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1. Find the maximum value of

$$P = 2pq + 2pr + 2rq$$

subject to the constraint  $p + q + r = 1$ .

$P$  represents the probability of that you get two different colors when you draw from a jar with purple, quartz, and red marbles, where the proportion of each color of marble is  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$ , respectively. For a more relevant example, replace “marbles” with “genes that determine blood type” and “red, green, and blue” with “A, B, and O.”

**Solution:** Using our critical point techniques, we set  $r = 1 - p - q$ , and convert  $P$  to a function of two variables, so

$$P = 2pq + 2p(1 - p - q) + 2(1 - p - q)q.$$

Then, using the product rule

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial P}{\partial p} &= 2q + 2(1 - p - q) - 2p - 2q = 2(1 - 2p - q), \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial q} &= 2p - 2p - 2q + 2(1 - p - q) = 2(1 - p - 2q).\end{aligned}$$

Setting both of these to zero, we solve for the critical points

$$\begin{aligned}2p + q &= 1, \\ p + 2q &= 1,\end{aligned}$$

from which we conclude that  $p = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $q = \frac{1}{3}$ , as we might expect from symmetry. We then evaluate  $P$ . It is simpler to compute first that  $r = 1 - p - q = \frac{1}{3}$ , which we plug into the original formula to find that the maximum value of  $P$  is

$$P = \frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{9} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Alternatively, using Lagrange multipliers, we go back to the original formula of  $P$  as a function of three variables, and compute

$$\nabla P = \langle 2q + 2r, 2p + 2r, 2p + 2q \rangle.$$

Setting  $g(p, q, r) = p + q + r$  for the constraint, we see that

$$\nabla g = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle.$$

To find the extreme values, we set  $\nabla P = \lambda \nabla g$ . Along with the constraint, we solve the system

$$\begin{aligned}2q + 2r &= \lambda, \\ 2p + 2r &= \lambda, \\ 2p + 2q &= \lambda, \\ p + q + r &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

Adding the first three equations together, we find that

$$4p + 4q + 4r = 3\lambda.$$

On the other hand, multiplying the last equation by four, we find that

$$4p + 4q + 4r = 4.$$

We conclude that  $\lambda = \frac{4}{3}$ . Plugging that in and dividing by two, we are left with the system

$$\begin{aligned}q + r &= \frac{2}{3}, \\p + r &= \frac{2}{3}, \\p + q &= \frac{2}{3},\end{aligned}$$

By adding any two of the equations together and subtracting the third, we find that  $2p = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $2q = \frac{2}{3}$ , and  $2r = \frac{2}{3}$ . We obtain the solution  $p = q = r = \frac{1}{3}$ , from which we conclude that the maximum value of  $P$  is  $\frac{2}{3}$ , as before.

2. Let  $R$  be the rectangle  $[0, 3] \times [1, 2]$ . Evaluate the integral

$$\iint_R x^2 y \, dA.$$

You may want to evaluate the integral in more than one way in order to check your work, but you'll get full credit if you just do it one way.

**Solution:** Integrating first with respect to  $x$ , we compute

$$\int_1^2 \int_0^3 x^2 y \, dx \, dy = \int_1^2 \left. \frac{1}{3} x^3 y \right|_{x=0}^3 dy = \int_1^2 9y \, dy = \left. \frac{9}{2} y^2 \right|_{y=1}^2 = \frac{9}{2}(4 - 1) = \frac{27}{2}.$$

Alternatively, integrating first with respect to  $y$ , we compute

$$\int_0^3 \int_1^2 x^2 y \, dy \, dx = \int_0^3 \left. \frac{1}{2} x^2 y^2 \right|_{y=1}^2 dx = \int_0^3 \frac{1}{2} x^2 (4 - 1) \, dx = \int_0^3 \frac{3}{2} x^2 \, dx = \left. \frac{1}{2} x^3 \right|_{x=0}^3 = \frac{27}{2}.$$

Alternatively, because  $x^2 y = (x^2)(y)$  can be expressed as the product of a function that depends only on  $x$  and a function that depends only on  $y$ , we can evaluate the integral via

$$\left( \int_0^3 x^2 \, dx \right) \left( \int_1^2 y \, dy \right) = \left( \left. \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right|_{x=0}^3 \right) \left( \left. \frac{1}{2} y^2 \right|_{y=1}^2 \right) = \frac{1}{3}(27 - 0) \frac{1}{2}(4 - 1) = \frac{27}{2}.$$