Math 120

PSet 6

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Question 1

Find all the (local) maximum and minimum values and saddle points of the function.

(a) $f(x,y) = xy + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}$

(b) $f(x,y) = e^y(x^2 - y^2)$

Solution:

Question 2

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function

$$f(x,y) = x + y - xy$$

on the closed triangular region with vertices $(0,0)$, $(0,2)$, and $(4,0)$.

Solution:

Question 3

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function

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

on the region $x^2 + y^2 \leqslant 3$, $x \geqslant 0$, $y \geqslant 0$.

Solution:

$$f_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} xy^2 = y^2$$

$$f_y = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} xy^2 = 2xy$$

$$f_x = y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$f_y = 2xy = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, y = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 \leqslant 3 \quad x \geqslant 0 \quad y \geqslant 0$$

$$x = \sqrt{3}\cos\theta$$

$$y = \sqrt{3}\sin\theta$$

$$f(\theta) = \left(\sqrt{3}\cos\theta\right)\left(\sqrt{3}\sin\theta\right)^2 = 3\sqrt{3}\cos\theta\sin^2\theta$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} = 3\sqrt{3}\sin\theta\cos\theta(2\cos\theta\sin\theta)$$
$$3\sqrt{3}\sin\theta\cos\theta(2\cos\theta\sin\theta) = 0$$
$$\sin\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 0$$
$$\cos\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$2\cos\theta = \sin\theta \Rightarrow \tan\theta = 2 \Rightarrow \theta = \arctan(2)$$
$$f(0) = 3\sqrt{3}\cos(0)\sin^2(0) = 0$$
$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 3\sqrt{3}\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$
$$f(\arctan(2)) = 3\sqrt{3}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2 = \frac{24\sqrt{3}}{25}$$

max o f$\frac{24\sqrt{3}}{25}$ and min of 0.

Question 4

Find the maximum and minimum values of the function $f(x, y) = x + 4y$ subject to the constraint

$$\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = 3.$$

Solution:

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \lambda\nabla g(x, y)$$
$$\nabla f(x, y) = (1, 4)$$
$$\nabla g = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} - 3, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} - 3\right)$$
$$\nabla g = \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}\right)$$
$$1 = \lambda\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$
$$4 = \lambda\frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$$
$$\lambda = 2\sqrt{x}$$
$$4 = 2\sqrt{x}\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{y}}$$
$$\sqrt{16y} + \sqrt{y} = 3 \Rightarrow 4\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{y} = 3 \Rightarrow 5\sqrt{3} = 3$$
$$\sqrt{y} = \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow y = \frac{9}{25}$$
$$x = 16 \cdot \frac{9}{25} = \frac{144}{25}$$
$$f\left(\frac{144}{25}, \frac{9}{25}\right) = \frac{180}{25}$$

Question 5

Consider the function $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$ and the constraint $x^3 + y^3 = 16$.

(a) Use Lagrange multipliers to find the coordinates (x, y) of any points on the constraint where the function f could attain a maximum or minimum.

(b) For each point you found in part (a), is the point a maximum, a minimum, both or neither? Explain your answer carefully. What are the minimum and maximum values of f on the constraint? Please explain your answers carefully.

(c) The Extreme Value Theorem, which we covered last week, guarantees that under the right circumstances, we are guaranteed to find absolute minima and maxima for a function f on a certain constraint. Please explain why parts (a) and (b) don't violate the Extreme Value Theorem.

Solution:

Question 6

Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of the function $f(x, y, z) = x^2y^2z^2$ subject to the constraint $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$.

Solution:

Question 7

Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ subject to the constraint $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 1$.

Solution:

Question 8

Find the absolute minimum and maximum values of the function $f(x, y) = x^2 - (y - 2)^2$ on the region

$$D = \{x^2 + y^2 \leqslant 9 \text{ and } y \geqslant 0\},$$

and the points at which those extrema occur.

Solution: