

Recall one variable function criteria for classification of critical points

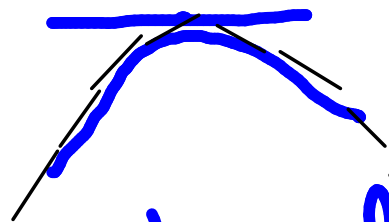


local min

$$f'' > 0$$

$\Rightarrow f'$ is increasing

$\Rightarrow f$ is open upward

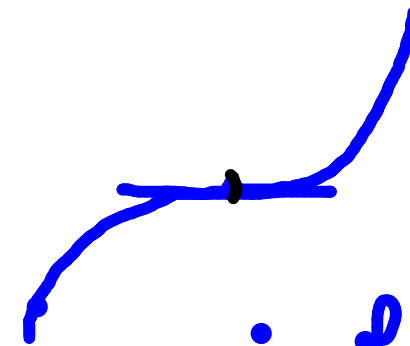


local max

$$f'' < 0$$

$\Rightarrow f'$ is decreasing

$\Rightarrow f$ is open downward



inflection pt.

$$f'' = 0$$

$f(x,y)$

critical point

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

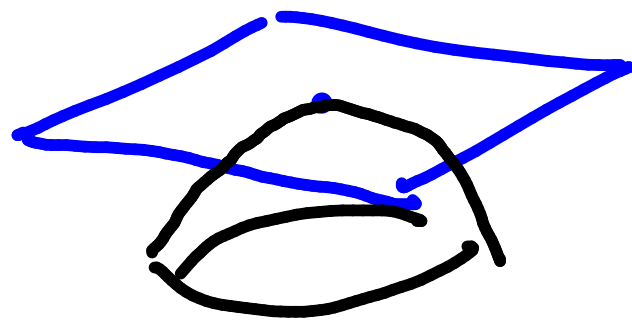
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$$

$$D > 0$$

$$D < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = f_{xx} < 0$$

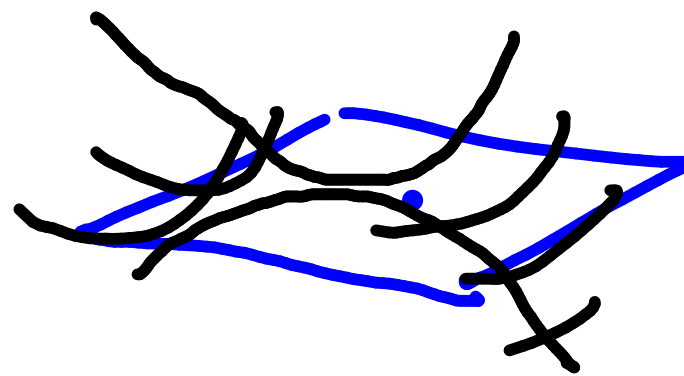


local max

$$f_{xx} > 0$$



local min



neither

3 SECOND DERIVATIVES TEST Suppose the second partial derivatives of f are continuous on a disk with center (a, b) , and suppose that $f_x(a, b) = 0$ and $f_y(a, b) = 0$ [that is, (a, b) is a critical point of f]. Let

$$D = D(a, b) = f_{xx}(a, b)f_{yy}(a, b) - [f_{xy}(a, b)]^2$$

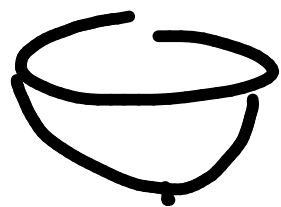
- (a) If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$, then $f(a, b)$ is a local minimum.
- (b) If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$, then $f(a, b)$ is a local maximum.
- (c) If $D < 0$, then $f(a, b)$ is not a local maximum or minimum.

$$f(x, y) = x^2 \sin(y)$$

Classification of
critical points into
local max / min / saddle
point

Q. classify critical points of

$$f = x^2 + y^2$$

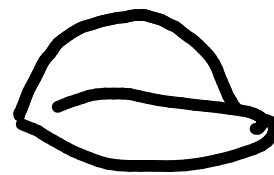


critical point = $(0,0)$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

$D > 0$ & $f_{xx} > 0$
 $\Rightarrow (0,0)$ is a point of local min

$$f = -x^2 - y^2$$

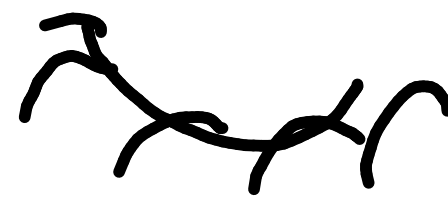


critical point = $(0,0)$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

$D > 0$ & $f_{xx} < 0$
 $\Rightarrow (0,0)$ is a point
of local max

$$f = x^2 - y^2$$



critical point = $(0,0)$

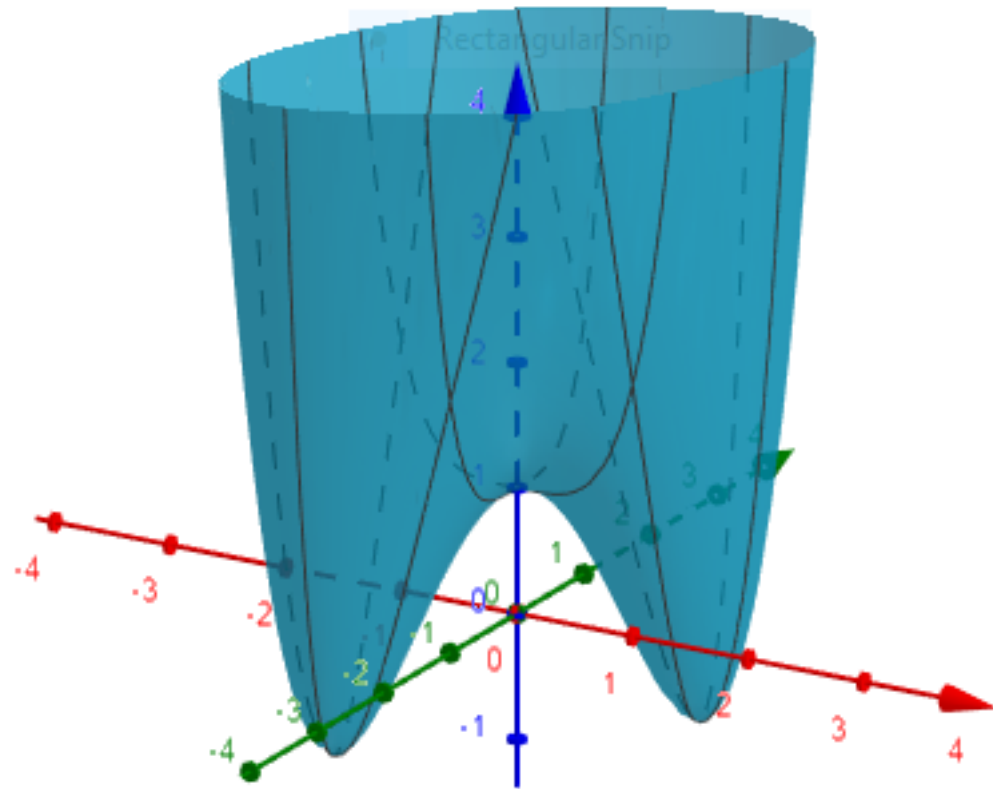
$$D = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -4$$

$(0,0)$ is a
saddle point.

V EXAMPLE 3 Find the local maximum and minimum values and saddle points of

$$f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 1.$$

& check your ans
on Geogebra



$$f_x = 0$$

$$4x^3 - 4y = 0$$

$$x^3 - y = 0$$

$$y^3 - x = 0$$

$$f_y = 0$$

$$4y^3 - 4x = 0$$

$$y = x^3$$

$$(x^3)^3 - x = 0$$

$$x^9 - x = 0$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 12x^2 & -4 \\ -4 & 12y^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$x(x^8 - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x^8 - 1 = 0$$

$$x^8 = 1$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

x	$y = x^3$	D	f_{xx}	
0	0	$-16 < 0$	whatever	Saddle pt
-1	-1	$128 > 0$	$12 > 0$	local min
1	1	$128 > 0$	$12 > 0$	local min

V EXAMPLE 4 Find the shortest distance from the point $(1, 0, -2)$ to the plane $x + 2y + z = 4$.

V EXAMPLE 5 A rectangular box without a lid is to be made from 12 m^2 of cardboard. Find the maximum volume of such a box.

- 33.** Find the points on the cone $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ that are closest to the point $(4, 2, 0)$.

Find the volume of the largest rectangular box with edges parallel to the axes that can be inscribed in the ellipsoid

$$9x^2 + 36y^2 + 4z^2 = 36$$