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Last day : critical pts

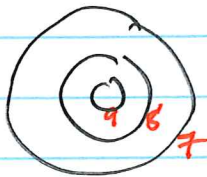
$$\nabla f(\underbrace{a,b}_{\text{c.p.}}) = \vec{0}, \quad \text{horizontal tangent plane.}$$

3 most-common critical pts: (many others)

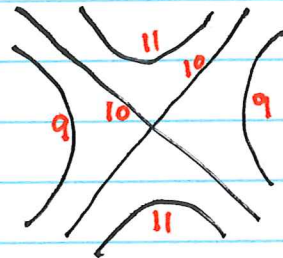
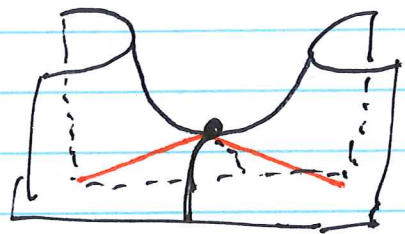
local min



local max



saddle



2<sup>nd</sup> derivative test

let  $D(x,y) = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = \text{scalar}$

Suppose  $(a,b)$  is a critical point

Then  $(a,b)$  is

- a local min if  $D(a,b) > 0$ ,  $f_{xx} > 0$
- a local max if  $D(a,b) > 0$ ,  $f_{xx} < 0$
- a saddle if  $D(a,b) < 0$

*could use  $f_{yy}$*

\*  $D > 0$  : uniform concavity. up or down

\* If  $D(a, b) = 0$ , ~~the~~ test is inconclusive  
 $\Rightarrow (a, b)$  could be a max, min, saddle, none, etc.

\* Note test needs  $\nabla f(a, b) = \vec{0}$

\* What about  $D(a, b) > 0$  but  $f_{xx} = 0$ ?

impossible b/c  $f_{xx} = 0 \Rightarrow D < 0$   
 $D = -(f_{xy})^2 < 0 \Rightarrow \leftarrow$   ~~$D < 0$~~

\* Note could have  $f_{xx} > 0$  and  $f_{yy} > 0$   
 but  $f_{xy}^2 > f_{xx}f_{yy}$  so  $D < 0 \Rightarrow$  saddle.

Example Find and classify the critical points of  $f(x,y) = (2x-x^2)(2y-y^2)$

$$f_x = 2(2-2x)(2y-y^2) = 0 \Rightarrow x=1, y=0, y=2$$

$$f_y = (2x-x^2)(2-2y) = 0 \Rightarrow x=0, x=2, y=1$$

C. P. are where  $f_x = f_y = 0$

$f_x = 0$ $x = 1$	$f_y = 0$ $y = 1$ <del><math>x = 0</math></del> <del><math>x = 2</math></del>	C. P. $(x,y) = (1,1)$
$y = 0$	<del><math>y = 1</math></del> $x = 0$ $x = 2$	$(x,y) = (0,0)$ $(x,y) = (2,0)$
$y = 2$	<del><math>y = 1</math></del> $x = 0$ $x = 2$	$(x,y) = (0,2)$ $(x,y) = (2,2)$

Classify :

$$f_{xx} = -2(2y - y^2)$$

$$f_{yy} = -2(2x - x^2)$$

$$f_{xy} = (2 - 2x)(2 - 2y)$$

$$f_{xy}(1,1) = 0$$

$$f_{xx}(1,1) = -2$$

$$f_{yy}(1,1) = -2$$

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$$D(0,0) = -16$$

$$D(2,0) = -16$$

$$D(0,2) = -16$$

$$D(2,2) = -16$$

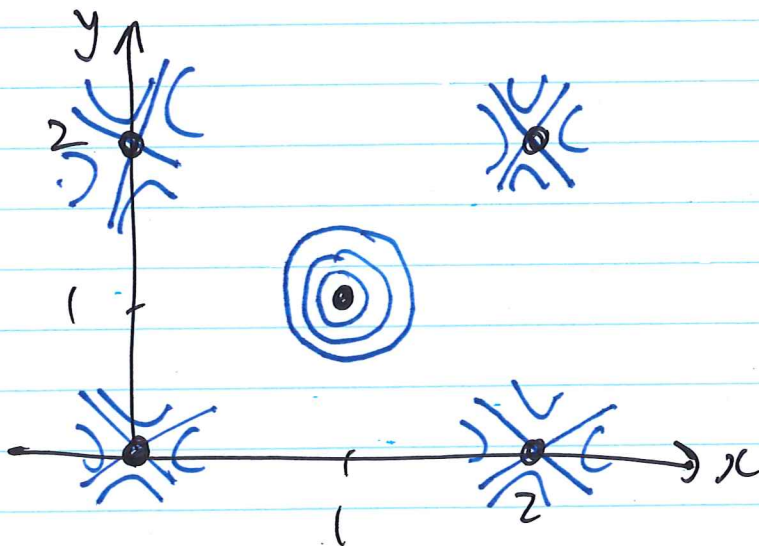
$$D(1,1) = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

$$D(1,1) > 0 \text{ and } f_{xx}(1,1) = -2 < 0$$

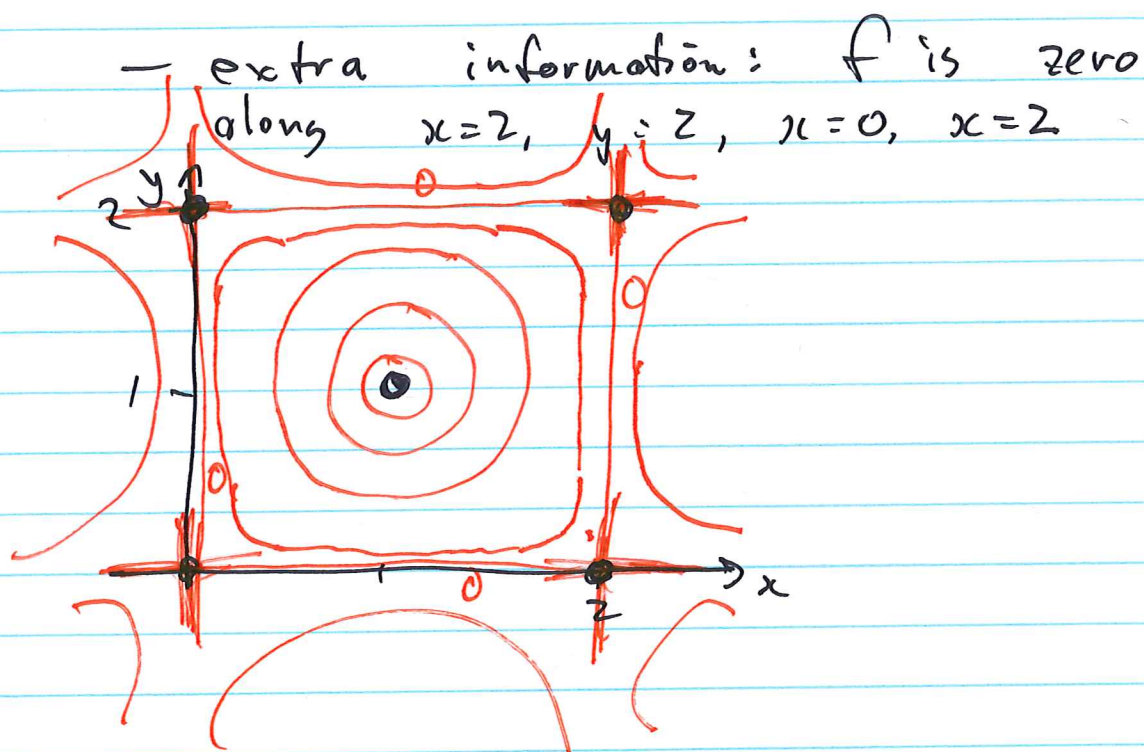
local max

4 saddles

Sketch "cartoons" at each c.p.



Join up the local sketches:



Example: Square  $f$ , what is global max/min on the domain  $0 \leq x \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 2$ .

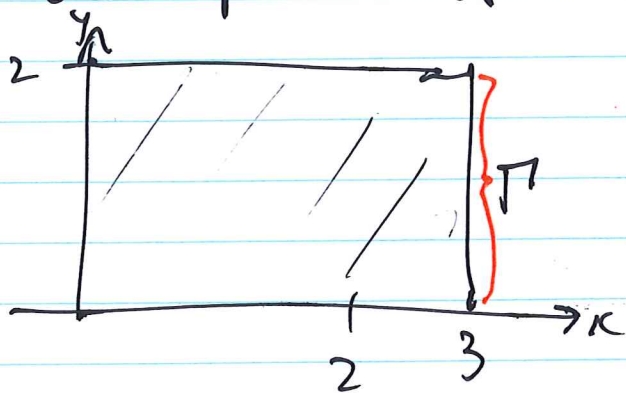
- (1) find/classify the c.p. (those inside the domain.
- (2) check behaviour on ~~the~~ boundary.  
↳ Here  $f(x, y) = 0$  on boundary.

global max is  $f(1, 1) = 1$

global min is 0 and ~~occ~~ occurs on boundary

Example: same  $f$ . domain is  $0 \leq x \leq 3$   
 $0 \leq y \leq 2$ .

In general, we must solve a 1-variable calculus problem on each piece of the boundary.



parameterize  $\Gamma$ :

$$\Gamma = \left\{ (x,y) : \begin{array}{l} x=3 \\ 0 \leq y \leq 2 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$g(y) := f(3, y)$$

$$g(y) = -3(2y - y^2) = -6y + 3y^2$$

min/max on the interval  $0 \leq y \leq 2$