

Maxima and Minima of Functions of Two Variables :-

$$\Delta f = f(a+h, b+k) - f(a, b)$$

If $\Delta f < 0$, then $f(x, y)$ is said to have maximum value at $x=a, y=b$.

$\Delta f > 0$, then _____ minimum - _____

Conditions for $f(x, y)$ to be Maximum or Minimum

→ A maximum or a minimum value of a function is called its extreme value.

Necessary conditions for $f(x, y)$ to have a maximum or a minimum value at (a, b) are

$$f_x(a, b) = 0 \text{ and } f_y(a, b) = 0$$

Case 1 $r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = f_{xx}$, $s = f_{xy}$, $t = f_{yy}$

(1) $rt - s^2 > 0$, then $f(x, y)$ has a maximum or a minimum at (a, b) according to $r < 0$ or $r > 0$.

(2) $rt - s^2 < 0$, then there is neither a maximum or a minimum value at (a, b) . The pt (a, b) is a saddle pt in this case.

(3) If $rt - s^2 = 0$, doubtful case, hence further investigation is required.

Note:- The pt (a, b) is called a stationary point if $f_x(a, b) = 0$, $f_y(a, b) = 0$. = critical pt

① Given $f(x, y, z) = \frac{5xyz}{x+2y+4z}$. Find the values of x, y, z for which $f(x, y, z)$ is ~~maximum~~ maximum, subject to the condition $xyz = 8$.

~~Example~~ $u = \frac{5xyz}{x+2y+4z}$, $xyz = 8$ — (2)

$\therefore u = \frac{40}{x+2y+4z}$

$\therefore du = \frac{-40}{(x+2y+4z)^2} (dx + 2dy + 4dz)$ — (3)

For max and min of u , $du = 0$

$\Rightarrow dx + 2dy + 4dz = 0$ — (4)

From (2); $\log x + \log y + \log z = \log 8$

$\therefore \frac{1}{x} dx + \frac{1}{y} dy + \frac{1}{z} dz = \log 8$ — (5)

(4) + λ (5); we get

$dx \left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{x}\right) + \left(2 + \frac{\lambda}{y}\right) dy + \left(4 + \frac{\lambda}{z}\right) dz = 0$

$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{\lambda}{x} = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\lambda$

$2 + \frac{\lambda}{y} = 0 \Rightarrow y = -\lambda/2$

$4 + \frac{\lambda}{z} = 0 \Rightarrow z = -\lambda/4$

(2) $\Rightarrow -\frac{\lambda^3}{8} = 8 \Rightarrow \lambda = -4$

$\therefore x = 4, y = 2, z = 1$

$\therefore u$ is stationary at the pt $x = 4, y = 2, z = 1$

Now, $u = 40$ — (6)

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{-40}{(x+2y+4z)^2} \left(1 + 4 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)$$

From (1), $\log x + \log y + \log z = \log 8$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{z}{x}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{-40}{(x+2y+4z)^2} \left(1 - \frac{4z}{x}\right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{80}{(x+2y+4z)^3} \left(1 + 4 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right) \left(1 - \frac{4z}{x}\right)$$

$$- \frac{40}{(x+2y+4z)^2} \left(\frac{4z}{x^2} - \frac{4}{x} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)$$

$$= \frac{80}{(x+2y+4z)^3} \left(1 - \frac{4z}{x}\right)^2 \frac{40}{(x+2y+4z)^2} \left(\frac{8z}{x^2}\right)$$

At the stationary pt

$$r = \frac{80}{(12)^3} (1-1)^2 - \frac{40}{144} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right) < 0$$

$\therefore u$ is maximum at the pt $(4, 2, 1)$

Ques :- Examine for extreme values :-

(i) $x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 12$ (ii) $x^3 + y^3 - 63(x+y) + 12xy$