

Instructions. Show all work, with clear logical steps. No work or hard-to-follow work will lose points.

Problem 1. (4 points) Find the maximum value of the function

$$f(x, y) = e^{8xy}$$

subject to the constraint $x^2 + y^2 = 100$. Assume x and y are both positive.

Solution. This was Example 1 from Lesson 25. Here $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 = 100$. Using Lagrange multipliers, we have

$$f_x = 8ye^{8xy} = \lambda 2x = \lambda g_x \quad (1)$$

$$f_y = 8xe^{8xy} = \lambda 2y = \lambda g_y \quad (2)$$

$$g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 = 100 \quad (3)$$

Solving (1) for λ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda 2x &= 8ye^{8xy} \\ \lambda &= \frac{4}{x}ye^{8xy}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that we are allowed to divide by x because $x > 0$ by assumption (in particular, $x \neq 0$). Plugging this into λ in (2),

$$\begin{aligned} 8xe^{8xy} &= \lambda 2y \\ 8xe^{8xy} &= \frac{4}{x}ye^{8xy}2y \\ 8x &= \frac{8}{x}y^2 \\ x^2 &= y^2. \end{aligned}$$

Now we use (3):

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= 100 \\ x^2 + x^2 &= 100 \\ 2x^2 &= 100 \\ x^2 &= 50. \end{aligned}$$

Since x and y are both positive (by assumption), $x^2 = y^2$ implies that $x = y$. Since we found that $x^2 = 50$, this means that $xy = 50$. Thus the maximum value of f is $e^{8 \cdot 50} = e^{400}$. \square

Problem 2. (6 points) A rectangular box with a square base is to be constructed from material that costs \$5/ft² for the bottom, \$3/ft² for the top and \$5/ft² for the sides. Find the box of greatest volume that can be constructed for \$167. Round your answer to 2 decimals.

Solution. Let x be the length of the sides of the base and y the height of the box. Then we have an equation for cost

$$C(x, y) = \underbrace{3x^2}_{\text{top}} + \underbrace{5x^2}_{\text{bottom}} + \underbrace{4 \cdot 5xy}_{\text{4 sides}}$$

$$C(x, y) = 8x^2 + 20xy = 167$$

This is our constraint, and we want to maximize $V = x^2y$. So we set $V_x = \lambda C_x$, $V_y = \lambda C_y$ and solve as usual.

$$V_x = 2xy = \lambda(16x + 20y) = \lambda C_y \quad (4)$$

$$V_y = x^2 = \lambda(20x) = \lambda C_x \quad (5)$$

Let's start with (4). We have

$$x^2 - 20\lambda x = 0$$

$$x(x - 20\lambda) = 0,$$

thus either $x = 0$ or $x = 20\lambda$. Well certainly $x \neq 0$ otherwise our box wouldn't hold much (having zero volume). So using $x = 20\lambda$ in (5),

$$2xy = \left(\frac{x}{20}\right)(16x + 20y)$$

$$40y = 16x + 20y$$

$$20y = 16x$$

$$y = \frac{4}{5}x$$

As we've mentioned, $x \neq 0$, so we have $y = \frac{4}{5}x$. Now using our cost equation,

$$8x^2 + 20xy = 167$$

$$8x^2 + 20x\left(\frac{4}{5}x\right) = 167$$

$$8x^2 + 16x^2 = 167$$

$$24x^2 = 167$$

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{167}{24}}.$$

So then $y = \frac{4}{5}\sqrt{167/24}$. And the maximum volume given the cost constraint is

$$V = \frac{4}{5} \left(\frac{167}{24}\right)^{3/2} \approx 14.68. \quad \square$$