

Errors and Approximations, Maxima and Minima

7.1 Errors and Approximation

Consider a circle of radius 10 cm as shown in Fig. 7.1.1.

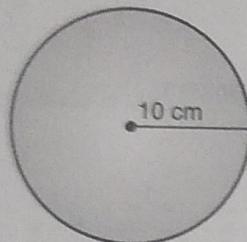


Fig. 7.1.1

$$\therefore \text{Area of circle} = A = \pi r^2 = \pi (10)^2$$

$$A = 100 \pi \text{ cm}^2$$

Now, there can be a human error while calculating the radius of circle, it can be positive or negative. Lets say, radius calculated is 10.1 cm instead of 10 cm.

Now for this human error in measurement of radius will cause an error in measurement of area of circle.

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \pi r^2 \\ &= \pi (10.1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = 102.01 \pi \text{ cm}^2$$

\therefore For $(10.1 - 10)$ cm = 0.1 cm error in radius there will corresponding $(102.01 \pi - 100 \pi) = 2.01 \pi \text{ cm}^2$ error in area.

And this is called as error.

Approximation :

If dr is the actual error made in measurement of radius ' r ', then the dA is the approximate error introduced in area ' A '. It is called as approximate error since we calculate area (dA) using respective formulae.

$\frac{100 dr}{r}$ and $\frac{100 dA}{A}$ are known as % error in radius and area respectively.

Where dr = Actual error in radius

dA = Approximate error in Area

$\frac{dr}{r}$ = relative error in radius

7.1.1 Solved Examples on Errors and Approximations

Example 7.1.1

Dec. 2009, May 2011, 2012, 2015

Find the percentage error in the area of an ellipse when an error of 2% and 3% is made in measuring its major and minor axis.

Solution :

Refer Fig. P. 7.1.1

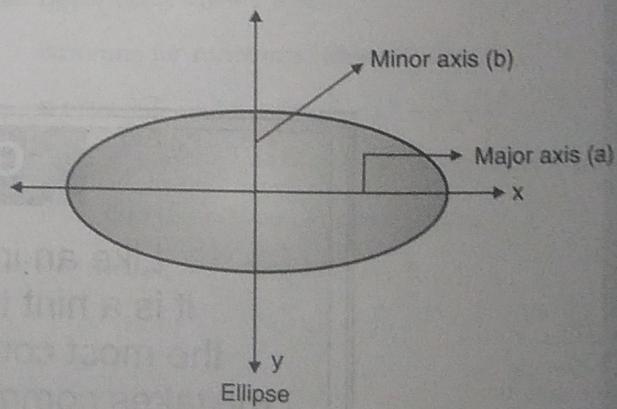


Fig. P. 7.1.1

Given :

$$\frac{100 da}{a} = 2; \quad \frac{100 db}{b} = 3$$

Area of an ellipse is given by,

$$\therefore A = \pi ab$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log A = \log (\pi ab)$$

$$\log A = \log \pi + \log a + \log b$$

$$\therefore \log (abc) = \log a + \log b + \log c$$

Differentiating

$$\frac{1}{A} dA = 0 + \frac{1}{a} da + \frac{1}{b} db$$

Multiplying by 100

$$\frac{100 dA}{A} = \frac{100 da}{a} + \frac{100 db}{b} = 2 + 3 \quad \text{...(Given)}$$

$$\frac{100 dA}{A} = 5$$

% error in area A = 5 %
Example 7.1.2

In calculating volume of right circular cylinder, errors of 2% and 1% are found in measuring height and radius of base respectively. Find the percentage error in calculating volume of the cylinder.

Solution :

 Let r = radius of base

 and h = height

Given :

$$\frac{100 dh}{h} = 2$$

$$\text{and } \frac{100 dr}{r} = 1$$

Now, volume (V) of right circular cylinder is given by,

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

Taking log on both sides,

$$\log V = \log (\pi r^2 h)$$

$$\log V = \log \pi + \log r^2 + \log h$$

$$\text{by } \log m^n = n \log m$$

$$\therefore \log V = \log \pi + 2 \log r + \log h$$

Differentiating,

$$\frac{1}{V} dV = 0 + 2 \frac{1}{r} dr + \frac{1}{h} dh$$

Multiplying by 100

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = 2 \frac{100 dr}{r} + \frac{100 dh}{h}$$

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = 2(1) + 2 \quad \text{...(Given)}$$

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = 4$$

% error in volume V = 4 %.
Example 7.1.3
May 2007, 10, 11, One, 200A, 10

In calculating the volume of a right circular cone, errors of 2% and 1% are made in measuring the height and radius of base respectively. Find the error in calculated volume.

Solution :

 Let h = height

 r = radius of base

Given :

$$\frac{100 dh}{h} = 2; \frac{100 dr}{r} = 1$$

Volume V of right circular cone is given by,

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$

Taking log on both sides,

$$\log V = \log \left[\frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h \right]$$

$$\log V = \log \frac{1}{3} + \log \pi + \log r^2 + \log h$$

$$\text{by } \log m^n = n \log m$$

$$\log V = \log \frac{1}{3} + \log \pi + 2 \log r + \log h$$

Differentiating,

$$\frac{1}{V} dV = 0 + 0 + 2 \frac{1}{r} dr + \frac{1}{h} dh$$

Multiplying by 100

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = 2 \frac{100 dr}{r} + \frac{100 dh}{h}$$

$$\therefore \frac{100 dV}{V} = 2(1) + 2$$

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = 4$$

∴ % error in Volume V = 4 %
Example 7.1.4
May 2014

The resonant frequency in a series electrical circuit is given by $f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$. If the measurements in L and C are in error by +2% and -1% respectively, find the percentage error in f.

**Solution :**

Given :

$$\frac{100 \text{ dL}}{L} = 2 \text{ and } \frac{100 \text{ dC}}{C} = -1$$

$$\text{and } f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L}\sqrt{C}}$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log f = \log \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L}\sqrt{C}} \right)$$

$$\text{by } \log \left(\frac{A}{B} \right) = \log A - \log B$$

$$\therefore \log f = \log 1 - \log (2\pi L^{1/2} C^{1/2})$$

$$\log f = \log 1 - [\log 2 + \log \pi + \log L^{1/2} + \log C^{1/2}]$$

$$\text{by } \log m^n = n \log m$$

$$\log f = \log 1 - \log 2 - \log \pi$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \log L - \frac{1}{2} \log C$$

Differentiating,

$$\frac{1}{f} df = 0 - 0 - 0 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{L} dL - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{C} dC$$

Multiplying by 100

$$\frac{100 df}{f} = - \frac{1}{2} \frac{100 dL}{L} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{100 dC}{C}$$

$$\frac{100 df}{f} = - \frac{1}{2} (2) - \frac{1}{2} (-1) \quad \text{(Given)}$$

$$= -1 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{100 df}{f} = - \frac{1}{2}$$

∴ % error in f is $\sim 0.5\%$.**Example 7.1.5**

Dec 2005, May 2006

The H.P. required to propel a steamer varies as cube of the velocity and square of length. If there is 3% increase in velocity and 4% increase in length find the % increase in H.P.

Solution :Let $H.P. = \text{Horse power} = H$ Velocity = V Length = L

$$\text{Now, } H = V^3 L^2$$

$$H = K V^3 L^2$$

Where $K = \text{constant of proportionality}$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log H = \log (K V^3 L^2)$$

$$\log H = \log K + \log V^3 + \log L^2$$

$$\text{by } \log m^n = n \log m$$

$$\log H = \log K + 3 \log V + 2 \log L$$

Differentiating,

$$\frac{1}{H} dH = 0 + 3 \frac{1}{V} dV + 2 \frac{1}{L} dL$$

Multiplying by 100,

$$\frac{100 dH}{H} = 3 \frac{100 dV}{V} + 2 \frac{100 dL}{L}$$

But given,

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = 3 ; \frac{100 dL}{L} = 4$$

$$= 3(3) + 2(4)$$

$$\frac{100 dH}{H} = 17$$

∴ % increase in H.P. is 17%.

Example 7.1.6

May 2004, Dec. 2004, 2005

The area of triangle ABC, is calculated from the formula $A = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin A$. Errors of 1%, 2% and 3% respectively are made in measuring b , c , $\sin A$. If the correct value of A is 45° , find the % error in calculated value of A .

Solution :

Given :

$$\frac{100 db}{b} = 1 ; \frac{100 dc}{c} = 2 ; \frac{100 dA}{A} = 3$$

$$\text{and } A = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin A$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log \Delta = \log \left[\frac{1}{2} bc \sin A \right]$$

$$\log \Delta = \log \frac{1}{2} + \log b + \log c + \log (\sin A)$$

Differentiating

$$\frac{1}{\Delta} d\Delta = 0 + \frac{1}{b} db + \frac{1}{c} dc + \frac{1}{\sin A} \cos A \cdot dA$$

$$\text{But } \frac{\cos A}{\sin A} = \cot A$$

Multiplying by 100

$$\frac{100 d\Delta}{\Delta} = \frac{100 db}{b} + \frac{100 dc}{c} + \cot A \cdot (100 dA)$$

$$\text{but } \frac{100 dA}{A} = 3 \Rightarrow 100 dA = 3A$$

$$\therefore \frac{100 d\Delta}{\Delta} = 1 + 2 + \cot A (3A)$$

But correct value of A is $45^\circ = \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right)$

$$\therefore \frac{100 d\Delta}{\Delta} = 3 + \frac{3\pi}{4} \cot \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$\text{But } \cot \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{\tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right)} = \frac{1}{\tan (45)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{100 d\Delta}{\Delta} = 3 + \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

\therefore % error in Δ is $\left(3 + \frac{3\pi}{4} \right) \%$.

Example 7.1.7

May 2005, 2017

Find the possible percentage error in calculating parallel resistance r of three resistances r_1, r_2, r_3

from the formula $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_3}$, if r_1, r_2, r_3 are each in error by plus 1.2 %.

Solution : Given :

$$\frac{100 dr_1}{r_1} = 1.2; \frac{100 dr_2}{r_2} = 1.2; \frac{100 dr_3}{r_3} = 1.2$$

$$\text{and } \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_3} \quad \dots(1)$$

Differentiating,

$$-\frac{1}{r^2} dr = -\frac{1}{r_1^2} dr_1 - \frac{1}{r_2^2} dr_2 - \frac{1}{r_3^2} dr_3 \quad \left\{ \because \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{x} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \right\}$$

$$-\frac{1}{r^2} dr = -\left[\frac{1}{r_1^2} dr_1 + \frac{1}{r_2^2} dr_2 + \frac{1}{r_3^2} dr_3 \right]$$

Multiplying by 100 on both sides

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{100 dr}{r} = \frac{1}{r_1^2} \frac{100 dr_1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2^2} \frac{100 dr_2}{r_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{100 dr}{r} = \frac{1}{r_1^2} (1.2) + \frac{1}{r_2^2} (1.2) + \frac{1}{r_3^2} (1.2)$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{100 dr}{r} = \left[\frac{1}{r_1^2} + \frac{1}{r_2^2} + \frac{1}{r_3^2} \right] (1.2)$$

But from Equation (1)

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_3}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{r} \frac{100 dr}{r} = \frac{1}{r} (1.2)$$

$$\therefore \frac{100 dr}{r} = 1.2$$

\therefore % Error in r is 1.2 %.

Example 7.1.8

May 2005, 2017

The focal length of a mirror is found from the

formula $\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{2}{f}$. Find the percentage error in f if

u and v are both in error by p % each.

Solution :

$$\frac{100 du}{u} = p \text{ and } \frac{100 dv}{v} = p$$

$$\text{And } \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{2}{f}$$

Differentiating,

$$-\frac{1}{v^2} dv + \frac{1}{u^2} du = -\frac{2}{f^2} df$$

$$-\left(\frac{1}{v} \frac{dv}{v} - \frac{1}{u} \frac{du}{u} \right) = -\frac{2}{f} \frac{df}{f}$$

Multiplying by 100

$$\frac{1}{v} \frac{100 dv}{v} - \frac{1}{u} \frac{100 du}{u} = \frac{2}{f} \frac{100 df}{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{v} (p) - \frac{1}{u} (p) = \frac{2}{f} \frac{100 df}{f}$$

$$p \left(\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} \right) = \frac{2}{f} \frac{100 df}{f}$$



But from Equation (1),

$$\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{2}{f}$$

$$\text{So, } p\left(\frac{2}{f}\right) = \frac{2}{f} \cdot 100 \frac{df}{f}$$

$$\therefore \frac{100 df}{f} = p$$

\therefore % error in f is p %.

Example 7.1.9

Dec. 2007

If the kinetic energy is calculated by the formula $T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ and 'm' changes from 49 to 49.5 and 'v' changes from 1600 to 1590.

Find (i) Percentage error in kinetic energy T
(ii) Approximate change in T .

Solution :

Given :

$$\begin{array}{lll} m \text{ changes from} & 49 & \text{to} & 49.5 \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & \text{initial value} & \text{final value} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore dm = \text{final value} - \text{initial value}$$

$$dm = 49.5 - 49$$

$$dm = 0.5 \text{ and } m = 49 \rightarrow \text{original value}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{and } v \text{ changes from} & 1600 & \text{to} & 1590 \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & \text{initial value} & \text{final value} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore dv = \text{final value} - \text{initial value}$$

$$= 1590 - 1600$$

$$dv = -10 \text{ and } v = 1600 \rightarrow \text{original value}$$

(i) To find percentage error in T :

$$\text{We have, } T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log T = \log \left[\frac{1}{2}mv^2 \right]$$

$$\therefore \log T = \log \frac{1}{2} + \log m + \log v^2$$

$$\text{By } \log m^n = n \log m$$

$$\log T = \log \frac{1}{2} + \log m + 2 \log v$$

Differentiating,

$$\frac{1}{T} dT = 0 + \frac{1}{m} dm + 2 \frac{1}{v} dv$$

$$\frac{1}{T} dT = \frac{1}{m} dm + 2 \frac{1}{v} dv$$

Multiplying by 100

$$\frac{100 dT}{T} = \frac{100 dm}{m} + 2 \frac{100 dv}{v}$$

$$\frac{100 dT}{T} = \frac{100(0.5)}{49} + \frac{(2)(100)(-10)}{1600}$$

... (From given values)

$$\therefore \frac{100 dT}{T} = -0.2295$$

\therefore % error in T is - 0.2295 %

(ii) To find approximate change in T (dT).

From Equation (1)

$$\frac{dT}{T} = \frac{dm}{m} + \frac{2dv}{v}$$

$$dT = T \left[\frac{dm}{m} + \frac{2dv}{v} \right]$$

$$\text{but } T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$dT = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \left[\frac{dm}{m} + \frac{2dv}{v} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(49)(1600)^2 \left[\frac{0.5}{49} + \frac{(2)(-10)}{1600} \right]$$

$$dT = -144000$$

\therefore Approximate change in T is - 144000.

Example 7.1.10

Dec. 2004, 2005

The period of simple pendulum with small oscillations is $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$. If l is calculated using

l and g are 8.05 ft and 32.01 ft/sec² respectively, find % error in T if the true values of l and g are 8 ft and 32 ft/sec² respectively.

Solution :

Given : $dl + l = 8.05$

and $dg + g = 32.01$

But $l = 8$, $g = 32$

$$\therefore dl = 8.05 - 8 \text{ and } dg = 32.01 - 32$$

$$dl = 0.05$$

$$dg = 0.01$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

$$T = 2\pi \frac{\sqrt{l}}{\sqrt{g}}$$

taking log on both sides

$$\log T = \log \left[2\pi \frac{\sqrt{l}}{\sqrt{g}} \right]$$

$$= \log (2\pi \sqrt{l}) - \log \sqrt{g}$$

$$= \log 2 + \log \pi + \log l^{1/2} - \log g^{1/2}$$

$$\log T = \log 2 + \log \pi + \frac{1}{2} \log l - \frac{1}{2} \log g$$

Differentiating

$$\frac{1}{T} dT = 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{l} dl - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{g} dg$$

Multiplying by 100

$$\frac{100 dT}{T} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{100 dl}{l} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{100 dg}{g}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(100)(0.05)}{(8)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(100)(0.01)}{(32)}$$

$$\frac{100 dT}{T} = 0.2968$$

% error in T is 0.2968 %

Example 7.1.11

Dec- 2013

The resistance R of a circuit was found by using the formula $I = \frac{E}{R}$. If there is an error of 0.1 amp in reading I and 0.5 in E , find the corresponding possible % error in R when readings are $I = 15$ amp and $E = 100$ volts.

$$dI = 0.1 \Rightarrow \text{error in } I$$

$$dE = 0.5 \Rightarrow \text{error in } E$$

$$I = 15$$

$$E = 100$$

Taking log on both sides,

$$\therefore \log R = \log \left(\frac{E}{I} \right)$$

$$\therefore \log R = \log E - \log I$$

Differentiating,

$$\frac{1}{R} dR = \frac{1}{E} dE - \frac{1}{I} dI$$

Multiplying by 100,

$$\frac{100 dR}{R} = \frac{100 dE}{E} - \frac{100 dI}{I}$$

$$\frac{100 dR}{R} = \frac{(100)(0.5)}{100} - \frac{(100)(0.1)}{15} \quad \dots(\text{Given})$$

$$\frac{100 dR}{R} = -0.166$$

\therefore % error in R is -0.166 %.

Example 7.1.12

Dec. 2015, 2016

In estimating the cost of a pile of bricks measured $2m \times 15m \times 1.2m$. The tape is stretched 1% beyond the standard length. If the count is 450 bricks per cubic meter and bricks cost Rs. 130 per thousand, find the approximate error in cost. Is the brick seller gaining or losing?

Solution :

Let l = length, b = breadth and h = height of the pile

$$\therefore \text{Also, } V = 2 \times 15 \times 1.2$$

$$V = 36 \text{ cubic meters}$$

$$\text{Now, } V = l \times b \times h$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log V = \log (l b h)$$

$$\therefore \log V = \log l + \log b + \log h$$

Differentiating

$$\frac{1}{V} dV = \frac{1}{l} dl + \frac{1}{b} db + \frac{1}{h} dh$$

Multiplying by 100

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = \frac{100 dl}{l} + \frac{100 db}{b} + \frac{100 dh}{h}$$

But tape is stretched 1% beyond the standard length.

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = \frac{100 dR}{R} = \frac{100 dR}{R} = 1$$

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = 1 + 1 + 1$$

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = 3$$

$$dV = \frac{3V}{100}$$

$$dV = \frac{3 \times 36}{100}$$

$$dV = 1.08$$

This represent approximate change in volume due to 1% stretch in tape.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Number of bricks in error} &= dV \times 450 \\ &= 1.08 \times 450 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Number of bricks in error} = 486$$

Given cost of bricks is Rs. 130 per thousand

$$\text{Error in cost} = 486 \times \frac{130}{1000}$$

$$\text{Error in cost} = 63.18 \text{ Rs.}$$

Since the calculated volume $V + dV = 36 + 1.08 = 37.08$ cubic meter is more than the actual volume 36 cubic meter, seller is gaining.

Example 7.1.13

May 2010

The voltage V , across a resistor is measured with error dV and the resistance R with error dR . Prove that the error in calculating the power $W = \frac{V^2}{R}$,

generated in the resistor is $\frac{V^2}{R} (2RdV - VdR)$. If

there are errors of 1% and 2% respectively in measuring the voltage V and resistance R , find % error in calculating $W = \frac{V^2}{R}$.

Solution:

Part 1: To find % error in W ,

$$\text{Given } \frac{100 dV}{V} = 1 \text{ and } \frac{100 dR}{R} = 2$$

$$\text{Now } W = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log W = \log \left(\frac{V^2}{R} \right)$$

$$\log W = \log V^2 - \log R$$

$$\therefore \log W = 2 \log V - \log R$$

Differentiating,

$$\frac{1}{W} dW = 2 \frac{1}{V} dV - \frac{1}{R} dR$$

Multiplying by 100

$$\frac{100 dW}{W} = 2 \frac{100 dV}{V} - \frac{100 dR}{R}$$

$$\frac{100 dW}{W} = 2(1) - 2$$

$$\frac{100 dW}{W} = 0$$

$$\therefore \% \text{ error in } W = 0$$

$$\text{Part 2: To prove } dW = \frac{V^2}{R} [2RdV - VdR]$$

We have

$$W = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

Differentiating w.r.t. V partially

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial V} = \frac{2V}{R}$$

$$\text{Again } W = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

Differentiating w.r.t. R partially

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial R} = -\frac{V^2}{R^2}$$

Now by concept of partial differentiation,

$$dW = \frac{\partial W}{\partial V} dV + \frac{\partial W}{\partial R} dR$$

$$dW = \frac{2V}{R} dV + \left(-\frac{V^2}{R^2} \right) dR$$

$$= \frac{2VRdV}{R^2} - \frac{V^2 dR}{R^2}$$

$$dW = \frac{V}{R^2} [2RdV - VdR] \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

May 2015

A balloon is in the form of right circular cylinder of radius 1.5 m and length 4 m and is surrounded by hemispherical ends. If the radius is increased by 0.01 m and the length by 0.05 m, find the % change in the volume of a balloon.

Solution:

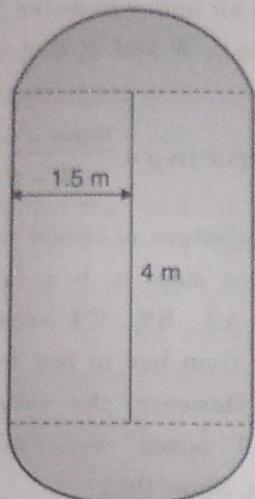


Fig. P. 7.1.14

Given: $r = 1.5 \text{ m}$ $h = 4 \text{ m} \rightarrow \text{length / height}$ $dr = 0.01 \text{ m}$ $dh = 0.05 \text{ m}$ Total volume V of the balloon is,

$V = \text{Volume of cylinder} + \text{Volume of two Hemispheres}$

$$V = \pi r^2 h + \frac{2}{3} \pi r^3 + \frac{2}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$V = \pi r^2 h + \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \quad \dots(1)$$

Differentiating,

Note: We can not take log, as terms are in addition.

$$dV = \pi [r^2 dh + h \cdot 2r dr] + \frac{4}{3} \pi 3r^2 dr$$

$$dV = \pi r^2 dh + 2\pi r h dr + 4\pi r^2 dr$$

Divide by Equation (1)

$$\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{\pi r^2 dh + 2\pi r h dr + 4\pi r^2 dr}{\pi r^2 h + \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3}$$

$$\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{\pi r^2 dh + 2\pi r h dr + 4\pi r^2 dr}{\pi r^2 h + \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3}$$

$$\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{r dh + 2h dr + 4r^2 dr}{r h + \frac{4}{3} r^2}$$

$$\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{(1.5)(0.05) + 2(4)(0.01) + 4(1.5)(0.05)}{(1.5)(4) + \frac{4}{3}(1.5)^2}$$

$$\frac{dV}{V} = 0.0238$$

∴ Multiply by 100 for % error

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = 100 \times 0.0238$$

$$\frac{100 dV}{V} = 2.38$$

∴ % error in V is 2.38

Example 7.1.15

Dec. 2010

Given $z = 2xy^2 - 3x^2y$, x increases at the rate of 2 cm/sec. as it passes through 3 cm. Show that if y is passing through 1 cm, y must decrease at the rate of $\frac{32}{15}$ cm/sec. in order that z shall remain constant.

Solution:

$$\text{Given: } \frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \text{ cm/sec.}$$

Given that, z shall remain constant.

$$\therefore \frac{dz}{dt} = 0$$

$$\text{Also } z = 2xy^2 - 3x^2y$$

Differentiate w.r.t. x partially

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2y^2 - 6xy$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)_{(3,1)} = 2(1)^2 - 6(3)(1)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)_{(3,1)} = -16$$

$$\text{Again, } z = 2xy^2 - 3x^2y$$

Differentiate w.r.t. y partially

$$\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = 4xy - 3x^2$$



$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{(2,1)} = 4(2)(1) + 3(1)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{(2,1)} = -15$$

Now,

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$0 = (-15)(2) + (-15) \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$30 = -15 \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{30}{15}$$

Hence y decreases at the rate of $\frac{32}{15}$ cm/sec.

Exercise 7.1

1. The deflection at the centre of a rod of length l and diameter d , supported at its ends and loaded at the centre with a weight w , varies as $w^2 d^{-4}$. What is the percentage increase in the deflection corresponding to the percentage increase in w , l and d of 3, 2 and 1 respectively?

[Hint : $D = wl^3 d^{-4}$]

Ans.: 5 %

2. A power dissipated in a resistor is given by $P = \frac{E^2}{R}$. Using calculus, find the approximate percentage error in P when E is increased by 3% and R is decreased by 2%.

Hint : As E is increased by 3%

$$\therefore \frac{100 dE}{E} = 3$$

And as R is decreased by 2%

$$\therefore \frac{100 dR}{R} = -2$$

Ans.: % error in power = 8%

3. The area of rectangular field is calculated by measuring its length and breadth. If there is an error of 2 % in measuring the length and an error of 3 % in measuring the breadth of the field, find the approximate % error in the calculated area of the field.

Ans.: 5 %

4. Find the possible % error in calculating the parallel resistance r of two resistances r_1 and r_2 from the formula $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2}$ where r_1 and r_2 are both in error by $\pm 2\%$ each.

Ans.: 2 %

5. The density ρ of a body is calculated from its weight W in air and w in water. If errors $\pm 2\%$ are made in W and w , find the relative error in ρ .

Ans.: Relative error in $\rho = \frac{Ww - wW}{(W - w)^2}$

6. In the manufacture of closed rectangular boxes with specified sides a , b , c ($a < b < c$), changes of $A\%$, $B\%$, $C\%$ occurred in a , b , c respectively from box to box from the same dimension. However, the volume and surface area of all boxes were according to the specification. Show that:

$$\frac{A}{a(b-c)} = \frac{B}{b(c-a)} = \frac{C}{c(a-b)}$$

7. In estimating cost of a pile of bricks measured $2m \times 15m \times 1.2m$, the top of the pile is stretched 1 % beyond the standard length. If the count is 450 bricks per cubic meter and bricks cost Rs. 450 per thousand, find the approximate error in cost. (Dec. 2005)

$$\text{Hint : } \frac{100 dl}{l} = 0, \frac{100 db}{b} = 0, \frac{100 dh}{h} = 1$$

Ans.: 72.9 Rs.

8. Find $[(3.82)^2 + 2(2.1)^3]^{1/5}$ by using the linear approximations.

Ans.: 2.012

9. At a distance 20 m from the foot of a tower, the elevation of its top is 60° . If the possible errors in measuring distance and elevation are $\pm 0.1\%$ and ± 1 minute, find the approximate error in the calculated height.

Ans.: 0.0407 m

24. If $\epsilon^2 < \sin x - \sin y$ and errors of magnitudes δ_x and δ_y are made in measuring x and y , where x and y are found to be $\frac{\pi}{3}$ and $\frac{\pi}{4}$ respectively. Find the error in ϵ . (May 2009)

Ans: $\delta\epsilon = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \delta_x$

7.2 Maxima and Minima

A maximum is a high point and a minimum is a low point as shown in Fig 7.2.1.

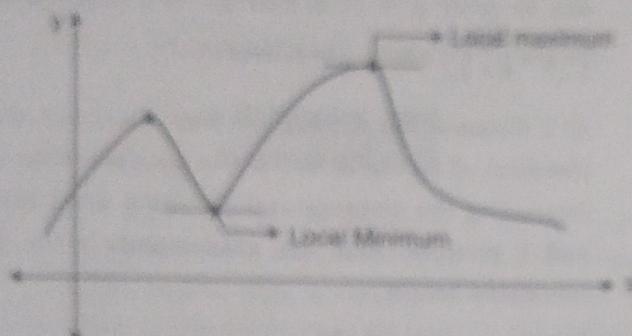


Fig. 7.2.1

A high point is called as maxima (plural of maximum).

A low point is called as Minima (plural of Minimum).

The general word for maxima or minima is extrema (plural of extremum).

Note : We say local maximum or local minimum when there may be higher or lower points else where but not nearby.

7.2.1 Working Rule for Determining the Maxima and Minima of the Function $f(x, y)$

Step 1 : 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 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$

Step 2 : Solve these simultaneous equations to find different values of x and y .

Let the roots are $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$

Step 3 : Calculate

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

$$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

$$f_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$$

For all roots $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$ and x, y

Step 4 :

$f_{xx} < 0$	$f_{yy} > 0$	Maxima	Maxima point
$f_{xx} < 0$	$f_{yy} < 0$	Local maxima	Local maxima point
$f_{xx} < 0$	$f_{yy} > 0$	Local minima	Local minima point
$f_{xx} > 0$	$f_{yy} < 0$	Local minima	Local minima point
$f_{xx} = 0$	$f_{yy} = 0$	No extrema	No extrema point

Note : Saddle point : The point where the local maximum or minimum value is called as saddle point.

7.2.2 Solved Examples on Maxima and Minima

Example 7.2.1

Dec. 2005, 2012, May 2009, 2010

Discuss the maxima and minima of $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 8x + 12$.

Solution :

Step 1 : Let

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

$$2x + 8 = 0$$

$$2x = -8$$

$$x = -4$$

and

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

$$2y = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

Step 2 : Roots are $(-4, 0)$

Step 3 : To find f_{xx}, f_{yy}, f_{xy}

Now, $f = x^2 + y^2 + 8x + 12$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x + 8$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 2 > 0$$

$$\text{Ans. } f = x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 12$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow (i)$$

$$\text{Ans. } f = x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 12$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 2 \Rightarrow (ii)$$

$$\text{Step 1: } r = 2$$

$$\text{Put: } x = -3, y = 0$$

$$(x_{(-3,0)}) = 2$$

$$s = 0$$

$$\text{Put: } x = -3, y = 0$$

$$(x_{(-3,0)}) = 0$$

$$t = 2$$

$$\text{Put: } x = -3 \text{ and } y = 0$$

$$(x_{(-3,0)}) = 2$$

$$x - s^2 = (2)(2) - (0)^2$$

$$x - s^2 = 4$$

$$\therefore x - s^2 > 0$$

$$r = 2$$

$$r > 0$$

$x - s^2 > 0, r > 0$, function has minimum value at

Minimum value

$$f = x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 12$$

$$x = -3, y = 0$$

$$f_{\min} = (-3)^2 + (0)^2 + 6(-3) + 12$$

$$f_{\min} = 3$$

Example 7.2.1

Maxima and Minima of Functions

Discuss the maxima and minima of $f = x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 12$.

Solution :

Here

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 12 \\ t &= x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 12 \end{aligned}$$

Step 1: Let

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

$$\therefore 3x^2 + 4x^2 y^2 + 3x^2 y^2 + 6x = 0 \quad (i)$$

$$\text{And} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$2x^2 y + 2x^2 y + 3x^2 y^2 = 0 \quad (ii)$$

Step 2: Values of x and y

Equation (i) is,

$$3x^2 y^2 + 4x^2 y^2 + 3x^2 y^2 + 6x = 0$$

$$x^2 y^2 (3 + 4x + 3y) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ OR } y = 0 \text{ OR } -4x - 3y = -3 \quad (iii)$$

Equation (ii) is,

$$2x^2 y + 2x^2 y + 3x^2 y^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 y (2 + 2x + 3y) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ OR } y = 0 \text{ OR } -2x - 3y = -2 \quad (iv)$$

Solving Equations (iii) and (iv) simultaneously on calculator

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } y = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{Roots are } (0, 0) \text{ and } \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

Step 3: To find r, s, t

$$f = x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 12$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 + 4x^2 y^2 + 3x^2 y^2$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 6xy^2 + 12x^2 y^2 + 6xy^2 \Rightarrow (i)$$

$$\text{Again, } f = x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 12$$



Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

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

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 6x^2y - 8x^3y - 9x^2y^2 \Rightarrow (s)$$

$$\text{Again, } f = x^3y^2 - x^4y^2 - x^2y^3$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

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

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 2x^3 - 2x^4 - 6x^2y \Rightarrow (t)$$

Step 4 A: For point $(0, 0)$

$$r = 6xy^2 - 12x^2y^2 - 6xy^3$$

$$r = 6(0)(0)^2 - 12(0)^2(0)^2 - 6(0)(0)^3$$

$$r = 0$$

$$s = 6x^2y - 8x^3y - 9x^2y^2$$

$$s = 6(0)^2(0) - 8(0)^3(0) - 9(0)^2(0)^2$$

$$s = 0$$

$$t = 2x^3 - 2x^4 - 6x^2y$$

$$t = 2(0)^3 - 2(0)^4 - 6(0)^2(0)$$

$$t = 0$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{As } rt - s^2 = 0$$

No conclusion can be drawn about maxima or minima at $(0, 0)$ and further investigation is needed.

Step 4 B: For point $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$

$$r = 6xy^2 - 12x^2y^2 - 6xy^3$$

$$(r)\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}\right) = 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - 12\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3$$

$$r = -\frac{1}{9}$$

$$s = 6x^2y - 8x^3y - 9x^2y^2$$

$$(s)\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}\right) = 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 9\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

$$s = -\frac{1}{12}$$

and

$$t = 2x^3 - 2x^4 - 6x^2y$$

$$(t)\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}\right) = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 - 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$t = -\frac{1}{8}$$

Now,

$$rt - s^2 = \left(-\frac{1}{9}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{8}\right) - \left(-\frac{1}{12}\right)^2$$

$$rt - s^2 = \frac{1}{72} > 0$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 > 0$$

$$\text{and } r = -\frac{1}{9}$$

$$r < 0$$

\therefore For $rt - s^2 > 0$ and $r < 0$, function has maximum value at point $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$.

Maximum value

$$f(x, y) = x^3y^2 - x^4y^2 - x^2y^3$$

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$f_{\max} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3$$

$$f_{\max} = \frac{1}{432}$$

Example 7.2.3

Dec. 2007, 2014, May 2021, 2022

Find all the stationary points of the function

$$x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x^2 - 15y^2 + 72x$$

Examine whether the function is maximum or minimum at those points.

Solution :

Given :

$$f(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x^2 - 15y^2 + 72x$$

Step 1 :

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

$$3x^2 + 3y^2 - 30x + 72 = 0$$

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

$$6xy - 30y = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

Step 2: To find values of x and y

From Equation (2)

$$6xy - 30y = 0$$

$$6y(x - 5) = 0$$

$$6y = 0 \quad \text{OR} \quad x - 5 = 0$$

$$y = 0 \quad x = 5$$

Put $y = 0$ in Equation (1)

$$3x^2 - 30x + 72 = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 30x + 72 = 0$$

$$x = 6 \quad \text{and} \quad x = 4$$

$$(6, 0) \text{ and } (4, 0)$$

Put $x = 5$ in Equation (1)

$$3x^2 + 3y^2 - 30x + 72 = 0$$

$$3(5)^2 + 3y^2 - 30(5) + 72 = 0$$

$$3y^2 = 3$$

$$y^2 = 1$$

$$y = \pm 1$$

$$(5, 1) \text{ and } (5, -1)$$

∴ Roots are $(6, 0)$ $(4, 0)$ $(5, 1)$ and $(5, -1)$

Step 3: To find r, s, t

$$f = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x^2 - 15y^2 + 72x$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 30x + 72$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 6x - 30 \Rightarrow (r)$$

$$f = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x^2 - 15y^2 + 72x$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 6xy - 30y$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 6y \Rightarrow (s)$$

$$\text{and } f = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x^2 - 15y^2 + 72x$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 6xy - 30y$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 6x - 30 \Rightarrow (t)$$

Step 4A: For point $(6, 0)$

$$r = 6x - 30$$

$$r_{(6,0)} = 6(6) - 30$$

$$r = 6$$

$$s = 6y$$

$$s_{(6,0)} = 6(0)$$

$$s = 0$$

$$t = 6x - 30$$

$$t_{(6,0)} = 6(6) - 30$$

$$t = 6$$

∴ Now,

$$rt - s^2 = (6)(6) - 0$$

$$rt - s^2 = 36$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 > 0$$

and $r = 6, r > 0$

As $rt - s^2 > 0$ and $r > 0$ function has minimum value at $(6, 0)$

$$\therefore f = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x^2 - 15y^2 + 72x$$

∴ Put $x = 6$ and $y = 0$

$$f_{\min} = (6)^3 + 3(6)(0)^2$$

$$- 15(6)^2 - 15(0)^2 + 72(6)$$

$$f_{\min} = 108$$

Step 4B: For point $(4, 0)$

$$r = 6x - 30$$

$$r_{(4,0)} = 6(4) - 30$$

$$r = -6$$

$$s = 6y$$

$$s_{(4,0)} = 6(0)$$

$$s = 0$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 t &= 6x - 30 \\
 t_{(4,0)} &= 6(4) - 30 \\
 t &= -6 \\
 rt - s^2 &= (-6)(-6) - 0 = 36 \\
 rt - s^2 &= 36 \\
 rt - s^2 &> 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and $r = -6 < 0$

As $rt - s^2 > 0$ and $r < 0$ function has maximum value at $(4, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x^2 - 15y^2 + 72x \\
 \text{Put } x &= 4 \text{ and } y = 0 \\
 f_{\max} &= (4)^3 + 3(4)(0)^2 \\
 &\quad - 15(4)^2 - 15(0)^2 + 72(4) \\
 f_{\max} &= 112
 \end{aligned}$$

Step 4C : For point $(5, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r &= 6x - 30 \\
 r_{(5,1)} &= 6(5) - 30 \\
 r &= 0 \\
 s &= 6y \\
 s_{(5,1)} &= 6(1) \\
 s &= 6 \\
 t &= 6x - 30 \\
 t_{(5,1)} &= 6(5) - 30 \\
 t &= 0 \\
 rt - s^2 &= (0)(0) - (6)^2 \\
 rt - s^2 &= -36 \\
 rt - s^2 &< 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and $r = 0$

Now, $r = 0$, Function has neither maximum nor minimum at $(4, 0)$

Step 4D : Similar by Step 4C function has neither maximum nor minimum at $(5, -1)$.

Example 7.1

Example 7.2

Find the extreme values of $xy(a - x - y)$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Here, } f(x, y) &= xy(a - x - y) \\
 f &= axy - x^2y - xy^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Step 1: } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$ay - 2xy - y^2 = 0$$

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

$$ax - x^2 - 2xy = 0$$

Step 2 : To find values of x and y

From Equation (1) and (2),

$$y(a - 2x - y) = 0 \text{ and } x(a - x - 2y) = 0$$

i.e.

$$1. \quad x = 0 \quad y = 0$$

$$2. \quad x = 0 \Rightarrow a - 2x - y = 0$$

$$a - y = 0$$

$$\therefore y = a$$

$$3. \quad y = 0 \Rightarrow a - x - 2y = 0$$

$$a - x = 0$$

$$x = a$$

$$4. \quad a - 2x - y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a - x - 2y = 0$$

$$2x + y = a \quad x + 2y = a$$

Solving simultaneously

$$2x + y = a$$

$$2x + 4y = 2a$$

$$\underline{(-) \quad (-) \quad (-)}$$

$$-3y = -a$$

$$y = \frac{a}{3}$$

Put $y = \frac{a}{3}$ in $2x + y = a$

$$2x + \frac{a}{3} = a$$

$$2x = a - \frac{a}{3} = \frac{2a}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{a}{3}$$

∴ Roots are $(0, 0)$, $(0, a)$, $(a, 0)$ and $(\frac{a}{3}, \frac{a}{3})$

Step 4: To find r, s, t

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

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = ay - 2xy - y^2$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -2y \Rightarrow (r)$$

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

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = ax - x^2 - 2xy$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial xy} = a - 2x - 2y \Rightarrow (s)$$

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

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = ax - x^2 - 2xy$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially again,

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

Step 4A: For point $(0, 0)$

$$r = 0; s = a; t = 0$$

$$rt - s^2 = 0 - a^2$$

$$rt - s^2 = -a^2$$

$$rt - s^2 < 0$$

Function has neither maximum nor minimum at $(0, 0)$

Step 4B: For point $(0, a)$

$$r = -2a; s = -a; t = 0$$

$$rt - s^2 = -a^2 < 0$$

Function has neither maximum nor minimum at $(0, a)$

Step 4C: For point $(a, 0)$

$$r = 0; s = -a; t = -2a$$

$$rt - s^2 = (0)(-2a) - (-a)^2$$

$$rt - s^2 = -a^2$$

$$rt - s^2 < 0$$

Function has neither maximum nor minimum at $(a, 0)$

Step 4D: For point $\left(\frac{a}{3}, \frac{a}{3}\right)$

$$r = -\frac{2a}{3}; s = a - \frac{2a}{3} = \frac{a}{3}; t = -\frac{2a}{3}$$

$$rt - s^2 = \left(-\frac{2a}{3}\right) \left(\frac{a}{3}\right) - \left(\frac{a}{3}\right)^2$$

$$rt - s^2 = \frac{4a^2}{9} - \frac{a^2}{9}$$

$$= \frac{3a^2}{9}$$

$$rt - s^2 > 0 \text{ and } r < 0$$

Function has maximum / minimum value at $\left(\frac{a}{3}, \frac{a}{3}\right)$ which depends on value of a , either positive or negative.

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

$$\text{put } x = \frac{a}{3}; y = \frac{a}{3}$$

$$f_{\text{extreme}} = a \left(\frac{a}{3}\right) \left(\frac{a}{3}\right) - \left(\frac{a}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{a}{3}\right) - \left(\frac{a}{3}\right) \left(\frac{a}{3}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{9} - \frac{a^3}{27} - \frac{a^3}{27} = \frac{3a^3 - a^3 - a^3}{27}$$

$$f_{\text{extreme}} = \frac{a^3}{27}$$

Example 7.2.5

Show that the minimum value of $xy + a^3 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)$ is $3a^2$.

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Solution :

Here, $f(x, y) = xy + a^3 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)$

$$f = xy + \frac{a^3}{x} + \frac{a^3}{y}$$

Step 1: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$

$$y - \frac{a^3}{x^2} = 0 \quad \dots(1) \quad \left(\because \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \right)$$



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

$$x - \frac{a^3}{y^2} = 0$$

(2)

Step 2 : To find x and y

From Equation (1) and (2)

$$\therefore x^2 y = a^3 \quad \text{and} \quad xy^2 = a^3$$

$$x = \frac{a^3}{y^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{a^3}{y^2}\right)^2 y = a^3$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{a^6}{y^4}\right)(y) = a^3$$

$$a^3 = y^3$$

$$\therefore y = a$$

Put y = a in $xy^2 = a^3$

$$xa^2 = a^3$$

$$\therefore x = a$$

∴ roots are (a, a)

Step 3 : To find r, s, t

$$f = xy + \frac{a^3}{x} + \frac{a^3}{y}$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y - \frac{a^3}{x^2}$$

$$\left[\because \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x^2} \right) = -\frac{d}{dx} x^{-2} = -2x^{-3} \right]$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{2a^3}{x^3} \Rightarrow (r)$$

$$f = xy + \frac{a^3}{x} + \frac{a^3}{y}$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x - \frac{a^3}{y^2}$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 1 \Rightarrow (s)$$

$$f = xy + \frac{a^3}{x} + \frac{a^3}{y}$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x - \frac{a^3}{y^2}$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2a^3}{y^3} \Rightarrow (t)$$

Step 4 : For point (a, a)

$$r = \frac{2a^3}{a^3}$$

$$r_{(a, a)} = 2$$

$$s = 1$$

$$t = \frac{2a^3}{a^3}$$

$$t_{(a, a)} = 2$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 = (2)(2) - (1)^2$$

$$rt - s^2 = 3 > 0$$

and $r > 0$

∴ Function has minimum value at (a, a)

$$\text{Now, } f = xy + \frac{a^3}{x} + \frac{a^3}{y}$$

$$\text{put } x = a, y = a$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\min} &= a \cdot a + \frac{a^3}{a} + \frac{a^3}{a} \\ &= a^2 + a^2 + a^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{\min} = 3a^2$$

Example 7.2.6

Find maximum and minimum values of

$$x^3 + 3xy^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 4$$

Solution :

$$\text{Here, } f(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 4$$

$$\text{Step 1 : } \therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\therefore 3x^2 + 6y^2 - 6x = 0$$

$$\text{and } \therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$6xy - 6y = 0$$

Ex 1: To find values of x and y

From equation (2),

$$6xy - 6y = 0$$

$$6y(x - 1) = 0$$

$$6y = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

$$x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

$$y = 0,$$

Equation (1) becomes,

$$3x^2 - 6x = 0$$

$$3x(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 2$$

$$\therefore (0, 0) (2, 0)$$

For $x = 1$

Equation (1) becomes,

$$3 + 3y^2 - 6 = 0$$

$$3y^2 = 3$$

$$y^2 = 1$$

$$y = \pm 1$$

$\therefore (1, 1) \text{ and } (1, -1)$

Roots are $(0, 0) (2, 0) (1, 1)$ and $(1, -1)$

Ex 2: To find r, s, t

$$f = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 4$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 6x$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 6x - 6 \Rightarrow (r)$$

$$f = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 4$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 6xy - 6y$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 6y \Rightarrow (s)$$

$$f = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 4$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 6xy - 6y$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially again,

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

Step 4A : For point $(0, 0)$

$$\therefore r = -6, s = 0, t = -6$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 = (-6)(-6) - 0^2$$

$$rt - s^2 = 36$$

$$rt - s^2 > 0 \text{ and } r < 0$$

\therefore Function has maximum value at $(0, 0)$

$$\text{Now, } f = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 4$$

$$\text{Put } x = 0, y = 0$$

$$f_{\max} = 4$$

Step 4B : For point $(2, 0)$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} r = 6x - 6 & s = 6y & t = 6x - 6 \\ r = 6(2) - 6 & s = 6(0) & t = 6(2) - 6 \\ \hline r = 6 & s = 0 & t = 6 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 = 6(6) - 0^2$$

$$rt - s^2 = 36$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 > 0 \text{ and } r > 0$$

\therefore function has minimum value at $(2, 0)$

$$f = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 4$$

$$\text{Put } x = 2, y = 0$$

$$f_{\min} = (2)^3 + 0 - 3(2)^2 - 0 + 4$$

$$f_{\min} = 0$$

Step 4C : For point $(1, 1)$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} r = 6x - 6 & s = 6y & t = 6x - 6 \\ r = 6(1) - 6 & s = 6 & t = 6(1) - 6 \\ \hline r = 0 & s = 0 & t = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 = (0)(0) - (6)^2$$

$$rt - s^2 < 0$$

\therefore Function has neither maximum nor minimum at $(1, 1)$

Step 4D : For $(1, -1)$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} r = 6x - 6 & s = 6y & t = 6x - 6 \\ r = 6(1) - 6 & s = 6(-1) & t = 6(1) - 6 \\ \hline r = 0 & s = -6 & t = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 = (0)(0) - (-6)^2 = -36$$

$$rt - s^2 < 0$$

\therefore Function has neither maximum nor minimum at $(1, -1)$.

**Example 7.2.7****May 2012, 2014, Dec. 2013**Discuss the maxima and minima of $x^3 + y^3 - 3axy$.**Solution :** Here, $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3axy$

Step 1 : $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$

$$3x^2 - 3ay = 0$$
$$x^2 - ay = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

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

$$3y^2 - 3ax = 0$$
$$y^2 - ax = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

Step 2 : Find values of x and y.

From Equation (2),

$$y^2 = ax$$

$$\frac{y^2}{a} = x$$

Put this value in Equation (1),

$$x^2 - ay = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{y^2}{a}\right)^2 - ay = 0$$

$$\frac{y^4}{a^2} - ay = 0$$

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

$$y(y^3 - a^3) = 0$$

$$y = 0 \text{ or } y^3 = a^3$$

$$y = 0 \text{ or } y = a$$

Put $y = 0$ in Equation (1),

$$x = \frac{y^2}{a}$$

$$x = 0$$

$$(x, y) = (0, 0)$$

Put $y = a$ in Equation (1)

$$x = \frac{y^2}{a}$$

$$x = \frac{a^2}{a}$$

$$x = a$$

$$(x, y) = (a, a)$$

Points are $(0, 0)$ and (a, a) .**Step 3 :** To find r, s, t

$$f = x^3 + y^3 - 3axy$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 - 3ay$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 6x \Rightarrow (r)$$

$$f = x^3 + y^3 - 3axy$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

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

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = -3a \Rightarrow (s)$$

$$f = x^3 + y^3 - 3axy$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3y^2 - 3a$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 6y \Rightarrow (t)$$

Step 4A : For point $(0, 0)$

$r = 6x$	$s = -3a$	$t = 6y$
$r = 6(0)$	$s = -3a$	$t = 6(0)$
$r = 0$		$t = 0$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 = (0)(0) - (-3a)^2$$

$$= -9a^2$$

 $\therefore rt - s^2 < 0$ (∴ Square of a can't be -ve)∴ Function has neither maximum nor minimum at $(0, 0)$.**Step 4B :** For point (a, a)

$r = 6a$	$s = -3a$	$t = 6a$
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$$\therefore rt - s^2 = (6a)(6a) - (-3a)^2$$

$$rt - s^2 = 27a^2$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 > 0$$

and $r = 6a$ ∴ If $a = -$ ve then $r < 0$ which gives maximum value.& If $a = +$ ve then $r > 0$ which gives minimum value.

May 2010

To find maxima and minima of

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

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

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

$$\sin x + \cos(x + y)(1 + 0) = 0$$

$$\sin x + \cos(x + y) = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\cos y + \cos(x + y)(0 + 1) = 0$$

$$\cos y + \cos(x + y) = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

Step 1: To find values of x and y.

Equation (1) - Equation (2),

$$\cos x - \cos y = 0$$

$$\cos x = \cos y$$

$$x = y$$

Put $y = x$ in Equation (1), we get,

$$\sin x + \cos(x + x) = 0$$

$$\cos 2x = -\cos x$$

$$\cos 2x = \cos(\pi - x)$$

$$2x = \pi - x$$

$$3x = \pi$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{but } y = x$$

$$y = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{Roots are } \left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

Step 2: To find r, s, t

$$f = \sin x + \sin y + \sin(x + y)$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \cos x + \cos(x + y)$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -\sin x - \sin(x + y) \dots(3)$$

$$f = \sin x + \sin y + \sin(x + y)$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cos y + \cos(x + y)$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -\sin y - \sin(x + y) \dots(4)$$

$$f = \sin x + \sin y + \sin(x + y)$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -\sin y - \sin(x + y) \dots(5)$$

Step 4: For point $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

$$r = -\sin x - \sin(x + y)$$

$$r = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\left[\because \sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \sin 120^\circ = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right]$$

$$r = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$r = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$s = -\sin(x + y)$$

$$s = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$s = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$t = -\sin y - \sin(x + y)$$

$$t = -\sin\frac{\pi}{3} - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$t = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 = (-\sqrt{3})(-\sqrt{3}) - \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2$$

$$rt - s^2 = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\therefore rt - s^2 > 0 \text{ and } r < 0$$



∴ Function has maximum value at $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

Now, $f = \sin x + \sin y + \sin(x+y)$

$$\text{put } x = \frac{\pi}{3}, y = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$f_{\max} = \sin \frac{\pi}{3} + \sin \frac{\pi}{3} + \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$f_{\max} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Example 7.2.9

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Divide 120 into three parts so that the sum of their products taken two at a time shall be maximum.

Solution :

$$\text{Let, 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ part} = x$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ part} = y$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ part} = z$$

$$\therefore x + y + z = 120 \quad \dots(A)$$

Now, sum of their products taken two at a time is,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= xy + yz + zx \\ &= xy + y(120 - x - y) + (120 - x - y)x \\ &= xy + 120y - xy - y^2 + 120x - x^2 - xy \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x, y) = 120y + 120x - xy - x^2 - y^2$$

$$\text{Step 1: } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$120 - y - 2x = 0$$

$$\therefore 2x + y = 120 \quad \dots(1)$$

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

$$120 - x - 2y = 0$$

$$x + 2y = 120 \quad \dots(2)$$

Step 2 : To find values of x and y

Solving Equation (1) and (2) simultaneously on calculator.

$$x = 40 \text{ and } y = 40$$

∴ Roots are (40, 40).

Step 3 : To find x, y, z

$$f = 120y + 120x - xy - x^2 - y^2$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 120 - y - 2x$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -2 \Rightarrow (i)$$

$$f = 120y + 120x - xy - x^2 - y^2$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 120 - x - 2y$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -2 \Rightarrow (ii)$$

$$f = 120y + 120x - xy - x^2 - y^2$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 120 - x - 2y$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y partially again,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -2 \Rightarrow (iii)$$

Step 4 :

$$\text{Now, } rt - s^2 = (-2)(-2) - (-1)^2$$

$$rt - s^2 = 4 - 1$$

$$rt - s^2 = 3$$

∴ $rt - s^2 > 0$ and $r < 0$

∴ Function has maximum value at (40, 40)

∴ Now, From Equation (A)

$$x + y + z = 120$$

$$40 + 40 + z = 120$$

$$z = 40$$

∴ Function has maximum value at $x = 40, y = 40, z = 40$