

## 14.1 Functions of Several Variables

- Domain & Range
- Interior Point, Boundary Point
- Open Set, Closed Set, Bounded Set
- Level Curves:  $f(x,y) = c$
- Level Surfaces:  $f(x,y,z) = c$

## 14.2 Limits &amp; Continuity in Higher Dimensions

- Major difference from Calculus I limits (one variable): a point  $(x,y)$  can approach a point  $(x_0,y_0)$  in the plane from infinitely many directions, along infinitely many paths. They must all agree in order for the limit to exist!
- Two-Path Test: If  $f(x,y)$  has 2 different limits along 2 different paths in the domain as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(x_0,y_0)$ , then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} f(x,y)$  does not exist.

• Typical Examples:

- ① Continuous functions (aka "plug it in, nothing bad happens"):

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,1)} \frac{x - xy + 3}{x^2y + 5xy - y^3} = \boxed{-3}$$

- ② % limits where we factor & cancel terms

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - xy}{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x(x-y)}{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})}{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}} = \boxed{0}$$

- ③ Two-Path Test (Limit DNE):

$$f(x,y) = \frac{2x^2y}{x^4 + y^2} \text{ has no limit as } (x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$$

(approach along lines)  $f(x,y)|_{y=kx} = \frac{2x^2(kx)}{x^4 + (kx)^2} = \frac{2kx^3}{x^4 + k^2x^2} = \frac{2kx}{x^2 + k^2} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} \boxed{0}$  ↑ inconclusive

(approach along parabolas)  $f(x,y)|_{y=kx^2} = \frac{2x^2(kx^2)}{x^4 + (kx^2)^2} = \frac{2kx^4}{x^4 + k^2x^4} = \frac{2k}{1 + k^2} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} \boxed{\frac{2k}{1+k^2}}$

Taking  $k=0$  and  $k=2$ , for example,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y)$  DNE by the 2-Path Test.

④ Switching to Polar Coord. (to show that a limit does exist).

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \left( xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( (r \cos \theta)(r \sin \theta) \frac{(r \cos \theta)^2 - (r \sin \theta)^2}{(r \cos \theta)^2 + (r \sin \theta)^2} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r^2 \underbrace{\cos \theta \sin \theta (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)}_{\text{bounded}}$$

$$= \boxed{0}$$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{7x^2 - x^2y^2 + 7y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right) \right] = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left[ \ln \frac{7r^2 \cos^2 \theta - r^4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 7r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left[ \ln \frac{7r^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) - r^4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left[ \ln \left( 7 - \underbrace{r^2 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta}_{\text{bounded}} \right) \right] = \boxed{\ln(7)}$$

$\downarrow r \rightarrow 0$   
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### 14.3 Partial Derivatives

Partial derivative  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)$ :

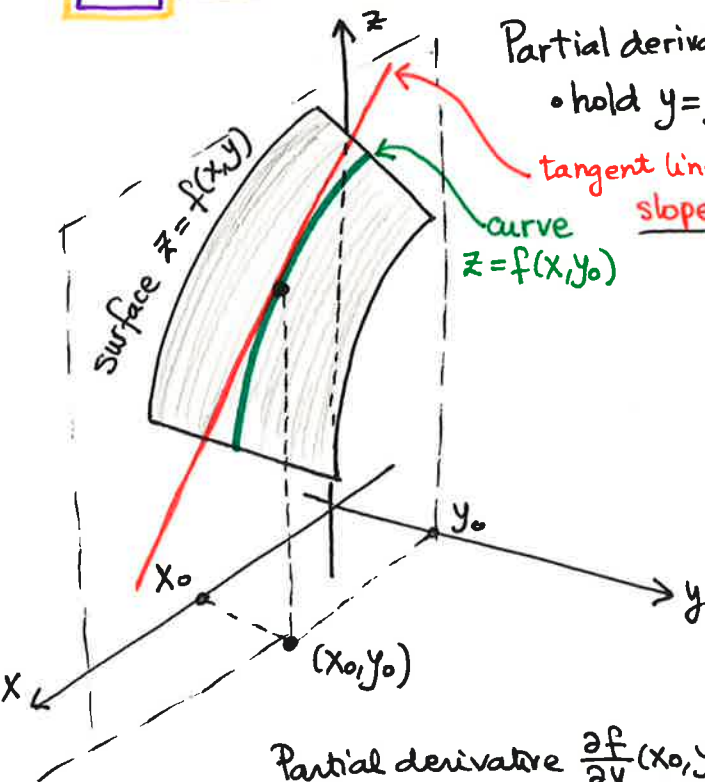
• hold  $y = y_0$  constant

tangent line to this curve

slope:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = f_x(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

curve  $z = f(x, y_0)$



Partial derivative  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$ :

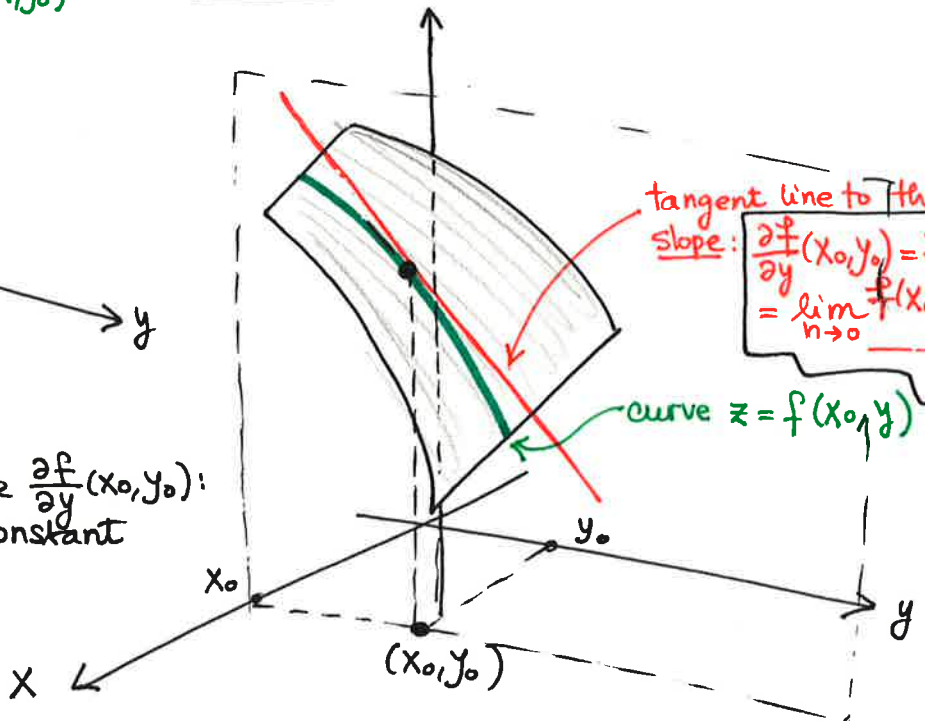
• hold  $x = x_0$  constant

tangent line to this curve

slope:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) = f_y(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0 + h) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

curve  $z = f(x_0, y)$



• To compute  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ : hold the other variables ( $y, z$  etc.) constant & differentiate by  $x$ .

Ex):  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 y + x \sin(yz) + \cos(xyz)$

To find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ , think of  $f$  as:  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 y + x \sin(yz) + \cos(xyz)$   
(green = variable)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy + \sin(yz) + (-\sin(xyz) \cdot yz)$$

To find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ , think of  $f$  as:  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 y + x \sin(yz) + \cos(xyz)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2 + x \cos(yz) \cdot z + (-\sin(xyz) \cdot xz)$$

To find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$ , think of  $f$  as:  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 y + x \sin(yz) + \cos(xyz)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = x \cos(yz) \cdot y + (-\sin(xyz) \cdot xy)$$

• Higher Order Partial Derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = f_{xx} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = f_{yy} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = f_{yx} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = f_{xy} \quad ;$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} = f_{zyx} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial x \partial y^3} = f_{yyyx} \quad ; \quad \text{etc. etc.}$$

• Mixed Derivative Theorem:

If  $f(x, y)$  and its partial derivatives  $f_x, f_y, f_{xy}, f_{yx}$  are defined throughout an open region containing a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  and are all continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then  $f_{xy}(x_0, y_0) = f_{yx}(x_0, y_0)$ .

#### 14.4 The Chain Rule:

$$w = w(x, y, z)$$

$$x = x(t)$$

$$y = y(t)$$

$$z = z(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dw}{dt} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} \\ &= w_x \cdot x'(t) + w_y \cdot y'(t) + w_z \cdot z'(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$w = w(x, y, z)$$

$$x = x(u, v), \quad y = y(u, v), \quad z = z(u, v)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial u} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \\ &= w_x \cdot x_u + w_y \cdot y_u + w_z \cdot z_u \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial v} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \\ &= w_x \cdot x_v + w_y \cdot y_v + w_z \cdot z_v \end{aligned}$$

• Implicit Differentiation Simplified: If  $F(x,y)=0$  defines  $y$  implicitly as a differentiable function of  $x$ , then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y}$$

Ex.:  $6x^3 - 7y^2 - xy = 0$ ; find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Old way:  $\frac{d}{dx}(6x^3 - 7y^2 - xy) = \frac{d}{dx}(0)$   
 $18x^2 - 14y\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) - y - x\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0$   
 $18x^2 - y = (x + 14y)\frac{dy}{dx}$   
 $\frac{18x^2 - y}{x + 14y} = \frac{dy}{dx}$

New way:  $F(x,y) = 6x^3 - 7y^2 - xy$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y} = -\frac{18x^2 - y}{-14y - x} = \frac{18x^2 - y}{14y + x}$

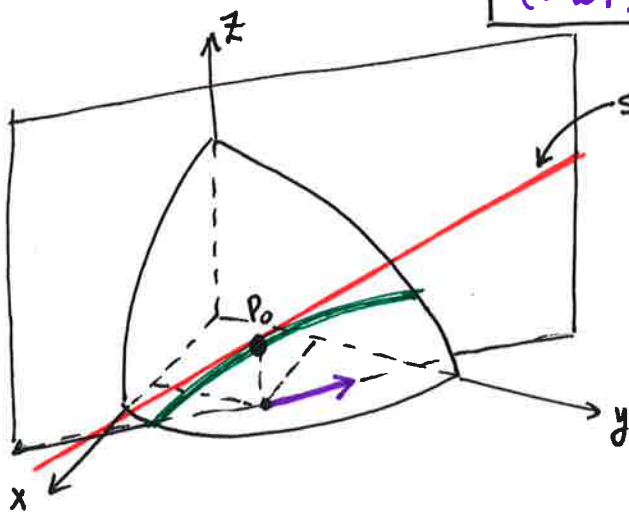
### 14.5 Directional Derivatives & Gradient Vectors

$f(x,y,z)$ ; Gradient Vector:  $\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \vec{k}$

$f(x,y)$ ; Gradient Vector:  $\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \vec{j}$

Directional Derivative of  $f$  at  $P_0$  in the direction of the unit vector  $\vec{u}$ :

$$(D_{\vec{u}} f)_{P_0} = (\nabla f)_{P_0} \cdot \vec{u}$$



slope =  $(D_{\vec{u}} f)_{P_0}$  = rate of change in the direction of  $\vec{u}$ .

$$D_{\vec{u}} f = |\nabla f| |\vec{u}| \cos \theta = |\nabla f| \cos \theta$$

- $f$   $\uparrow$  most rapidly in the direction of  $\nabla f$  ( $\theta = 0$ ); directional deriv. there is  $|\nabla f|$ .
- $f$   $\downarrow$  most rapidly in the direction of  $-\nabla f$  ( $\theta = \pi$ ); directional deriv. there is  $-|\nabla f|$ .

### 14.6 Tangent Planes & Normal Lines

Tangent plane to  $f(x,y,z) = c$  at  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ :

$$f_x(P_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(P_0)(y - y_0) + f_z(P_0)(z - z_0) = 0$$

Normal line to  $f(x,y,z) = c$  at  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ :

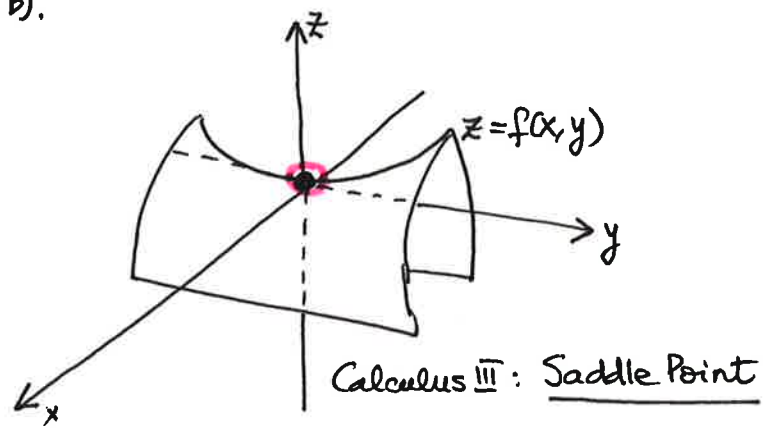
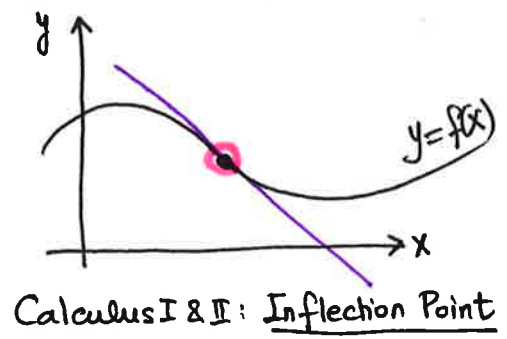
$$\begin{aligned} x &= x_0 + f_x(P_0)t \\ y &= y_0 + f_y(P_0)t \\ z &= z_0 + f_z(P_0)t \end{aligned}$$



# 14.7 Extreme Values & Saddle Points

Def.: A point  $(a,b)$  is called a critical point of  $f(x,y)$  if  $(a,b)$  is an interior point to the domain of  $f$  and either  $f_x(a,b) = f_y(a,b) = 0$  or one or both  $f_x, f_y$  do not exist at  $(a,b)$ .

Def.: A saddle point for  $f(x,y)$  is a critical point  $(a,b)$  such that in every open disk centered at  $(a,b)$  there are domain points  $(x,y)$  such that  $f(x,y) > f(a,b)$  and points where  $f(x,y) < f(a,b)$ .



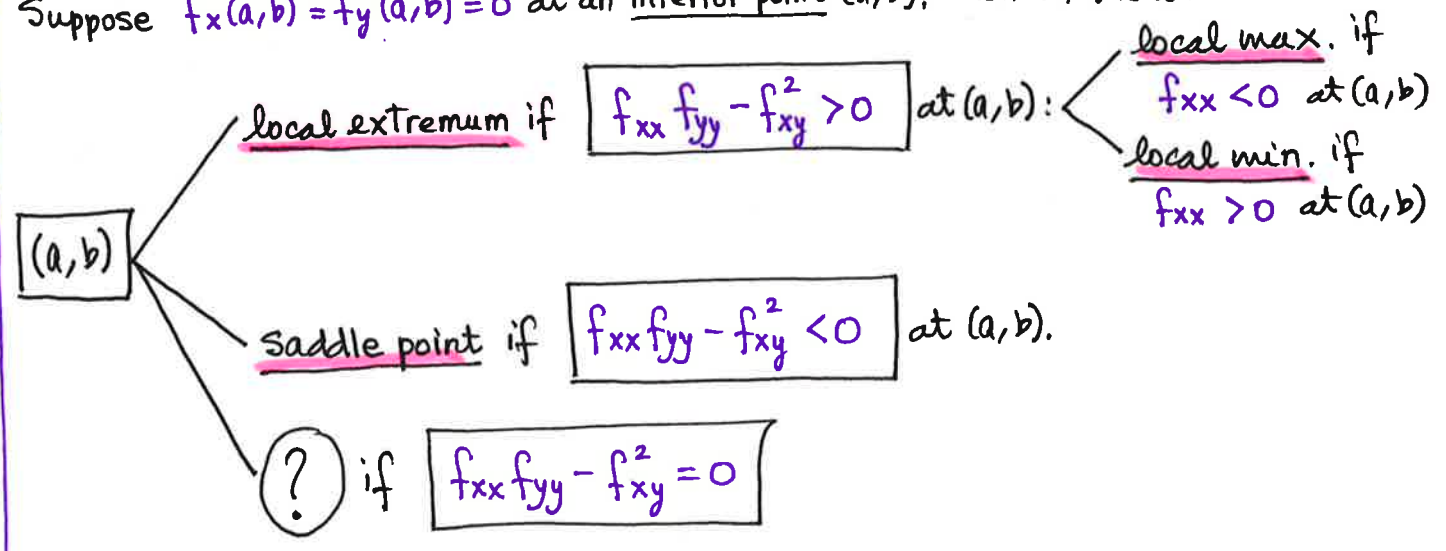
## First Derivative Test:

If  $f(x,y)$  has a local min. or max at an interior point  $(a,b)$  and  $f_x(a,b), f_y(a,b)$  exist, then  $f_x(a,b) = f_y(a,b) = 0$ .

In other words: local extrema occur at critical points or at boundary points.

## Second Derivative Test:

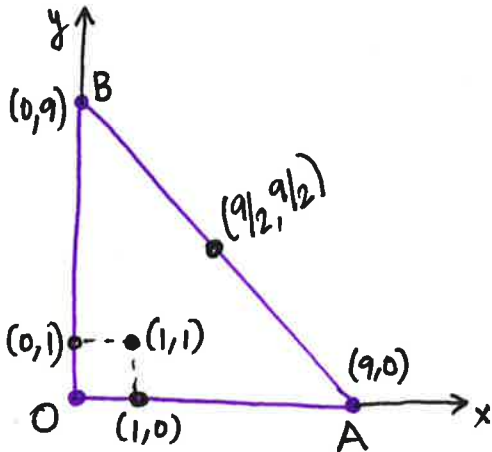
Suppose  $f_x(a,b) = f_y(a,b) = 0$  at an interior point  $(a,b)$ . Then  $(a,b)$  is a:



## Min & Max on Closed Bounded Regions :

- ① Find the critical points interior to the region & evaluate  $f$  there.
- ② Find the boundary points where  $f$  has local extrema & evaluate  $f$  there.
- ③ Look through the lists & find the absolute min & max.

Ex]:  $f(x,y) = 2+2x+2y-x^2-y^2$ ; Triangular region in Quad I bounded by  $x=0$ ,  $y=0$ ,  $y=9-x$ .



List :

$$f(1,1) = 4 \rightarrow \text{Max}$$

$$f(1,0) = 3$$

$$f(0,0) = 2$$

$$f(9,0) = -61 \rightarrow \text{Min}$$

$$f(0,1) = 3$$

$$f(0,9) = -61$$

$$f(9/2, 9/2) = -\frac{41}{2}$$

① Interior points :  $f_x = 2-2x$ ;  $f_y = 2-2y$

$$\begin{cases} f_x = 0 \\ f_y = 0 \end{cases} \begin{cases} 2-2x = 0 \\ 2-2y = 0 \end{cases} \begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y = 1 \end{cases}$$

Critical point:  $(1,1)$

Is it inside the region? Yes. So evaluate  $f$  & list it.

② Boundary Points :

i) OA :  $y=0$

$$f(x,0) = 2+2x-x^2, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 9$$

Extreme values occur @ boundary pts. or critical points in  $(0,9)$

$$f'(x,0) = 2-2x$$

Critical point :  $(1,0)$  - evaluate  $f$  here and at the boundary points  $(0,0)$ ,  $(9,0)$ .

ii) OB :  $x=0$

$$f(0,y) = 2+2y-y^2, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 9$$

$$f'(0,y) = 2-2y$$

Critical point :  $(0,1)$ ; Boundary points:  $(0,0)$ ,  $(0,9)$

↑  
already done

iii) AB :  $y=9-x$

Already evaluated endpoints  $(0,9)$  &  $(9,0)$ , so we only need to look for critical points.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x,9-x) &= 2+2x+2(9-x)-x^2-(9-x)^2 \\ &= -61+18x-2x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x,9-x) = 18-4x$$

$$18-4x=0 \Rightarrow x=9/2 \Rightarrow y=9-9/2=9/2$$

Critical point :  $(9/2, 9/2)$

## 14.8 Lagrange Multipliers

Suppose that  $f(x,y,z)$  and  $g(x,y,z)$  are differentiable and  $\nabla g \neq \vec{0}$  when  $g(x,y,z)=0$ .  
To find local min & max values of  $f$  subject to the constraint  $g(x,y,z)=0$

Find the values of  $x, y, z$  and  $\lambda$  that satisfy:

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

Two constraints: To find local extrema of a differentiable  $f(x,y,z)$  subject to the constraints  $g_1(x,y,z)=0$  and  $g_2(x,y,z)=0$  and  $g_1, g_2$  are differentiable ( $\nabla g_1$  not parallel to  $\nabla g_2$ ), find the values of  $x, y, z, \lambda_1, \lambda_2$  that satisfy:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda_1(\nabla g_1) + \lambda_2(\nabla g_2) \\ g_1(x,y,z) = 0 \\ g_2(x,y,z) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Example: Find the max. value of  $f(x,y) = 58 - x^2 - y^2$  on the line  $x + 7y = 50$ .

$$g(x,y) = x + 7y - 50$$

$$\nabla f = \langle -2x, -2y \rangle$$

$$\nabla g = \langle 1, 7 \rangle$$

$$\text{Solve: } \begin{cases} -2x = \lambda \\ -2y = 7\lambda \\ x + 7y - 50 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x = -\lambda/2 \\ y = -7\lambda/2 \\ x + 7y - 50 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$-\frac{\lambda}{2} + 7\left(-\frac{7\lambda}{2}\right) - 50 = 0$$

$$\lambda + 49\lambda + 100 = 0$$

$$50\lambda = -100$$

$$\lambda = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = +1, y = +7$$

The extreme value occurs at  $(1, 7)$ , where:

$$f(1, 7) = \boxed{8}.$$