Exploring Lagrangian Optimization

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Section 1: The Extreme Value Theorem in \mathbb{R}^2

Hungry Joe

The protagonist of our cliche math story is named "Joseph-Louis Lagrange." Because he is not really important, we'll refer to him as "Joe." Right now, he is critically hungry and craving bird meat.. so he goes to the local Burger King.

Utilmaxxing

Theorem 1 († The Extreme Value Theorem in \mathbb{R}^2). Suppose that f(x) is continuous on the interval [a,b] then there are two numbers $a \leq c, d \leq b$ so that f(c) is an absolute maximum for the function and f(d) is an absolute minimum for the function.

Section 2: The Extreme Value Theorem in \mathbb{R}^3

Hangry Joe

Not fully satisfied with the Chicken Jr. he bought, Joe gets angry. Now, he not only wants to satisfy himself with the chicken but also rigor himself with spiciness. So, Joe wants to buy the Spicy Chicken Jr.

He's a Nerd!

Section 3: The Method of Lagrange Multipliers

Poor Joe

Joe's Math

A Brief Generalization

Section 4: The Cobb-Douglas Production Function

Rich Joe

Business Joe

Another Brief Generalization

Section 5: The Stuff I Thought I Should Put at the End but Wasn't Sure if It Was Necessary

Concluding Remarks