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Problem Sheet 3: Critical points, maxima and minima, Lagrange's multipliers and double integrals.

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1. Find the local maximum and minimum values and saddle point(s) of the functions:

(a)  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + x^2y + 4$

(b)  $f(x, y) = 4xy - x^4 - y^4$

(c)  $f(x, y) = \sin x \cosh y$

(d)  $f(x, y) = x + 2y + \frac{4}{x} - y^2$ .

**Solution:** (a) Since  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + x^2y + 4$ ,

$$f_x(x, y) = 2x + 2xy \text{ and } f_y(x, y) = 2y + x^2.$$

The critical points are given by the following equations:

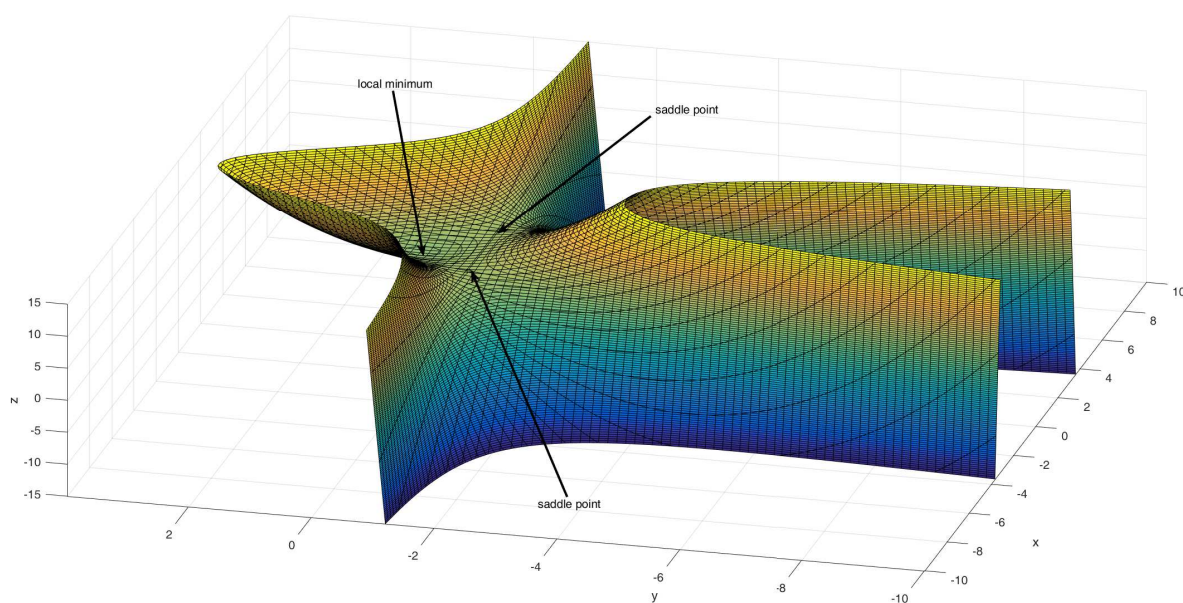
$$f_x(x, y) = f_y(x, y) = 0, \text{ which gives } x(y + 1) = 0 \text{ and } 2y = -x^2,$$

$\Rightarrow (0, 0)$  and  $(\sqrt{2}, -1), (-\sqrt{2}, -1)$  are the three critical points.

$$D(x, y) = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = (2 + 2y)(2) - (2x)^2 = 4(1 + y - x^2).$$

At  $(0, 0)$ ,  $D(0, 0) = 4 > 0$ , and  $f_{xx}(0, 0) = 2 > 0$  hence  $(0, 0)$  is a point of local minimum.

Since  $D(\sqrt{2}, -1) = D(-\sqrt{2}, -1) < 0$ ,  $(\sqrt{2}, -1), (-\sqrt{2}, -1)$  are saddle points of  $f$ .



(b) Since  $f(x, y) = 4xy - x^4 - y^4$ ,  
 $f_x(x, y) = 4y - 4x^3$  and  $f_y(x, y) = 4x - 4y^3$ .

The critical points are given by the following equations:

$$f_x(x, y) = f_y(x, y) = 0, \text{ which gives } y = x^3 \text{ and } x = y^3, \text{ or } x = x^9, \\ \Rightarrow x(x^4 - 1)(x^4 + 1) = 0. \quad (1)$$

The only real roots to (1) are  $x = 0, +1, -1$ ,

$\Rightarrow$  the critical points are  $(0, 0), (1, 1), (-1, -1)$ .

$$D(x, y) = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = (-12x^2)(-12y^2) - 4^2 = 144x^2y^2 - 16.$$

At  $(0, 0)$ ,  $D(0, 0) = -16 < 0$ , hence  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle point.

At  $(1, 1)$  and  $(-1, -1)$ ,  $D(1, 1) = D(-1, -1) > 0$ , and  $f_{xx}(1, 1) = f_{xx}(-1, -1) = -12$  hence  $(1, 1)$  and  $(-1, -1)$  are both points of local maxima.

(c)  $f_x(x, y) = \cos x \cosh y$  and  $f_y(x, y) = \sin x \sinh y$ .

The critical points are given by the following equations:

$$f_x(x, y) = f_y(x, y) = 0, \text{ which gives } x = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}, y = 0 \text{ for } n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = -\sin x \cosh y, f_{yx}(x, y) = \cos x \sinh y, f_{yy}(x, y) = \sin x \cosh y.$$

$$D\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}, 0\right) = f_{xx}(0, 0)f_{yy}(0, 0) - (f_{xy}(0, 0))^2 < 0, \text{ hence } \left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}, 0\right) \text{ for } \\ n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \text{ are all saddle points of } f.$$

(d) Since  $f(x, y) = x + 2y + \frac{4}{x} - y^2$ ,

$$f_x(x, y) = 1 - 4x^{-2} \text{ and } f_y(x, y) = 2 - 2y, \text{ (for } x \neq 0\text{)}.$$

The critical points are given by the following equations:

$$f_x(x, y) = f_y(x, y) = 0, \text{ which gives } x = \pm 2, y = 1.$$

$\Rightarrow$  the critical points are  $(2, 1), (-2, 1)$ .

$$D(x, y) = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = \left(\frac{8}{x^3}\right)(-2) - 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow D(2, 1) < 0 \text{ and } D(-2, 1) > 0, \text{ and } f_{xx}(-2, 1) < 0.$$

Hence  $(2, 1)$  is a saddle point and  $(-2, 1)$  is a point of local maximum.

2. Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f(x, y) = 4xy^2 - x^2y^2 - xy^3$  on the set  $D$  where  $D$  is the closed triangular region in the  $xy$ -plane with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 6)$  and  $(6, 0)$ .

**Solution:** Since  $f(x, y) = 4xy^2 - x^2y^2 - xy^3$ ,  $f_x(x, y) = 4y^2 - 2xy^2 - y^3$ ,  $f_y(x, y) = 8xy - 2x^2y - 3xy^2$ .

The critical points are given by the following equations:

$$f_x(x, y) = f_y(x, y) = 0, \text{ which gives } y^2(4 - 2x - y) = 0 \text{ and } xy(8 - 2x - 3y) = 0.$$

Hence the critical points are given by the conditions:

(i)  $y = 0, x = 0, (0, 0)$  on the boundary of  $D$

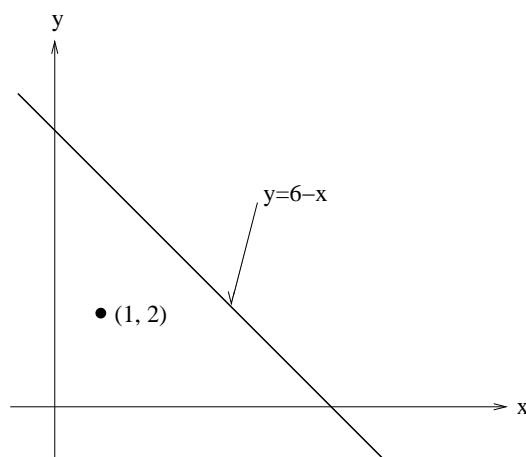
(ii)  $y = 0, 8 - 2x = 0$ , which gives  $(4, 0)$  on the boundary of  $D$

(iii)  $4 - 2x - y = 0, x = 0$ , which gives the point  $(0, 4)$  on the boundary of  $D$

(iv)  $4 - 2x - y = 0, 8 - 2x - 3y = 0$  which gives the point  $(1, 2)$ , which is in the interior of the triangle  $D$

(v)  $y = 0, 4 - 2x = 0$  which gives  $(2, 0)$  which is on the boundary of  $D$ .

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = -2y^2, f_{xy}(x, y) = 8y - 4xy - 3y^2, \text{ and } f_{yy}(x, y) = 8x - 2x^2 - 6xy.$$



At  $(1, 2)$ ,  $D(1, 2) = (-8)(8 - 2 - 12) - (16 - 8 - 12)^2 = 48 - 16 = 32 > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(1, 2) = -8$ , hence  $(1, 2)$  is a point of local maxima and  $f(1, 2) = 4$ .

On the boundary  $y = 0$  of  $D$ ,  $f(x, y) = 0$ .

On the boundary  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x, y) = 0$ .

On the boundary  $y = 6 - x$ ,  $f(x, y) = 4x(6 - x)^2 - x^2(6 - x)^2 - x(6 - x)^3 = -2x(6 - x)^2$ .

The critical points of  $f$  on the line  $y = 6 - x$  is given by:

$$f_x(x, 6 - x) = 0 = -6(x - 2)(x - 6),$$

$\Rightarrow x = 2, y = 4$ , and  $x = 6, y = 0$  are the only critical points of  $f$  on this line.

$$f_{xx}(x, 6 - x) = -6(2x - 8), \text{ hence for } x = 2, f_{xx}(2, 4) = 24 > 0,$$

$\Rightarrow (2, 4)$  is a point of local minimum on the line.

For  $x = 6$ ,  $f(6, 0) = 0$ .

The possible candidates for absolute maxima are  $(1, 2)$  and points on the line  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ , but  $f(1, 2) = 4 > f(x, 0) = f(0, y) = 0$ , hence  $(1, 2)$  is a point of absolute maximum.

The possible candidates for absolute minima are  $(2, 4)$  and points on the line  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ , but  $f(2, 4) = -64 < f(x, 0) = f(0, y) = 0$ , hence  $(2, 4)$  is a point of absolute minimum.

3. Check that for the following functions the origin is a critical point; determine whether  $f(\mathbf{0})$  is a local minimum value, a local maximum value or neither.

(a)  $f(x, y, z) = 5x^2 + 4y^2 + 7z^2 + 4xy + 2z \sin x + 6y \sin z$

(b)  $f(w, x, y, z) = wx + 2xy + 3yz - w^2 - 2x^2 - 3y^2 - 4z^2$ .

### Solution:

(a) The conditions  $f_x(x, y, z) = 10x + 4y + 2z \cos x = 0$ ,  $f_y(x, y, z) = 8y + 4x + 6 \sin z = 0$ ,  $f_z(x, y, z) = 14z + 2 \sin x + 6y \cos z = 0$ , are satisfied by  $(0, 0, 0)$ , hence it is a critical point of  $f$ .

$$f_{xx}(x, y, z) = 10 - 2z \sin x, f_{yy}(x, y, z) = 8, f_{zz}(x, y, z) = 14 - 6y \sin z,$$

$$f_{yx}(x, y, z) = 4, f_{zy}(x, y, z) = 6 \cos z, f_{xz}(x, y, z) = 2 \cos x,$$

$$f_{xx}(0, 0, 0) = 10, f_{yy}(0, 0, 0) = 8, f_{zz}(0, 0, 0) = 14,$$

$$f_{yx}(0, 0, 0) = 4, f_{zy}(0, 0, 0) = 6, f_{xz}(0, 0, 0) = 2.$$

Hence the Hessian matrix is given by

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 14 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\Delta_1 = f_{xx}(0, 0, 0) = 10 > 0$ ,  $\Delta_2 = f_{xx}(0, 0, 0)f_{yy}(0, 0, 0) - (f_{xy}(0, 0, 0))^2 = 64 > 0$  and  $\Delta_3 = |H| = 600 > 0$ , hence  $(0, 0, 0)$  is a point of local minimum.

**(b)**  $f(w, x, y, z) = wx + 2xy + 3yz - w^2 - 2x^2 - 3y^2 - 4z^2$

$$f_w(x, y, z, w) = x - 2w, f_{ww}(x, y, z, w) = -2, f_{xw}(x, y, z, w) = 1, f_{yw}(x, y, z, w) = 0, f_{zw}(x, y, z, w) = 0.$$

$$f_x(x, y, z, w) = w + 2y - 4x, f_{xx}(x, y, z, w) = -4, f_{yx}(x, y, z, w) = 2, f_{zx}(x, y, z, w) = 0$$

$$f_y(x, y, z, w) = 2x + 3z - 6y, f_{yy}(x, y, z, w) = -6, f_{zy}(x, y, z, w) = 3$$

$$f_z(x, y, z, w) = 3y - 8z, f_{zz}(x, y, z, w) = -8.$$

Since  $f_w(x, y, z, w) = f_x(x, y, z, w) = f_y(x, y, z, w) = f_z(x, y, z, w) = 0$ , at  $(0, 0, 0, 0)$  hence it is a critical point of  $f$  and the Hessian matrix at  $(0, 0, 0, 0)$  is given by

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore  $\Delta_1 = -2 < 0$ ,  $\Delta_2 = 7 > 0$ ,  $\Delta_3 = -34 < 0$ ,  $\Delta_4 = 337 > 0$ .

Since  $(-1)^k \Delta_k > 0$  for all  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ,  $(0, 0, 0, 0)$  is a local maximum point of  $f$ .

4. Find the points on the surface  $z^2 = xy + 1$  that are closest to the origin.

**Solution:** The square of the distance of any point of the given surface from the origin is given by:

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = x^2 + y^2 + xy + 1$$

To find the absolute minimum of  $f$ .

The critical points are given by the following equations:

$f_x(x, y) = f_y(x, y) = 0$ , which gives  $2x + y = 0 = 2y + x$ , the only solution to this system is  $(0, 0)$ .

$D(0, 0) = f_{xx}(0, 0)f_{yy}(0, 0) - (f_{xy}(0, 0))^2 = 2 \times 2 - 1 = 3 > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(0, 0) = 2 > 0$ , hence  $(0, 0)$  is a point of local minimum.

Since  $(0, 0)$  is the only critical point so  $(0, 0)$  is the point of absolute minimum of  $f$ .

5. Find the volume of the largest rectangular box with edges parallel to the axes that can be inscribed in the ellipsoid  $9x^2 + 36y^2 + 4z^2 = 36$ .

**Solution:** Since the ellipsoid is centered at  $(0, 0, 0)$ , clearly the rectangular box of maximum volume should also be centered at the origin and if  $(x, y, z)$  gives a corner of the rectangle in the first octant, which touches the ellipsoid then clearly the other corners are  $(-x, y, z), (x, -y, z), (x, y, -z), (x, -y, -z), (-x, -y, z), (-x, y, -z)$  and  $(-x, -y, -z)$ . Then the volume of the rectangular box is given by

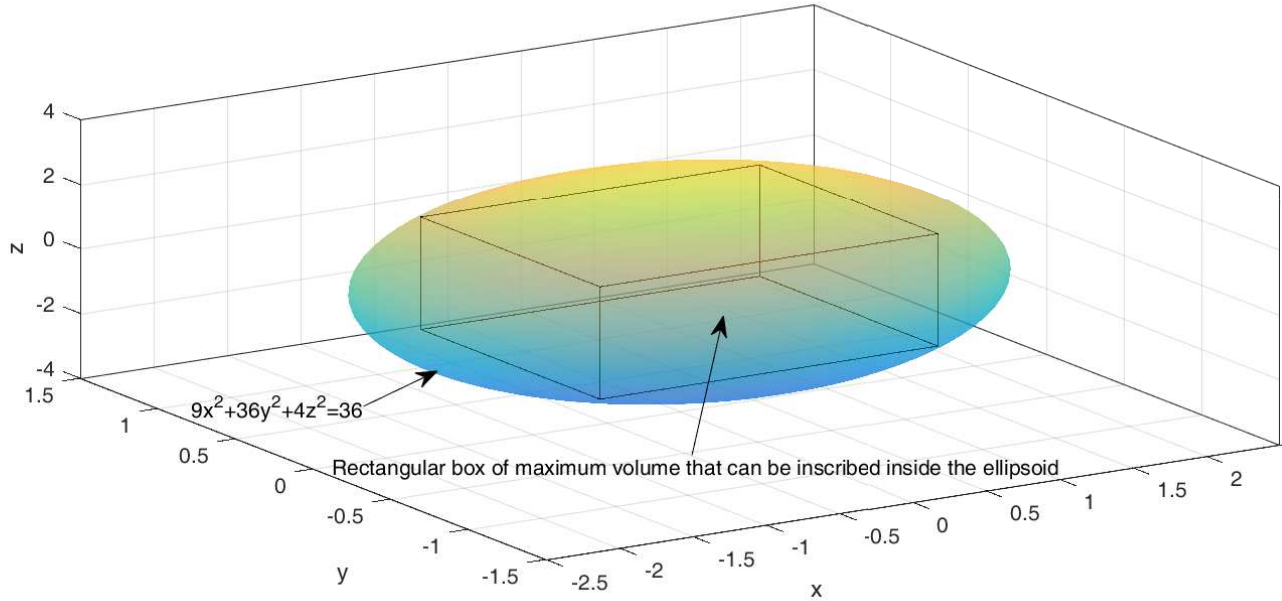
$$V = 8xyz \text{ and the point } (x, y, z) \text{ should satisfy the condition } 9x^2 + 36y^2 + 4z^2 = 36.$$

So the problem is to max  $8xyz$  or max  $cx^2y^2z^2$  ( $c > 0$ )

subject to  $4z^2 = 36 - 9x^2 - 36y^2$ .

or max  $x^2y^2(36 - 9x^2 - 36y^2)$ .

The critical points are given by the following conditions:



$$f_x(x, y) = (2x)y^2(36 - 9x^2 - 36y^2) + x^2y^2(-18x) = 0 \text{ or } xy^2(2 - x^2 - 2y^2) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = (2y)x^2(36 - 9x^2 - 36y^2) + x^2y^2(-72y) = 0 \text{ or } yx^2(4 - x^2 - 8y^2) = 0.$$

The critical points satisfy either of the following conditions:

(i)  $x = 0$

(ii)  $y = 0$

(iii)  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0, 2 - x^2 - 2y^2 = 0$  and  $4 - x^2 - 8y^2 = 0$ , which gives  $y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  and  $x = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

Since for critical points of the type (i), (ii),  $V = 0$ ,

we need to check for solutions of type (iii) if it maximizes  $V$ .

(\*\*) Since  $D(x, y) = f_{xx}(x, y)f_{yy}(x, y) - f_{xy}(x, y)^2 > 0$ , and  $f_{xx}(x, y) < 0$  at  $(\pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$  these points give the  $(x, y)$  coordinates of the corner points of the inscribed rectangular solid of maximum volume.

Since the  $z$  coordinates of the solid are  $\pm \sqrt{3}$ , and the volume of the required solid is  $8 \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times \sqrt{3}$ .

(\*\*) **Aliter:** Since the existence of such a solid is guaranteed (maximizing a continuous function  $x^2y^2z^2$  in a closed bounded region) so the critical points other than those given by  $x = 0, y = 0$  (which gives the minimum value of  $x^2y^2z^2$ ) must necessarily maximize  $x^2y^2z^2$ .

**Aliter:** Using lagrange's multipliers to solve the above problem we get:

$$\max x^2y^2z^2$$

$$\text{subject to } g(x, y, z) = 4z^2 - 36 + 9x^2 + 36y^2 = 0.$$

Let  $\lambda$  such that

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y, z)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2xy^2z^2, 2yx^2z^2, 2zy^2x^2) = \lambda(18x, 72y, 8z) \quad (1)$$

$\Rightarrow$  either  $x = 0, y = 0$  or  $z = 0$ .

or none of  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$  is satisfied, then  $\lambda \neq 0$  and (1) implies:

$$y^2 z^2 = 9\lambda, x^2 z^2 = 36\lambda \text{ and } y^2 x^2 = 4\lambda,$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 = 16\lambda \text{ or } x^2 = 4\sqrt{\lambda}, \text{ which implies,}$$

$$y^2 = \sqrt{\lambda}, z^2 = 9\sqrt{\lambda}, \text{ which when substituted in } g(x, y, z) = 0 \text{ gives } \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$\text{Hence } x = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, z = \pm \sqrt{3}.$$

6. The plane  $x + y + z = 12$  cuts the paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$  in an ellipse. Find the highest and lowest points on this ellipse.

**Solution:** The required problem is to Maximize or Minimize  $f(x, y, z) = z$  subject to  $g(x, y, z) = x + y + z - 12 = 0$  and  $h(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z = 0$ .

Using Lagrange's method, let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be such that

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y, z) + \mu \nabla h(x, y, z)$$

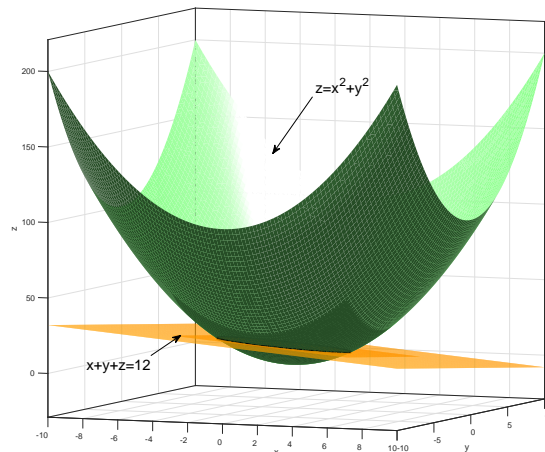
$$\Rightarrow (0, 0, 1) = \lambda(1, 1, 1) + \mu(2x, 2y, -1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda + 2\mu x = 0, \lambda + 2\mu y = 0 \text{ and } \lambda - \mu = 1, \text{ which gives } 2\mu(x - y) = 0.$$

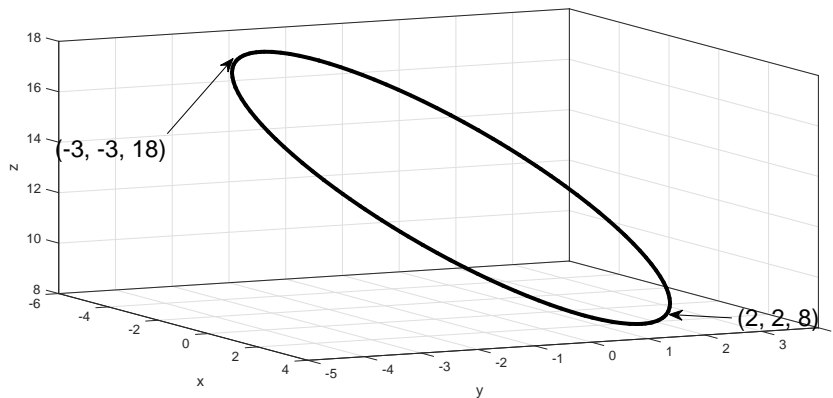
Since  $\mu = 0$  implies  $\lambda = 0$  which contradicts  $\lambda - \mu = 1$ , hence  $x = y$ .

When we substitute  $y = x$  in the equation for the plane and the paraboloid we get  $12 - 2x = z = 2x^2$ , which gives  $(x - 2)(x + 3) = 0$ ,

so the critical points are  $(2, 2, 8)$ , the lowest point and  $(-3, -3, 18)$ , the highest point.



(a)



(b)

7. Use Lagrange multipliers to find the global minimum and maximum values of the functions subject to the given constraint(s)

(a)  $f(x, y) = 4x + 6y; x^2 + y^2 = 13$

(b)  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n; x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 = 1$

(c)  $f(x, y) = e^{-xy}; x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 1$ .

**Solution:**

(a) Maximize or Minimize  $f(x, y) = 4x + 6y$  subject to  $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 13 = 0$ .

Let  $\lambda$  be such that

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y)$$

$$\Rightarrow (4, 6) = \lambda(2x, 2y) \Rightarrow \lambda x = 2, \lambda y = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y = 3x, \text{ and } g(x, \frac{3}{2}x) = 13x^2 - 13 \times 4 = 0 \text{ implies } x = 2, y = 3,$$

or  $x = -2, y = -3$ .

Since  $(2, 3)$  and  $(-2, -3)$  are the only two solutions of the above equations:

$f(2, 3) = 26$  and  $f(-2, -3) = -26$  gives the absolute minimum and maximum values of  $f$ .

(b) Maximize or Minimize  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n$  subject to

$$g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - 1 = 0.$$

Let  $\lambda$  be such that

$$\nabla f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \lambda \nabla g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

$$(1, 1, \dots, 1) = \lambda(2x_1, 2x_2, \dots, 2x_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n, \text{ and } g(x_1, x_1, \dots, x_1) = nx_1^2 - 1 = 0 \text{ gives}$$

$$x_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ or } x_i = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

The absolute maximum is attained at  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$  and the absolute minimum is attained at  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \dots, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$ .

(c) Maximize or Minimize  $f(x, y) = e^{-xy}$  subject to  $x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 1$ .

The conditions for critical points inside the ellipse  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$  are given by:

$$f_x(x, y) = 0 \text{ and } f_y(x, y) = 0 \text{ which gives } -ye^{-xy} = 0 \text{ and } -xe^{-xy} = 0,$$

$\Rightarrow x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ , which lies inside the ellipse.

$D(0, 0) = f_{xx}(0, 0)f_{yy}(0, 0) - f_{xy}(0, 0)^2 = -e^0 = -1 < 0$ , hence  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle point of  $f$ .

For points on the boundary of the ellipse  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$ , we use Lagrange's method.

Let  $\lambda$  be such that

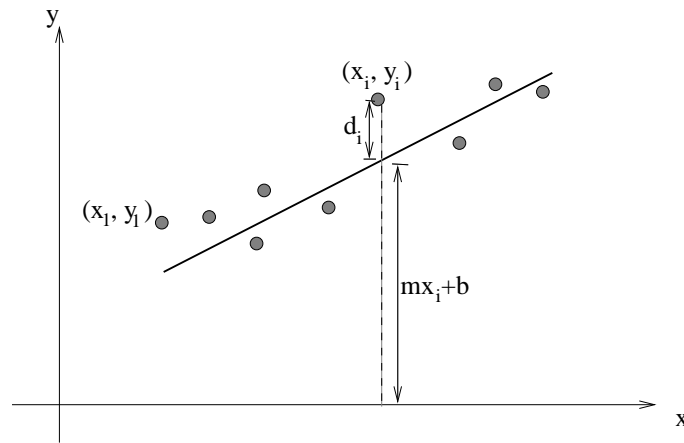
$$\nabla f(x, y) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y), \text{ where } g(x, y) = x^2 + 4y^2 - 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow (-ye^{-xy}, -xe^{-xy}) = \lambda(2x, 8y) \quad (1)$$

If  $x = 0$  then  $y = 0$ , however  $(0, 0)$  does not satisfy  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$  (also  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle point as noted earlier).

If  $x \neq 0$  then  $y \neq 0$  and we get  $\frac{y}{2x} = \frac{x}{8y}$  or  $x^2 = 4y^2$ , which gives  $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $y = \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

Hence the four possible solutions of (1) are  $(x, y) = (\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}})$ .



Since  $f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}) = f(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}) = e^{-\frac{1}{4}} < f(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}) = f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}) = e^{\frac{1}{4}}$ .  
 $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}})$  and  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}})$  are absolute minima of  $f$  and  
 $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}})$  and  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}})$  are absolute maxima of  $f$ .

8. Suppose that a scientist has reason to believe that two quantities  $x$  and  $y$  are related linearly, that is,  $y = mx + b$ , at least approximately for some values of  $m$  and  $b$ . The scientist performs an experiment and collects data in the form of points  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $(x_n, y_n)$ , and then plots these points. The points don't exactly lie on a straight line, so the scientist wants to find constants  $m$  and  $b$  such that the line  $y = mx + b$  "fits" the points as well as possible. Let  $d_i = y_i - (mx_i + b)$  be the vertical deviation of the point  $(x_i, y_i)$  from the line. The **method of least squares** determines  $m$  and  $b$  so as to minimize  $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2$ , the sum of the squares of these deviations. Show that according to this method, the line of best fit is obtained when

$$m \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + bn = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$m \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i.$$

**Solution:** To find  $m$  and  $b$  such that  $f(m, b) = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2$  is minimum, we have to find

the critical points of  $f$

$$f_m(m, b) = 0 \text{ gives } \sum_{i=1}^n d_i(-x_i) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } f_b(m, b) = 0 \text{ gives } \sum_{i=1}^n d_i = 0 \quad (2)$$

From (2) we get

$$m \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + bn = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i.$$

From (1) we get

$$m \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i.$$



9. Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by the given curves about the specified line.

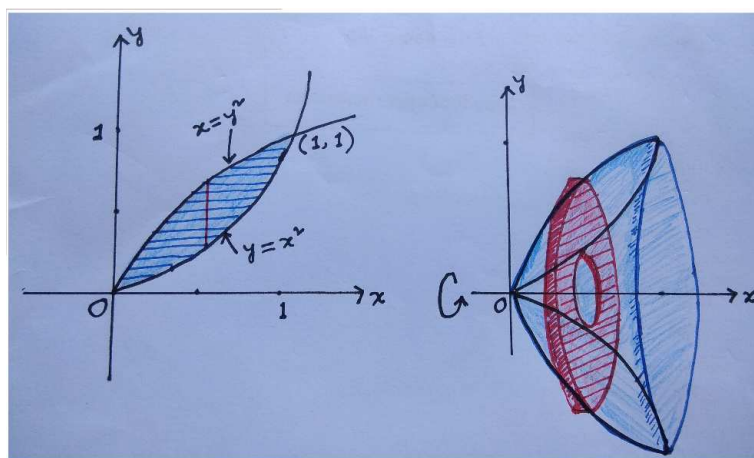
- (a)  $y = x^2$ ,  $y^2 = x$ ; about  $x$ -axis
- (b)  $y^2 = x$ ,  $x = 2y$ ; about  $y$ -axis
- (c)  $y = x$ ,  $y = x^2$ ; about the line  $x = -1$ .

**Solution:**

(a) For a given  $x$  the area of a cross section of the solid obtained is given by  $A(x) = \pi(\sqrt{x})^2 - \pi(x^2)^2$ .

Hence the volume of the solid is given by

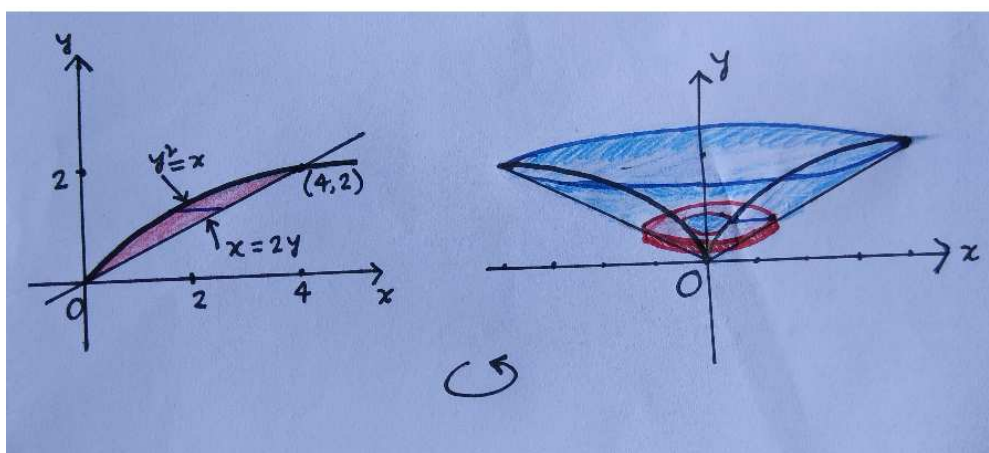
$$V = \int_0^1 A(x) dx = \frac{3\pi}{10}.$$



(b) For a given  $y$  the area of a cross section of the solid obtained is given by  $A(y) = \pi(2y)^2 - \pi(y^2)^2$ .

Hence the volume of the solid is given by

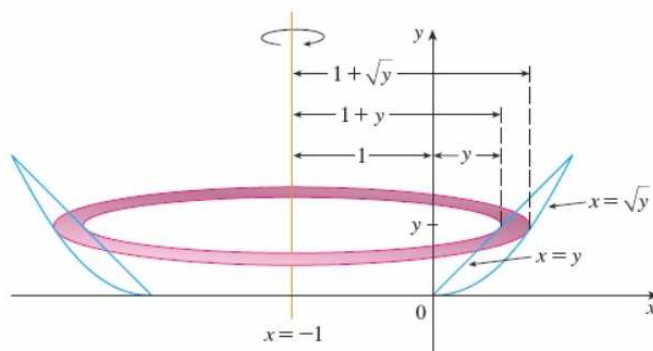
$$V = \int_0^2 A(y) dy = \frac{64\pi}{15}.$$



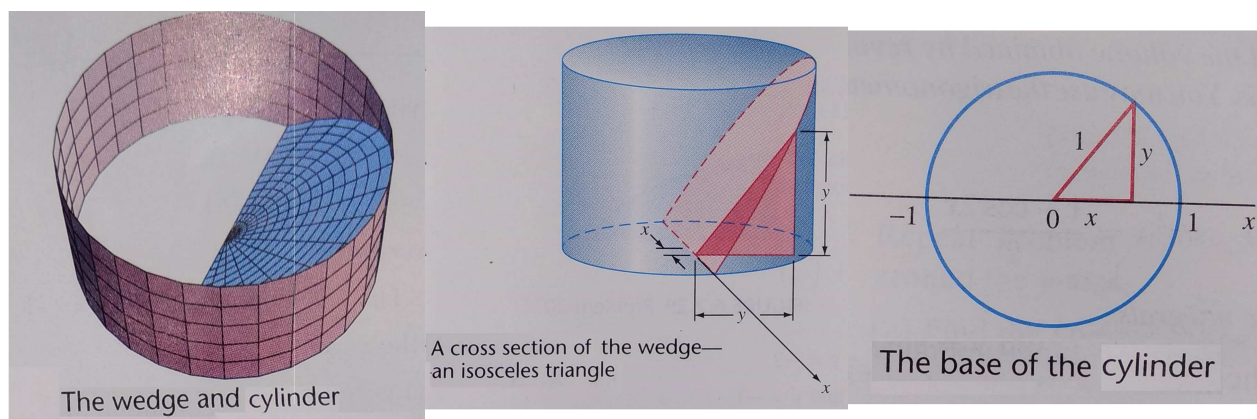
(c) For a given  $y$  the area of a cross section of the solid obtained is given by  $A(y) = \pi(\sqrt{y} + 1)^2 - \pi(y + 1)^2$ .

Hence the volume of the solid is given by

$$V = \int_0^1 A(y) dy = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$



10. Find the volume of the wedge that is cut from a circular cylinder with unit radius and unit height by a plane that passes through a diameter of the base of the cylinder and through a point on the circumference of its top.



**Solution:** We show the cylinder and the wedge in the figure above.

To form such a wedge, you may fill a cylindrical glass with water and then drink slowly, tipping the bottom up as you drink, until the half of the bottom of the glass is exposed; the remaining water forms the edge.

Without loss of generality let us assume the plane to cut the base of the cylinder along the  $x$  axis, with the centre of the cylinder at the origin (see the second figure in the sequence).

Then for a fixed  $x$  the cross section of the wedge is an isosceles triangle, since the plane intersects the base of the cylinder at a fixed angle, and at  $x = 0$ , the height and the base (given by  $y$ ) are both equal to 1 (see the third figure in the sequence).

The area of each of these triangles is given by:

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{2}y \times y = \frac{1}{2}(1 - x^2).$$

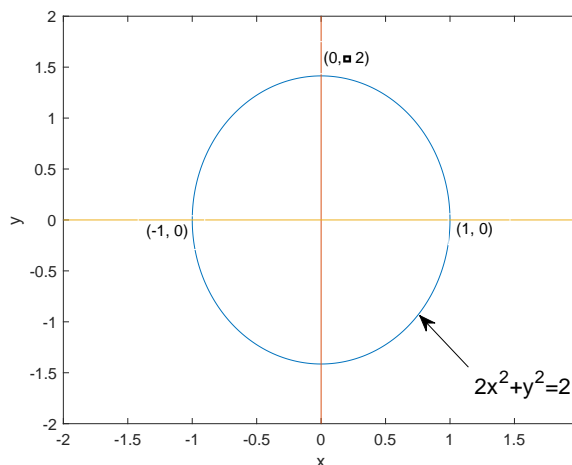
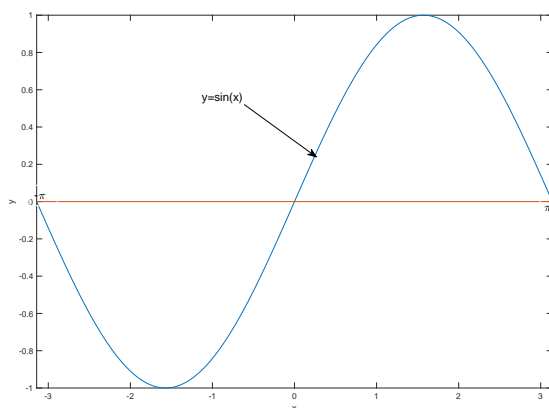
Hence the required volume is

$$V = \int_{-1}^1 A(x)dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2}(1 - x^2)dx = \frac{2}{3}.$$

11. Prove that the length of one arch of the sine curve  $y = \sin x$  is equal to half the circumference of the ellipse  $2x^2 + y^2 = 2$ .

**Solution:** The length of one arch of the sine curve is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 &= \int_0^\pi \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx \\ &= \int_0^\pi \sqrt{1 + (\cos x)^2} dx. \end{aligned}$$



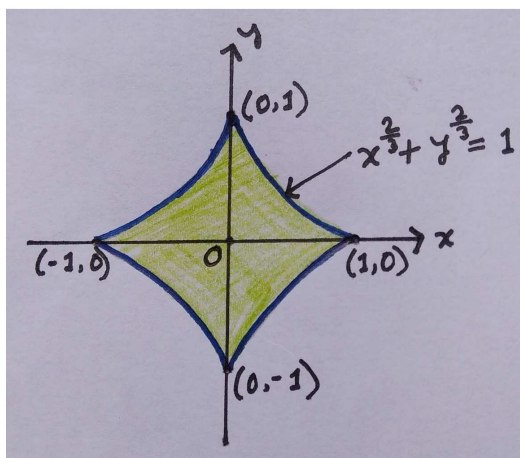
The length of half the circumference of the ellipse is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 &= \int_{-1}^{+1} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2x}{\sqrt{2-2x^2}}\right)^2} dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^{+1} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2x}{\sqrt{2-2x^2}}\right)^2} dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{1+x^2}{1-x^2}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Take  $x = \cos t$  then the value of the above integral is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_\pi^0 \sqrt{\frac{1 + (\cos t)^2}{(\sin t)^2}} (-\sin t) dt \\ &= \int_0^\pi \sqrt{1 + (\cos t)^2} dt, \\ &\text{hence } L_1 = L_2. \end{aligned}$$

12. Find the total length of the asteroid given by  $x^{\frac{2}{3}} + y^{\frac{2}{3}} = 1$  and then find the area of the surface generated by revolving the asteroid around the  $y$ -axis.



**Solution: By implicit differentiation:**

$$\frac{2}{3}x^{-\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{2}{3}y^{-\frac{1}{3}}\frac{dy}{dx} = 0, \text{ provided } x \neq 0 \text{ and } y \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \left(\frac{dx}{dy} = -\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right).$$

The required length of the asteroid is given by:

$$L = 4 \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx \quad \left(= 4 \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2} dy\right)$$

$$L = 4 \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + \left(-\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^2} dx$$

$$= 4 \int_0^1 x^{-\frac{1}{3}} dx = 6.$$

As the asteroid is symmetric about the origin we can assume  $y \geq 0$ , then the required surface area is given by:

$$S = 2 \int_0^1 2\pi x ds = 4\pi \int_0^1 x \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^1 x \sqrt{1 + \left(-\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^2} dx$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^1 x \times x^{-\frac{1}{3}} dx$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^1 x^{\frac{2}{3}} dx$$

$$= 4\pi \times \frac{3}{5} \left[x^{\frac{5}{3}}\right]_0^1 = \frac{12\pi}{5}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\textbf{Aliter: } S &= 2 \int_0^1 2\pi x ds = 4\pi \int_0^1 (1 - y^{\frac{2}{3}})^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2} dy \\
&= 4\pi \int_0^1 (1 - y^{\frac{2}{3}})^{\frac{3}{2}} y^{-\frac{1}{3}} dy \\
&= 4\pi \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^0 (\sin \theta)^3 (-3 \cos \theta \sin \theta) d\theta \quad (\text{by taking } y^{\frac{2}{3}} = \cos^2 \theta). \\
&= 12\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin \theta)^4 (\cos \theta) d\theta = \frac{12\pi}{5}.
\end{aligned}$$