

Section 14.8 - Lagrange Multipliers

Recall 14.7: Finding max/min value of $z=f(x,y)$ on a closed bounded set of \mathbb{R}^2

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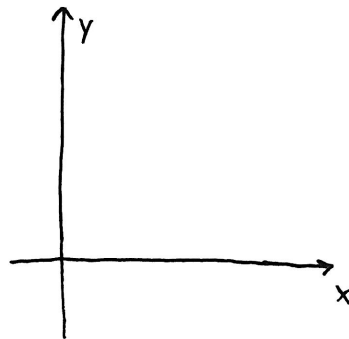
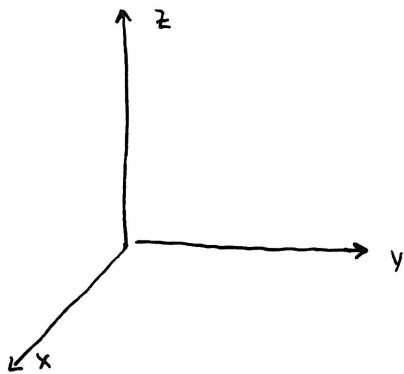
Now find the max/min value of $z=f(x,y)$ given some constraint on x and y

★ We'll look at the constraint on x and y when given by:

• Methods to find max/min:

① Constraint:

② Constraint:



• Method of Lagrange Multipliers:

To find max/min values of $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ subject to $g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = k$

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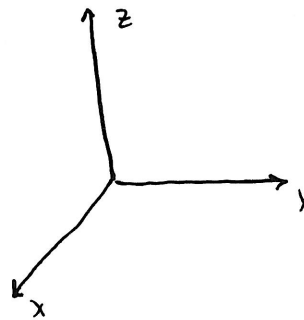
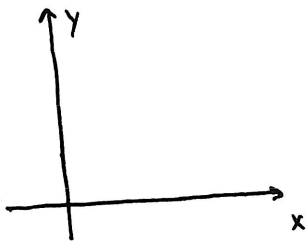
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Example Find the extreme values of $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2$ on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Example Find the points on the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ that are closest and farthest from the point $(3, 1, -1)$.

• Subject to Two Constraints: $f(\vec{x})$ subject to $g(\vec{x}) = k$ and $h(\vec{x}) = c$



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Example Maximize $f(x,y,z) = x + 2y + 3z$ on the curve of intersection
 $x - y + z = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

#20 Find extreme values of $f(x,y) = 2x^2 + 3y^2 - 4x - 5$ on $x^2 + y^2 \leq 16$.

#22. Consider maximizing $f(x,y) = 2x + 3y$ subject to $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = 5$. Try using Lagrange multipliers then show $f(25,0)$ is a bigger value but doesn't satisfy $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ for any λ . Explain why Lagrange's method fails.