

Math 250 Optimization Problem Fun Pack !!

1. Find the absolute max and min values of f subject to the given constraint:

- (a) $f(x, y) = 8x + 3y; (x - 1)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 9$
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 \cdot [min is $2 - 3\sqrt{73}$ at $(1 - 24/\sqrt{73}, -2 - 9/\sqrt{73})$,
max is $2 + 3\sqrt{73}$ at $(1 + 24/\sqrt{73}, -2 + 9/\sqrt{73})$]
- (b) $f(x, y) = xy; \frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$ [max $5\sqrt{2}$, min $-5\sqrt{2}$]
- (c) $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^3; x^2 + y^2 = 49$ [min -343 at $(0, -7)$, max 343 at $(0, 7)$]
- (d) $f(x, y, z) = z - x^2 - y^2; \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} + \frac{z^2}{16} = 1$ [max 4 at $(0, 0, 4)$, min $-\frac{85}{9}$ at $(0, \sqrt{3}, -\frac{8}{9})$]
- (e) $f(x, y) = \cos(x^2 - y^2); x^2 + y^2 = 1$ [max 1, min $\cos 1$]
- (f) $f(x, y) = \cos^2 x + \cos^2 y; x + y = \frac{\pi}{4}$.
- (g) $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$; on the set $S = \{(x, \cos x) : x \in R\}$.
- (h) $f(x, y) = e^{2xy}; x^3 + y^3 = 16$ [max e^8 at $(2, 2)$]
- (i) $f(x, y) = (xy)^{1/2} + y^2; x + y = 1$ with $|x| < 1$ and $|y| < 1$.

2. Find the points on the surface $z^2 - xy = 1$ nearest the origin. $[(0, 0, 1), (0, 0, -1)]$
3. A triangular field is to be enclosed by p feet of fencing so as to maximize the area of the field. Find the lengths of the sides of this triangle. [Hint: Heron's formula for the area of a triangle with side lengths x, y , and z is $A = \sqrt{s(s-x)(s-y)(s-z)}$ where $s = \frac{1}{2}(x+y+z)$.] $[x = y = z = p/3]$
4. Find the extreme values of $f(x, y) = x^2y$ on the line $x + y = 3$.
5. The temperature at a point (x, y) on a metal plate is $T(x, y) = 4x^2 - 4xy + y^2$. An ant on the plate walks around the circle of radius 5 centered at the origin. What are the highest and lowest temperatures encountered by the ant? [low=0°, high=125°]
6. Find the dimensions of the closed right circular cylindrical can of smallest surface area whose volume is $16\pi \text{ cm}^3$. $[r = 2\text{cm}, h = 4\text{cm}]$
7. A space probe in the shape of the ellipsoid $4x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$ enters Earth's atmosphere and its surface begins to heat. After 1 hour, the temperature at the point (x, y, z) on the probe's surface is $T(x, y, z) = 8x^2 + 4yz - 16z + 600$. Find the hottest point on the probe's surface.
. $[(0, -2, -\sqrt{12})]$
8. A firm uses wool and cotton fiber to produce cloth. The amount of cloth produced is given by $Q(x, y) = xy - x - y + 1$, where x is the number of pounds of wool, and y is the number of pounds of cotton, $x > 1$ and $y > 1$. If wool costs p dollars per pound, and cotton q dollars per pound, and the firm can spend B dollars on material, what should the ratio of cotton and wool be to produce the most cloth?
9. A rectangular mirror with area A square feet is to have trim along the edges. If the trim along the horizontal edges costs p cents per foot and that for the vertical edges costs q cents per foot, find the dimensions which will minimize the total cost. $[\text{horiz} = \sqrt{qA/p}, \text{vert} = \sqrt{pA/q}]$
10. Find the max and min of $f(x, y) = xy - y + x - 1$ on the set $x^2 + y^2 \leq 2$.
11. Find the max and min of $f(x, y) = x^2 + xy + y^2$ on the unit disk. $[\frac{3}{2} \text{ abs max, } 0 \text{ abs min}]$