


Find the minimum and maximum of the function  $f(x,y) = x+y^2$  subject to the constraint  $g(x,y) = 2x^2+y^2=1$ .

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$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$
$$2x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$\nabla f = \langle 1, 2y \rangle$$

$$\nabla g = \langle 4x, 2y \rangle.$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (1) \\ (2) \\ (3) \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 = \lambda 4x \\ 2y = \lambda 2y \\ 2x^2 + y^2 = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\lambda 2y = \lambda 4xy$$

$$\lambda y = 4\lambda xy$$

$\lambda \neq 0$  because then (1) implies  $1 = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow y = 4xy$$

$$0 = 4xy - y$$

$$4xy - y = 0$$



$$y(4x-1) = 0$$

$$y=0 \quad \begin{cases} 4x-1=0 \\ x=1/4 \end{cases}$$

$$y=0: \quad 2x^2 + 0^2 = 1$$

$$2x^2 = 1$$

$$x^2 = 1/2$$

$$x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right), \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right)$$

$$x=1/4: \quad 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}, \sqrt{\frac{7}{8}}\right), \left(\frac{1}{4}, -\sqrt{\frac{7}{8}}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{8} + y^2 = 1$$

$$y^2 = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{7}{8}}$$

$(a, b)$	$f(a, b) = a + b^2$
$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < 1$
$\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right)$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$\left(\frac{1}{4}, \sqrt{\frac{7}{8}}\right)$	$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{7}{8} = \frac{9}{8}$
$\left(\frac{1}{4}, -\sqrt{\frac{7}{8}}\right)$	$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{7}{8} = \frac{9}{8}$

maximum of  
 $f(x, y)$  is  $9/8$

minimum of  
 $f(x, y)$  is  $-1/\sqrt{2}$