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Notesheet. Section 8.3 Part 2: Maxima and Minima of Function of Several Variables

Math 1220

Challenge 1. Consider the function $f(x, y) = (1 - x^2) \sin(y)$. Compute the following

(a) $f_x(0, \frac{\pi}{2}), f_y(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ and $f_x(1, 0), f_y(1, 0)$.

(b) $f_{xx}(0, \frac{\pi}{2}), f_{xy}(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, and $f_{yy}(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

(c) $f_{xx}(1, 0), f_{xy}(1, 0)$, and $f_{yy}(1, 0)$

Theorem 2 (The Second Derivative Test). Let $f(x, y)$ be a twice differentiable function with continuous second derivatives. Let

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

If $f_x = 0$ and $f_y = 0$,

(a) $D(a, b) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$, then

(b) $D(a, b) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$, then

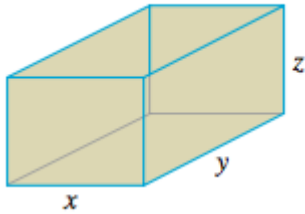
(c) $D(a, b) < 0$, then

(d) $D(a, b) = 0$, then

Challenge 3. Use the second derivative test to determine $f(x, y) = (1 - x^2) \sin(y)$ classify the which type of critical point $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ and $(1, 0)$ are.

Challenge 4. Let $f(x, y) = x^3 - 6xy + y^3$. find and classify all the critical points of $f(x, y)$.

Challenge 5. Find the dimensions that minimized the material used to construct an open rectangular box having a fixed volume of 32 cubic inches.



Challenge 6. Find the point (x, y) such that the sum of the distances squared from (x, y) to $(0, 0)$, $(2, 1)$, $(0, 3)$ is minimized. Hint: remember the distance formula from the Pythagorean theorem: $d^2 = (x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2$.