

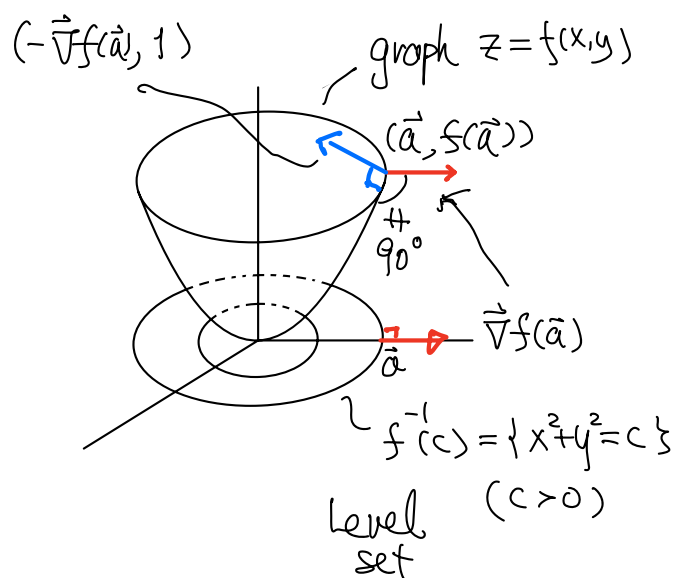
Remark ( Level set vs Graph )

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

graph  $z = f(x,y)$

In general,

$\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a})$  is normal to  $f^{-1}(c)$   
at  $\vec{a}$  ( $f(\vec{a}) = c$ )



but not normal to the graph of  $z = f(x,y)$   
at  $(\vec{a}, f(\vec{a}))$

What is the normal of the graph of  $z = f(x,y)$  at  $(\vec{a}, f(\vec{a}))$ ?

Trick is : regard graph of  $z = f(x,y)$  as

0-level set of  $F(x,y,z) = z - f(x,y)$  at

$$(\vec{a}, f(\vec{a})) \quad (F(\vec{a}, f(\vec{a})) = f(\vec{a}) - f(\vec{a}) = 0)$$

$\vec{a} = (x,y)$

Then by the Thm, the normal of the graph is

$$\vec{\nabla} F(\vec{a}, f(\vec{a})) = \left( -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, 1 \right) \text{ (at } (x,y) = \vec{a} \text{)}$$

$$= (-\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}), 1) \quad (\text{1-dim'l higher})$$

## Another Application of Chain Rule:

### Implicit Differentiation

eg 1  $C: x^2 + y^2 = 1$  ( $y$  can be solved in term of  $x$  (for most  $x$ ))

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5})$ .

Solu:  $x^2 + (y(x))^2 = 1$

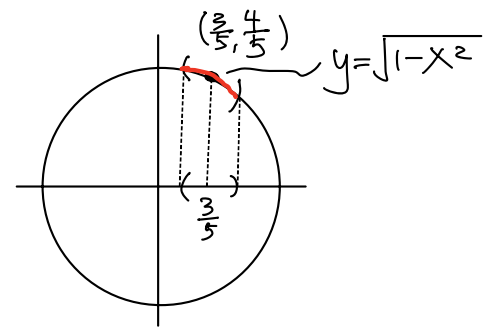
near  $(x, y) = (\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5})$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + (y(x))^2) = \frac{d}{dx} 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 2y(x) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y} \quad (\text{provided } y \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{At the point } (\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}), \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{4} \quad \neq$$



Remark: One cannot solve  $y$  as a function of  $x$  near the points  $(1, 0)$  and  $(-1, 0)$  which correspond to " $y = 0$ ".

eg 2 Consider  $S: x^3 + z^2 + ye^{xz} + z \cos y = 0$

Given that  $z$  can be regarded as a function

$z = z(x, y)$  of (independent) variables  $x, y$  locally near the point  $(0, 0, 0)$ . (Clearly  $(0, 0, 0) \in S$ )

Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  at  $(0, 0, 0)$

Soln:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^3 + z^2 + ye^{xz} + z \cos y) = 0$

$$3x^2 + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + ye^{xz} (z + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cos y = 0$$

$$(3x^2 + yze^{xz}) + (2z + xy e^{xz} + \cos y) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = - \frac{3x^2 + yze^{xz}}{2z + xy e^{xz} + \cos y} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{provided} \\ 2z + xy e^{xz} + \cos y \neq 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (0, 0) = 0$$

Similarly  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^3 + z^2 + ye^{xz} + z \cos y) = 0$

$$(\text{check!}) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{ze^{xz} \sin y - e^{xz}}{2z + xy e^{xz} + \cos y} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{provided} \\ 2z + xy e^{xz} + \cos y \neq 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (0, 0) = -1$$

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## Finding Extrema (Maximum & Minimum)

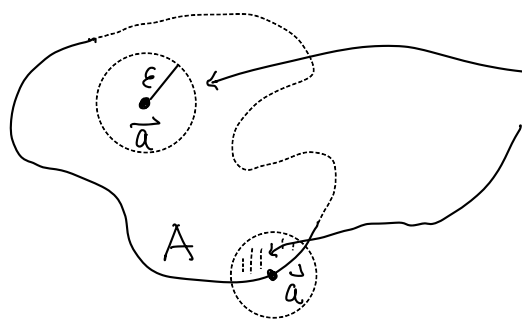
Def: Let  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  (may not be open)  
|  $\vec{a} \in A$

(1)  $f$  is said to have a global (absolute) maximum at  $\vec{a}$   
if  $f(\vec{a}) \geq f(\vec{x}) \quad \forall \vec{x} \in A$

(2)  $f$  is said to have a local (relative) maximum at  $\vec{a}$   
if  $f(\vec{a}) \geq f(\vec{x}) \quad \forall \vec{x} \in A$  "near"  $\vec{a}$   
(i.e.  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $f(\vec{a}) \geq f(\vec{x}), \forall \vec{x} \in A \cap B_\varepsilon(\vec{a})$ )

(3) Similar definitions for global (absolute) minimum and local (relative) minimum by changing the inequality to  $f(\vec{a}) \leq f(\vec{x})$ .

global max at  $\vec{a}$   
means  $f(\vec{a}) \geq f(\vec{x})$   
on the whole  $A$



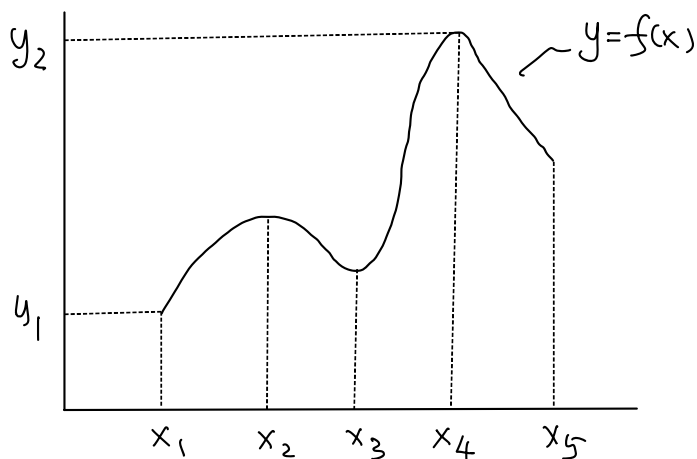
local max at  $\vec{a}$   
means  $f(\vec{a}) \geq f(\vec{x})$   
only holds inside  
the ball.

Remark: Global Extremum (max/min) is also a local extremum.

eg1  $f: [x_1, x_5] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Global  $\begin{cases} \max = x_4 \\ \min = x_1 \end{cases}$

Local  $\begin{cases} \max = x_2, x_4 \\ \min = x_1, x_3, x_5 \end{cases}$



$\begin{matrix} \max \\ \min \end{matrix} > \text{value} \begin{matrix} : y_2 \\ : y_1 \end{matrix}$

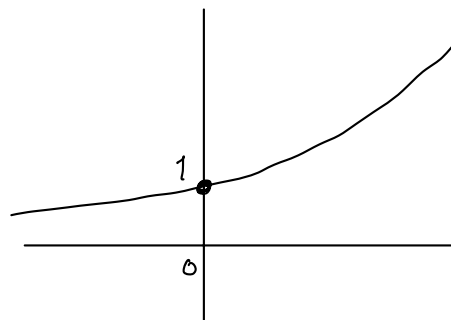
$\left( \text{Remark} = g = f|_{(x_1, x_5]} = (x_1, x_5] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \right.$   
 $\left. \text{Has no global min.} \right)$

eg2 (NOT every function has global max/min)

(i)  $f(x) = e^x$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  (Domain unbounded)

No global min:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$

$\left( \Rightarrow \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, f(a) = e^a > 0 \right.$   
 $\left. \begin{matrix} \text{Then "limit"} \Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t.} \\ f(x) < f(a) \end{matrix} \right)$



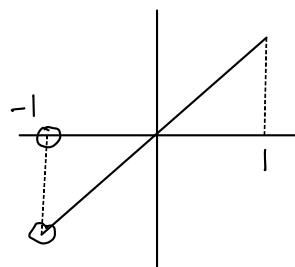
No global max:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty$  ( $\Rightarrow \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists x \text{ s.t. } f(x) > f(a)$ )

(ii)  $f(x) = x$  on  $(-1, 1]$  (Domain not closed)

Has global max at  $x = 1$

(with max. value =  $f(1) = 1$ )

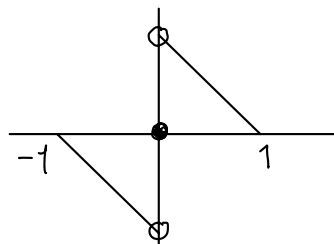
but no global min:  $\forall a \in (-1, 1],$   
 $\exists b = \frac{a-1}{2} \in (-1, 1] \text{ s.t. } f(b) < f(a).$



$$(iii) f = \begin{cases} 1-x, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0, & x=0 \\ -1-x, & -1 \leq x < 0 \end{cases} \text{ (discontinuous)}$$

No global max nor global min

(Ex! similar argument as in (ii))



### Extreme Value Thm (EVT)

Let  $f: A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be closed and bounded,

$f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous

Then  $f$  has global max and min.

(Proof: Omitted)

Remarks: (1) "Compact" = closed and bounded

(2) The Thm is a sufficient, but not a necessary condition.

Def: Let  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  (not necessary open)

$\vec{a} \in \text{Int}(A)$

Then  $\vec{a}$  is called a critical point of  $f$  if

either (1)  $\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a})$  DNE (does not exist)

or (2)  $\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) = \vec{0}$

(i.e. either " $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a})$  DNE for some  $i=1, \dots, n$ " or " $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a}) = 0$  for all  $i=1, \dots, n$ ")

## Thm (First Derivative Test)

Suppose  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ) attains a local extremum at  $\vec{a} \in \text{Int}(A)$ , then  $\vec{a}$  is a critical point of  $f$ .

Pf: Suppose  $f$  has a local extremum at  $\vec{a} \in \text{Int}(A)$

If  $\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) \nexists$ , then  $\vec{a}$  is a critical point.

If  $\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a})$  exists, then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a}) \text{ exists, } \forall i=1, \dots, n$$

$\forall i$ , consider the 1-variable function

$$g_i(t) = f(\vec{a} + t\hat{e}_i),$$

$$\text{where } \hat{e}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow i\text{th component}$$

$$\text{Then } g_i(0) = f(\vec{a}) \begin{matrix} \leq \\ \geq \end{matrix} f(\vec{a} + t\hat{e}_i) \quad \text{for } |t| \text{ small enough.}$$

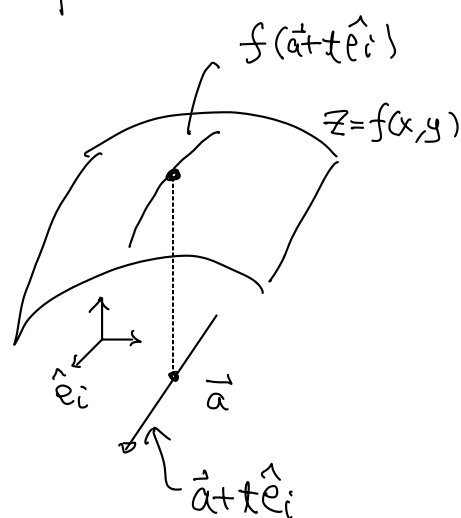
s.t.  $\vec{a} + t\hat{e}_i$  is "near"  $\vec{a}$

$\Rightarrow t=0$  is a local max/min

$$\begin{aligned} \text{1-variable theory } \Rightarrow 0 &= g'_i(0) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} f(\vec{a} + t\hat{e}_i) \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a}) \quad (\forall i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) = \vec{0}$$

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## Strategy for finding Extrema

$$f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

(1) Find critical points of  $f$  in  $\text{Int}(A)$ .

(2) Study  $f$  on boundary  $\partial A$ :

Find max/min of  $f$  on  $\partial A$ .

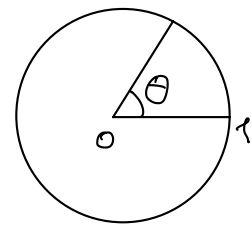
(3) Compare values of  $f$  at points found in steps (1) & (2).

eg 1 Find global max/min of  $f(x,y) = x^2 + 2y^2 - x + 3$  for  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$  ( $A = \{x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ )

$\swarrow$  cts  $\nwarrow$  closed & bdd

Soln: Step 1

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Critical points in } \text{Int}(A) \\ &= \text{Int} \{x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\} \\ &= \{x^2 + y^2 < 1\}\end{aligned}$$



$A = \text{closed unit disk}$

$f$  is a polynomial  $\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} f$  always exist

$$\text{In fact } \vec{\nabla} f = (2x - 1, 4y)$$

$$\vec{0} = \vec{\nabla} f \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x - 1 = 0 \\ 4y = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow (x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \text{ the only critical pt in } \text{Int}(A)$$

$\left(\| (x, y) \| = \frac{1}{2} < 1\right)$



$$2 \quad f\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 0 - \frac{1}{2} + 3 = \frac{11}{4} \quad (\text{check!})$$

Step 2 Study  $f$  on  $\partial\{x^2+y^2 \leq 1\} = \{x^2+y^2=1\}$

Parametrize the boundary  $\{x^2+y^2=1\}$  by angle  $\theta$

$$\begin{cases} x = \cos \theta \\ y = \sin \theta \end{cases} \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$$

Therefore on  $\partial\{x^2+y^2=1\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta) &= f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) = \cos^2 \theta + 2 \sin^2 \theta - \cos \theta + 3 \\ &= -\cos^2 \theta - \cos \theta + 5 \\ &= -\left(\cos \theta + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{21}{4} \quad (\text{check!}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{max. value of } f \text{ on } \partial A = \frac{21}{4}$$

$$\text{at } \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow (x, y) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{min. value of } f \text{ on } \partial A = -\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{21}{4} = 3 \quad (\text{check!})$$

$$\text{at } \cos \theta = 1 \Rightarrow (x, y) = (1, 0).$$

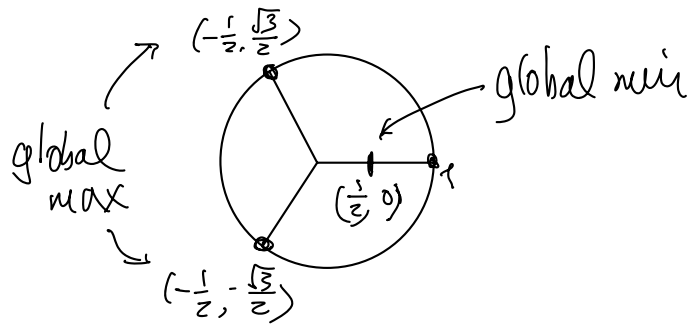
Step 3 Compare value of  $f$  at points from steps (1) & (2)

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) = \frac{11}{4} \quad (\text{value of critical pt in } \text{Int}(A))$$

$$f\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{21}{4} \quad (\text{max value of } f \text{ on } \partial A)$$

$$f(1, 0) = 3 \quad (\text{min value of } f \text{ on } \partial A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{max value} = \frac{21}{4} \text{ at global max pts } (-\frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) \\ \text{min value} = \frac{11}{4} \text{ at the global min pt } (\frac{1}{2}, 0) \end{cases}$$



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