

**Class - 11**

**Lagrange's Method of Undetermined Multipliers - Problems**

1. Find the maximum and minimum distance from the point (1,2,2) to the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 36$ . **Ans: Maximum distance =9 and minimum distance=3**
2. If  $x, y, z$  are the lengths of the perpendiculars dropped from any point P to the three sides of a triangle of constant area A, find the minimum value of  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ . **Ans:  $\frac{4A^2}{a^2+b^2+c^2}$**
3. A wire of length b is cut into two parts which are bent in the form of a square and circle respectively. Find the least value of the sum of the areas so found.  
**Ans:  $\frac{b^2}{4(\pi+4)}$**
4. Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of the function  $f(x, y) = 3x + y$  subject to the condition  $x^2 + y^2 = 10$ . **Ans: Maximum at (3,1) and the minimum at (-3,-1).**
5. Find the maximum and minimum of  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$  on the ellipsoid  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 = 36$ . **Ans: Maximum and Minimum values are  $\pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$**