

# Constrained optimization

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Ex: max/min  $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$  when

$$-1 \leq x, y \leq 1$$

$D =$  all  $(x,y)$  such that constraints hold

Candidate points

i) Stationary pts:  $(0,0)$   $f(0,0) = 0^2 + 0^2 = 0$

ii) Interior critical pts: None

iii) Boundary: A:  $(1,1), (1,-1), (1,0)$   
 $f(1,1) = 1^2 + 1^2 = 2 = f(1,-1)$  ♥  
 $f(1,0) = 1^2 + 0^2 = 1$

B:  $y=1, -1 \leq x \leq 1: f(x,1) = x^2 + 1$

$$f(1,0) = 1^2 + 0^2 = 1$$

C:

E: Repeat! (or symmetry)  $(-1,1), (-1,-1), (-1,0), (0,-1), (0,1)$   
 $f(-1,1) = f(-1,-1) = 2$

$$f(-1,0) = f(0,-1) = f(0,1) = 1$$

Extreme value thm.

- $f$  continuous? Yes.
- $D$  compact:  $\rightarrow$  closed? Yes.
- $\rightarrow$  Bounded? Yes.

EVT holds  $\Rightarrow$

$f(x,y)$  has a max. and min. over  $D$ .

Conclusion

There is a max. and a min. from EVT. The largest function value among the candidates is:

$$f_{\max} = 2$$

at the max. points:  $(1,1), (1,-1), (-1,1), (-1,-1)$

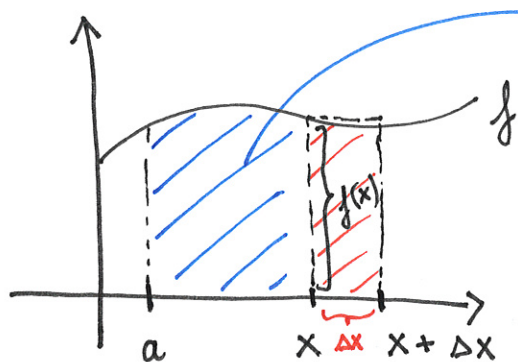
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The smallest value among the candidates is:

$$f_{\min} = 0$$

at the min. point  $(0, 0)$ .

Repetition interlude: Fundamental thm. of calculus



$A(x)$ : Area under graph of  $f$  from  $a$  to  $x$ .

$$A(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$$

From figure: Red area

$$A(x + \Delta x) - A(x) \approx f(x) \Delta x$$

$$\underbrace{A'(x)} \approx \frac{A(x + \Delta x) - A(x)}{\Delta x} \approx \underbrace{f(x)}$$

Def. of derivative

can be made precise (no  $\approx$ ). So:

$$A'(x) = \left( \int_a^x f(t) dt \right)' = f(x)$$

Def. of  $A(x)$

# Examples: Optimization

Ex:  $f(x, y) = x^2 y^3 + y^2 - 2y$ ,  $D_f = \mathbb{R}^2$  } Unconstrained optimization  
No boundary

Q: What's the plan to max/min  $f(x, y)$ ?

Candidate points

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i) Stationary points:

$$f'_x = 2xy^3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0$$

$$f'_y = 3x^2 y^2 + 2y - 2 = 0$$

2 cases:

$x = 0$

$$3 \cdot 0^2 \cdot y^2 + 2y - 2 = 0$$

$$2y = 2$$

$$\underline{y = 1}$$

$y = 0$

$$3x^2 \cdot 0^2 + 2 \cdot 0 - 2 = 0$$

$$-2 = 0$$

Not true  $\Rightarrow (x, 0)$  not possible.

Can both  $x$  and  $y$  be 0?

$$3 \cdot 0^2 \cdot 0^2 + 2 \cdot 0 - 2 = -2 \neq 0$$

Hence, only one stationary point  $(x^*, y^*) = (0, 1)$ .

$$f(0, 1) = \del{0}^2 \cdot 1^3 + 1^2 - 2 \cdot 1 = \underline{-1}$$

ii) Other critical points: Partial derivatives are defined everywhere  $\Rightarrow$  No other critical points.

iii) Boundary: No boundary.

$\Rightarrow$  The stationary point is the only candidate point.

## Classification (local):

$$H(f)(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2y^3 & 6xy^2 \\ 6xy^2 & 6x^2y + 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$f''_{xx}$  (top-left),  $f''_{yy}$  (bottom-right),  $f''_{xy}$  (top-right and bottom-left)

Insert (0,1):

$$H(f)(0,1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det H(f)(0,1) = 2 \cdot 2 - 0 \cdot 0 = 4 > 0,$$

$$\text{tr } H(f)(0,1) = 2 + 2 = 4 > 0$$

∴  $\Downarrow$  2nd derivative test

$(0,1)$  is a local minimum:  $f(0,1) = -1$

Conclusion (problem specific):

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

If  $x=1$ , then:

$$f(1,y) = 1^2 y^3 + y^2 - 2y = \underbrace{y^3 + y^2 - 2y}$$

Can be made arbitrarily large: The  $y^3 + y^2$  will overpower  $-2y$  for large  $y$ 's. Try:  $y = 100, 1000, 10000 \Rightarrow$

No global max.

really negative

Can also be made arbitrarily small: The  $y^3$  will overpower

$y^2 - 2y$  for very negative  $y$ 's. Try:  $y = -100, -1000, -10000$  (4)

⇒ No global min.

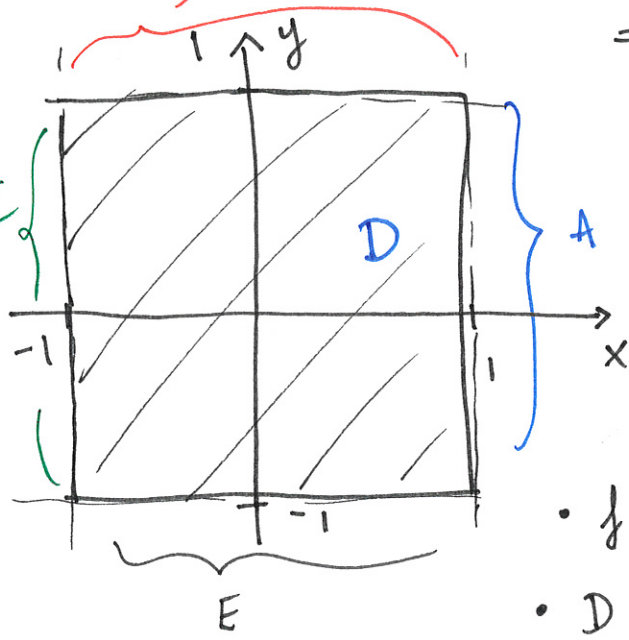
local min.

Example of a function with one stationary point, but no global min.

EX:  $\max/\min f(x,y) = xy(x^2 - y^2)$   
 $= x^3y - xy^3$ , when

$$\underbrace{-1 \leq x, y \leq 1}_D$$

Extreme value theorem?



- $f$  continuous? **Yes.**
- $D$  compact: → closed? **Yes.**  
→ Bounded? **Yes**

⇓ **EVT holds!**

$f$  has a max. and a min. over  $D$ .

Inside  $D$  Candidate points

i) Interior stationary points:  $f'_x = 3x^2y - y^3 = 0$   
 $f'_y = x^3 - 3xy^2 = 0$

(1)  $y(3x^2 - y^2) = 0$   
(2)  $x(x^2 - 3y^2) = 0$

From (1):

$$\underline{y=0}$$

$$(2): x(x^2 - 3 \cdot 0^2) = 0$$

$$x^3 = 0$$

$$\underline{x=0}$$

or

$$\underline{3x^2 - y^2 = 0} \rightarrow \boxed{3x^2 = y^2}$$

$$(2): x(x^2 - 3 \cdot 3x^2) = 0$$

$$x(x^2 - 9x^2) = 0$$

$$-8x^3 = 0$$

$$\underline{x=0}$$

$$y^2 = 3x^2 = 3 \cdot 0^2 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\underline{y=0}$$

Only one interior stationary pt.  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ :

$$\underline{f(0, 0) = 0}$$

ii) Other interior critical pts:  $f'_x$  and  $f'_y$  are def.

everywhere  $\Rightarrow$  No such pts.

iii) Boundary of D: A, B, C, E  $\rightarrow$  DIY on exercise sheet!