

We have to extremize  $f(x, y, z) = z$

subject to

$$g(x, y, z) \triangleq 4x - 3y + 8z = 5 \quad (d)$$

$$\text{and } h(x, y, z) \triangleq x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0 \quad (e)$$

Lagrange says there exist  $\lambda, \mu$  such that  $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g + \mu \nabla h$  or

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_x &= \lambda g_x + \mu h_x \\ f_y &= \lambda g_y + \mu h_y \\ f_z &= \lambda g_z + \mu h_z \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 0 &= 4\lambda + 2\mu x \\ 0 &= -3\lambda + 2\mu y \\ 1 &= 8\lambda - 2\mu z \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-2\lambda}{\mu} \quad (a) \\ y &= \frac{3\lambda}{2\mu} \quad (b) \\ z &= \frac{8\lambda - 1}{2\mu} \quad (c) \end{aligned}$$

We cannot have  $\mu = 0$  because then this would imply  $\lambda = 0$  as well, contradicting this.

Substitute (a), (b) and (c) into (d). Get  $\mu = \frac{39\lambda - 8}{10}$   
 " " " " " (e). Get

$$\left(\frac{-2\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3\lambda}{2\mu}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{8\lambda - 1}{2\mu}\right)^2 \quad \text{Multiply by } 4\mu^2.$$

$$\text{Get } 16\lambda^2 + 9\lambda^2 = (8\lambda - 1)^2 \quad (\text{by this})$$

$$\Rightarrow 25\lambda^2 = (8\lambda - 1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \text{either } 5\lambda &= 8\lambda - 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1/3 \Rightarrow \mu = 1/2 \\ \text{or } 5\lambda &= 1 - 8\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = 1/13 \Rightarrow \mu = -1/2 \end{aligned}$$

In the first case we get  $x = -4/3, y = 1, z = 5/3$  by (a)-(c)

" " " " "  $x = 4/13, y = -3/13, z = 5/13$  "

So the highest point of the ellipse is  $(x, y, z) = (-4/3, 1, 5/3)$  where  $f(-4/3, 1, 5/3) = 5/3$

and " lowest " " " "  $(x, y, z) = (4/13, -3/13, 5/13)$   
 where  $f(4/13, -3/13, 5/13) = 5/13$