

We assume the 2nd partial derivatives of $f(x, y)$ are continuous on a disk around (a, b) .

When $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$, we define

$$D(a, b) = f_{xx}(a, b)f_{yy}(a, b) - (f_{xy}(a, b))^2$$

- (a) If $D(a, b) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$, then (a, b) is a local minimum.
- (b) If $D(a, b) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$, then (a, b) is a local maximum.
- (c) If $D(a, b) < 0$ then it is neither a local minimum nor a local maximum.

True/False.

1. If $D(a, b) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$, then $f_{yy}(a, b) > 0$.

$$f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 > 0$$

$$\underbrace{f_{xx}f_{xy}}_{\uparrow} > f_{xy}^2 \geq 0 \longrightarrow f_{xx}f_{yy} > 0 \quad \& \quad f_{xx} > 0 \longrightarrow f_{yy} > 0$$

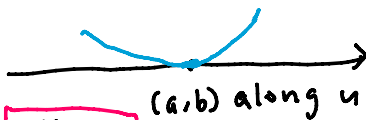
True

2. If $D_u(D_u f(a, b)) > 0$ in every direction u , then (a, b) is a local minimum.

$$D_u^2 f > 0$$

$$f_x = f_y = 0$$

$$\rightarrow D_u f = 0$$



prototype $f''(x) > 0 : x^2$

curve upwards along every $u \rightarrow$ minimum

True

Saddle pts: neither max nor min, has values strictly $> f(a, b)$ & strictly $< f(a, b)$ in any region around (a, b)

could find $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$ s.t. $D_{\vec{u}}^2 f > 0$ & $f_x = f_y = 0$
 $D_{\vec{v}}^2 f < 0$

then it's a saddle pt.

$$D(a, b) = D_{\vec{u}}^2 f \cdot D_{\vec{v}}^2 f \quad (2)$$

$$\text{where } D_{\vec{u}}^2 f = \max_{|w|=1} D_w^2 f \quad D_{\vec{v}}^2 f = \min_{|w|=1} D_w^2 f$$

$$w = \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta \rangle \quad D_w^2 f = F(\theta), \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$$

continuous function closed interval

$F(\theta)$ attains its max & min in the interval

$D(a,b) > 0$, given interpretation (2),

$D_w^2 f$ has the same sign for all $|w|=1$

$$f_{xx} > 0 \rightarrow D_w^2 f > 0 \quad \forall w$$

$$f_{xx} < 0 \rightarrow D_w^2 f < 0 \quad \forall w$$

$D(a,b) < 0$, given (2),

along u , $D_u^2 f > 0$ $\cup$
 along v , $D_v^2 f < 0$ $\cap$ $\rightarrow$ saddle

3. If $D(a,b) = 0$, then f can have a maximum, minimum, or a saddle point at (a,b) .

Example:

True

- $D(a,b) = 0$, maximum:

SV Calculus $f(x) = -x^4$ $f'(x) = 0$ at $x=0$
 $f''(x) = -12x^2 = 0$

$$f(x,y) = -x^4 - y^4 \quad \text{max at } (0,0)$$

$$f_x = -4x^3 \quad f_y = -4y^3 \quad f_{xx} = -12x^2 \quad f_{yy} = -12y^2 \quad f_{xy} = 0$$

$$D(0,0) = 0 \cdot 0 - 0^2 = 0$$

- $D(a,b) = 0$, minimum:

$$g(x,y) = -f(x,y)$$

- $D(a,b) = 0$, saddle:

ordinary saddle $p(x,y) = xy$
 $h(x,y) = x^3 y^3$

$$h_x = 3x^2y^3 \quad h_y = 3x^3y^2 \quad h_{xx} = 6xy^3 \quad h_{yy} = 6x^3y \quad h_{xy} = 9x^2y^2$$

$$(x,y) = (0,0) \quad \quad \quad = 0 \quad \quad \quad = 0 \quad \quad \quad = 0$$

$$D(0,0) = 0^2 - 0^2 = 0$$

4. Give a function with exactly two local maxima, and find all of its critical points.

(CalcPlot3D)

$$e^{-(x-1)^2+y^2} + e^{-(x+1)^2+y^2}$$

$$-(x-1)^2(x+1)^2 - y^2 \quad \quad \quad 2 \text{ max} \quad 1 \text{ saddle}$$

$$-(x-1)^2(x+1)^2 + y^2 \quad \quad \quad 2 \text{ saddle} \quad 1 \text{ min}$$

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

$$f_x = -4x^3 + 4x - 2(x^2y-x-1)(2x-1)$$

$$f_y = -2(x^2y-x-1)x^2 \rightarrow x=0 \text{ or } (x^2y-x-1) \quad \leftarrow$$

$$f_x = f_y = 0 \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$$

$$f_x \neq 0 \quad \quad \quad f_x = 0 \rightarrow x = \pm 1, \quad \times$$

$$(x,y) = (1,2) \quad (-1,0) \text{ critical pts}$$

$$f(x,y) \leq 0 \quad f(x,y) \text{ attains a max of } 0 \text{ when}$$

$$x^2-1=0 \quad \& \quad x^2y-x-1=0$$

$$\text{maxima: } (1,2) \quad (-1,0)$$

5. Give a function with exactly one saddle point, and show this is the case.

$$f(x,y) = xy \quad \text{or} \quad g(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{essentially rotation of } f$$

$$f_x = y \quad f_y = x \quad \text{critical pt } y=x=0$$

$$f_{xx} = f_{yy} = 0$$

$$f_{xy} = 1$$

$$D(0,0) = 0 \cdot 0 - 1^2 = -1$$

6. Give a function with more than one saddle point and no local minima or maxima.

$$f(x,y) = 4xy^2 - 2x^2y - x$$

$$f_x = 4y^2 - 4xy - 1 \quad f_x = f_y = 0$$

$$f_y = 8xy - 2x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow x=0 \text{ or } y=\frac{1}{4}x \\ 4y^2=1 \quad \cancel{-12y^2-1=0} \end{aligned}$$

$$(0, \frac{1}{2}) \quad (0, -\frac{1}{2}) \quad \text{critical pts}$$

$$f_{xx} = -4y \quad f_{xy} = 8y - 4x \quad f_{yy} = 8x$$

$$D(0, \frac{1}{2}) = -2 \cdot 0 - 4^2 = -16 < 0$$

$$D(0, -\frac{1}{2}) = 2 \cdot 0 - 4^2 = -16 < 0$$

two saddles