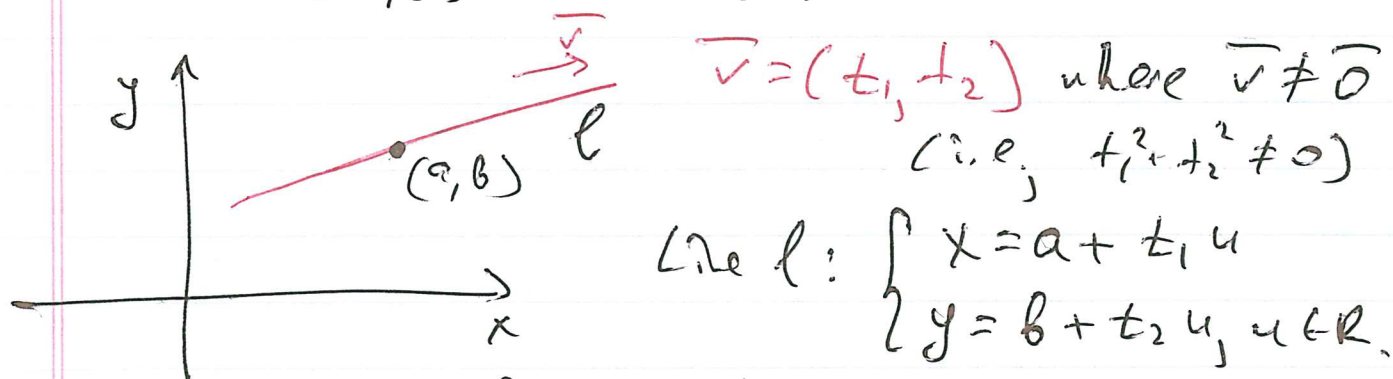


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let  $f = f(x, y)$  be s.t.  $(a, b)$  is a critical pt.



Restrict  $f = f(x, y)$  to this line  $l$ .

$$g(u) = f(a + t_1 u, b + t_2 u), u \in \mathbb{R}.$$

If  $u=0$ , then  $g(0) = f(a, b)$

Note:  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined near  $u=0$ .

$$g'(u) = f_x(a + t_1 u, b + t_2 u) \cdot t_1 + f_y(a + t_1 u, b + t_2 u) \cdot t_2$$

$$g'(0) = \underbrace{f_x(a, b)}_{=0} \cdot t_1 + \underbrace{f_y(a, b)}_{=0} \cdot t_2 = 0$$

$(a, b)$  is a critical pt. for  $f$ :  $f_x(a, b) = 0$  and  $f_y(a, b) = 0$ .

$$g''(u) = f_{xx}(a + t_1 u, b + t_2 u) t_1^2 + f_{xy}(\dots) t_1 t_2 + f_{yx}(\dots) t_1 t_2 + f_{yy}(\dots) t_2^2 =$$

$= \left\{ \text{If } f_{xy}, f_{yx} \text{ are "nice" then } f_{xy} = f_{yx} \right\}$

$$= f_{xx}(a+t_1, b+t_2) t_1^2 + 2f_{xy}(\dots) t_1 t_2 + f_{yy}(\dots) t_2^2$$

$$\therefore g''(0) = \underbrace{f_{xx}(a,b)}_A t_1^2 + 2 \underbrace{f_{xy}(a,b)}_B t_1 t_2 + \underbrace{f_{yy}(a,b)}_C t_2^2$$

$$\text{i.e., } g''(0) = A t_1^2 + 2B t_1 t_2 + C t_2^2$$

Qn: For what  $A, B$  and  $C$   $g''(0)$  is  $> 0$  or  $< 0$  for all  $(t_1, t_2) \neq (0, 0)$ .

$$1) \text{ If } t_2 = 0, \quad g''(0) = A t_1^2 \quad \begin{cases} > 0 \text{ if } A > 0 \\ < 0 \text{ if } A < 0 \end{cases}$$

~~2)~~ (note:  $t_1 \neq 0$ ).

2) If  $t_2 \neq 0$ , then

$$g''(0) = \underbrace{t_2^2}_{>0} \left[ A \left( \frac{t_1}{t_2} \right)^2 + 2B \frac{t_1}{t_2} + C \right]$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{t_1}{t_2} = w. \text{ Then } g''(0) = \underbrace{\text{const}}_{>0} [Aw^2 + 2Bw + C]$$

$$\underline{Aw^2 + 2Bw + C = 0} \Leftrightarrow \text{Discriminant}$$

$$(2B)^2 - 4AC = 4(B^2 - AC)$$

$$Aw^2 + 2Bw + C > 0 \text{ if } B^2 - AC < 0 \text{ and } A > 0$$

$$\text{---||---} < 0 \text{ if } B^2 - AC < 0 \text{ and } A < 0$$

$$\text{changes sign if } B^2 - AC > 0$$

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$\therefore$  If  $B^2 - AC < 0$  and  $A > 0$ , then  
 $g''(0) > 0 \therefore (a, b)$  is a pt. of local minimum.

If  $B^2 - AC < 0$  and  $A < 0$ , then  
 $g''(0) < 0 \therefore (a, b)$  is a local maximum.

If  $B^2 - AC > 0$ , then  $g''(0)$  is positive for some  $(t_1, t_2)$  and negative for some other  $(t_1, t_2)$ , i.e.,  $(a, b)$  is a saddle pt.

If  $B^2 - AC = 0$ , then the test is inconclusive.

Remarks: 1)  $\det \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(a, b) & f_{xy}(a, b) \\ f_{yx}(a, b) & f_{yy}(a, b) \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow$  Hessian of  $f$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{bmatrix} = AC - B^2$$

2) why  $B^2 - AC = 0 \Rightarrow$  the test is inconclusive?

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

$f_x = 0, f_y = 2y \therefore (0, 0)$  is a crit. pt.

$$\underset{\text{"A"}}{f_{xx}} = 0, \underset{\text{"B"}}{f_{xy}} = 0, \underset{\text{"C"}}{f_{yy}} = 2$$

$$B^2 - AC = 0 - 0 \cdot 2 = 0$$

If  $(x, y)$  is close to  $(0, 0)$  (actually, for any  $(x, y)$ )  $f(x, y) \geq f(0, 0) = 0 \therefore (0, 0)$  is a pt. of local minimum.



$$g(x, y) = -y^2$$

$g_x = 0, g_y = -2y \quad \therefore (0, 0)$  is a crit. pt.

$$g_{xx} = 0, g_{xy} = 0, g_{yy} = -2$$

"A"

"B"

"C"

$B^2 - AC = 0$ , but  $(0, 0)$  is a pt. of local maximum,

since  $g(x, y) \leq g(0, 0) = 0$ .

$$h(x, y) = y^3$$

$h_x = 0, h_y = 3y^2 \quad \therefore (0, 0)$  is a crit. pt.

$$h_{xx} = 0, h_{xy} = 0, h_{yy} = 6y$$

"A"

"B"

"C"

$B^2 - AC = 0$  and now  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle

pt., since  $h(x, y) = y^3 > 0$  if  $y > 0$  and  $< 0$  if  $y < 0$ .

#3, p. 859 Find all critical pts and classify.

$$f(x, y) = x^3 - 3x + y^2 + 2y$$

$$f_x = 3x^2 - 3$$

$$f_y = 2y + 2$$

Critical pts:

$$\begin{cases} 3x^2 - 3 = 0 \\ 2y + 2 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 = 1 \\ y = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = \pm 1 \\ y = -1 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  Critical pts are:  $(1, -1)$  and  $(-1, -1)$ .

Critical pt	A	B	C	$B^2 - AC$	Nature
$(1, -1)$	$\boxed{6}^{>0}$	0	2	$\boxed{-12}^{<0}$	Local minimum
$(-1, -1)$	-6	0	2	$\boxed{12}^{>0}$	Saddle pt.

$$f_{xx} = 6x \leftarrow A$$

$$f_{xy} = 0 \leftarrow B$$

$$f_{yy} = 2 \leftarrow C$$

#6, p. 859  $f(x, y) = x \sin y$

$$f_x = \sin y$$

$$f_y = x \cos y$$

$$\begin{cases} \sin y = 0 \\ x \cos y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = \pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Critical points:  $(0, \pi k), k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\{ \mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots\} \}$$

$$f_{xx} = 0 \leftarrow A$$

$$f_{xy} = \cos y \leftarrow B$$

$$f_{yy} = -x \sin y \leftarrow C$$

Critical pt	A	B	C	$B^2 - AC$	Nature
$(0, 2\pi n), n \in \mathbb{Z}$	0	1	0	$\boxed{1}^{>0}$	<del>max</del> Saddle pt.
$(0, \pi(2n+1)), n \in \mathbb{Z}$	0	-1	0	$\boxed{1}^{>0}$	<del>max</del> Saddle pt.

#10, p. 859

$$f(x, y) = x^4 y^3$$

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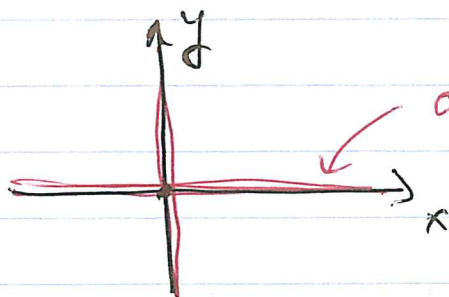
$$f_x = 4x^3 y^3$$

$$f_y = 3x^4 y^2$$

$$\begin{cases} 4x^3 y^3 = 0 \\ 3x^4 y^2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x=0 \\ \text{or} \\ y=0 \end{matrix}$$

Critical points:  $(0, b), b \in \mathbb{R}$

$(a, 0), a \in \mathbb{R}$



any pt. of the x- and y-axes  
is a critical point.

$$f_{xx} = 12x^2 y^3$$

$$f_{xy} = 12x^3 y^2$$

$$f_{yy} = 6x^4 y$$

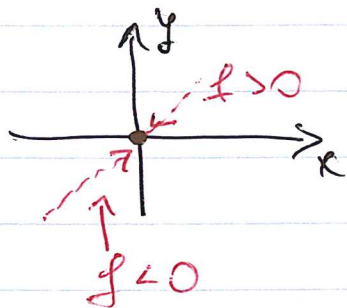
$$B^2 - AC = (12x^3 y^2)^2 - 12x^2 y^3 \cdot 6x^4 y = 0 \text{ at all critical points}$$

$\therefore$  "Second derivative test" fails at all critical points.

I. C.P.  $(0, 0)$

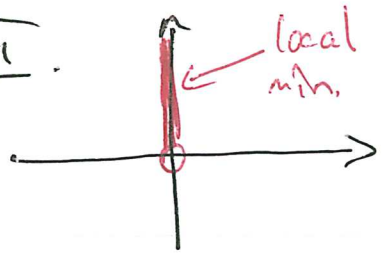
$$f(x, y) \begin{cases} > 0 \text{ if } y > 0, x \neq 0 \\ < 0 \text{ if } y < 0, x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

and  $f(0, 0) = 0 \therefore (0, 0)$  is a saddle point.





II.



c.p.  $(0, b)$ ,  $b > 0$

$$f(0, b) = 0 \cdot b^3 = 0$$

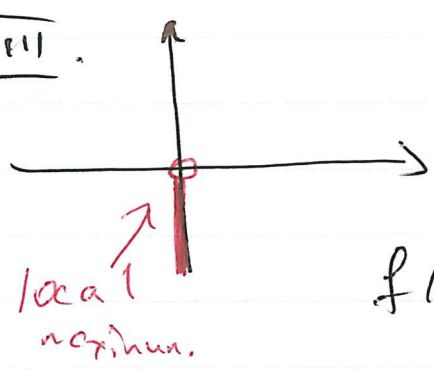
$$f(x, y) = x^4 y^3 \text{ when } (x, y) \sim (0, b).$$

$\begin{matrix} \swarrow & \searrow \\ \geq 0 & \sim b^3 > 0 \end{matrix}$

$\therefore f(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $(x, y)$  "close" to  $(0, b)$ .  
 $f(0, b)$

$\therefore (0, b)$  is a pt. of local minimum.

III.



c.p.  $(0, b)$ ,  $b < 0$

$$f(0, b) = 0 \cdot b^3 = 0$$

$$f(x, y) = x^4 y^3 \leq 0 = f(0, b)$$

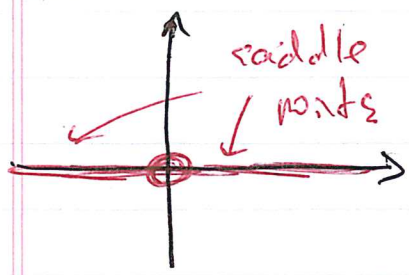
$\begin{matrix} \swarrow & \searrow \\ \geq 0 & \sim b^3 < 0 \end{matrix}$

when  $(x, y)$  is close to  $(0, b)$ .

$\therefore (0, b)$  is a pt. of local maximum.

IV.

c.p.  $(a, 0)$ ,  $a \neq 0$



$$f(a, 0) = a^4 \cdot 0^3 = 0$$

$$f(x, y) = x^4 y^3 \text{ when } (x, y) \sim (a, 0)$$

$\begin{matrix} \swarrow & \searrow \\ a^4 > 0 & \begin{matrix} > 0 \text{ if } y > 0 \\ < 0 \text{ if } y < 0 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$

$\therefore f(x, y) > 0$  when  $(x, y) \sim (a, 0)$  and  $y > 0$

$f(x, y) < 0$  when  $(x, y) \sim (a, 0)$  and  $y < 0$

$\therefore (a, 0)$ ,  $a \neq 0$  are saddle points

#12, p. 859  $f(x,y) = |x| + y^2$

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$f_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(|x|) \leftarrow \text{d.n.e. if } x=0$

$\therefore$  find some of critical points:

$(0, b), b \in \mathbb{R}.$

$x > 0$ :  $f(x,y) = x + y^2$

$f_x = 1$

$f_y = 2y$

$\begin{cases} 1 = 0 \\ 2y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{no sol's}$

$x < 0$ :  $f(x,y) = -x + y^2$

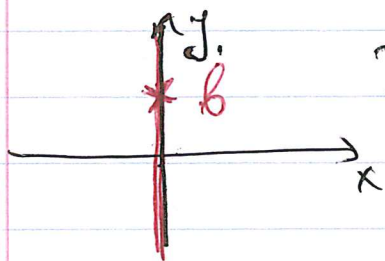
$f_x = -1$

$f_y = 2y$

$\begin{cases} -1 = 0 \\ 2y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{no sol's,}$

$\therefore$  There are no other critical points.

$\therefore$  The set of all critical pts:  $\{(0, b) \mid b \in \mathbb{R}\}$



I. C. P.:  $(0, b), b > 0$

$f(0, b) = |0| + b^2 = b^2$

$f(x,y) = |x| + y^2$  ?

we need to know if  $f(x,y) \geq f(0, b)$  when

$(x,y)$  is close to  $(0, b)$

$|x| + y^2$  ?  $b^2$

$\begin{matrix} \text{if } y > b, & y^2 > b^2 \\ \text{if } y < b, & y^2 < b^2 \end{matrix}$



more precisely,

$$f(0,y) = y^2 > b^2 \text{ if } y > b \\ < b^2 \text{ if } y < b$$

$\therefore (0,b), b > 0$  is a saddle point,

II.  $(0,b), b < 0 \leftarrow$  same thing happens (clock).

$\therefore (0,b), b < 0$  is a saddle point.

III.  $(0,0) \quad f(0,0) = |0| + 0^2 = 0$

$$f(x,y) = |x| + y^2 \geq 0 = f(0,0)$$

$\therefore (0,0)$  is a pt. of local minimum.

Note: [ Saddle point  $\Rightarrow$  a critical pt.  
which is NOT a pt. of local  
max or min.

Defn 2. [ Saddle point  $\Rightarrow$  a critical pt. r.t.  
 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$  and not a point of  
local max or min.

If  $(a,b)$  is r.t.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a,b)$  or  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a,b)$   
d.n.e. and it is not a pt. of local max/min,  
then it is a saddle point under Def. 1  
but NOT a saddle point under Def. 2.

#17, p. 860 Find all critical points

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

$$f_x = yz + 2xyz$$

$$f_y = xz + x^2z - 1$$

$$f_z = xy + x^2y$$

$$\text{Solve } \begin{cases} yz + 2xyz = 0 \\ xz + x^2z - 1 = 0 \\ xy + x^2y = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} yz(1 + 2x) = 0 \\ xz + x^2z = 1 \\ xy(1 + x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{y=0} \quad xz + x^2z = 1 \Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{x+x^2}$$

$\therefore \left(x, 0, \frac{1}{x+x^2}\right)$  is a critical pt.

$$\underline{z=0} \quad \text{2nd eqn: } 0 = 1 \text{ NO soln.}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{3rd eqn: } y \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$\text{2nd eqn: } -\frac{1}{2}z + \frac{1}{4}z = 1 \Rightarrow -\frac{z}{4} = 1 \\ \Rightarrow z = -4.$$

$\therefore \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0, -4\right)$  is another crit. pt.