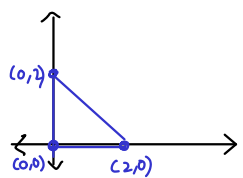


### Constrained Optimization

So far: "Minimize/maximize  $f(\vec{x})$  on its domain."

We get interesting behaviour when we restrict the domain.

Ex: Maximize  $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$  on the triangle w/ vertices  $(0,0)$ ,  $(2,0)$  and  $(0,2)$



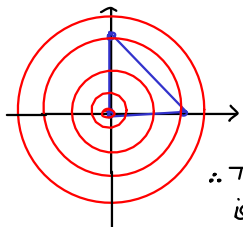
# Find the critical points

$$\begin{cases} f_x = 2x = 0 \\ f_y = 2y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (x,y) = (0,0)$$

# Apply 2nd deriv test

$$H_f = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{minimum}$$

# check the boundary ("end points")



Look for the largest level set that still touches the boundary  
We get  $f(0,2) = f(2,0) = 4$

$\therefore$  The maximum of  $f(x,y)$  on the triangle is  $f(0,2) = f(2,0) = 4$

Ex: (Final 2018)

Find the maximum of  $f(x,y,z) = x^2 - 3x + y^2 - 2y + z^2 - 4z + 1$  on the ball  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 9$  ← Bounded & Closed  $\therefore$  has max/min by EVT

# Find crit pts

$$\begin{cases} f_x = 2x - 3 = 0 \\ f_y = 2y - 2 = 0 \\ f_z = 2z - 4 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (x,y,z) = (\frac{3}{2}, 1, 2)$$

This pt is in the ball (squares are  $\leq 9$ )

# Apply 2nd deriv test

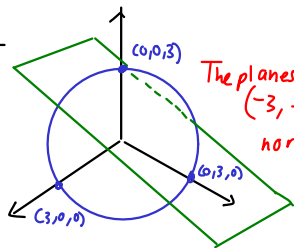
$$H_f = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{critical point is a minimum}$$

but we wanted max  $\therefore$  use other methods

$$f(x,y,z) = x^2 - 3x + y^2 - 2y + z^2 - 4z + 1$$

# Use the constraint  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x,y,z) &= 9 - 3x - 2y - 4z + 1 \\ &= 10 - 3x - 2y - 4z \end{aligned}$$



The planes all have  $(-3, -2, -4)$  normal

Exercise:

Find where the line  $l: (-3, -2, -4)t$  meets w/ the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$

Ex: Maximize  $f(x) = x^2$  on  $[1, 2]$

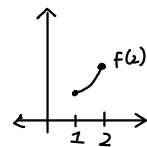
# Find the critical points

$$f'(x) = 2x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

⚠ 0 is outside of  $[1, 2]$

# Check the end points

$$f(1) = 1 \quad f(2) = 4$$



Def<sup>n</sup>:  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is OPEN if:

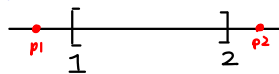
$$\forall x \in S, \exists \epsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } D_\epsilon(x) \subseteq S$$

"Any pt in the Set can be surrounded by a disk"

Def<sup>n</sup>: A set  $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is CLOSED if:

$$S = \mathbb{R}^n \setminus T \text{ is open}$$

"Every point outside of  $T$  can be surrounded by a disk"



$p_1, p_2$  can be surrounded by disk

Def<sup>n</sup>: A set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is BOUNDED if there is  $N$  s.t  $U \subseteq D_N(\vec{0})$

" $U$  can be surrounded by a disk"

Thm: (Extreme Value)

If  $S$  is closed and bounded then any continuous  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  achieves a maximum and minimum

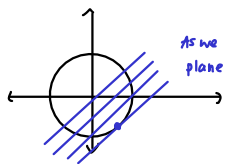
$$f(x_0) = M \quad f(x_1) = m$$

Why closed and bounded?

		Bounded		$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$
		YES	NO	
C L O S E D	YES	✓	$[0, \infty)$	Max but no min
	NO	$(0, 1)$ no max or min	$(0, \infty)$ no max or min	$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

Optimization

Ex: Maximize  $f(x,y,z) = 10 - 3x - 2y - 4z$  (From prev. lec)  
on the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$  ← level curves



As we increase  $k$ , plane shifts down

The maximum should be tangent to the constraint

# Find the point of tangency

All the planes  $f(x,y,z) = k$  have the normal  $\vec{n} = (-3, -2, -4)$

# Find where  $\ell: (-3, -2, -4)$  meets the sphere

$$(-3t)^2 + (-2t)^2 + (-4t)^2 = 9 \Leftrightarrow 9t^2 + 4t^2 + 16t^2 = 9$$

$$\text{We pick } (x,y,z) \Leftrightarrow 29t^2 = 9$$

$$= \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}}(-3, -2, -4) \Leftrightarrow t = \pm \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}}$$

as the maximum. (The -ve version would give min)

The Method of Lagrange Multipliers

To optimize  $f(\vec{x})$  subject to  $g(\vec{x}) = 0$

① Define  $\mathcal{L}(\vec{x}, \lambda) = f(\vec{x}) - \lambda g(\vec{x})$

② Find the crit pts of  $\mathcal{L}$

③ Select the crit pts that min/maximize  $f(\vec{x})$

Observations

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \lambda \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 0 & \quad \textcircled{2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow -g(\vec{x}) = 0 & \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \lambda \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 0 & \Leftrightarrow g(\vec{x}) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \lambda \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \lambda \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{cases} & \text{parallel gradients} \\ \Leftrightarrow \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g & \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Maximize  $f(x,y,z) = \ln(x) + \ln(y) + \ln(z)$  subject to  $x+y+z=1$

# Rewrite constraint

$$g(x,y,z) = x+y+z-1=0$$

# Setup Lagrange

$$\mathcal{L} = [\ln(x) + \ln(y) + \ln(z)] - \lambda(x+y+z-1)$$

We solve:

$$x+y+z = 3x+1$$

We obtain

$$(x,y,z) = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$$

# Find the crit pts

$$\begin{cases} \lambda x = \frac{1}{x} - \lambda = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \lambda \\ \lambda y = \frac{1}{y} - \lambda = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{y} = \lambda \\ \lambda z = \frac{1}{z} - \lambda = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{z} = \lambda \\ \lambda(x+y+z-1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x+y+z=1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{z} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow x=y=z$$

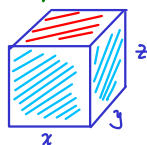
You can make  $f(x,y,z)$  -ve  $\rightarrow$  the crit pt is a max  
 $y=0.01, z=e^{-1000}$

Ex: Suppose you make boxes

- The top and bottom cost  $2\$/m^2$
- sides  $3\$/m^2$

Design the least expensive box w/ Volume  $1m^3$

# Draw picture w/ variables



# state the goal

minimize  $f(x,y,z) = \text{cost} = 2(2xy) + 3(2xz) + 3(2yz)$   
subject to  $1 = V = xyz$

Imagine the possibilities



# Setup Lagrange

$$\mathcal{L}(x,y,z,\lambda) = [4xy + 6xz + 6yz] - \lambda(xyz-1)$$

# Find crit pts

$$\mathcal{L}_x = 4y + 6z - \lambda yz = 0 \Rightarrow 4xy + 6xz - \lambda xyz = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_y = 4x + 6z - \lambda xz = 0 \Rightarrow 4xy + 6yz - \lambda xyz = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_z = 6x + 6y - \lambda xy = 0 \Rightarrow 6xz + 6yz - \lambda xyz = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\lambda = xyz - 1$$

Tricky move  $\rightarrow xyz=1$

We get:

$$4xy + 6xz = \lambda = 4xz + 6yz$$

$$6xz = 6yz \Rightarrow \text{Either } z=0 \text{ No Volume OR } x=y$$

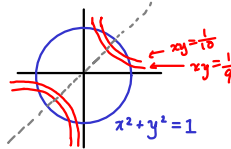
$$4xy + 6yz = \lambda = 6xz + 6yz$$

$$4xy = 6xz \Rightarrow z=0 \text{ OR } y = \frac{3}{2}z$$

$$\text{We get } x=y = \frac{3}{2}z$$

Exercise: solve for  $(x,y,z)$

Ex: Find the maximum of  $f(x,y) = xy$  on  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$



$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 + x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow 2x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

We obtain:

$$f(x,y) = xy \text{ is tangent to } x^2 + y^2 = 1 \text{ at } (x,y) = (\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$$

$$\text{We get } f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = \frac{1}{2}, f(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \text{seem to be the maxima}$$

We need to find the pt of tangency  
Observe: both curves are symmetric about  $y=x$

Assume  $y=x$

Look at the gradients:

$$f(x,y) = xy \Rightarrow \nabla f = (y, x)$$

$$g(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 \Rightarrow \nabla g = (2x, 2y)$$

At the P.O.I:

these are parallel!

$\Rightarrow$  same tangent plane

Ex: Optimize  $f(x,y) = xy$  on  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

# Re-write the constraint

$$g(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0$$

# Set up Lagrange func

$$\mathcal{L}(x,y,\lambda) = xy - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 1)$$

# Find the crit pts

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_x = y - \lambda(2x) = 0 \\ \mathcal{L}_y = x - \lambda(2y) = 0 \\ \mathcal{L}_\lambda = -(x^2 + y^2 - 1) = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y = 2\lambda x \\ x = 2\lambda y \\ x^2 + y^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

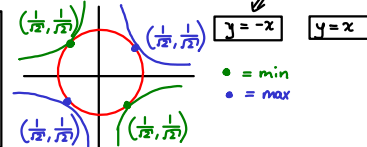
$$x = 2\lambda(2\lambda x) = 4\lambda^2 x$$

$(x,y) = (0,0)$  is not on the circle, contradiction

Either  $x=0$  OR  $1=4\lambda^2$   
 $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
 $y=0$   $\lambda = \pm \frac{1}{2}$

We get:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$



Ex: (§ 3.4 Q 30)

Suppose  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  is a surface defined by  $f(x,y,z) = 1$

Suppose  $P$  is a pt on  $S$  s.t the distance to the origin is maximal

Claim:  $\vec{OP}$  is perpendicular to  $S$

Consider maximizing  $d(x,y,z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

on the surface  $f(x,y,z) = 1$

If we are a crit pt:

The Lagrange function is

$$\mathcal{L}(x,y,z,\lambda) = d - \lambda(f-1)$$

$$\text{diff } d \begin{cases} kx = \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = \lambda f_x \\ ky = \frac{2y}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = \lambda f_y \\ kz = \frac{2z}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = \lambda f_z \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_x = dx - \lambda f_x = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_y = dy - \lambda f_y = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_z = dz - \lambda f_z = 0$$

We obtain:  $k\vec{OP} = \nabla f$

and we know  $\nabla f$  is perpendicular to  $S$

Summary

Constrained Optimization

"Check the endpoints (boundary)"

Bounded Sets

Closed Sets

Extreme Value Theorem

Lagrange Multipliers

"Find max/min using level curves"