

Definition :

Let $f(x, y)$ be a function of two variables x and y . At $x = a; y = b$ i.e. (a, b) The $f(x, y)$ is said to have maximum if.. $f(a, b) > f(a+h, b+k)$ where h and k are small values.

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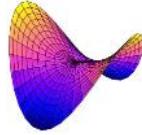
 $f(x, y)$ has minimum value if $f(a, b) < f(a+h, b+k)$, where h and k are small values.

- Extremum : A function which have a maximum or minimum or both is called 'extremum'.

- Extreme value :- The maximum value or minimum value or both of a function is Extreme value.

- Stationary points: - To get stationary points(i.e. extreme or turning values) we solve the equations $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$
i.e. the pairs $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), \dots$ are called Stationary points of $f(x, y)$.

- Saddle point : A point at which the function $f(x, y)$ is neither maximum nor minimum is called a saddle point.
i.e. At the saddle point, the function will be maximum in one direction while minimum in another direction.

e.g. The hyperbolic paraboloid $z = f(x, y) = xy$ has a saddle point at the origin. The surface is called a hyperbolic paraboloid due to cross sections as parabolas/hyperbolas as shown in below.

Working Rules :

If $z = f(x, y)$ then to find Maximum or Minimum values of z , following rules are used...

- Find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ and equate them to zero. i.e. $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$ and solve for x and y .

- Calculate the values of $r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$, $s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$, $t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$

- At any pairs of value of 'x and y' for ex. Say (a, b)

- If $(rt - s^2) > 0$ and $r < 0$ or $t < 0$ at (a, b) Then,
 $f(x, y)$ is Maximum at (a, b) and $f(a, b)$ is Maximum value of $z = f(x, y)$

- If $(rt - s^2) > 0$ and $r > 0$ or $t > 0$ at (a, b) Then,
 $f(x, y)$ is Minimum at (a, b) and $f(a, b)$ is Minimum value of $z = f(x, y)$

- If $(rt - s^2) < 0$ at (a, b) Then $z = f(x, y)$ is neither maximum nor minimum and in this case (a, b) is called a saddle point.

- If $(rt - s^2) = 0$ at (a, b) Then $z = f(x, y)$ is undecided. i.e. No conclusion can be drawn about maximum or minimum and needs further investigation.

Similarly we do this for other stationary points.

A) Find the stationary values and also find maximum and/or minimum values of following functions.

1. If $z = f(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x^2 - 15y^2 + 72x$ [MU-Dec-12,17] (6 marks)

2. If $z = f(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 4$ [MU-Dec-14, 15 May-17] (6 marks)

3. If $z = f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3axy, a > 0$ [MU-May-13] (6 marks)

4. If $z = f(x, y) = \sin x \sin y \sin(x+y)$ [MU-Dec-13] (6 marks)

5. If $z = f(x, y) = x^3y^2(1-x-y)$ [MU-Dec-13] (6 marks) Ans: $f_{\max}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{432}$

6. Show that the minimum value of $z = f(x, y) = xy + a^3\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)$ is $3a^3$. [MU-May-02,09] (6 marks)

7. Find three positive numbers whose sum is 100 and whose product is maximum.

8. Divide 24 into three parts such that the product of the first, square of the second and cube of the third is the maximum. [MU-May-14] (6 marks)

1. If $z = f(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x^2 - 15y^2 + 72x$ [MU-Dec-12,17] (6 marks)

→ We have $R = f(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x^2 - 15y^2 + 72x \quad \text{--- (1)}$ I] To find stationary pts let $\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} = 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 30x + 72 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} = x^2 + y^2 - 10x + 24 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\checkmark \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} = 6xy - 30y = 0 \Rightarrow 6y(x-5) = 0$$

$$\checkmark \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} = 6xy - 30y = 0 \Rightarrow y=0 \text{ or } x=5$$

For $y=0$, put in (1), Then

$$\therefore x^2 - 10x + 24 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-4)(x-6) = 0 \quad \text{Dr. Uday Kashid, PhD [Mathematics]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x=6} \text{ or } \boxed{x=4}$$

Thus at $y=0$ we have $x=6$ & $x=4$ i.e. We have $(6, 0)$ & $(4, 0)$ are stationary ptsAlso for $x=5$, put in (1) $25 + y^2 - 50 + 24 = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \pm 1}$$

Thus we have $(5, 1)$ and $(5, -1)$ are also stationary pts.

II] We have $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right] = 6x - 30$

$$S = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right] = 6y \quad \checkmark$$

$$T = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right] = 6x - 30$$

Points $f(x, y)$	$r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$	$t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$	$s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$	$(rt - s^2)$	Remarks for $f(x, y)$ is $f(x, y)$	Ans $f(x, y)$
$(4, 0)$	$-6 < 0$	$-6 < 0$	0	$36 > 0 \quad \checkmark$	Max (maximum) $f_{\max}(4, 0) = 112$	
$(6, 0)$	$6 > 0$	$6 > 0$	0	$36 > 0 \quad \checkmark$	Minimum $f_{\min}(6, 0) = 108$	
$(5, 1)$	0	0	6	$-36 < 0$	Neither Max nor Min.	
$(5, -1)$	0	0	-6	$-36 < 0$	Neither Max nor Min.	



Ans: $f_{\max}(4, 0) = 112$ and $f_{\min}(6, 0) = 108$

2. If $z = f(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 4$ [MU-Dec-14, 15 May-17] (6 marks)

→ We have $R = f(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 4 \quad \text{--- (1)}$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} = 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 6x = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} = 6xy - 6y = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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$$\therefore \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} = 6xy - 6y = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{From eqn (1)} \quad \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} = 6xy - 6y = 0 \Rightarrow 6y(x-1) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{y=0} \text{ or } \boxed{x=1}$$

$$\text{For } y=0, \text{ put in (1)} \quad 3x^2 + 0 - 6x = 0 \Rightarrow 3x(x-2) = 0 \Rightarrow x=0 \text{ or } x=2$$

Hence $(0, 0), (1, 0)$ and $(2, 0)$ are stationary pts.

$$\text{From } \text{eqn } \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 6xy - 6y = 0 \Rightarrow 6y(x-1) = 0$$

$$\text{For } y=0, \text{ put in } \text{eqn } \Rightarrow 3x^2 + 0 - 6x = 0 \Rightarrow 3x(x-2) = 0 \Rightarrow x=0 \text{ or } x=2$$

Hence $(0,0)$ & $(2,0)$ are stationary pts.

$$\text{For } x=1, \text{ put in } \text{eqn } \Rightarrow 3+3y^2 - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y = \pm 1$$

Hence $(1,1)$ and $(1,-1)$ are also stationary pts for $z=f(x,y)$

Points $f(x,y)$	$r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 6x - 6$	$t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 6x - 6$	$s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial xy} = 6y$	$(rt - s^2)$	Remarks for $f(x,y)$ is
$(0,0)$	$-6 < 0$	$-6 < 0$	0	$36 > 0$	Maximum
$(2,0)$	$6 > 0$	$6 > 0$	0	$36 > 0$	Minimum
$(1,1)$	0	0	6	$-36 < 0$	Neither Maximum
$(1,-1)$	0	0	-6	$-36 < 0$	Neither Minimum

$$\text{Ans: } f_{\max}(0,0) = 4, \text{ and } f_{\min}(2,0) = 0$$

3. If $z = f(x,y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3axy, a > 0$ [MU-May-13] (6 marks) Dr. Uday Kashid, Ph.D.(Mathematics)

$$\rightarrow \text{We have } z = f(x,y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3axy, a > 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 - 3ay \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = r = 6x$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3y^2 - 3ax \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = t = 6y$$

$$\text{And } \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial xy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [3y^2 - 3ax] = -3a$$

$$\text{Now for stationary pts, } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow 3x^2 - 3ay = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{x^2}{a} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow 3y^2 - 3ax = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 - ax = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{Now put eqn (2) in eqn (3)} \Rightarrow x^4 - a^3x = 0$$

$$\frac{x^4}{a^3} - ax = 0 \Rightarrow x^4 - a^3x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x^3 - a^3) = 0 \Rightarrow x=0 \text{ or } x^3 = a^3 \text{ i.e. } x=a$$

$$\text{for } x=0, \text{ put in (1) Then } y=0 \Rightarrow (0,0) \text{ is stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{for } x=a, \text{ put in (1) Then } y=\frac{a^2}{a}=a \Rightarrow (a,a) \text{ is stationary pt}$$

Points $f(x,y)$	$r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 6x$	$t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 6y$	$s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial xy} = -3a$	$(rt - s^2)$	Remarks for $f(x,y)$ is
$(0,0)$	0	0	$-3a$	$-9a^2 < 0$	Neither Max. nor Min
(a,a)	$6a > 0$	$6a > 0$	$-3a$	$27a^2 > 0$	Minimum

$$\text{Ans: } f_{\min}(a,a) = a^3 + a^3 - 3a^3 = -a^3$$

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4. If $z = f(x,y) = \sin x \sin y \sin(x+y)$ [MU-Dec-13] (6 marks)

$$\rightarrow \text{We have } z = f(x,y) = \sin(x) \sin(y) \sin(x+y) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sin(y) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\sin(x) \sin(x+y)]$$

$$= \sin(y) \{ \cos(x) \sin(x+y) + \sin(x) \cos(x+y) \}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \sin(y) \sin(2x+y) \quad \therefore \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B = \sin(A+B)$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \sin(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\sin(y) \sin(x+y)] = \sin(x) [\cos(y) \sin(x+y) + \sin(y) \cos(x+y)]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \sin(x) \sin(2x+y) \quad \therefore \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B = \sin(A+B)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = t = 2 \sin(x) \cos(2x+y)$$

$$\text{And } \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial xy} = s = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\sin(x) \sin(2x+y)] = \cos(x) \sin(2x+y) + \sin(x) \cos(2x+y)$$

$$s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \sin(2x+y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin A \sin B = \cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)$$

$$\text{Now for stationary pts let } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sin(y) \sin(2x+y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} [2 \sin(2x+y) \sin y] = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} [\cos(2x) - \cos(2x+2y)] = 0 \Rightarrow \cos 2x - \cos(2x+2y) = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \sin x \sin(2x+y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} [2 \sin(2x+y) \sin x] = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} [\cos(2y) - \cos(2x+2y)] = 0 \Rightarrow \cos 2y - \cos(2x+2y) = 0$$

$$\text{Now, put } x=y \text{ in eqn (1), } \Rightarrow \cos(2x) = \cos(2x+2x) = \cos 4x \quad \therefore \text{ But } \cos 4x = 2 \cos^2(2x) - 1, \text{ hence } \cos(2x) = 2 \cos^2(2x) - 1$$

Points $f(x,y)$	$r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 2\sin(y)\cos(2x+y)$	$t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 2\sin(x)\cos(2x+y)$	$s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial xy} = \sin(2x+2y)$	$(rt - s^2)$	Remarks for $f(x,y)$ is
$(0,0)$	0	0	0	0	No conclusion
$(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$	$-\sqrt{3} < 0$	$-\sqrt{3} < 0$	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} > 0$	Maximum
$(\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2})$	$\Rightarrow f_{\max}(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}) = \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) \sin(\pi) = \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{8}$				

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5. If $z = f(x,y) = x^3 y^2 (1-x-y)$ [MU-Dec-13] (6 marks)

$$\rightarrow \text{We have } z = f(x,y) = x^3 y^2 - x^3 y^3 - x^2 y^2 - x^2 y^3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 y^2 - 4x^3 y^2 - 3x^2 y^3 \quad \text{Also } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2x^3 y - 2x^3 y^2 - 2x^2 y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 6xy - 12x^2 y - 6xy^2 \quad \therefore \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 2x^3 - 4x^3 y - 6x^2 y$$

$$\text{Now for stationary values Let } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \text{ i.e. } 3x^2 y^2 - 4x^3 y^2 - 3x^2 y^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 y(3-4x-3y) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)} \Rightarrow x^2 y = 0 \text{ or } 3-4x-3y = 0$$

$$\text{And for } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow 2x^3 y - 2x^3 y^2 - 2x^2 y^2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)} \Rightarrow 2x^3 y = 0 \text{ or } 2-2x-3y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 y(2-2x-3y) = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)} \Rightarrow x^3 y = 0 \text{ or } y = 0 \text{ or } 2-2x-3y = 0$$

Hence, When $x=0$, Then $y=0 \Rightarrow (0,0)$ is the stationary pt.

$$\text{When } x=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow y=\frac{2}{3} \text{ i.e. } (0,\frac{2}{3}) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{When } y=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow x=1 \text{ i.e. } (1,0) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{Now From eqn (1)} \quad \text{1. When } x=0 \text{ and } 3-4x-3y=0 \Rightarrow y=1 \text{ i.e. } (0,1) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{2. When } y=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{2} \text{ i.e. } (\frac{1}{2},0) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{3. When } x=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow y=\frac{2}{3} \text{ i.e. } (0,\frac{2}{3}) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{4. When } y=0 \text{ and } 3-4x-3y=0 \Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{3} \text{ i.e. } (\frac{1}{3},0) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{5. When } x=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow y=\frac{2}{3} \text{ i.e. } (0,\frac{2}{3}) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{6. When } y=0 \text{ and } 3-4x-3y=0 \Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{3} \text{ i.e. } (\frac{1}{3},0) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{7. When } x=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow y=\frac{2}{3} \text{ i.e. } (0,\frac{2}{3}) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

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$$\text{15. When } x=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow y=\frac{2}{3} \text{ i.e. } (0,\frac{2}{3}) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

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$$\text{25. When } x=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow y=\frac{2}{3} \text{ i.e. } (0,\frac{2}{3}) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

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$$\text{42. When } y=0 \text{ and } 3-4x-3y=0 \Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{3} \text{ i.e. } (\frac{1}{3},0) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{43. When } x=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow y=\frac{2}{3} \text{ i.e. } (0,\frac{2}{3}) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{44. When } y=0 \text{ and } 3-4x-3y=0 \Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{3} \text{ i.e. } (\frac{1}{3},0) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{45. When } x=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow y=\frac{2}{3} \text{ i.e. } (0,\frac{2}{3}) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{46. When } y=0 \text{ and } 3-4x-3y=0 \Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{3} \text{ i.e. } (\frac{1}{3},0) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{47. When } x=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow y=\frac{2}{3} \text{ i.e. } (0,\frac{2}{3}) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{48. When } y=0 \text{ and } 3-4x-3y=0 \Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{3} \text{ i.e. } (\frac{1}{3},0) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{49. When } x=0 \text{ and } 2-2x-3y=0 \Rightarrow y=\frac{2}{3} \text{ i.e. } (0,\frac{2}{3}) \text{ is the stationary pt.}$$

$$\text{50. When } y=0$$

When $y=0$ and $3-4x-3y=0 \Rightarrow x=\frac{3}{4}$, i.e. $(\frac{3}{4}, 0)$ is the stationary pt.

And when $3-4x-3y=0$ and $2-2x-3y=0$, Then by solving them

$$\begin{aligned} 3-4x-3y &= 0 \\ -4+4x-6y &= 0 \\ -1+0+3y &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Now put $y=\frac{1}{3}$ in $2-2x-3(\frac{1}{3})=0 \Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{2}$

Thus, $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$ is also the stationary pt.

Thus, we have $(0, 0), (0, \frac{1}{3}), (\frac{1}{2}, 0), (0, 1), (\frac{3}{4}, 0)$ and $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$ are the stationary pts. of $f(x, y)$

Points $f(x, y)$	$r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$ $= 6x^2y^2 - 12xy - 6x^3$	$t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$ $= 2x^3 - 2x^4 - 6x^2y$	$s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$ $= 6x^2y - 8x^3y - 9x^2$	$(rt - s^2)$	Remarks for $f(x, y)$ is
$(0, 0)$	0	0	0	0	No conclusion
$(0, \frac{1}{3})$	0	0	0	0	No conclusion
$(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$	0	0	0	0	No conclusion
$(0, 1)$	0	0	0	0	No conclusion
$(\frac{3}{4}, 0)$	0	$\frac{27}{16}$	0	0	No conclusion
$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$	$-\frac{1}{4} < 0$	$-\frac{1}{8} < 0$	$-\frac{1}{12} < 0$	$\frac{1}{48} > 0$	Maximum

$$\text{Ans: } f_{\max}(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}) = \frac{1}{8}y^2(1-x-y) = (\frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{3})^2 \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right] = \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{6} = \boxed{\frac{1}{48}}$$

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6. Show that the minimum value of $z = f(x, y) = xy + a^3 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)$ is $3a^3$. [MU-May-02,09] (6 marks)

→ We have $z = f(x, y) = xy + a^3 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$

For the stationary pts., we have $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y + a^3 \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} + 0\right) = y - \frac{a^3}{x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x^2y = a^3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x - \frac{a^3}{y^2} = 0 \Rightarrow xy^2 = a^3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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But from (1), $y = a^3/x^2$, put in equ (1)

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{a^6}{x^4} = a^3 \Rightarrow x^3 = a^3 \Rightarrow x = a$$

$$x=a, \text{ put in (1)} \quad ay^2 = a^3 \Rightarrow y^2 = a^2 \Rightarrow y = \pm a$$

→ (a, a) and $(a, -a)$ are the stationary pts. of $z = f(x, y)$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^2} = \gamma = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right] = 0 + \frac{2a^3}{x^3} \quad \text{And } \frac{\partial f}{\partial xy} = S = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right] = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y^2} = t = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right] = 0 + \frac{2a^3}{y^3}$$

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Points $f(x, y)$	$r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{2a^3}{x^3}$	$t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2a^3}{y^3}$	$s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 1$	$(rt - s^2)$	Remarks for $f(x, y)$ is
(a, a)	$2 > 0$	$2 > 0$	1	$3 > 0$	Minimum
$(a, -a)$	$2 > 0$	$-2 < 0$	1	$-5 < 0$	Neither Max. nor Min.

$$\text{Ans: } f_{\min}(a, a) = xy + a^3 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right) = a^2 + a^3 \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{a}\right) = \boxed{3a^2}$$

7. Find three positive numbers whose sum is 100 and whose product is maximum.

→ let x, y, z are three positive nos such that

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x+y+z = 100 \quad \text{i.e. } Z = [100-x-y]$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad xyz = xy(100-x-y) = 100(xy) - x^2y - xy^2$$

$$\text{i.e. } f(x, y) = 100(xy) - x^2y - xy^2 - \textcircled{1} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Note that we want product} \\ \text{of three nos is maximum} \\ \text{& we want } f(x, y) \text{ is maximum} \end{array}$$

For stationary values

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{i.e. } 100(y) - 2xy - y = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{And } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{i.e. } 100(x) - x^2 - xxy = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \gamma = 0 - 2y = -2y$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = t = -2x \quad \text{And } \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial xy} = S = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right] = 100 - 2x - 2y$$

$$\text{From eq (1)} \quad y[100-2x-y] = 0 \Rightarrow y=0 \text{ or } 100-2x-y=0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{From eq (1)} \quad x[100-x-2y] = 0 \Rightarrow x=0 \text{ or } 100-x-2y=0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

From eq (1) When $y=0$ and $x=0$, Then $(0, 0)$ is the stationary pt.

When $y=0$ and $100-x-2y=0$, Then $100-x=0 \Rightarrow x=100$

⇒ $(100, 0)$ is stationary pt.

When $100-x-y=0$ and $x=0$, Then $100-0-y=0 \Rightarrow y=100$

$(0, 100)$ is stationary pt.

When $100-2x-y=0$ and $100-x-2y=0$, Then solving eqns

$$\begin{aligned} 100-2x-y &= 0 \\ -200+2x+4y &= 0 \\ -100+0+3y &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{100}{3}}$$

And $100-x-2y=0$ in put $y = \frac{100}{3}$

$$100-2(\frac{100}{3})=x \Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{100}{3}}$$

Thus $(\frac{100}{3}, \frac{100}{3})$ is also stationary pt.

Thus $(0, 0), (100, 0), (0, 100)$ and $(\frac{100}{3}, \frac{100}{3})$ are the stationary pts.

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Points $f(x, y)$	$r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -2y$	$t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -2x$	$s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = -2x - 2y$	$(rt - s^2)$	Remarks for $f(x, y)$ is
$(0, 0)$	0	0	100	$-10000 < 0$	Neither Maximum nor Minimum
$(100, 0)$	0	$-200 < 0$	-100	$-10000 < 0$	Minimum function
$(0, 100)$	-200 < 0	0	-100	$-10000 < 0$	Minimum function
$(\frac{100}{3}, \frac{100}{3})$	$-\frac{200}{3} < 0$	$-\frac{200}{3} < 0$	$-\frac{100}{3}$	$\frac{10000}{9} > 0$	Maximum

Ans: Thus $f(x, y) = xyz$ has maximum value at $(x, y) = (\frac{100}{3}, \frac{100}{3})$

$$\text{and } z = 100-x-y = 100 - \frac{100}{3} - \frac{100}{3} = \frac{100}{3}$$

Thus $x = \frac{100}{3}$, $y = \frac{100}{3}$ and $z = \frac{100}{3}$ are three positive nos whose sum is 100 and product is Max.

8. Divide 24 into three parts such that the product of the first, square of the second and cube of the third is the maximum. [MU-May-14] (6 marks)

→ Let divide 24 into x, y , and $(24-x-y)$ three parts. Then

$$f(x,y) = (24-x-y) y^2 x^3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

To find x & y such that $x>0$ and $y>0$.

For stationary pts. let $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$

$$\text{But } f(x,y) = 24y^2x^3 - x^4y^2 - y^3x^3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 72xy^2 - 4x^3y^2 - 3x^2y^3 = 0 \quad \text{Dr. Uday Kashid, Ph.D.(Mathematics)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2y^2[72 - 4x - 3y] = 0 \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x=0 \text{ or } y=0 \text{ or } 72 - 4x - 3y = 0 \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

$$\text{I.I.Y. } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 48x^3y - 2x^4y - 3x^3y^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3y[48 - 2x - 3y] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x=0, \text{ or } y=0, \text{ or } 48 - 2x - 3y = 0 \quad \text{--- (12)}$$

But Note that our $x>0, y>0$, Hence pt $(0,0)$ is not possible.

Hence Solve (11) & (12) $72 - 4x - 3y = 0$

$$\begin{array}{l} 72 - 4x - 3y = 0 \\ -48 + 2x + 3y = 0 \\ \hline 24 - 2x + 0 = 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \boxed{x=12}$$

$$\text{And } 72 - 4(12) - 3y = 0 \Rightarrow 24 - 3y = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{y=8}$$

And third part would be $(24-x-y) = 24-12-8 = 4$

Thus we can divide 24 into $(12, 8, 4)$ three parts.

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = (\alpha x) + \lambda(a) &= 0 \Rightarrow \alpha x = -\lambda a \Rightarrow -\lambda = \frac{\alpha x}{a} \quad \text{(IV)} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = (\beta y) + \lambda(b) &= 0 \Rightarrow \beta y = -\lambda b \Rightarrow -\lambda = \frac{\beta y}{b} \quad \text{(V)} \\ \text{From (IV) \& (V)} \quad \text{LHS} = \text{LHS} &\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha x}{a} = \frac{\beta y}{b} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{\beta x}{\alpha}} \quad \text{(VI)}$$

put eq (VI) in eq (II)

$$\alpha x + \beta y = c \quad \alpha x + b \left[\frac{\beta x}{\alpha} \right] = c \Rightarrow x \left[\alpha + \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha} \right] = c$$

$$x = \frac{c}{\left[\alpha + \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha} \right]} = \frac{ac}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$\text{Hence } y = \frac{\beta x}{\alpha} = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \left[\frac{ac}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} \right] = \frac{bc}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$\text{stationary pt is } (x, y) = \left(\frac{ac}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}, \frac{bc}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} \right)$$

$$\text{and } f_{\min}(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 = \left(\frac{ac}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{bc}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} \right)^2 = \frac{a^2 c^2 + b^2 c^2}{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2}$$

$$f_{\min}(x, y) = \frac{c^2 (a^2 + \beta^2)}{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2} = \boxed{\frac{c^2}{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)}} \rightarrow \text{minimum value of } f_{\min}$$

(x, y)

3. Using Lagrange's method, Divide 24 into 3 parts such that the continued product of the first, square of second and cube of third is maximum. [MU - April 21 online exam]

→ Let divide 24 into x, y, and z.

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$$U = f(x, y, z) = xyz^3 \quad \text{(I)}$$

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = x + y + z - 24 = 0 \quad \text{(II)}$$

$$L = f(x, y, z) + \lambda \Phi(x, y, z) = xyz^3 + \lambda(x + y + z - 24) \quad \text{(III)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow yz^3 + \lambda(1) = 0 \Rightarrow -\lambda = yz^3 \quad \text{(IV)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow zx^3 + \lambda(1) = 0 \Rightarrow -\lambda = zx^3 \quad \text{(V)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = 0 \Rightarrow xy^2 + \lambda(1) = 0 \Rightarrow -\lambda = xy^2 \quad \text{(VI)}$$

$$\text{From eq (IV) \& (V) LHS} = \text{LHS} \Rightarrow yz^3 = zx^3 \quad \text{(VII)}$$

$$\text{From (IV) \& (VII), LHS} = \text{LHS} \quad \boxed{y^2 z^3 = 8xy^2 z^2}$$

$$\boxed{z = 3x} \quad \text{(VIII)}$$

Put $y = 2x$ & $z = 3x$ in eq (II)

$$x + y + z - 24 = 0 \Rightarrow x + 2x + 3x = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{6x = 24} \rightarrow \text{First part}$$

$$y = 2x = 8 \rightarrow \text{second part}$$

$$z = 3x = 12 \rightarrow \text{Third part}$$

$$(x, y, z) = (4, 8, 12) \text{ is Ans}$$

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4. Using Lagrange's method, if $\frac{3}{x} + \frac{4}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = 6$, find the values of x, y, z such that $x + y + z$ is minimum.

$$\rightarrow U = f(x, y, z) = x + y + z \quad \text{(I)}$$

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = \frac{3}{x} + \frac{4}{y} + \frac{5}{z} - 6 = 0 \quad \text{(II)}$$

$$L(x, y, z, \lambda) = f(x, y, z) + \lambda \Phi(x, y, z) \quad \text{(III)}$$

$$L = (x + y + z) + \lambda \left(\frac{3}{x} + \frac{4}{y} + \frac{5}{z} - 6 \right) \quad \text{(III)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 1 - \frac{3\lambda}{x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{3\lambda}{x^2} \Rightarrow x^2 = 3\lambda \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3}\lambda \quad \text{(IV)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 1 - \frac{4\lambda}{y^2} = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{4\lambda}{y^2} \Rightarrow y^2 = 4\lambda \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{4}\lambda \quad \text{(V)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = 1 - \frac{5\lambda}{z^2} = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{5\lambda}{z^2} \Rightarrow z^2 = 5\lambda \Rightarrow z = \sqrt{5}\lambda \quad \text{(VI)}$$

$$\text{But } \frac{3}{x} + \frac{4}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = 6 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}\lambda} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{4}\lambda} + \frac{5}{\sqrt{5}\lambda} = 6$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} [\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5}] = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{[\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5}]}{6} \rightarrow \text{(VII)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3}\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5})}{6}, y = \sqrt{4}\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{\sqrt{4}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5})}{6}$$

$$\text{and } z = \sqrt{5}\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{\sqrt{5}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5})}{6}$$

$$\text{And } f_{\min}(x, y, z) = x + y + z = \frac{(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5})}{6}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\frac{3+4+5+2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{4}+2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{5}+2\sqrt{4}\sqrt{5}}{6}}}$$

$$L = U + \lambda_1 \phi_1 + \lambda_2 \phi_2 + \lambda_3 \phi_3$$

And $f_{\min}(x, y, z) = x + y + z = \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5}}{6} (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5})$

$$= \frac{3+4+5+2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{4}+2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{5}+2\sqrt{4}\sqrt{5}}{6}$$

$$f_{\min}(x, y, z) = \frac{12+2(\sqrt{12}+\sqrt{15}+\sqrt{20})}{6} = \boxed{\frac{6+(\sqrt{12}+\sqrt{15}+\sqrt{20})}{3}}$$

5. Using Lagrange's method, Find the minimum value of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ with the constraint $xy + yz + zx = 3a^2$

We have $U = f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$
 $\Phi(x, y, z) = xy + yz + zx - 3a^2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= f(x, y, z) + \lambda \Phi(x, y, z) \\ &= (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + \lambda(xy + yz + zx - 3a^2) \quad \text{--- (3)} \\ \textcircled{1} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} &= 2x + \lambda(y+z) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow -\lambda = \frac{2x}{y+z} \quad \text{--- (4)} \\ \textcircled{2} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} &= 2y + \lambda(x+z) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow -\lambda = \frac{2y}{x+z} \quad \text{--- (5)} \\ \textcircled{3} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} &= 2z + \lambda(x+y) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow -\lambda = \frac{2z}{x+y} \quad \text{--- (6)} \end{aligned}$$

From eqn (4), (5) and (6)

$$\frac{\frac{2x}{y+z}}{\frac{2y}{x+z}} = \frac{\frac{2y}{x+z}}{\frac{2z}{x+y}} = \frac{\frac{2x+2y+2z}{(y+z)+(x+z)+(x+y)}}{\frac{2x+2y+2z}{(x+y)+(x+z)+(y+z)}} = \frac{2x+2y+2z}{3(x+y+z)} = 1$$

$\frac{2x}{y+z} = 1 \Rightarrow 2x - y - z = 0 \quad \text{--- (A)}$

$\frac{2y}{x+z} = 1 \Rightarrow 2y - x - z = 0 \quad \text{--- (B)}$

$\frac{2z}{x+y} = 1 \Rightarrow 2z - x - y = 0 \quad \text{--- (C)}$

Subtract eq (A) - (B)

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - y - z = 0 \\ -2x + 2y + z = 0 \\ \hline 3y - z = 0 \\ 3x - 3y = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x=y} \end{array}$$

Subtract eq (B) - (C)

$$\begin{array}{r} -x + 2y - z = 0 \\ -x + y + z = 0 \\ \hline 0 + 3y - 2z = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{y=z} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{x=y=z}$

Hence, put $x=y=z$ in eq (1)

$$\begin{aligned} & xy + yz + zx - 3a^2 = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = 3a^2 \\ & \Rightarrow 3x^2 = 3a^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = a^2 \\ & \Rightarrow \boxed{x = \pm a} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{x=y=z = \pm a}$

$\Rightarrow (x, y, z) = (\pm a, \pm a, \pm a)$ is stationary pts and
 $f_{\min}(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2 + a^2 + a^2 = \boxed{3a^2}$

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