

1. An unusual region has its elevation given by $z = f(x, y) = y^3 + 3x^2y - 6x^2 - 6y^2$, where x, y , and z are all measured in meters.
- (a) (14 points) Determine the (x, y) -coordinates of any peaks (local maximums), valleys (local minimums), or saddle points. (Be sure to determine which of the three occurs at each such point.)
- (b) (9 points) A small South American deer called a *pudu* stands at the point $(2, 1)$. From this point, what is the **unit vector** that points in the direction in which the pudu should head so its path will be the steepest uphill climb?
- (c) (9 points) The pudu starts to travel such that the (x, y) -coordinates of its location are given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle 2 - t, 1 - \frac{1}{2}t^2 \right\rangle$$

after t minutes.

- i. Find the rate of change of the pudu's elevation with respect to *time* when it is at the point $(0, -1)$.
- ii. Find the rate of change of the pudu's elevation with respect to *distance* when it is at the point $(0, -1)$.
- iii. Is the pudu heading **uphill** or **downhill** at the point $(0, -1)$?

Solution:

- (a) First, we must find any critical points. So, we find the first partial derivatives and determine where they are simultaneously zero:

$$f_x = 6xy - 12x = 6x(y - 2) = 0 \implies x = 0 \text{ or } y = 2$$

and

$$f_y = 3y^2 + 3x^2 - 12y = 0.$$

If $x = 0$, then

$$f_y = 3y^2 + 3(0)^2 - 12y = 3y(y - 4) = 0 \implies y = 0 \text{ or } y = 4.$$

If $y = 2$, then

$$f_y = 3(2)^2 + 3x^2 - 12(2) = 3(x^2 - 4) = 0 \implies x = \pm 2.$$

So, the critical points are $(0, 0)$, $(0, 4)$, and $(\pm 2, 2)$.

We will now apply the second derivative test to determine which of these the location of a local maximum, local minimum, or a saddle point.

The second derivative are

$$f_{xx} = 6y - 12 = f_{yy} \text{ and } f_{xy} = f_{yx} = 6x.$$

So we have

$$D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = (6y - 12)^2 - 36x^2.$$

Analyzing each points, we have

- $D(0, 0) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(0, 0) < 0$, so $(0, 0)$ is the location of a local maximum.

- $D(0, 4) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(0, 4) > 0$, so $(0, 4)$ is the location of a local minimum.
- $D(\pm 2, 2) < 0$, so $(\pm 2, 2)$ are the locations of saddle points.

(b) We have

$$\nabla f(2, 1) = \langle f_x(2, 1), f_y(2, 1) \rangle = \langle -12, 3 \rangle = 3\langle -4, 1 \rangle.$$

So, the unit vector in the steepest uphill direction from $(2, 1)$ is

$$\frac{\nabla f(2, 1)}{\|\nabla f(2, 1)\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}}\langle -4, 1 \rangle.$$

(c) We note that $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 0, -1 \rangle$ when $t = 2$.

We have $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle -1, -t \rangle$, so $\mathbf{r}'(2) = \langle -1, -2 \rangle$ and $\|\mathbf{r}'(2)\| = \sqrt{5}$. Thus,

- $\frac{df}{dt} = \nabla f(0, -1) \cdot \langle -1, -2 \rangle = \langle 0, 15 \rangle \cdot \langle -1, -2 \rangle = -30$ meters per minute and
- $\frac{df}{ds} = \frac{\nabla f(0, -1) \cdot \langle -1, -2 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{r}'(2)\|} = -\frac{30}{\sqrt{5}}$ meters per meter.
- Since these two derivatives are negative, we know the pudu is heading downhill.

2. Recall that the volume of a right circular cone is given by $V(r, h) = \frac{\pi}{3}r^2h$ where r is the radius and h is the height.

- (9 points) Determine the linear approximation of $V(r, h)$ centered at $(r, h) = (3, 4)$.
- (4 points) Use your answer from (a) to approximate the volume of a right circular cone whose radius is 3.1 cm and height is 3.9 cm.
- (9 points) Use Taylor's Theorem to determine an upper bound on the error in approximating the volume of the cone with the linear approximation when $|r - 3| < 0.1$ and $|h - 4| < 0.1$. (For this problem only, you do not need to fully simplify your final answer, but it should be in a form that could be directly input into a simple calculator. To earn points on this problem you must use the techniques from class with Taylor's Theorem.)
- (9 points) Assume a cone has a radius of $r = 3$ cm and a height of $h = 4$ cm. It is exposed to some radioactive material and its dimensions start to change. If its volume remains unchanged but the height starts growing at a rate of 2 cm per hour, determine the rate of change of its radius. *Include the correct units in your final answer.*

Solution:

(a) We have the following first partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{2\pi}{3}rh \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} = \frac{\pi}{3}r^2.$$

At $(r, h) = (3, 4)$, we have

$$V = 12\pi \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = 8\pi \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} = 3\pi.$$

So, the linear approximation is given by

$$L(r, h) = 12\pi + 8\pi(r - 3) + 3\pi(h - 4).$$

(b)

$$V(3.1, 3.9) \approx L(3.1, 3.9) = 12\pi + \frac{8\pi}{10} - \frac{3\pi}{10} = \frac{25\pi}{2} \text{ cubic centimeters.}$$

(c) The second partial derivatives are

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} = \frac{2\pi}{3}h \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r \partial h} = \frac{2\pi}{3}r \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial h^2} = 0.$$

The maximum values of each of these on $|r - 3| < 0.1$ and $|h - 4| < 0.1$ are

$$\left| \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} \right| \leq \frac{2\pi}{3} \left(\frac{41}{10} \right) = \frac{41\pi}{15} \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r \partial h} \right| \leq \frac{2\pi}{3} \left(\frac{31}{10} \right) = \frac{31\pi}{15} \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial h^2} \right| = 0.$$

Thus, an upper bound on the absolute value of the second partial derivatives on this region is $M = \frac{41\pi}{15}$. By Taylor's Theorem, the maximum possible error is

$$|E(x, y)| \leq \frac{M}{(1+1)!} (\Delta r + \Delta h)^{1+1} = \frac{41\pi}{30} \left(\frac{1}{5} \right)^2 = \frac{41\pi}{750} \text{ cubic centimeters.}$$

(d) We need to find $\frac{dr}{dt}$. Using the chain rule, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV}{dt} &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \frac{dr}{dt} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} \frac{dh}{dt} \\ 0 &= 8\pi \frac{dr}{dt} + 3\pi(2) \\ \frac{dr}{dt} &= -\frac{3}{4} \text{ centimeters per hour.} \end{aligned}$$

3. The following two problems are not related.

(a) (9 points) Evaluate the following limit or show it does not exist: $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,1)} \frac{xy}{x + (y-1)^2}$

(b) (9 points) Let $f(x, y)$ be defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{(2x+4)^2 - (y-5)^2}{2x-y+9}, & (x, y) \neq (-4, 1) \\ c, & (x, y) = (-4, 1) \end{cases}$$

Is there a value of c that makes $f(x, y)$ continuous at $(-4, 1)$? If so, find the value of c . If not, explain why not. (In either case be sure to justify your answer with the definition of continuity)

Solution:

(a) If we try to evaluate the function at the given point, we obtain $0/0$, an indeterminate form. So, more work is needed.

If we consider the path where $x = 0$, then as $(0, y) \rightarrow (0, 1)$, we have

$$\frac{xy}{x + (y-1)^2} = \frac{0}{(y-1)^2} = 0 \rightarrow 0.$$

If we instead consider the path $y = 1$, then as $(x, 1) \rightarrow (0, 1)$, we have

$$\frac{xy}{x + (y-1)^2} = \frac{x}{x} = 1 \rightarrow 1.$$

Since the function approaches different values as (x, y) approaches $(0, 1)$ along different paths, then the limit **does not exist**.

- (b) We need $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (-4,1)} f(x,y) = f(-4,1) = c$. So, we will evaluate the limit, which is a 0/0-indeterminate form. Note that the numerator is the difference of two squares.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (-4,1)} \frac{(2x+4)^2 - (y-5)^2}{2x-y+9} &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (-4,1)} \frac{(2x+4-y+5)(2x+4+y-5)}{2x-y+9} \\ &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (-4,1)} 2x+y-1 \\ &= 2(-4) + 1 - 1 \\ &= -8. \end{aligned}$$

So, we need $c = -8$.

4. Consider the function $f(x,y) = e^{x^2+2x+y^2-4y}$.

- (a) (9 points) Use Lagrange Multipliers to determine both the **absolute maximum value** and **absolute minimum value** of $f(x,y)$ when $x^2 + y^2 = 20$.
- (b) (3 points) Explain why the Extreme Value Theorem guarantees the existence of both absolute maximum and minimum values for $f(x,y)$ when $x^2 + y^2 \leq 20$.
- (c) (7 points) Determine the **absolute maximum value** and **absolute minimum value** of $f(x,y)$ when $x^2 + y^2 \leq 20$.

Solution:

- (a) We see that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = (2x+2)e^{x^2+2x+y^2-4y} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = (2y-4)e^{x^2+2x+y^2-4y}.$$

Our constraint is $g(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 = 20$. Note that

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 2x \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 2y.$$

We need to know which (x,y) -values will solve

$$\begin{aligned} (2x+2)e^{x^2+2x+y^2-4y} &= 2\lambda x \\ (2y-4)e^{x^2+2x+y^2-4y} &= 2\lambda y \\ x^2 + y^2 &= 20. \end{aligned}$$

If $x = 0$, then the first equation would yield a contradiction. Likewise, if $y = 0$, then the first equation would yield a contradiction.

We may assume x and y are nonzero. If we solve the first two equations for λ and equate, we have

$$\frac{2x+2}{2x} e^{x^2+2x+y^2-4y} = \frac{2y-4}{2y} e^{x^2+2x+y^2-4y},$$

which simplifies to $y = -2x$. If we apply this to the third equation, we have

$$20 = x^2 + y^2 = x^2 + (-2x)^2 = 5x^2,$$

which has solutions $x = \pm 2$. Since $y = -2x$, the two points to check are $(-2, 4)$ and $(2, -4)$:

$$f(-2, 4) = e^{4-4+16-16} = e^0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad f(2, -4) = e^{4+4+16+16} = e^{40}.$$

So, the absolute maximum and minimum values of f when $x^2 + y^2 = 20$ are e^{40} and 1, respectively.

(b) Since $f(x, y)$ is **continuous** (because it is an exponential composed with a polynomial) on the given region and the given region is both **closed** and **bounded**, then the hypotheses of the Extreme Value Theorem are satisfied.

(c) First, we must find any critical points. But, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$ given $x = -1$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$ gives $y = 2$. So, the only critical point is $(-1, 2)$, which does lie in the given region since $(-1)^2 + 2^2 = 5 \leq 20$.

We see that

$$f(-1, 2) = e^{1-2+4-8} = e^{-5}.$$

Combined with the extrema on the boundary of the region, we see that the absolute maximum and minimum values of f when $x^2 + y^2 \leq 20$ are e^{40} and e^{-5} , respectively.