

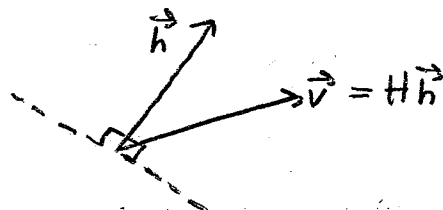
$$g(t) := f(\vec{a} + t\vec{h})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} g(t) = Df(\vec{a} + t\vec{h})\vec{h} = \nabla f(\vec{a} + t\vec{h}) \cdot \vec{h} = 0 \text{ when } t=0$$

$$g''(t) = \vec{h} \cdot \text{Hessian} \cdot \vec{h} \Big|_{t=0} \begin{cases} > 0, \text{ local min} \\ < 0, \text{ local max} \\ \text{else it is neither} \end{cases}$$

$$\forall \vec{h} \in \mathbb{R}^{\# \text{variables}}$$

Positive/negative definite



Find critical points via Lagrange function: $L(x, y, \lambda) := f(x, y) + \lambda g(x, y)$

Solve for x, y and λ if needed

example 2: $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$
 $g(x, y) = 17x^2 + 12xy + 8y^2 - 100$

$$L(x, y, \lambda) = f(x, y) + \lambda g(x, y)$$

Find the critical points of L :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 2x + \lambda(34x + 12y) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\lambda(17x + 6y) \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 2y + \lambda(12x + 16y) = 0 \Rightarrow y = -\lambda(6x + 8y) \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = g(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow 17x^2 + 12xy + 8y^2 - 100 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x}{17x+6y} = -\lambda = \frac{y}{6x+8y} \\ \Downarrow \\ 6x^2 + 8xy = 17xy + 6y^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ 6x^2 = 9xy + 6y^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ (*) 2x^2 = 3xy + 2y^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ -8x^2 + 12xy + 8y^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ 25x^2 - 100 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 = 4 \\ \Rightarrow x = \pm 2 \end{array} \right.$$

Critical points of L : $x=2, x=-2$

plug in x in (*)

$$8 = 32y + 2y^2 \Rightarrow y^2 + 8y - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9+16}}{2} = \frac{-3 \pm 5}{2} = -4 \text{ or } 1$$

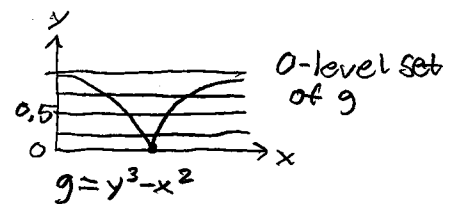
do the same for $x=-2$ to get 2 more points where a critical point could be.



level curves

yes, there are 4 points where L has critical points.

We can't find solutions using Lagrange in this situation because the function is not continuous in that one point



(Singular point where $\nabla g = \vec{0}$)

New example

Maximize $f(x, y, z)$ subject to $g(x, y, z) = 0$
 $h(x, y, z) = 0$

Look at points where $\nabla f(x, y, z) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y, z) + \mu \nabla h(x, y, z)$

To solve, look at the critical points of

$$L(x, y, z, \lambda, \mu) = f(x, y, z) + \lambda g(x, y, z) + \mu h(x, y, z)$$

Example 3

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

$$g(x, y) = y^3 - x^2$$

$$L(x, y, \lambda) = y + \lambda(y^3 - x^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = -2\lambda x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } \lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 1 + 3\lambda y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{contradiction}$$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$