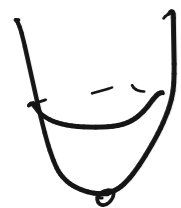


Today is cutoff for Exam 1 material:

Exam 1: 9.1 - 9.5, 10.1 - 10.7

Yesterday:  $f(x,y)$  function  $p = (a,b)$  is a  
Critical Point if  $\vec{\nabla} f(p) = \vec{0}$

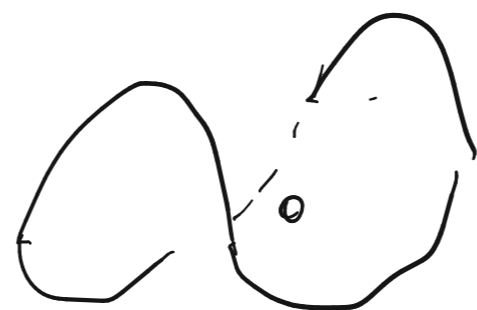
Crit. points come in 3 flavors:



local mins



local maxes



saddle points.

Today: Analogue of the Calc I 2<sup>nd</sup> deriv test:

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In Calc I the 2<sup>nd</sup> deriv test is as

follows:

$f(x)$  function  $p$  is Crit. point ( $f'(p)=0$ )

Then: if  $f''(p) > 0 \rightarrow$  local min

$f''(p) < 0 \rightarrow$  local max

$f''(p) = 0 \rightarrow$  test is inconclusive

Def'n Let  $f(x,y)$  be a function st  
 $f_{xx}$ ,  $f_{yy}$ ,  $f_{xy}$  exist.

The discriminant (Hessian determinant) of  $f$

is the quantity  $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$

Here,  $D$  will play the same role as  $f''(p)$   
does in the Calc I 2<sup>nd</sup> deriv test.

## Theorem (2<sup>nd</sup> Deriv test)

Let  $f(x,y)$  a func of two variables,

$p = (a,b)$  a critical point of  $f$ .

Then: ① If  $D(p) > 0$  and either  $f_{xx}(p)$  or  $f_{yy}(p) > 0$

then  $p$  is a local min.

② If  $D(p) > 0$  and either  $f_{xx}(p) < 0$  or  $f_{yy}(p) < 0$

then  $p$  is a local max.

③ If  $D(p) < 0$  then  $p$  is saddle point.

④ If  $D(p) = 0$ , the test is inconclusive.

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad f(x,y) = 3x^3 + y^2 - 9x + 4y.$$

Yesterday, we saw that this func has two

$$\text{Crit pts: } (1, -2), (-1, -2)$$

Goal: Classify these crit pts.

$$f_{xx} = 18x \quad f_{yy} = 2$$

$$f_{xy} = 0$$

$$\text{So } D(x,y) = f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$$

$$D = 36x - 0^2 = 36x.$$

Test:  $D(1, -2) = 36 \cdot 1 = 36 > 0$

Need to look @ sign of  $f_{xx}$  or  $f_{yy}$ .

$$f_{yy}(1, -2) = 2 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{local min}$$

$(1, -2)$  is a local min of  $f(x, y)$

Test:  $D(-1, -2) = 36 \cdot (-1) = -36 < 0$

$\hookrightarrow (-1, -2)$  is saddle point.

Ex A closed rectangular box has volume

$$30 \text{ cm}^3.$$

Goal: find side lengths of edges giving min'l surface area.

$$V = lwh = 30. \quad \text{let } h = 30/lw.$$

$$S = 2lw + 2lh + 2hw.$$

$$= 2lw + \frac{60}{w} + \frac{60}{l}$$

Aside: What we want to do is find all crit points of  $S$  and look for all local mins.



$$\vec{\nabla} S = \langle S_x, S_y \rangle$$

$$= \left\langle 2\omega - \frac{60}{l^2}, 2l - \frac{60}{\omega^2} \right\rangle = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2\omega = \frac{60}{l^2} \\ 2l = \frac{60}{\omega^2} \end{cases}$$

$$\omega l^2 = \omega^2 l \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega = l}$$

divide top eq'n by bottom eq'n:

$$\frac{2\omega}{2l} = \frac{\frac{60}{l^2}}{\frac{60}{\omega^2}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\omega}{l} = \frac{\omega^2}{l^2}}$$

only happens  
when  $\boxed{\omega = l}$

$$2l = 60/l^2 \Rightarrow 2l^3 = 60 \Rightarrow \boxed{l = \sqrt[3]{30}}$$

$$30 = \frac{30^{3/3}}{30^{2/3}} = 30^{1/3}$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$\boxed{w = \sqrt[3]{30}}$$

$$h = \frac{30}{(\sqrt[3]{30})^2} = \sqrt[3]{30}$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$\boxed{h = \sqrt[3]{30}}$$

So  $(\sqrt[3]{30}, \sqrt[3]{30})$  is a crit. point of  $S(l, w)$ .

Check: Is it a local min?

$$S_{ll} = \frac{120}{l^3}$$

$$S_{ww} = \frac{120}{w^3}$$

$$S_{lw} = 2.$$

$$S_{ll}(\sqrt[3]{30}, \sqrt[3]{30}) > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

local min!

$$D(\sqrt[3]{30}, \sqrt[3]{30}) = \frac{120}{(\sqrt[3]{30})^3} \cdot \frac{120}{(\sqrt[3]{30})^3} - (2)^2$$

$$= \frac{120}{30} \cdot \frac{120}{30} - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \cdot 4 - 4 = 12 > 0.$$

In summary, we found that the optimal

side lengths are  $l = w = h = \sqrt[3]{30}$  cm

and these side lengths minimize surface area of the box.