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clc E      % Clears the Command Window
clear all  % Removes all variables from memory
syms x y lam real % Creates symbolic variables: x, y, lambda (real numbers)
X^2

```

We want a clean workspace so old variables don't interfere.

syms is essential because we want to:

Write $f(x,y)$ symbolically.

Differentiate exactly (not numerically).

Solve equations symbolically.

2. User Inputs the Functions

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f = input('Enter f(x,y) to be extremized : ');
g = input('Enter the constraint function g(x,y) : ');

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f is the objective function — the one we want to maximize or minimize.

g is the constraint function — the one that must be equal to zero.

Example:

$$f = x^2 + y^2$$

$$g = x + y - 1$$

This is the core problem in constrained optimization:

“Find the maximum and minimum of $f(x,y)$ subject to $g(x,y)=0$.”

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F = f + lam*g
Fd = jacobian(F,[x y lam])

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`jacobian(F,[x y lam])` returns:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial \lambda}$$

Explicitly, these are:

1. $F_x = f_x + \lambda g_x = 0$
2. $F_y = f_y + \lambda g_y = 0$
3. $F_\lambda = -g(x,y) = 0$ (enforces the constraint)

We now have **3 equations in 3 unknowns** (x, y, λ).

```
[ax, ay, alam] = solve(Fd, x, y, lam);
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ax = double(ax);
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ay = double(ay);
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`solve(Fd, x, y, lam)` finds all solutions for:

$F_x=0, F_y=0, g(x,y)=0$

- Each solution is:
- $ax(i) \rightarrow$ x-coordinate of an extremum.
- $ay(i) \rightarrow$ y-coordinate of an extremum.
- $alam(i) \rightarrow$ the corresponding Lagrange multiplier value (not always needed for plotting).
- `double()` converts symbolic results to regular numbers for later plotting.

`T = subs(f, {x,y}, {ax,ay});`

`T = double(T);`

Substitutes each (x,y) solution into $f(x,y)$.

- This gives the **function value** at each extremum.

`epxl = min(ax);`

`epxr = max(ax);`

`epyl = min(ay);`

`epyu = max(ay);`

`D = [epxl-1.5 epxr+1.5 epyl-1.5 epyu+1.5]`

Finds min/max xx and yy among the solutions.

Expands range by 1.5 units in each direction for better visualization.

`D = [xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax][xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax]` is used by `fcontour()`.

`fcontour(f, D, 'LevelList', -12:1:12)`

`axis equal`

`hold on`

`fcontour()` draws level curves (contour lines) where $f(x,y)$ is constant.

'LevelList', -12:1:12 \rightarrow draw contours for $f=-12, -11, \dots, 12$

`axis equal` \rightarrow same scale on x and y axes'

```
h = fimplicit(g);
set(h,'Color',[1,0.7,0.9])
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`fimplicit(g)` draws the curve $g(x,y)=0$.

Sets its color to light pink.

`hold on` → allows us to add more plots without erasing this one.

```
for i = 1:length(T)
    fprintf('The function f(x,y) takes on its extreme value on the g(x,y) at (%1.3f,%1.3f).', ax(i),
ay(i))
    fprintf('The value of the function is %1.3f\n', T(i))
    plot3(ax(i), ay(i), T(i), 'k.', 'markersize', 15)
end
```

Loops through each solution point.

- `fprintf()` prints:
- The coordinates of the point.
- The value of $f(x,y)$ there.
- `plot3()` plots the point in **3D space**:
- $x = ax(i)$
- $y = ay(i)$
- $z = f(x,y)$ value.

Examples:

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

Command window: *

Enter $f(x,y)$ to be extremized : x^2+2*y^2

Enter the constraint function $g(x,y)$: x^2+y^2-1

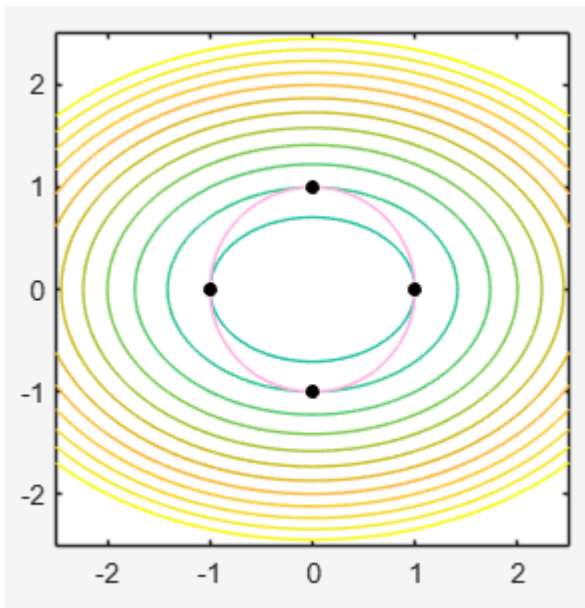
The function $f(x,y)$ takes on its extreme value on the $g(x,y)$ at
(-1.000,0.000).The value of the function is 1.000

The function $f(x,y)$ takes on its extreme value on the $g(x,y)$ at
(1.000,0.000).The value of the function is 1.000

The function $f(x,y)$ takes on its extreme value on the $g(x,y)$ at
(0.000,-1.000).The value of the function is 2.000

The function $f(x,y)$ takes on its extreme value on the $g(x,y)$ at
(0.000,1.000).The value of the function is 2.000

Figure:



The extreme values of $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2$, correspond to the level curves that touch the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Example 2:

Find the extreme values of the function $f(x, y) = xy$, on the circle $4x^2 + y^2 = 8$

Command window

Enter $f(x, y)$ to be extremized : $x*y$

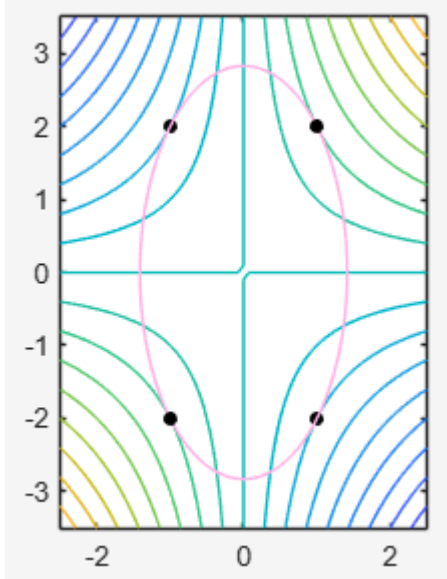
Enter the constraint function $g(x, y)$: $4*x^2+y^2-8$

The function $f(x, y)$ takes on its extreme value on the $g(x, y)$ at $(1.000, -2.000)$. The value of the function is -2.000

The function $f(x, y)$ takes on its extreme value on the $g(x, y)$ at $(-1.000, 2.000)$. The value of the function is -2.000

The function $f(x, y)$ takes on its extreme value on the $g(x, y)$ at $(-1.000, -2.000)$. The value of the function is 2.000

The function $f(x, y)$ takes on its extreme value on the $g(x, y)$ at $(1.000, 2.000)$. The value of the function is 2.000



Exercise 1

Find the extreme values of the function $f(x, y) = 3x + 4y$,

on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Lagrange multiplier method (three variables)

```
clc
clear all
syms x y z lam real
f= input('Enter f(x,y,z) to be extremized : ');
g= input('Enter the constraint function g(x,y,z) : ');
F=f-lam*g
Fd=jacobian(F,[x y z lam])
[ax,ay,az,alam]=solve(Fd,x,y,z,lam);
ax=double(ax)
ay=double(ay)
az=double(az)
T = subs(f,{x,y,z},{ax,ay,az})
T=double(T);
for i = 1:length(T);
fprintf('The function f(x,y,z) takes on its extreme value on the g(x,y,z) at
(%1.3f,%1.3f,%1.3f).',ax(i),ay(i),az(i))
fprintf('The value of the function is %1.3f\n',T(i))
end
```

Example:

Find the points on the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ that are closest to and farthest from the point (3, 1, -1).

Command window:

```
Enter f(x,y,z) to be extremized : (x-3)^2+(y-1)^2+(z+1)^2
Enter the constraint function g(x,y,z) : x^2+y^2+z^2-4
The function f(x,y,z) takes on its extreme value on the g(x,y,z) at (1.809,0.603,-0.603).The value of the function is 1.734
The function f(x,y,z) takes on its extreme value on the g(x,y,z) at (-1.809,-0.603,0.603).The value of the function is 28.266
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The following code considers restriction on the variables $(x,y,z) \geq 0$.

Example: A rectangular box without a lid is to be made from $12m^2$ of cardboard. Find the maximum volume of such a box. (Dimensions positive)

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clear all
syms x y z lam real
f= input('Enter f(x,y,z) to be extremized : ');
g= input('Enter the constraint function g(x,y,z) : ');
F=f-lam*g
Fd=jacobian(F,[x y z lam])
equ1=x>=0
equ2=y>=0
equ3=z>=0
eqns=[equ1,equ2,equ3,Fd]
[ax,ay,az,alam]=solve(eqns,x,y,z,lam);
ax=double(ax)
ay=double(ay)
az=double(az)
T = subs(f,{x,y,z},{ax,ay,az})
T=double(T);
for i = 1:length(T);
fprintf('The function f(x,y,z) takes on its extreme value on the g(x,y,z) at
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(%1.3f,%1.3f,%1.3f).',ax(i),ay(i),az(i))
fprintf('The value of the function is %1.3f\n',T(i))
end
```

Example

A rectangular box without a lid is to be made from $12m^2$ of cardboard. Find the maximum volume of such a box.

Command window:

Enter $f(x,y,z)$ to be extremized : $x*y*z$

Enter the constraint function $g(x,y,z) : x*y+2*y*z+2*x*z-12$

The function $f(x,y,z)$ takes on its extreme value on the $g(x,y,z)$ at $(2.000,2.000,1.000)$. The value of the function is 4.000.

Exercise 1

A rectangular box, open at the top, is to have a volume of 32 c.c. Find the dimensions of the box, that requires the least material for its construction