

Taylor's expansion of $f^{(n)}$ of two variables

MVTR.

$f(x, y)$, (f_x, f_y) continuous in
some nbd. (a, b) .

$$f(a+h, b+k) - f(a, b) = h f_x(a+\theta h, b+\theta k) + k f_y(a+\theta h, b+\theta k),$$

$$(0 < \theta < 1).$$

Taylor's Theorem

$f(x, y)$ defined over
some domain D

having continuous partial derivatives of
order n . (or f is differentiable) in

some nbd. of (a, b) .

$$f(a+h, b+k) = f(a, b) + \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) f(a, b)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 f(a, b) + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^{n-1} f(a, b)$$

$$+ R_n$$

where R_n = the remainder after n terms
(due to Lagrange)

$$= \frac{1}{n!} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^n f(a + \theta h, b + \theta k),$$

$(0 < \theta < 1)$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^m f(a, b) \\ &= h^m \frac{\partial^m f}{\partial x^m}(a, b) + \binom{m}{1} h k \frac{\partial^m f}{\partial x^{m-1} \partial y}(a, b) \\ & \quad + \binom{m}{2} h^2 k^2 \frac{\partial^m f}{\partial x^{m-2} \partial y^2}(a, b) + \dots \\ & \quad + \binom{m}{m} k^m \frac{\partial^m f}{\partial y^m}(a, b). \end{aligned}$$

• put $a=0, b=0, h=x, k=y \Rightarrow$ Maclaurin's Theorem

• put $a+h=x, b+k=y$ so that $h=x-a, k=y-b$

$\Rightarrow$ Taylor's expansion of $f(x, y)$ about the pt. (a, b)
 $\Rightarrow$ Taylor's expansion of $f(x, y)$ in powers of

$$x-a, y-b.$$

Example: Expand $f(x, y) = x^2y + 3y - 2$ about the point $\underline{(1, -2)}$.

or equivalently, expand $f(x, y)$ in powers of $x-1$ and $y+2$.

Solⁿ: Taylor's expansion of $f(x, y)$ about (a, b)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) = & f(a, b) + \left[(x-a) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (y-b) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right] f(a, b) \\ & + \frac{1}{2!} \left[(x-a) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (y-b) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right]^2 f(a, b) \\ & + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left[(x-a) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (y-b) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right]^{n-1} f(a, b) \\ & + \frac{1}{n!} \left[(x-a) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (y-b) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right]^n f(a + \theta(x-a), y + \theta(y-b)) \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x, y) = x^2y + 3y - 2, \quad a = 1, \quad b = -2$$

$$f(1, -2) = -10$$

$$f_x(1, -2) = -4$$

$$f_y(1, -2) = 4$$

$$f_{xx}(1, -2) = -4$$

$$\underline{f_{xy}(1, -2) = 2}$$

$$f_{yy}(1, -2) = 0$$

$$f_{xxx}(1, -2) = 0$$

$$\underline{f_{yxx}(1, -2) = 2}$$

$$f_{yyy}(1, -2) = 0$$

$$\times f_{xxy}(1, -2) = 2$$

$$f_{yyx}(1, -2) = 0$$

$$\times f_{xyy}(1, -2) = 0$$

$$f(x, y) = -10 + [(x-1)(-4) + (y+2)4]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} [(x-1)^2(-4) + (y+2)^2 \cdot 0 + 2(x-1)(y+2) \cdot 2]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3!} \left\{ (x-1)^3 \cdot 0 + 3(x-1)^2(y+2) \cdot 2 + 3(x-1)(y+2)^2 \cdot 0 + (x-1)^3(y+2)^3 \cdot 0 \right\}$$

$$= -10 - 4(x-1) + 4(y+2) - 2(x-1)^2 + 2(x-1)(y+2) + (x-1)^2(y+2)$$

Example: Using Taylor's Theorem, prove

that $\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ (y=-x)}} \frac{\sin xy + xe^x - y}{x \cos y + \sin 2y} = -2$

Soln. Let $f(x,y) = \sin xy + xe^x - y$.

~~$= f(0,0) + [x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y$~~

$= \underline{f(0,0)} + [x \underline{f_x(0,0)} + y \underline{f_y(0,0)}]$

$+ \frac{1}{2!} [x^2 \underline{f_{xx}(0,0)} + 2xy \underline{f_{xy}(0,0)} + y^2 \underline{f_{yy}(0,0)}]$

+...

$= x - y + \frac{1}{2} [2x^2 + 2xy] + \dots$
(check)

Let $\phi(x,y) = x \cos y + \sin 2y$

$= \phi(0,0) + [x \phi_x(0,0) + y \phi_y(0,0)]$

$+ \frac{1}{2!} [x^2 \phi_{xx}(0,0) + 2xy \phi_{xy}(0,0) + y^2 \phi_{yy}(0,0)] + \dots$

$= x + 2y + \dots \dots \dots$ (check)

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{f(x,y)}{\phi(x,y)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -x$$

$$= \lim_{\substack{y = -x \\ (x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}} \frac{x - y + x^2 + xy + \dots}{x + 2y + \dots}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x + \cancel{x} - \cancel{x} + \text{higher powers of } x}{x - 2x + \text{higher powers of } x}$$

$$= -2$$

• $R_n \rightarrow$ error term.

estimate errors.

Extreme values for f^n . of Two or more variables

- $f(x, y) \rightarrow$ real valued f^n . of two ind. variables x, y defined in a certain nbd. of (a, b) of its domain.
- $f(x, y) < \underline{f(a, b)}$ $\forall (x, y) \in N$ (except (a, b)),
 N being a suitable nbd. of (a, b)
 $\rightarrow f$ has $\max^m$ at (a, b) .
- $f(x, y) > f(a, b)$ $\forall (x, y) \in N$
(except (a, b))
 $\rightarrow f$ has $\min^m$ at (a, b) .

Necessary condition

- $f(x, y)$ has an extreme value at (a, b)

$$\Rightarrow f_x(a, b) = 0$$

$$f_y(a, b) = 0.$$

provided they exist.

- $f(x, y)$
 - $\left. \begin{array}{l} f_x(a, b) = 0 \\ f_y(a, b) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow (a, b) \text{ is a stationary pt.}$
critical pt.
- $\swarrow$ extreme pt. $\searrow$ saddle pt.

Example: $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \underline{x=0} \text{ or } \underline{y=0} \\ 1 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$

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

$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h}$

$= 0.$

$f_y(0, 0) = 0.$

$f_x(0, 0) = 0$
 $f_y(0, 0) = 0$

Necessary conditions for extreme pt. is satisfied at $(0, 0)$.

But $(0, 0)$ is not an extreme pt.,
 it is a saddle pt. $\left[\begin{array}{l} f(x, y) - f(0, 0) \\ = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{along } x \text{ or } y \text{ axis} \\ 1 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \end{array} \right]$

• $f(x) = |x|$.

$x=0$ critical pt. or not?

$f'(0) \neq \text{exists}$ does not exist, still f has min. at $x=0$

Saddle pt. $\rightarrow$ stationary pt. which is not an extreme pt.

$\downarrow$
(a, b)

$\downarrow$

$f_x(a, b) = 0$, $f_y(a, b) = 0$, but $f(x, y)$ has no extrema at (a, b).

Note. $f(x, y)$ may have extrema at (a, b) even if f_x, f_y do not exist at (a, b)

Example: $f(x, y) = |x| + |y|$.

$\downarrow$
has ~~extrema~~ ^{minimum} value at (0, 0), but don't f_x, f_y exist at (0, 0).

Sufficient condition

- $f(x, y)$
- $f_x, f_y, f_{xx}, f_{yy}, f_{xy} \rightarrow$ all continuous in some nbd. of (a, b) .

- $df = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{f_x = 0, f_y = 0}$

- $f_x(a, b) = 0, f_y(a, b) = 0$ $\rightarrow (a, b)$ is a stationary pt.

- $d^2f = f_{xx}(dx)^2 + 2f_{xy}dxdy + f_{yy}(dy)^2$

- $A = f_{xx}(a, b), B = f_{xy}(a, b), C = f_{yy}(a, b)$

- $H = \begin{vmatrix} \textcircled{A} & B \\ B & C \end{vmatrix} = AC - B^2$

i) $H < 0 \rightarrow$ no extrema at (a, b) (saddle pt.)

ii) $\begin{cases} H > 0 \rightarrow f \text{ has extrema at } (a, b) \\ AC - B^2 > 0 \end{cases}$ f has maximum if $A, C < 0$ or $\boxed{A < 0}$
 $\Downarrow$
 A, C having same sign. min. if $A, C > 0$ or $\boxed{A > 0}$

iii) $H = 0 \rightarrow$ undecided
 $\Rightarrow$ further investigation is needed.

$\rightarrow$ principal minors $\rightarrow A, \begin{vmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{vmatrix}$

$\rightarrow$ all +ve $\rightarrow \min^m$

$\rightarrow$ alternatively -ve, +ve $\rightarrow \max^m$

Generalization

• $f(x, y, z)$.

• $df = f_x dx + f_y dy + f_z dz \neq 0$

• $f_x = 0, f_y = 0, f_z = 0$ at (a, b, c)
 $\rightarrow (a, b, c)$ is a stationary pt.
critical pt

(Necessary condition).

• $d^2f = f_{xx}(dx)^2 + f_{yy}(dy)^2 + f_{zz}(dz)^2$
 $+ 2f_{xy} dx dy + 2f_{xz} dx dz$
 $+ 2f_{yz} dy dz.$

• (Sufficient condition)

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} & f_{xz} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} & f_{yz} \\ f_{zx} & f_{zy} & f_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

principal minors

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{of } H \\ \hline f_{xx}, \quad \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix}, \quad \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} & f_{xz} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} & f_{yz} \\ f_{zx} & f_{zy} & f_{zz} \end{vmatrix} \end{array}$$

alternatively, $-ve$ & $+ve \rightarrow \max$
all $+ve \rightarrow \min$

Example: Find the extreme values, if any, of the f^n . $f(x, y) = 2(x-y)^2 - x^4 - y^4$.

Solⁿ: $f_x = 4(x-y) - 4x^3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$

$f_y = -4(x-y) - 4y^3 = 0$

$$(x+y)(x^2 - xy + y^2) = 0.$$

$$\begin{cases} x+y=0 \\ x-y+x^3=0. \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x^2-xy+y^2=0. \\ x-y-x^3=0 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x-x^3=0. \\ x=0, \pm\sqrt{2} \end{cases} \quad \rightarrow \text{No sol}^n. \quad (\text{Why?}).$$

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

(i) $(0,0)$.

$$A = f_{xx}(0,0) = 4 - 12x^2 \Big|_{(0,0)} = 4$$

$$B = f_{xy}(0,0) = -4$$

$$C = f_{yy}(0,0) = 4 - 12y^2 \Big|_{(0,0)} = 4.$$

$$H = AC - B^2 = 16 - 16 = 0.$$

undecided case, further investigation needed.

(ii) $(\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2})$

$$A = 4 - 24 = -20$$

$$B = -4$$

$$C = 4 - 24 = -20$$

$$H = AC - B^2 = 400 - 16 > 0.$$

$$A < 0$$

$\rightarrow$ min. max.

$$\boxed{f_{\max} = 8}$$

$$\text{iii)} \quad (-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$$

$$A = -20, B = -4, C = -20$$

$$H > 0, A < C \rightarrow \max.$$

$$\boxed{f_{\max} = 8}$$

Case (0,0)

$$f(x, y) = 2(x-y)^2 - x^4 - y^4.$$

along x -axis, $f(x, y) = 2x^2 - x^4$
 > 0 in the nbd. of $(0,0)$.

along the line $x=y$, $f(x, y) = -2x^4 < 0$
 in the nbd. of $(0,0)$

$$\frac{f(x, y) - f(0,0)}{>0} < 0.$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ nbd. of $(0,0)$ where $f(x, y) - f(0,0)$
 does not keep a constant sign.

$\Rightarrow f$ has no extreme value at $(0,0)$

Example: Show that $f(x, y) = x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + x^3 - y^3 + x^5$ has a stationary pt. at $(0, 0)$, but $f(0, 0)$ is neither a maximum value nor a minimum value.

Solⁿ:

$$f_x(0, 0) = \left[2x - 2y + 3x^2 + 5x^4 \right]_{(0, 0)} = 0.$$

$$f_y(0, 0) = \left[-2x + 2y - 3y^2 \right]_{(0, 0)} = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow (0, 0)$ is a stationary pt.

$$f_{xx} = 2 + 6x \Big]_{(0, 0)} = 2$$

$$f_{yy} = 2 - 6y \Big]_{(0, 0)} = 2$$

$$f_{xy} = -2$$

$$H = f_{xx}(0, 0)f_{yy}(0, 0) - \left\{ f_{xy}(0, 0) \right\}^2 = 4 - 4 = 0.$$

$$f(x, y) = (x - y)^2 + x^5 \quad \text{along the line } x = y.$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ nbd. of $(0, 0)$ containing pts. where $f(x, y) > 0$ & also pts. where

$$f(x, y) < 0.$$

$\Rightarrow (0,0)$ is a saddle pt.

Example: Show that the f^n .

$f(x, y) = y^2 + x^2y + x^4$
has a minimum at $(0,0)$.

Solⁿ:

$$f_x(0,0) = 0$$

$$f_y(0,0) = 0.$$

$f(x, y)$ $H = 0$ undetermined case
at $(0,0)$.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) - f(0,0) &= y^2 + x^2y + x^4 - 0 \\ &= \left(y + \frac{1}{2}x^2\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}x^4. \\ &> 0 \quad \forall (x, y) \neq (0,0). \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow f$ has min^m at $(0,0)$.

Example:

Prove that—

$$f(x, y, z) = (x+y+z)^3 - 3(x+y+z) - 24xyz - \cancel{a^3} a^3$$

has max. at $(-1, -1, -1)$ and min.
at $(1, 1, 1)$.

Solⁿ.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_x(1, 1, 1) \\ f_y(1, 1, 1) \\ f_z(1, 1, 1) \end{array} \right\} \left. \begin{array}{l} f_x(-1, -1, -1) \\ f_y(-1, -1, -1) \\ f_z(-1, -1, -1) \end{array} \right\} \text{all 0?}$$

(ii)
 $(1, 1, 1)$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} & f_{xz} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} & f_{yz} \\ f_{xz} & f_{yz} & f_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 18 & -6 & -6 \\ -6 & 18 & -6 \\ -6 & -6 & 18 \end{pmatrix}$$

principal minors

$$18, \begin{vmatrix} 18 & -6 \\ -6 & 18 \end{vmatrix} = 288, |H| = 16 \times 216.$$

all +ve

So min^m. at $(1, 1, 1)$

(ii) $(-1, -1, -1)$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} -18 & 6 & 6 \\ 6 & -18 & 6 \\ 6 & 6 & -18 \end{pmatrix}$$

principal minors

$$-18, \begin{vmatrix} -18 & 6 \\ 6 & -18 \end{vmatrix} = 288, |H| = -16 \times 216.$$

alternatively -ve & +ve.

So max^m. at $(-1, -1, -1)$.