

Optimization

1) One more problem like last time

2) "Constrained optimization":

$$\text{maximize } x^2 + 3xy + 7$$

Lagrange multipliers

$$\text{subject to constraint: } x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

3) Linear programming

4) Gradient descent

Example:

Max/min $f(x, y, z) = 2x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2z + xz$

on a cylinder of radius 3 and height 5

~~centered at (0,0,0)~~

with base in xy -plane around origin

Things to check!

A - Inside cylinder

critical points: $f_x = f_y = f_z$

B - Bottom face

parametrize in polar

or: plug in $z=0$

C - Top face

D - Outer edge face

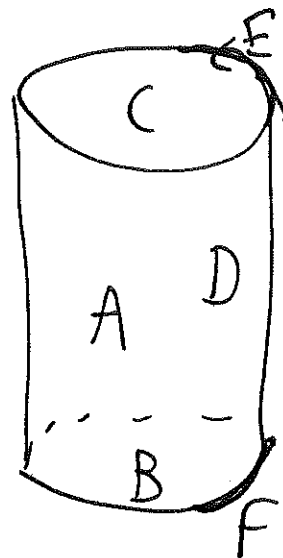
parametrize

E - Top edge

parametrize with one variable

F - Bottom edge

parametrize with one variable



Inside the cylinder:

$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$$

$$0 \leq z \leq 5$$

Look for critical points

$$f_x = 4x + z \rightarrow z = -4x$$

$$f_y = 2y \quad \cancel{2x+2y}$$

$$f_z = 2z - 2 + x \quad -8x - 2 + x = 0$$

$$7x = -2$$

$$x = -2/7, y = 0, z = 8/7$$

Candidate points.

$f(x, y, z)$	$f(x, y, z)$
$(-2/7, 0, 8/7)$	$-8/7$

Bottom face

Parametrize it!

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$z = 0$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$0 \leq r \leq 3$$

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

$$2x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2z + xz$$

$$= 2r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta + 0 - 0 + 0$$

$$= r^2 + r^2 \cos^2 \theta - (r^2 + 1) \cos^2 \theta$$

Max on outside face of cylinder.

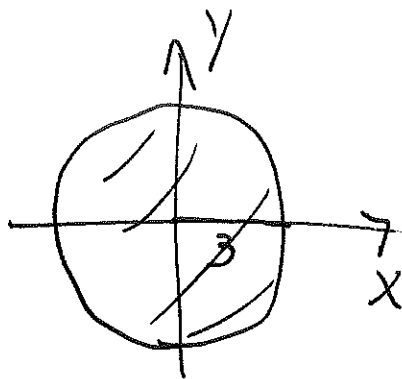
Parametrize it by θ, z :

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = 3 \cos \theta \\ y = 3 \sin \theta \\ z = z \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{plug in as } x, y, z. \\ \text{find } \theta, z \text{ to max/min} \\ \text{function.}$$

$$f(x, y, z) = 2x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2z + xz$$

Bottom face:

Plug in $z=0$



What x, y make max/min?

$$f(x, y) = 2x^2 + y^2$$

$$f_x = 4x \Rightarrow x=0, y=0, z=0.$$

$$f_y = 2y$$

Edge of bottom face:

$x^2 + y^2 = 9$, substitute in:

$$f(x, y) = 9 + x^2$$

max at $x=3 \Rightarrow (3, 0, 0)$

min at $x=0 \Rightarrow (0, 3, 0)$
 $(0, -3, 0)$

$(0, 0, 0)$

$x=-3 \Rightarrow (-3, 0, 0)$

Lagrange multipliers

Suppose you want to maximize/minimize

$f(x,y)$ subject to a constraint $g(x,y)=c$.

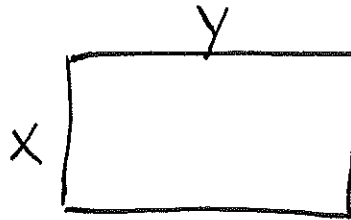
Then the max&min satisfy

$$\nabla f(x,y) = \lambda \nabla g(x,y).$$

scalar

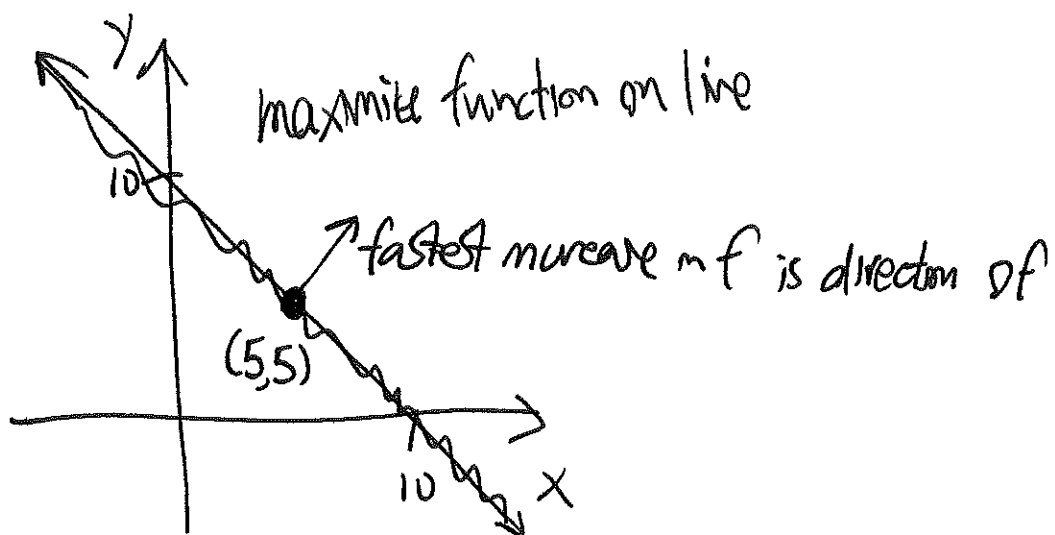
∇f parallel to ∇g !

Ex. Find a rectangle of perimeter 20 with
maximize area.



maximize $f(x,y) = xy$

constraint: $g(x,y) = 2x + 2y = 20$.



Solve: $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ and $g(x,y)=c$.

$$\langle y, x \rangle = \lambda \langle 2, 2 \rangle \quad 2x + 2y = 20.$$

Three equations:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 2\lambda \\ x &= 2\lambda \\ 2x + 2y &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

Solve:

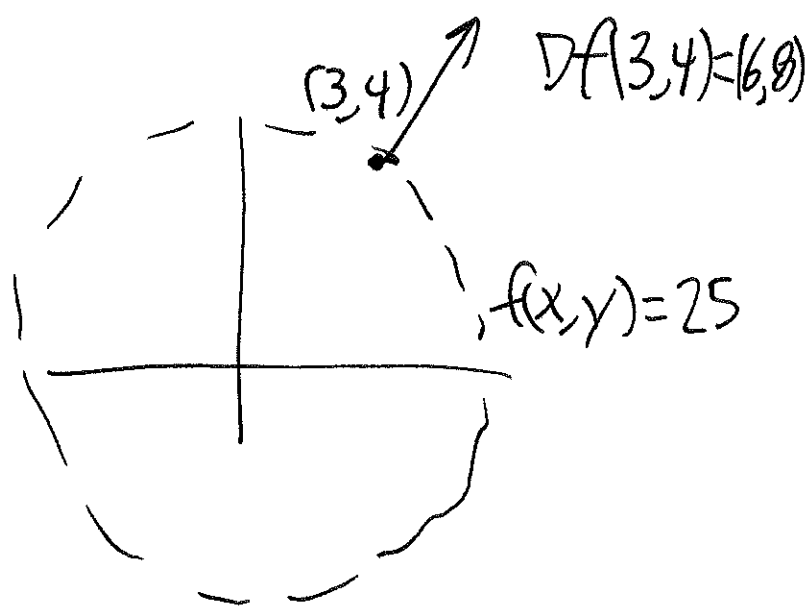
$$\begin{aligned} x &= y \text{ so} \\ 4x &= 20 \text{ so} \\ \boxed{x=5} & \quad \boxed{y=5} \\ \boxed{\lambda = \frac{5}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Two ways to think about ∇f :

- 1) Direction of fastest increase of f
- 2) Perpendicular to level curves of f :

$$f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 =$$

$$\nabla f = (2x, 2y)$$



Maximize:

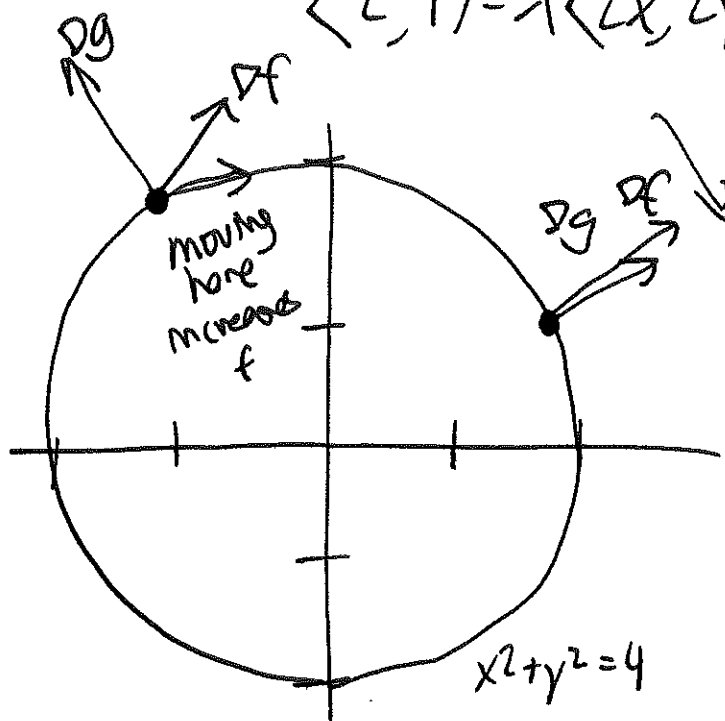
$$f(x, y) = 2x + y$$

Subject to:

$$\underbrace{x^2 + y^2 = 4}_{g(x, y)}$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$\langle 2, 1 \rangle = \lambda \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$$



$$\left. \begin{aligned} 2 &= 2\lambda x \\ 1 &= 2\lambda y \\ x^2 + y^2 &= 4 \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$\frac{2}{x} = \frac{1}{y} \quad 2y = x$$

$$\Rightarrow (2y)^2 + y^2 = 4$$

$$y^2 = 4/5 \quad y = \pm 2/\sqrt{5}$$

$$x = \pm 4/\sqrt{5}$$