

Use Lagrange multiplier to find the point on a line closest to origin.

2D: $y = kx + b$ minimize $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$

$$g(x, y) = y - kx = b$$

$$\nabla f = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle \quad \nabla g = \langle -k, 1 \rangle$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x = \lambda(-k) \\ 2y = \lambda \end{cases} \Rightarrow 2x = 2y(-k)$$

$$x = -ky = -k(kx + b)$$

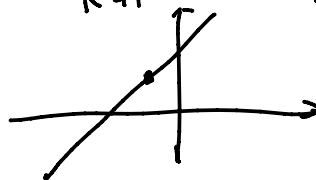
$$(k^2 + 1)x = -kb$$

$$x = \frac{-kb}{k^2 + 1}$$

$$y = \frac{-k^2 b}{k^2 + 1} + b$$

$$k=0 \quad (0, b)$$

$$k=1 \quad b=1 \quad x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad y = \frac{1}{2}$$



3D minimizing $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

① Closest pt on a plane to origin

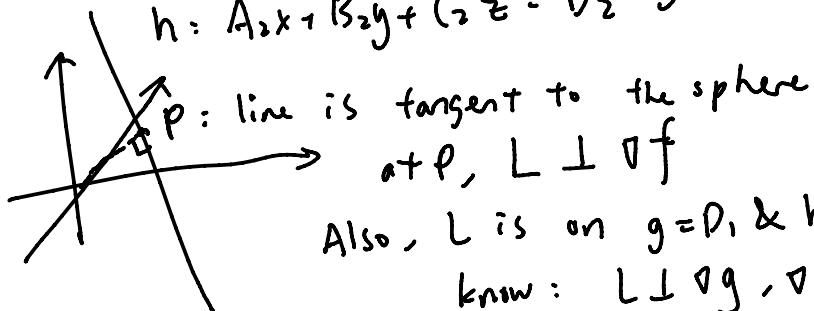
$g(x, y, z) = b$ tangent to the sphere

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} g_x \\ g_y \\ g_z \end{pmatrix}$$

because tangent $\leftrightarrow$ surface normal parallel

② Closest pt on a line closest to origin (3D)

$$\begin{cases} g: A_1x + B_1y + C_1z = D_1 \\ h: A_2x + B_2y + C_2z = D_2 \end{cases} \text{ intersect at line } L$$



p : line is tangent to the sphere
at p , $L \perp \nabla f$

Also, L is on $g = D_1$ & $h = D_2$

know: $L \perp \nabla g, \nabla h \rightarrow L \perp \lambda_1 \nabla g + \lambda_2 \nabla h$

As λ_1, λ_2 varies, $\lambda_1 \nabla g + \lambda_2 \nabla h$ span all directions perp to L

in particular, ∇f is within the span of $\lambda_1 \nabla g + \lambda_2 \nabla h$

(Can pick λ_1, λ_2 so $\nabla f = \lambda_1 \nabla g + \lambda_2 \nabla h$)

$$f \quad g_1 \quad g_2 \quad g_3 \quad \dots \quad g_n$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda_1 \nabla g_1 + \lambda_2 \nabla g_2 + \dots + \lambda_n \nabla g_n$$

just 1 eqn, use $g_i = 0$ or more

Problem #2. Find all solutions (x, y, z, λ) of the equations given by the Lagrange multiplier method for the problem of determining the points on the surface $z^2 = xy + 4$ closest to the origin.

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

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

$$\nabla f = (2x, 2y, 2z) \quad \nabla g = (-y, -x, 2z)$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g : 2z = \lambda 2z \quad \text{3rd component}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

$$2x = -y$$

$$2y = -x$$

$$x = y = 0$$

$$g: z^2 = 4 \quad z = \pm 2$$

$$\boxed{(0, 0, 2, 1) \quad (0, 0, -2, 1)}$$

Find the potential extrema of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + 3xy + y^2 - x + 3y \text{ subject to the constraint that}$$

$$0 = g(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 + 1. \quad \text{uses } g(x, y) = 0$$

$$\nabla f = (2x + 3y - 1, 3x + 2y + 3) \quad \nabla g = (2x, -2y)$$

$$2x + 3y - 1 = \lambda 2x \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$3x + 2y + 3 = \lambda (-2y) \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$x^2 - y^2 + 1 = 0 \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$y \textcircled{1} + x \textcircled{2} \quad 2xy + 3y^2 - y + 3x^2 + 2xy + 3x = 0$$

$$2xy + 3x^2 + 3 - y + 3x^2 + 2xy + 3x = 0$$

Find the extrema of the function $F(x, y) = 2y + x$ subject to the constraint $0 = g(x, y) = y^2 + xy - 1$.

$$\nabla F = (1, 2) \quad \nabla g = (y, 2y + x)$$

$$\nabla F = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$1 = \lambda y$$

$$2 = \lambda(2y + x)$$

$$\lambda x = 0 \rightarrow x = 0 \quad y^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$y = \pm 1$$

$$\lambda = 0 \quad \cancel{1 = \lambda y}$$

$$\boxed{\text{max : } y = 1 \quad F = 2 \quad \text{min } y = -1 \quad F = -2}$$

Find the extrema of $F(x, y) = x^2 y - \ln(x)$ subject to $0 = g(x, y) := 8x + 3y$.

$$F(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{4}{3}) = \frac{1}{3} - \ln(-\frac{1}{2})$$

$$\nabla F = (2xy - \frac{1}{x}, x^2)$$

$$\nabla g = (8, 3)$$

$$2xy - \frac{1}{x} = \lambda 8$$

$$2x^2 y - 1 = \lambda 8x$$

$$x^2 = \lambda \cdot 3$$

$$2yx^2 = \lambda 3 \cdot (2y) = \lambda 6y$$

$$\lambda 6y - \lambda 8x = 1$$

$$\lambda(6y - 8x) = 1 \quad 8x = -3y$$

$$\lambda \cdot 9y = 1 \quad y = \frac{1}{9\lambda}$$

$$x = \frac{-1}{24\lambda}$$

$$\frac{1}{24^2 \lambda^2} = \lambda \cdot 3$$

$$\lambda^3 = \frac{1}{24^2 \cdot 3} = \frac{1}{1728} = \frac{1}{12^3}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = 12$$

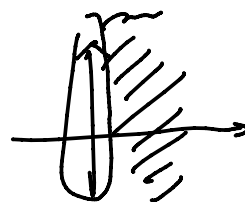
$$y = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Find max/min as $x \rightarrow 0$

At any $x > 0$ still in the domain

$$(0, \infty) \times (-\infty, \infty)$$



Example 5.8.1.2 Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of the function subject to the given constraint $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 1$. *symmetric*

$$f(x, y, z) = \underline{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad \text{symmetric}$$

$$x = y = z$$

$$x^4 = y^4 = z^4 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 3$$

$$= \sqrt{3}$$

The later problems comes from

http://www.personal.psu.edu/sxj937/Notes/Lagrange_Multipliers.pdf

<https://math.berkeley.edu/~scanlon/m16bs04/ln/16b2lec3.pdf>