

Lec 2/10

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Find the maximum/minimum values of $f(x,y,z) = 2x^3 + 2y^2 + 3z^2$ on unit sphere
 $g(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ compact set.

Lagrangian: $L_{f,g}(x,y,z,\lambda) = f(x,y,z) - \lambda g(x,y,z)$
 $= 2x^3 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1)$

find critical points of Lagrangian:

1) $0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1$

2) $0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 6x^2 - 2\lambda x = 2x(3x - \lambda)$

3) $0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 4y - 2\lambda y = 2y(2 - \lambda)$

4) $0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = 6z - 2\lambda z = 2z(3 - \lambda)$

Case 1: $x = 0$. then at least one of y & z is nonzero.

Case 1a: $y \neq 0$. then $2 - \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2$.

so $3 - \lambda \neq 0$ so $z = 0$. also $y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y = \pm 1$

so we get $(0, \pm 1, 0, 2)$ are crit pts.

Case 1b: $z \neq 0$ then $3 - \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$ so $2 - \lambda \neq 0$ so $y = 0$ so $z = \pm 1$

$(0, 0, \pm 1, 3)$ crit pts

Case 2: $x \neq 0 \Rightarrow 3x - \lambda = 0$ so $\lambda = 3x$.

so $0 = 2y(2 - 3x)$

$0 = 2z(3 - 3x)$

Case 2a: $y = 0, z = 0$. so $x = \pm 1$ so $\lambda = \pm 3$

$\pm(1, 0, 0, 3)$ crit pts

Case 2b: $y \neq 0$ so $x = 2/3 \Rightarrow z = 0 \Rightarrow (\frac{2}{3})^2 + y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y = \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$

so crit pts: $(\frac{2}{3}, \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}, 0, 2)$

Case 2c: $z \neq 0$ so $x = 1 \Rightarrow 1 + (\pm 1)^2 > 1$ so no points.

Critical pts (x, y, z)	$f(x, y, z) = 2x^3 + 2y^2 + 3z^2$
(0, 0, ±1)	3
(0, ±1, 0)	2
(1, 0, 0)	2
(-1, 0, 0)	-2
$(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{\pm\sqrt{3}}{3}, 0)$	$\frac{16}{27} + \frac{10}{9} = \frac{46}{27} < 2$

so the function is maxed to 3 at
(0, 0, ±1). mined to -2 at (-1, 0, 0).

- We derived Lagrange multiplier method by noting that at a local max or min \vec{a} satisfying the constraint we have that both $\nabla f(\vec{a})$ and $\nabla g(\vec{a})$ perpendicular to tangent plane to $g(\vec{x})=0$ at \vec{a} .
 $\Rightarrow \nabla f(\vec{a})$ and $\nabla g(\vec{a})$ must be parallel. This only works if $\nabla g(\vec{a}) \neq \vec{0}$
 \star if there are points $g(\vec{a})=0$ and $\nabla g(\vec{a})=\vec{0}$, there may be a local max/min there.

- Lagrange multiplier method can be extended to more than one constraint: Optimize $f(\vec{x})$ subject to k constraints $g_i(\vec{x})=0 \quad i=1, \dots, k$

Then $L(\underbrace{\vec{x}, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k}_{n+k \text{ vars}}) = f(\vec{x}) - \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j g_j(\vec{x})$

Critical points of L are candidates for max/min of f subj to constraints.

\hookrightarrow all of $\nabla f(\vec{a}), \nabla g_1(\vec{a}), \dots, \nabla g_k(\vec{a})$ are perpendicular to any tangent vector

to curve $S = \{\vec{x} : g_i(\vec{x})=0 \quad \forall i=1, \dots, k\}$ which passes through \vec{a} .

$n-k$ dimensional submanifold $\xrightarrow{\text{assumes}} \{\nabla g_j(\vec{a})\}$ are linearly independent, it follows that

$$\nabla f(\vec{a}) = \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j \nabla g_j(\vec{a})$$

