

## 14.7 Maximum and minimum values

名詞: (局部) 極大/小, (絕對) 最大/小, 奇異點, 鞍點, 邊界點, 閉集, 有界集。

方法: 找極值, 找鞍點。

**Define:** A function  $f$  of two variables at  $(a, b)$  in its domain  $D$  has a

- **local maximum** 局部極大值 if  $f(x, y) \leq f(a, b)$  when  $(x, y)$  near  $(a, b)$  (in a disk center at  $(a, b)$ ).
- **local minimum** 局部極小值 if  $f(x, y) \geq f(a, b)$  when  $(x, y)$  near  $(a, b)$ .
- **absolute maximum** 絕對最大值 if  $f(x, y) \leq f(a, b)$  for all  $(x, y) \in D$ .
- **absolute minimum** 絕對最小值 if  $f(x, y) \geq f(a, b)$  for all  $(x, y) \in D$ .

**Recall:** Fermat's Theorem: If  $f(x)$  has a local maximum or local minimum at  $a$ , and  $f'(x)$  exists, then  $f'(a) = 0$ .

**Theorem 1** If  $f$  has a local maximum or local minimum at  $(a, b)$ , and  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  exist, then  $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$ .

**Define:**  $(a, b)$  is a **critical point** 奇異點 (or **stationary point** 駐點) of  $f$  if  $f_x(a, b) = 0$  and  $f_y(a, b) = 0$ , or one of them does not exist.

(都是0, 或只要有一個不存在, 可以記成  $\nabla f = \mathbf{0}$  or 不存在。)

**Attention:** 極值在奇異點, 奇異點不一定是極值。

★ 相同之三: max, min, 奇異點, Fermat's Theorem (& 不可逆)。

◆ 有些書上分別把  $\nabla f = \mathbf{0}$  的點稱為 critical/stationary point 臨界點, 把  $\nabla f$  不存在的點稱為 singularity point 奇異點; 又有些書上專稱前者為 stationary point 穩定點, 而把兩者合稱為 critical point 臨界點。

	$\nabla f = \mathbf{0}$	$\nexists \nabla f$	both
book A	critical 臨界	singularity 奇異	
book B	stationary 臨界	singularity 奇異	
book C	stationary 穩定	singularity 奇異	critical 臨界
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## Theorem 2 (Second Derivatives Test)

Suppose  $f$  has continuous second partial derivatives near  $(a, b)$ , and  $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$ . Let

$$D = D(a, b) = [f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2](a, b) = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix}(a, b)$$

(a) If  $D > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is a **local minimum**.

(b) If  $D > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is a **local maximum**.

(c) If  $D < 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is not a local maximum or minimum.

◆:  $H(f) = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$  /  $H = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix}$  稱為海森 (Hessian) 矩陣/行列式。

◆ **Proof.** For a unit vector  $\mathbf{u} = \langle h, k \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{u}}f = f_x h + f_y k$  and  $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{u}}f(a, b) = 0$ .

$$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{u}}f)h + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{u}}f)k = (f_{xx}h + f_{xy}k)h + (f_{yx}h + f_{yy}k)k$$

$$= f_{xx}(h + \frac{f_{xy}}{f_{xx}}k)^2 + k^2 \frac{f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2}{f_{xx}} = f_{xx}(h + \frac{f_{xy}}{f_{xx}}k)^2 + k^2 \frac{D}{f_{xx}}.$$

$\therefore f_{xx}$  and  $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$  are continuous when  $(x, y)$  near  $(a, b)$ .

Case (a):  $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$  and  $D(a, b) > 0$ .  $\implies \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f(x, y) > 0$ .

$\therefore$  the curve  $C$  on the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{u}$  is **concave upward** 凹向上, and so  $f(x, y) \geq f(a, b)$ . (每個方向都一樣凹。)

Case (b):  $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$  and  $D(a, b) > 0$ .  $\implies \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f(x, y) < 0$ .

$\therefore C$  is **concave downward** 凹向下, and so  $f(x, y) \leq f(a, b)$ . ■

**Define:** If  $D(a, b) < 0$ , then  $(a, b)$  is called a **saddle point** 鞍點 of  $f$ , and the graph of  $f$  crosses its tangent plane ( $z = f(a, b)$ ) at  $(a, b)$ . (圖在鞍點穿過切平面)

**Note:** 如果  $D > 0$  所有方向都凹向同一邊, 有極大/小; 如果  $D < 0$  有方向凹不同邊, 沒大沒小有鞍點; 如果  $D = 0$ , 什麼都有可能。

**Skill:** 1. 如果  $f_{xx}$  不容易看正負, 看  $f_{yy}$  也一樣。

2. 奇異點很多: 先算行列式再代; 反之, 先代偏導數再算行列式。

3. By Clairaut's Theorem,  $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$  ( $\because$  continuous), 只要算一個。

★ 差異之五: 二階導數測試法:  $f''$  & 反曲點 v.s.  $f_{xx}, f_{xy}, f_{yy}, D$  & 鞍點。

**Define:**

- A point of a set is called a **boundary point** 邊界點 if every disk center at the point contains both some points in the set and some not.
- A set is called **closed** 閉 if it contains all its boundary point
- A set is called **bounded** 有界 if it contained within some disk.

**Example 0.1 (Additional)** in  $\mathbb{R}$ :

1. closed and bounded:  $[0, 1]$ .



2. not closed and bounded:  $(0, 1)$ ,  $[0, 1)$ ,  $(0, 1]$ ,  $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ .



3. closed and not bounded:  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $\cup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} [2n, 2n + 1]$ .

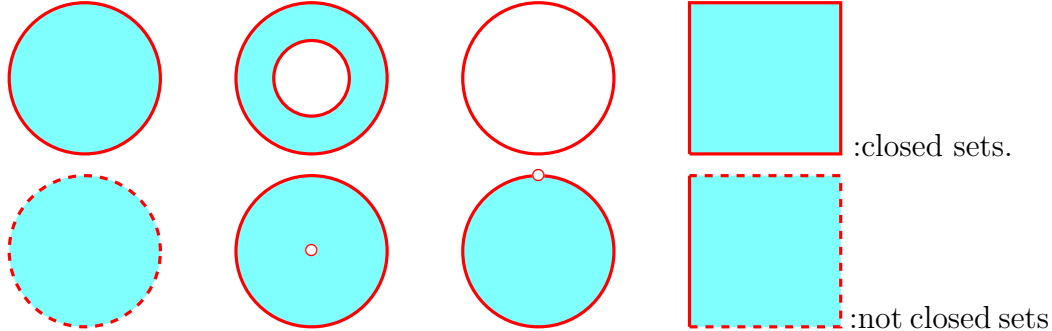


4. not closed and not bounded:  $(0, \infty)$ .



(5.) **open**  $\neq$  not closed:  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$  are closed and open.

**Note:** closed in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : 邊上裡面沒缺點; bounded in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : 可以畫出來的有限區域。



**Theorem 3 (Extreme Value Theorem for Functions of Two Variables)**

If  $f$  is continuous on a closed, bounded set  $D$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then  $f$  attains an absolute maximum value  $f(x_1, y_1)$  and an absolute minimum value  $f(x_2, y_2)$  at some points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  in  $D$ . (連續閉有界, 有極值。)

★ 差異之六：極值定理：閉區間 (closed interval  $[?, ?]$ ) v.s. 閉且有界。

**Question:** 怎麼找極值? 單變數的 Closed Interval Method 的延伸:

**Theorem 4** If  $f$  is continuous on a closed, bounded set  $D$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

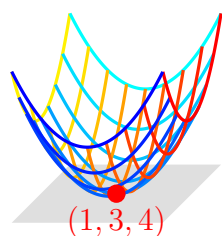
1. 找 critical point  $(a, b)$ . ( $\nabla f = \mathbf{0}$  or  $\nexists$ , 不用二階導數測試檢查極大/小)
2. 找 boundary 上的極值。(先找極值省時間)
3. 比大小。

**Example 0.2** Let  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 6y + 14$ .

1. 找奇異點:  $f_x(x, y) = 2x - 2 = 0, x = 1, f_y(x, y) = 2y - 6 = 0, y = 3$ .  
critical point:  $(1, 3)$ .

(二階? 先不用, 配平方。)  $f(x, y) = 4 + (x - 1)^2 + (y - 3)^2 \geq 4$ .  
 $\therefore f(1, 3) = 4$  is a **local minimum**, and in fact a **absolute minimum** of  $f$ . ■

(二階偏導:  $D = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 > 0, f_{xx}(1, 3) = 2 > 0$ .)

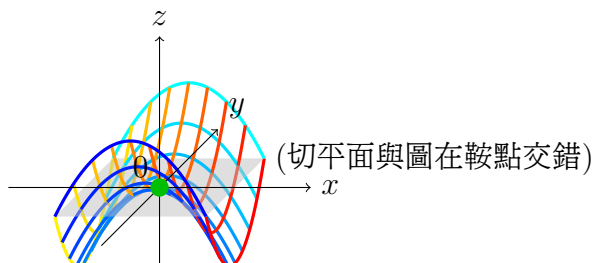


$z = (x - 1)^2 + (y - 3)^2 + 4$   
(elliptic paraboloid 橢圓拋物面)

**Attention:** 極值要完整寫出點跟數值  $f(?, ?) = ?$ , 奇異/鞍點要寫座標  $(?, ?)$ 。

**Example 0.3** Find the extreme value of  $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$ .

1. 找奇異點:  $f_x = -2x = 0, x = 0, f_y = 2y = 0, y = 0$ .  
But  $f(x, 0) = -x^2 < 0$  for  $x \neq 0$  and  $f(0, y) = y^2 > 0$  for  $y \neq 0$ , every disk centered at  $(0, 0)$  contains points with  $f > 0$  and some with  $f < 0$ .  
 $\therefore f(0, 0) = 0$  is not an extreme value for  $f$ , so  $f$  has no extreme value. ■  
(In fact,  $(0, 0)$  is a **saddle point**. 二階偏導:  $D = ?$ )



$z = y^2 - x^2$   
(hyperbolic paraboloid 雙曲拋物面)

**Example 0.4** Find the local maximum and minimum values and saddle points of  $f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 1$ .

1. 找奇異點:  $f_x = 4x^3 - 4y = 0$ ,  $f_y = 4y^3 - 4x = 0$ ,  $\implies x = y^3 = x^9$ ,  $x^9 - x = x(x-1)(x+1)(x^2+1)(x^4+1) = 0$ ,  $x = 0, 1, -1$ .

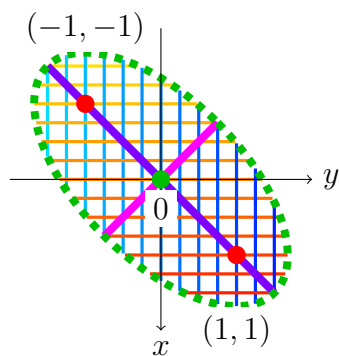
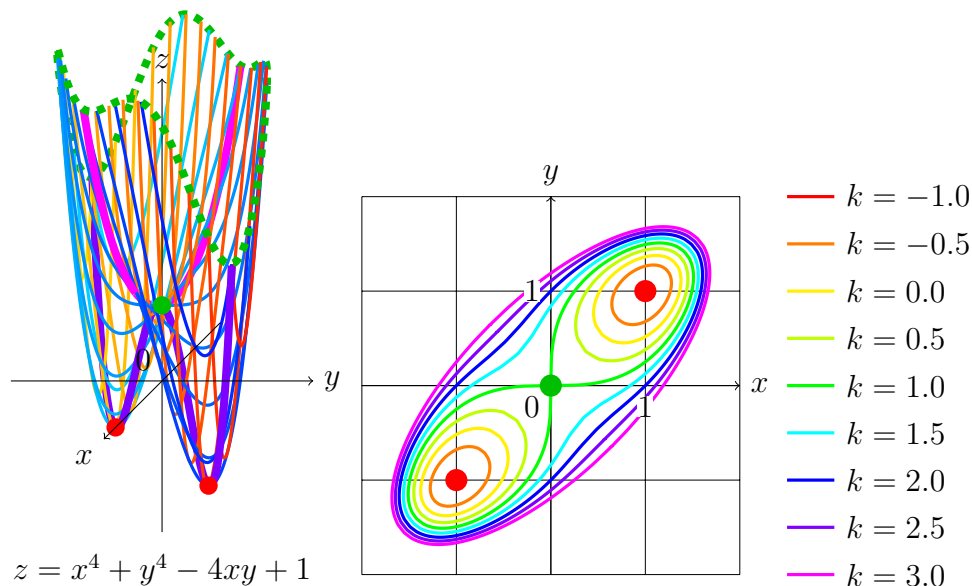
critical points:  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(-1, -1)$ .

2. 二階偏導:  $f_{xx} = 12x^2$ ,  $f_{xy} = -4 = f_{yx}$ ,  $f_{yy} = 12y^2$ .

$$D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 12x^2 & -4 \\ -4 & 12y^2 \end{vmatrix} = 16(9x^2y^2 - 1).$$

$D(0, 0) = -16 < 0$ ,  $\therefore (0, 0)$  is a **saddle point**.

$D(1, 1) = 128 = D(-1, -1) > 0$ ,  $f_{xx}(1, 1) = 12 = f_{xx}(-1, -1) > 0$ ,  
 $\therefore f(1, 1) = -1 = f(-1, -1)$  are **local minima** (minimum 複數形). ■



**Example 0.5** Find the shortest distance from the point  $(1, 0, -2)$  to the plane  $x + 2y + z = 4$ .

$d = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2 + (z+2)^2}$ , 代入  $z = 4 - x - 2y$  減少變數;  
 $d^2$  最小  $d$  也會一樣最小, 但  $d^2$  比較好微分。

Minimize:  $d^2 = f(x, y) = (x-1)^2 + y^2 + (4-x-2y+2)^2$ .

1. 找奇異點:

$$f_x = 2(x-1) - 2(6-x-2y) = 4x + 4y - 14 = 0,$$

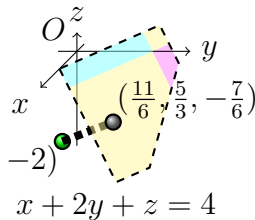
$$f_y = 2y - 4(6-x-2y) = 4x + 10y - 24 = 0,$$

critical point:  $(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{5}{3})$ .

2. 二階導數:  $f_{xx} = 4 > 0$ ,  $f_{xy} = 4 = f_{yx}$ ,  $f_{yy} = 10$ ,  $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 24 > 0$ ,  $f$  has a **local minimum**  $f(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{5}{3}) = \frac{25}{6}$ ,  $z = 4 - (\frac{11}{6}) - 2(\frac{5}{3}) = -\frac{7}{6}$ .

$d = \sqrt{f(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{5}{3})} = \frac{5}{6}\sqrt{6}$ , and the projection point is  $(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{5}{3}, -\frac{7}{6})$ . ■

(Recall: 點到平面距離  $\frac{|1(1) + 2(0) + 1(-2) - 4|}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{5}{6}\sqrt{6}$ , 但不知道投影點。)



**Example 0.6** A rectangular box without a lid (無蓋) is to be made from  $12\text{m}^2$  of cardboard. Find the maximum volume of such a box.

Let the length, width, and height be  $x, y, z$ .

Then the volume is  $V = xyz$ ,

and the area is  $2xz + 2yz + xy = 12$ .

代入  $z = \frac{12 - xy}{2(x + y)}$  減少變數。

Maximize:  $V(x, y) = xy \frac{12 - xy}{2(x + y)}$ .

1. 找奇異點:  $V_x = \frac{y^2(12 - 2xy - x^2)}{2(x + y)^2} = 0$ ,  $V_y = \frac{x^2(12 - 2xy - y^2)}{2(x + y)^2} = 0$ ,

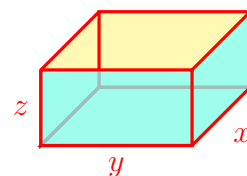
If  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$  then  $V = 0$ , not a maximum.

So  $12 - 2xy - x^2 = 12 - 2xy - y^2 = 0$ ,  $x^2 = y^2$ ,  $x = y$  (負不合),

$12 - 3x^2 = 0$ ,  $x = 2$  (負不合).

critical point:  $(2, 2)$  and  $z = \frac{12 - 2 \cdot 2}{2(2 + 2)} = 1$ .

2. 二階導數: (略); 其實這個問題很自然的一定有最大值並且發生在奇異點, so the **maximum** is  $V = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 4\text{m}^3$ . ■



**Example 0.7 (closed bounded)** Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f(x, y) = x^2 - 2xy + 2y$  on the rectangle  $D = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 3, 0 \leq y \leq 2\}$ .

Step 1. 找奇異點:  $f_x = 2x - 2y = 0$ ,  $f_y = -2x + 2 = 0$ ,  $x = y = 1$ .

critical point:  $(1, 1)$  and  $f(1, 1) = 1^2 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 = 1$ . ( $D(x, y) = -4!$ )

Step 2. 找邊點:

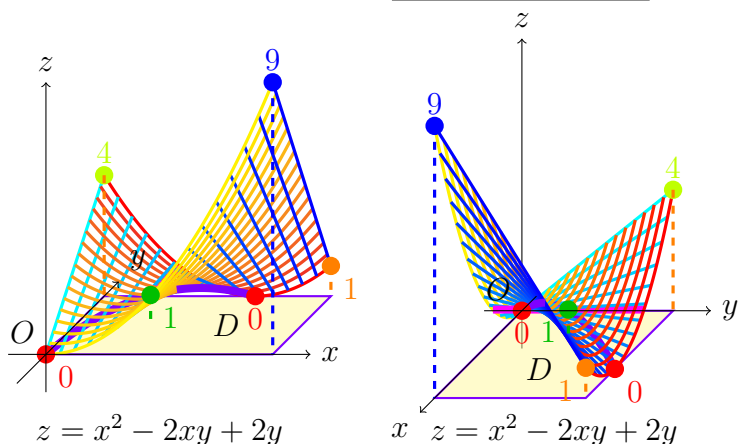
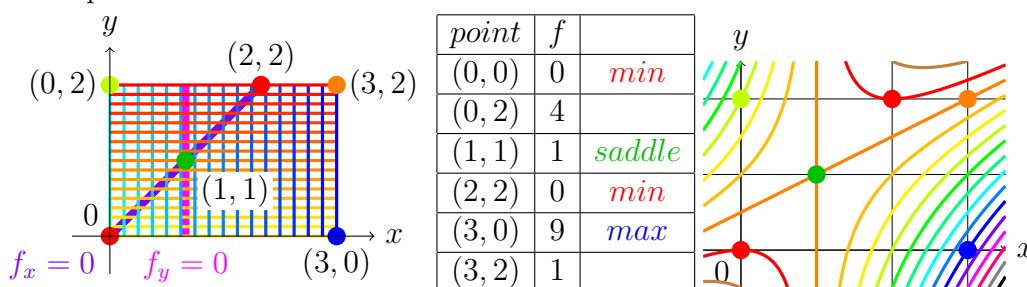
$y = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 3, f(x, 0) = x^2 \implies \min f(0, 0) = 0$  and  $\max f(3, 0) = 9$ .

$y = 2, 0 \leq x \leq 3, f(x, 2) = (x - 2)^2 \implies \min f(2, 2) = 0$  and  $\max f(0, 2) = 4$ .

$x = 0, 0 \leq y \leq 2, f(0, y) = 2y \implies \min f(0, 0) = 0$  and  $\max f(0, 2) = 4$ .

$x = 3, 0 \leq y \leq 2, f(3, y) = 9 - 4y \implies \min f(3, 2) = 1$  and  $\max f(3, 0) = 9$ .

Step 3. 比大小:



The absolute maximum value is  $f(3, 0) = 9$ ,  
and the absolute minimum value is  $f(0, 0) = f(2, 2) = 0$ . (兩個都要寫) ■