

problem 1:

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_x(a,b)=0 \\ f_y(a,b)=0 \end{array} \right\} \nabla f(a,b) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$$

② $D_u f(a,b) = \nabla f(a,b) \cdot u$

$$= \langle 0, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle = 0$$

③ show $Dv^2 f = Dv(Dv f) = f_{xx} u_1^2 + 2f_{xy} u_1 u_2 + f_{yy} u_2^2$

$$Dv f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle \cdot \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle = f_x u_1 + f_y u_2$$

$$Dv^2 f = (f_x u_1 + f_y u_2)^2 = f_{xx} u_1^2 + 2f_{xy} u_1 u_2 + f_{yy} u_2^2$$

②

$D = f_{xx} f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2$ show $Dv^2 f(a,b) > 0$ if $f_{xx}(a,b) > 0$ & $D(a,b) > 0$

$$Dv^2 f = f_{xx} u_1^2 + 2f_{xy} u_1 u_2 + f_{yy} u_2^2$$

$$f_{xx} \left(u_1^2 + \frac{2f_{xy}}{f_{xx}} u_1 u_2 + \frac{f_{yy}}{f_{xx}} u_2^2 \right)$$

$$f_{xx} \left(\left(u_1 + \frac{f_{xy}}{f_{xx}} u_2 \right)^2 + \left(-\frac{(f_{xy})^2}{f_{xx}^2} u_2^2 + \frac{f_{yy}}{f_{xx}} u_2^2 \right) \right)$$

$$f_{xx} \left(\left(u_1 + \frac{f_{xy}}{f_{xx}} u_2 \right)^2 + \left(\frac{f_{yy} f_{xx} - (f_{xy})^2}{(f_{xx})^2} \right) u_2^2 \right)$$

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\geq then 0 because
it is squared

$$\left(\frac{f_{yy}f_{xx} - (f_{xy})^2}{(f_{xx})^2} \right) u_2^2$$

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> 0 we know that $f_{yy}f_{xx} - (f_{xy})^2 =$
0 and $D(a,b) > 0$

f_{xx}^2 is squared so ≥ 0

we know it is just > 0 not ≥ 0 because for

$$\frac{f_{yy}f_{xx} - (f_{xy})^2}{(f_{xx})^2} u_2^2, u_2 \text{ has to be } 0, \text{ then for } \left(u_1 + \frac{f_{xy}}{f_{xx}} u_2 \right)^2 = 0$$

$f_{xx}(u_1)^2 = 0$, u_1 must also be 0, if \vec{u} is a unit
vector, u_1 & u_2 cannot possibly both be 0.

\therefore given $f_{xx}(a,b) > 0$ and $D(a,b) > 0$ $Du^2 f(a,b) > 0$