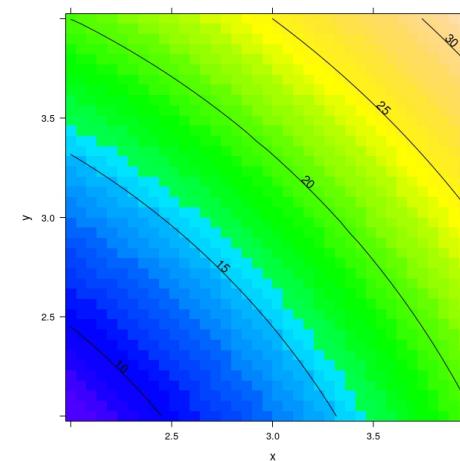
$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

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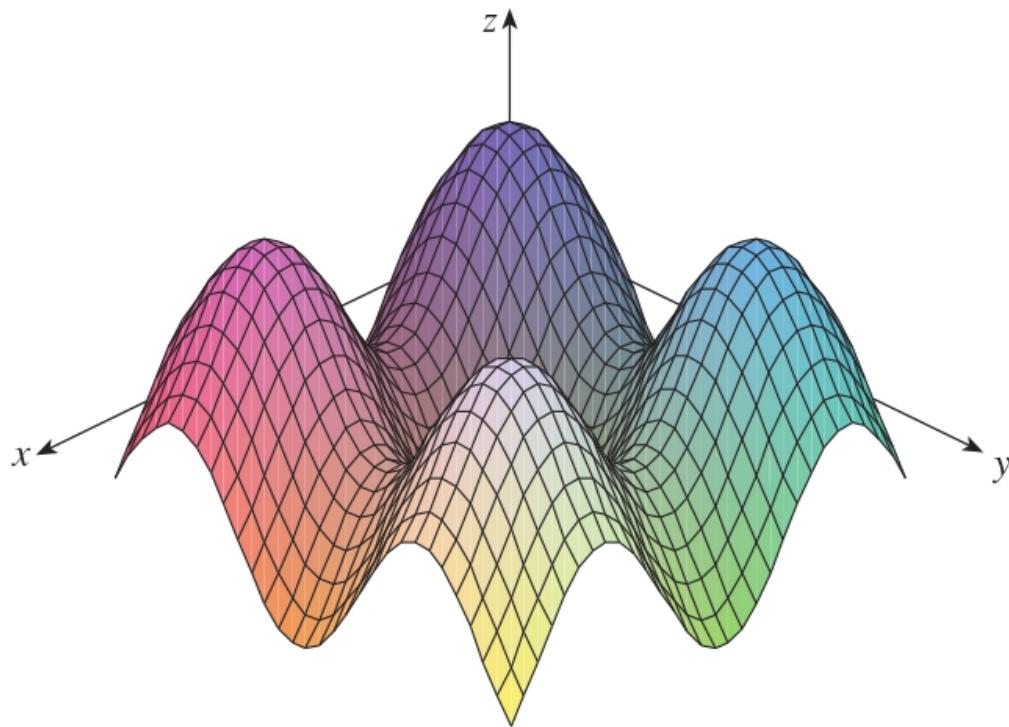
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plotFun(x^2+y^2~x+y, x.lim=c(2,4),
y.lim=c(2,4), levels=2)
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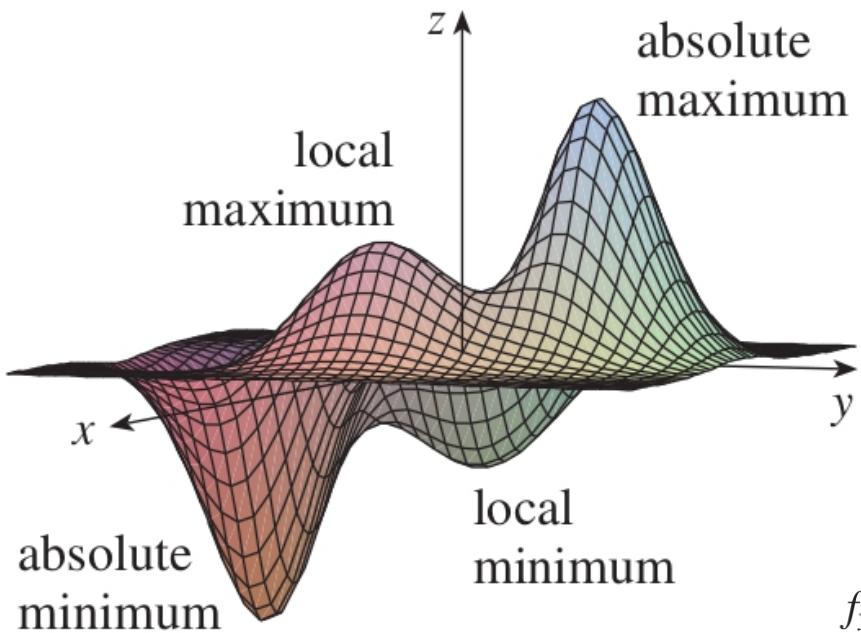


Plot function with two variables in R: exercise



(c) $f(x, y) = \sin x + \sin y$

Find Max and Min in a function of two variables



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Theorem If f has a local maximum or minimum at (a, b) and the first-order partial derivatives of f exist there, then $f_x(a, b) = 0$ and $f_y(a, b) = 0$.

Notice that the conclusion of Theorem 2 can be stated in the notation of gradient vectors as $\nabla f(a, b) = \mathbf{0}$.

A point (a, b) is called a **critical point** (or *stationary point*) of f if $f_x(a, b) = 0$ and $f_y(a, b) = 0$, or if one of these partial derivatives does not exist. Theorem 2 says that if f has a local maximum or minimum at (a, b) , then (a, b) is a critical point of f . However, as in single-variable calculus, not all critical points give rise to maxima or minima. At a critical point, a function could have a local maximum or a local minimum or neither.

Find Max and Min in a function of two variables: Example 1

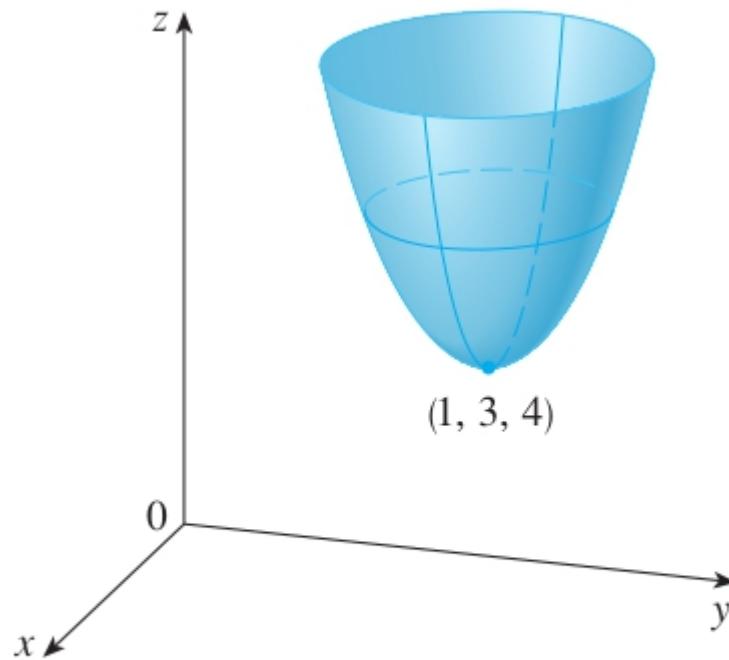


FIGURE 2

$$z = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 6y + 14$$

EXAMPLE 1 Let $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 6y + 14$. Then

$$f_x(x, y) = 2x - 2 \quad f_y(x, y) = 2y - 6$$

These partial derivatives are equal to 0 when $x = 1$ and $y = 3$, so the only critical point is $(1, 3)$. By completing the square, we find that

$$f(x, y) = 4 + (x - 1)^2 + (y - 3)^2$$

Since $(x - 1)^2 \geq 0$ and $(y - 3)^2 \geq 0$, we have $f(x, y) \geq 4$ for all values of x and y . Therefore $f(1, 3) = 4$ is a local minimum, and in fact it is the absolute minimum of f .

This can be confirmed geometrically from the graph of f , which is the elliptic paraboloid with vertex $(1, 3, 4)$ shown in Figure 2. ■

Find Max and Min in a function of two variables: Example 2

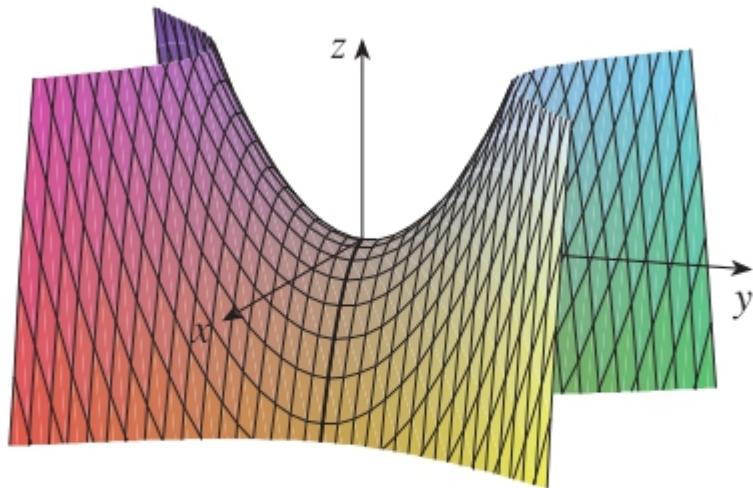


FIGURE 3

$$z = y^2 - x^2$$

EXAMPLE 2 Find the extreme values of $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$.

SOLUTION Since $f_x = -2x$ and $f_y = 2y$, the only critical point is $(0, 0)$. Notice that for points on the x -axis we have $y = 0$, so $f(x, y) = -x^2 < 0$ (if $x \neq 0$). However, for points on the y -axis we have $x = 0$, so $f(x, y) = y^2 > 0$ (if $y \neq 0$). Thus every disk with center $(0, 0)$ contains points where f takes positive values as well as points where f takes negative values. Therefore $f(0, 0) = 0$ can't be an extreme value for f , so f has no extreme value.

When it is Max or Min in a function of two variables?

3 Second Derivatives Test Suppose the second partial derivatives of f are continuous on a disk with center (a, b) , and suppose that $f_x(a, b) = 0$ and $f_y(a, b) = 0$ [that is, (a, b) is a critical point of f]. Let

$$D = D(a, b) = f_{xx}(a, b)f_{yy}(a, b) - [f_{xy}(a, b)]^2$$

- (a) If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$, then $f(a, b)$ is a local minimum.
- (b) If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$, then $f(a, b)$ is a local maximum.
- (c) If $D < 0$, then $f(a, b)$ is not a local maximum or minimum.

Find Max and Min in a function of two variables: Example 3

V EXAMPLE 3 Find the local maximum and minimum values and saddle points of $f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 1$.

SOLUTION We first locate the critical points:

$$f_x = 4x^3 - 4y \quad f_y = 4y^3 - 4x$$

Setting these partial derivatives equal to 0, we obtain the equations

$$x^3 - y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad y^3 - x = 0$$

Find Max and Min in a function of two variables: Example 3

To solve these equations we substitute $y = x^3$ from the first equation into the second one. This gives

$$0 = x^9 - x = x(x^8 - 1) = x(x^4 - 1)(x^4 + 1) = x(x^2 - 1)(x^2 + 1)(x^4 + 1)$$

so there are three real roots: $x = 0, 1, -1$. The three critical points are $(0, 0), (1, 1)$, and $(-1, -1)$.

Next we calculate the second partial derivatives and $D(x, y)$:

$$f_{xx} = 12x^2 \quad f_{xy} = -4 \quad f_{yy} = 12y^2$$

$$D(x, y) = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = 144x^2y^2 - 16$$

Since $D(0, 0) = -16 < 0$, it follows from case (c) of the Second Derivatives Test that the origin is a saddle point; that is, f has no local maximum or minimum at $(0, 0)$.

Since $D(1, 1) = 128 > 0$ and $f_{xx}(1, 1) = 12 > 0$, we see from case (a) of the test that $f(1, 1) = -1$ is a local minimum. Similarly, we have $D(-1, -1) = 128 > 0$ and $f_{xx}(-1, -1) = 12 > 0$, so $f(-1, -1) = -1$ is also a local minimum.

The graph of f is shown in Figure 4. ■

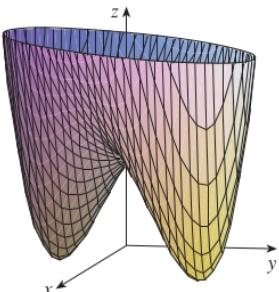
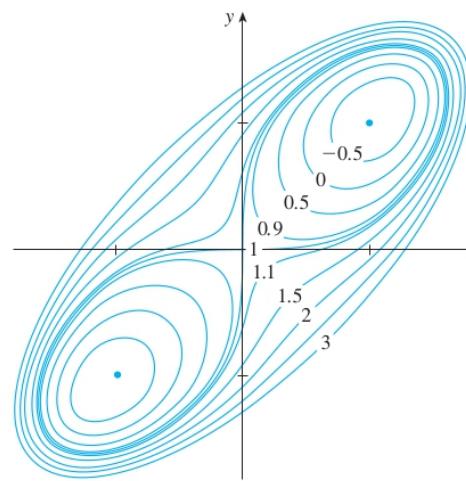


FIGURE 4
 $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 1$

A contour map of the function f in Example 3 is shown in Figure 5. The level curves near $(1, 1)$ and $(-1, -1)$ are oval in shape and indicate that as we move away from $(1, 1)$ or $(-1, -1)$ in any direction the values of f are increasing. The level curves near $(0, 0)$, on the other hand, resemble hyperbolas. They reveal that as we move away from the origin (where the value of f is 1), the values of f decrease in some directions but increase in other directions. Thus the contour map suggests the presence of the minima and saddle point that we found in Example 3.

FIGURE 5



Find Max and Min in a function of two variables: Example 4

EXAMPLE 4 Find and classify the critical points of the function

$$f(x, y) = 10x^2y - 5x^2 - 4y^2 - x^4 - 2y^4$$

Also find the highest point on the graph of f .

V EXAMPLE 5 Find the shortest distance from the point $(1, 0, -2)$ to the plane $x + 2y + z = 4$.

SOLUTION The distance from any point (x, y, z) to the point $(1, 0, -2)$ is

$$d = \sqrt{(x - 1)^2 + y^2 + (z + 2)^2}$$

Absolute Maximum and Minimum Values

9 To find the absolute maximum and minimum values of a continuous function f on a closed, bounded set D :

1. Find the values of f at the critical points of f in D .
2. Find the extreme values of f on the boundary of D .
3. The largest of the values from steps 1 and 2 is the absolute maximum value; the smallest of these values is the absolute minimum value.

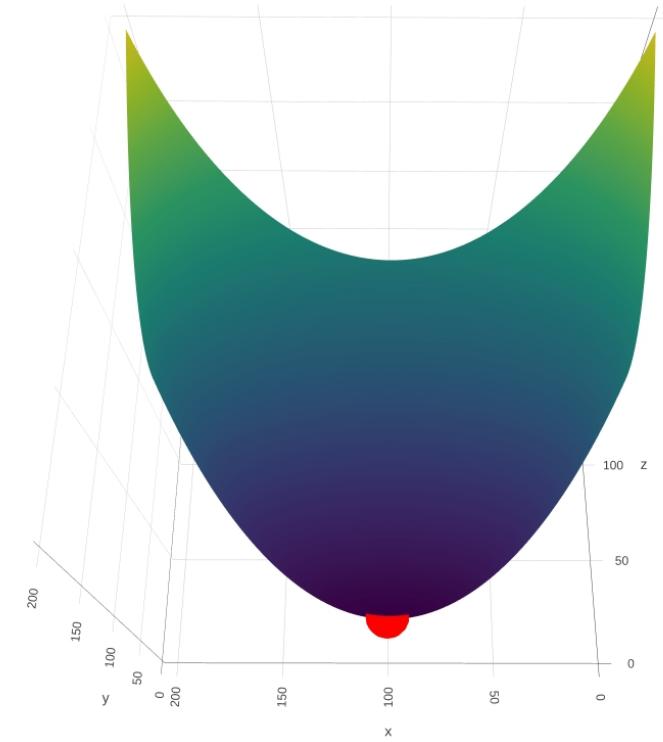
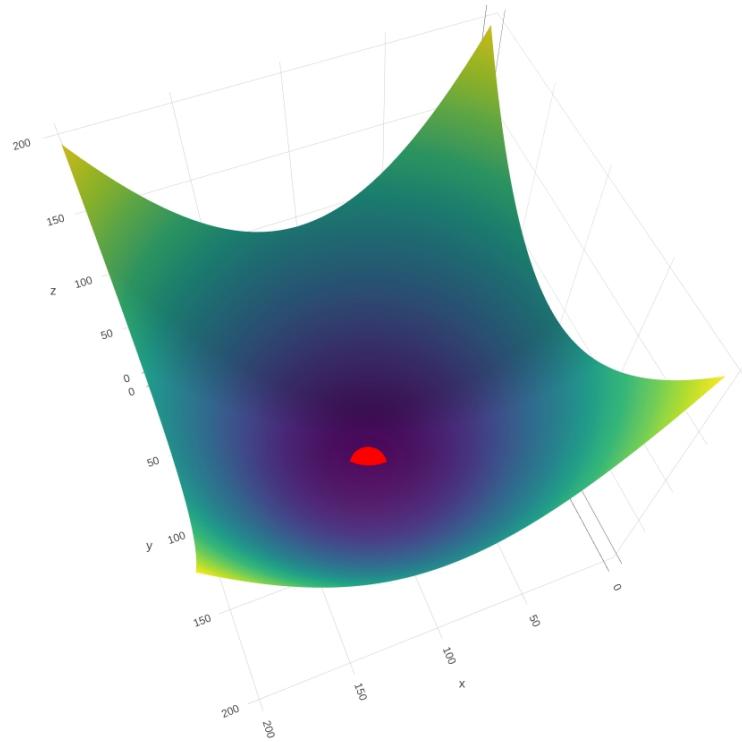
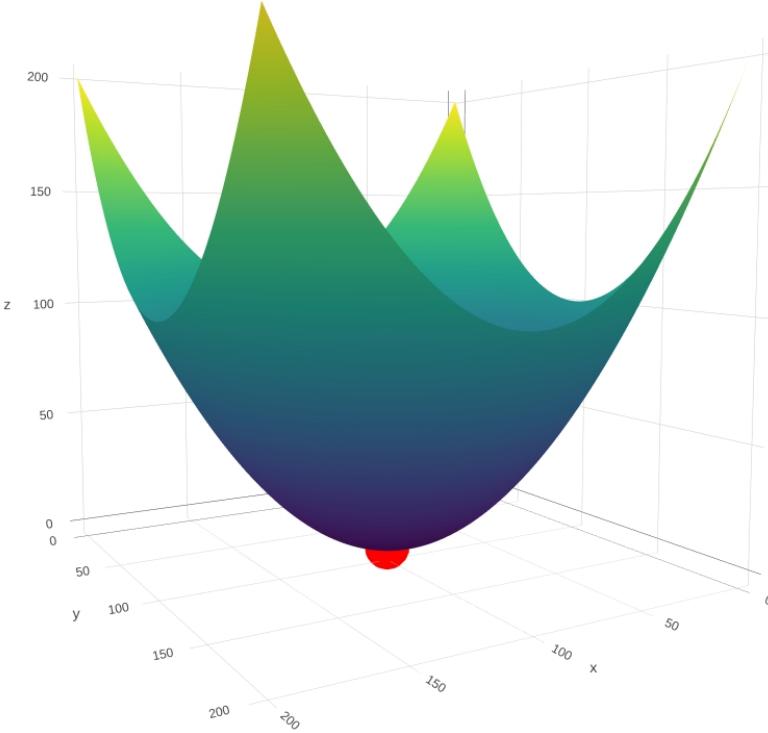
Absolute Maximum and Minimum Values using Gradient Descent of $f(x, y) = y^2 + x^2$

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#### Gradient descent of 2 variables function example 1
# function: x^2 + y^2
fxy <- function(x,y){x^2 + y^2}
# Gradient descent
gradient_descent <- function(x=3, y=3, rate=0.1, n=100){
  for(i in 1:n){
    xi <- x - rate*(2*x)
    x <- xi
    yi <- y - rate*(2*y)
    y <- yi
  }
  return(round(c(xi, yi, fxy(xi, yi)),5))
}

# find the min
dt <- as.data.frame(t(sapply(1:70, function(x) gradient_descent(n=x))))
colnames(dt) <- c("x", "y", "z")

# plot surface with contour
library(plotly)
# data for the function
x <- y <- seq(-10, 10, by=0.1)
names(x) <- names(y) <- x
fz <- outer(x, y, fxy)
# min of the function data
cfmin <- which(fz==min(fz), arr.ind=T)
fmin <- data.frame(x=cfmin[1], y=cfmin[2], z=fz[cfmin[1], cfmin[2]])
# plot
fig <- plot_ly(z=fz, type="surface") %>%
  add_trace(data=fmin, x=fmin$x, y=fmin$y, z=fmin$z, mode="markers",
            type="scatter3d",
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)
fig
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Absolute Maximum and Minimum Values using Gradient Descent of $f(x, y) = y^2 + x^2$

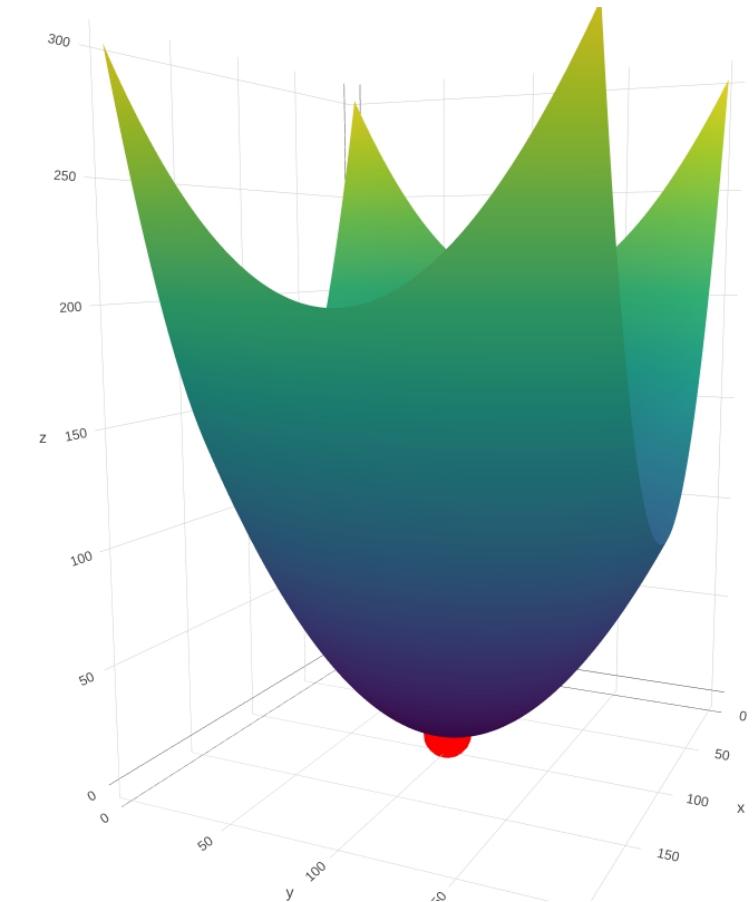


Absolute Maximum and Minimum Values using Gradient Descent of $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$

Absolute Maximum and Minimum Values using Gradient Descent of $f(x, y) = y^2 + 2x^2 + 1$

```
#### Gradient descent of 2 variables
function example 2
# function:  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 1$ 
fxy <- function(x,y){x^2 + 2*y^2 + 1}
# Gradient descent
gradient_descent <- function(x=3, y=3,
rate=0.1, n=100){
  for(i in 1:n){
    xi <- x - rate*(2*x)
    x <- xi
    yi <- y - rate*(4*y)
    y <- yi
  }
  return(round(c(xi, yi, fxy(xi, yi)),5))
}
# find the min
dt <- as.data.frame(t(sapply(1:70,
function(x) gradient_descent(n=x))))
colnames(dt) <- c("x", "y", "z")
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# plot surface with contour
library(plotly)
# data for the function
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fz <- outer(x, y, fxy)
cfmin <- which(fz==min(fz), arr.ind=T)
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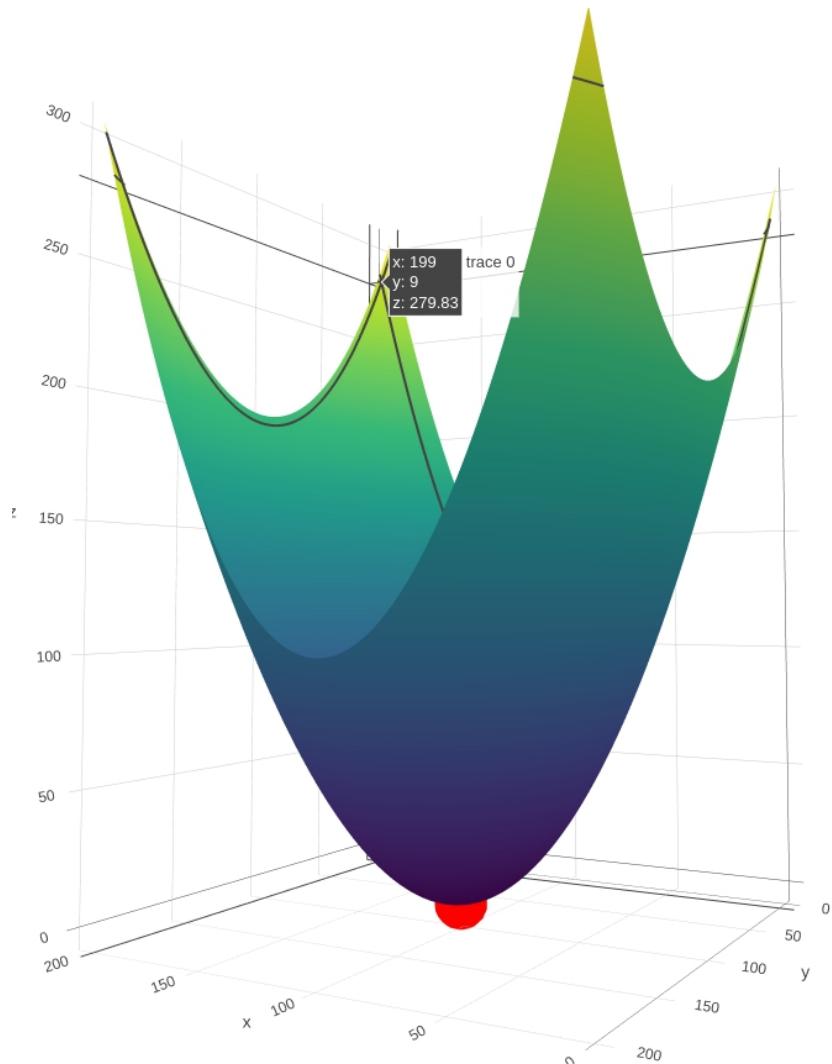


Absolute Maximum and Minimum Values using Gradient Descent of $f(x, y) = -y^2 - 2x^2 + 1$

Absolute Maximum and Minimum Values using Gradient Descent of $f(x, y) = x^2 - 2xy - 2x + 2y^2 - 2$

```
#### Gradient descent of 2 variables
function example_3
# function:  $x^2 - 2xy - 2x + 2y^2 - 2$ 
f <- function(x,y){x^2 - 2*x*y - 2*x +
2*y^2 - 2}
gradient_descent <- function(x=3, y=3,
rate=0.1, n=100){
  for(i in 1:n){
    xi <- x - rate*(2*x-2*y-2)
    yi <- y - rate*(4*y-2*x)
    x <- xi
    y <- yi
  }
  return(round(c(xi, yi, fxy(xi, yi)),5))
}
# find the min
dt <- as.data.frame(t(sapply(1:200,
function(x) gradient_descent(n=x))))
colnames(dt) <- c("x", "y", "z")
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```
# plot surface with contour
library(plotly)
# data for the function
x <- y <- seq(-10, 10, by=0.1)
names(x) <- names(y) <- x
fz <- outer(x, y, fxy)
cfmin <- which(fz==min(fz), arr.ind=T)
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fig
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Lagrange Multipliers -> SVM

In Example 6 in Section 14.7 we maximized a volume function $V = xyz$ subject to the constraint $2xz + 2yz + xy = 12$, which expressed the side condition that the surface area was 12 m^2 . In this section we present Lagrange's method for maximizing or minimizing a general function $f(x, y, z)$ subject to a constraint (or side condition) of the form $g(x, y, z) = k$.

It's easier to explain the geometric basis of Lagrange's method for functions of two variables. So we start by trying to find the extreme values of $f(x, y)$ subject to a constraint of the form $g(x, y) = k$. In other words, we seek the extreme values of $f(x, y)$ when the point (x, y) is restricted to lie on the level curve $g(x, y) = k$. Figure 1 shows this curve together with several level curves of f . These have the equations $f(x, y) = c$, where $c = 7, 8, 9, 10, 11$. To maximize $f(x, y)$ subject to $g(x, y) = k$ is to find the largest value of c such that the level curve $f(x, y) = c$ intersects $g(x, y) = k$. It appears from Figure 1 that this happens when these curves just touch each other, that is, when they have a common tangent line. (Otherwise, the value of c could be increased further.) This means that the normal lines at the point (x_0, y_0) where they touch are identical. So the gradient vectors are parallel; that is, $\nabla f(x_0, y_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0, y_0)$ for some scalar λ .

This kind of argument also applies to the problem of finding the extreme values of $f(x, y, z)$ subject to the constraint $g(x, y, z) = k$. Thus the point (x, y, z) is restricted to lie on the level surface S with equation $g(x, y, z) = k$. Instead of the level curves in Figure 1,

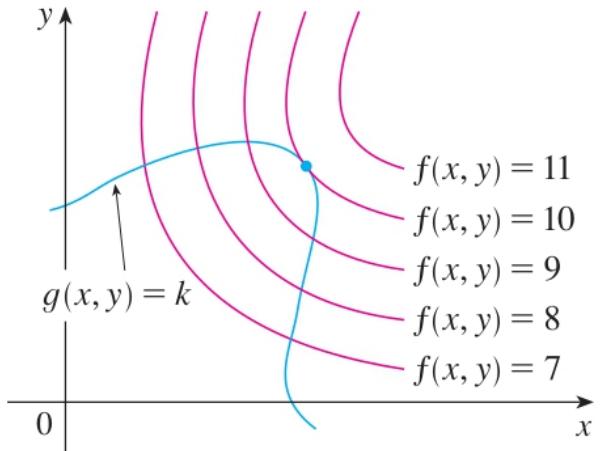


FIGURE 1

TEC Visual 14.8 animates Figure 1 for both level curves and level surfaces.

Lagrange Multipliers

we consider the level surfaces $f(x, y, z) = c$ and argue that if the maximum value of f is $f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = c$, then the level surface $f(x, y, z) = c$ is tangent to the level surface $g(x, y, z) = k$ and so the corresponding gradient vectors are parallel.

This intuitive argument can be made precise as follows. Suppose that a function f has an extreme value at a point $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ on the surface S and let C be a curve with vector equation $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$ that lies on S and passes through P . If t_0 is the parameter value corresponding to the point P , then $\mathbf{r}(t_0) = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$. The composite function $h(t) = f(x(t), y(t), z(t))$ represents the values that f takes on the curve C . Since f has an extreme value at (x_0, y_0, z_0) , it follows that h has an extreme value at t_0 , so $h'(t_0) = 0$. But if f is differentiable, we can use the Chain Rule to write

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= h'(t_0) \\ &= f_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)x'(t_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)y'(t_0) + f_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)z'(t_0) \\ &= \nabla f(x_0, y_0, z_0) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t_0) \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the gradient vector $\nabla f(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is orthogonal to the tangent vector $\mathbf{r}'(t_0)$ to every such curve C . But we already know from Section 14.6 that the gradient vector of g , $\nabla g(x_0, y_0, z_0)$, is also orthogonal to $\mathbf{r}'(t_0)$ for every such curve. (See Equation 14.6.18.) This means that the gradient vectors $\nabla f(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ and $\nabla g(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ must be parallel. Therefore, if $\nabla g(x_0, y_0, z_0) \neq \mathbf{0}$, there is a number λ such that

$$\boxed{1} \quad \nabla f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

The number λ in Equation 1 is called a **Lagrange multiplier**. The procedure based on Equation 1 is as follows.

Method of Lagrange Multipliers To find the maximum and minimum values of $f(x, y, z)$ subject to the constraint $g(x, y, z) = k$ [assuming that these extreme values exist and $\nabla g \neq \mathbf{0}$ on the surface $g(x, y, z) = k$]:

- (a) Find all values of x, y, z , and λ such that

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

and

$$g(x, y, z) = k$$

- (b) Evaluate f at all the points (x, y, z) that result from step (a). The largest of these values is the maximum value of f ; the smallest is the minimum value of f .

Lagrange Multipliers: Example 1

V EXAMPLE 1 A rectangular box without a lid is to be made from 12 m² of cardboard. Find the maximum volume of such a box.

SOLUTION As in Example 6 in Section 14.7, we let x , y , and z be the length, width, and height, respectively, of the box in meters. Then we wish to maximize

$$V = xyz$$

subject to the constraint

$$g(x, y, z) = 2xz + 2yz + xy = 12$$

Using the method of Lagrange multipliers, we look for values of x , y , z , and λ such that $\nabla V = \lambda \nabla g$ and $g(x, y, z) = 12$. This gives the equations

$$V_x = \lambda g_x$$

$$V_y = \lambda g_y$$

$$V_z = \lambda g_z$$

$$2xz + 2yz + xy = 12$$

which become

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$$yz = \lambda(2z + y)$$

3

$$xz = \lambda(2z + x)$$

4

$$xy = \lambda(2x + 2y)$$

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$$2xz + 2yz + xy = 12$$

There are no general rules for solving systems of equations. Sometimes some ingenuity is required. In the present example you might notice that if we multiply [2] by x , [3] by y , and [4] by z , then the left sides of these equations will be identical. Doing this, we have

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$$xyz = \lambda(2xz + xy)$$

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$$xyz = \lambda(2yz + xy)$$

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$$xyz = \lambda(2xz + 2yz)$$

We observe that $\lambda \neq 0$ because $\lambda = 0$ would imply $yz = xz = xy = 0$ from [2], [3], and [4] and this would contradict [5]. Therefore, from [6] and [7], we have

$$2xz + xy = 2yz + xy$$

which gives $xz = yz$. But $z \neq 0$ (since $z = 0$ would give $V = 0$), so $x = y$. From [7] and [8] we have

$$2yz + xy = 2xz + 2yz$$

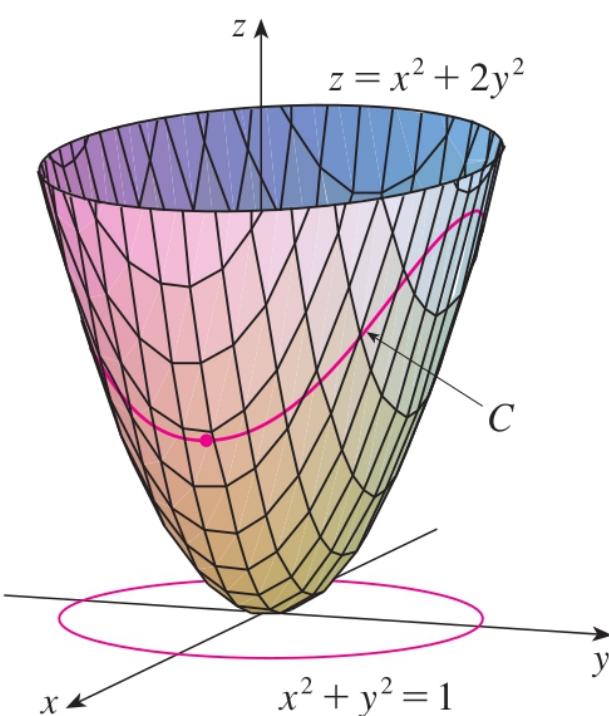
which gives $2xz = xy$ and so (since $x \neq 0$) $y = 2z$. If we now put $x = y = 2z$ in [5], we get

$$4z^2 + 4z^2 + 4z^2 = 12$$

Since x , y , and z are all positive, we therefore have $z = 1$ and so $x = 2$ and $y = 2$. This agrees with our answer in Section 14.7.

Lagrange Multipliers: Example 2

In geometric terms, Example 2 asks for the highest and lowest points on the curve C in Figure 2 that lie on the paraboloid $z = x^2 + 2y^2$ and directly above the constraint circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.



V EXAMPLE 2 Find the extreme values of the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2$ on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

SOLUTION We are asked for the extreme values of f subject to the constraint $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 = 1$. Using Lagrange multipliers, we solve the equations $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ and $g(x, y) = 1$, which can be written as

$$f_x = \lambda g_x \quad f_y = \lambda g_y \quad g(x, y) = 1$$

or as

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$$2x = 2x\lambda$$

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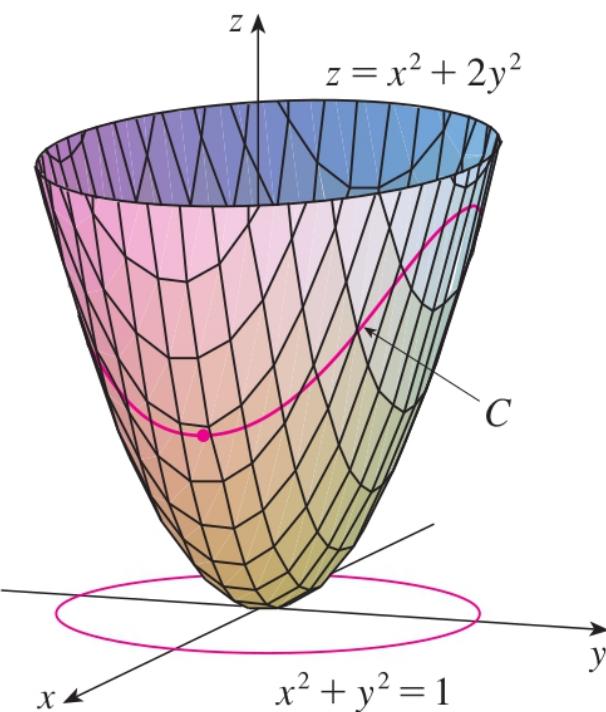
$$4y = 2y\lambda$$

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$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

Lagrange Multipliers: Example 2

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From [9] we have $x = 0$ or $\lambda = 1$. If $x = 0$, then [11] gives $y = \pm 1$. If $\lambda = 1$, then $y = 0$ from [10], so then [11] gives $x = \pm 1$. Therefore f has possible extreme values at the points $(0, 1)$, $(0, -1)$, $(1, 0)$, and $(-1, 0)$. Evaluating f at these four points, we find that

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

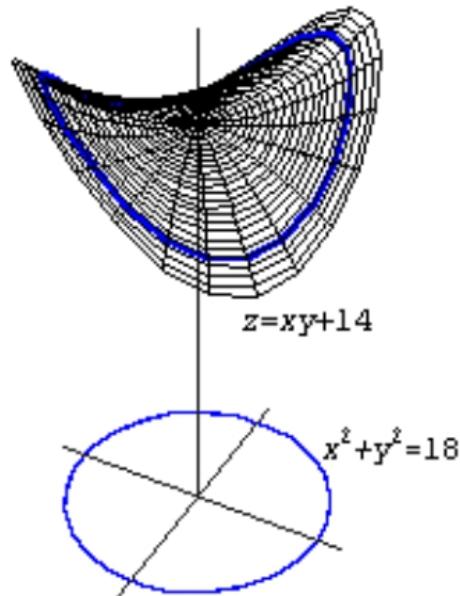
Therefore the maximum value of f on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is $f(0, \pm 1) = 2$ and the minimum value is $f(\pm 1, 0) = 1$. Checking with Figure 2, we see that these values look reasonable.

Lagrange Multipliers: visually example 1

EXAMPLE 1 Find the extrema of $f(x, y) = xy + 14$ subject to

$$x^2 + y^2 = 18$$

Solution: That is, we want to find the highest and lowest points on the surface $z = xy + 14$ over the unit circle:



If we let $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$, then the constraint is $g(x, y) = 18$. The gradients of f and g are respectively

$$\nabla f = \langle y, x \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla g = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$$

As a result, $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ implies that

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

Clearly, $x = 0$ only if $y = 0$, but $(0, 0)$ is not on the unit circle. Thus, $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq 0$, so that solving for λ yields

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

Lagrange Multipliers: visually example 1

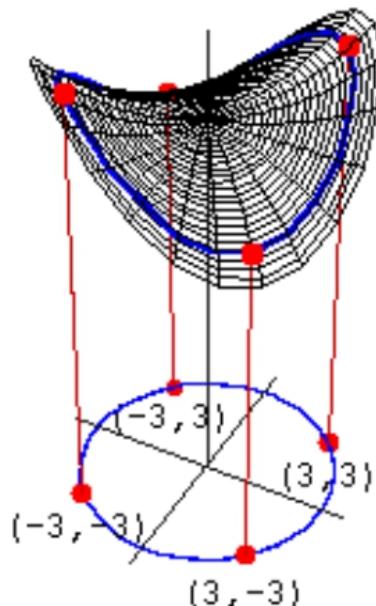
Cross-multiplying then yields $2y^2 = 2x^2$, which is the same as $y^2 = x^2$. Thus, the constraint $x^2 + y^2 = 18$ becomes

$$x^2 + x^2 = 18, \quad x^2 = 9, \quad x = \pm 3$$

Moreover, $y^2 = x^2$ implies that either $y = x$ or $y = -x$, so that the solutions to (2) are

$$(3, 3), (-3, 3), (3, -3), (-3, -3)$$

However, $f(3, 3) = f(-3, -3) = 23$, while $f(-3, 3) = f(3, -3) = 5$. Thus, the maxima of $f(x, y) = xy + 4$ over $x^2 + y^2 = 18$ occur at $(3, 3)$ and $(-3, -3)$, while the minima of $f(x, y) = xy + 4$ occur at $(-3, 3)$ and $(3, -3)$.



Solution: The Lagrangian for example 1 is

$$L(x, y, \lambda) = xy + 4 - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 18)$$

and correspondingly, $L_x = y - \lambda(2x)$, $L_y = x - \lambda(2y)$, and

$$L_\lambda = -(x^2 + y^2 - 18)$$

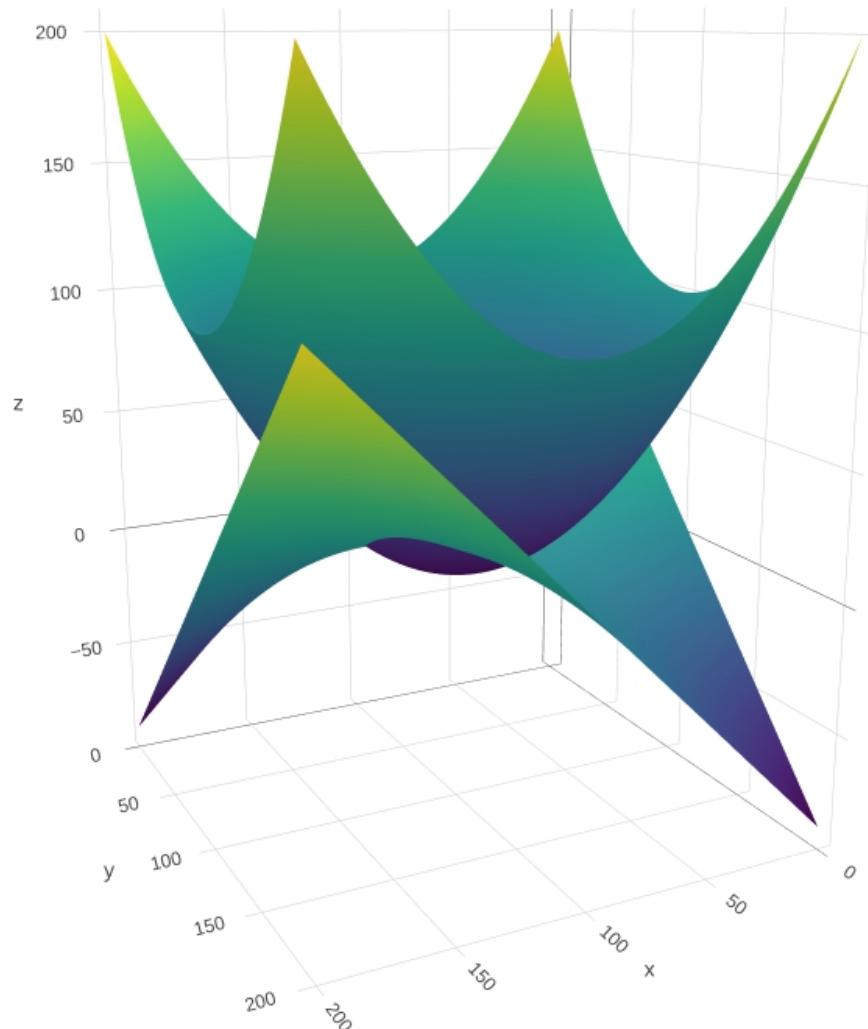
The critical points of L satisfy $L_x = 0$, $L_y = 0$, and $L_\lambda = 0$, which results in

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

along with $x^2 + y^2 = 18$. The remainder of the solution is the same as in example 1.

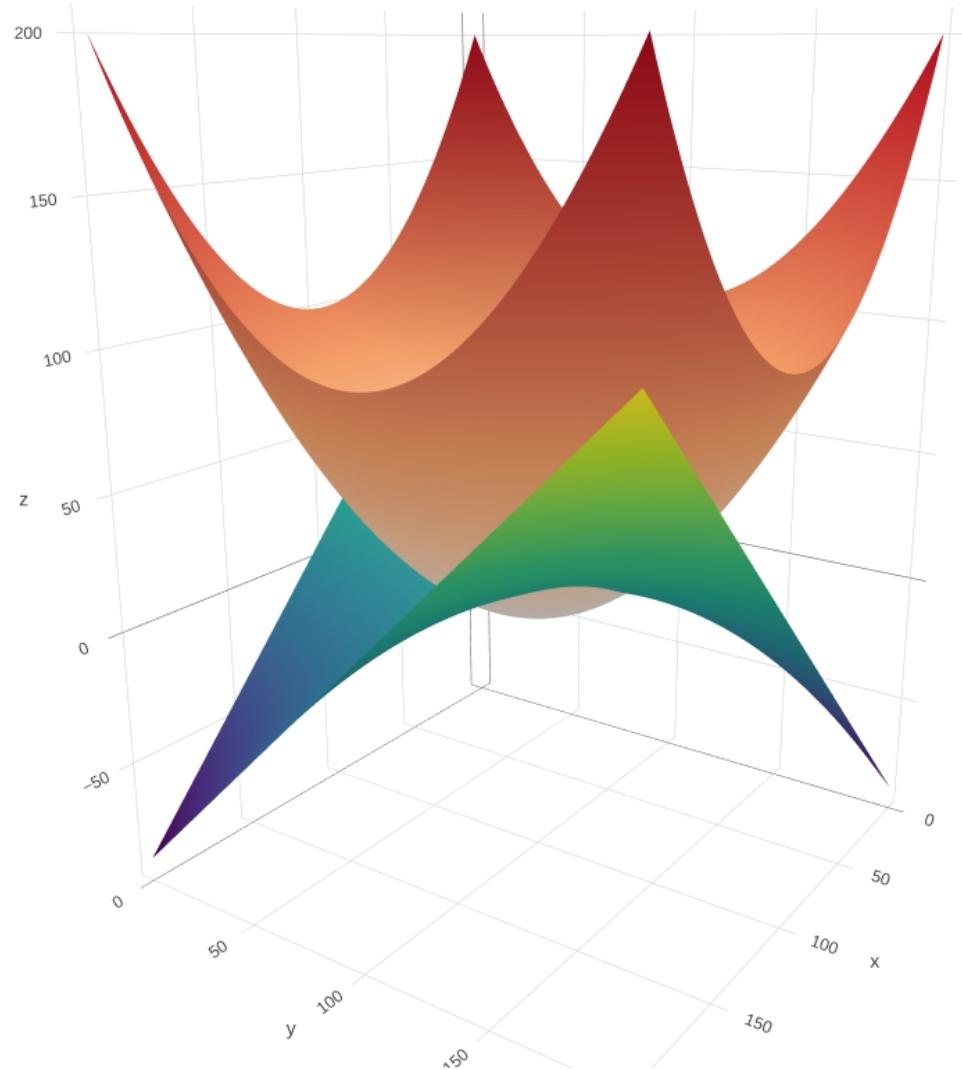
Lagrange Multipliers: visually

```
# Lagrange Multiplier example 1  
# object function  
f <- function(x,y){x*y+14}  
g <- function(x,y){x^2+y^2}  
# data for the function  
x <- y <- seq(-10, 10, by=0.1)  
names(x) <- names(y) <- x  
fz <- outer(x, y, f)  
gz <- outer(x, y, g)  
# plot 1  
fig <- plot_ly(z=fz, type="surface") %>%  
add_trace(z=gz, type="surface")  
fig
```



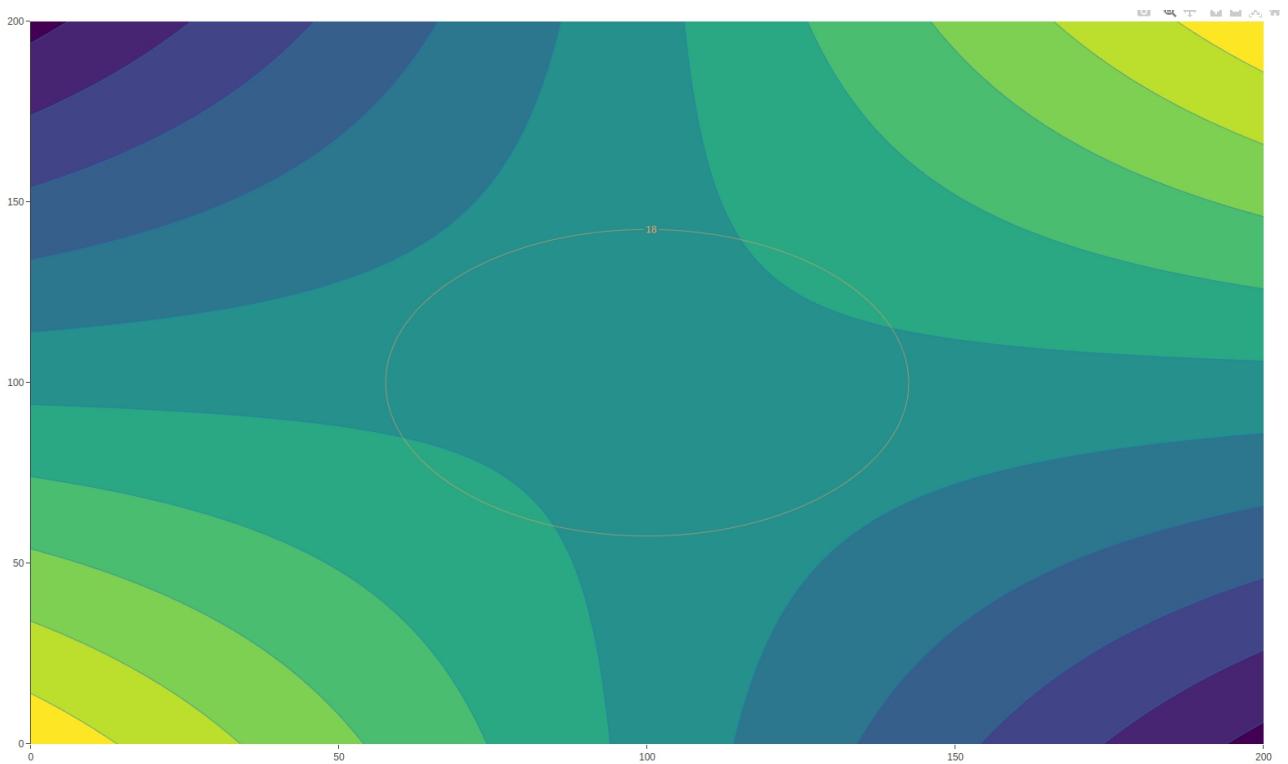
Lagrange Multipliers: visually

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# plot 3
fig <- plot_ly(z=fz, type="surface") %>%
  add_trace(z=gz, type="surface",
            colorscale = "Black",
            contours = list(
              start = 18,
              end = 18,
              showlabels = TRUE,
              showlines = TRUE,
              coloring = "lines"
            )
  )
fig
```



Lagrange Multipliers: visually

```
# plot 4  
fig <- plot_ly(z=fz, type="contour") %>%  
add_trace(z=gz, type="contour",  
          colorscale = "Black",  
          contours = list(  
            start = 18,  
            end = 18,  
            showlabels = TRUE,  
            showlines = TRUE,  
            coloring = "lines"  
)  
)
```



Lagrange Multipliers: Exercise with solution

- Find the maximum and minimum values of $f(x, y) = x^2 + x + 2y^2$ on the unit circle.

Answer: The objective function is $f(x, y)$. The constraint is $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Lagrange equations: $f_x = \lambda g_x \Leftrightarrow 2x + 1 = \lambda 2x$

$$f_y = \lambda g_y \Leftrightarrow 4y = \lambda 2y$$

Constraint: $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

The second equation shows $y = 0$ or $\lambda = 2$.

$$\lambda = 2 \Rightarrow x = 1/2, y = \pm\sqrt{3}/2.$$

$$y = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1.$$

Thus, the critical points are $(1/2, \sqrt{3}/2)$, $(1/2, -\sqrt{3}/2)$, $(1, 0)$, and $(-1, 0)$.

$$f(1/2, \pm\sqrt{3}/2) = 9/4 \text{ (maximum).}$$

$$f(1, 0) = 2 \text{ (neither min. nor max).}$$

$$f(-1, 0) = 0 \text{ (minimum).}$$

Visually?

Lagrange Multipliers: Exercise with solution

2. Find the minimum and maximum values of $f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2$ on the quarter circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, $x, y \geq 0$.

Answer: The constraint function here is $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 = 1$. The maximum and minimum values of $f(x, y)$ will occur where $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ or at endpoints of the quarter circle.

$$\nabla f = \langle 2x - y, -x + 2y \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla g = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle.$$

Setting $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$, we get $2x - y = \lambda \cdot 2x$ and $-x + 2y = \lambda \cdot 2y$.

Solving for λ and setting the results equal to each other gives us:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2x - y}{2x} &= \frac{-x + 2y}{2y} \\ 2xy - y^2 &= -x^2 + 2xy \\ x^2 &= y^2.\end{aligned}$$

Because we're constrained to $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ with x and y non-negative, we conclude that $x = y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

Thus, the extreme points of $f(x, y)$ will be at $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$, $(1, 0)$, or $(0, 1)$.

$f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = \frac{1}{2}$ is the minimum value of f on this quarter circle.

$f(1, 0) = f(0, 1) = 1$ are the maximal values of f on this quarter circle.

Visually?

Lagrange Multipliers: Exercise

1. Find the extrema of $f(x, y) = xy + 14$

$$\text{subject to } x^2 + y^2 = 18$$

2. Find the point(s) on the curve $y = 1.5 - x^2$ closest to the origin both visually and via the Lagrange Multiplier method.

3. Find the point(s) on the plane $x + y - z = 3$ that are closest to the origin both visually and via the Lagrange Multiplier method.

4. If x , y and z denote length, width, and height, respectively, find max of the volume

$$V(x,y,z) = f(x,y,z) = xyz \text{ subject to the constraints}$$

$$x + y + z = 45 \text{ and } y = 2x$$

both visually and via the Lagrange Multiplier method.