= global maximum >>> = gradient of f tarrows Point to areas of search space with greater fitness) = local maximum law "decidability": Paiss at x remain at X pairs at Y remain at 4, Pais at 2 could benefit 1 LO,XL from going etter Benefit Way of vsing A Cin Ambiguous CNO points) o coordination Unambiguous path leading to global maximum; multiple, -> Steepness of gradient in dimension, maxima)