

# § 14.8

8. **Extrema on a curve** Find the points on the curve  $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 1$  in the  $xy$ -plane that are nearest to and farthest from the origin.

$$f(x, y) := x^2 + y^2$$

$$g(x, y) := x^2 + xy + y^2 - 1$$

$$\nabla f = (2x, 2y)$$

$$\nabla g = (2x + y, x + 2y)$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x = 2\lambda x + \lambda y & - (1) \\ 2y = \lambda x + 2\lambda y & - (2) \end{cases}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2x}{2x + y}$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow 2y = \frac{2x}{(2x + y)} (x + 2y)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4xy + 2y^2 = 2x^2 + 4xy$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm y$$

$$x = y, g(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$x = -y, g(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - x^2 + x^2 = 1$$

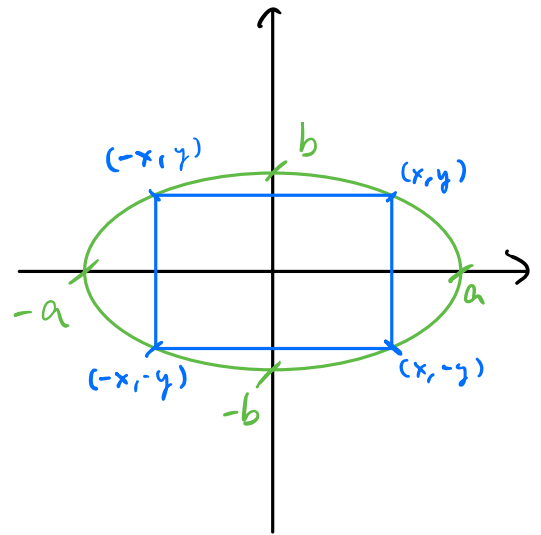
$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 1, y = \mp 1$$

$\therefore (1, -1)$  and  $(-1, 1)$  are furthest, dist. =  $\sqrt{2}$

$(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$  and  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$  are closest, dist. =  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$ .

12. **Rectangle of longest perimeter in an ellipse** Find the dimensions of the rectangle of largest perimeter that can be inscribed in the ellipse  $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 = 1$  with sides parallel to the coordinate axes. What is the largest perimeter?

As illustrated in the graph,  
 a rectangle satisfying the conditions  
 (inscribed in that ellipse, sides  
 parallel to the axes)  
 depends only on one point  $(x, y)$   
 in the first quadrant,  
 with dimension  $2x \times 2y$ ,  
 perimeter  $2(2x + 2y)$



$$f(x, y) := x + y, \quad \nabla f = (1, 1)$$

$$g(x, y) := \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - 1, \quad \nabla g = \left( \frac{2}{a^2}x, \frac{2}{b^2}y \right)$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{a^2}{2\lambda}, \quad y = \frac{b^2}{2\lambda} = \frac{b^2}{2 \cdot \left(\frac{a^2}{2x}\right)} = \frac{b^2}{a^2}x$$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{b^4}{a^4} \cdot \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a^2 + b^2)}{a^4} x^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \text{ or } -\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \text{ (rej)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\therefore \text{height} = 2x = \frac{2a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \quad \text{perimeter} = 4x + 4y$$

$$\text{width} = 2y = \frac{2b^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \quad = 4\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

**16. Cheapest storage tank** Your firm has been asked to design a storage tank for liquid petroleum gas. The customer's specifications call for a **cylindrical tank with hemispherical ends**, and the tank is to hold **8000 m<sup>3</sup>** of gas. The customer also wants to use the **smallest amount of material** possible in building the tank. What radius and height do you recommend for the cylindrical portion of the tank?

The volume of material  
 $\approx$  surface area  $\times$  thickness

Consider only the surface area:

$$f(r, h) := 2\pi r h + 4\pi r^2$$

Capacity of the tank:

$$g_1(r, h) := \pi r^2 h + \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$g(r, h) := g_1(r, h) - 8000$$

$$\nabla f = (2\pi h + 8\pi r, 2\pi r)$$

$$\nabla g = (2\pi r h + 4\pi r^2, \pi r^2)$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2\pi h + 8\pi r = \lambda (2\pi r h + 4\pi r^2) & \text{--- (1)} \\ 2\pi r = \lambda \pi r^2 & \text{--- (2)} \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow \lambda = 2/r \text{ or } r = 0 \text{ (rej.)}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow 2\pi h + 8\pi r = 4\pi h + 8\pi r$$

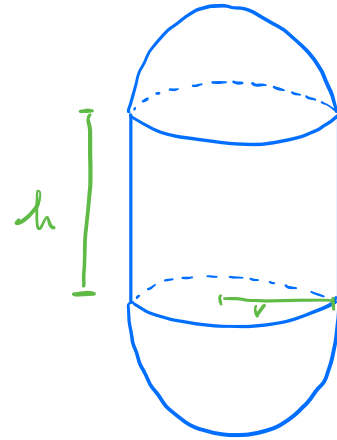
$$\Rightarrow h = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = 8000 \Rightarrow r^3 = \frac{6000}{\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 10 \sqrt[3]{\frac{6}{\pi}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Optimal radius} = 10 \sqrt[3]{\frac{6}{\pi}} \text{ m,}$$

$$\text{height} = 0 \text{ m.}$$



17. **Minimum distance to a point** Find the point on the plane  $x + 2y + 3z = 13$  closest to the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

$$\text{Let } (x', y', z') = (x-1, y-1, z-1)$$

Then distance between  $(x, y, z)$  and  $(1, 1, 1)$   
= distance between  $(x', y', z')$  and origin.

$$f(x', y', z') := (x')^2 + (y')^2 + (z')^2$$

$$\text{Constraint: } x + 2y + 3z = 13$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1) + 2(y-1) + 3(z-1) = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x' + 2y' + 3z' = 7$$

$$g(x', y', z') := x' + 2y' + 3z' - 7$$

$$\nabla f = (2x', 2y', 2z')$$

$$\nabla g = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x' = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \\ y' = \lambda \\ z' = \frac{3}{2} \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$g(x', y', z') = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \lambda + 2\lambda + \frac{3}{2} \lambda = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

$$\therefore (x', y', z') = \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{3}{2}, 2, \frac{5}{2}\right)$$

with minimal distance  $(= \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}})$

24. **Extrema on a sphere** Find the points on the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25$  where  $f(x, y, z) = x + 2y + 3z$  has its maximum and minimum values.

$$f(x, y, z) = x + 2y + 3z, \quad \nabla f = (1, 2, 3).$$

$$g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 25, \quad \nabla g = (2x, 2y, 2z).$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 = 2\lambda x \\ 2 = 2\lambda y \\ 3 = 2\lambda z \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \\ y = \frac{1}{\lambda} \\ z = \frac{3}{2\lambda} \end{cases}$$

$$g(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4\lambda^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} + \frac{9}{4\lambda^2} = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = \frac{14}{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \pm \frac{\sqrt{14}}{10}$$

$$5 + 20 + 45$$

$$25 \quad 45$$

$$70.$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y, z) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{10}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{15}{\sqrt{14}} \right)$$

$$\text{or } (x, y, z) = \left( -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{14}}, -\frac{10}{\sqrt{14}}, -\frac{15}{\sqrt{14}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \text{Max: } \left( \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{10}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{15}{\sqrt{14}} \right) \text{ with } f = \frac{70}{\sqrt{14}} = 5\sqrt{14}$$

$$\text{Min: } \left( -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{14}}, -\frac{10}{\sqrt{14}}, -\frac{15}{\sqrt{14}} \right) \text{ with } f = -\frac{70}{\sqrt{14}} = -5\sqrt{14}$$

34. **Blood types** Human blood types are classified by three gene forms  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $O$ . Blood types  $AA$ ,  $BB$ , and  $OO$  are *homozygous*, and blood types  $AB$ ,  $AO$ , and  $BO$  are *heterozygous*. If  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  represent the proportions of the three gene forms to the population, respectively, then the *Hardy-Weinberg Law* asserts that the proportion  $Q$  of heterozygous persons in any specific population is modeled by

$$Q(p, q, r) = 2(pq + pr + qr),$$

subject to  $p + q + r = 1$ . Find the maximum value of  $Q$ .

$$g(p, q, r) = p + q + r - 1$$

$$\nabla Q = (2(q+r), 2(p+r), 2(p+q))$$

$$\nabla g = (1, 1, 1)$$

$$\nabla Q = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2q + 2r = \lambda & \text{--- (1)} \\ 2p + 2r = \lambda & \text{--- (2)} \\ 2p + 2q = \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow 2q + 2r = 2p + 2r$$

$$\Rightarrow q = p$$

$$\text{Similarly, } p = q = r$$

$$p + q + r = 1 \Rightarrow p = q = r = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Max. } Q &= 2 \left( \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

37. Maximize the function  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y - z^2$  subject to the constraints  $2x - y = 0$  and  $y + z = 0$ .

$$\nabla f = (2x, 2, -2z).$$

$$g_1(x, y, z) := 2x - y \Rightarrow \nabla g_1 = (2, -1, 0)$$

$$g_2(x, y, z) := y + z \Rightarrow \nabla g_2 = (0, 1, 1).$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g_1 + \mu \nabla g_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x = 2\lambda \\ 2 = -\lambda + \mu \\ -2z = \mu \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \lambda, \quad 2 = -x - 2z \\ \Rightarrow x = -2z - 2$$

$$2x - y = 0 \Rightarrow -4z - 4 - y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3z - 4 - (y + z) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\therefore (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, -\frac{4}{3}\right).$$

$$\text{is max. with value} = \frac{4}{3}.$$

44. **Minimum distance to the origin** Find the point closest to the origin on the curve of intersection of the plane  $2y + 4z = 5$  and the cone  $z^2 = 4x^2 + 4y^2$ .

$$f(x, y, z) := x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad \nabla f = (2x, 2y, 2z)$$

$$g_1(x, y, z) := 2y + 4z - 5 \quad \nabla g_1 = (0, 2, 4)$$

$$g_2(x, y, z) := 4x^2 + 4y^2 - z^2 \quad \nabla g_2 = (8x, 8y, -2z)$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g_1 + \mu \nabla g_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x = 8\mu x & - (1) \\ 2y = 2\lambda + 8\mu y & - (2) \\ 2z = 4\lambda - 2\mu z & - (3) \end{cases}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{4} \text{ or } x = 0$$

$$(\text{Case 1}) \quad x = 0 \Rightarrow z^2 = 4y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 2y \quad \text{or} \quad z = -2y$$

$$\Rightarrow (z) + 4z = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad (-z) + 4z = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}, z = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad y = \frac{5}{6}, z = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$(\text{Case 2}) \quad \mu = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow (2): 2y = 2\lambda + 2y$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3): 2z = -\frac{1}{2}z$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 0$$

$$g_2(x, y, z) = 0 \Rightarrow x = y = z = 0$$

$$\text{contradict to } g_1(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$f(0, \frac{1}{2}, 1) = \frac{5}{4}, \quad f(0, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{5}{3}) = \frac{125}{36}$$

$$\therefore (0, \frac{1}{2}, 1) \text{ is closest to origin with distance} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}.$$



# Additional Questions:

(1) Consider system of equation

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y + z = 0 \\ e^{2x} + e^{-2y} + \sin z = 2 \end{cases}$$

which has a solution  $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$ .

Is  $(x, y)$  can be solved as functions of  $z$ ,  $x = x(z)$  &  $y = y(z)$ , near this point  $(0, 0, 0)$ ?

If so, calculate the derivatives  $\frac{dx}{dz}$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dz}$  at the point.

$$\bar{F}_1(x, y, z) := 2x - y + z$$

$$\bar{F}_2(x, y, z) := e^{2x} + e^{-2y} + \sin z.$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{F}_1}{\partial x} = 2 \quad \frac{\partial \bar{F}_1}{\partial y} = -1 \quad \frac{\partial \bar{F}_1}{\partial z} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{F}_2}{\partial x} = 2e^{2x} \quad \frac{\partial \bar{F}_2}{\partial y} = -2e^{-2y} \quad \frac{\partial \bar{F}_2}{\partial z} = \cos z$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial \bar{F}_1}{\partial x} \Big|_{(0,0,0)} & \frac{\partial \bar{F}_1}{\partial z} \Big|_{(0,0,0)} \\ \frac{\partial \bar{F}_2}{\partial x} \Big|_{(0,0,0)} & \frac{\partial \bar{F}_2}{\partial z} \Big|_{(0,0,0)} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \neq 0$$

$\therefore$  Yes, by Implicit Function Theorem

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx}{dz} \\ \frac{dy}{dz} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \cos 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) Let  $f(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} x^3 - 3xy^2 \\ 3x^2y - y^3 \end{pmatrix}$

Show that for  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$ ,  $f$  has a local inverse.

$$Df(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x^2 - 3y^2 & -6xy \\ 6xy & 3x^2 - 3y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det Df(x,y) = (3x^2 - 3y^2)^2 + 36x^2y^2$$

Note  $(3x^2 - 3y^2)^2 \geq 0$  and  $36x^2y^2 \geq 0$ .

$$\det Df(x,y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (3x^2 - 3y^2)^2 = 0 \\ \text{and } 36x^2y^2 = 0$$

For  $(3x^2 - 3y^2)^2 = 0$ ,

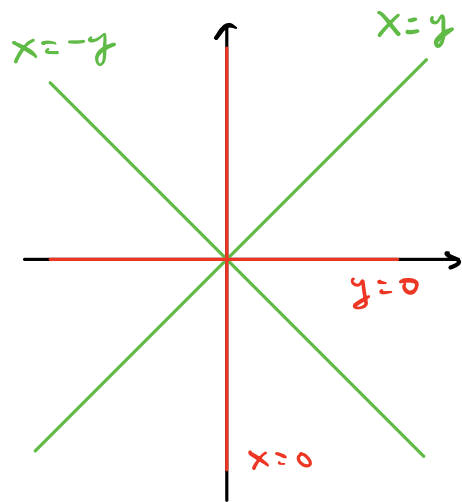
we need  $x^2 = y^2$

i.e.  $x = y$  or  $x = -y$

For  $36x^2y^2 = 0$ ,

we need  $xy = 0$

i.e.  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$



$\therefore (0,0)$  is the only point satisfy  $Df(x,y) = 0$

$\therefore$  For  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$ ,  $f$  has a local inverse,  
by Inverse Function Theorem.