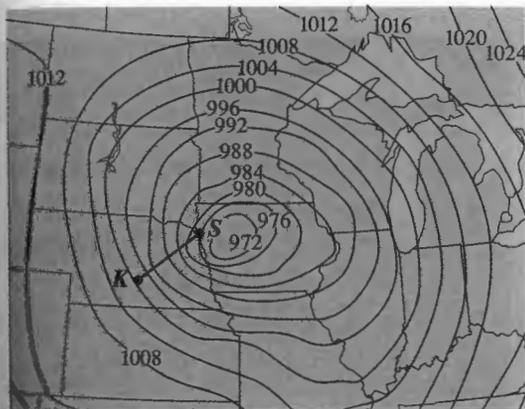


## Exercises

1. Level curves for barometric pressure (in millibars) are shown for 6:00 AM on November 10, 1998. A deep low with pressure 972 mb is moving over northeast Iowa. The distance along the red line from  $K$  (Kearney, Nebraska) to  $S$  (Sioux City, Iowa) is 300 km. Estimate the value of the directional derivative of the pressure function at Kearney in the direction of Sioux City. What are the units of the directional derivative?



Source: *Meteorology Today*, 8E by C. Donald Ahrens (2007 Thomson Brooks / Cole).

2. The contour map shows the average maximum temperature for November 2004 (in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Estimate the value of the directional derivative of this temperature function at Dubbo, New South Wales, in the direction of Sydney. What are the units?



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3. A table of values for the wind-chill index  $W = f(T, v)$  is given in Exercise 3 on page 911. Use the table to estimate the value of  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(-20, 30)$ , where  $\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})/\sqrt{2}$ .

4. Find the directional derivative of  $f$  at the given point in the direction indicated by the angle  $\theta$ .

1.  $f(x, y) = x^3y^4 + x^4y^3$ ,  $(1, 1)$ ,  $\theta = \pi/6$   
 2.  $f(x, y) = ye^{-x}$ ,  $(0, 4)$ ,  $\theta = 2\pi/3$   
 3.  $f(x, y) = g^2 \cos y$ ,  $(0, 0)$ ,  $\theta = \pi/4$

## 7-10

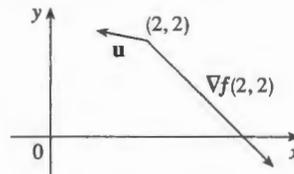
- (a) Find the gradient of  $f$ .  
 (b) Evaluate the gradient at the point  $P$ .  
 (c) Find the rate of change of  $f$  at  $P$  in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{u}$ .

7.  $f(x, y) = \sin(2x + 3y)$ ,  $P(-6, 4)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3}\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$   
 8.  $f(x, y) = y^2/x$ ,  $P(1, 2)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{3}(2\mathbf{i} + \sqrt{5}\mathbf{j})$   
 9.  $f(x, y, z) = x^2yz - xyz^3$ ,  $P(2, -1, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 0, \frac{4}{3}, -\frac{3}{5} \rangle$   
 10.  $f(x, y, z) = y^2e^{xyz}$ ,  $P(0, 1, -1)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \langle \frac{3}{13}, \frac{4}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \rangle$

- 11-17 Find the directional derivative of the function at the given point in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{v}$ .

11.  $f(x, y) = e^x \sin y$ ,  $(0, \pi/3)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \langle -6, 8 \rangle$   
 12.  $f(x, y) = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  $(1, 2)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 3, 5 \rangle$   
 13.  $g(p, q) = p^4 - p^2q^3$ ,  $(2, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$   
 14.  $g(r, s) = \tan^{-1}(rs)$ ,  $(1, 2)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = 5\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j}$   
 15.  $f(x, y, z) = xe^y + ye^x + ze^x$ ,  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 5, 1, -2 \rangle$   
 16.  $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{xyz}$ ,  $(3, 2, 6)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \langle -1, -2, 2 \rangle$   
 17.  $h(r, s, t) = \ln(3r + 6s + 9t)$ ,  $(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = 4\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$

18. Use the figure to estimate  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(2, 2)$ .



19. Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{xy}$  at  $P(2, 8)$  in the direction of  $Q(5, 4)$ .  
 20. Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y, z) = xy + yz + zx$  at  $P(1, -1, 3)$  in the direction of  $Q(2, 4, 5)$ .

- 21-26 Find the maximum rate of change of  $f$  at the given point and the direction in which it occurs.

21.  $f(x, y) = 4y\sqrt{x}$ ,  $(4, 1)$   
 22.  $f(s, t) = te^s$ ,  $(0, 2)$   
 23.  $f(x, y) = \sin(xy)$ ,  $(1, 0)$   
 24.  $f(x, y, z) = (x + y)/z$ ,  $(1, 1, -1)$   
 25.  $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ ,  $(3, 6, -2)$   
 26.  $f(p, q, r) = \arctan(pqr)$ ,  $(1, 2, 1)$

Graphing calculator or computer required

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27. (a) Show that a differentiable function  $f$  decreases most rapidly at  $\mathbf{x}$  in the direction opposite to the gradient vector, that is, in the direction of  $-\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ .  
 (b) Use the result of part (a) to find the direction in which the function  $f(x, y) = x^4y - x^2y^3$  decreases fastest at the point  $(2, -3)$ .

28. Find the directions in which the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = ye^{-xy}$  at the point  $(0, 2)$  has the value 1.

29. Find all points at which the direction of fastest change of the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y$  is  $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ .

30. Near a buoy, the depth of a lake at the point with coordinates  $(x, y)$  is  $z = 200 + 0.02x^2 - 0.001y^3$ , where  $x, y$ , and  $z$  are measured in meters. A fisherman in a small boat starts at the point  $(80, 60)$  and moves toward the buoy, which is located at  $(0, 0)$ . Is the water under the boat getting deeper or shallower when he departs? Explain.

31. The temperature  $T$  in a metal ball is inversely proportional to the distance from the center of the ball, which we take to be the origin. The temperature at the point  $(1, 2, 2)$  is  $120^\circ$ .

- (a) Find the rate of change of  $T$  at  $(1, 2, 2)$  in the direction toward the point  $(2, 1, 3)$ .  
 (b) Show that at any point in the ball the direction of greatest increase in temperature is given by a vector that points toward the origin.

32. The temperature at a point  $(x, y, z)$  is given by

$$T(x, y, z) = 200e^{-x^2-3y^2-9z^2}$$

where  $T$  is measured in  $^\circ\text{C}$  and  $x, y, z$  in meters.

- (a) Find the rate of change of temperature at the point  $P(2, -1, 2)$  in the direction toward the point  $(3, -3, 3)$ .  
 (b) In which direction does the temperature increase fastest at  $P$ ?  
 (c) Find the maximum rate of increase at  $P$ .

33. Suppose that over a certain region of space the electrical potential  $V$  is given by  $V(x, y, z) = 5x^2 - 3xy + xyz$ .

- (a) Find the rate of change of the potential at  $P(3, 4, 5)$  in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ .  
 (b) In which direction does  $V$  change most rapidly at  $P$ ?  
 (c) What is the maximum rate of change at  $P$ ?

34. Suppose you are climbing a hill whose shape is given by the equation  $z = 1000 - 0.005x^2 - 0.01y^2$ , where  $x, y$ , and  $z$  are measured in meters, and you are standing at a point with coordinates  $(60, 40, 966)$ . The positive  $x$ -axis points east and the positive  $y$ -axis points north.

- (a) If you walk due south, will you start to ascend or descend? At what rate?  
 (b) If you walk northwest, will you start to ascend or descend? At what rate?  
 (c) In which direction is the slope largest? What is the rate of ascent in that direction? At what angle above the horizontal does the path in that direction begin?

35. Let  $f$  be a function of two variables that has continuous partial derivatives and consider the points  $A(1, 3)$ ,  $B(3, 3)$ ,  $C(1, 7)$ , and  $D(6, 15)$ . The directional derivative of  $f$  at  $A$  in the direction of the vector  $\vec{AB}$  is 3 and the directional derivative at  $A$  in the direction of  $\vec{AC}$  is 26. Find the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $A$  in the direction of the vector  $\vec{AD}$ .

36. Shown is a topographic map of Blue River Pine Provincial Park in British Columbia. Draw curves of steepest descent from point  $A$  (descending to Mud Lake) and from point  $B$ .

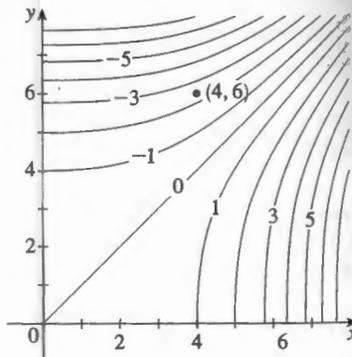


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37. Show that the operation of taking the gradient of a function has the given property. Assume that  $u$  and  $v$  are differentiable functions of  $x$  and  $y$  and that  $a, b$  are constants.

- (a)  $\nabla(au + bv) = a \nabla u + b \nabla v$     (b)  $\nabla(uv) = u \nabla v + v \nabla u$   
 (c)  $\nabla\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \nabla u - u \nabla v}{v^2}$     (d)  $\nabla u^n = nu^{n-1} \nabla u$

38. Sketch the gradient vector  $\nabla f(4, 6)$  for the function  $f$  whose level curves are shown. Explain how you chose the direction and length of this vector.



39. The second directional derivative of  $f(x, y)$  is

$$D_u^2 f(x, y) = D_u[D_u f(x, y)]$$

If  $f(x, y) = x^3 + 5x^2y + y^3$  and  $\mathbf{u} = \left\langle \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right\rangle$ , calculate  $D_u^2 f(2, 1)$ .

40. (a) If  $\mathbf{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$  is a unit vector and  $f$  has continuous second partial derivatives, show that

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f = f_{xx}a^2 + 2f_{xy}ab + f_{yy}b^2$$

- (b) Find the second directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = xe^{2y}$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 4, 6 \rangle$ .

41–46 Find equations of (a) the tangent plane and (b) the normal line to the given surface at the specified point.

41.  $2(x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z-3)^2 = 10$ , (3, 3, 5)

42.  $y = x^2 - z^2$ , (4, 7, 3)

43.  $xyz^2 = 6$ , (3, 2, 1)

44.  $xy + yz + zx = 5$ , (1, 2, 1)

45.  $x + y + z = e^{xyz}$ , (0, 0, 1)

46.  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 3x^2y^2z^2$ , (1, 1, 1)

47–48 Use a computer to graph the surface, the tangent plane, and the normal line on the same screen. Choose the domain carefully so that you avoid extraneous vertical planes. Choose the viewpoint so that you get a good view of all three objects.

47.  $xy + yz + zx = 3$ , (1, 1, 1)      48.  $xyz = 6$ , (1, 2, 3)

49. If  $f(x, y) = xy$ , find the gradient vector  $\nabla f(3, 2)$  and use it to find the tangent line to the level curve  $f(x, y) = 6$  at the point (3, 2). Sketch the level curve, the tangent line, and the gradient vector.

50. If  $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 4x$ , find the gradient vector  $\nabla g(1, 2)$  and use it to find the tangent line to the level curve  $g(x, y) = 1$  at the point (1, 2). Sketch the level curve, the tangent line, and the gradient vector.

51. Show that the equation of the tangent plane to the ellipsoid  $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 + z^2/c^2 = 1$  at the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  can be written as

$$\frac{xx_0}{a^2} + \frac{yy_0}{b^2} + \frac{zz_0}{c^2} = 1$$

52. Find the equation of the tangent plane to the hyperboloid  $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 - z^2/c^2 = 1$  at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and express it in a form similar to the one in Exercise 51.

53. Show that the equation of the tangent plane to the elliptic paraboloid  $z/c = x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2$  at the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  can be written as

$$\frac{2xx_0}{a^2} + \frac{2yy_0}{b^2} = \frac{z + z_0}{c}$$

54. At what point on the paraboloid  $y = x^2 + z^2$  is the tangent plane parallel to the plane  $x + 2y + 3z = 1$ ?

55. Are there any points on the hyperboloid  $x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = 1$  where the tangent plane is parallel to the plane  $z = x + y$ ?

56. Show that the ellipsoid  $3x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 = 9$  and the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 8x - 6y - 8z + 24 = 0$  are tangent to each other at the point (1, 1, 2). (This means that they have a common tangent plane at the point.)

57. Show that every plane that is tangent to the cone  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  passes through the origin.

58. Show that every normal line to the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$  passes through the center of the sphere.

59. Where does the normal line to the paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$  at the point (1, 1, 2) intersect the paraboloid a second time?

60. At what points does the normal line through the point (1, 2, 1) on the ellipsoid  $4x^2 + y^2 + 4z^2 = 12$  intersect the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 102$ ?

61. Show that the sum of the  $x$ -,  $y$ -, and  $z$ -intercepts of any tangent plane to the surface  $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z} = \sqrt{c}$  is a constant.

62. Show that the pyramids cut off from the first octant by any tangent planes to the surface  $xyz = 1$  at points in the first octant must all have the same volume.

63. Find parametric equations for the tangent line to the curve of intersection of the paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$  and the ellipsoid  $4x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$  at the point (-1, 1, 2).

64. (a) The plane  $y + z = 3$  intersects the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 5$  in an ellipse. Find parametric equations for the tangent line to this ellipse at the point (1, 2, 1).

- (b) Graph the cylinder, the plane, and the tangent line on the same screen.

65. (a) Two surfaces are called **orthogonal** at a point of intersection if their normal lines are perpendicular at that point. Show that surfaces with equations  $F(x, y, z) = 0$  and  $G(x, y, z) = 0$  are orthogonal at a point  $P$  where  $\nabla F \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\nabla G \neq \mathbf{0}$  if and only if

$$F_x G_x + F_y G_y + F_z G_z = 0 \quad \text{at } P$$

- (b) Use part (a) to show that the surfaces  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  and  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$  are orthogonal at every point of intersection. Can you see why this is true without using calculus?

66. (a) Show that the function  $f(x, y) = \sqrt[3]{xy}$  is continuous and the partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  exist at the origin but the directional derivatives in all other directions do not exist.

- (b) Graph  $f$  near the origin and comment on how the graph confirms part (a).

67. Suppose that the directional derivatives of  $f(x, y)$  are known at a given point in two nonparallel directions given by unit vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Is it possible to find  $\nabla f$  at this point? If so, how would you do it?

68. Show that if  $z = f(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0 \rangle$ , then

$$\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0} \frac{f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}_0) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0|} = 0$$

[Hint: Use Definition 14.4.7 directly.]

We close this section by giving a proof of the first part of the Second Derivatives Test. Part (b) has a similar proof.

PROOF OF THEOREM 3, PART (a) We compute the second-order directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{u} = \langle h, k \rangle$ . The first-order derivative is given by Theorem 14.6.3:

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}f = f_x h + f_y k$$

Applying this theorem a second time, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f &= D_{\mathbf{u}}(D_{\mathbf{u}}f) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(D_{\mathbf{u}}f)h + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(D_{\mathbf{u}}f)k \\ &= (f_{xx}h + f_{yx}k)h + (f_{xy}h + f_{yy}k)k \\ &= f_{xx}h^2 + 2f_{xy}hk + f_{yy}k^2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{(by Clairaut's Theorem)}$$

If we complete the square in this expression, we obtain

$$\boxed{10} \quad D_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f = f_{xx} \left( h + \frac{f_{xy}}{f_{xx}} k \right)^2 + \frac{k^2}{f_{xx}} (f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2)$$

We are given that  $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$  and  $D(a, b) > 0$ . But  $f_{xx}$  and  $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2$  are continuous functions, so there is a disk  $B$  with center  $(a, b)$  and radius  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f_{xx}(x, y) > 0$  and  $D(x, y) > 0$  whenever  $(x, y)$  is in  $B$ . Therefore, by looking at Equation 10, we see that  $D_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f(x, y) > 0$  whenever  $(x, y)$  is in  $B$ . This means that if  $C$  is the curve obtained by intersecting the graph of  $f$  with the vertical plane through  $P(a, b, f(a, b))$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{u}$ , then  $C$  is concave upward on an interval of length  $2\delta$ . This is true in the direction of every vector  $\mathbf{u}$ , so if we restrict  $(x, y)$  to lie in  $B$ , the graph of  $f$  lies above its horizontal tangent plane at  $P$ . Thus  $f(x, y) \geq f(a, b)$  whenever  $(x, y)$  is in  $B$ . This shows that  $f(a, b)$  is a local minimum.  $\blacksquare$

## 14.7 Exercises

1. Suppose  $(1, 1)$  is a critical point of a function  $f$  with continuous second derivatives. In each case, what can you say about  $f$ ?

(a)  $f_{xx}(1, 1) = 4$ ,  $f_{xy}(1, 1) = 1$ ,  $f_{yy}(1, 1) = 2$

(b)  $f_{xx}(1, 1) = 4$ ,  $f_{xy}(1, 1) = 3$ ,  $f_{yy}(1, 1) = 2$

2. Suppose  $(0, 2)$  is a critical point of a function  $g$  with continuous second derivatives. In each case, what can you say about  $g$ ?

(a)  $g_{xx}(0, 2) = -1$ ,  $g_{xy}(0, 2) = 6$ ,  $g_{yy}(0, 2) = 1$

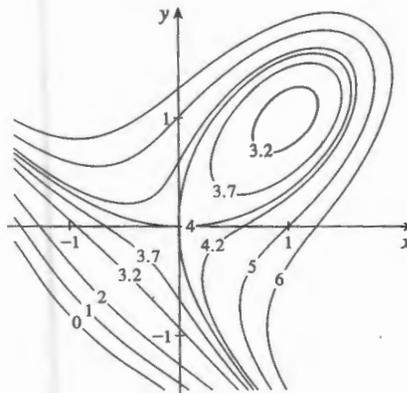
(b)  $g_{xx}(0, 2) = -1$ ,  $g_{xy}(0, 2) = 2$ ,  $g_{yy}(0, 2) = -8$

(c)  $g_{xx}(0, 2) = 4$ ,  $g_{xy}(0, 2) = 6$ ,  $g_{yy}(0, 2) = 9$

3. Use the level curves in the figure to predict the location of the critical points of  $f$  and whether  $f$  has a saddle point or a local maximum or minimum at each critical point. Explain your reasoning.

Then use the Second Derivatives Test to confirm your predictions.

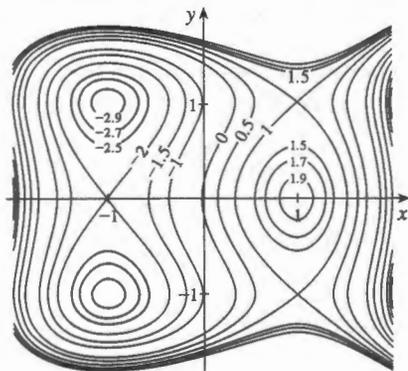
3.  $f(x, y) = 4 + x^3 + y^3 - 3xy$



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4.  $f(x, y) = 3x - x^3 - 2y^2 + y^4$



5–18 Find the local maximum and minimum values and saddle point(s) of the function. If you have three-dimensional graphing software, graph the function with a domain and viewpoint that reveal all the important aspects of the function.

5.  $f(x, y) = x^2 + xy + y^2 + y$

6.  $f(x, y) = xy - 2x - 2y - x^2 - y^2$

7.  $f(x, y) = (x - y)(1 - xy)$

8.  $f(x, y) = xe^{-2x^2-2y^2}$

9.  $f(x, y) = y^3 + 3x^2y - 6x^2 - 6y^2 + 2$

10.  $f(x, y) = xy(1 - x - y)$

11.  $f(x, y) = x^3 - 12xy + 8y^3$

12.  $f(x, y) = xy + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}$

13.  $f(x, y) = e^x \cos y$

14.  $f(x, y) = y \cos x$

15.  $f(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2)e^{x^2-y^2}$

16.  $f(x, y) = e^y(y^2 - x^2)$

17.  $f(x, y) = y^2 - 2y \cos x, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 7$

18.  $f(x, y) = \sin x \sin y, \quad -\pi < x < \pi, \quad -\pi < y < \pi$

19. Show that  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 4y^2 - 4xy + 2$  has an infinite number of critical points and that  $D = 0$  at each one. Then show that  $f$  has a local (and absolute) minimum at each critical point.

20. Show that  $f(x, y) = x^2ye^{-x^2-y^2}$  has maximum values at  $(\pm 1, 1/\sqrt{2})$  and minimum values at  $(\pm 1, -1/\sqrt{2})$ . Show also that  $f$  has infinitely many other critical points and  $D = 0$  at each of them. Which of them give rise to maximum values? Minimum values? Saddle points?

21–24 Use a graph or level curves or both to estimate the local maximum and minimum values and saddle point(s) of the function. Then use calculus to find these values precisely.

21.  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + x^2y^{-2}$

22.  $f(x, y) = xy e^{-x^2-y^2}$

23.  $f(x, y) = \sin x + \sin y + \sin(x + y),$   
 $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq y \leq 2\pi$

24.  $f(x, y) = \sin x + \sin y + \cos(x + y),$   
 $0 \leq x \leq \pi/4, 0 \leq y \leq \pi/4$

25–28 Use a graphing device as in Example 4 (or Newton's method or a rootfinder) to find the critical points of  $f$  correct to three decimal places. Then classify the critical points and find the highest or lowest points on the graph, if any.

25.  $f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 4x^2y + 2y$

26.  $f(x, y) = y^6 - 2y^4 + x^2 - y^2 + y$

27.  $f(x, y) = x^4 + y^3 - 3x^2 + y^2 + x - 2y + 1$

28.  $f(x, y) = 20e^{-x^2-y^2} \sin 3x \cos 3y, \quad |x| \leq 1, \quad |y| \leq 1$

29–36 Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f$  on the set  $D$ .

29.  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x, \quad D$  is the closed triangular region with vertices  $(2, 0), (0, 2),$  and  $(0, -2)$

30.  $f(x, y) = x + y - xy, \quad D$  is the closed triangular region with vertices  $(0, 0), (0, 2),$  and  $(4, 0)$

31.  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + x^2y + 4,$   
 $D = \{(x, y) \mid |x| \leq 1, |y| \leq 1\}$

32.  $f(x, y) = 4x + 6y - x^2 - y^2,$   
 $D = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 4, 0 \leq y \leq 5\}$

33.  $f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 2,$   
 $D = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 3, 0 \leq y \leq 2\}$

34.  $f(x, y) = xy^2, \quad D = \{(x, y) \mid x \geq 0, y \geq 0, x^2 + y^2 \leq 3\}$

35.  $f(x, y) = 2x^3 + y^4, \quad D = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$

36.  $f(x, y) = x^3 - 3x - y^3 + 12y, \quad D$  is the quadrilateral whose vertices are  $(-2, 3), (2, 3), (2, 2),$  and  $(-2, -2)$

37. For functions of one variable it is impossible for a continuous function to have two local maxima and no local minimum. But for functions of two variables such functions exist. Show that the function

$$f(x, y) = -(x^2 - 1)^2 - (x^2y - x - 1)^2$$

has only two critical points, but has local maxima at both of them. Then use a computer to produce a graph with a carefully chosen domain and viewpoint to see how this is possible.

38. If a function of one variable is continuous on an interval and has only one critical number, then a local maximum has to be

an absolute maximum. But this is not true for functions of two variables. Show that the function

$$f(x, y) = 3xe^y - x^3 - e^{3y}$$

has exactly one critical point, and that  $f$  has a local maximum there that is not an absolute maximum. Then use a computer to produce a graph with a carefully chosen domain and viewpoint to see how this is possible.

39. Find the shortest distance from the point  $(2, 0, -3)$  to the plane  $x + y + z = 1$ .
40. Find the point on the plane  $x - 2y + 3z = 6$  that is closest to the point  $(0, 1, 1)$ .
41. Find the points on the cone  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  that are closest to the point  $(4, 2, 0)$ .
42. Find the points on the surface  $y^2 = 9 + xz$  that are closest to the origin.
43. Find three positive numbers whose sum is 100 and whose product is a maximum.
44. Find three positive numbers whose sum is 12 and the sum of whose squares is as small as possible.
45. Find the maximum volume of a rectangular box that is inscribed in a sphere of radius  $r$ .
46. Find the dimensions of the box with volume  $1000 \text{ cm}^3$  that has minimal surface area.
47. Find the volume of the largest rectangular box in the first octant with three faces in the coordinate planes and one vertex in the plane  $x + 2y + 3z = 6$ .
48. Find the dimensions of the rectangular box with largest volume if the total surface area is given as  $64 \text{ cm}^2$ .
49. Find the dimensions of a rectangular box of maximum volume such that the sum of the lengths of its 12 edges is a constant  $c$ .
50. The base of an aquarium with given volume  $V$  is made of slate and the sides are made of glass. If slate costs five times as much (per unit area) as glass, find the dimensions of the aquarium that minimize the cost of the materials.
51. A cardboard box without a lid is to have a volume of  $32,000 \text{ cm}^3$ . Find the dimensions that minimize the amount of cardboard used.
52. A rectangular building is being designed to minimize heat loss. The east and west walls lose heat at a rate of  $10 \text{ units/m}^2$  per day, the north and south walls at a rate of  $8 \text{ units/m}^2$  per day, the floor at a rate of  $1 \text{ unit/m}^2$  per day, and the roof at a rate of  $5 \text{ units/m}^2$  per day. Each wall must be at least  $30 \text{ m}$  long, the height must be at least  $4 \text{ m}$ , and the volume must be exactly  $4000 \text{ m}^3$ .
  - (a) Find and sketch the domain of the heat loss as a function of the lengths of the sides.

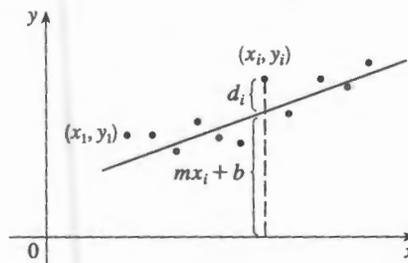
- (b) Find the dimensions that minimize heat loss. (Check both the critical points and the points on the boundary of the domain.)
  - (c) Could you design a building with even less heat loss if the restrictions on the lengths of the walls were removed?
53. If the length of the diagonal of a rectangular box must be  $L$ , what is the largest possible volume?

54. Three alleles (alternative versions of a gene) A, B, and O determine the four blood types A (AA or AO), B (BB or BO), O (OO), and AB. The Hardy-Weinberg Law states that the proportion of individuals in a population who carry two different alleles is

$$P = 2pq + 2pr + 2rq$$

where  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  are the proportions of A, B, and O in the population. Use the fact that  $p + q + r = 1$  to show that  $P$  is at most  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

55. Suppose that a scientist has reason to believe that two quantities  $x$  and  $y$  are related linearly, that is,  $y = mx + b$ , at least approximately, for some values of  $m$  and  $b$ . The scientist performs an experiment and collects data in the form of points  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ , and then plots these points. The points don't lie exactly on a straight line, so the scientist wants to find constants  $m$  and  $b$  so that the line  $y = mx + b$  "fits" the points as well as possible (see the figure).



Let  $d_i = y_i - (mx_i + b)$  be the vertical deviation of the point  $(x_i, y_i)$  from the line. The **method of least squares** determines  $m$  and  $b$  so as to minimize  $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2$ , the sum of the squares of these deviations. Show that, according to this method, the line of best fit is obtained when

$$m \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + bn = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

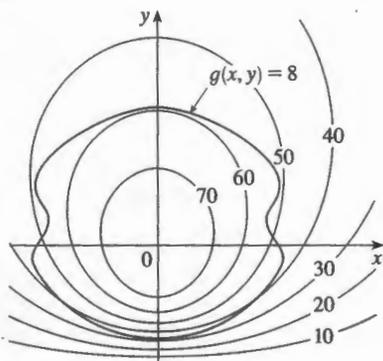
$$m \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

Thus the line is found by solving these two equations in the two unknowns  $m$  and  $b$ . (See Section 1.2 for a further discussion and applications of the method of least squares.)

56. Find an equation of the plane that passes through the point  $(1, 2, 3)$  and cuts off the smallest volume in the first octant.

## Exercises

1. Pictured are a contour map of  $f$  and a curve with equation  $g(x, y) = 8$ . Estimate the maximum and minimum values of  $f$  subject to the constraint that  $g(x, y) = 8$ . Explain your reasoning.



2. (a) Use a graphing calculator or computer to graph the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . On the same screen, graph several curves of the form  $x^2 + y = c$  until you find two that just touch the circle. What is the significance of the values of  $c$  for these two curves?  
 (b) Use Lagrange multipliers to find the extreme values of  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y$  subject to the constraint  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Compare your answers with those in part (a).

3–14 Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of the function subject to the given constraint.

3.  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ ;  $xy = 1$
4.  $f(x, y) = 3x + y$ ;  $x^2 + y^2 = 10$
5.  $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$ ;  $\frac{1}{4}x^2 + y^2 = 1$
6.  $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$ ;  $x^3 + y^3 = 16$
7.  $f(x, y, z) = 2x + 2y + z$ ;  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$
8.  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ ;  $x + y + z = 12$
9.  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ ;  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 = 6$
10.  $f(x, y, z) = x^2y^2z^2$ ;  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$
11.  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ ;  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 1$
12.  $f(x, y, z) = x^4 + y^4 + z^4$ ;  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$
13.  $f(x, y, z, t) = x + y + z + t$ ;  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2 = 1$
14.  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n$ ;  
 $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 = 1$

15–18 Find the extreme values of  $f$  subject to both constraints.

15.  $f(x, y, z) = x + 2y$ ;  $x + y + z = 1$ ,  $y^2 + z^2 = 4$

16.  $f(x, y, z) = 3x - y - 3z$ ;  
 $x + y - z = 0$ ,  $x^2 + 2z^2 = 1$
17.  $f(x, y, z) = yz + xy$ ;  $xy = 1$ ,  $y^2 + z^2 = 1$
18.  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ ;  $x - y = 1$ ,  $y^2 - z^2 = 1$

19–21 Find the extreme values of  $f$  on the region described by the inequality.

19.  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 4y$ ,  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$
20.  $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 3y^2 - 4x - 5$ ,  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 16$
21.  $f(x, y) = e^{-xy}$ ,  $x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 1$

22. Consider the problem of maximizing the function  $f(x, y) = 2x + 3y$  subject to the constraint  $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = 5$ .
- (a) Try using Lagrange multipliers to solve the problem.
  - (b) Does  $f(25, 0)$  give a larger value than the one in part (a)?
  - (c) Solve the problem by graphing the constraint equation and several level curves of  $f$ .
  - (d) Explain why the method of Lagrange multipliers fails to solve the problem.
  - (e) What is the significance of  $f(9, 4)$ ?

23. Consider the problem of minimizing the function  $f(x, y) = x$  on the curve  $y^2 + x^4 - x^3 = 0$  (a piriform).
- (a) Try using Lagrange multipliers to solve the problem.
  - (b) Show that the minimum value is  $f(0, 0) = 0$  but the Lagrange condition  $\nabla f(0, 0) = \lambda \nabla g(0, 0)$  is not satisfied for any value of  $\lambda$ .
  - (c) Explain why Lagrange multipliers fail to find the minimum value in this case.

- CAS 24. (a) If your computer algebra system plots implicitly defined curves, use it to estimate the minimum and maximum values of  $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 + 3xy$  subject to the constraint  $(x - 3)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = 9$  by graphical methods.  
 (b) Solve the problem in part (a) with the aid of Lagrange multipliers. Use your CAS to solve the equations numerically. Compare your answers with those in part (a).

25. The total production  $P$  of a certain product depends on the amount  $L$  of labor used and the amount  $K$  of capital investment. In Sections 14.1 and 14.3 we discussed how the Cobb-Douglas model  $P = bL^\alpha K^{1-\alpha}$  follows from certain economic assumptions, where  $b$  and  $\alpha$  are positive constants and  $\alpha < 1$ . If the cost of a unit of labor is  $m$  and the cost of a unit of capital is  $n$ , and the company can spend only  $p$  dollars as its total budget, then maximizing the production  $P$  is subject to the constraint  $mL + nK = p$ . Show that the maximum production occurs when

$$L = \frac{\alpha p}{m} \quad \text{and} \quad K = \frac{(1 - \alpha)p}{n}$$

Graphing calculator or computer required

CAS Computer algebra system required

1. Homework Hints available at [stewartcalculus.com](http://stewartcalculus.com)

26. Referring to Exercise 25, we now suppose that the production is fixed at  $bL^\alpha K^{1-\alpha} = Q$ , where  $Q$  is a constant. What values of  $L$  and  $K$  minimize the cost function  $C(L, K) = mL + nK$ ?
27. Use Lagrange multipliers to prove that the rectangle with maximum area that has a given perimeter  $p$  is a square.
28. Use Lagrange multipliers to prove that the triangle with maximum area that has a given perimeter  $p$  is equilateral.  
Hint: Use Heron's formula for the area:

$$A = \sqrt{s(s-x)(s-y)(s-z)}$$

where  $s = p/2$  and  $x, y, z$  are the lengths of the sides.

29–41 Use Lagrange multipliers to give an alternate solution to the indicated exercise in Section 14.7.

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| 29. Exercise 39 | 30. Exercise 40 |
| 31. Exercise 41 | 32. Exercise 42 |
| 33. Exercise 43 | 34. Exercise 44 |
| 35. Exercise 45 | 36. Exercise 46 |
| 37. Exercise 47 | 38. Exercise 48 |
| 39. Exercise 49 | 40. Exercise 50 |
| 41. Exercise 53 |                 |

42. Find the maximum and minimum volumes of a rectangular box whose surface area is  $1500 \text{ cm}^2$  and whose total edge length is  $200 \text{ cm}$ .
43. The plane  $x + y + 2z = 2$  intersects the paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$  in an ellipse. Find the points on this ellipse that are nearest to and farthest from the origin.
44. The plane  $4x - 3y + 8z = 5$  intersects the cone  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  in an ellipse.  
 (a) Graph the cone, the plane, and the ellipse.

- (b) Use Lagrange multipliers to find the highest and lowest points on the ellipse.

**CAS** 45–46 Find the maximum and minimum values of  $f$  subject to the given constraints. Use a computer algebra system to solve the system of equations that arises in using Lagrange multipliers. (If your CAS finds only one solution, you may need to use additional commands.)

45.  $f(x, y, z) = ye^{x-z}$ ;  $9x^2 + 4y^2 + 36z^2 = 36$ ,  $xy + yz = 6$
46.  $f(x, y, z) = x + y + z$ ;  $x^2 - y^2 = z$ ,  $x^2 + z^2 = 4$

47. (a) Find the maximum value of

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n}$$

given that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are positive numbers and  $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = c$ , where  $c$  is a constant.

- (b) Deduce from part (a) that if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are positive numbers, then

$$\sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n} \leq \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n}{n}$$

This inequality says that the geometric mean of  $n$  numbers is no larger than the arithmetic mean of the numbers. Under what circumstances are these two means equal?

48. (a) Maximize  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$  subject to the constraints  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 = 1$ .  
 (b) Put

$$x_i = \frac{a_i}{\sqrt{\sum a_j^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad y_i = \frac{b_i}{\sqrt{\sum b_j^2}}$$

to show that

$$\sum a_i b_i \leq \sqrt{\sum a_j^2} \sqrt{\sum b_j^2}$$

for any numbers  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n$ . This inequality is known as the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality.

## APPLIED PROJECT

## ROCKET SCIENCE

Many rockets, such as the *Pegasus XL* currently used to launch satellites and the *Saturn V* that first put men on the moon, are designed to use three stages in their ascent into space. A large first stage initially propels the rocket until its fuel is consumed, at which point the stage is jettisoned to reduce the mass of the rocket. The smaller second and third stages function similarly in order to place the rocket's payload into orbit about the earth. (With this design, at least two stages are required in order to reach the necessary velocities, and using three stages has proven to be a good compromise between cost and performance.) Our goal here is to determine the individual masses of the three stages, which are to be designed in such a way as to minimize the total mass of the rocket while enabling it to reach a desired velocity.