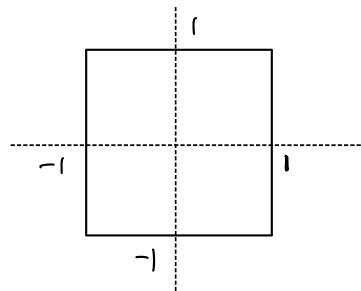


Q2 Find global max and min of

$$f(x,y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^4} - y$$

$$\text{on } R = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : -1 \leq x, y \leq 1\}$$



Soln : (R is closed & bounded, f continuous  $\Rightarrow \exists$  global max/min)

Step 1 : critical points in  $\text{Int}(R)$

$$\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : -1 < x, y < 1\}$$

1st note that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0,0)$  does not exist (Ex!)

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} f(0,0) \text{ DNE}$$

$\therefore (0,0)$  is a critical point.

Secondly, for  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^4}}, \frac{2y^3}{\sqrt{x^2+y^4}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\vec{0} = \vec{\nabla} f \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^4}} = 0 \\ \frac{2y^3}{\sqrt{x^2+y^4}} - 1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x,y) = (0, \frac{1}{2})$$

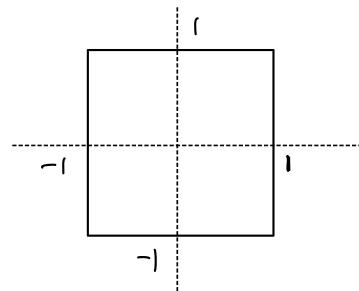
$\therefore (0, \frac{1}{2})$  is also a critical point.

$$\text{Critical values} = f(0,0) = 0$$

$$f(0, \frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{0^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^4} - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

## Step 2 Study boundary $\partial R$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial R = & \{x=1, -1 \leq y \leq 1\} \\ & \cup \{x=-1, -1 \leq y \leq 1\} \\ & \cup \{y=1, -1 \leq x \leq 1\} \\ & \cup \{y=-1, -1 \leq x \leq 1\}\end{aligned}$$



Case 1  $x=\pm 1, -1 \leq y \leq 1$ .

$$f(\pm 1, y) = \sqrt{1+y^4} - y \Rightarrow 0 = -1 \leq f \leq \sqrt{2} + 1$$

Case 2  $y=1, -1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$f(x, 1) = \sqrt{x^2+1} - 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq f \leq \sqrt{2} - 1$$

Case 3  $y=-1, -1 \leq x \leq 1$

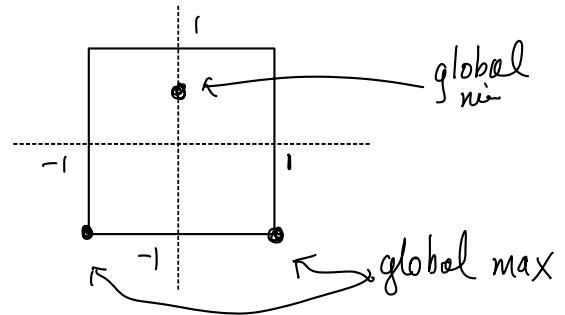
$$f(x, -1) = \sqrt{x^2+1} + 1 \Rightarrow 2 \leq f \leq \sqrt{2} + 1$$

Hence on  $\partial R$ ,  $f$  has min value 0 at  $(0, 1)$   
max value  $\sqrt{2} + 1$  at  $(\pm 1, -1)$

## Step 3 Comparing values

(critical)  $f(0, 0) = 0$   
 $f(0, \frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{1}{4}$  ← min

(boundary)  $f(0, 1) = 0$   
 $f(\pm 1, -1) = \sqrt{2} + 1$  ← max



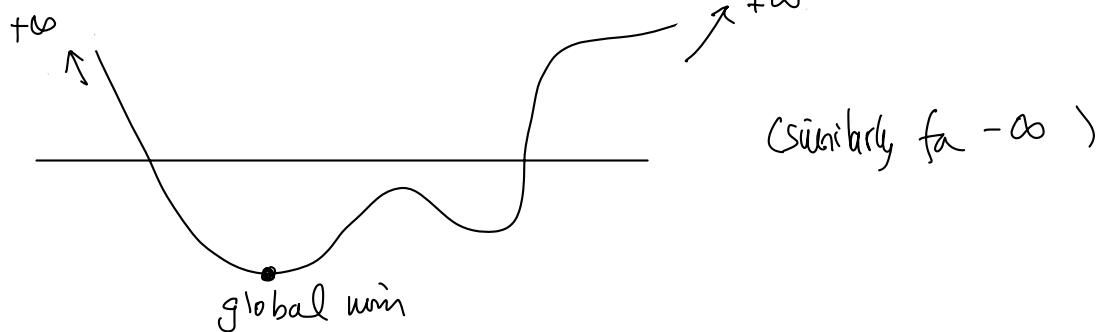
$\therefore f$  has global max at  $(\pm 1, -1)$  with value  $\sqrt{2} + 1$   
& has a global min at  $(0, \frac{1}{2})$  with value  $-\frac{1}{4}$

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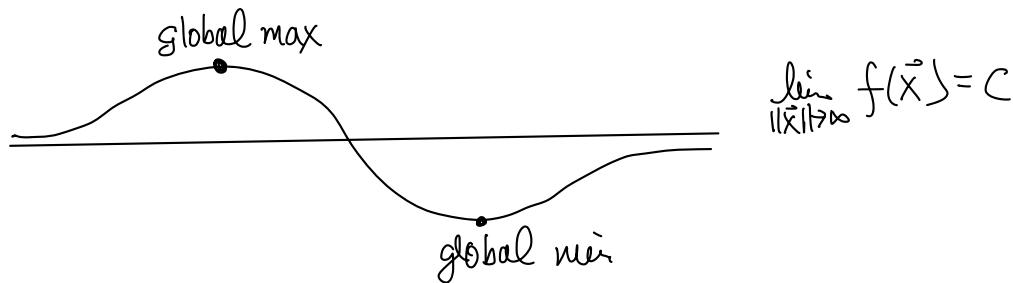
## Finding extrema on an unbounded region

Usually need conditions on  $\lim_{\|\vec{x}\| \rightarrow +\infty} f(\vec{x})$  such as

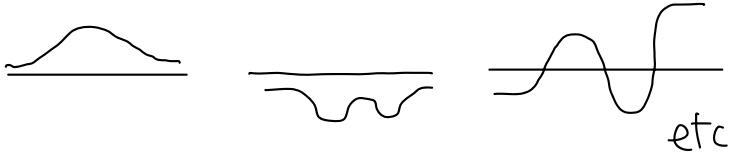
- (1)  $\lim_{\|\vec{x}\| \rightarrow +\infty} f(\vec{x}) = \pm \infty$   $\begin{cases} + \\ - \end{cases} \rightarrow$  No global max, Has global min  
Has global max, No global min,



- (2)  $\lim_{\|\vec{x}\| \rightarrow +\infty} f(\vec{x}) = c$  and  $\exists \vec{a}, \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $f(\vec{a}) < c < f(\vec{b})$ .

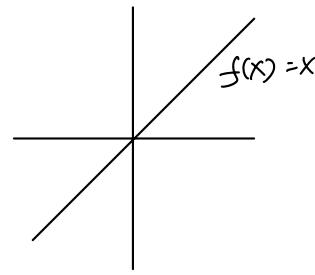


Remark: many other situations:



Examples without global max or min:

(1) 1-variable  $f(x) = x$  on  $\mathbb{R}$



(2) 2-variables

$$g(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 - 4x + 6y + 7$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} g(x, 0) = +\infty \Rightarrow \text{No global max}$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow \pm\infty} g(0, y) = -\infty \Rightarrow \text{No global min}$$

$$\left( \lim_{\|(x,y)\| \rightarrow \infty} g(x, y) \text{ DNE} \right)$$

Eg 1 Find global extrema of

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y + 7 \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^2$$

Soh:  $\lim_{\|(x,y)\| \rightarrow \infty} f(x, y) = +\infty \Rightarrow \text{No global max.}$

For global min, as  $\text{Int}(\mathbb{R}^2) = \mathbb{R}^2$ , (no boundary) one only need to find critical points of  $f$ :

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \vec{0} \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{\nabla} f \text{ does not exist}$$

↑  
 $f$  polynomial, always exist

Since  $\vec{\nabla} f = (2x - 4, 2y + 6) = (0, 0)$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 2 \quad \& \quad y = -3 \quad \therefore \text{only critical pt is } (2, -3)$$

$\therefore f$  has a global min at  $(2, -3)$  with value  $f(2, -3) = -6$   
(check) ~~X~~

Eg 2 Find global extrema of

$$f(x, y) = y e^{-(x^2+y^2)} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^2$$

Solu : Step 1  $\lim_{\|(x,y)\| \rightarrow +\infty} f(x, y) = 0 \quad (\text{Ex!})$

Step 2 Critical points

$$\begin{aligned} (0, 0) = \vec{\nabla} f &= (-2xy e^{-(x^2+y^2)}, e^{-(x^2+y^2)} + (-2y)y e^{-(x^2+y^2)}) \\ &= (-2xy e^{-(x^2+y^2)}, (1-2y^2)e^{-(x^2+y^2)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} xy = 0 \\ 1-2y^2 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x=0 \text{ or } y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$\therefore$  Two critical points at  $(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$  and  $(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$

with values  $\begin{cases} f(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ f(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases}$

Step 3 Comparing values :

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}} < 0 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

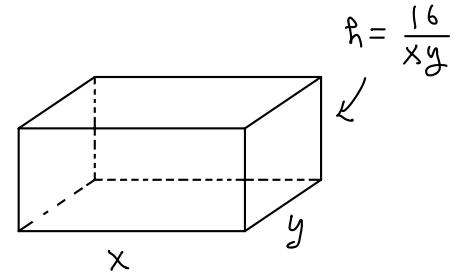
$\Rightarrow$   $f$  has a global max at  $(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$  with value  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$   
and a global min at  $(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$  with value  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

Eg 3 Make a box, without top, with volume 16 unit

Cost = Base \$2 / unit area

Side \$0.5 / unit area

How to minimize cost?



Solu Minimize cost

$$C(x,y) = 2 \cdot xy + 0.5 \cdot \left( 2 \cdot \underbrace{\frac{16}{xy}x}_{\text{cost}} + 2 \cdot \underbrace{\frac{16}{xy}y}_{\substack{\text{sides} \\ \text{front \& back}}} \right) + \underbrace{\frac{16}{y}}_{\substack{\text{sides} \\ \text{left \& right}}}$$
$$= 2xy + \frac{16}{x} + \frac{16}{y}$$

Domain  $\Omega = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x, y > 0\}$  (Physical dimensions  $> 0$ )

(neither closed nor bounded)



Step 1: Critical point(s)

$C(x,y)$  rational function &  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$  on  $\Omega$

$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} C$  always exist

$$\vec{\nabla} C = \left( 2y - \frac{16}{x^2}, 2x - \frac{16}{y^2} \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} C = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2y - \frac{16}{x^2} = 0 \\ 2x - \frac{16}{y^2} = 0 \end{cases}$$

(together with  $x>0, y>0$ )  $\Leftrightarrow (x,y) = (2,2)$  (Check!)

Only one critical pt.  $(2,2)$

&  $C(2,2) = 24$ .

Step 2: Method 1: Show that

$$\lim_{\substack{\|(x,y)\| \rightarrow \infty \\ (x,y) \in S}} C(x,y) = +\infty = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \partial S} C(x,y) \quad (\text{Ex!})$$

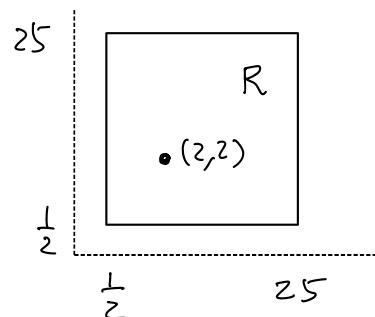
Method 2 (As we don't care about global max)

Find rectangle  $R$  containing  $(2,2)$  such that

$$C(x,y) > 24 \quad \text{on } \partial R \text{ and outside } R$$

A possible choice of  $R$  is

$$R = \{(x,y) : \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 25, \frac{1}{2} \leq y \leq 25\}$$



Then for points on  $\partial R$  or outside  $R$ ,

we have either  $0 < x \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $0 < y \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$\{(x,y) : x \geq \frac{1}{2}, y \geq 25\}, \text{ or } \{(x,y) : x \geq 25, y \geq \frac{1}{2}\}$$

Case 1, For  $0 < x \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$C(x,y) > \frac{16}{x} \geq 32 > 24$$

Case 2 : For  $0 < y \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$C(x,y) > \frac{16}{y} \geq 32 > 24$$

Case 3  $x \geq \frac{1}{2}, y \geq 25$

$$C(x,y) > 2xy \geq 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 25 = 25 > 24$$

Case 4  $x \geq 25, y \geq \frac{1}{2}$

$$C(x,y) > 2xy \geq 25 > 24$$

Hence  $C(x,y)$  has a global min at  $(2,2)$  with value 24.

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# Taylor Series Expansion

Recall: 1-variable Taylor expansion: (at  $t = t_0$ )

$$g(t) = g(t_0) + g'(t_0)(t-t_0) + \frac{1}{2!} g''(t_0)(t-t_0)^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{k!} g^{(k)}(t_0)(t-t_0)^k + \text{remainder}.$$

For several variables, we have

## Thm (Taylor's Thm)

Let  $\begin{cases} \bullet f: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, (\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, \text{open}) \text{ be } C^k, \\ \bullet \vec{a} \in \mathcal{R}, \end{cases}$

Then for any  $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{R}$  "near"  $\vec{a}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(\vec{x}) &= f(\vec{a}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a})(x_i - a_i) + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(\vec{a})(x_i - a_i)(x_j - a_j) \\ &\quad + \dots + \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^n \frac{\partial^k f}{\partial x_{i_1} \dots \partial x_{i_k}}(\vec{a})(x_{i_1} - a_{i_1}) \dots (x_{i_k} - a_{i_k}) + \varepsilon_k(\vec{x}, \vec{a}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \frac{\varepsilon_k(\vec{x}, \vec{a})}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|^k} = 0$$

In particular, for  $C^2$  function of 2-variables

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= f(a, b) + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a, b)(x-a) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a, b)(y-b) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(a, b)(x-a)^2 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(a, b)(x-a)(y-b) + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(a, b)(y-b)^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_2(\vec{x}) \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{↑} \\ \text{used Clairaut's Thm} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Def :

$$P_k(\vec{x}) = f(\vec{a}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a})(x_i - a_i) + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(\vec{a})(x_i - a_i)(x_j - a_j)$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^n \frac{\partial^k f}{\partial x_{i_1} \dots \partial x_{i_k}}(\vec{a})(x_{i_1} - a_{i_1}) \dots (x_{i_k} - a_{i_k})$$

is called the  $k$ -th order Taylor polynomial of  $f$  at  $\vec{a}$

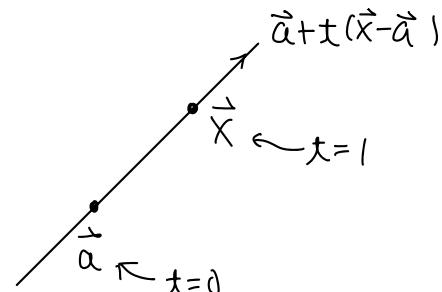
Remarks : (1)  $P_1(\vec{x}) = L(\vec{x})$  the Linearization of  $f$  at  $\vec{a}$

(2)  $P_k$  &  $f$  have equal partial derivatives up to order  $k$  at  $\vec{a}$ .

Idea of proof :

$\vec{x} \in \Omega$  near  $\vec{a}$ , define

$$g(t) = f(\vec{a} + t(\vec{x} - \vec{a}))$$



and use 1-variable Taylor's expansion.

$$f(\vec{x}) = g(1) = g(0) + g'(0) + \frac{1}{2} g''(0) + \dots + \frac{1}{k!} g^{(k)}(0) + \varepsilon_k(1)$$

$$g(0) = f(\vec{a} + 0 \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{a})) = f(\vec{a})$$

$$g'(t) = \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a} + t(\vec{x} - \vec{a})) \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{a} + t(\vec{x} - \vec{a}))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a} + t(\vec{x} - \vec{a})) (x_i - a_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(0) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a}) (x_i - a_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g''(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} (\vec{a} + t(\vec{x} - \vec{a})) (x_i - a_i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} (\vec{a} + t(\vec{x} - \vec{a})) \right] (x_i - a_i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} (\vec{a} + t(\vec{x} - \vec{a})) \right) (x_j - a_j) \right] (x_i - a_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore g''(0) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} (\vec{a}) (x_i - a_i)(x_j - a_j)$$

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And so on, one can prove the formula for Taylor's Thm. (Detail omitted)

e.g.  $f(x,y) = e^x \cos y$

Find 2<sup>nd</sup> order Taylor polynomial at  $\vec{a}=(0,0)$

Solu:  $f_x = e^x \cos y \quad f_y = -e^x \sin y$

$$f_{xx} = e^x \cos y \quad f_{xy} = -e^x \sin y = f_{yx}$$

$$f_{yy} = -e^x \cos y$$

$$\Rightarrow f_x(0,0) = 1, \quad f_y(0,0) = 0$$

$$f_{xx}(0,0) = 1, \quad f_{xy}(0,0) = f_{yx}(0,0) = 0$$

$$f_{yy}(0,0) = -1$$

$$\text{Also } f(0,0) = 1$$

$\therefore$  Taylor polynomial of order of  $f$  at  $(0,0)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} P_2(x,y) &= f(0,0) + f_x(0,0)x + f_y(0,0)y \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[ f_{xx}(0,0)x^2 + 2f_{xy}(0,0)xy + f_{yy}(0,0)y^2 \right] \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y^2 \end{aligned}$$

(Ex!) Find  $P_3(x,y)$  at  $(0,0)$ .

$$\text{Answer: } P_3(x,y) = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}ky^2$$

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