

Math 261, Lecture 19, 10/3/18

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Today: §14.8 (begin)

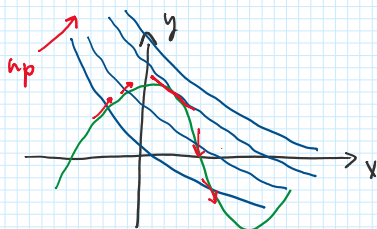
## §14.8 Lagrange Multipliers

↳ Absolute Maxima/Minima

$z = f(x, y)$  surface  
maximize/minimize on a region



Method of Finding Abs Max/Min on  
a constraint curve.



$z = f(x, y)$  surface

$c = g(x, y)$   
↳ constraint curve

tangent to curve parallel  
to tangent to level curve  
 $k = f(x, y)$   
for  $k$  to be a max/min value

How do we implement?

tangents in "same direction" is the same as  
gradients in "same direction"

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \lambda \vec{\nabla} g$$

↑ baby lambda,  $\Lambda$  big Lambda

Goal. Solve this subject to  $c = g(x, y)$ .

Ex.  $f(x, y) = x^2 y$  Max/Min with respect to  
constraint  $2x^4 + y^4 = 3$

$$3 = g(x, y) = 2x^2 + y^2$$

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \lambda \vec{\nabla} g$$

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle 2xy, x^2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{\nabla} g = \langle g_x, g_y \rangle = \langle 4x, 2y \rangle$$

$$LM \quad \begin{cases} 2xy = 4\lambda x \rightarrow x=0, & \begin{matrix} x \neq 0 \\ 2y = 4\lambda \\ y = 2\lambda \end{matrix} \\ x^2 = 2\lambda y & \leftarrow x^2 = 2\lambda \cdot 2\lambda = 4\lambda^2 \\ 2x^2 + y^2 = 3 & \leftarrow x = \pm 2\lambda \end{cases}$$

$$x=0, \quad 2(0)^2 + y^2 = 3 \\ y = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

$$(0, \pm\sqrt{3})$$

$$(\pm 1, 1) \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(\pm 1, -1) \quad \lambda = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$2(\pm 2\lambda)^2 + (2\lambda)^2 = 3$$

$$8\lambda^2 + 4\lambda^2 = 3$$

$$12\lambda^2 = 3, \quad \lambda^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\lambda = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$(0, \pm\sqrt{3}) = 0^2 \pm\sqrt{3} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Max}$$

$$(\pm 1, 1) = (\pm 1)^2 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$(\pm 1, -1) = (\pm 1)^2 \cdot (-1) = -1 \quad \leftarrow \text{Min}$$

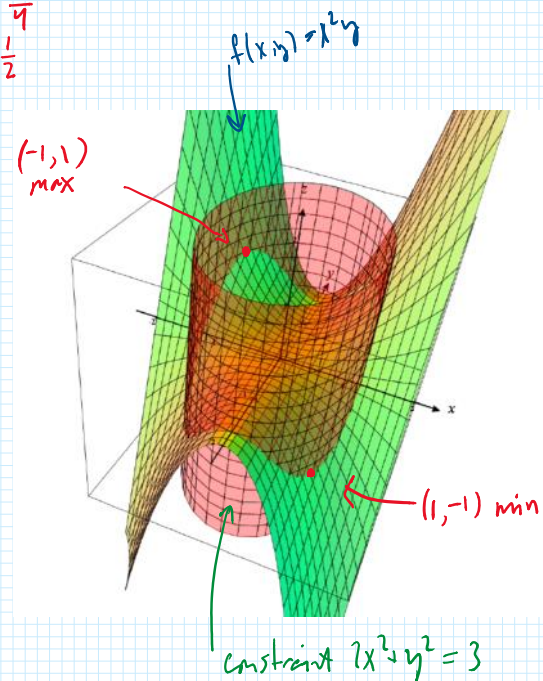
Ex.  $x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 = 6$  ellipsoid. Find the pts of max/min distance on the ellipsoid to  $(-1, 1, 0)$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} f(x, y, z) &= d^2(x, y, z) = (x+1)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z-0)^2 \\ g(x, y, z) &= x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 = 6 \quad \text{constraint.} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \lambda \vec{\nabla} g$$

$$LM \quad \begin{cases} 2(x+1) = 2\lambda x \\ 2(y-1) = 2\lambda y \\ 2z = 6\lambda z \rightarrow z=0, & \begin{matrix} z \neq 0 \\ \lambda = 1/3 \end{matrix} \\ x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 = 6 \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{3} \quad 1/(x+1) = \frac{2}{3}x \sim \frac{1}{3}x + 1 = 0$$



$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 6$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{3} \quad \begin{aligned} 2(x+1) &= \frac{2}{3}x \leadsto \frac{4}{3}x + 2 = 0 \\ &\leadsto x = -3/2 \\ 2(y-1) &= \frac{2}{3}y \leadsto y = 3/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + 3z^2 = 6$$

$$\frac{9}{2} + 3z^2 = 6$$

$$3z^2 = \frac{3}{2}, \quad z = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$\left(-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  are test pts

$$z = 0 \quad \begin{cases} 2(x+1) = 2\lambda x \leadsto x+1 = \lambda x \text{ or } x = \frac{-1}{1-\lambda} \\ 2(y-1) = 2\lambda y \leadsto y-1 = \lambda y \text{ or } y = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \\ x^2 + y^2 = 6 \end{cases}$$

Sub  $\lambda$  to here

$$\left(\frac{-1}{1-\lambda}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{1-\lambda}\right)^2 = 6$$

$$\frac{1}{(1-\lambda)^2} + \frac{1}{(1-\lambda)^2} = 6$$

$$\frac{1}{(1-\lambda)^2} = 3 \text{ or } (1-\lambda)^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\lambda = 1 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

so  $x = \frac{-1}{1-\lambda} = \pm \sqrt{3}$

$$y = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} = \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$(-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}, 0)$  and  $(\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}, 0)$  are test pts

$$f(x, y, z) = (x+1)^2 + (y-1)^2 + z^2$$

$$f\left(-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = 1 \text{ min}$$

$$f(-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}, 0) = (1-\sqrt{3})^2 + (\sqrt{3}-1)^2 + 0^2 = 2(2\sqrt{3}-2) \approx 2.92820$$

$$f(\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}, 0) = (\sqrt{3}+1)^2 + (-\sqrt{3}-1)^2 + 0^2 = 2(4+2\sqrt{3}) \approx 14.92820 \text{ max}$$