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Be sure to show your work!

1. (10 points) Let $f(x, y) = x^2 + 4y^2$.

- (a) Write down a general equation for the level
- curves
- /
- surfaces**
- of
- f
- (circle the correct term).

Answer: $x^2 + 4y^2 = C$ (where C is some constant).

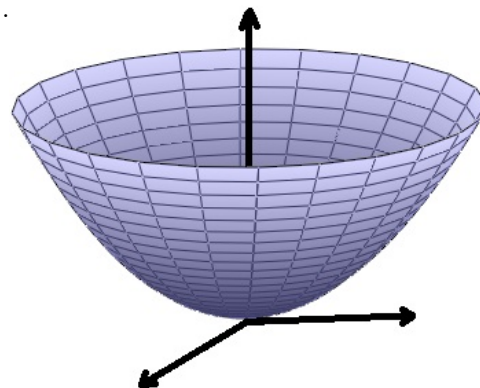
Briefly describe these level things.

For $C > 0$ these are ellipses (centered at the origin). For $C = 0$ this is just the origin itself. For $C < 0$ the level curves are empty.

- (b) Write down the equation of the trace of
- $z = x^2 + 4y^2$
- in the
- xz
- plane.

The equation for the xz -plane is $y = 0$. So the trace is $z = x^2 + 4(0^2)$.**Answer:** $z = x^2$

- (c) Make a rough sketch of
- $z = x^2 + 4y^2$
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2. (10 points) Consider x and y as independent variables and z as a dependent variable where $5x + xy^2 + ze^{3x+y} = 10$. Using the formulas for implicit differentiation, compute both $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$.Set $F(x, y, z) = 5x + xy^2 + ze^{3x+y}$ so that $F(x, y, z) = 10$.

$$F_x = 5 + y^2 + 3ze^{3x+y} \quad F_y = 2xy + ze^{3x+y} \quad F_z = e^{3x+y}$$

Answer: $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = -\frac{5 + y^2 + 3ze^{3x+y}}{e^{3x+y}}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = -\frac{2xy + ze^{3x+y}}{e^{3x+y}}$

3. (10 points) Take it to the limit.

- (a) Show
- $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2}{xy + yz + xz}$
- does not exist.

We can establish that this limit does not exist by finding 2 curves through the origin which when plugged into the above expression yield different limits.

For example, we could use $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, t, t \rangle$ (notice $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ as required).

Along this path we get: $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2 + 2t^2 + 3t^2}{t^2 + t^2 + t^2} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{6t^2}{3t^2} = 2$.

We can also approach the origin along $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, t, 0 \rangle$ (again $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ as required).

Along this path we get: $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2 + 2t^2 + 3(0^2)}{t^2 + 0 + 0} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{3t^2}{t^2} = 3$.

Since $2 \neq 3$ (we approach different limits along different paths), this limit does not exist.

- (b) Show
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{3x^2 + 3y^2 + 5y^4}{x^2 + y^2}$
- exists (and find the limit). [Hint: Polar coordinates.]

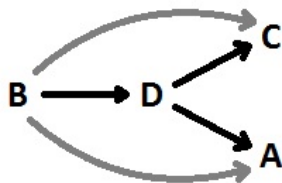
Recall that $x = r \cos(\theta)$, $y = r \sin(\theta)$, and so $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$. Also, $(0, \theta)$ represents the origin (no matter what angle θ is chosen).

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{3x^2 + 3y^2 + 5y^4}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{(r,\theta) \rightarrow (0,\theta)} \frac{3r^2 + 5r^4 \sin^4(\theta)}{r^2} = \lim_{(r,\theta) \rightarrow (0,\theta)} 3 + 5r^2 \sin^4(\theta) = \boxed{3}$$

4. (8 points) Consider the following statements:

- A) The partial derivatives of $f(x, y)$ exist at $(x, y) = (a, b)$.
- B) The partial derivatives of $f(x, y)$ are continuous at $(x, y) = (a, b)$.
- C) $f(x, y)$ is continuous at $(x, y) = (a, b)$.
- D) $f(x, y)$ is differentiable at $(x, y) = (a, b)$.

Write A, B, C, and D and draw arrows indicating implications between statements.



If partials are continuous, then the function is differentiable. [Thus $B \implies D$]
 If a function is differentiable, then by definition its partials exist. [Thus $D \implies A$]
 If a function is differentiable, then it must be continuous. [Thus $D \implies C$]
 The arrows in gray follow by transitivity (i.e. if X implies Y and Y implies Z , then X implies Z). I did not take off points if these arrow were neglected.

5. 10 points Let $f(x, y) = x^2y^2 + 3x^2 - 2y + 1$.

- (a) Find ∇f (the gradient of f) and H_f (the Hessian matrix of f).

$$\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle 2xy^2 + 6x, 2x^2y - 2 \rangle \quad H_f = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2y^2 + 6 & 4xy \\ 4xy & 2x^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Find the quadratic approximation of f centered at $(x, y) = (-1, 2)$.

$$f(-1, 2) = 4, \nabla f(-1, 2) = \langle -14, 2 \rangle, \text{ and } H_f(-1, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & -8 \\ -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q(x, y) = 4 + \langle -14, 2 \rangle \bullet \langle x + 1, y - 2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x + 1 & y - 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & -8 \\ -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x + 1 \\ y - 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{OR equivalently}$$

$$Q(x, y) = 4 - 14(x + 1) + 2(y - 2) + \frac{1}{2}(14)(x + 1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(-8)(x + 1)(y - 2) - \frac{1}{2}(-8)(x + 1)(y - 2) + \frac{1}{2}(2)(y - 2)^2$$

- (c) Is $(-1, 2)$ a critical point of f ? Why or why not?

No. $\nabla f(-1, 2) = \langle -14, 2 \rangle \neq \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ (At a critical point, either one of the partials does not exist, or both are zero.)

6. (10 points) Suppose that $z = f(x, y)$, $x = u + v$, and $y = u - v$. Use the chain rule to show that

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2$$

First, the chain rule gives us...

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot 1 + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot 1 + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot (-1)$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2$$

7. (10 points) Let $f(x, y) = x^3y - 2y + 1$.

(a) Find the directional derivative of f at the point $(-1, 2)$ in the direction $\mathbf{v} = \langle 2, 1 \rangle$.

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 3x^2y, x^3 - 2 \rangle \text{ and so } \nabla f(-1, 2) = \langle 6, -3 \rangle.$$

Notice that \mathbf{v} is not a unit vector, so to compute the directional derivative we must normalize \mathbf{v} : $\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{\langle 2, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{5}}$

$$\textbf{Answer: } D_{\mathbf{u}}f(-1, 2) = \langle 6, -3 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 2, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{5}} = \boxed{\frac{9}{\sqrt{5}}}$$

(b) What is the minimum value of $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(-1, 2)$?

$$\textbf{Answer: } \text{The minimum value of } D_{\mathbf{u}}f(-1, 2) \text{ is } -|\nabla f(-1, 2)| = -|\langle 6, -3 \rangle| = -\sqrt{45} = \boxed{-3\sqrt{5}}.$$

[The minimum value occurs when $\mathbf{u} = -\nabla f(-1, 2)/|\nabla f(-1, 2)| = \langle -2, 1 \rangle/\sqrt{5}$ (the negative gradient direction).]

8. (12 points) Find and classify (determine if each is a relative min, relative max, or saddle point) the critical points of $f(x, y) = x^3 + \frac{3}{2}y^4 - 3xy^2$. [Hint: There are 3 points.]

$\nabla f = \langle 3x^2 - 3y^2, 6y^3 - 6xy \rangle$. So in order to get a critical point we must have $3x^2 - 3y^2 = 0$ and $6y^3 - 6xy = 0$. The first equation tells us that $x^2 = y^2$ and so $x = \pm y$. The second equation tells us that $y^3 = xy$. So either $y = 0$ (and thus $x = 0$) or $y \neq 0$ and so $y^2 = x$. But $y^2 = x^2$. Therefore, $x^2 = x$ and so $x = 0$ (already found this one) or $x = 1$. If $x = 1$, then $y = \pm x = \pm 1$. Finally, notice that both $(1, 1)$ and $(1, -1)$ are indeed solutions of the original equations. Thus our critical points are $(0, 0)$, $(1, 1)$, and $(1, -1)$.

To classify these points we should compute the Hessian of f : $H_f = \begin{bmatrix} 6x & -6y \\ -6y & 18y^2 - 6x \end{bmatrix}$.

$$H_f(1, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -6 \\ -6 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \text{ whose determinant is } 6(12) - (-6)^2 > 0.$$

Noting the positive entries on the diagonal we conclude that this is a relative minimum.

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Noting the positive entries on the diagonal we conclude that this is a relative minimum.

$$H_f(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ whose determinant is } 0. \text{ In this case our test does not apply.}$$

Answer: $(1, \pm 1)$ are local minima and our test does not apply to $(0, 0)$.

Note: Not that I really asked for it but... Consider the trace in the xz -plane ($y = 0$), $f(x, 0) = x^3$. This cubic has an inflection point at $x = 0$. So we can see that $(0, 0)$ is not a local min or max. It is a saddle point of sorts.

9. (10 points) Let $xyz + x + 2y + 3z = 4$. Find the tangent plane to this surface at the point $(x, y, z) = (-2, 3, 0)$.

Let $F(x, y, z) = xyz + x + 2y + 3z$. Then our surface can be viewed as the level surface $F(x, y, z) = 4$, so $\nabla F(-2, 3, 0)$ will give us a normal for our tangent plane. $\nabla F = \langle yz + 1, xz + 2, xy + 3 \rangle$ and so $\nabla F(-2, 3, 0) = \langle 1, 2, -3 \rangle$. Thus $1(x + 2) + 3(y - 3) - 3(z - 0) = 0$ is an equation for the tangent plane.

Answer: $x + 2y - 3z = 4$

10. (10 points) Consider $f(x, y, z) = x^2y^3 + 6z$ subject to the constraint $xyz + x^2 + y^2 = 5$. Suppose we wished to find the maximum and minimum values of f subject to this constraint using the method of Lagrange multipliers. Find the equations which we would need to solve. *Note:* List **all** of the equations. Your answer should consist of scalar equations (no vector equations please). Finally, do **not** attempt to solve these equations!! (It will only end in tears.)

$\nabla f = \langle 2xy^3, 3x^2y^2, 6 \rangle$. Let $g(x, y, z) = xyz + x^2 + y^2$ so that $g(x, y, z) = 5$ is our constraint. Then $\nabla g = \langle yz + 2x, xz + 2y, xy \rangle$. The Lagrange multiplier equations are: $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ and $g(x, y, z) = 5$. So we have:

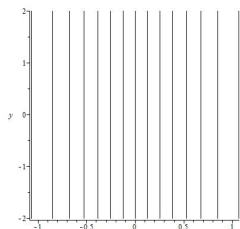
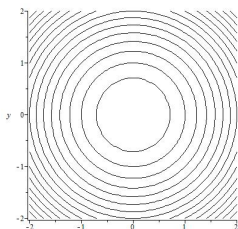
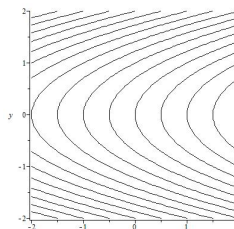
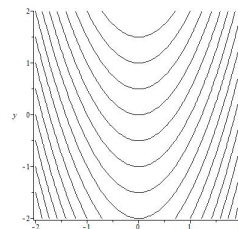
$$2xy^3 = \lambda(yz + 2x), \quad 3x^2y^2 = \lambda(xz + 2y), \quad 6 = \lambda xy, \quad \text{and} \quad xyz + x^2 + y^2 = 5$$

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1. (10 points) Graphing

(a) Match each contour plots (plots of level curves) to its function.

**A****B****C****D**

$$\boxed{\text{C}} \quad f(x, y) = y^2 - x$$

$$\boxed{\text{D}} \quad f(x, y) = y - x^2$$

$$\boxed{\text{B}} \quad f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\boxed{\text{A}} \quad f(x, y) = \sin(x)$$

The level curves of $f(x, y) = y^2 - x$ are $y^2 - x = C$ and so $x = y^2 - C$ (these are parabolas opening to the right).

The level curves of $f(x, y) = y - x^2$ are $y - x^2 = C$ and so $y = x^2 + C$ (these are parabolas opening upward).

The level curves of $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ are $x^2 + y^2 = C$ (circles).

The level curves of $f(x, y) = \sin(x)$ are $\sin(x) = C$ so x is constant (these are vertical lines).

(b) Write down a general equation for the level surfaces of $g(x, y, z) = (x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 + (z - 3)^2$.

$$(x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 + (z - 3)^2 = C \text{ for some constant } C.$$

Briefly describe these level surfaces:

If $C > 0$, then these are spheres centered at $(1, 2, 3)$. If $C = 0$, then the surface is just the point $(1, 2, 3)$. If $C < 0$, then the surface is empty.

2. (10 points) Consider x and y as independent variables and z as a dependent variable where

$xyz + \sin(3x + yz) + 7x = 12$. Using the formulas for implicit differentiation, compute both $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$.

Set $F(x, y, z) = xyz + \sin(3x + yz) + 7x$ so that $F(x, y, z) = 12$.

$$F_x = yz + 3 \cos(3x + yz) + 7 \quad F_y = xz + z \cos(3x + yz) \quad F_z = xy + y \cos(3x + yz)$$

$$\text{Answer:} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = -\frac{yz + 3 \cos(3x + yz) + 7}{xy + y \cos(3x + yz)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = -\frac{xz + z \cos(3x + yz)}{xy + y \cos(3x + yz)}$$

3. (10 points) A Problem of Continuity.

(a) The function $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y^2} & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$ is not continuous at the origin. Show this is the case.

For f to be continuous at the origin, $f(0, 0)$ must be defined (it is $f(0, 0) = 0$), the limit at the origin must exist (it turns out that it does *not*), and the limit and function value must match.

If we approach the origin along the diagonal line $y = x$, we get $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xx}{x^2 + x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2}{2x^2} = 1$. Since this does not approach the function's value $f(0, 0) = 0$, f cannot be continuous at the origin.

[Alternatively, we could show that along the x and y axes, f approaches 0 and so since $0 \neq 1$ the limit at the origin does not exist. Thus f is not continuous at the origin.]

- (b) The function $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2x^2y}{x^2 + y^2} & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$ is continuous at the origin. Show this is the case.

[Hint: Polar coordinates.]

Recall that $x = r \cos(\theta)$, $y = r \sin(\theta)$, and so $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$. Also, recall that (r, θ) approaches $(0, \theta)$ (for any choice of θ) as (x, y) approach the origin.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2x^2y}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{(r,\theta) \rightarrow (0,\theta)} \frac{2r^2 \cos^2(\theta) r \sin(\theta)}{r^2} = \lim_{(r,\theta) \rightarrow (0,\theta)} 2r \cos^2(\theta) \sin(\theta) = 0 = f(0, 0)$$

Since the limit at the origin exists and matches the function's value, it is continuous at the origin.

[Note that the formula for f away from the origin is the ratio of two continuous functions (in fact polynomials) and the denominator is zero (away from the origin). Thus f is continuous everywhere.]

4. (8 points) Consider the following statements:

- A) The partial derivatives of $f(x, y)$ exist at $(x, y) = (a, b)$.
- B) The partial derivatives of $f(x, y)$ are continuous at $(x, y) = (a, b)$.
- C) $f(x, y)$ is continuous at $(x, y) = (a, b)$.
- D) $f(x, y)$ is differentiable at $(x, y) = (a, b)$.

Write A, B, C, and D and draw arrows indicating implications between statements.

See Section 101's Answer Key.

5. (10 points) Let $f(x, y) = x^3y + 2y^2 - x + 1$.

- (a) Find ∇f (the gradient of f) and H_f (the Hessian matrix of f).

$$\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle 3x^2y - 1, x^3 + 4y \rangle \quad H_f = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6xy & 3x^2 \\ 3x^2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Find the quadratic approximation of f centered at $(x, y) = (1, -2)$.

$$f(1, -2) = 6, \nabla f(1, -2) = \langle -7, -7 \rangle, \text{ and } H_f = \begin{bmatrix} -12 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q(x, y) = 6 + \langle -7, -7 \rangle \bullet \langle x - 1, y + 2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x - 1 & y + 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -12 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x - 1 \\ y + 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{OR equivalently}$$

$$Q(x, y) = 6 - 7(x - 1) - 7(y + 2) + \frac{1}{2}(-12)(x - 1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(3)(x - 1)(y + 2) + \frac{1}{2}(3)(x - 1)(y + 2) + \frac{1}{2}(4)(y + 2)^2$$

- (c) Is $(-1, 2)$ a critical point of f ? Why or why not?

[Note: I meant to use the same point $(1, -2)$ as in the previous part, $(-1, 2)$ is essentially a typo.]

No. $\nabla f(-1, 2) = \langle 5, 7 \rangle \neq \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ (At a critical point, either one of the partials does not exist, or both are zero.)

6. (8 points) State the chain rule for $[z = f(x, y, z)]$ $w = f(x, y, z)$, $x = g(t)$, $y = h(t)$, and $z = k(t)$.

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} \quad \text{or} \quad w' = f_x x' + f_y y' + f_z z'$$

7. (10 points) Let $xy^2z^3 - 2x + y = 1$. Find the tangent plane to this surface at the point $(x, y, z) = (0, 1, -1)$.

Let $F(x, y, z) = xy^2z^3 - 2x + y$. Then our surface can be viewed as the level surface $F(x, y, z) = 1$, so $\nabla F(0, 1, -1)$ will give us a normal for our tangent plane. $\nabla F = \langle y^2z^3 - 2, 2xyz^3 + 1, 3xy^2z^2 \rangle$ and so $\nabla F(0, 1, -1) = \langle -3, 1, 0 \rangle$. Thus $-3(x - 0) + 1(y - 1) + 0(z + 1) = 0$ is an equation for the tangent plane.

Answer: $-3x + y = 1$

8. (10 points) Let $f(x, y) = x^2y^3 + 2$.

(a) Find the directional derivative of f at the point $(1, -1)$ in the direction $\mathbf{v} = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$.

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 2xy^3, 3x^2y^2 \rangle \text{ and so } \nabla f(1, -1) = \langle -2, 3 \rangle.$$

Notice that \mathbf{v} is not a unit vector, so to compute the directional derivative we must normalize \mathbf{v} : $\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{\langle 3, 4 \rangle}{5}$

$$\textbf{Answer: } D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = \langle -2, 3 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 3, 4 \rangle}{5} = \boxed{\frac{6}{5}}$$

(b) What is the maximum value of $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1)$?

$$\textbf{Answer: } \text{The maximum value of } D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) \text{ is } |\nabla f(1, -1)| = |\langle -2, 3 \rangle| = \boxed{\sqrt{13}}.$$

[The maximum value occurs when $\mathbf{u} = \nabla f(1, -1)/|\nabla f(1, -1)| = \langle -2, 3 \rangle/\sqrt{13}$ (the gradient direction).]

9. (12 points) Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the minimum and maximum **values** of $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ subject to the constraint $x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 = 12$.

Before beginning the problem it is interesting to note that a min and max must exist since we are constraining f to an ellipsoid (which is a compact – i.e. closed and bounded – set).

$\nabla f = \langle yz, xz, yx \rangle$ and if $g(x, y, z) = x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2$, then $\nabla g = \langle 2x, 8y, 2z \rangle$. So we have the following Lagrange multiplier equations (plus the constraint): $yz = \lambda 2x$, $xz = \lambda 8y$, $xy = \lambda 2z$, and $x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 = 12$.

The easiest way to tackle this system is *symmetrization*: multiply the first equation by x , the second by y , and the third by z and get: $xyz = 2x^2\lambda = 8y^2\lambda = 2z^2\lambda$. Thus $x^2 = z^2 = 4y^2$. So $12 = x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 = x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = 3x^2$ and so $x = \pm 2$. Similarly $z = \pm 2$ and $y = \pm 1$. We have 8 solutions: $(\pm 2, \pm 1, \pm 2)$ (allowing all possible sign choices).

Next, we should plug our “points of interest” into our objective function: $f(\pm 2, \pm 1, \pm 2) = (\pm 2)(\pm 1)(\pm 2) = \pm 4$.

Answer: The maximum and minimum values of f (subject to our constraint) are ± 4 .

10. (12 points) A critical question.

(a) Let $f(1, 2) = 0$, $f_x(1, 2) = -1$, $f_y(1, 2) = 0$, $f_{xx}(1, 2) = 5$, $f_{xy}(1, 2) = 3$, $f_{yx}(1, 2) = -2$, and $f_{yy}(1, 2) = 1$. Write down $\nabla f(1, 2)$ and $H_f(1, 2)$ (the gradient and Hessian of f at $(1, 2)$). Is $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ a critical point of f ? If not, why not? If so, what kind of critical point is this (relative minimum, relative maximum, saddle point, or not enough information)?

$$\nabla f(1, 2) = \langle -1, 0 \rangle \quad H_f(1, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1, 2) \text{ is } \underline{\text{not a critical point}} \text{ since } \nabla f(1, 2) \neq \langle 0, 0 \rangle$$

(b) Let $f(1, 2) = 7$, $f_x(1, 2) = 0$, $f_y(1, 2) = 0$, $f_{xx}(1, 2) = 1$, $f_{xy}(1, 2) = 2$, $f_{yx}(1, 2) = 2$, and $f_{yy}(1, 2) = 3$. Write down $\nabla f(1, 2)$ and $H_f(1, 2)$ (the gradient and Hessian of f at $(1, 2)$). Is $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ a critical point of f ? If not, why not? If so, what kind of critical point is this (relative minimum, relative maximum, saddle point, or not enough information)?

$$\nabla f(1, 2) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle \quad H_f(1, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\det} 3 - 4 = -1 \quad (1, 2) \text{ is a } \underline{\text{saddle point}} \text{ since } \det(H_f(1, 2)) < 0$$

(c) Let $f(1, 2) = 3$, $f_x(1, 2) = 0$, $f_y(1, 2) = 0$, $f_{xx}(1, 2) = -2$, $f_{xy}(1, 2) = 3$, $f_{yx}(1, 2) = 3$, and $f_{yy}(1, 2) = -5$. Write down $\nabla f(1, 2)$ and $H_f(1, 2)$ (the gradient and Hessian of f at $(1, 2)$). Is $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ a critical point of f ? If not, why not? If so, what kind of critical point is this (relative minimum, relative maximum, saddle point, or not enough information)?

$$\nabla f(1, 2) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle \quad H_f(1, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\det} 10 - 9 = 1 \quad (1, 2) \text{ is a } \underline{\text{local max}} \text{ since } \det > 0 \text{ and } f_{xx}(1, 2) < 0$$

(d) In part (a), there is something odd about the second partials. What is odd? What can be concluded from this?

The mixed partials don't match: $f_{xy}(1, 2) = 3 \neq -2 = f_{yx}(1, 2)$. This means that at least one of the mixed partials must be *discontinuous* at $(1, 2)$. [Otherwise Clairaut's theorem would apply]