

Taylor's Series for functions of two variables :

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x, y) = & f(a, b) + [(x-a)f_x(a, b) + (y-b)f_y(a, b)] \\
 & + \frac{1}{2!} \left[(x-a)^2 f_{xx}(a, b) + 2(x-a)(y-b)f_{xy}(a, b) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + (y-b)^2 f_{yy}(a, b) \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{3!} \left[(x-a)^3 f_{xxx}(a, b) + (y-b)^3 f_{yyy}(a, b) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + 3(x-a)^2(y-b)f_{xxy}(a, b) + 3(x-a)(y-b)^2 f_{xyy}(a, b) \right] \\
 & + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

This is called the Taylor's Series expansion of $f(x, y)$ in powers of $(x-a)$ and $(y-b)$ (or, about $x=a$ and $y=b$)

Note: (1) Taking $x=a+h$ and $y=b+k$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(a+h, b+k) = & f(a, b) + [hf_x(a, b) + kf_y(a, b)] \\
 & + \frac{1}{2!} \left[h^2 f_{xx}(a, b) + k^2 f_{yy}(a, b) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + 2hk f_{xy}(a, b) \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{3!} \left[h^3 f_{xxx}(a, b) + k^3 f_{yyy}(a, b) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + 3h^2k f_{xxy}(a, b) + 3hk^2 f_{xyy}(a, b) \right] \\
 & + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

where
$x-a=h$
$y-b=k$

② Above series is called MacLaurin's series if $a=0$ and $b=0$.

Problems:

① Expand $f(x, y) = e^x \cdot \log(1+y)$ in power of x and y upto terms of third degree.

Sol: Given $f(x, y) = e^x \log(1+y)$
here $(a, b) = (0, 0)$ (or, $a=0$ and $b=0$)

$$\text{Now, } f_x(x, y) = e^x \log(1+y) \Rightarrow f_x(0, 0) = 0$$

$$f_y(x, y) = e^x \cdot \frac{1}{1+y} \Rightarrow f_y(0, 0) = 1$$

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = e^x \log(1+y) \Rightarrow f_{xx}(0, 0) = 0$$

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = e^x \cdot \frac{1}{1+y} \Rightarrow f_{xy}(0, 0) = 1$$

$$f_{yy}(x, y) = -e^x \cdot \frac{1}{(1+y)^2} \Rightarrow f_{yy}(0, 0) = -1$$

$$f_{xxx}(x, y) = e^x \log(1+y) \Rightarrow f_{xxx}(0, 0) = 0$$

$$f_{xxy}(x, y) = e^x \cdot \frac{1}{1+y} \Rightarrow f_{xxy}(0, 0) = 1$$

$$f_{xyy}(x, y) = -e^x \cdot \frac{1}{(1+y)^2} \Rightarrow f_{xyy}(0, 0) = -1$$

$$f_{yyy}(x, y) = 2e^x \cdot \frac{1}{(1+y)^3} \Rightarrow f_{yyy}(0, 0) = 2$$

Therefore, by the Taylor's Series, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x,y) &= f(0,0) + [x f_x(0,0) + y f_y(0,0)] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2!} [x^2 f_{xx}(0,0) + y^2 f_{yy}(0,0) + 2xy f_{xy}(0,0)] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{3!} [x^3 f_{xxx}(0,0) + y^3 f_{yyy}(0,0) + 3x^2 y f_{xxy}(0,0) \\
 &\quad \quad \quad + 3xy^2 f_{xyy}(0,0)] \\
 &\quad + \dots \\
 &= y + xy - \frac{1}{2} y^2 + \frac{1}{2} (x^2 y - xy^2) + \frac{1}{3} y^3 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

- ② Expand the ~~(functions)~~ following functions in powers of x and y as far as terms of third degree.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{(i)} \quad f(x,y) = e^y \sin x & \text{(ii)} \quad f(x,y) = e^x \cos y \\
 \text{(iii)} \quad f(x,y) = e^y \log(1+x) & \text{(iv)} \quad f(x,y) = \sin x \cos y
 \end{array}$$

- ③ Expand $f(x,y) = \cos xy$ in powers of $(x-1)$ and $(y-\frac{\pi}{2})$.

- ④ Expand $f(x,y) = x^2 y + 3y^2 - 2$ in powers of $(x-1)$ and $(y+2)$

- ⑤ If $f(x,y) = \tan^{-1} xy$, compute $f(0.9, -1.2)$ approximately using Taylor's series.

Sol: Given $f(x, y) = \tan^{-1}(xy)$.
we have to compute $f(0.9, -1.2)$
Using Taylor Series.

Here $x = 0.9$ and $y = -1.2$
i.e., $x = 1 - 0.1$ and $y = -1 - 0.2$
or,
so, $x = 1 + (-0.1)$ and $y = -1 + (-0.2)$
 $a = 1, b = -1, h = -0.1$
and $k = -0.2$.

By Taylor Series, we have
$$f(x, y) = f(a, b) + [(x-a)f_x(a, b) + (y-b)f_y(a, b)] + \dots$$

$$\text{Now, } f(a,b) = f(1, -1) = -0.7854$$

$$f_x(x,y) = \frac{1}{1+x^2y^2} \Rightarrow f_x(1, -1) = -\frac{1}{2} = -0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xx}(x,y) &= \frac{\partial^2 f(x,y)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{y}{1+x^2y^2} \right) \\ &= -\frac{2xy^3}{(1+x^2y^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{xx}(1, -1) = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5, \quad f_y = \frac{x}{1+x^2y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{yy} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{x}{1+x^2y^2} \right) \Big|_{f_y(1, -1)} = 0.5 \\ &= -\frac{2x^3y}{(1+x^2y^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{yy}(1, -1) = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xy} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{(1+x^2y^2)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1-2x^2y^2}{(1+x^2y^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{xy}(1, -1) = 0$$

Therefore,

$$f(1+(-0.1), -1+(-0.2))$$

$$= -0.7854 + \left[(-0.1)(-0.5) + (-0.2)(0.5) \right] \\ + \frac{1}{2!} \left[(-0.1)^2(0.5) + (-0.2)^2(0.5) \right] \\ + 2(-0.1)(-0.2)(0)$$

+ ...

$$= -0.8029$$

Maxima and Minima for functions of two variables :

The necessary conditions for $f(x,y)$ to have a maximum or minimum at (a,b) are $f_x(a,b) = 0$ and $f_y(a,b) = 0$.

Sufficient conditions:

Suppose $f_x(a,b) = 0$ and $f_y(a,b) = 0$
 Let $\eta = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$, $\lambda = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$

Then (i) $f(a,b)$ is a maximum value of $f(x,y)$

if $\eta - \lambda^2 > 0$ and $\eta < 0$ at (a,b) .

(ii) $f(a,b)$ is a minimum value of $f(x,y)$

if $\eta - \lambda^2 > 0$ and $\eta > 0$ at (a,b) .

(iii) $f(a,b)$ is not an extreme value

if $\eta - \lambda^2 < 0$ at (a,b) . In this case

(a,b) is called a saddle point.

(iv) If $\eta - \lambda^2 = 0$,
 $\eta(a,b)$,

have extreme value and it needs further investigation.

Note: $f(a,b)$ is said to be a stationary value of $f(x,y)$ if $f_x(a,b) = 0$ and $f_y(a,b) = 0$.

Thus every extreme value is a stationary value.

① A rectangular box open at the top is to have volume of 32 cubic feet. Find the dimensions of the box requiring least material for its construction.

Sol: Let the dimensions of the rectangular box be x ft, y ft and z ft.

Given that Volume = 32 cubic ft.

$$\text{i.e., } xy^2 = 32 \quad \text{---} ①$$

So, $z = \frac{32}{xy}$. Let S be the surface area of the box. Then $S = xy + 2y^2 + 2\left(\frac{2x}{y}\right)$
(since box is open at top)

Therefore, from ① and ②, we have

$$S = xy + \frac{64}{x} + \frac{64}{y}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} = y - \frac{64}{x^2} \text{ and } \frac{\partial S}{\partial y} = x - \frac{64}{y^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow y - \frac{64}{x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{64}{x^2} \quad \text{---} ③$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial S}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow x - \frac{64}{y^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{64}{y^2} \quad \text{---} ④$$

Solving ③ and ④, we get
 $x = 4$ and $y = 4$.

$$\text{Now, } g_x = \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x^2} = \frac{128}{x^3}, g_y = \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial y^2} = 1 \text{ and } L = \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial y^2} \cdot \frac{128}{y^3}$$

At $(4, 4)$, $g_{xx} + g_{yy} = 3 > 0$ and $L = 2 > 0$

$\therefore S$ has minimum at $x = 4, y = 4$

and hence from ①, we get $z = 2$. Therefore, the required dimensions are 4 ft, 4 ft and 2 ft to construct the box with least material.

Problems:

- Find the extremum of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 12.$$

Sol: Given $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 12$

$$\text{so, } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x + 6 \text{ and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow 2x + 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 3 = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow 2y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 0$$

Therefore, $(-3, 0)$ is an extremum point.

$$\text{Next, } r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 2, s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{and } t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 2.$$

we have

At the point $(-3, 0)$,

$$x > 0 \text{ and } rt - s^2 = 4 > 0$$

and hence the given function $f(x, y)$ is minimum at $(-3, 0)$ and the minimum value is $\boxed{-21}$.

② Obtain the extremum value of the function for $f(x,y) = x^4 + y^4 - 2x^2 - 2y^2 + 4xy$

Sol:

$$\text{Here, } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 4x^3 - 4x + 4y$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 4y^3 - 4y + 4x$$

Now,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow x^3 - x + y = 0 \quad \rightarrow ①$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow y^3 - y + x = 0 \quad \rightarrow ②$$

Adding ① and ②, we get

$$x^3 + y^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -y$$

From ①, we have

$$x^3 - 2x = 0 \Rightarrow x(x^2 - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow x=0, x=\pm\sqrt{2}$$

and hence $y=0, \pm\sqrt{2}$.

Therefore, $(0,0)$, $(\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2})$ and $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$ are the possible extreme points.

Now,

$$g_1 = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 12x^2 - 4,$$

$$S = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = 4$$

$$\text{and } t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 12y^2 - 4.$$

At $(0,0)$, $g_1 t - S^2 = 16 - 16 = 0$

So, we cannot say anything about the nature of $f(x,y)$ at $(0,0)$.

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

$$g_1 = 20 > 0 \text{ and } g_1 t - S^2 > 0$$

Therefore, $f(x,y)$ is minimum at $(\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2})$.

At $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$: $g_1 = 20 > 0$

$$\text{and } g_1 t - S^2 > 0$$

Also, $f(x,y)$ is minimum at $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$.

Lagrange's method of Undetermined multipliers :

To find the extremum for $f(x, y, z)$ subject to the condition $\phi(x, y, z) = 0$

Consider the Lagrangean function

$$F(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z) + \lambda \phi(x, y, z)$$

Now, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0$; $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0$

Solving these three equations, we get points at which f has maxima or minima.

- ① Find the point on the plane $x + 2y + 3z = 4$ that is closest to the origin.

Sol: Let $P(x, y, z)$ be a point on the given plane

$$\text{Then } OP = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}.$$

$$\text{Let } f = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \rightarrow ①$$

We have to minimize f subject to the condition $\phi(x, y, z) = x + 2y + 3z - 4 = 0 \rightarrow ②$

Consider Lagrangean function

$$F(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z) + \lambda \phi(x, y, z).$$

i.e., $F = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \lambda (x + 2y + 3z - 4)$

For f to be minimum,

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0 ; \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0$$

Now,

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow 2x + \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow 2y + 2\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow y = -\lambda$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0 \Rightarrow 2z + 3\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow z = -\frac{3\lambda}{2}$$

Substitute these values in ①, we get

$$-\frac{\lambda}{2} + 2(-\lambda) + 3\left(-\frac{3\lambda}{2}\right) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{4}{7}$$

and hence $x = \frac{2}{7}, y = \frac{4}{7}$ and $z = \frac{6}{7}$

Therefore, the point on the given plane
closest to the origin is $\left(\frac{2}{7}, \frac{4}{7}, \frac{6}{7}\right)$.

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Problems

- ① Find the volume of greatest rectangular parallelopiped that can be inscribed in the ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$

Hint: Volume = $(2x)(2y)(2z) = 8xyz$ $\rightarrow 1$

and $\phi = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0$ $\rightarrow 2$

- ② Find the three positive numbers whose sum is 100 and whose product is maximum.
- ③ obtain the maximum value of $\cot A \cdot \cot B \cdot \cot C$ in a plane $\triangle ABC$.

Hint: let $f = \cot A \cdot \cot B \cdot \cot C$ $\rightarrow 1$

In $\triangle ABC$, $A + B + C = \pi$

let $\phi = A + B + C - \pi = 0$

$\rightarrow 2$

- ④ Obtain the shortest distance from origin to the surface $xyz^2 = 2$.

Problems:

1. obtain the shortest distance from origin to the surface $xyz^2=2$.

Sol: The distance d from the origin to any point $P(x, y, z)$ on the surface $xyz^2=2$ is given by

$$d^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = f(x, y, z) \text{ say.}$$

$$\text{Let } \phi(x, y, z) \equiv xyz^2 - 2 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{*}$$

$$\text{Let } F = f + \lambda \phi.$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 2x + \lambda yz^2,$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 2y + \lambda xz^2,$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 2z + \lambda 2xyz$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow 2x + \lambda yz^2 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{x}{yz^2} = -\frac{\lambda}{2} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow 2y + \lambda xz^2 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{y}{xz^2} = -\frac{\lambda}{2} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0 \Rightarrow 2z + 2\lambda xy^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{xy} = -\lambda \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

From ① and ②, we have

$$\frac{x}{y^2} = \frac{y}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = y^2 \Rightarrow x = y$$

From ② and ③, we have

$$\frac{y}{xz^2} = \frac{1}{2xy}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{z}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Therefore, from *, we get

$$x(x)(2x^2) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

and hence $y = 1$ and $z = \sqrt{2}$

So, f has minimum at $(1, 1, \sqrt{2})$

Thus the shortest distance from the origin to the given surface is

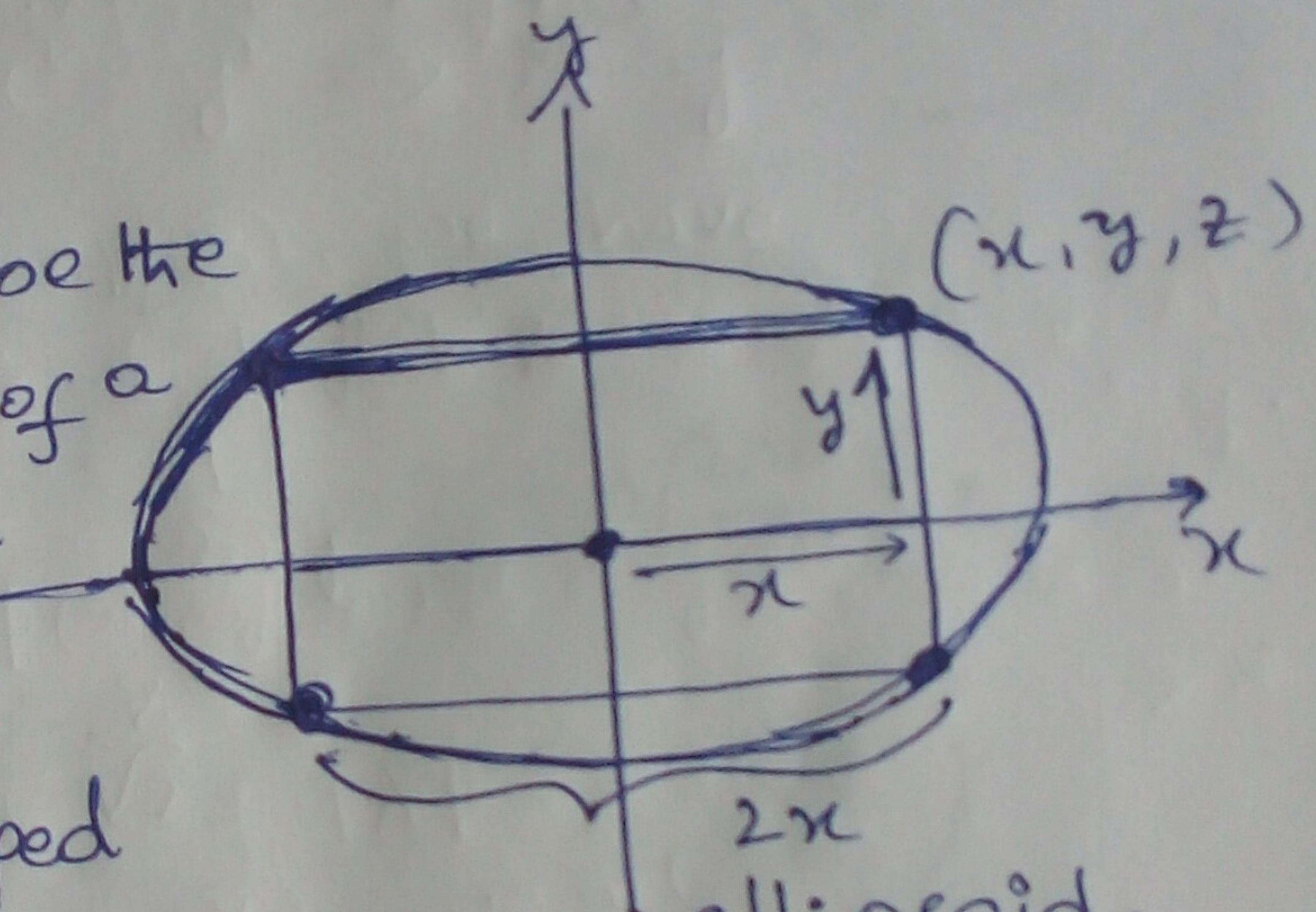
$$d = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} = 2.$$

② Obtain the volume of the greatest rectangular parallelopiped that can be inscribed in the ellipsoid

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

Sol:

Let (x, y, z) be the coordinates of a corner of a rectangular parallelopiped inscribed in the given ellipsoid.



Then (x, y, z) satisfy the equation of the ellipsoid, so we have

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 \rightarrow ①$$

Also, in this case x, y and z are the dimensions of the parallelopiped

Therefore, its volume

$$V = 2x \cdot 2y \cdot 2z = 8xyz = f(x, y, z)$$

we have to minimize $f(x, y, z)$
subject to the condition ①.

$$\text{let } \phi(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0 \rightarrow ③$$

Let $F = f + \lambda \phi$. Then

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 8yz + \lambda \left(\frac{2x}{a^2} \right),$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 8zx + \lambda \left(\frac{2y}{b^2} \right)$$

and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 8xy + \lambda \left(\frac{2z}{c^2} \right)$

Now, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 \left(\frac{yz}{x} \right) = -\frac{\lambda}{4}$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow b^2 \left(\frac{zx}{y} \right) = -\frac{\lambda}{4}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0 \Rightarrow c^2 \left(\frac{xy}{z} \right) = -\frac{\lambda}{4}$$

By solving, we get

$$d = -\frac{3xyz}{2}$$

and hence $x = \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}$, $y = \frac{b}{\sqrt{3}}$

and $z = \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}}$.

Thus, the maximum volume = $\frac{8abc}{3\sqrt{3}}$.

- ③ Find the maximum value of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ under the condition $x + y + z = 3$.

Ans: $3a^2$.