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1. Explain clearly your work: if there is a method or a theorem that you are using to solve the problem, quote it on your solution!
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I. [5 points] Find and classify the critical points of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^3 - x^2y + y^2 - x^2.$$

$$\text{Solution: } f_x = 3x^2 - 2xy - 2x$$
$$f_y = -x^2 + 2y$$

$$\text{First, let } \begin{cases} f_x = 0 \\ f_y = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 3x^2 - 2xy - 2x = 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ -x^2 + 2y = 0 & \textcircled{2} \end{cases} \quad \textcircled{2} \cdot 2y = x^2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ put in } \textcircled{1} \text{ we have } 3x^2 - x^3 - 2x = 0 \quad -x(x^2 - 3x + 2) = 0$$

$$x = 0, \quad x = 1, \quad x = 2$$

$$y = 0, \quad y = \frac{1}{2}, \quad y = 2.$$

critical points

next, think about second derivative

$$f_{xx} = 6x - 2y - 2$$

$$f_{yy} = 2.$$

$$f_{xy} = -2x$$

$$\text{at } (0, 0) \quad D = f_{xx} f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = -2 \times 2 - 0^2 = -4 < 0$$

$(0, 0)$ is a saddle point.

$$\text{at } (1, \frac{1}{2}) \quad f_{xx} = 6 \times 1 - 2 \times \frac{1}{2} - 2 = 3 \quad f_{xy} = -2 \times 1 = -2$$

$$D = 3 \times 2 - (-2)^2 = 6 - 4 = 2 > 0, \quad f_{xx} = 3 > 0.$$

$(1, \frac{1}{2})$ is a local minimum.

$$\text{at } (2, 2) \quad f_{xx} = 6 \times 2 - 2 \times 2 - 2 = 6, \quad f_{xy} = -2 \times 2 = -4$$

$$D = 6 \times 2 - (-4)^2 = 12 - 16 = -4 < 0$$

$(2, 2)$ is a saddle point.

II. [5 points] Find the global maximum and minimum of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + x^2y - 3$$

on the closed square with vertices $(2, 2), (-2, 2), (-2, -2), (2, -2)$.

First, find the critical point.

$$f_x = 2x + 2xy$$

$$f_y = 2y + x^2$$

$$\text{when } \begin{cases} 2x + 2xy = 0 \\ 2y + x^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$2x(1+y) = 0, \quad \begin{matrix} x = 0, & y = -1, \\ y = 0, & x = \pm\sqrt{2}. \end{matrix}$$

therefore critical points

$$(0, 0), (-\sqrt{2}, -1), (\sqrt{2}, -1)$$

$$f_{xx} = 2 + 2y, \quad f_{xy} = 2x, \quad f_{yy} = 2$$

$$\text{at } (0, 0): \quad f_{xx} = 2, \quad f_{yy} = 2, \quad f_{xy} = 0$$

$$D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 2 \times 2 - 0 > 0, \quad f_{xx} = 2 > 0$$

$$(0, 0) \text{ is local } \boxed{\text{minimum}}. \quad f(0, 0) = \boxed{-3}$$

$$\text{at } (-\sqrt{2}, -1) \quad f_{xx} = 2 + 2(-1) = 0, \quad f_{xy} = -2\sqrt{2}$$

$$D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 0 \times 2 - (-2\sqrt{2})^2 < 0$$

$$(-\sqrt{2}, -1) \text{ is a saddle point. } f(-\sqrt{2}, -1) = 2 + 1 - 2 - 3 = \boxed{-2}$$

$$\text{at } (\sqrt{2}, -1): \quad f_{xx} = 2 + 2(-1) = 0, \quad f_{xy} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 0 \times 2 - (2\sqrt{2})^2 < 0$$

is a saddle point.

discuss on the boundary: ⁴

$$\text{at } x = -2: \quad f(-2, y) = 4 + y^2 + 4y - 3 = y^2 + 4y - 1$$

$$f'(y) = 2y + 4 = 0, \quad y = -2$$

We need to discuss

$$y = -2. \quad f(-2, y) = 4 + y^2 + 4y - 3 = y^2 + 4y + 1 = (-2)^2 - 8 + 1 = \boxed{-3}$$

$$y = 2, \quad f(-2, 2) = 2^2 + 8 + 1 = \boxed{13}$$

at $x = 2$. $f(2, y) = y^2 + 4y + 1$.

at $y = -2$. $f(2, -2) = -3$.

$$y = 2 \quad f(2, 2) = \boxed{13}$$

next we discuss when $y = -2$

$$f(x, -2) = x^2 + (-2)^2 + x^2(-2) - 3 = -x^2 + 1$$

when $x = 0$, $f(0, -2) = 1$. local minimum.

$$\text{when } x = -2, \quad f(-2, -2) = \boxed{-3}$$

Finally we discuss when $y = 2$.

$$f(x, 2) = x^2 + (-2)^2 + x^2(2) - 3 = 3x^2 + 1$$

$$\text{when } x = 0, \quad f(0, 2) = 1$$

$$x = -2 \quad f(-2, 2) = 3 \times (-2)^2 + 1 = \boxed{13}$$

$$x = 2. \quad f(2, 2) = 3 \times (2)^2 + 1 = \boxed{13}$$

Therefore global minimum is $\boxed{-3}$ and global maximum $\boxed{13}$

III. [5 points] Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the absolute minimum and maximum of the function

$$f(x, y) = x + y^2$$

defined on the constraint

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0 \quad g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 1$$

Construct: $F(x, y) = f(x, y) + \lambda g(x, y)$.

~~$$F(x, y) = f(x, y) + \lambda g(x, y)$$~~

$$= x + y^2 + \lambda (x^2 + y^2 - 1)$$

$$\begin{cases} F_x = 1 + 2\lambda x = 0 \\ F_y = 2y + 2\lambda y = 0 \\ F_\lambda = x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 1 + 2\lambda x = 0 \\ 2y(1 + \lambda) = 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

when $y = 0$, $x = \pm 1$, $(-1, 0)$, $(1, 0)$.

when $\lambda = -1$, $x = \frac{1}{2}$, $y = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$, $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$.

at $(-1, 0)$ $f(-1, 0) = \underline{-1}$ $f(1, 0) = \underline{1}$

at $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$, $f(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} + (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})^2 = \frac{2}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{5}{4}$

at $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$, $f(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} + (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})^2 = \frac{2}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{5}{4}$.

The absolute minimum is -1 , and the absolute maximum is $\boxed{\frac{5}{4}}$.

IV. [5 points] Find the critical points of the function

$$f(x, y) = xye^{-(x^2+y^2)}$$

(you do not have to classify them)

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= ye^{-(x^2+y^2)} + xy e^{-(x^2+y^2)} (-2x) \\ &= e^{-(x^2+y^2)} (y - 2x^2y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_y &= xe^{-(x^2+y^2)} + xy e^{-(x^2+y^2)} (-2y) \\ &= e^{-(x^2+y^2)} (x - 2xy^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{when } \begin{cases} f_x = 0 \\ f_y = 0, \end{cases}$$

simplify them we get

$$\begin{cases} y - 2x^2y = 0 \\ x - 2xy^2 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y(1 - 2x^2) = 0 \\ x(1 - 2y^2) = 0 \end{cases}$$

when $y = 0$, $x = 0$. when $1 - 2x^2 = 0$, $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. So they their critical points are

$$\underline{(0, 0)}, \underline{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)}, \underline{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)}, \underline{\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)}, \underline{\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)}$$

V. [5 points] True or false? Please provide a quick explanation to motivate your conclusions.

1. The function $f(x, y) = |x| + |y|$ admits partial derivatives at $(x, y) = (0, 0)$.

False,
$$f_x(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h| + |0| - |0| - |0|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h|}{h}.$$

does not exist.

Same as $f_y(0, 0)$.

2. We can use the method of Lagrange multipliers, as learned in class, to find the extreme values of the function $f(x, y) = e^{x^2 + \sin(xy)}$ along the constraint

$$C = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y = |x|\}.$$

False. Since we need $F_x(x, y) = f_x(x, y) + \lambda g_x(x, y)$, partial derivative exist, but $g(x, y) = y - |x|$ does not have partial derivative.

3. Let $f(x, y) = \arctan(\ln(x^3 y e^{x^2 y \sin(x^2 + y^8)})) + \frac{x}{x + \ln(1 + xy)}$. On its domain of definition, $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$.

Yes, we know on its domain $f(x, y)$ derivative is continuous, since it is continuous, then we have

$$f_{xy} = f_{yx}$$