

第八章 多元函数微分

例1 利用极限的定义证明

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2} = 0.$$

分析: 由二元函数极限定义, 可知 $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow x_0 \\ y \rightarrow y_0}} f(x, y) = A$
 $\Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \text{当 } 0 < \rho = \sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2} < \delta \text{ 时, } |f(x, y) - A| < \varepsilon.$
证明: 由于 $|x + y|^2 = (x + y)^2 \leq 2(x^2 + y^2)$, 又

$$|xy| \leq \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2),$$

所以

$$|f(x, y) - 0| = \left| \frac{(x + y)(x^2 + y^2 - xy)}{x^2 + y^2} \right|$$

$$\leq |x + y| \frac{x^2 + y^2 + |xy|}{x^2 + y^2} \leq |x + y| \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \leq \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{2(x^2 + y^2)},$$

所以 $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, 取 $\delta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}\varepsilon$, 则当 $0 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta$ 时, $|f(x, y) - 0| < \varepsilon$ 恒成立. 故

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2} = 0.$$

$$\text{例2 证明函数 } f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, & x^2 + y^2 \neq 0 \\ 0, & x^2 + y^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

在 $(0, 0)$ 点连续, 但 $f'_x(0, 0)$ 不存在.

分析: 讨论分段函数在分段点处偏导数是否存在要从定义出发.

证明: 先证连续性. 由于

$$0 \leq \left| \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right| = |x| \left| \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right| \leq |x|,$$

且

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} |x| = 0,$$

所以

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = 0 = f(0, 0).$$

根据连续的定义, $f(x, y)$ 在 $(0, 0)$ 处连续. 再讨论 $f'_x(0, 0)$.

根据偏导数定义, 考虑

$$\frac{f(0 + \Delta x, 0) - f(0, 0)}{\Delta x} = \frac{\frac{(\Delta x)^2}{\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + 0^2}} - 0}{\Delta x} = \frac{\Delta x}{|\Delta x|},$$

而

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\Delta x}{|\Delta x|} = 1, \quad \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\Delta x}{|\Delta x|} = -1$$

所以当 $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ 时, $\frac{f(0 + \Delta x, 0) - f(0, 0)}{\Delta x}$ 的极限不存在, 即 $f'_x(0, 0)$ 不存在.

例3 证明函数

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, & x^2 + y^2 \neq 0 \\ 0, & x^2 + y^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

在点 $(0, 0)$ 的邻域内有偏导数 $f'_x(x, y)$ 和 $f'_y(x, y)$, 但是, 此函数在点 $(0, 0)$ 处不可微.解: (1) 当 $x^2 + y^2 \neq 0$ 时,

$$f'_x(x, y) = y \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{y^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$f'_y(x, y) = x \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{x^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

当 $x^2 + y^2 = 0$ 时,

$$f'_x(0, 0) = 0, \quad f'_x(x, 0) = 0, \quad f'_x(0, 0) = 0$$

同理可得 $f'_y(0, 0) = 0$.(2) 证明函数在点 $(0, 0)$ 处不可微.容易验证函数 $f(x, y)$ 在点 $(0, 0)$ 处连续. 由于 $f'_x(0, 0) = 0$, $f'_y(0, 0) = 0$, 那么

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} \frac{f(x, y) - f(0, 0) - x f'_x(0, 0) - y f'_y(0, 0)}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

由于 $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$ 不存在, 因此根据函数可微定义知, 函数 $f(x, y)$ 在点 $(0, 0)$ 处不可微.

注: 从本例可以看出, 函数在某点的邻域内连续, 且偏导数存在, 不是函数在该点处可微的充分条件, 这是多元函数与一元函数的又一本质不同之处 (在一元函数中, 函数在某点处的可导性与可微性是等价的).

例4 设函数

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} (x^2 + y^2) \sin \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2}, & x^2 + y^2 \neq 0 \\ 0 & x^2 + y^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

证明: (1) 在点(0,0)的邻域内有偏导数 $f'_x(x, y), f'_y(x, y)$;
(2) 偏导数 $f'_x(x, y)$ 和 $f'_y(x, y)$ 在点(0,0)处不连续; (3) 函数 $f(x, y)$ 在点(0,0)处可微.

证明: 当 $x^2 + y^2 \neq 0$ 时,有

$$\begin{aligned} f'_x(x, y) &= 2x \sin \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} + (x^2 + y^2) \cos \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \cdot \left[-\frac{2x}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right] \\ &= 2x \sin \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} \cos \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

同理可得

$$f'_y(x, y) = 2y \sin \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2} \cos \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2}$$

当 $x^2 + y^2 = 0$ 时,有

$$f(x, 0) = x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$f'_x(0, 0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, 0) - f(0, 0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$$

同理可得 $f'_y(0, 0) = 0$.

所以, $f(x, y)$ 在点(0,0)的邻域内有偏导数 $f'_x(x, y)$ 和 $f'_y(x, y)$.

(2) 因为

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} f'_x(x, y) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} \left(2x \sin \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} \cos \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

考虑点 (x, y) 沿直线 $y = x$ 趋向于点(0,0),有

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y = x \rightarrow 0}} 2x \sin \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2x \sin \frac{1}{2x^2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y = x \rightarrow 0}} \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2} \cos \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \cos \frac{1}{2x^2} \text{ 不存在!}$$

因此, $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} f'_x(x, y)$ 不存在, 则 $f'_x(x, y)$ 在点(0,0)处不连续.

同理可证, $f'_y(x, y)$ 在点(0,0)处不连续.

(3) 由于 $f'_x(0, 0) = f'_y(0, 0) = 0$, 那么

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} \frac{f(x, y) - f(0, 0) - x f'_x(0, 0) - y f'_y(0, 0)}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \\ = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \cdot \sin \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

于是有 $f(x, y) - f(0, 0) = x f'_x(0, 0) + y f'_y(0, 0) + o(\rho)$ (其中 $\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$), 即函数 $f(x, y)$ 在点(0,0)处可微.

注: 从本例可以看出, 函数在某点处有连续偏导数是它在该点可微的充分条件, 而不是必要条件.

例5 设可微函数 $f(x, y, z)$ 恒满足关系式

$$f(tx, ty, tz) = t^k f(x, y, z)$$

试证明

$$x f'_x + y f'_y + z f'_z = k f(x, y, z).$$

证明: 令 $u = tx, v = ty, w = tz$, 由已知条件可得

$$f'_u \cdot x + f'_v \cdot y + f'_w \cdot z = kt^{k-1} f(x, y, z).$$

对上式两端同乘 t , 得

$$t x f'_u + t y f'_v + t z f'_w = kt^k f(x, y, z) = k f(tx, ty, tz),$$

即 $u f'_u + v f'_v + w f'_w = k f(u, v, w)$. 令 $u = x, v = y, w = z$, 即得所证.

例6 试证明: 柯西-黎曼方程 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ 在极坐标 (r, θ) 下可化为

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}.$$

证明: 由题设可知, $u = u(x, y), v = v(x, y), x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$. 所以

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y};$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial v}{\partial y};$$

因为 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$, 于是

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta \left(-\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

$$= r \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r},$$

因此 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}$. 同理可得 $\frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$.

例7 证明: 若 $u = f(x, y, z)$, 其中 f 具有连续的二阶偏导数, 而 $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta, z = z$, 则有

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}.$$

分析: 应用多元复合函数微分法, 通过变量代换(柱坐标变换)可以将直角坐标系下的拉普拉斯方程化为柱坐标系下的形式.

$$\text{证明: } \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}, \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \sin \theta,$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta}, \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} r \sin \theta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} r \cos \theta,$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \text{是以 } x, y \text{ 为中间变量的函数} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \sin \theta \right) \cos \theta + \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \sin \theta \right) \sin \theta \\
 &= \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \cos^2 \theta + 2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \sin \theta \cos \theta + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \sin^2 \theta \right) \\
 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right) \\
 &= -r \sin \theta \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} (-r \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} r \cos \theta \right) - r \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cos \theta \\
 &\quad + r \cos \theta \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} (-r \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} r \cos \theta \right) - r \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \sin \theta \\
 &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} r^2 \sin^2 \theta - 2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\
 &\quad + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} r^2 \cos^2 \theta - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} r \cos \theta - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} r \sin \theta \\
 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

于是有

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}.$$

例8 设 $f(x), g(x)$ 是可微函数, 且

$$u(x, y) = f(2x + 5y) + g(2x - 5y),$$

$$u(x, 0) = \sin 2x, u'_y(x, 0) = 0,$$

求 $u(x, y)$ 的表达式.

解: 令 $y = 0$, 则 $u(x, 0) = f(2x) + g(2x) = \sin 2x$,
即 $f(x) + g(x) = \sin x$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{又 } u'_y(x, 0) &= [f'(2x + 5y) \cdot 5 + g'(2x - 5y) \cdot (-5)]|_{y=0} \\
 &= 5[f'(2x) - g'(2x)] = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

所以 $f'(x) - g'(x) = 0$.

对上式积分得

$$f(x) - g(x) = C$$

这样我们得到

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin x + C), \quad g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin x - C),$$

于是

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(x, y) &= f(2x + 5y) + g(2x - 5y) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}[\sin(2x + 5y) + C] + \frac{1}{2}[\sin(2x - 5y) - C] \\
 &= \sin 2x \cos 5y
 \end{aligned}$$

例9 设函数 $u = u(x)$ 由方程组

$$\begin{cases} u = f(x, y) \\ g(x, y, z) = 0 \\ h(x, z) = 0 \end{cases}$$

所确定, 且 $h'_z \neq 0, g'_y \neq 0$. 试求 $\frac{du}{dx}$.

解: 由四个未知量三个方程知其中只有一个变量为自变量. 再由所求结果 $\frac{du}{dx}$ 可知, x 是自变量, y, z, u 均为 x 的一元函数.

分别对已知方程组中每个方程关于 x 求导, 得

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{du}{dx} &= f'_x + f'_y \frac{dy}{dx} \\
 g'_x + g'_y \frac{dy}{dx} + g'_z \frac{dz}{dx} &= 0 \\
 h'_x + h'_z \frac{dz}{dx} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

于是, 得

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-g'_x h'_z + g'_z h'_x}{g'_y h'_z}.$$

所以

$$\frac{du}{dx} = f'_x + \frac{-g'_x h'_z + g'_z h'_x}{g'_y h'_z} f'_y = f'_x - \frac{g'_x f'_y}{g'_y} + \frac{g'_z h'_x f'_y}{g'_y h'_z}.$$

例9a 求球面 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 14$ 与椭球面 $3x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$ 在点 $(-1, -2, 3)$ 处交角(两曲面在交点处的交角定义为它们在该点处的切平面的交角).

解: 令 $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 14, G(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 16$.

因为

$$\vec{n}_1 = \{F'_x, F'_y, F'_z\}|_{(-1, -2, 3)} = 2\{-1, -2, 3\},$$

$$\vec{n}_2 = \{G'_x, G'_y, G'_z\}|_{(-1, -2, 3)} = 2\{-3, -2, 3\},$$

故所求交角 θ 满足

$$\cos \theta = \frac{|\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2|}{|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|} = \frac{|3+4+9|}{\sqrt{1+4+9} \sqrt{9+4+9}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{77}},$$

于是 $\theta = \arccos \frac{8}{\sqrt{77}}$.

例10 已知曲面 $e^{2x-z} = f(\pi y - \sqrt{2}z)$, 且 f 可微, 证明该曲面为柱面.

分析: 要证明曲面是柱面, 只须证明过曲面上任意一点的切平面平行于一条定直线, 即证明曲面上任意一点的法向量垂直于定向量.

证明: 设 $F(x, y, z) = e^{2x-z} - f(\pi y - \sqrt{2}z)$, 则有

$$F'_x = 2e^{2x-z}, \quad F'_y = -\pi f', \quad F'_z = -e^{2x-z} + \sqrt{2}f'$$

于是, 曲面 $e^{2x-z} = f(\pi y - \sqrt{2}z)$ 在任意一点 (x, y, z) 的法向量为

$$\vec{n} = (2e^{2x-z}, -\pi f', -e^{2x-z} + \sqrt{2}f')$$

设定向量为 $\vec{a} = (l, m, n)$, 要使 $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$, 即

$$2le^{2x-z} - m\pi f' - ne^{2x-z} + \sqrt{2}nf' = 0$$

只须使

$$2l = n, \quad m\pi = \sqrt{2}n$$

由此,若取 $l = \pi, n = 2\pi, m = 2\sqrt{2}$, 则有 $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$.

纵上所述可以看出, 曲面 $e^{2x-z} = f(\pi y - \sqrt{2}z)$ 在任意一点 (x, y, z) 的法向量 \vec{n} 垂直于定向量 $\vec{a} = (\pi, 2\sqrt{2}, 2\pi)$, 从而过曲面上任意一点的切平面平行于以 \vec{a} 为方向向量的定直线, 即该曲面为柱面.

例11 设曲面 $z = f(x, y)$ 二次可微, 且 $f'_y \neq 0$. 证明: 对任意给定的常数 c , $\begin{cases} f(x, y) = c \\ z = c \end{cases}$ 为一条直线的充要条件是

$$(f'_y)^2 f''_{xx} - 2f'_x f'_y f''_{xy} + (f'_x)^2 f''_{yy} = 0.$$

证明: 必要性: 若 $\begin{cases} f(x, y) = c \\ z = c \end{cases}$ 表示一条直线, 则 $f(x, y)$

一定是关于 x, y 的一次式. 因此 $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 0$.

因为 $f(x, y) = c$, 于是 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f'_x}{f'_y}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= -\frac{(f''_{xx} + f'_{xy} \frac{dy}{dx})f'_y - f'_x(f''_{yx} + f''_{yy} \frac{dy}{dx})}{(f'_y)^2} \\ &= -\frac{f''_{xx}(f'_y)^2 - 2f'_{xy}f'_x f'_y + f''_{yy}(f'_x)^2}{(f'_y)^2} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

从而有,

$$(f'_y)^2 f''_{xx} - 2f'_x f'_y f''_{xy} + (f'_x)^2 f''_{yy} = 0.$$

充分性: 由已知条件及(1)可知: $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 0$, 故 $f(x, y) = c$ 必为关于 x, y 的一次式, 因此 $\begin{cases} f(x, y) = c \\ z = c \end{cases}$ 表示一条直线.

例12 求函数 $z = (x^2 + y^2)e^{-(x^2+y^2)}$ 的极值.

解: 求驻点. 由

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x(1 - x^2 - y^2)e^{-(x^2+y^2)} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2y(1 - x^2 - y^2)e^{-(x^2+y^2)} = 0, \end{cases}$$

得驻点 $(0, 0)$ 和 $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

又

$$A = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = [2(1 - y^2 - 3x^2) - 4x^2(1 - x^2 - y^2)]e^{-(x^2+y^2)};$$

$$B = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = -4xy(2 - x^2 - y^2)e^{-(x^2+y^2)};$$

$$C = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = [2(1 - x^2 - 3y^2) - 4y^2(1 - x^2 - y^2)]e^{-(x^2+y^2)}.$$

因为 $B^2 - AC|_{(0,0)} = -4 < 0$, 且 $A|_{(0,0)} = 2 > 0$, 故 $f(0, 0)$ 为极小值.

又因为 $B^2 - AC|_{x^2+y^2=1} = (-4xye^{-1})^2 - (4x^2e^{-1})(4y^2e^{-1}) = 0$. 因此, 用通常的方法无法判定, 当 $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ 时, z 是否取得极值. 因此需要用其它方法.

令 $x^2 + y^2 = t (t \geq 0)$, 则 $z = te^{-t}$.

现在利用一元函数求极值的方法, 由 $\frac{dz}{dt} = e^{-t}(1 - t) = 0$ 得驻点 $t = 1$.

$$\text{又} \quad \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2}|_{t=1} = (t - 2)e^{-t}|_{t=1} = -e^{-1} < 0.$$

所以 $z = te^{-t}$ 在 $t = 1$ 处取得极大值, 即函数 $z = (x^2 + y^2)e^{-(x^2+y^2)}$ 在圆周 $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ 上取极大值 e^{-1} .

例13 求函数 $z = x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 16y$ 在有界闭区域 $x^2 + y^2 \leq 25$ 上的最大值和最小值.

解: 函数 $z = x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 16y$ 在有界闭区域 $x^2 + y^2 \leq 25$ 上连续, 故必在该区域上取得最大值和最小值.

因为

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x - 12 = 0 \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2y + 16 = 0 \end{cases}$$

此方程在区域 $x^2 + y^2 < 25$ 内无解, 故最大值和最小值必在边界 $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ 上达到.

现在所要解决的问题变为函数 $z = x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 16y$ 在边界 $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ 上的条件极值问题.

设 $L(x, y, \lambda) = x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 16y - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 25)$, 解方程组

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 2x - 12 - 2\lambda x = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 2y + 16 - 2\lambda y = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = x^2 + y^2 - 25 = 0 \end{cases}$$

解得 $x = \frac{6}{1-\lambda}, y = \frac{-8}{1-\lambda}, \lambda = -1, 3$; 进一步可得驻点: $P_1(3, -4)$ 和 $P_2(-3, 4)$.

经计算得 $z(3, -4) = -75, z(-3, 4) = 125$, 因此

$$z_{\max} = z(-3, 4) = 125, \quad z_{\min} = z(3, -4) = -75.$$

例14 求函数 $f(x, y, z) = \ln x + \ln y + 3 \ln z$ 在球面 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 5r^2 (x > 0, y > 0, z > 0)$ 上的最大值, 并证明对任何正数 a, b, c 成立不等式

$$abc^3 \leq 27 \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^5.$$

证明: 这是一个条件极值问题, 作拉格朗日函数

$$L(x, y, z, \lambda) = \ln x + \ln y + 3 \ln z - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 5r^2)$$

令

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{x} - 2\lambda x = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{y} - 2\lambda y = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = \frac{3}{z} - 2\lambda z = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 5r^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

可解得 $\lambda = \frac{1}{2r^2}$, $x = y = |r|$, $z = \sqrt{3}|r|$. 于是得到驻点 $(|r|, |r|, \sqrt{3}|r|)$.

因为驻点惟一, 且问题的最大值存在, 且 $f_{\max} = \ln(3\sqrt{3}|r|^5)$. 于是有 $\ln(xyz^3) = \ln x + \ln y + 3 \ln z \leq \ln(3\sqrt{3}|r|^5)$

$$= \ln \left[3\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{5} \right)^{\frac{5}{2}} \right],$$

令 $a = x^2, b = y^2, c = z^2$, 则

$$abc^3 \leq 27 \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^5.$$

例15 将正数 a 分成 n 份, 问如何分法才能使这 n 份的乘积最大? 并由此证明不等式

$$\sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n} \leq \frac{1}{n}(x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n).$$

解: 将所分的 n 份记为 x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n . 并设它们的乘积为 z , 则问题变为函数

$$z = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n$$

在条件 $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = a$ 下的最大值.

令 $F = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n + \lambda(x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n - a)$. 由

$$\begin{cases} F'_{x_1} = x_2 x_3 \cdots x_n + \lambda = 0 \\ F'_{x_2} = x_1 x_3 \cdots x_n + \lambda = 0 \\ \cdots \\ F'_{x_n} = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_{n-1} + \lambda = 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = a \end{cases}$$

得

$$x_1 = x_2 = \cdots = x_n = \frac{a}{n}.$$

因为驻点 $(\frac{a}{n}, \frac{a}{n}, \cdots, \frac{a}{n})$ 惟一且该问题的最大值必定存在, 故将正数 a 等分为 n 等分, 可得这 n 等份的乘积最大. 且 $z_{\max} = (\frac{a}{n})^n$.

由于 $z_{\max} \geq z = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n$, 故

$$x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \leq \left(\frac{a}{n} \right)^n = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n}{n} \right)^n.$$

即

$$\sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n} \leq \frac{1}{n}(x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n).$$

例16 当 n 个正数 x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n 之和为常数时, 求它们的乘积开 n 次根的最大值.

解: 问题就是求 $f = \sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n}$, 在条件 $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = c$ 下的最大值. 设辅助函数

$$F(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n, \lambda) = \sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n} + \lambda(x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n - c),$$

$$\text{令 } F'_{x_1} = \frac{1}{n} x_1^{\frac{1}{n}-1} x_2^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdots x_n^{\frac{1}{n}} + \lambda = 0,$$

$$F'_{x_2} = \frac{1}{n} x_1^{\frac{1}{n}} x_2^{\frac{1}{n}-1} \cdots x_n^{\frac{1}{n}} + \lambda = 0,$$

...

$$F'_{x_n} = \frac{1}{n} x_1^{\frac{1}{n}} x_2^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdots x_n^{\frac{1}{n}-1} + \lambda = 0,$$

$$F'_{\lambda} = x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n - c = 0.$$

前两式相减得

$$\frac{1}{n} x_1^{\frac{1}{n}} x_2^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdots x_n^{\frac{1}{n}} (x_1^{-1} - x_2^{-1}) = 0,$$

因为 x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n 均为正数, 故

$$x_1 = x_2,$$

同理, 将前 n 个式子两两相减, 即可得

$$x_1 = x_2 = \cdots = x_n.$$

代入最后一个式子可得

$$x_1 = x_2 = \cdots = x_n = \frac{c}{n}.$$

此为惟一驻点, 必为最大值点, 故最大值为 $f_{\max} = \frac{c}{n}$.