

14. Since  $a \geq 0$ , we know that  $x^2 + y^2 + a^2 \geq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(x, y) &= \frac{a(x + y)}{x^2 + y^2 + a^2} \\
 \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right)_y &= \frac{a((x^2 + y^2 + a^2) - 2x(x + y))}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^2} \\
 \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right)_y &= \frac{a(y^2 - 2xy - x^2 + a^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^2} \\
 0 &= \frac{a(y^2 - 2xy - x^2 + a^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^2} \\
 0 &= a(y^2 - 2xy - x^2 + a^2) \\
 0 &= y^2 - 2xy - x^2 + a^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right)_x &= \frac{a((x^2 + y^2 + a^2) - 2y(x + y))}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^2} \\
 \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right)_x &= \frac{a(x^2 - 2xy - y^2 + a^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^2} \\
 0 &= a(x^2 - 2xy - y^2 + a^2) \\
 0 &= x^2 - 2xy - y^2 + a^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Since at any stationary point, both  $\left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right)_y = 0$  and  $\left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right)_x = 0$ , they must be equal to each other.

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 - 2xy - y^2 + a^2 &= y^2 - 2xy - x^2 + a^2 \\
 x^2 - y^2 &= y^2 - x^2 \\
 2x^2 &= 2y^2 \\
 x^2 &= y^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= x^2 - 2xy - y^2 + a^2 \\
 0 &= a^2 - 2xy + (x^2 - y^2) \\
 0 &= a^2 - 2xy \\
 xy &= \frac{a^2}{2} \\
 \pm x^2 &= \frac{a^2}{2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Since  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a^2$  must be a positive number and so  $\pm x^2$  must be positive. This means that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 &= \frac{a^2}{2} \\
 x &= \pm \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \\
 y &= \pm \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

For a point to be a maximum or a minimum:  $h_{xx}h_{yy} > h_{xy}^2$  and  $h_{xx} > 0$  and  $h_{yy} > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\right)_y &= \frac{a(y^2 - 2xy - x^2 + a^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^2} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= \frac{a((-2y - 2x)(x^2 + y^2 + a^2) - 4x(y^2 - 2xy - x^2 + a^2))}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^3} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= \frac{a(-2x^2y - 2x^3 - 2y^3 - 2xy^2 - 2a^2y - 2a^2x - 4xy^2 + 8x^2y + 4x^3 - 4a^2x)}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^3} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= \frac{a(6x^2y + 2x^3 - 2y^3 - 6xy^2 - 2a^2y - 6a^2x)}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^3} \\
\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial y}\right)_x &= \frac{a(x^2 - 2xy - y^2 + a^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^2} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= \frac{a(6xy^2 + 2y^3 - 2x^3 - 6x^2y - 2a^2x - 6a^2y)}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^3} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= \frac{a((2y - 2x)(x^2 + y^2 + a^2) - 4y(y^2 - 2xy - x^2 + a^2))}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^3} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= \frac{a(6x^2y - 2y^3 - 2x^3 + 6xy^2 - 2a^2x - 2a^2y)}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^3}
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

There are four stationary points which we must establish the type of:  $(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$ ,  $(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$ ,  $(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$ ,  $(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$

At  $(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= \frac{a(-\sqrt{2}a^3 - 3\sqrt{2}a^3)}{(\frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{a^2}{2} + a^2)^3} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= \frac{-4\sqrt{2}a^4}{8a^6} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2a^2} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2a^2} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Since both  $h_{xx} < 0$  and  $h_{yy} < 0$  and  $h_{xx}h_{yy} = \frac{2}{4a^4} > 0 = h_{xy}$ . This is a maximum.

At  $(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2a^2} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2a^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Since  $h_{xx}$  and  $h_{yy}$  have different signs, we know there cannot be a maxima or minima at this point and so will not investigate further.

At  $(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2a^2} \\
\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2a^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Since  $h_{xx}$  and  $h_{yy}$  have different signs, we know there cannot be a maxima or minima at this point and so will not investigate further.

At  $(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2a^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2a^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{10}$$

Since both  $h_{xx} > 0$  and  $h_{yy} > 0$  and  $h_{xx}h_{yy} = \frac{2}{4a^4} > 0 = h_{xy}$ . This is a minimum.

So the maximum is at  $(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$  and the minimum is at  $(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$ .

At the maximum:

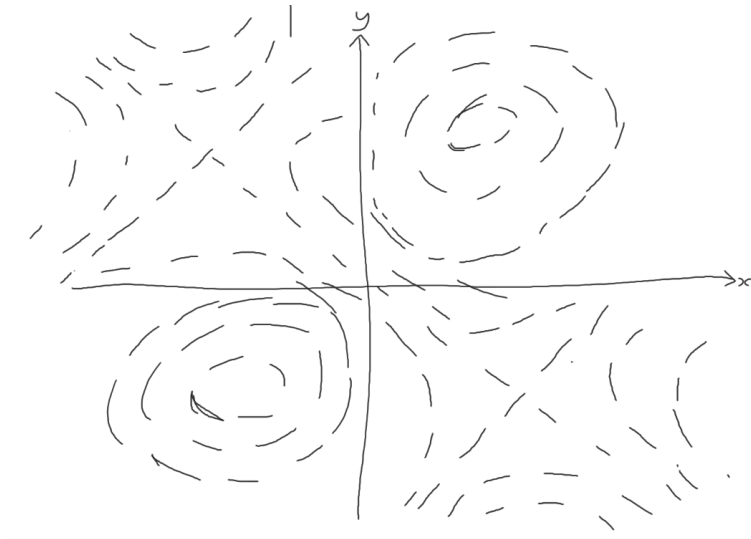
$$\begin{aligned}h\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right) &= \frac{a\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right)}{\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + a^2} \\ h\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right) &= \frac{a(\sqrt{2}a)}{\frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{a^2}{2} + a^2} \\ h\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}a^2}{2a^2} \\ h\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}\tag{11}$$

So the maximum height is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

At the minimum:

$$\begin{aligned}h\left(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right) &= \frac{a\left(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right)}{\left(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + a^2} \\ h\left(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right) &= \frac{a(-\sqrt{2}a)}{\frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{a^2}{2} + a^2} \\ h\left(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right) &= \frac{-\sqrt{2}a^2}{2a^2} \\ h\left(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}\tag{12}$$

So the minimum height is  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .



15. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= (x^2 - y^2)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y &= 2xe^{-x^2-y^2} - 2x(x^2 - y^2)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\
 0 &= 2x(y^2 - x^2 + 1)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\
 0 &= x(y^2 + 1 - x^2) \\
 \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_x &= -2ye^{-x^2-y^2} - 2y(x^2 - y^2)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\
 0 &= -2y(x^2 - y^2 + 1)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\
 0 &= y(x^2 - y^2 + 1)
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Assume that there is a stationary point with  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 y^2 - x^2 + 1 &= 0 \\
 x^2 - y^2 + 1 &= 0 \\
 y^2 - x^2 + 1x^2 - y^2 + 1 &= 0 \\
 2 &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

This is absurd. So there is no stationary point such that  $x \neq 0$  and  $y \neq 0$ .

Take  $x = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= y(x^2 - y^2 + 1) \\
 y &= 0 \vee 1 - y^2 = 0 \\
 y &= 0 \vee y = 1 \vee y = -1
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Take  $y = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= x(y^2 - x^2 + 1) \\
 x &= 0 \vee 1 - y^2 = 0 \\
 x &= 0 \vee x = 1 \vee x = -1
 \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

So the stationary points are at:

$(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, -1), (-1, 0), (1, 0)$

(b) Moving along the contour  $z = 0$  satisfies the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (x^2 - y^2)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\ 0 &= x^2 - y^2 \\ x &= \pm y \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Using this we can see that  $(0,0)$  lies on the contour  $z = 0$  and so  $(0,0)$  must be a saddle point.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y &= 2xe^{-x^2-y^2} - 2x(x^2 - y^2)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y &= (2x - 2x^3 + 2xy^2)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= (2 - 6x^2 + 2y^2 - 4x^2 + 4x^4 - 4x^2y^2)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= (2 - 10x^2 + 2y^2 + 4x^4 - 4x^2y^2)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_x &= -2ye^{-x^2-y^2} - 2y(x^2 - y^2)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_x &= (-2y - 2x^2y + 2y^3)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= (-2 - 2x^2 + 6y^2 + 4y^2 + 4x^2y^2 - 4y^4)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= (-2 - 2x^2 + 10y^2 + 4x^2y^2 - 4y^4)e^{-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 4xy(x^2 - y^2)e^{-x^2-y^2} \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

At  $(1,0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= -4e^{-1} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}\right) &= -4e^{-1} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

So  $z_{xx} < 0$ ,  $z_{yy} < 0$  and  $z_{xx}z_{yy} = 16e^{-1} > f_{xy}^2$ .  
So there is a maximum at  $(1,0)$ .

At  $(-1,0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= -4e^{-1} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}\right) &= -4e^{-1} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

So  $z_{xx} < 0$ ,  $z_{yy} < 0$  and  $z_{xx}z_{yy} = 16e^{-1} > f_{xy}^2$ .  
So there is a maximum at  $(-1,0)$ .

At  $(0, 1)$ :

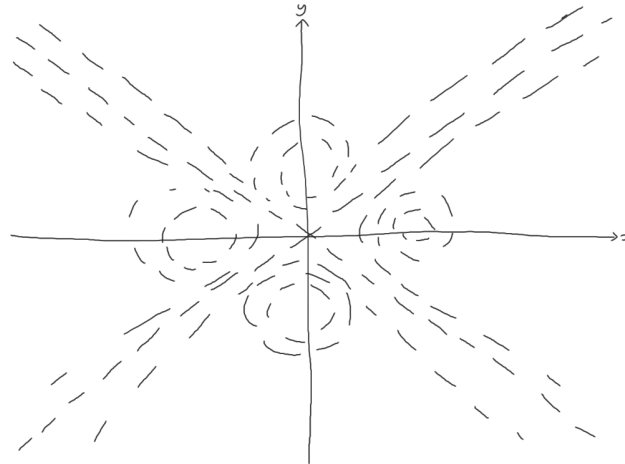
$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= 4e^{-1} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}\right) &= 4e^{-1} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{21}$$

So  $z_{xx} > 0$ ,  $z_{yy} > 0$  and  $z_{xx}z_{yy} = 16e^{-1} > f_{xy}^2$ .  
So there is a minimum at  $(0, 1)$ .

At  $(0, -1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= 4e^{-1} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}\right) &= 4e^{-1} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{22}$$

So  $z_{xx} > 0$ ,  $z_{yy} > 0$  and  $z_{xx}z_{yy} = 16e^{-1} > f_{xy}^2$ .  
So there is a minimum at  $(0, -1)$ .



16. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}f &= \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + 1} \\ \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y &= \frac{-2x}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= \frac{2x^2 - 2y^2 - 2}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^3} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= \frac{8xy}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^3} \\ \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_x &= \frac{-2y}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= \frac{2y^2 - 2x^2 - 2}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^3}\end{aligned}\tag{23}$$

At any stationary point for the function  $f$ ,  $f_x = 0$  and  $f_y = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y &= 0 \\ \frac{-2x}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^2} &= 0 \\ -2x &= 0 \\ x &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{24}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y &= 0 \\ \frac{-2y}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^2} &= 0 \\ -2y &= 0 \\ y &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{25}$$

So the only stationary point for the function  $f$  is at  $(0, 0)$ .

At  $(0, 0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= -2 \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= -2 \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{26}$$

So  $f_{xx} < 0$ ,  $f_{yy} < 0$  and  $f_{xx}f_{yy} > f_{xy}^2$ .

This means that there is a maximum at  $(0, 0)$ .

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}f &= \sin x \sin y \\ \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y &= \cos x \sin y \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= -\sin x \sin y \\ \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_x &= \sin x \cos y \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= -\sin x \sin y \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= \cos x \cos y\end{aligned}\tag{27}$$

At any stationary point of the function  $f$ ,  $f_x = f_y = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \cos x \sin y = \sin x \cos y \\ \cos x = 0 \wedge \cos y = 0 \vee \sin y = 0 \wedge \sin x = 0 \\ x = \frac{\pi}{2} \wedge y = \frac{\pi}{2}\end{aligned}\tag{28}$$

So the only stationary point of the function in the range  $x, y \in (0, \pi)$  is  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

At  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , the partial derivatives are:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= -1 \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= -1 \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{29}$$

So  $f_{xx}f_{yy} = 1 > f_{xy}^2$ .

So this point is a maximum:

The only stationary point on the curve in the range given is  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and is a maximum.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}f &= (xy - y)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y &= y(-2x^2 + 4x - 1)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= y(4x^3 - 12x^2 + 6x + 2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= (4x^2y^2 - 8xy^2 + 2y^2 - 2x^2 + 4x - 1)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_x &= (x - 1)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} - 2y(xy - y)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_x &= (x - 1 - 2xy^2 + 2y^2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= (4y - 4xy)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} - 2y(x - 1 - 2xy^2 + 2y^2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= y(6 - 6x + 4xy^2 - 4y^2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2}\end{aligned}\tag{30}$$

At any stationary point, both  $f_x = 0$  and  $f_y = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y &= 0 \\ y(-2x^2 + 4x - 1)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} &= 0 \\ y = 0 \vee 2x^2 - 4x + 1 &= 0 \\ y = 0 \vee x = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \vee x = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\end{aligned}\tag{31}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_x &= 0 \\
 (x-1-2xy^2+2y^2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} &= 0 \\
 x-1-2xy^2+2y^2 &= 0 \\
 \text{For } y=0 & \\
 x-1 &= 0 \\
 x &= 1 \\
 \text{For } x=1+\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \\
 1+\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}-1-2y^2-\sqrt{2}y^2+y^2 &= 0 \\
 \sqrt{2}y^2 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\
 y &= \pm\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\
 \text{For } x=1-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \\
 1-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}-1-2y^2+\sqrt{2}y^2+y^2 &= 0 \\
 \sqrt{2}y^2 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\
 y &= \pm\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

So there are five stationary points:

$$(1, 0), (1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}), (1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}), (1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}), (1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$$

At  $(1, 0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= y(4x^3 - 12x^2 + 6x + 2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= 0 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= y(6 - 6x + 4xy^2 - 4y^2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= 0 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= (4x^2y^2 - 8xy^2 + 2y^2 - 2x^2 + 4x - 1)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= e \\
 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_x &= 0 < \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

However, since  $\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_x = 0$ , we cannot claim that they have the opposite side and so cannot tell whether this is a maximum, minimum or a saddle point.

At  $(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= y(4x^3 - 12x^2 + 6x + 2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= 2 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= y(6 - 6x + 4xy^2 - 4y^2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= 2 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= (4x^2y^2 - 8xy^2 + 2y^2 - 2x^2 + 4x - 1)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_x &= 4 > \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

Since both  $\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y$  and  $\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x$  are positive at this value, this must be a minimum.

So the function has a minimum at  $(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$ .

At  $(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= y(4x^3 - 12x^2 + 6x + 2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= -2 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= y(6 - 6x + 4xy^2 - 4y^2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= -2 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= (4x^2y^2 - 8xy^2 + 2y^2 - 2x^2 + 4x - 1)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_x &= 4 > \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Since both  $\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y$  and  $\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x$  are negative at this value, this must be a maximum. So the function has a maximum at  $(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$ .

At  $(1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= y(4x^3 - 12x^2 + 6x + 2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= -2 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= y(6 - 6x + 4xy^2 - 4y^2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= -2 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= (4x^2y^2 - 8xy^2 + 2y^2 - 2x^2 + 4x - 1)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_x &= 4 > \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Since both  $\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y$  and  $\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x$  are negative at this value, this must be a maximum. So the function has a maximum at  $(1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$ .

At  $(1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= y(4x^3 - 12x^2 + 6x + 2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y &= 2 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= y(6 - 6x + 4xy^2 - 4y^2)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x &= 2 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= (4x^2y^2 - 8xy^2 + 2y^2 - 2x^2 + 4x - 1)e^{2x-x^2-y^2} \\
 \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right) &= 0 \\
 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_x &= 4 > \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Since both  $\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\right)_y$  and  $\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}\right)_x$  are positive at this value, this must be a minimum.

So the function has a minimum at  $(1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$ .

17. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= xy^2 \\
 \nabla(f) &= (y^2, 2xy)
 \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= x^2 + y^2 \\
 0 &= x^2 + y^2 - 1 \\
 g &= x^2 + y^2 - 1 \\
 \nabla(g) &= (2x, 2y)
 \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y^2 &= 2\lambda x \\
 2xy &= 2\lambda y \\
 x^2 + y^2 &= 1 \\
 x^2 + 2\lambda x &= 1 \\
 x^2 + 2\lambda x - 1 &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{-2\lambda \pm \sqrt{4\lambda^2 + 4}}{2} \\
 x &= -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 1} \\
 2\lambda y &= 2(\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 1})y \\
 \lambda &= -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 1} \vee y = 0 \\
 2\lambda &= \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 1} \\
 4\lambda^2 &= \lambda^2 + 1 \\
 3\lambda^2 &= 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\
 2xy &= 2\lambda y \\
 x &= \lambda \\
 x &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\
 y^2 &= 2\lambda x \\
 y^2 &= 2\lambda^2 \\
 y &= \pm \sqrt{2}\lambda \\
 y &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}
 \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

At  $y = 0$ ,  $x = \pm 1$ .

So the function  $xy^2$  subject to the constraint  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  has stationary points at:  $(1, 0), (-1, 0), \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}\right), \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}\right), \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}\right), \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}\right)$

Verification by using the substitution  $x = \cos \theta$ ,  $y = \sin \theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= xy^2 \\
 f &= \cos \theta - \cos^3 \theta \\
 \frac{df}{d\theta} &= -\sin \theta + 3 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta \\
 0 &= -\sin \theta + 3 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta \\
 0 &= \sin \theta (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)
 \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

So  $\sin \theta = 0$  or  $3 \cos^2 \theta = 1$ .

At  $\sin \theta = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin \theta &= 0 \\
 \theta &= 0 \vee \theta = \pi \\
 y &= 0 \wedge x = -1 \vee y = 0 \wedge x = 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

These are stationary points we also found using the lagrangian method.

At  $3\cos^2\theta = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\cos\theta &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ x &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, y = \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}\end{aligned}\tag{45}$$

These are the rest of the stationary points we found using the lagrangian method.

So we have found all the same stationary points using the two different methods.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}f &= e^{-xy} \\ \nabla(f) &= (-ye^{-xy}, -xe^{-xy}) \\ g &= x^2 + y^2 - 1 \\ \nabla(g) &= (2x, 2y)\end{aligned}\tag{46}$$

Using these and the initial constraint we can form three equations and then solve to find the stationary points.

$$\begin{aligned}-ye^{-xy} &= 2\lambda x \\ -xe^{-xy} &= 2\lambda y \\ x^2 + y^2 &= 1\end{aligned}\tag{47}$$

Note that at  $x = 0$ ,  $y$  can be either positive or negative. If we make  $x > 0$  for some small value, then the value of  $-xy$  will become nonzero. So  $e^{-xy}$  will increase if  $y < 0$  and decrease if  $y > 0$ . The inverse argument holds for making  $x < 0$ . Since a small change in  $x$  can increase or decrease  $e^{-xy}$  we can conclude that this is not a minimum. So we do not need to consider this case.

$$\begin{aligned}-ye^{-xy} &= 2\lambda x \\ -\frac{e^{-xy}}{2\lambda} &= \frac{x}{y} \\ -xe^{-xy} &= 2\lambda y \\ -\frac{e^{-xy}}{2\lambda} &= \frac{y}{x} \\ \frac{x}{y} &= \frac{y}{x} \\ x^2 &= y^2 \\ x^2 + y^2 &= 1 \\ x^2 + x^2 &= 1 \\ 2x^2 &= 1 \\ x^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \\ x &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, y = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\end{aligned}\tag{48}$$

So the function  $e^{-xy}$  subject to the constraint  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  has stationary points at  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

Informally looking at the value of the function at those points, I can conclude that the stationary points at  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$  are maxima and those at  $\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$  are minima.

Verification using the substitution  $x = \cos \theta$  and  $y = \sin \theta$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta} \\
 \frac{df}{d\theta} &= -\cos 2\theta e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta} \\
 0 &= -\cos 2\theta e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta} \\
 0 &= -\cos 2\theta \\
 \theta &= \frac{\pi}{4} \vee \frac{3\pi}{4} \vee \frac{5\pi}{4} \vee \frac{7\pi}{4} \\
 x &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, y = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

This is the same result as obtained by the lagrangian method.

18.

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= 2x \times 2y \times 2z \\
 V &= 8xyz \\
 \nabla(V) &= (8yz, 8xz, 8xy) \\
 g &= \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 \\
 \nabla(g) &= \left(\frac{2x}{a^2}, \frac{2y}{b^2}, \frac{2z}{c^2}\right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

We now form the equations shown below and use these to find the stationary points.

$$\begin{aligned}
 8yz &= \lambda \frac{2x}{a^2} \\
 8xz &= \lambda \frac{2y}{b^2} \\
 8xy &= \lambda \frac{2z}{c^2} \\
 \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} &= 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

Since we know that  $x, y, z$  are distances: they are nonzero and non-negative. This means that we know minima will occur whenever  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$  and can multiply and divide by  $x, y, z$  without worrying about zeros.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \lambda \frac{x}{4a^2z} \\
 8xz &= \lambda^2 \frac{x}{2a^2b^2z} \\
 16a^2b^2z^2 &= \lambda^2 \\
 \lambda 8x \frac{x}{4a^2z} &= \lambda \frac{2z}{c^2} \\
 \frac{2x^2}{a^2z} &= \frac{2z}{c^2} \\
 c^2x^2 &= a^2z^2 \\
 z^2 &= \frac{c^2x^2}{a^2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 16a^2b^2z^2 &= \lambda^2 \\
 16a^2b^2\frac{c^2x^2}{a^2} &= \lambda^2 \\
 x^2 &= \frac{\lambda^2}{16b^2c^2} \\
 z^2 &= \frac{c^2x^2}{a^2} \\
 z^2 &= \frac{\lambda^2}{16a^2b^2} \\
 y^2 &= \frac{\lambda^2x^2}{16a^4z^2} \\
 y^2 &= \frac{\lambda^2}{16a^2c^2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Now we can substitute our results into the equation, work out the value for  $\lambda$  and then substitute it back into the value for  $x, y, z$  to work out the maxima.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} &= 1 \\
 \frac{\lambda}{16a^2b^2c^2} + \frac{\lambda}{16a^2b^2c^2} + \frac{\lambda}{16a^2b^2c^2} &= 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3\lambda^2 &= 16a^2b^2c^2 \\
 \lambda^2 &= \frac{16a^2b^2c^2}{3} \\
 x^2 &= \frac{\lambda^2}{16b^2c^2} \\
 x^2 &= \frac{16a^2b^2c^2}{48b^2c^2} \\
 x^2 &= \frac{a^2}{3} \\
 y^2 &= \frac{\lambda^2}{16a^2c^2} \\
 y^2 &= \frac{16a^2b^2c^2}{48a^2c^2} \\
 y &= \frac{b^2}{3} \\
 z^2 &= \frac{\lambda^2}{16a^2b^2} \\
 z^2 &= \frac{16a^2b^2c^2}{48a^2b^2} \\
 z^2 &= \frac{c^2}{3}
 \end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

Substituting this back into the equation for Volume gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V^2 &= 64x^2y^2z^2 \\
 V^2 &= \frac{64a^2b^2c^2}{27} \\
 V &= \frac{8abc}{\sqrt{27}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

Note that we took the positive root since we know that volume must be greater than zero.

19. I will solve the general formula first maximising area when  $a + b + c = k$  and then will set  $k = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \\
 \nabla(A) &= \left( -\frac{\sqrt{s(s-b)(s-c)}}{2\sqrt{s-a}}, -\frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-c)}}{2\sqrt{s-b}}, -\frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)}}{2\sqrt{s-c}} \right) \\
 s &= \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c) \\
 0 &= \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c) - s \\
 0 &= a+b+c-2s \\
 g &= a+b+c-2s \\
 \nabla(g) &= (1, 1, 1)
 \end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

Now we have four equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\sqrt{s(s-b)(s-c)}}{\sqrt{s-a}} &= \lambda \\
 \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-c)}}{\sqrt{s-b}} &= \lambda \\
 \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)}}{\sqrt{s-c}} &= \lambda \\
 a+b+c-2s &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

Equating them will solve the equation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{\sqrt{s(s-b)(s-c)}}{2\sqrt{s-a}} &= -\frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-c)}}{2\sqrt{s-b}} \\
 s-b &= s-a \\
 a &= b \\
 -\frac{\sqrt{s(s-b)(s-c)}}{2\sqrt{s-a}} &= -\frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)}}{2\sqrt{s-c}} \\
 s-c &= s-a \\
 a &= c
 \end{aligned} \tag{59}$$

So the maximum occurs when  $a = b = c$ . Since all the side lengths are equal, this is an equilateral triangle. So the maximal area of a triangle with total side length  $2s$  occurs when  $a = b = c$  and the triangle is equilateral.

Since  $s$  is arbitrary and we have proved this result for perimeter  $= 2s$ , this result holds for all perimeters.



20.

$$\begin{aligned}
 r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \\
 \nabla(r) &= \left( \frac{x}{r}, \frac{y}{r}, \frac{z}{r} \right) \\
 1 &= \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} \\
 0 &= \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 \\
 g &= \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 \\
 \nabla(g) &= \left( \frac{2x}{a^2}, \frac{2y}{b^2}, \frac{2z}{c^2} \right) \\
 h &= \ell x + my + nz \\
 \nabla(h) &= (\ell, m, n)
 \end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{x}{r} &= \lambda \frac{2x}{a^2} + \mu \ell \\
 x &= \frac{\mu r a^2 \ell}{a^2 - 2r\lambda} \\
 \frac{y}{r} &= \lambda \frac{2y}{b^2} + \mu m \\
 y &= \frac{\mu r b^2 m}{b^2 - 2r\lambda} \\
 \frac{z}{r} &= \lambda \frac{2z}{c^2} + \mu n \\
 z &= \frac{\mu r c^2 n}{c^2 - 2r\lambda} \\
 1 &= \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} \\
 0 &= \ell x + my + nz \\
 0 &= \ell \left( \frac{\mu r a^2 \ell}{a^2 - 2r\lambda} \right) + m \left( \frac{\mu r b^2 m}{b^2 - 2r\lambda} \right) + n \left( \frac{\mu r c^2 n}{c^2 - 2r\lambda} \right) \\
 0 &= \mu r \left( \frac{\ell^2 a^2}{a^2 - 2r\lambda} + \frac{m^2 b^2}{b^2 - 2r\lambda} + \frac{n^2 c^2}{c^2 - 2r\lambda} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{61}$$

Note that  $\mu = 0$  is not a valid solution and that since there are value of  $r$  which satisfy the constraints which are  $> 0$ , the maximum value of  $r$  is nonzero. So:

$$0 = \frac{\ell^2 a^2}{a^2 - 2r\lambda} + \frac{m^2 b^2}{b^2 - 2r\lambda} + \frac{n^2 c^2}{c^2 - 2r\lambda} \tag{62}$$

Consider now  $\frac{1}{a^2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{b^2}$  and  $\frac{1}{c^2}$ :

Derived from the equations above:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{a^2} &= \frac{x - \mu r \ell}{2\lambda r x} \\
 \frac{1}{b^2} &= \frac{y - \mu r m}{2\lambda r y} \\
 \frac{1}{c^2} &= \frac{z - \mu r n}{2\lambda r z} \\
 1 &= \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} \\
 1 &= \frac{x^2(x - \mu r \ell)}{2\lambda r x} + \frac{y^2(y - \mu r m)}{2\lambda r y} + \frac{z^2(z - \mu r n)}{2\lambda r z} \\
 1 &= \frac{x(x - \mu r \ell)}{2\lambda r} + \frac{y(y - \mu r m)}{2\lambda r} + \frac{z(z - \mu r n)}{2\lambda r} \\
 2\lambda r &= x(x - \mu r \ell) + y(y - \mu r m) + z(z - \mu r n) \\
 2\lambda r &= x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - \mu r(\ell x + m y + n z) \\
 2\lambda r &= r^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{63}$$

Substitute this into the earlier equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \frac{\ell^2 a^2}{a^2 - 2r\lambda} + \frac{m^2 b^2}{b^2 - 2r\lambda} + \frac{n^2 c^2}{c^2 - 2r\lambda} \\
 0 &= \frac{\ell^2 a^2}{a^2 - r^2} + \frac{m^2 b^2}{b^2 - r^2} + \frac{n^2 c^2}{c^2 - r^2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{64}$$

As required.

Geometrically this problem is:

Find the greatest distance from the origin at which the ellipsoid with equation  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  and the plane  $\ell x + m y + n z = 0$  intersect.

$\mu$  is the magnitude of the vector which we are using as the normal to the plane. IE  $\mu = \sqrt{\ell^2 + m^2 + n^2}$ .

21. Note that since  $\ln$  is an increasing function and  $W$  is guaranteed to be positive, we can take  $\ln$  of both sides and maximise this function to find the maximum of  $W$ .

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= \prod_{s=1}^N \frac{(g_s - 1 + n_s)!}{(g_s - 1)!n_s!} \\
 W &\approx \prod_{s=1}^N \frac{(g_s + n_s)!}{g_s!n_s!} \text{ since } g_s \gg 1 \\
 \ln W &= \sum_{s=1}^N \ln \left( \frac{(g_s + n_s)!}{g_s!n_s!} \right) \\
 \ln W &= \sum_{s=1}^N (\ln(g_s + n_s)! - \ln g_s! - \ln n_s!) \\
 \nabla(\ln W) &= \sum_{s=1}^N (\ln(g_s + n_s) - \ln n_s) \text{ using Stirlings approximation} \\
 f &= \left( \sum_{n=1}^N n_s E_s \right) - \hat{E} \\
 \nabla(f) &= \left( \sum_{s=1}^N E_s \right) \\
 h &= \left( \sum_{n=1}^N n_s \right) - \hat{N} \\
 \nabla(h) &= 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{65}$$

Let  $\beta$  and  $-\mu\beta$  be the lagrangian multipliers for  $f$  and  $h$  respectively:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln(g_s + n_s) - \ln n_s &= \beta E_s - \mu\beta \\
 \ln \left( \frac{g_s + n_s}{n_s} \right) &= \beta E_s - \mu\beta \\
 \frac{g_s + n_s}{n_s} &= e^{\beta(E_s - \mu)} \\
 g_s + n_s &= n_s e^{\beta(E_s - \mu)} \\
 g_s &= n_s e^{\beta(E_s - \mu)} - n_s \\
 g_s &= n_s (e^{\beta(E_s - \mu)} - 1) \\
 n_s &= \frac{g_s}{e^{\beta(E_s - \mu)} - 1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{66}$$

This is the expression we were required to derive and so we are done.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= \prod_{s=1}^N \frac{g_s!}{n_s!(g_s - n_s)!} \\
 \ln W &= \sum_{s=1}^N (\ln g_s! - \ln n_s! - \ln(g_s - n_s)!) \\
 \nabla(\ln W) &= \sum_{s=1}^N (\ln(g_s - n_s) - \ln n_s) \\
 f &= \left( \sum_{s=1}^N n_s E_s \right) - \hat{E} \\
 \nabla(f) &= \left( \sum_{s=1}^N E_s \right) \\
 h &= \left( \sum_{s=1}^N n_s \right) - \hat{n} \\
 \nabla(h) &= 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{67}$$

Let  $\beta$  and  $-\mu\beta$  be the lagrangian multipliers for  $f$  and  $h$  respectively:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln(g_s - n_s) - \ln n_s &= \beta E_s - \mu\beta \\
 \frac{g_s - n_s}{n_s} &= e^{\beta(E_s - \mu)} \\
 g_s - n_s &= n_s e^{\beta(E_s - \mu)} \\
 g_s &= n_s (e^{\beta(E_s - \mu)} + 1) \\
 n_s &= \frac{g_s}{e^{\beta(E_s - \mu)} + 1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{68}$$

22.

$$n \propto \sqrt{E} e^{-\beta E - \alpha} \tag{69}$$

To find the most probable value, we must find the maximum of  $n$ . So we must find the maximum of  $\sqrt{E} e^{-\beta E - \alpha}$ .

Note also the constraint that  $\sum_{s=1}^N n_s E_s = E$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 n &= \sum_{s=1}^N \sqrt{E_s} e^{-\beta E_s - \alpha} \\
 \nabla(n) &= \left( \sum_{s=1}^N \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{E_s}} - \beta \sqrt{E_s} \right) e^{-\beta E_s - \alpha} \right) \\
 f &= \sum_{s=1}^N n_s E_s - \hat{E} \\
 \nabla(f) &= \left( \sum_{s=1}^N n_s \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{70}$$

Equating coefficients from these two derivatives gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{E_s}} - \beta\sqrt{E_s} \right) e^{-\beta E_s - \alpha} &= \gamma n_s \\
 \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{E_s}} - \beta\sqrt{E_s} \right) e^{-\beta E_s - \alpha} &= \gamma \sqrt{E_s} e^{-\beta E_s - \alpha} \\
 \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{E_s}} - (\beta + \gamma)\sqrt{E_s} \right) e^{-\beta E_s - \alpha} &= 0 \\
 \frac{1}{2\sqrt{E_s}} - (\beta + \gamma)\sqrt{E_s} &= 0 \\
 1 - 2(\beta + \gamma)E_s &= 0 \\
 E &= \frac{1}{2(\beta + \gamma)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{71}$$

So the most probable kinetic energy  $E$  of a particle is  $\frac{1}{2(\beta + \gamma)}$  where  $\gamma$  is the Lagrange multiplier.

We know that the total kinetic energy of all the particles in the gas is constant ( $\hat{E}$ ) and that the amount of particles of gas is constant ( $\hat{N}$ ).

Since we know both the total number of particles and the total energy of those particles, we can work out the mean (expected) energy of a particle:

$$\bar{E} = \frac{\hat{E}}{\hat{N}} \tag{72}$$

Where  $\bar{E}$  is the expected energy,  $\hat{E}$  is the total internal energy (which we have been told is constant) and  $\hat{N}$  is the total number of particles (which is also constant).

