

For a function of three variables $f(x, y, z)$, let (x_0, y_0, z_0) be a critical point of f , i.e. $\nabla f(x, y, z) = \vec{0}$. Also, suppose that all 2nd partial derivatives of f are continuous on a neighborhood of (x_0, y_0, z_0) . The Hessian of f at (x_0, y_0, z_0) is defined as follow:

$$H(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(x_0, y_0, z_0) & f_{xy}(x_0, y_0, z_0) & f_{xz}(x_0, y_0, z_0) \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} & f_{yz} \\ f_{zx} & f_{zy} & f_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

then a) If $H(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is positive definite, then f has a local minimum at (x_0, y_0, z_0) .

b) If $H(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is negative definite, then f has a local maximum at (x_0, y_0, z_0) .

c) If $H(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is indefinite, then f has (x_0, y_0, z_0) as a saddle point.

d) If $\det H(x_0, y_0, z_0) = 0$, the test is inconclusive.

In order to apply 2nd derivative test, the following theorem is very useful. It helps us to determine whether a given symmetric matrix is either positive or negative or indefinite.

Theorem: If A is a symmetric matrix then the $k \times k$ matrix A_k obtain by deleting all except the first k row and first k columns of A is called the k th principal minor of A . By convention $A_0 = A$.

1) A is positive definite iff $\det(A_k) > 0$ for all k .

2) A is negative definite iff $(-1)^k \det(A_k) > 0$ for all k .

\Rightarrow if k is odd, $A_k < 0$ / even, $A_k > 0$.

3). If $\det(A_k) < 0$, then A is indefinite.

e.g. 1. $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy + x - 2z$. Find the critical point of f and classify them.

$$f_x = 2x - y + 1 = 0 \quad x = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$f_y = 2y - x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$f_z = 2z - 2 = 0 \quad z = 1$$

\Rightarrow the only critical point is $(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, 1)$.

$$f_{xx} = 2 \quad f_{xy} = -1 \quad f_{xz} = 0$$

$$f_{yx} = -1 \quad f_{yy} = 2 \quad f_{yz} = 0$$

$$f_{zx} = 0 \quad f_{zy} = 0 \quad f_{zz} = 2$$

$$H(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_1 = [2]. \quad \det A_1 = 2 > 0$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det A_2 = 3 > 0$$

$$A_3 = I_3. \quad \det A_3 = 2 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 6 > 0$$

$\Rightarrow H(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, 1)$ is positive definite.

The point is a local minimum and the minimum value is $-\frac{4}{3}$.

The mean value theorem:

Let f be a function that satisfy the following conditions

1- f is continuous on a closed interval $[a, b]$.

2. f is differentiable on (a, b) .

there is a number $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$.

$$\text{Let } \theta = \frac{c-a}{b-a} \Rightarrow \theta \in (0, 1)$$

$$h = b - a \Rightarrow c = a + \theta h$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a+h) = f(a) + h f'(a + \theta h).$$

Generalize to Taylor's theorem:

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + h f'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(a) + \frac{h^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(a + \theta h)$$

Taylor series of a function of two variables.

$$\text{Let } F(t) = f(a+ht, b+kt)$$

Apply Taylor's theorem to $F(t)$ with $t=1$ and $t=0$.

$$\begin{aligned} F(1) &= F(0) + F'(0)/1! + F''(0)/2! + \dots + F^{(n)}(0)/n! + \frac{F^{(n+1)}(\theta)}{(n+1)!} \\ &= f(a+h, b+k). \end{aligned}$$

$$F'(t) = h f_x(a+ht, b+kt) + k f_y(a+ht, b+kt).$$

$$\begin{aligned} F''(t) &= h \left[h f_{xx}(a+ht, b+kt) + k f_{xy}(a+ht, b+kt) \right] \\ &\quad + k \left[h f_{yx}(a+ht, b+kt) + k f_{yy}(a+ht, b+kt) \right] \\ &= h^2 f_{xx} + 2hk f_{xy} + k^2 f_{yy}. \end{aligned}$$

set $t=0$.

$$F'(0) = h f_x(a, b) + k f_y(a, b) = (h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y}) f(a, b).$$

$$\begin{aligned} F''(0) &= h^2 f_{xx}(a, b) + 2hk f_{xy}(a, b) + k^2 f_{yy}(a, b) \\ &= (h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^2 f(a, b). \end{aligned}$$

$$\vdots$$
$$F^{(n)}(0) = (h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^n f(a, b).$$

$$f(a+h, b+k) = f(a, b) + \frac{(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^1 f(a, b)}{1!} + \frac{(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^2 f(a, b)}{2!} + \dots$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{1}{n!} (h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^n f(a, b) + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} (h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^{n+1} f(a + \theta h, b + \theta k)$$

let $n \rightarrow \infty$. $f(a+h, b+k)$ becomes the Taylor series.

$$f(a+h, b+k) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^n f(a, b) + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} (h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^{n+1} f(a + \theta h, b + \theta k).$$

(i) $n=1$ If $h, k \rightarrow 0$ $f(a+h, b+k) \rightarrow \underline{f(a, b) + h f_x(a, b) + k f_y(a, b)}$

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linear approximation of f .

(ii) $n=2$. If $h, k \rightarrow 0$, $f(a+h, b+k) \rightarrow \underline{f(a, b) + h f_x(a, b) + k f_y(a, b) + \frac{1}{2!} [h^2 f_{xx}(a, b) + 2hk f_{xy}(a, b) + k^2 f_{yy}(a, b)]}$

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quadratic approximation

If (a, b) is a critical point,

then $f(a+h, b+k) - f(a, b) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2!} (h, k) \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h \\ k \end{bmatrix}$.

$f(a+h, b+k) - f(a, b) > 0$

if $H(a, b)$ is positive definite.

----- < 0 , negative

----- $> 0 / < 0$ sometimes, ----- indefinite.

e.g.2 Obtain Taylor's polynomial of degree 2 in the Taylor expansion of $f(x, y) = e^{x+y}$ by

a) using Taylor expansion

b) expanding e^{x+y} in a series of $x+y$.

c) multiplying this series expansion of e^x and e^y .

Sol: $a=0, b=0$ $h=x$ $k=y$.

a) $f(x, y) = e^{x+y} = f(0, 0) + x f_x(0, 0) + y f_y(0, 0) + \dots$

degree 1
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degree 2 \rightarrow

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} [x^2 f_{xx}(0,0) + 2xy f_{xy}(0,0) + y^2 f_{yy}(0,0)]$$

$$= 1 + x + y + \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + 2xy + y^2) .$$

b). $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$

$$e^{x+y} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x+y)^n}{n!} \approx \sum_{n=0}^2 \frac{(x+y)^n}{n!} = 1 + (x+y) + \frac{1}{2} (x+y)^2 .$$

c). $e^x e^y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^n}{n!}$

$$\approx (1+x+\frac{x^2}{2}) \cdot (1+y+\frac{y^2}{2}) .$$