

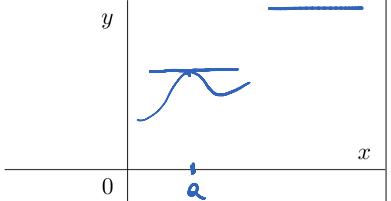


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14.7: Maximum and minimum values

Function $y = f(x)$	Function of two variables $z = f(x, y)$
<p>DEFINITION 1. A function $f(x)$ has a local maximum at $x = a$ if $f(a) \geq f(x)$ when x is near a (i.e. in a neighborhood of a). A function f has a local minimum at $x = a$ if $f(a) \leq f(x)$ when x is near a.</p> <p>If the inequalities in this definition hold for ALL points x in the domain of f, then f has an absolute max (or absolute min) at a</p> <p>If the graph of f has a tangent line at a local extremum, then the tangent line is horizontal: $f'(a) = 0$.</p> 	<p>DEFINITION 2. A function $f(x, y)$ has a <u>local</u> maximum at $(x, y) = (a, b)$ if $f(a, b) \geq f(x, y)$ when (x, y) is near (a, b) (i.e. in a neighborhood of (a, b)). A function f has a local minimum at $(x, y) = (a, b)$ if $f(a, b) \leq f(x, y)$ when (x, y) is near (a, b). or relative</p> <p>If the inequalities in this definition hold for ALL points (x, y) in the domain of f, then f has an absolute maximum (or absolute minimum) at (a, b).</p> <p>If the graph of f has a tangent plane at a local extremum, then the tangent PLANE is horizontal.</p> 

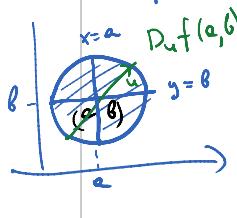
THEOREM 3. If f has a local extremum (that is, a local maximum or minimum) at (a, b) and the first-order partial derivatives exist there, then

$$f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0 \quad (\text{or, equivalently}, \nabla f(a, b) = 0) \quad \Leftrightarrow D_u f(a, b) = 0$$

Explanation: If f has a local max. at (a, b) then the function

$x \mapsto f(x, b)$ has a local max at $x = a \xrightarrow{\text{Calc 1}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a, b) = 0$

Similarly, the function $y \mapsto f(a, y)$ has a local max. at $y = b \xrightarrow{\text{Calc 1}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a, b) = 0$



DEFINITION 4. A point (a, b) such that $f_x(a, b) = 0$ and $f_y(a, b) = 0$, or one of these partial derivatives does not exist, is called a **critical point** of f .

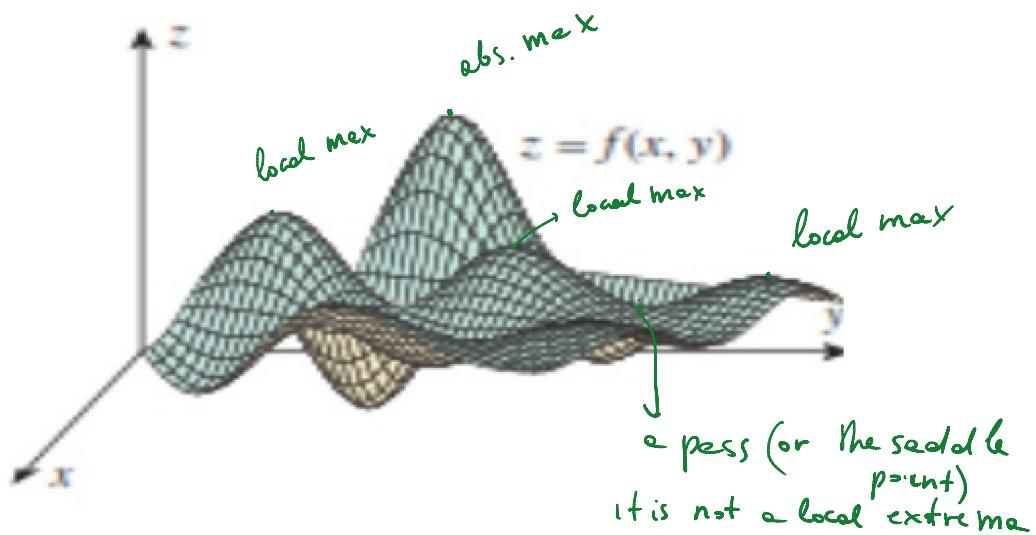
At a critical point, a function could have a local max or a local min, or neither.

DEFINITION. If at point (ω, ν) where both $\partial_x f(\omega, \nu) = 0$ and $\partial_y f(\omega, \nu) = 0$, or one of them derivatives does not exist, is called a **critical point** of f .

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We will be concerned with two important questions:

- Are there any local or absolute extrema?
- If so, where are they located?

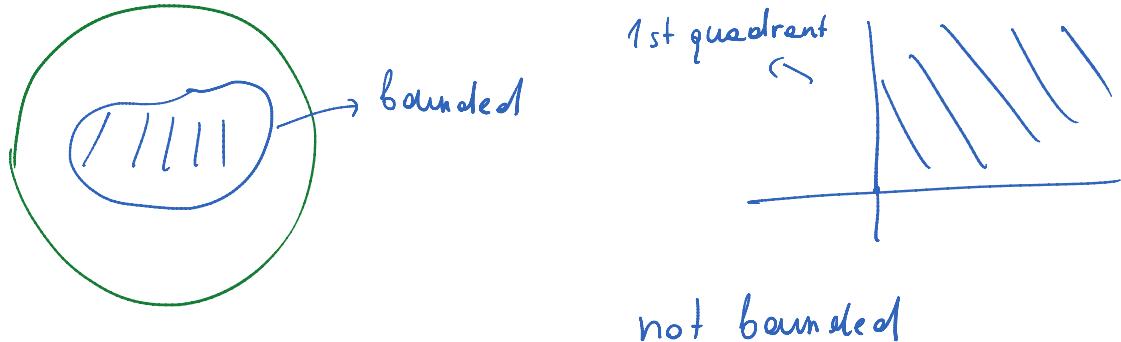


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in \mathbb{R}	in \mathbb{R}^2
closed interval $[a, b]$ 	closed set D_1 - contains boundary
open interval (a, b) 	open set D_2 strict ineq. without boundaries
end points of an interval	boundary points Notation: ∂D is the boundary of D

end points of an interval $x=a, x=b$	$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : a \leq x \leq b\}$ boundary points ∂D is the boundary of D $\partial D_1 = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$
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DEFINITION 5. A **bounded set** in \mathbb{R}^2 is one that contained in some disk.



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THE EXTREME VALUE THEOREM:

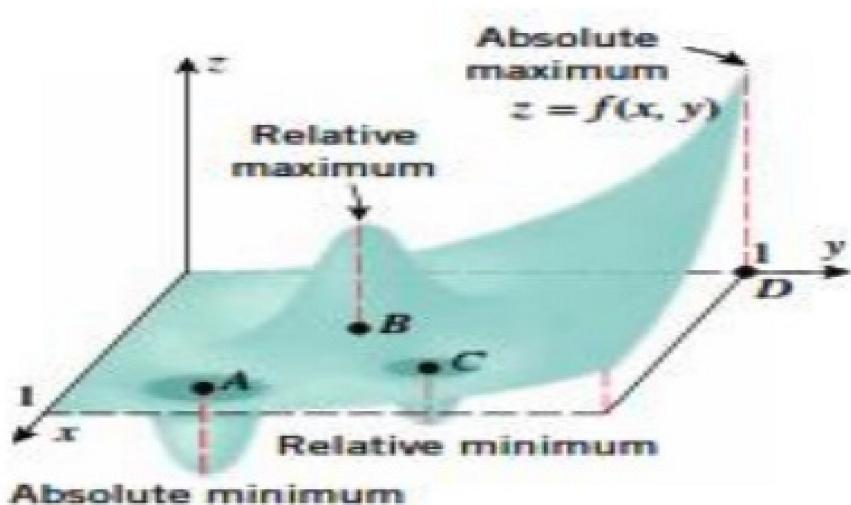
Function $y = f(x)$

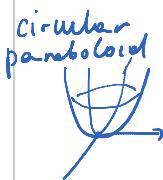
If f is continuous on a closed interval $[a, b]$, then f attains an absolute maximum value $f(x_1)$ and an absolute minimum value $f(x_2)$ at some points x_1 and x_2 in $[a, b]$.

Function of two variables $z = f(x, y)$

If f is continuous on a closed bounded set D in \mathbb{R}^2 , then f attains an absolute maximum value $f(x_1, y_1)$ and an absolute minimum value $f(x_2, y_2)$ at some points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) in D .

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EXAMPLE 6. Find extreme values of $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$. (x)

	Local	Absolute
Maximum	none	none $\rightarrow f_x = 2x = 0 \Rightarrow (0, 0)$
Minimum	at $(0, 0)$	at $(0, 0)$

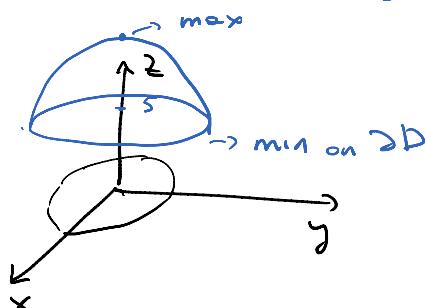
Domain:

EXAMPLE 7. Find extreme values of $f(x, y) = 5 + \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}$. $D = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$

	Local	Absolute
Maximum	at $(0, 0)$	at $(0, 0)$
Minimum	not inside ΔD	on the boundary ∂D

Domain: $D = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$

$(0, 0)$ is the only critical point
 $f(0, 0) = 0 \leq x^2 + y^2 = f(x, y)$ for every $(x, y) \Rightarrow (0, 0)$ is absolute maximum



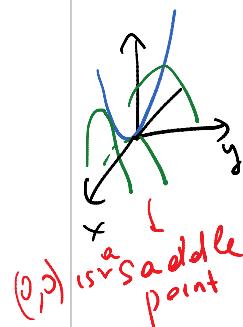
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EXAMPLE 8. Find extreme values of $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$. $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

	Local	Absolute
Maximum	none	none
Minimum	none	none

Domain:



$f_x = 2x = 0 \Rightarrow (0, 0)$ is the only critical point, but it is neither local minimum nor local maximum

$f(x, 0) = x^2$ has a local min at $x=0$
 $f(0, y) = -y^2$ has a local max at $y=0$

REMARK 9. Example 8 illustrates so called saddle point of f . Note that the graph of f crosses its tangent plane at (a, b) .

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM VALUES on a closed bounded set.

THE EXTREME VALUE THEOREM:

To find the absolute maximum and minimum values of a continuous function f on a closed interval $[a, b]$:

- Find the values of f at the critical points of f in (a, b) .
- Find the values of f at the endpoints of the interval.

To find the absolute max and min values of a continuous function f on a closed bounded set D :

- Find the values of f at the critical points of f in D .
 $f_x = 0, f_y = 0$ in D
- Find the extreme values of f on the boundary of D . (This usually involves either the Calculus I approach or the Lagrange multipliers method of section 14.8 for this work.)

Evaluating the values of f at the endpoints of the interval.

3. The largest of the values from steps 1&2 is the absolute max value; the smallest of the values from steps 1&2 is the absolute min value.

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- The quantity to be maximized/minimized is expressed in terms of variables (as few as possible!)
- Any constraints that are presented in the problem are used to reduce the number of variables to the point they are independent,
- After computing partial derivatives and setting them equal to zero you get purely algebraic problem (but it may be hard.)
- Sort out extreme values to answer the original question.

EXAMPLE 10. A lamina occupies the region $D = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 3, -2 \leq y \leq 4 - 2x\}$. The temperature at each point of the lamina is given by

$$T(x, y) = 4(x^2 + xy + 2y^2 - 3x + 2y) + 10.$$

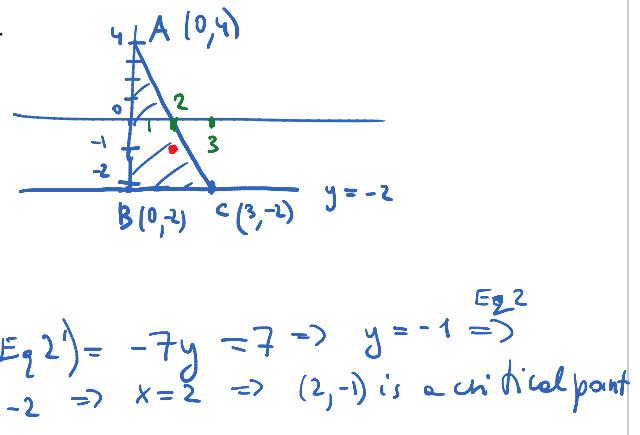
Find the hottest and coldest points of the lamina.

- 1) Sketch the region
 - 2) Find critical points inside D
- $$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 4(2x + y - 3) = 0$$
- $$\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 4(x + 4y + 2) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x + y = 3 & (\text{Eq 1}) \\ x + 4y = -2 & (\text{Eq 2}) \end{cases} \times 2$$

$$2x + 8y = -4 & (\text{Eq 2'})$$

Is $(2, -1)$ in D ? Yes (from sketch). Analytically: $0 \leq 2 \leq 3$, $-2 \leq -1 \leq 4 - 2 \cdot 2$ ✓



$$2x + 8y = -4 \quad (\text{Eq 2})$$

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$$T(2, -1) = 4(4 - 2 + 2 - 6 - 2) + 10 = -16 + 10 = -6$$

3) Describe the boundary $\partial D = \overline{AB} \cup \overline{BC} \cup \overline{AC}$

4) Calculate T at each vertex: $T(A) = T(0, 4) = 4(32 + 8) + 10 = 170$

$$T(x, y) = 4(x^2 + xy + 2y^2 - 3x + 2y) + 10 \quad T(B) = T(0, -2) = 4(8 - 4) + 10 = 26$$

$$T(C) = T(3, -2) = 4(8 - 6 + 8 - 8 - 4) + 10 = -8 + 10 = 2$$

5) Find critical points inside each edge by parametrizing them

\overline{AB}

$$x=0, y=t, -2 \leq t \leq 4$$

$$\text{Plug in } T \quad T_1(t) = 4(2t^2 + 2t) + 10$$

\overline{BC}

$$x=t, y=-2, 0 \leq t \leq 3$$

$$T(t, -2) = 4(t^2 - 2t + 8) - T_2(t) = 4(t^2 - \frac{3t}{2} - 4) + 10 = 4(t^2 - \frac{5t}{2} + 4) + 10$$

$$\overline{AC} = \{(x, y) : y = 4 - 2x, 0 \leq x \leq 3\}$$

$$x=t, y=4-2t, 0 \leq t \leq 3$$

$$T(t, 4-2t) = 4(t^2 + t(4-2t)) + T_3(t) + 2(4-2t)^2 - 3t + 2(4-2t) + 10 = 4(7t^2 - 35t + 40) + 10$$

In each of 3 cases use Calc 1: Solve $\frac{dT_i(t)}{dt} = 0$

$i = 1, 2, 3$ in the corresp. open intervals

$$\frac{dT_1}{dt} = 4(4t+2) = 0 \Rightarrow t = -\frac{1}{2} \in (-2, 4) \quad \text{v}$$

$$\frac{dT_2}{dt} = 4(2t-5) = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{5}{2} \in (0, 3) \quad \text{v}$$

$$\frac{dT_3}{dt} = 4(14t-35) = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{35}{14} = \frac{5}{2} \in (0, 3)$$

Calculate the corresp. values

$$T_1(-\frac{1}{2}) = 4(2 \cdot -\frac{1}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}) + 10 = 8 \quad T(0, -\frac{1}{2})$$

$$T_2(\frac{5}{2}) = 4(\frac{25}{4} - \frac{25}{2} + 4) + 10 = T(\frac{5}{2}, -2) = -25 + 16 + 10 = -1 \quad T(\frac{5}{2}, 4 - 2 \cdot \frac{5}{2})$$

Comparing all 7 values: $T_{\max} = 170$ (at $(0, 4)$) and $T_{\min} = -6$ (at $(2, -1)$)

Local/Relative Extrema

Second derivatives test:

Suppose f'' is continuous near a and $f'(c) = 0$ (i.e. a is a critical point).

- If $f''(c) > 0$ then $f(c)$ is a local minimum.
- If $f''(c) < 0$ then $f(c)$ is a local maximum.

Suppose that the second partial derivatives of f are continuous near (a, b) and $\nabla f(a, b) = \mathbf{0}$ (i.e. (a, b) is a critical point).

Let $D = D(a, b) = f_{xx}(a, b)f_{yy}(a, b) - [f_{xy}(a, b)]^2$

- If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$ then $f(a, b)$ is a local minimum.
or $f_{yy}(a, b) > 0$
- If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$ then $f(a, b)$ is a local maximum.
or $f_{yy}(a, b) < 0$
- If $D < 0$ then $f(a, b)$ is not a local extremum (saddle point).

- If $f''(c) < 0$ then $f(c)$ is a local maximum.
- If $\mathcal{D} > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$ then $f(a, b)$ is a local maximum.
or $f_{yy}(a, b) < 0$

- If $\mathcal{D} < 0$ then $f(a, b)$ is not a local extremum (saddle point).

NOTE:

- If $f''(c) = 0$, then the test gives no information.

If $\mathcal{D} = 0$ or does not exist, then the test gives no information. fails.

To remember formula for \mathcal{D} :

$$\mathcal{D} = f_{xx}f_{yy} - [f_{xy}]^2 = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix}$$

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Sketch of the proof of the Second Derivative test

$$g(t) = f(a + th, b + tk)$$

$$g'(0) (= D(h, k) f(a, b)) = 0$$

$$g''(0) ? f_{xx}(a, b) h^2 + 2 f_{xy}(a, b) hk + f_{yy}(a, b) k^2 > 0 \text{ for every } (h, k) \neq 0$$

Chain rule || divide all by k^2 and let $s = \frac{h}{k}$

$f_{xx} s^2 + 2 f_{xy} s + f_{yy} \rightarrow \text{quadratic polynom. in } s$

$D = -\frac{1}{4}$ discriminant of this quadr. polynom.

EXAMPLE 11. Use the Second Derivative Test to confirm that a local cold point of the lamina in the previous Example is $(2, -1)$.

$$T_x = 4(2x+y-3) = 0 \quad \underset{\text{pkv. example}}{\Rightarrow} \quad (x, y) = (2, -1) \text{ is the only crit. point}$$

$$T_y = 4(x+4y+2) = 0$$

Use the second order test

$$T_{xx} = 8, \quad T_{xy} = 4$$

$$T_{yy} = 16$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} T_{xx} & T_{xy} \\ T_{xy} & T_{yy} \end{vmatrix} \Big|_{(2, -1)} = \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 4 & 16 \end{vmatrix} = 8 \cdot 16 - 16 = 7 \cdot 16 > 0$$

local extremum

$T_{xx} = 8 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{local minimum}$

EXAMPLE 12. Find the local maximum and minimum values and saddle point(s) of the function $f(x, y) = 4xy - x^4 - y^4$.

1. Find critical points

$$\begin{cases} f_x = 4y - 4x^3 = 0 \\ f_y = 4x - 4y^3 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y = x^3 \\ x = y^3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow y = (y^3)^3 = y^9$$

$$\begin{cases} f_x = 4y - 4x = 0 \\ f_y = 4x - 4y^3 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y = x \\ x = y^3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow y = (y^3) = y^3$$

$$y = y^3 \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{y^3 - y}_\text{factor it} = 0 \Leftrightarrow y(y^2 - 1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow y(y^2 - 1)(y^2 + 1) = y(y^2 - 1)(y^2 + 1)(y^2 + 1) =$$

$$= y(y-1)(y+1)(y^2+1) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{either } y = 0 \\ x = y^3 \rightarrow x = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{or } y = 1 \\ x = 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{or } y = -1 \\ x = -1 \end{array}$$

There are 3 crit. points $(0,0)$, $(1,1)$ & $(-1,-1)$

2. Find second derivatives

$$f_{xx} = -12x^2$$

$$f_{xy} = 4$$

$$f_{yy} = -12y^2$$

3. Apply the second derivative test

	$(0,0)$	$(1,1)$	$(-1,-1)$
$f_{xx} = -12x^2$	0	-12 < 0	-12 < 0
$f_{xy} = 4$	4	4	4
$f_{yy} = -12y^2$	0	-12	-12
$D = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -16 < 0$ saddle point	$\begin{vmatrix} -12 & 4 \\ 4 & -12 \end{vmatrix} = 144 - 16 > 0$ local maximum	$\begin{vmatrix} -12 & 4 \\ 4 & -12 \end{vmatrix} = 144 - 16 > 0$ local maximum