

Homework III Solution

1. Let

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 6xy - 12x = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3y^2 + 3x^2 - 12y = 0 \end{cases}$$

We get the critical points are: $(0, 0)$, $(0, 4)$, $(2, 2)$, $(-2, 2)$.

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x, y) = 6y - 12, \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(x, y) = 6y - 12, \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(x, y) = 6x$$

$$\text{So } D(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x, y) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(x, y) - \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(x, y) \right)^2 = (6y - 12)^2 - 6x^2$$

At $(0, 0)$: $D(0, 0) = 144 > 0$, $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(0, 0) = -12 < 0$, so it's a local maximum

At $(0, 4)$: $D(0, 4) = 144 > 0$, $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(0, 4) = 12 > 0$, so it's a local minimum

At $(2, 2)$: $D(2, 2) = -24 < 0$, so it's a saddle point

At $(-2, 2)$: $D(-2, 2) = -24 < 0$, so it's a saddle point

2. We first look for critical points in the interior:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x - 2 = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y = 0 \end{cases}$$

We get the critical point is $(1, 0)$. $f(1, 0) = -1$.

Next we consider the boundary points. On the segment $(0, 2) - (0, -2)$, $f(x, y) = f(0, y) = y^2$, $-2 \leq y \leq 2$. So the maximum is at $(0, 2)$ and $(0, -2)$, with value $f(0, 2) = f(0, -2) = 4$. The minimum is at $(0, 0)$, with value $f(0, 0) = 0$.

On the segment $(0, 2) - (2, 0)$, $f(x, y) = f(x, 2-x) = 2(x-1)(x-2)$, $0 \leq x \leq 2$ so the maximum is at $(0, 2)$, with value $f(0, 2) = 4$. The minimum is at $(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, with value $f(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{1}{2}$.

On the segment $(0, -2) - (2, 0)$, $f(x, y) = f(x, x-2) = 2(x-1)(x-2)$, $0 \leq x \leq 2$, so the maximum is at $(0, -2)$, with value $f(0, -2) = 4$. The minimum is at $(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$, with value $f(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{1}{2}$.

So we conclude on this region, the maximum value is 4, obtained at $(0, 2)$ and $(0, -2)$. The minimum value is -1 , obtained at $(1, 0)$.

3. The profit function is given by

$$\pi(x, y) = 12x + 6y - (x^2 - 2xy + 2y^2 - 20x - 10y + 514) = -x^2 - 2y^2 + 2xy + 32x + 16y - 514$$

Let

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -2x + 2y + 32 = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -4y + 2x + 16 = 0 \end{cases}$$

We get the critical point is $(40, 24)$.

$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -2$, $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 2$, $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -4$, so $D(40, 24) = (-2) \times (-4) - 2^2 = 4 > 0$, and $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(40, 24) = -2 < 0$, so it's a local maximum.

We conclude the profit is maximized at $(40, 24)$.

4. Assume the dimensions are x, y, z . Its volume is $V = xyz$, and we will maximize it under the constraint that the sum of its 12 edges is c , i.e. $4x + 4y + 4z = c$.

Let $g(x, y, z) = 4x + 4y + 4z$

So we solve for the following equations

$$\begin{cases} \nabla V = \lambda \nabla g \\ g(x, y, z) = c \end{cases}$$

which become

$$\begin{cases} yz = 4\lambda \\ xz = 4\lambda \\ xy = 4\lambda \\ 4x + 4y + 4z = c \end{cases}$$

The only positive solution is $(\frac{c}{12}, \frac{c}{12}, \frac{c}{12})$. So the maximum volume is achieved when it is a cube with all edges have length $\frac{c}{12}$

5. We will maximize $P = 2pq + 2pr + 2rq$, with constraint $g(p,q,r) = p + q + r = 1$.

$$\begin{cases} \nabla P = \lambda \nabla g \\ p + q + r = 1 \end{cases}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{cases} 2(q + r) = \lambda \\ 2(p + r) = \lambda \\ 2(p + q) = \lambda \\ p + q + r = 1 \end{cases}$$

The solution is $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$, with $f(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}) = \frac{2}{3}$. The way to test whether $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$ is a maximum or minimum is to compare with any other point on the constraint, say $(1, 0, 0)$: $P(1, 0, 0) = 0 < f(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$, so $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$ cannot be minimum, it has to be maximum. We conclude $P \leq \frac{2}{3}$.

6. We will maximize the square of the area of the triangle, which is

$$f(a, b, c) = s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)$$

under the constraint $g(a, b, c) = a + b + c = 2s$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \\ g(a, b, c) = 2s \end{cases}$$

which are indeed

$$\begin{cases} -s(s - b)(s - c) = \lambda \\ -s(s - a)(s - c) = \lambda \\ -s(s - a)(s - b) = \lambda \\ a + b + c = 2s \end{cases}$$

The solution is $a = b = c = \frac{2s}{3}$, so the largest possible area is

$$\sqrt{f\left(\frac{2s}{3}, \frac{2s}{3}, \frac{2s}{3}\right)} = \frac{s^2}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{s^2}{9}\sqrt{3}$$

7. We will find the maximum and minimum of $V = xyz$ with the constraints $2(xy + xz + yz) = 1500$ and $4(x + y + z) = 200$, i.e. $g(x, y, z) = xy + xz + yz = 750$ and $h(x, y, z) = x + y + z = 50$.

So we solve the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla V = \lambda \nabla g + \mu \nabla h \\ xy + xz + yz = 750 \\ x + y + z = 50 \end{cases}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{cases} yz = \lambda(y + z) + \mu \\ xz = \lambda(x + z) + \mu \\ xy = \lambda(x + y) + \mu \\ xy + xz + yz = 750 \\ x + y + z = 50 \end{cases}$$

From the first three equations we get:

$$\begin{cases} (y - x)z = \lambda(y - x) \\ (z - y)x = \lambda(z - y) \\ (x - z)y = \lambda(x - z) \end{cases}$$

Suppose x, y, z are three different numbers, we get $x = y = z = \lambda$, contradiction. So if (x, y, z) is a solution, at least two of x, y, z are equal. Since x, y, z are symmetric, we may assume x and y are the edges of equal length, i.e. $x = y$. Then putting it into

$$\begin{cases} xy + xz + yz = 750 \\ x + y + z = 50 \end{cases}$$

We get the solutions are $(\frac{50+5\sqrt{10}}{3}, \frac{50+5\sqrt{10}}{3}, \frac{50-10\sqrt{10}}{3})$ and $(\frac{50+5\sqrt{10}}{3}, \frac{50+5\sqrt{10}}{3}, \frac{50-10\sqrt{10}}{3})$. The volume for the former case is $\frac{2500}{27}(35 - \sqrt{10})$, and the volume of the later is $\frac{2500}{27}(35 + \sqrt{10})$. So the maximum of the volume is $\frac{2500}{27}(35 + \sqrt{10})$ and the minimum of the volume is $\frac{2500}{27}(35 - \sqrt{10})$.

8. We will maximize and minimize the function $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ under the constraints $g(x, y, z) = x + y + 2z = 2$, $h(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z = 0$

So we solve the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g + \mu \nabla h \\ x + y + 2z = 2 \\ x^2 + y^2 - z = 0 \end{cases}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{cases} 2x = \lambda + 2\mu x \\ 2y = \lambda + 2\mu y \\ 2z = 2\lambda - \mu \\ x + y + 2z = 2 \\ x^2 + y^2 - z = 0 \end{cases}$$

The solutions are $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ when $\lambda = \frac{2}{3}$ and $\mu = \frac{1}{3}$, and $(-1, -1, 2)$ with $\lambda = \frac{10}{3}$ and $\mu = \frac{8}{3}$.

$f(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{3}{4}$, and $f(-1, -1, 2) = 6$, so the maximum distance is $\sqrt{6}$, and the minimum distance is $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$.

9. The area of the rectangle is

$$S = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C = \frac{1}{2}(2r \sin A)(2r \sin B) \sin C = 2r^2 \sin A \sin B \sin C$$

And the constraint is $A + B + C = \pi$. So we let $g(A, B, C) = A + B + C$.

Consider the following equation:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla V = \lambda \nabla g \\ g(A, B, C) = \pi \end{cases}$$

which becomes

$$\begin{cases} 2r^2 \cos A \sin B \sin C = \lambda \\ 2r^2 \sin A \cos B \sin C = \lambda \\ 2r^2 \sin A \sin B \cos C = \lambda \\ A + B + C = \pi \end{cases}$$

The first two equations imply $\cos A \sin B = \sin A \cos B$, which further implies $\sin(A - B) = 0$, so $A = B$. Similarly, we can also prove $B = C$, so $A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

So the largest possible area is $S = 2r^2(\sin \frac{\pi}{3})^3 = \frac{3\sqrt{3}r^2}{4}$