

- max/min problems.

Second Derivative Test: Define the quantity $D(a,b)$ by:

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

(i) $D(a,b) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a,b) > 0 \Rightarrow f(a,b)$ is a local min!

(ii) $D(a,b) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a,b) < 0 \Rightarrow f(a,b)$ is a local max!

(iii) $D(a,b) < 0 \Rightarrow (a,b)$ is neither max. nor min.

(a,b) is a saddle.

Ex. Find and classify all critical points of

$$f(x,y) = x^4 - 12xy + y^4.$$

First: $f_x = 4x^3 - 12y \rightarrow f_{xx} = 12x^2$
 $f_y = -12x + 4y^3 \rightarrow f_{yy} = 12y^2$, $f_{xy} = -12 = f_{yx}$

So, $f_x = 4x^3 - 12y = 0 \quad \textcircled{I}$
 $f_y = 4y^3 - 12x = 0 \quad \textcircled{II}$ $(0,0)$.

Eq. II: $12x = 4y^3$
 $\hookrightarrow x = \frac{4}{12}y^3 = \frac{1}{3}y^3$

cube: $x^3 = \left(\frac{y^3}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{y^9}{27}$

4: $4x^3 = \frac{4}{27}y^9$

Eq. I: $12y = 4x^3$
 $= \frac{4}{27}y^9$
 $\hookrightarrow y(12 - \frac{4}{27}y^8) = 0$
 $y=0$ or $y = \pm\sqrt[8]{\frac{12 \cdot 27}{4}} = \pm\sqrt[8]{3 \cdot 27} = \pm\sqrt[8]{3^4} = \pm\sqrt[4]{3} = \pm\sqrt{3}$

When $y = \sqrt{3}$, $12x = 4y^3$
 $x = \frac{1}{3}(\sqrt{3})^3 = \frac{3}{3} = \sqrt{3}$

When $y = -\sqrt{3}$, $x = -\sqrt{3}$.

So, $f_x = f_y = 0$ when $(x,y) = \begin{cases} (0,0) \\ (\sqrt{3},\sqrt{3}) \\ (-\sqrt{3},-\sqrt{3}) \end{cases}$

Second: Compute $D(a,b)$ for each C.P.

$$D(0,0) = f_{xx}(0,0)f_{yy}(0,0) - [f_{xy}(0,0)]^2 = 0 - [-12]^2 = -144 < 0.$$

$$D(\sqrt{3},\sqrt{3}) = 12(\sqrt{3})^2 \cdot 12(\sqrt{3})^2 - 144 = (36) \cdot (36) - 144 = 12^2 \cdot 3^2 - 12^2 = 12^2(3^2 - 1) > 0$$

$$D(-\sqrt{3},-\sqrt{3}) = 12^2(3^2 - 1) > 0$$

$$D(0,0) < 0, \quad D(\pm\sqrt{3},\pm\sqrt{3}) > 0$$

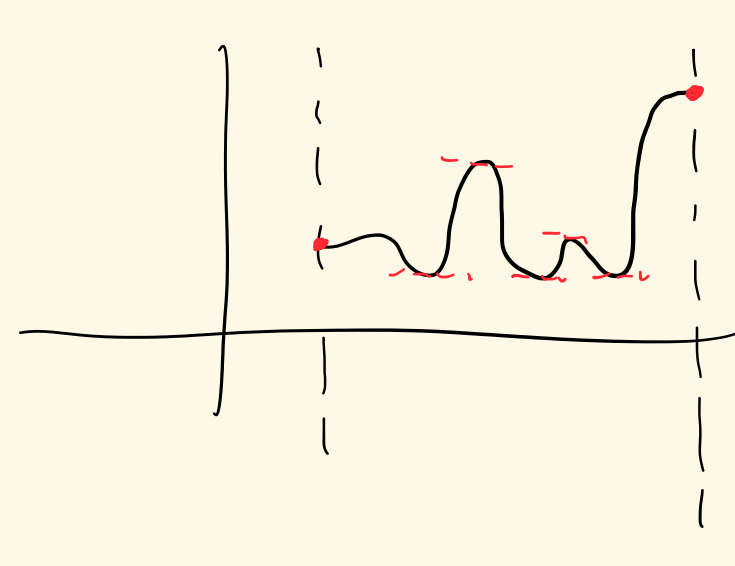
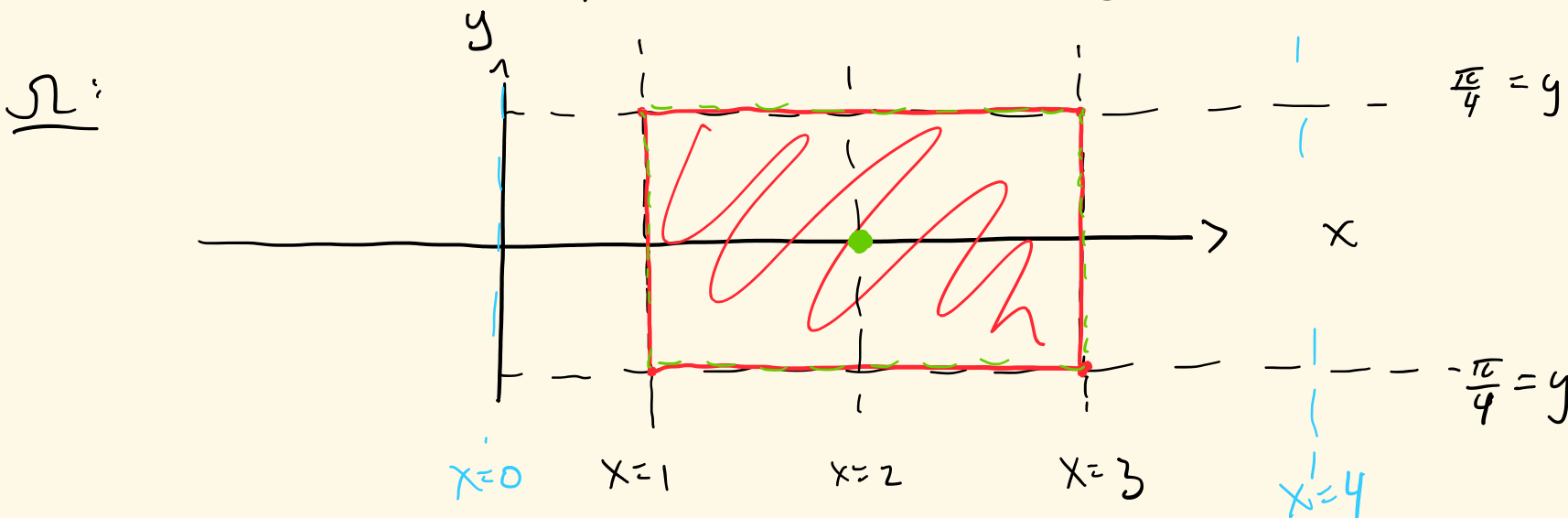
$$f_{xx}(0,0) = 0, \quad f_{xx}(\sqrt{3},\sqrt{3}) = 12(\sqrt{3})^2 > 0$$

$$f_{xx}(-\sqrt{3},-\sqrt{3}) = 12(-\sqrt{3})^2 > 0$$

Critical Point	$D(a,b)$	f_{xx}	Class
$(0,0)$	< 0	$= 0$	saddle
$\pm(\sqrt{3},\sqrt{3})$	> 0	> 0	local min!

Ex. Find the abs. min & max of $f(x,y) = (x^2 - 4x)\cos(y)$

on $\mathcal{R} = \{(x,y) : 1 \leq x \leq 3, -\pi/4 \leq y \leq \pi/4\}$.



Critical Points:

$$f_x = (2x - 4)\cos(y) = 2(x - 2)\cos(y); \quad f_{xx} = 2\cos(y)$$

$$f_y = -(x^2 - 4x)\sin(y); \quad f_{yy} = -(x^2 - 4x)\cos(y)$$

$$f_{xy} = -2(x - 2)\sin(y)$$

Solve: $\begin{cases} 0 = f_x \\ 0 = f_y \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 = 2(x - 2)\cos(y) \\ 0 = -(x^2 - 4x)\sin(y) \end{cases}$

Well, if $x = 2$, $f_x = 0$. What about f_y ?

$$f_y(2,y) = -(4 - 4 \cdot 2)\sin(y) = 4\sin(y).$$

how to make this zero?
 $y = 0$!

So, $(a,b) = (2,0)$ is critical!

Second eq.: $-(x^2 - 4x)\sin(y) = -x(x - 4)\sin(y)$.

~~$x = 4$~~ \rightarrow Not in the domain!

First eq.: $\cos(y)$: always > 0 on $[-\pi/4, \pi/4]$.

Next, $D(a,b) = D(2,0) = f_{xx}(2,0)f_{yy}(2,0) - [f_{xy}(2,0)]^2$
 $= 2\cos(0) \cdot (-(2^2 - 4 \cdot 2))\cos(0) - [0]^2$
 $= 2 \cdot 1 \cdot (-4) \cdot 1$
 $= -8 < 0$

$$f_{xx}(2,0) = 2\cos(0) = 2 > 0.$$

$(a,b) = (2,0)$ is a local min!

Now the boundaries! There are four of them.

- (1) $f(1,y)$
- (2) $f(3,y)$
- (3) $f(x,\pi/4)$
- (4) $f(x,-\pi/4)$

So, (1) $f(1,y) = -3\cos(y)$
 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3\sin(y) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$ on $(-\pi/4, \pi/4)$

So, C.P. of $f(1,y)$ is $y = 0$.
 $f(1,0) = -3$.

(2) $f(3,y) = -3\cos(y) \rightarrow$ same (1)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(3,y) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0.$$

$$f(3,0) = -3$$

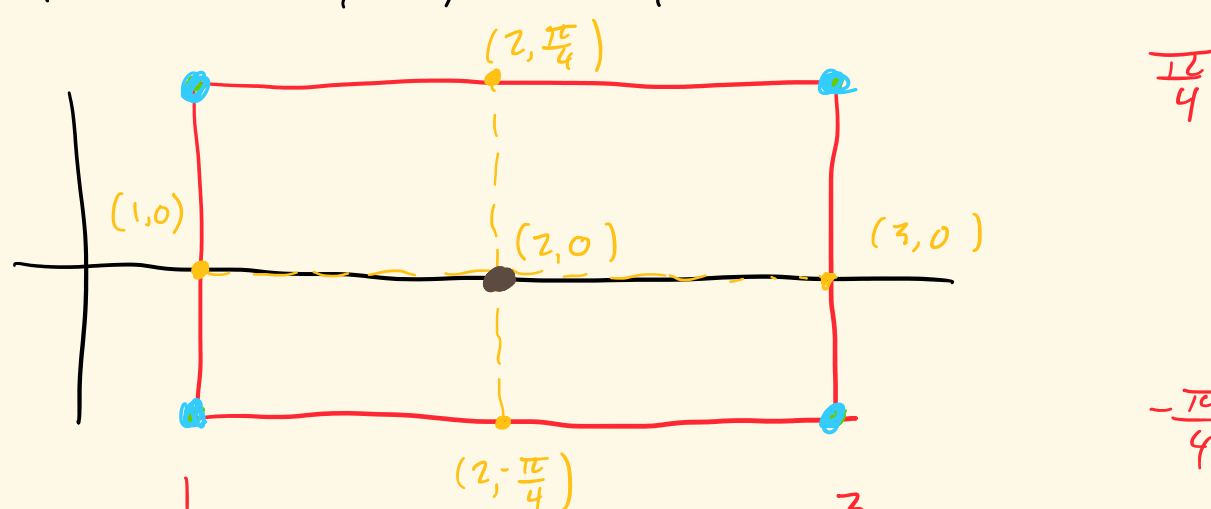
(3) $f(x,\pi/4) = (x^2 - 4x)\cos(\pi/4)$ cosine is even!

(4) $= (x^2 - 4x)\cos(\pi/4)$.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x,\pi/4) = (2x - 4) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 0 \text{ when } x = 2.$$

So, $f(2,\pi/4) = (2^2 - 4 \cdot 2) \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = -2\sqrt{2}$
 $\hookrightarrow f(2,-\pi/4) = -2\sqrt{2}$.

C.P.'s: $(2,0)$, $(1,0)$, $(3,0)$, $(2,\pi/4)$, $(2,-\pi/4)$
 + four corners,
 $(1,\pi/4)$, $(3,\pi/4)$, $(1,-\pi/4)$, $(3,-\pi/4)$



$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(2,0) &= -4 \\ f(2,\pi/4) &= f(2,-\pi/4) = -2\sqrt{2} \\ f(1,\pi/4) &= f(1,-\pi/4) = -3/\sqrt{2} \\ f(3,\pi/4) &= f(3,-\pi/4) = -3/\sqrt{2} \\ f(1,0) &= -3 \\ f(3,0) &= -3 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Final Answer: The abs. maximum is $-3/\sqrt{2}$ @ $(1,\pm\pi/4), (3,\pm\pi/4)$
 The abs. minimum is -4 @ $(2,0)$