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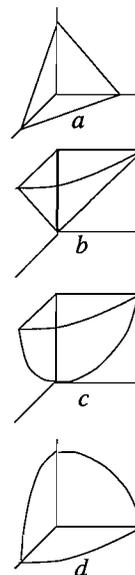
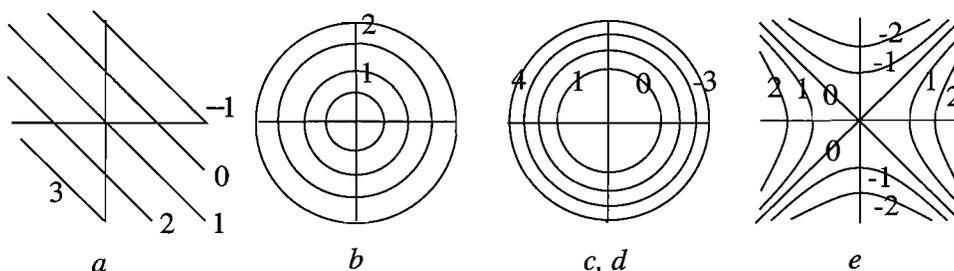
## 2. Partial Differentiation

### 2A. Functions and Partial Derivatives

**2A-1** In the pictures below, not all of the level curves are labeled. In (c) and (d), the picture is the same, but the labelings are different. In more detail:

- b) the origin is the level curve 0; the other two unlabeled level curves are .5 and 1.5;
- c) on the left, two level curves are labeled; the unlabeled ones are 2 and 3; the origin is the level curve 0;
- d) on the right, two level curves are labeled; the unlabeled ones are  $-1$  and  $-2$ ; the origin is the level curve 1;

The crude sketches of the graph in the first octant are at the right.



- 2A-2** a)  $f_x = 3x^2y - 3y^2$ ,  $f_y = x^3 - 6xy + 4y$       b)  $z_x = \frac{1}{y}$ ,  $z_y = -\frac{x}{y^2}$   
 c)  $f_x = 3 \cos(3x + 2y)$ ,  $f_y = 2 \cos(3x + 2y)$   
 d)  $f_x = 2xye^{x^2y}$ ,  $f_y = x^2e^{x^2y}$       e)  $z_x = \ln(2x + y) + \frac{2x}{2x + y}$ ,  $z_y = \frac{x}{2x + y}$   
 f)  $f_x = 2xz$ ,  $f_y = -2z^3$ ,  $f_z = x^2 - 6yz^2$

- 2A-3** a) both sides are  $mnx^{m-1}y^{n-1}$   
 b)  $f_x = \frac{y}{(x+y)^2}$ ,  $f_{xy} = (f_x)_y = \frac{x-y}{(x+y)^3}$ ;  $f_y = \frac{-x}{(x+y)^2}$ ,  $f_{yx} = \frac{-(y-x)}{(x+y)^3}$ .  
 c)  $f_x = -2x \sin(x^2 + y)$ ,  $f_{xy} = (f_x)_y = -2x \cos(x^2 + y)$ ;  
 $f_y = -\sin(x^2 + y)$ ,  $f_{yx} = -\cos(x^2 + y) \cdot 2x$ .  
 d) both sides are  $f'(x)g'(y)$ .

**2A-4**  $(f_x)_y = ax + 6y$ ,  $(f_y)_x = 2x + 6y$ ; therefore  $f_{xy} = f_{yx} \Leftrightarrow a = 2$ . By inspection, one sees that if  $a = 2$ ,  $f(x, y) = x^2y + 3xy^2$  is a function with the given  $f_x$  and  $f_y$ .

**2A-5**

- a)  $w_x = ae^{ax} \sin ay$ ,  $w_{xx} = a^2e^{ax} \sin ay$ ;  
 $w_y = e^{ax} a \cos ay$ ,  $w_{yy} = e^{ax} a^2(-\sin ay)$ ;      therefore  $w_{yy} = -w_{xx}$ .
- b) We have  $w_x = \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  $w_{xx} = \frac{2(y^2 - x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$ . If we interchange  $x$  and  $y$ , the function  $w = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$  remains the same, while  $w_{xx}$  gets turned into  $w_{yy}$ ; since the interchange just changes the sign of the right hand side, it follows that  $w_{yy} = -w_{xx}$ .

### 2B. Tangent Plane; Linear Approximation

**2B-1** a)  $z_x = y^2$ ,  $z_y = 2xy$ ; therefore at  $(1,1,1)$ , we get  $z_x = 1$ ,  $z_y = 2$ , so that the tangent plane is  $z = 1 + (x - 1) + 2(y - 1)$ , or  $z = x + 2y - 2$ .

b)  $w_x = -y^2/x^2$ ,  $w_y = 2y/x$ ; therefore at (1,2,4), we get  $w_x = -4$ ,  $w_y = 4$ , so that the tangent plane is  $w = 4 - 4(x-1) + 4(y-2)$ , or  $w = -4x + 4y$ .

**2B-2** a)  $z_x = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \frac{x}{z}$ ; by symmetry (interchanging  $x$  and  $y$ ),  $z_y = \frac{y}{z}$ ; then the tangent plane is  $z = z_0 + \frac{x_0}{z_0}(x-x_0) + \frac{y_0}{z_0}(y-y_0)$ , or  $z = \frac{x_0}{z_0}x + \frac{y_0}{z_0}y$ , since  $x_0^2 + y_0^2 = z_0^2$ .

b) The line is  $x = x_0t$ ,  $y = y_0t$ ,  $z = z_0t$ ; substituting into the equations of the cone and the tangent plane, both are satisfied for all values of  $t$ ; this shows the line lies on both the cone and tangent plane (this can also be seen geometrically).

**2B-3** Letting  $x, y, z$  be respectively the lengths of the two legs and the hypotenuse, we have  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ; thus the calculation of partial derivatives is the same as in **2B-2**, and we get  $\Delta z \approx \frac{3}{5}\Delta x + \frac{4}{5}\Delta y$ . Taking  $\Delta x = \Delta y = .01$ , we get  $\Delta z \approx \frac{7}{5}(.01) = .014$ .

**2B-4** From the formula, we get  $R = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$ . From this we calculate

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial R_1} = \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right)^2, \text{ and by symmetry, } \frac{\partial R}{\partial R_2} = \left( \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \right)^2.$$

Substituting  $R_1 = 1$ ,  $R_2 = 2$  the approximation formula then gives  $\Delta R = \frac{4}{9}\Delta R_1 + \frac{1}{9}\Delta R_2$ .

By hypothesis,  $|\Delta R_i| \leq .1$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ , so that  $|\Delta R| \leq \frac{4}{9}(.1) + \frac{1}{9}(.1) = \frac{5}{9}(.1) \approx .06$ ; thus

$$R = \frac{2}{3} = .67 \pm .06.$$

**2B-5** a) We have  $f(x, y) = (x+y+2)^2$ ,  $f_x = 2(x+y+2)$ ,  $f_y = 2(x+y+2)$ . Therefore

at (0,0),  $f_x(0,0) = f_y(0,0) = 4$ ,  $f(0,0) = 4$ ; linearization is  $4 + 4x + 4y$ ;

at (1,2),  $f_x(1,2) = f_y(1,2) = 10$ ,  $f(1,2) = 25$ ;

linearization is  $10(x-1) + 10(y-2) + 25$ , or  $10x + 10y - 5$ .

b)  $f = e^x \cos y$ ;  $f_x = e^x \cos y$ ;  $f_y = -e^x \sin y$ .

linearization at (0,0):  $1 + x$ ; linearization at  $(0, \pi/2)$ :  $-y$

**2B-6** We have  $V = \pi r^2 h$ ,  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = 2\pi r h$ ,  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial h} = \pi r^2$ ;  $\Delta V \approx \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right)_0 \Delta r + \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} \right)_0 \Delta h$ .

Evaluating the partials at  $r = 2$ ,  $h = 3$ , we get

$$\Delta V \approx 12\pi \Delta r + 4\pi \Delta h.$$

Assuming the same accuracy  $|\Delta r| \leq \epsilon$ ,  $|\Delta h| \leq \epsilon$  for both measurements, we get

$$|\Delta V| \leq 12\pi \epsilon + 4\pi \epsilon = 16\pi \epsilon, \text{ which is } < .1 \text{ if } \epsilon < \frac{1}{160\pi} < .002.$$

**2B-7** We have  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$ ;  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$ ,  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}$ .

Therefore at (3,4),  $r = 5$ , and  $\Delta r \approx \frac{3}{5}\Delta x + \frac{4}{5}\Delta y$ . If  $|\Delta x|$  and  $|\Delta y|$  are both  $\leq .01$ , then

$$|\Delta r| \leq \frac{3}{5}|\Delta x| + \frac{4}{5}|\Delta y| = \frac{7}{5}(.01) = .014 \text{ (or } .02).$$

Similarly,  $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}$ ;  $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$ , so at the point (3,4),

$$|\Delta\theta| \leq \left| \frac{-4}{25} \Delta x \right| + \left| \frac{3}{25} \Delta y \right| \leq \frac{7}{25} (.01) = .0028 \text{ (or } .003).$$

Since at (3, 4) we have  $|r_y| > |r_x|$ ,  $r$  is more sensitive there to changes in  $y$ ; by analogous reasoning,  $\theta$  is more sensitive there to  $x$ .

**2B-9** a)  $w = x^2(y + 1)$ ;  $w_x = 2x(y + 1) = 2$  at (1, 0), and  $w_y = x^2 = 1$  at (1, 0); therefore  $w$  is more sensitive to changes in  $x$  around this point.

b) To first order approximation,  $\Delta w \approx 2\Delta x + \Delta y$ , using the above values of the partial derivatives.

If we want  $\Delta w = 0$ , then by the above,  $2\Delta x + \Delta y = 0$ , or  $\Delta y/\Delta x = -2$ .

## 2C. Differentials; Approximations

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{2C-1} \text{ a) } dw = \frac{dx}{x} + \frac{dy}{y} + \frac{dz}{z} & \text{b) } dw = 3x^2y^2z dx + 2x^3yz dy + x^3y^2dz \\ \text{c) } dz = \frac{2y dx - 2x dy}{(x+y)^2} & \text{d) } dw = \frac{t du - u dt}{t\sqrt{t^2 - u^2}} \end{array}$$

**2C-2** The volume is  $V = xyz$ ; so  $dV = yz dx + xz dy + xy dz$

For  $x = 5$ ,  $y = 10$ ,  $z = 20$ , we have

$$\Delta V \approx dV = 200 dx + 100 dy + 50 dz,$$

from which we see that  $|\Delta V| \leq 350(.1)$ ; therefore  $V = 1000 \pm 35$ .

**2C-3** a)  $A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin \theta$ . Therefore,  $dA = \frac{1}{2}(b \sin \theta da + a \sin \theta db + ab \cos \theta d\theta)$ .

b)  $dA = \frac{1}{2}(2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} da + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} db + 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3} d\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(da + \frac{1}{2} db + \sqrt{3} d\theta)$ ; therefore most sensitive to  $\theta$ , least sensitive to  $b$ , since  $d\theta$  and  $db$  have respectively the largest and smallest coefficients.

$$\text{c) } dA = \frac{1}{2}(.02 + .01 + 1.73(.02)) \approx \frac{1}{2}(.065) \approx .03$$

**2C-4** a)  $P = \frac{kT}{V}$ ; therefore  $dP = \frac{k}{V} dT - \frac{kT}{V^2} dV$

$$\text{b) } V dP + P dV = k dT; \text{ therefore } dP = \frac{k dT - P dV}{V}.$$

c) Substituting  $P = kT/V$  into (b) turns it into (a).

**2C-5** a)  $-\frac{dw}{w^2} = -\frac{dt}{t^2} - \frac{du}{u^2} - \frac{dv}{v^2}$ ; therefore  $dw = w^2 \left( \frac{dt}{t^2} + \frac{du}{u^2} + \frac{dv}{v^2} \right)$ .

$$\text{b) } 2u du + 4v dv + 6w dw = 0; \text{ therefore } dw = -\frac{u du + 2v dv}{3w}.$$

## 2D. Gradient; Directional Derivative

**2D-1** a)  $\nabla f = 3x^2 \mathbf{i} + 6y^2 \mathbf{j}$ ;  $(\nabla f)_P = 3\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}$ ;  $\left. \frac{df}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = (3\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$

b)  $\nabla w = \frac{y}{z} \mathbf{i} + \frac{x}{z} \mathbf{j} - \frac{xy}{z^2} \mathbf{k}$ ;  $(\nabla w)_P = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ ;  $\left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = (\nabla w)_P \cdot \frac{\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$

c)  $\nabla z = (\sin y - y \sin x) \mathbf{i} + (x \cos y + \cos x) \mathbf{j}$ ;  $(\nabla z)_P = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ ;  
 $\left. \frac{dz}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \cdot \frac{-3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$

$$d) \nabla w = \frac{2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}}{2t + 3u}; \quad (\nabla w)_P = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}; \quad \left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = (2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) \cdot \frac{4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}}{5} = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$e) \nabla f = 2(u + 2v + 3w)(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}); \quad (\nabla f)_P = 4(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) \\ \left. \frac{df}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = 4(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot \frac{-2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}}{3} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$2D-2 \text{ a) } \nabla w = \frac{3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}}{3x - 4y}; \quad (\nabla w)_P = -3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$$

$\left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = (-3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) \cdot \mathbf{u}$  has maximum 5, in the direction  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{-3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}}{5}$ ,  
and minimum  $-5$  in the opposite direction.

$$\left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = 0 \text{ in the directions } \pm \frac{4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}}{5}.$$

$$b) \nabla w = \langle y + z, x + z, x + y \rangle; \quad (\nabla w)_P = \langle 1, 3, 0 \rangle; \\ \max \left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = \sqrt{10}, \text{ direction } \frac{\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{10}}; \quad \min \left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = -\sqrt{10}, \text{ direction } -\frac{\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{10}}; \\ \left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = 0 \text{ in the directions } \mathbf{u} = \pm \frac{-3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{10 + c^2}} \text{ (for all } c)$$

$$c) \nabla z = 2 \sin(t - u) \cos(t - u)(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) = \sin 2(t - u)(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}); \quad (\nabla z)_P = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}; \\ \max \left. \frac{dz}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = \sqrt{2}, \text{ direction } \frac{\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}}; \quad \min \left. \frac{dz}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = -\sqrt{2}, \text{ direction } -\frac{\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}}; \\ \left. \frac{dz}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = 0 \text{ in the directions } \pm \frac{\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$2D-3 \text{ a) } \nabla f = \langle y^2 z^3, 2xyz^3, 3xy^2 z^2 \rangle; \quad (\nabla f)_P = \langle 4, 12, 36 \rangle; \quad \text{normal at } P: \langle 1, 3, 9 \rangle; \\ \text{tangent plane at } P: x + 3y + 9z = 18$$

$$b) \nabla f = \langle 2x, 8y, 18z \rangle; \quad \text{normal at } P: \langle 1, 4, 9 \rangle, \quad \text{tangent plane: } x + 4y + 9z = 14.$$

$$c) (\nabla w)_P = \langle 2x_0, 2y_0, -2z_0 \rangle; \quad \text{tangent plane: } x_0(x - x_0) + y_0(y - y_0) - z_0(z - z_0) = 0, \\ \text{or } x_0x + y_0y - z_0z = 0, \text{ since } x_0^2 + y_0^2 - z_0^2 = 0.$$

$$2D-4 \text{ a) } \nabla T = \frac{2x\mathbf{i} + 2y\mathbf{j}}{x^2 + y^2}; \quad (\nabla T)_P = \frac{2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}}{5}$$

$T$  is increasing at  $P$  most rapidly in the direction of  $(\nabla T)_P$ , which is  $\frac{\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{5}}$ .

$$b) |\nabla T| = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} = \text{rate of increase in direction } \frac{\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{5}}. \text{ Call the distance to go } \Delta s, \text{ then}$$

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \Delta s = .20 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta s = \frac{.2\sqrt{5}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10} \approx .22.$$

$$c) \left. \frac{dT}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = (\nabla T)_P \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}}{5} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{6}{5\sqrt{2}};$$

$$\frac{6}{5\sqrt{2}} \Delta s = .12 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta s = \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{6} (.12) \approx (.10)(\sqrt{2}) \approx .14$$

$$d) \text{ In the directions orthogonal to the gradient: } \pm \frac{2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{5}}$$

**2D-5** a) isotherms = the level surfaces  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 = c$ , which are ellipsoids.

b)  $\nabla T = \langle 2x, 4y, 4z \rangle$ ;  $(\nabla T)_P = \langle 2, 4, 4 \rangle$ ;  $|(\nabla T)_P| = 6$ ;

for most rapid decrease, use direction of  $-(\nabla T)_P$ :  $\frac{1}{3}\langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$

c) let  $\Delta s$  be distance to go; then  $-6(\Delta s) = -1.2$ ;  $\Delta s \approx .2$

d)  $\left. \frac{dT}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = (\nabla T)_P \cdot \mathbf{u} = \langle 2, 4, 4 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 1, -2, 2 \rangle}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$ ;  $\frac{2}{3}\Delta s \approx .10 \Rightarrow \Delta s \approx .15$ .

**2D-6**  $\nabla uv = \langle (uv)_x, (uv)_y \rangle = \langle uv_x + vu_x, uv_y + vu_y \rangle = \langle uv_x, uv_y \rangle + \langle vu_x, vu_y \rangle = u\nabla v + v\nabla u$

$\nabla(uv) = u\nabla v + v\nabla u \Rightarrow \nabla(uv) \cdot \mathbf{u} = u\nabla v \cdot \mathbf{u} + v\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{u} \Rightarrow \left. \frac{d(uv)}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} = u \left. \frac{dv}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} + v \left. \frac{du}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}}$ .

**2D-7** At  $P$ , let  $\nabla w = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j}$ . Then

$$a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}} = 2 \Rightarrow a + b = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}} = 1 \Rightarrow a - b = \sqrt{2}$$

Adding and subtracting the equations on the right, we get  $a = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}$ ,  $b = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$ .

**2D-8** We have  $P(0, 0, 0) = 32$ ; we wish to decrease it to 31.1 by traveling the shortest distance from the origin  $\mathbf{0}$ ; for this we should travel in the direction of  $-(\nabla P)_0$ .

$\nabla P = \langle (y+2)e^z, (x+1)e^z, (x+1)(y+2)e^z \rangle$ ;  $(\nabla P)_0 = \langle 2, 1, 2 \rangle$ .  $|(\nabla P)_0| = 3$ .

Since  $(-3) \cdot (\Delta s) = -0.9 \Rightarrow \Delta s = .3$ , we should travel a distance .3 in the direction of  $-(\nabla P)_0$ . Since  $|-\langle 2, 1, 2 \rangle| = 3$ , the distance .3 will be  $\frac{1}{10}$  of the distance from  $(0, 0, 0)$  to  $(-2, -1, -2)$ , which will bring us to  $(-0.2, -0.1, -0.2)$ .

**2D-9** In these, we use  $\left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} \approx \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta s}$ : we travel in the direction  $\mathbf{u}$  from a given point  $P$  to the nearest level curve  $C$ ; then  $\Delta s$  is the distance traveled (estimate it by using the unit distance), and  $\Delta w$  is the corresponding change in  $w$  (estimate it by using the labels on the level curves).

a) The *direction* of  $\nabla f$  is perpendicular to the level curve at  $A$ , in the increasing sense (the “uphill” direction). The *magnitude* of  $\nabla f$  is the directional derivative in that direction: from the picture,  $\frac{\Delta w}{\Delta s} \approx \frac{1}{.5} = 2$ .

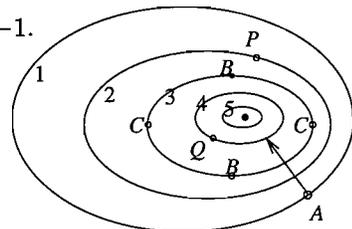
b), c)  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{i}}$ ,  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = \left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{j}}$ , so  $B$  will be where  $\mathbf{i}$  is tangent to the level curve and  $C$  where  $\mathbf{j}$  is tangent to the level curve.

d) At  $P$ ,  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{i}} \approx \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta s} \approx \frac{-1}{5/3} = -.6$ ;  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = \left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{j}} \approx \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta s} \approx \frac{-1}{1} = -1$ .

e) If  $\mathbf{u}$  is the direction of  $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ , we have  $\left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} \approx \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta s} \approx \frac{1}{.5} = 2$

f) If  $\mathbf{u}$  is the direction of  $\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$ , we have  $\left. \frac{dw}{ds} \right|_{\mathbf{u}} \approx \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta s} \approx \frac{-1}{5/4} = -.8$

g) The gradient is 0 at a local extremum point: here at the point marked giving the location of the hilltop.



## 2E. Chain Rule

## 2E-1

$$\text{a) (i) } \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} = yz \cdot 1 + xz \cdot 2t + xy \cdot 3t^2 = t^5 + 2t^5 + 3t^5 = 6t^5$$

$$\text{(ii) } w = xyz = t^6; \quad \frac{dw}{dt} = 6t^5$$

$$\text{b) (i) } \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} = 2x(-\sin t) - 2y(\cos t) = -4 \sin t \cos t$$

$$\text{(ii) } w = x^2 - y^2 = \cos^2 t - \sin^2 t = \cos 2t; \quad \frac{dw}{dt} = -2 \sin 2t$$

$$\text{c) (i) } \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{2u}{u^2 + v^2}(-2 \sin t) + \frac{2v}{u^2 + v^2}(2 \cos t) = -\cos t \sin t + \sin t \cos t = 0$$

$$\text{(ii) } w = \ln(u^2 + v^2) = \ln(4 \cos^2 t + 4 \sin^2 t) = \ln 4; \quad \frac{dw}{dt} = 0.$$

2E-2 a) The value  $t = 0$  corresponds to the point  $(x(0), y(0)) = (1, 0) = P$ .

$$\left. \frac{dw}{dt} \right|_0 = \left. \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right|_P \left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_0 + \left. \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right|_P \left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_0 = -2 \sin t + 3 \cos t \Big|_0 = 3.$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} = y(-\sin t) + x(\cos t) = -\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t = \cos 2t.$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = 0 \text{ when } 2t = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi, \text{ therefore when } t = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{n\pi}{2}.$$

c)  $t = 1$  corresponds to the point  $(x(1), y(1), z(1)) = (1, 1, 1)$ .

$$\left. \frac{df}{dt} \right|_1 = 1 \cdot \left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_1 - 1 \cdot \left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_1 + 2 \cdot \left. \frac{dz}{dt} \right|_1 = 1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 = 5.$$

$$\text{d) } \frac{df}{dt} = 3x^2 y \frac{dx}{dt} + (x^3 + z) \frac{dy}{dt} + y \frac{dz}{dt} = 3t^4 \cdot 1 + 2x^3 \cdot 2t + t^2 \cdot 3t^2 = 10t^4.$$

2E-3 a) Let  $w = uv$ , where  $u = u(t)$ ,  $v = v(t)$ ;  $\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial u} \frac{du}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial v} \frac{dv}{dt} = v \frac{du}{dt} + u \frac{dv}{dt}$ .

$$\text{b) } \frac{d(uvw)}{dt} = vw \frac{du}{dt} + uw \frac{dv}{dt} + uv \frac{dw}{dt}; \quad e^{2t} \sin t + 2te^{2t} \sin t + te^{2t} \cos t$$

2E-4 The values  $u = 1$ ,  $v = 1$  correspond to the point  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 1$ . At this point,

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = 2 \cdot 2u + 3 \cdot v = 2 \cdot 2 + 3 = 7.$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} = 2 \cdot (-2v) + 3 \cdot u = 2 \cdot (-2) + 3 \cdot 1 = -1.$$

2E-5 a)  $w_r = w_x x_r + w_y y_r = w_x \cos \theta + w_y \sin \theta$

$$w_\theta = w_x x_\theta + w_y y_\theta = w_x (-r \sin \theta) + w_y (r \cos \theta)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (w_r)^2 + (w_\theta/r)^2 &= (w_x)^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) + (w_y)^2 (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + 2w_x w_y \cos \theta \sin \theta - 2w_x w_y \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= (w_x)^2 + (w_y)^2. \end{aligned}$$

b) The point  $r = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $\theta = \pi/4$  in polar coordinates corresponds in rectangular coordinates to the point  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1$ . Using the chain rule equations in part (a),

$$w_r = w_x \cos \theta + w_y \sin \theta; \quad w_\theta = w_x(-r \sin \theta) + w_y(r \cos \theta)$$

but evaluating all the partial derivatives at the point, we get

$$w_r = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} - 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}; \quad \frac{w_\theta}{r} = 2(-\frac{1}{2})\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} = -\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2};$$

$$(w_r)^2 + \frac{1}{r}(w_\theta)^2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{9}{2} = 5; \quad (w_x)^2 + (w_y)^2 = 2^2 + (-1)^2 = 5.$$

**2E-6**  $w_u = w_x \cdot 2u + w_y \cdot 2v$ ;  $w_v = w_x \cdot (-2v) + w_y \cdot 2u$ , by the chain rule.

Therefore

$$(w_u)^2 + (w_v)^2 = [4u^2(w_x)^2 + 4v^2(w_y)^2 + 4uvw_xw_y] + [4v^2(w_x)^2 + 4u^2(w_y)^2 - 4uvw_xw_y]$$

$$= 4(u^2 + v^2)[(w_x)^2 + (w_y)^2].$$

**2E-7** By the chain rule,  $f_u = f_x x_u + f_y y_u$ ,  $f_v = f_x x_v + f_y y_v$ ; therefore

$$\langle f_u \ f_v \rangle = \langle f_x \ f_y \rangle \begin{pmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \end{pmatrix}$$

**2E-8** a) By the chain rule for functions of one variable,

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = f'(u) \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = f'(u) \cdot -\frac{y}{x^2}; \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = f'(u) \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = f'(u) \cdot \frac{1}{x};$$

Therefore,

$$x \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = f'(u) \cdot -\frac{y}{x} + f'(u) \cdot \frac{y}{x} = 0.$$

## 2F. Maximum-minimum Problems

**2F-1** In these, denote by  $D = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  the square of the distance from the point  $(x, y, z)$  to the origin; then the point which minimizes  $D$  will also minimize the actual distance.

a) Since  $z^2 = \frac{1}{xy}$ , we get on substituting,  $D = x^2 + y^2 + \frac{1}{xy}$ . with  $x$  and  $y$  independent; setting the partial derivatives equal to zero, we get

$$D_x = 2x - \frac{1}{x^2y} = 0; \quad D_y = 2y - \frac{1}{y^2x} = 0; \quad \text{or} \quad 2x^2 = \frac{1}{xy}, \quad 2y^2 = \frac{1}{xy}.$$

Solving, we see first that  $x^2 = \frac{1}{2xy} = y^2$ , from which  $y = \pm x$ .

If  $y = x$ , then  $x^4 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $x = y = 2^{-1/4}$ , and so  $z = 2^{1/4}$ ; if  $y = -x$ , then  $x^4 = -\frac{1}{2}$  and there are no solutions. Thus the unique point is  $(1/2^{1/4}, 1/2^{1/4}, 2^{1/4})$ .

b) Using the relation  $x^2 = 1 + yz$  to eliminate  $x$ , we have  $D = 1 + yz + y^2 + z^2$ , with  $y$  and  $z$  independent; setting the partial derivatives equal to zero, we get

$$D_y = 2y + z = 0, \quad D_z = 2z + y = 0;$$

solving, these equations only have the solution  $y = z = 0$ ; therefore  $x = \pm 1$ , and there are two points:  $(\pm 1, 0, 0)$ , both at distance 1 from the origin.

**2F-2** Letting  $x$  be the length of the ends,  $y$  the length of the sides, and  $z$  the height, we have

$$\text{total area of cardboard } A = 3xy + 4xz + 2yz, \quad \text{volume } V = xyz = 1.$$

Eliminating  $z$  to make the remaining variables independent, and equating the partials to zero, we get

$$A = 3xy + \frac{4}{y} + \frac{2}{x}; \quad A_x = 3y - \frac{2}{x^2} = 0, \quad A_y = 3x - \frac{4}{y^2} = 0.$$

From these last two equations, we get

$$3xy = \frac{2}{x}, \quad 3xy = \frac{4}{y} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{x} = \frac{4}{y} \Rightarrow y = 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^3 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3^{1/3}}, \quad y = \frac{2}{3^{1/3}}, \quad z = \frac{1}{xy} = \frac{3^{2/3}}{2} = \frac{3}{2 \cdot 3^{1/3}};$$

therefore the proportions of the most economical box are  $x : y : z = 1 : 2 : \frac{3}{2}$ .

**2F-5** The cost is  $C = xy + xz + 4yz + 4xz$ , where the successive terms represent in turn the bottom, back, two sides, and front; i.e., the problem is:

$$\text{minimize: } C = xy + 5xz + 4yz, \quad \text{with the constraint: } xyz = V = 2.5$$

Substituting  $z = V/xy$  into  $C$ , we get

$$C = xy + \frac{5V}{y} + \frac{4V}{x}; \quad \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = y - \frac{4V}{x^2}, \quad \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = x - \frac{5V}{y^2}.$$

We set the two partial derivatives equal to zero and solving the resulting equations simultaneously, by eliminating  $y$ ; we get  $x^3 = \frac{16V}{5} = 8$ , (using  $V = 5/2$ ), so  $x = 2$ ,  $y = \frac{5}{2}$ ,  $z = \frac{1}{2}$ .

## 2G. Least-squares Interpolation

**2G-1** Find  $y = mx + b$  that best fits  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 3)$ ,  $(3, 2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} D &= (m + b - 1)^2 + (2m + b - 3)^2 + (3m + b - 2)^2 \\ \frac{\partial D}{\partial m} &= 2(m + b - 1) + 4(2m + b - 3) + 6(3m + b - 2) = 2(14m + 6b - 13) \\ \frac{\partial D}{\partial b} &= 2(m + b - 1) + 2(2m + b - 3) + 2(3m + b - 2) = 2(6m + 3b - 6). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the equations  $\frac{\partial D}{\partial m} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial D}{\partial b} = 0$  are  $\begin{cases} 14m + 6b = 13 \\ 6m + 3b = 6 \end{cases}$ , whose solution is  $m = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $b = 1$ , and the line is  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 1$ .

**2G-4**  $D = \sum_i (a + bx_i + cy_i - z_i)^2$ . The equations are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial D}{\partial a} &= \sum 2(a + bx_i + cy_i - z_i) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial D}{\partial b} &= \sum 2x_i(a + bx_i + cy_i - z_i) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial D}{\partial c} &= \sum 2y_i(a + bx_i + cy_i - z_i) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Cancel the 2's; the equations become (on the right,  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $\mathbf{1} = [1, \dots, 1]$ , etc.)

$$\begin{aligned} na + (\sum x_i)b + (\sum y_i)c &= \sum z_i & na + (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{1})b + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{1})c &= \mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{1} \\ (\sum x_i)a + (\sum x_i^2)b + (\sum x_i y_i)c &= \sum x_i z_i & (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{1})a + (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x})b + (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y})c &= \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{z} \\ (\sum y_i)a + (\sum x_i y_i)b + (\sum y_i^2)c &= \sum y_i z_i & (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{1})a + (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y})b + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{y})c &= \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{z} \end{aligned}$$

## 2H. Max-min: 2nd Derivative Criterion; Boundary Curves

### 2H-1

a)  $f_x = 0 : 2x - y = 3; \quad f_y = 0 : -x - 4y = 3$     critical point:  $(1, -1)$   
 $A = f_{xx} = 2; \quad B = f_{xy} = -1; \quad C = f_{yy} = -4; \quad AC - B^2 = -9 < 0;$  saddle point

b)  $f_x = 0 : 6x + y = 1; \quad f_y = 0 : x + 2y = 2$     critical point:  $(0, 1)$   
 $A = f_{xx} = 6; \quad B = f_{xy} = 1; \quad C = f_{yy} = 2; \quad AC - B^2 = 11 > 0;$  local minimum

c)  $f_x = 0 : 8x^3 - y = 0; \quad f_y = 0 : 2y - x = 0;$     eliminating  $y$ , we get  
 $16x^3 - x = 0$ , or  $x(16x^2 - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, x = \frac{1}{4}, x = -\frac{1}{4}$ , giving the critical points  
 $(0, 0), (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}), (-\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{8})$ .

Since  $f_{xx} = 24x^2, \quad f_{xy} = -1, \quad f_{yy} = 2$ , we get for the three points respectively:

$(0, 0) : \Delta = -1$  (saddle);     $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}) : \Delta = 4$  (minimum);     $(-\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{8}) : \Delta = 4$  (minimum)

d)  $f_x = 0 : 3x^2 - 3y = 0; \quad f_y = 0 : -3x + 3y^2 = 0$ . Eliminating  $y$  gives  
 $-x + x^4 = 0$ , or  $x(x^3 - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, y = 0$  or  $x = 1, y = 1$ .

Since  $f_{xx} = 6x, \quad f_{xy} = -3, \quad f_{yy} = 6y$ , we get for the two critical points respectively:

$(0, 0) : AC - B^2 = -9$  (saddle);     $(1, 1) : AC - B^2 = 27$  (minimum)

e)  $f_x = 0 : 3x^2(y^3 + 1) = 0; \quad f_y = 0 : 3y^2(x^3 + 1) = 0;$  solving simultaneously, we get from the first equation that either  $x = 0$  or  $y = -1$ ; finding in each case the other coordinate then leads to the two critical points  $(0, 0)$  and  $(-1, -1)$ .

Since  $f_{xx} = 6x(y^3 + 1), \quad f_{xy} = 3x^2 \cdot 3y^2, \quad f_{yy} = 6y(x^3 + 1)$ , we have

$(-1, -1) : AC - B^2 = -9$  (saddle);     $(0, 0) : AC - B^2 = 0$ , test fails.

(By studying the behavior of  $f(x, y)$  on the lines  $y = mx$ , for different values of  $m$ , it is possible to see that also  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle point.)

**2H-3** The region  $R$  has no critical points; namely, the equations  $f_x = 0$  and  $f_y = 0$  are

$$2x + 2 = 0, \quad 2y + 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = -1, \quad y = -2,$$

but this point is not in  $R$ . We therefore investigate the diagonal boundary of  $R$ , using the parametrization  $x = t, y = -t$ . Restricted to this line,  $f(x, y)$  becomes a function of  $t$  alone, which we denote by  $g(t)$ , and we look for its maxima and minima.

$$g(t) = f(t, -t) = 2t^2 - 4t - 1; \quad g'(t) = 4t - 2, \text{ which is 0 at } t = 1/2.$$

This point is evidently a minimum for  $g(t)$ ; there is no maximum:  $g(t)$  tends to  $\infty$ . Therefore for  $f(x, y)$  on  $R$ , the minimum occurs at the point  $(1/2, -1/2)$ , and there is no maximum;  $f(x, y)$  tends to infinity in different directions in  $R$ .

**2H-4** We have  $f_x = y - 1$ ,  $f_y = x - 1$ , so the only critical point is at  $(1, 1)$ .

a) On the two sides of the boundary, the function  $f(x, y)$  becomes respectively

$$y = 0: f(x, y) = -x + 2; \quad x = 0: f(x, y) = -y + 2.$$

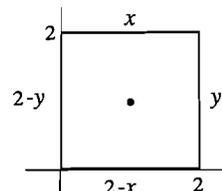
Since the function is linear and decreasing on both sides, it has no minimum points (informally, the minimum is  $-\infty$ ). Since  $f(1, 1) = 1$  and  $f(x, x) = x^2 - 2x + 2 \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , the maximum of  $f$  on the first quadrant is  $\infty$ , so that  $(1, 1)$  must be a saddle point.

b) Continuing the reasoning of (a) to find the maximum and minimum points of  $f(x, y)$  on the boundary, on the other two sides of the boundary square, the function  $f(x, y)$  becomes

$$y = 2: f(x, y) = x \quad x = 2: f(x, y) = y$$

Since  $f(x, y)$  is thus increasing or decreasing on each of the four sides, the maximum and minimum points on the boundary square  $R$  can only occur at the four corner points; evaluating  $f(x, y)$  at these four points, we find

$$f(0, 0) = 2; \quad f(2, 2) = 2; \quad f(2, 0) = 0; \quad f(0, 2) = 0.$$



As in (a), since  $f(1, 1) = 1$ , the critical point must be a saddle point; therefore, maximum points of  $f$  on  $R$ :  $(0, 0)$  and  $(2, 2)$ ; minimum points:  $(2, 0)$  and  $(0, 2)$ .

c) We have  $f_{xx} = 0$ ,  $f_{xy} = 1$ ,  $f_{yy} = 0$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ ; therefore  $AC - B^2 = -1 < 0$ , so  $(1, 1)$  is a saddle point, by the 2nd-derivative criterion.

**2H-5** Since  $f(x, y)$  is linear, it will not have critical points: namely, for all  $x$  and  $y$  we have  $f_x = 1$ ,  $f_y = \sqrt{3}$ . Therefore any maxima or minima must occur on the boundary circle.

We parametrize the circle by  $x = \cos \theta$ ,  $y = \sin \theta$ ; restricted to this boundary circle,  $f(x, y)$  becomes a function of  $\theta$  alone which we call  $g(\theta)$ :

$$g(\theta) = f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) = \cos \theta + \sqrt{3} \sin \theta + 2.$$

Proceeding in the usual way to find the maxima and minima of  $g(\theta)$ , we get

$$g'(\theta) = -\sin \theta + \sqrt{3} \cos \theta = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad \tan \theta = \sqrt{3}.$$

It follows that the two critical points of  $g(\theta)$  are  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$  and  $\frac{4\pi}{3}$ ; evaluating  $g$  at these two points, we get  $g(\pi/3) = 4$  (the maximum), and  $g(4\pi/3) = 0$  (the minimum).

Thus the maximum of  $f(x, y)$  in the circular disc  $R$  is at  $(1/2, \sqrt{3}/2)$ , while the minimum is at  $(-1/2, -\sqrt{3}/2)$ .

**2H-6** a) Since  $z = 4 - x - y$ , the problem is to find on  $R$  the maximum and minimum of the total area

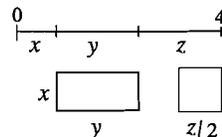
$$f(x, y) = xy + \frac{1}{4}(4 - x - y)^2$$

where  $R$  is the triangle given by  $R: 0 \leq x, 0 \leq y, x + y \leq 4$ .

To find the critical points of  $f(x, y)$ , the equations  $f_x = 0$  and  $f_y = 0$  are respectively

$$y - \frac{1}{2}(4 - x - y) = 0; \quad x - \frac{1}{2}(4 - x - y) = 0,$$

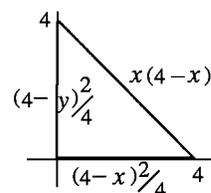
which imply first that  $x = y$ , and from this,  $x - \frac{1}{2}(4 - 2x)$ ; the unique solution is  $x = 1, y = 1$ .



The region  $R$  is a triangle, on whose sides  $f(x, y)$  takes respectively the values

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bottom: } & y = 0; \quad f = \frac{1}{4}(4-x)^2; & \text{left side: } & x = 0; \quad f = \frac{1}{4}(4-y)^2; \\ \text{diagonal } & y = 4-x; \quad f = x(4-x). \end{aligned}$$

On the bottom and side,  $f$  is decreasing; on the diagonal,  $f$  has a maximum at  $x = 2, y = 2$ . Therefore we need to examine the three corner points and  $(2, 2)$  as candidates for maximum and minimum points, as well as the critical point  $(1, 1)$ . We find



$$f(0, 0) = 4; \quad f(4, 0) = 0; \quad f(0, 4) = 0; \quad f(2, 2) = 4 \quad f(1, 1) = 2.$$

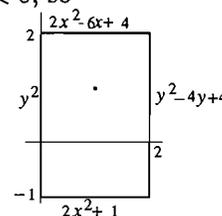
It follows that the critical point is just a saddle point; to get the maximum total area 4, make  $x = y = 0, z = 4$ , or  $x = y = 2, z = 0$ , either of which gives a point “rectangle” and a square of side 2; for the minimum total area 0, take for example  $x = 0, y = 4, z = 0$ , which gives a “rectangle” of length 4 with zero area, and a point square.

b) We have  $f_{xx} = \frac{1}{2}, f_{xy} = \frac{3}{2}, f_{yy} = \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ ; therefore  $AC - B^2 = -2 < 0$ , so  $(1, 1)$  is a saddle point, by the 2nd-derivative criterion.

**2H-7** a)  $f_x = 4x - 2y - 2, f_y = -2x + 2y$ ; setting these = 0 and solving simultaneously, we get  $x = 1, y = 1$ , which is therefore the only critical point.

On the four sides of the boundary rectangle  $R$ , the function  $f(x, y)$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{on } y = -1: & \quad f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 1; & \text{on } y = 2: & \quad f(x, y) = 2x^2 - 6x + 4 \\ \text{on } x = 0: & \quad f(x, y) = y^2; & \text{on } x = 2: & \quad f(x, y) = y^2 - 4y + 4 \end{aligned}$$



By one-variable calculus,  $f(x, y)$  is increasing on the bottom and decreasing on the right side; on the left side it has a minimum at  $(0, 0)$ , and on the top a minimum at  $(\frac{3}{2}, 2)$ . Thus the maximum and minimum points on the boundary rectangle  $R$  can only occur at the four corner points, or at  $(0, 0)$  or  $(\frac{3}{2}, 2)$ . At these we find:

$$f(0, -1) = 1; \quad f(0, 2) = 4; \quad f(2, -1) = 9; \quad f(2, 2) = 0; \quad f(\frac{3}{2}, 2) = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad f(0, 0) = 0.$$

At the critical point  $f(1, 1) = -1$ ; comparing with the above, it is a minimum; therefore, maximum point of  $f(x, y)$  on  $R$ :  $(2, -1)$  minimum point of  $f(x, y)$  on  $R$ :  $(1, 1)$

b) We have  $f_{xx} = 4, f_{xy} = -2, f_{yy} = 2$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ ; therefore  $AC - B^2 = 4 > 0$  and  $A = 4 > 0$ , so  $(1, 1)$  is a minimum point, by the 2nd-derivative criterion.

## 2I. Lagrange Multipliers

**2I-1** Letting  $P : (x, y, z)$  be the point, in both problems we want to maximize  $V = xyz$ , subject to a constraint  $f(x, y, z) = c$ . The Lagrange equations for this, in vector form, are

$$\nabla(xyz) = \lambda \cdot \nabla f(x, y, z), \quad f(x, y, z) = c.$$

a) Here  $f = c$  is  $x + 2y + 3z = 18$ ; equating components, the Lagrange equations become

$$yz = \lambda, \quad xz = 2\lambda, \quad xy = 3\lambda; \quad x + 2y + 3z = 18.$$

To solve these symmetrically, multiply the left sides respectively by  $x, y$ , and  $z$  to make them equal; this gives

$$\lambda x = 2\lambda y = 3\lambda z, \quad \text{or} \quad x = 2y = 3z = 6, \quad \text{since the sum is 18.}$$

We get therefore as the answer  $x = 6$ ,  $y = 3$ ,  $z = 2$ . This is a maximum point, since if  $P$  lies on the triangular boundary of the region in the first octant over which it varies, the volume of the box is zero.

b) Here  $f = c$  is  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 4z^2 = 12$ ; equating components, the Lagrange equations become

$$yz = \lambda \cdot 2x, \quad xz = \lambda \cdot 4y, \quad xy = \lambda \cdot 8z; \quad x^2 + 2y^2 + 4z^2 = 12.$$

To solve these symmetrically, multiply the left sides respectively by  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  to make them equal; this gives

$$\lambda \cdot 2x^2 = \lambda \cdot 4y^2 = \lambda \cdot 8z^2, \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 = 2y^2 = 4z^2 = 4, \quad \text{since the sum is 12.}$$

We get therefore as the answer  $x = 2$ ,  $y = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $z = 1$ . This is a maximum point, since if  $P$  lies on the boundary of the region in the first octant over which it varies (1/8 of the ellipsoid), the volume of the box is zero.

**2I-2** Since we want to minimize  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , subject to the constraint  $x^3y^2z = 6\sqrt{3}$ , the Lagrange multiplier equations are

$$2x = \lambda \cdot 3x^2y^2z, \quad 2y = \lambda \cdot 2x^3yz, \quad 2z = \lambda \cdot x^3y^2; \quad x^3y^2z = 6\sqrt{3}.$$

To solve them symmetrically, multiply the first three equations respectively by  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , then divide them through respectively by 3, 2, and 1; this makes the right sides equal, so that, after canceling 2 from every numerator, we get

$$\frac{x^2}{3} = \frac{y^2}{2} = z^2; \quad \text{therefore} \quad x = z\sqrt{3}, \quad y = z\sqrt{2}.$$

Substituting into  $x^3y^2z = 6\sqrt{3}$ , we get  $3\sqrt{3}z^3 \cdot 2z^2 \cdot z = 6\sqrt{3}$ , which gives as the answer,  $x = \sqrt{3}$ ,  $y = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $z = 1$ .

This is clearly a minimum, since if  $P$  is near one of the coordinate planes, one of the variables is close to zero and therefore one of the others must be large, since  $x^3y^2z = 6\sqrt{3}$ ; thus  $P$  will be far from the origin.

**2I-3** Referring to the solution of 2F-2, we let  $x$  be the length of the ends,  $y$  the length of the sides, and  $z$  the height, and get

$$\text{total area of cardboard } A = 3xy + 4xz + 2yz, \quad \text{volume } V = xyz = 1.$$

The Lagrange multiplier equations  $\nabla A = \lambda \cdot \nabla(xyz)$ ;  $xyz = 1$ , then become

$$3y + 4z = \lambda yz, \quad 3x + 2z = \lambda xz, \quad 4x + 2y = \lambda xy, \quad xyz = 1.$$

To solve these equations for  $x, y, z, \lambda$ , treat them symmetrically. Divide the first equation through by  $yz$ , and treat the next two equations analogously, to get

$$3/z + 4/y = \lambda, \quad 3/z + 2/x = \lambda, \quad 4/y + 2/x = \lambda,$$

which by subtracting the equations in pairs leads to  $3/z = 4/y = 2/x$ ; setting these all equal to  $k$ , we get  $x = 2/k, y = 4/k, z = 3/k$ , which shows the proportions using least cardboard are  $x : y : z = 2 : 4 : 3$ .

To find the actual values of  $x, y$ , and  $z$ , we set  $1/k = m$ ; then substituting into  $xyz = 1$  gives  $(2m)(4m)(3m) = 1$ , from which  $m^3 = 1/24$ ,  $m = 1/2 \cdot 3^{1/3}$ , giving finally

$$x = \frac{1}{3^{1/3}}, \quad y = \frac{2}{3^{1/3}}, \quad z = \frac{3}{2 \cdot 3^{1/3}}.$$

**2I-4** The equations for the cost  $C$  and the volume  $V$  are  $xy + 4yz + 6xz = C$  and  $xyz = V$ . The Lagrange multiplier equations for the two problems are

$$\text{a) } \quad yz = \lambda(y + 6z), \quad xz = \lambda(x + 4z), \quad xy = \lambda(4y + 6x); \quad xy + 4yz + 6xz = 72$$

$$\text{b) } \quad y + 6z = \mu \cdot yz, \quad x + 4z = \mu \cdot xz, \quad 4y + 6x = \mu \cdot xy; \quad xyz = 24$$

The first three equations are the same in both cases, since we can set  $\mu = 1/\lambda$ . Solving the first three equations in (a) symmetrically, we multiply the equations through by  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  respectively, which makes the left sides equal; since the right sides are therefore equal, we get after canceling the  $\lambda$ ,

$$xy + 6xz = xy + 4yz = 4yz + 6xz, \quad \text{which implies} \quad xy = 4yz = 6xz.$$

a) Since the sum of the three equal products is 72, by hypothesis, we get

$$xy = 24, \quad yz = 6, \quad xz = 4;$$

from the first two we get  $x = 4z$ , and from the first and third we get  $y = 6z$ , which lead to the solution  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 6$ ,  $z = 1$ .

b) Dividing  $xy = 4yz = 6xz$  by  $xyz$  leads after cross-multiplication to  $x = 4z$ ,  $y = 6z$ ; since by hypothesis,  $xyz = 24$ , again this leads to the solution  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 6$ ,  $z = 1$ .

## 2J. Non-independent Variables

**2J-1** a)  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}\right)_z$  means that  $x$  is the dependent variable; get rid of it by writing

$$w = (z - y)^2 + y^2 + z^2 = z + z^2. \quad \text{This shows that} \quad \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}\right)_z = 0.$$

b) To calculate  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right)_y$ , once again  $x$  is the dependent variable; as in part (a), we have  $w = z + z^2$  and so  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right)_y = 1 + 2z$ .

**2J-2** a) Differentiating  $z = x^2 + y^2$  w.r.t.  $y$ :  $0 = 2x \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right)_z + 2y$ ; so  $\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right)_z = -\frac{y}{x}$ ;

By the chain rule,  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}\right)_z = 2x \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right)_z + 2y = 2x \left(\frac{-y}{x}\right) + 2y = 0$ .

Differentiating  $z = x^2 + y^2$  with respect to  $z$ :  $1 = 2x \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial z}\right)_y$ ; so  $\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial z}\right)_y = \frac{1}{2x}$ ;

By the chain rule,  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right)_y = 2x \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial z}\right)_y + 2z = 1 + 2z$ .

b) Using differentials,  $dw = 2xdx + 2ydy + 2zdz$ ,  $dz = 2xdx + 2ydy$ ; since the independent variables are  $y$  and  $z$ , we eliminate  $dx$  by subtracting the second equation from the first, which gives

therefore by **D2**, we get  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}\right)_z = 0$ ,  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right)_y = 1 + 2z$ .

**2J-3** a) To calculate  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial t}\right)_{x,z}$ , we see that  $y$  is the dependent variable; solving for it, we get  $y = \frac{zt}{x}$ ; using the chain rule,  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial t}\right)_{x,z} = x^3 \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t}\right)_{x,z} - z^2 = x^3 \frac{z}{x} - z^2 = x^2 z - z^2$ .

b) Similarly,  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right)_{x,y}$  means that  $t$  is the dependent variable; since  $t = \frac{xy}{z}$ , we have by the chain rule,  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right)_{x,y} = -2zt - z^2 \left(\frac{\partial t}{\partial z}\right)_{x,y} = -2zt - z^2 \cdot \frac{-xy}{z^2} = -zt$ .

**2J-4** The differentials are calculated in equation (4).

a) Since  $x, z, t$  are independent, we eliminate  $dy$  by solving the second equation for  $x dy$ , substituting this into the first equation, and grouping terms:

$$dw = 2x^2 y dx + (x^2 z - z^2) dt + (x^2 t - 2zt) dz, \text{ which shows by D2 that } \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial t}\right)_{x,z} = x^2 z - z^2.$$

b) Since  $x, y, z$  are independent, we eliminate  $dt$  by solving the second equation for  $z dt$ , substituting this into the first equation, and grouping terms:

$$dw = (3x^2 y - zy) dx + (x^3 - zx) dy - zt dz, \text{ which shows by D2 that } \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right)_{x,y} = -zt.$$

**2J-5** a) If  $pv = nRT$ , then  $\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial p}\right)_v = S_p + S_T \cdot \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_v = S_p + S_T \cdot \frac{v}{nR}$ .

b) Similarly, we have  $\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_v = S_T + S_p \cdot \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_v = S_T + S_p \cdot \frac{nR}{v}$ .

**2J-6** a)  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial u}\right)_x = 3u^2 - v^2 - u \cdot 2v \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial u}\right)_x = 3u^2 - v^2 - 2uv$ .

$$\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)_u = -u \cdot 2v \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)_u = -2uv.$$

b)  $dw = (3u^2 - v^2) du - 2uv dv$ ;  $du = x dy + y dx$ ;  $dv = du + dx$ ; for both derivatives,  $u$  and  $x$  are the independent variables, so we eliminate  $dv$ , getting

$$dw = (3u^2 - v^2) du - 2uv(du + dx) = (3u^2 - v^2 - 2uv) du - 2uv dx,$$

whose coefficients by **D2** are  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial u}\right)_x$  and  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)_u$ .

**2J-7** Since we need both derivatives for the gradient, we use differentials.

$$df = 2dx + dy - 3dz \quad \text{at } P; \quad dz = 2x dx + dy = 2dx + dy \quad \text{at } P;$$

the independent variables are to be  $x$  and  $z$ , so we eliminate  $dy$ , getting

$$df = 0 dx - 2 dz \quad \text{at the point } (x, z) = (1, 1). \quad \text{So } \nabla g = \langle 0, -2 \rangle \text{ at } (1, 1).$$

**2J-8** To calculate  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial r}\right)_\theta$ , note that  $r$  and  $\theta$  are independent. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial r}\right)_\theta &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}\right)_\theta. \quad \text{Now, } x = r \cos \theta, \text{ so } \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}\right)_\theta = \cos \theta. \quad \text{Therefore} \\ \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial r}\right)_\theta &= \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}} + \frac{-x}{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}} \cdot \cos \theta = \frac{r - x \cos \theta}{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}} \\ &= \frac{r - r \cos^2 \theta}{r |\sin \theta|} = \frac{r \sin^2 \theta}{r |\sin \theta|} = |\sin \theta|. \end{aligned}$$

## 2K. Partial Differential Equations

**2K-1**  $w = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + y^2)$ . If  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} w_{xx} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(w_x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \\ w_{yy} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(w_y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $w$  satisfies the two-dimensional Laplace equation,  $w_{xx} + w_{yy} = 0$ ; we exclude the point  $(0, 0)$  since  $\ln 0$  is not defined.

**2K-2** If  $w = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(w_x) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2x \cdot n(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{n-1}) \\ &= 2n(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{n-1} + 4x^2 n(n-1)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

We get  $w_{yy}$  and  $w_{zz}$  by symmetry; adding and combining, we get

$$\begin{aligned} w_{xx} + w_{yy} + w_{zz} &= 6n(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{n-1} + 4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)n(n-1)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{n-2} \\ &= 2n(2n+1)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{n-1}, \text{ which is identically zero if } n = 0, \text{ or if } n = -1/2. \end{aligned}$$

**2K-3** a)  $w = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$ ;  $w_{xx} = 2a$ ,  $w_{yy} = 2c$ .

$$w_{xx} + w_{yy} = 0 \Rightarrow 2a + 2c = 0, \text{ or } c = -a.$$

Therefore all quadratic polynomials satisfying the Laplace equation are of the form

$$ax^2 + bxy - ay^2 = a(x^2 - y^2) + bxy;$$

i.e., linear combinations of the two polynomials  $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$  and  $g(x, y) = xy$ .

**2K-4** The one-dimensional wave equation is  $w_{xx} = \frac{1}{c^2} w_{tt}$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} w = f(x + ct) + g(x - ct) &\Rightarrow w_{xx} = f''(x + ct) + g''(x - ct) \\ &\Rightarrow w_t = cf'(x + ct) - cg'(x - ct). \\ &\Rightarrow w_{tt} = c^2 f''(x + ct) + c^2 g''(x - ct) = c^2 w_{xx}, \end{aligned}$$

which shows  $w$  satisfies the wave equation.

**2K-5** The one-dimensional heat equation is  $w_{xx} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} w_t$ . So if  $w(x, t) = \sin kxe^{rt}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} w_{xx} &= e^{rt} \cdot k^2(-\sin kx) = -k^2 w. \\ w_t &= re^{rt} \sin kx = r w. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we must have  $-k^2 w = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} r w$ , or  $r = -\alpha^2 k^2$ .

However, from the additional condition that  $w = 0$  at  $x = 1$ , we must have

$$\sin k e^{rt} = 0;$$

Therefore  $\sin k = 0$ , and so  $k = n\pi$ , where  $n$  is an integer.

To see what happens to  $w$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , we note that since  $|\sin kx| \leq 1$ ,

$$|w| = e^{rt} |\sin kx| \leq e^{rt}.$$

Now, if  $k \neq 0$ , then  $r = -\alpha^2 k^2$  is negative and  $e^{rt} \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ; therefore  $|w| \rightarrow 0$ .

Thus  $w$  will be a solution satisfying the given side conditions if  $k = n\pi$ , where  $n$  is a non-zero integer, and  $r = -\alpha^2 k^2$ .