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UNIT 4-Functions of several variables

Constrained maxima and minima

Constrained maxima and minima  
 \* Consider a function  $f(x, y, z)$  subject to the constraint  $g(x, y, z) = 0$

Equation:

$$* u(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z) + \lambda g(x, y, z)$$

\* where  $\lambda$  is non-determined constant called Lagrangian multiplier

Methods of finding maxima and minima by Lagrangian multiplier

\* Find  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$  and equal to zero.

\* Solve  $x, y, z$

\* The values of  $x, y, z$  either maximum or minimum

\* Here  $\lambda$  is a parameter independent of  $(x, y, z)$

Example:

Find the maximum value of  $x, y, z$  subject to the constraint  $x + y + z = a$

Soln: Given,  $x, y, z$

$$x + y + z = a$$

$$x + y + z - a = 0$$

$$f(x, y, z) = xyz \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$g(x, y, z) = x + y + z - a \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Lagrangian formula,

$$u(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z) + \lambda g(x, y, z)$$



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$$= xyz + \lambda (x + y + z - a)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = yz + \lambda ; \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = xz + \lambda ;$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = xy + \lambda$$

$$yz + \lambda = 0 \quad | \quad xz + \lambda = 0 \quad | \quad xy + \lambda = 0$$

$$\boxed{yz = -\lambda} \quad | \quad \boxed{xz = -\lambda} \quad | \quad \boxed{xy = -\lambda}$$

$$yz = xz = xy = -\lambda$$

$$yz = xz \quad | \quad xz = xy$$

$$\boxed{y = x} \quad | \quad \boxed{z = y}$$

$x = y = z$  sub in ①

$$x + x + x - a = 0$$

$$3x - a = 0$$

$$x = a/3$$

$$y = a/3$$

$$z = a/3$$

To find maxima value, sub  $x, y, z$  in eqn ①

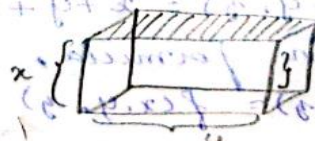
$$f(x, y, z) = xyz = (a/3)(a/3)(a/3) = \frac{a^3}{27}$$

## (\*) Example : 2

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A rectangular box opened at the top is to have the volume of 32 cc. Find the dimension of the box that it requires least material for its construction.

Soln:





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Let us consider  $x, y, z$  be length, breadth and height respectively

$$S = xy + 2yz + 2xz$$

Subjected to constrained

$$xyz = 32 \text{ cc}$$

$$f(x, y, z) = xy + 2yz + 2xz \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$g(x, y, z) = xyz - 32 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Lagrangian multiplier

$$u(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z) + \lambda g(x, y, z)$$

$$u(x, y, z) = xy + 2yz + 2xz + \lambda(xyz - 32) \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Differentiate  $\textcircled{3}$  with respect to  $(x, y, z)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = y + 2z + \lambda yz \quad \left| \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x + 2z + \lambda xz \right. ;$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \left| \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \lambda} = 0 \right.$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 2y + 2x + \lambda xy$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \lambda} = 0$$

$$y + 2z + \lambda yz = 0$$

$$y + 2z = -\lambda yz$$

Multiply by  $x$

$$xy + 2xz = -\lambda xyz$$

$$x + 2z + \lambda xz = 0$$

$$x + 2z = -\lambda xz$$

$\otimes$  by  $y$

$$xy + 2yz = -\lambda xyz$$

$$2y + 2x + \lambda xy = 0$$

$$2y + 2x = -\lambda xy$$

$\otimes$  by  $z$

$$2yz + 2xz = -\lambda xyz$$

$$xy + 2xz = xy + 2yz = 2yz + 2xz = -\lambda xyz$$

$$xy + 2xz = xy - 2yz$$

$$2xz = -2yz$$

$$\boxed{x = y}$$





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$xy + p^2yz = 2yz + 2xz$   
 $xy = 2xz$   
 $y = 2z$   
 $x = y = 2z$  sub this in eqn ①  
 $x = y$  |  $x = 2z$   
 $z = \frac{x}{2}$   
 $xyz - 3z = 0$   
 $x(x) \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 3z = 0$   
 $\frac{x^3}{2} - 3z = 0$   
 $\frac{x^3}{2} - 3z = 0$   
 $x^3 - 6z = 0$   
 $x^3 = 6z$   
 $x^3 = 6 \cdot \frac{x}{2}$   
 $x^3 = 3x$   
 $x^3 - 3x = 0$   
 $x(x^2 - 3) = 0$   
 $x = 0$  or  $x^2 = 3$   
 $x = \pm\sqrt{3}$   
 $x = 4$   
 $y = 4$   
 $z = 2$