

## 11.7

## MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM VALUES

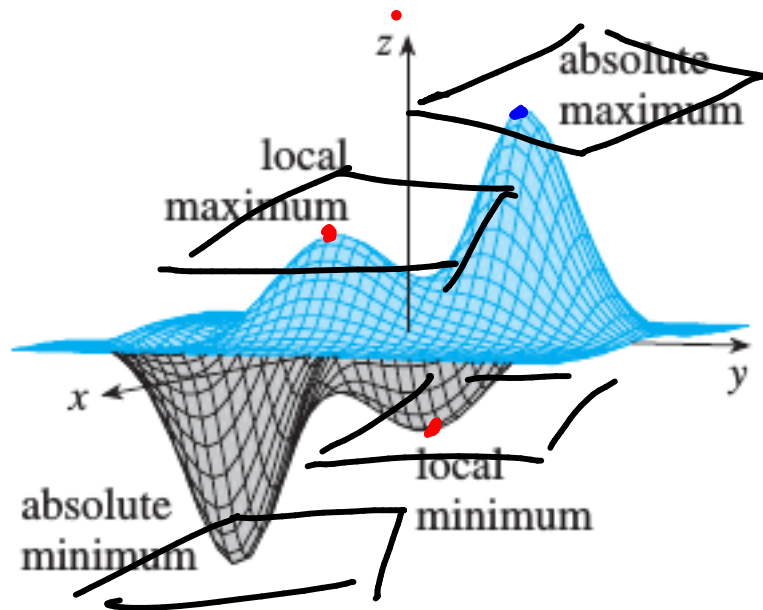
→ at local max/min points  
tangent planes will  
be horizontal

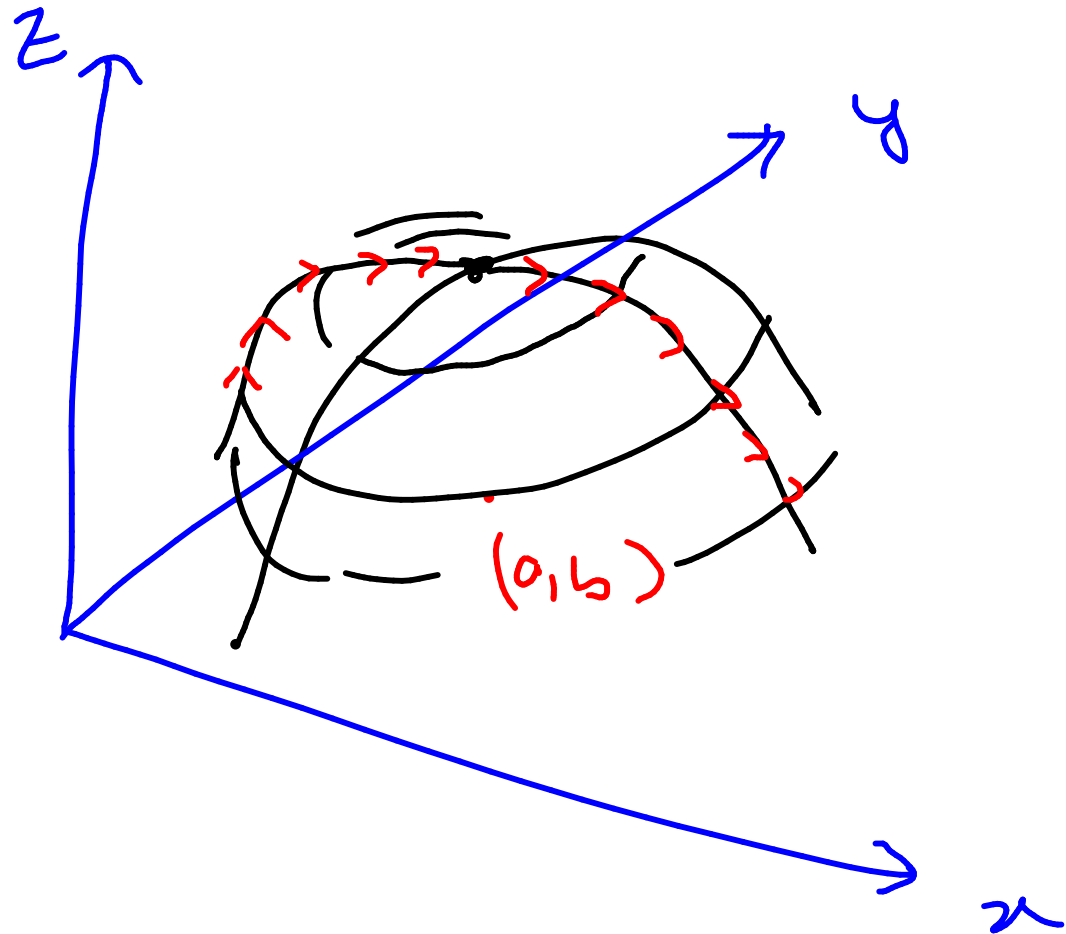
$$\rightarrow z - z_0 = f_x(a,b)(x-a) + f_y(a,b)(y-b)$$

⇒ if  $(a,b)$  is a point of  
max/min

then

$$f_x(a,b) = f_y(a,b) = 0$$





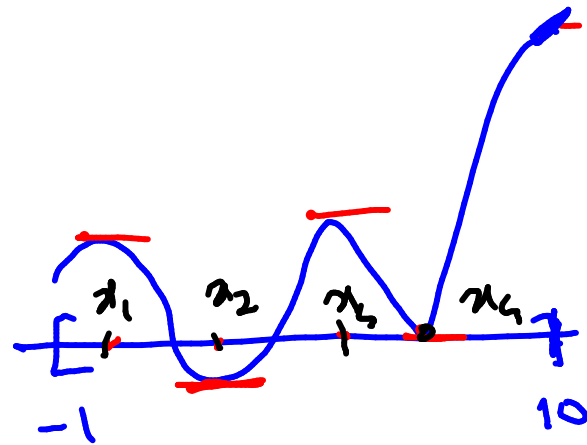
$$f_x(a, b) = 0$$

$$f_y(a, b) = 0$$

Recall questions like

$$f(x) = x^2 + \sin(x) + 2$$

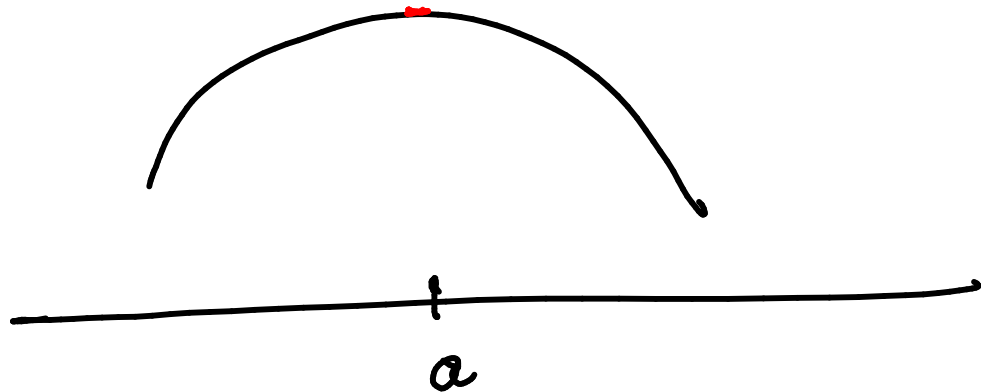
find the max / min



→ solve  $f'(x) = 0$  ,  $\Rightarrow x = x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$

max value =  $\max \{ f(x_1), f(x_2), f(x_3), f(x_4), f(a), f(b) \}$

min value =  $\min \{ f(x_1), f(x_2), f(x_3), f(x_4), f(a), f(b) \}$



$$f(x)$$

$$f'(a) = 0$$

identify  $a$  as  
a local max  
or a local min

$$f''$$

critical point

points in the domain of  $f(x,y)$  where  
 $f_x = 0$  &  $f_y = 0$

**EXAMPLE 1** Let  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 6y + 14$ .  $\hat{=}$  find points of local min or max

→ find critical points

$$f_x = 0$$

$$2x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

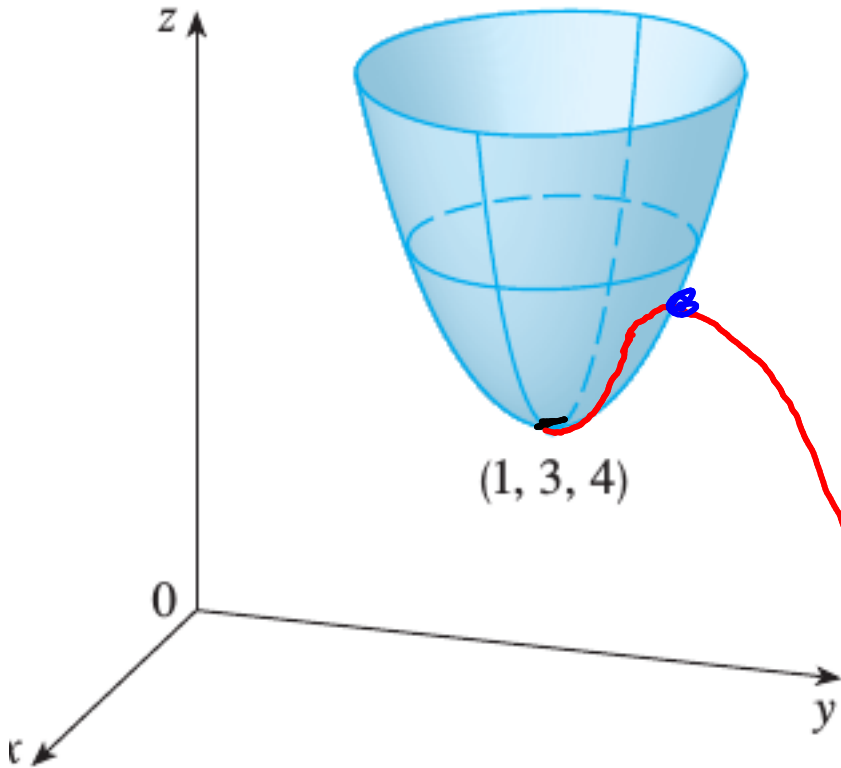
$$f_y = 0$$

$$2y - 6 = 0$$

$$y = 3$$

now check if it is a point of max/min/neither

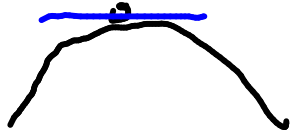
$$H = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\underbrace{\det(H) = 4 \quad \& \quad f_{xx} = 2 > 0}_{\Rightarrow}$$

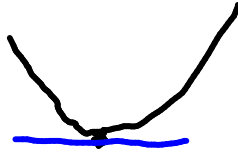
$(1, 3)$  is a point  
of local min

# Classification of critical points



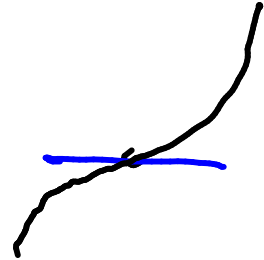
$$f'' < 0$$

$f$  is concave  
down



$$f'' > 0$$

$f$  is concave  
up



$$f'' = 0$$



# Hessian Matrix

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$$

local max

$$\det(H) > 0$$

$$\wedge f_{xx} < 0$$

local min

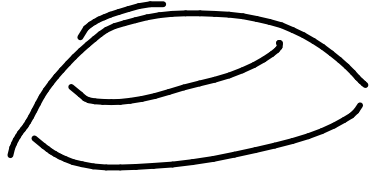
$$\det(H) > 0$$

$$\wedge f_{xx} > 0$$

neither

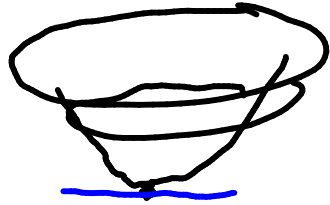
$$\det(H) < 0$$

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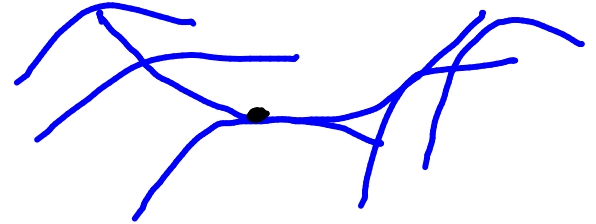


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down



$f$  is concave  
up



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

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

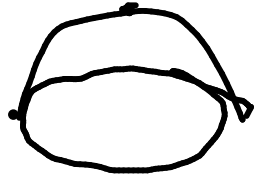
- (a) If  $D > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is a local minimum.
- (b) If  $D > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is a local maximum.
- (c) If  $D < 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is not a local maximum or minimum.

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

min

Hessian matrix

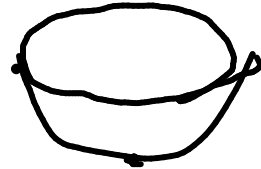
max



concave down

$$D > 0$$

$$f_{xx} < 0$$



concave up

$$D > 0$$

$$f_{xx} > 0$$

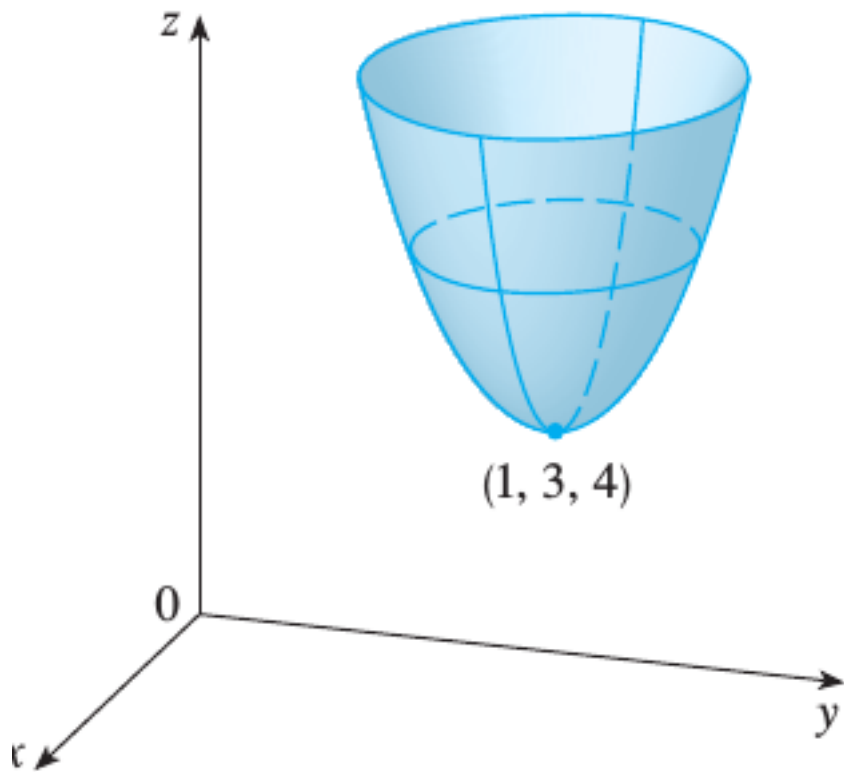
neither



neither

$$D < 0$$

**EXAMPLE 1** Let  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 6y + 14$ .  $\hat{=}$  find points of local min or max



1. Suppose  $(1, 1)$  is a critical point of a function  $f$  with continuous second derivatives. In each case, what can you say about  $f$ ?

(a)  $f_{xx}(1, 1) = 4, \quad f_{xy}(1, 1) = 1, \quad f_{yy}(1, 1) = 2$

(b)  $f_{xx}(1, 1) = 4, \quad f_{xy}(1, 1) = 3, \quad f_{yy}(1, 1) = 2$

a)  $|H| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 7 > 0$

$f_{xx} = 4 > 0$

$f$  concave up  $\Rightarrow$   
 $(1, 1)$  is a local min

b)  $|H| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -1 < 0$

$(1, 1)$  is a saddle point

Q.  $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$

find & classify  
critical points

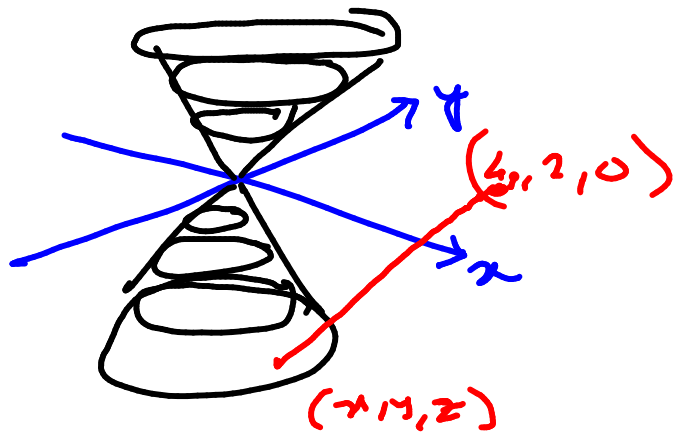
$$\begin{array}{ll} f_x = 0 & f_y = 0 \\ 2x = 0 & 2y = 0 \\ x = 0 & y = 0 \end{array}$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|H| = -4 < 0$$

Saddle point

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



$$\text{minimize } f(x, y, z) = (x-4)^2 + (y-2)^2 + z^2$$

s.t.  $(x, y, z)$  belongs to the  
surface  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$

solve it

$$\text{use } z^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\text{minimize } f = (x-4)^2 + (y-2)^2 + x^2 + y^2$$

find critical points



$$f_x = 2(x-4) + 2x = 0 \quad | \quad f_y = 2(y-2) + 2y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2 \quad | \quad y = 1$$

(2,1) : critical point

check for max/min  $H = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 16 > 0$

$\Delta f_{xx} = 4 > 0$

(2,1) is a point of local min

but also absolute min (why??)

Ans: The point on the cone  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  closest to  $(4, 2, 0)$  is  $(2, 1, \sqrt{5})$  &  $(2, 1, -\sqrt{5})$

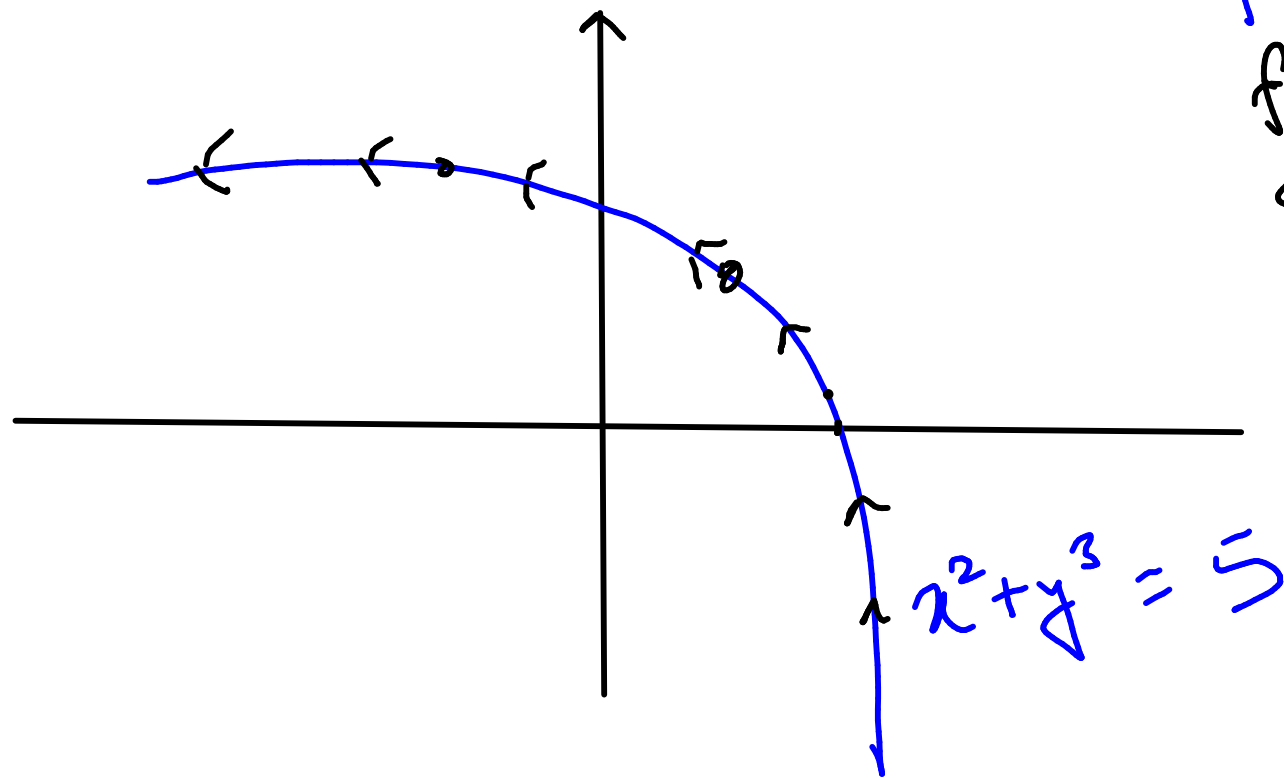
8. Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f$  on the set  $D$ .

.  $f(x, y) = 1 + 4x^2 - 5y^2$ ,  $D$  is the closed triangular region with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ , and  $(0, 3)$

8. Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f$  on the set  $D$ .

$$f(x, y) = xy^2, \quad D = \{(x, y) \mid x \geq 0, y \geq 0, x^2 + y^2 \leq 3\}$$

# LAGRANGE MULTIPLIERS

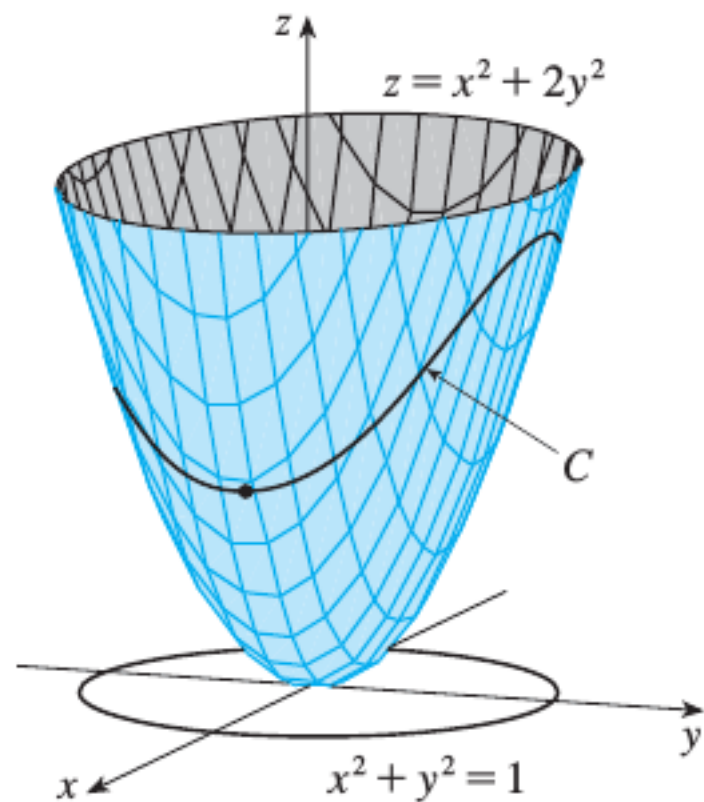


$$f(x, y) = x + y$$

find point on the  
curve  $x^2 + y^3 = 5$

where  $f(x, y) = x + y$   
is lowest.

**V EXAMPLE 2** Find the extreme values of the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2$  on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .

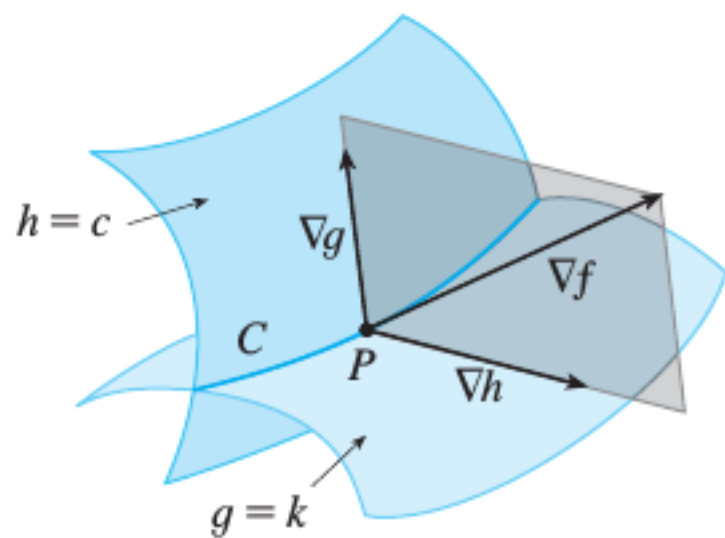


**EXAMPLE 4** Find the points on the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$  that are closest to and farthest from the point  $(3, 1, -1)$ .

**EXAMPLE 4** Find the points on the ~~sphere~~<sup>circle</sup>  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  that are closest to and farthest from the point  $(3, 1)$ .

## TWO CONSTRAINTS

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$$\nabla f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0, y_0, z_0) + \mu \nabla h(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$



**V EXAMPLE 5** Find the maximum value of the function  $f(x, y, z) = x + 2y + 3z$  on the curve of intersection of the plane  $x - y + z = 1$  and the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .

**1–15 ■** Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of the function subject to the given constraint(s).

$$f(x, y, z) = 2x + 6y + 10z; \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 35$$

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$$f(x, y, z) = x + 2y; \quad x + y + z = 1, \quad y^2 + z^2 = 4$$