

HW 23 solutions

$$(a) f(x,y) = y^2 + x^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad xy = 1$$

$$\nabla f = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$$

$$\nabla g = \langle y, x \rangle$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \rightarrow (i) \quad 2x = \lambda y$$

$$(ii) \quad 2y = \lambda x$$

$$(iii) \quad xy = 1$$

By the constraint,  $y = 1/x$  (if  $x \neq 0$ )  
so

$$(i) \quad 2x = \lambda \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \Rightarrow 2x^2 = \lambda$$

$$(ii) \quad 2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \lambda x \Rightarrow 2 = \lambda x^2$$

$$\text{so} \quad 2 = (2x^2)x^2 = 2x^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = x^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \pm 1} \Rightarrow \boxed{y = \pm 1}$$

The sign of  $x$  and  $y$  is the same here.

So our points are  $(1,1)$  and  $(-1,-1)$

Could  $x=0$ ? Then  $2y=0 \Rightarrow y=0$

and  $(0)(0) \neq 1$  from (iii)

This is false, so it can't!

$$f(1,1) = 2, \quad f(-1,-1) = 2$$

Are these points maximums or minimums?

Let's consider another point on our constraint  $xy=1$ , like  $(2, 1/2)$ .

$$f(2, 1/2) = (2)^2 + (1/2)^2 = 4 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{17}{4} > 2$$

So  $(1, 1)$  and  $(-1, -1)$  are minimums.

(b)  $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$     st.  $x^3 + y^3 = 16$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \nabla f = \langle ye^{xy}, xe^{xy} \rangle \\ \nabla g = \langle 3x, 3y \rangle \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{(i) } ye^{xy} = 3x\lambda \\ \text{(ii) } xe^{xy} = 3y\lambda \\ \text{(iii) } x^3 + y^3 = 16 \end{array}$$

(i)  $\lambda = \frac{ye^{xy}}{3x}$  ,    (ii)  $\lambda = \frac{xe^{xy}}{3y}$     (if  $x, y \neq 0$ )

so  $\frac{ye^{xy}}{3x} = \frac{xe^{xy}}{3y}$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = x^2 \quad \Rightarrow y = \pm x$$

by (ii)  $x^3 \pm x^3 = 16$

$y=x$      $2x^3 = 16 \Rightarrow x^3 = 8 \Rightarrow \boxed{x=2}$

$y=-x$      $0 = 16$  nothing!

pt:  $(2, 2)$      $f(2, 2) = e^4$

Could  $x=0$ ?

If so, then  $ye^{xy} = 0 \Rightarrow y=0$

So  $0^3 + 0^3 = 16$  Not possible.

Is  $(2,2)$  a max or a min?

$(\sqrt[3]{16}, 0)$  also satisfies the constraint.

$$f(\sqrt[3]{16}, 0) = e^0 = 1 < e^4$$

So  $(2,2)$  is a max.

