

In-Class Quiz 4: Classifying critical points (§12.8)

Directions: This quiz is due at the end of lecture.

1. Find and classify the critical points of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 4x - 32y + 10.$$

$$f_x = 4x^3 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x^3 = 1 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$f_y = 4y^3 - 32 = 0 \Rightarrow y^3 = 8 \Rightarrow y = 2$$

$$CP: (1, 2).$$

$$D(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = (12x^2)(12y^2) - (0)(0) = 144x^2y^2$$

$$D(1, 2) = 144(1)^2(2)^2 > 0$$

$$f_{xx}(1, 2) = 12(1)^2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(1, 2) \text{ gives a local } \underline{\text{min}}}$$