

## 1 Review

- A function has a **local maximum** (respectively, **local minimum**) at  $\mathbf{x}_0$  if there exist  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $\mathbf{x}$  satisfying  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0\| < \delta$ , then  $f(\mathbf{x}_0) \geq f(\mathbf{x})$  (respectively,  $f(\mathbf{x}_0) \leq f(\mathbf{x})$ ).
- A function has a **absolute maximum** (respectively, **absolute minimum**) at  $\mathbf{x}_0$  if for any  $\mathbf{x}$  in the domain  $D$ ,  $f(\mathbf{x}_0) \geq f(\mathbf{x})$  (respectively,  $f(\mathbf{x}_0) \leq f(\mathbf{x})$ ).
- "f has local maximum/minimum at  $\mathbf{x}_0 \implies f_x(\mathbf{x}_0) = f_y(\mathbf{x}_0) = 0$ ". Notice that the converse is in general **NOT** true. i.e.  $f_x(\mathbf{x}_0) = f_y(\mathbf{x}_0) = 0 \not\implies f$  has local maximum/minimum at  $\mathbf{x}_0$  in general.
- The **Hessian matrix** of a function  $f$  is defined as

$$H(f)(\mathbf{x}_0) := \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Handwritten representation of the Hessian matrix as a square of second-order partial derivatives:  $\begin{bmatrix} f_{x_1 x_1} & \cdots & f_{x_1 x_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ f_{x_n x_1} & \cdots & f_{x_n x_n} \end{bmatrix}$

For function two variables, if (1)  $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$  and in addition (2) the second derivatives are continuous the Hessian matrix enable us to have the **second derivative test** for two variables functions. We have the following cases splitting:

- In case  $\det H(f)(a, b) > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is *local minimum*.
  - In case  $\det H(f)(a, b) > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is *local maximum*.
  - In case  $\det H(f)(a, b) < 0$  then  $f(a, b)$  is *neither local maximum nor local minimum*, but a *saddle point* (think of a Pringles potato chip cut).
  - In case  $\det H(f)(a, b) = 0$ , the second derivative test is **inconclusive**.
- The absolute extrema of a function over a given domain is either the point of *local extrema* or on the *boundary*.
  - Motivation for *Lagrange multiplier*: You have a function  $f(\mathbf{x})$ . What will be the extrema of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  subject to the constraint  $g(\mathbf{x}) = k$ ?
  - The **Lagrange multiplier**  $\lambda_i$ 's for a function  $f$  with respect to the constraint  $g_i(\mathbf{x}) = k_i$  are the constant in which  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0) = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \nabla g_i(\mathbf{x}_0)$  for some  $\mathbf{x}_0$  in the domain of  $f$ .
  - The **method of Lagrange multiplier** in extrema evaluation is given as follows:
    - Find all values of  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\lambda_i$  such that  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \nabla g_i(\mathbf{x})$  and  $g_i(\mathbf{x}) = k_i$ .
    - Evaluate  $f$  all the  $\mathbf{x}$ 's obtained above. The largest and smallest give the extrema.

Proof Lagrange :

if given  $g(\vec{x}) = c$

$\Rightarrow$  rewrite  $g(\vec{x}) = c$  as  $\vec{r}(t)$

$\Rightarrow f(\vec{r}(t))$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} f(\vec{r}(t)) = \nabla f \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f \perp \vec{r}'(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f \parallel \nabla g$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g.$$

## 2 Problems

### 1. True or False

(a) If  $f(x, y)$  has two local maxima, then it must have a local minimum.

False. 可以中間係 saddle.

(b) If  $f(2, 1)$  is a critical point and  $f_{xx}(2, 1)f_{yy}(2, 1) < [f_{xy}(2, 1)]^2$ , then  $f$  has a saddle point at  $(2, 1)$ .

True.

(c) If  $f$  has a local minimum at  $(a, b)$  and differentiable at  $(a, b)$ , then  $\nabla f(a, b) = \mathbf{0}$ .

True

2. Find the absolute maximum and minimum for  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + x^2y + 4$  over the  $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$ .

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

4. Find an equation of the plane that passes through the point  $(1, 2, 3)$  and cuts off the smallest volume in the first octant.

5. Find the local maximum and minimum values and saddle points of the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2 + 9x - 6y + 10$ .

2. Find the absolute maximum and minimum for  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + x^2y + 4$  over the  $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$ .

Step 1: look critical point.

$$\nabla f = \langle 2x + 2xy, 2y + x^2 \rangle = 0$$

$$2x + 2xy = 0$$

$$2y + x^2 = 0 \quad y = -\frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$x=0 \text{ or } x \neq 0, \\ y=0 \quad 2+2y=0 \\ y=-1$$

$$2x(1+y)=0$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$x=0 \text{ or } y=-1$$

$$2x + 2x\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) = 0$$

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

$\{0, -1\}$  不是  
一个组合!

$y = \pm \sqrt{2}$

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

$$x = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

↓

$$y = -1.$$

Critical points  
(0,0) (0, ~~-1~~) ( $\sqrt{2}, -1$ ) ( $-\sqrt{2}, -1$ )

out of  $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  not to consider.

Step 1.2.  $f_{xx} = 2 + 2y$ .

$$f_{xy} = 2x$$

$$f_{yy} = 2.$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2+2y & 2x \\ 2x & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D(0,0) = 4$$

$$D(\text{~~0, -1~~}) = 0, \quad f_{xx}(0,0) > 0, \quad \text{local min.}$$

$$0,0 =$$

Step 2: Check on boundary:

Step 2.1: for  $x=1$ .

$$f(1, y) = y^2 + y + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Max} = 7 \text{ for } y=1$$

$$\text{min} = \frac{19}{4} \text{ for } y = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Step 2.2 =  $y=1$

$$f(x, 1) = 2x^2 + 4 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Max} = 6 \\ \text{min} = 4. \end{matrix}$$

Step 2.3:

$$x=-1 = y^2 + y + 5 \text{ similar to 2.1}$$

$$\text{Step 2.4 } y=-1, f(x, -1) = 5$$

$$f(0, 0) = 4.$$

↓ absolute min

$$f(1, 1) = 7, \text{ absolute max.}$$

6. Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$  subject to the constraint  $xy = 1$ .

7. Use Lagrange multipliers to prove that the rectangle with maximum area that has a given perimeter  $p$  is a square.

8. (a) Find the maximum value of  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sqrt[n]{x_1 \cdots x_n}$  with the constraints  $x_1, \dots, x_n > 0$  and  $x_1 + \cdots + x_n = \text{constant}$ .

(b) Prove that if  $x_1, \dots, x_n > 0$ , then

$$\sqrt[n]{x_1 \cdots x_n} \leq \frac{x_1 + \cdots + x_n}{n}.$$

Deduce under what circumstances will give rise to equality.

9. (a) Maximize  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$  subject to the constraint  $\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 = 1$ .

(b) Put  $\mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|}$  and  $\mathbf{y} = \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|}$ . Prove the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \leq \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|.$$

6. Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$  subject to the constraint  $xy = 1$ .

$$\nabla f = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$$

$$\nabla g = \langle y, x \rangle$$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \\ xy = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x = \lambda y \\ 2y = \lambda x \\ xy = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{2x}{y} = \lambda = \frac{2y}{x}$$

$$x^2 = y^2$$

$$y = \pm x.$$

what happen if  $y = -x$

$$\text{Ans } xy = x(-x) = -x^2 \leq 0$$

Contradict to  $g(x, y) = 1$ .

$$\therefore x = y.$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

$$y = \pm 1.$$

$\therefore (\pm 1, \pm 1)$  is the extremal point of  $f$ .

$$\Rightarrow f(\pm 1, \pm 1) = 2.$$

Constraint:  $y = \frac{1}{x}$

Consider  $x=2$ , then  $f(2, \frac{1}{2}) = 4 + \frac{1}{4} > 2$

$\Rightarrow (\pm 1, \pm 1)$  is a point of minimum of  $f$   
subject to  $xy=1$ .