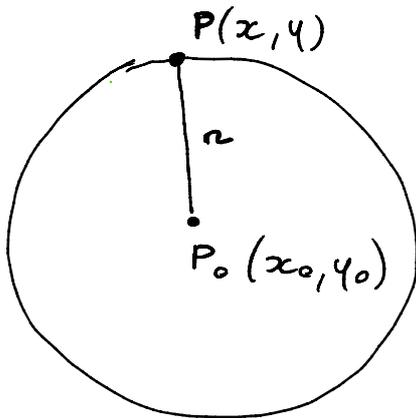


**INDIFFERENCE CURVES**

If  $z = f(x, y)$  is a utility function then the level curves are said **INDIFFERENCE CURVES**. They represent the combinations of consumed quantities of each good corresponding to the same utility.

**ISOQUANTS**

If  $z = f(x, y)$  is a production function then the level curves are said **ISOQUANTS**. They represent the combinations of quantities of each production factor corresponding to the same production level.



$$d(P, P_0) = r \quad r \geq 0$$

$r = 0$   
degenerate case

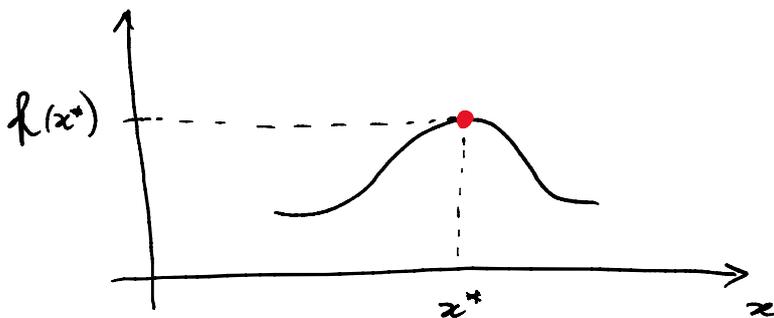
$$\sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2} = r$$

$$(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 = r^2$$

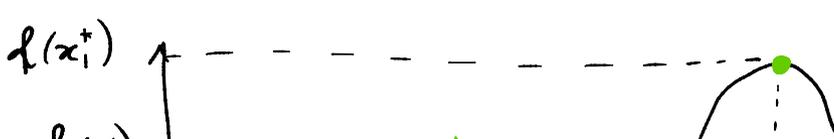
$$(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 < r^2$$



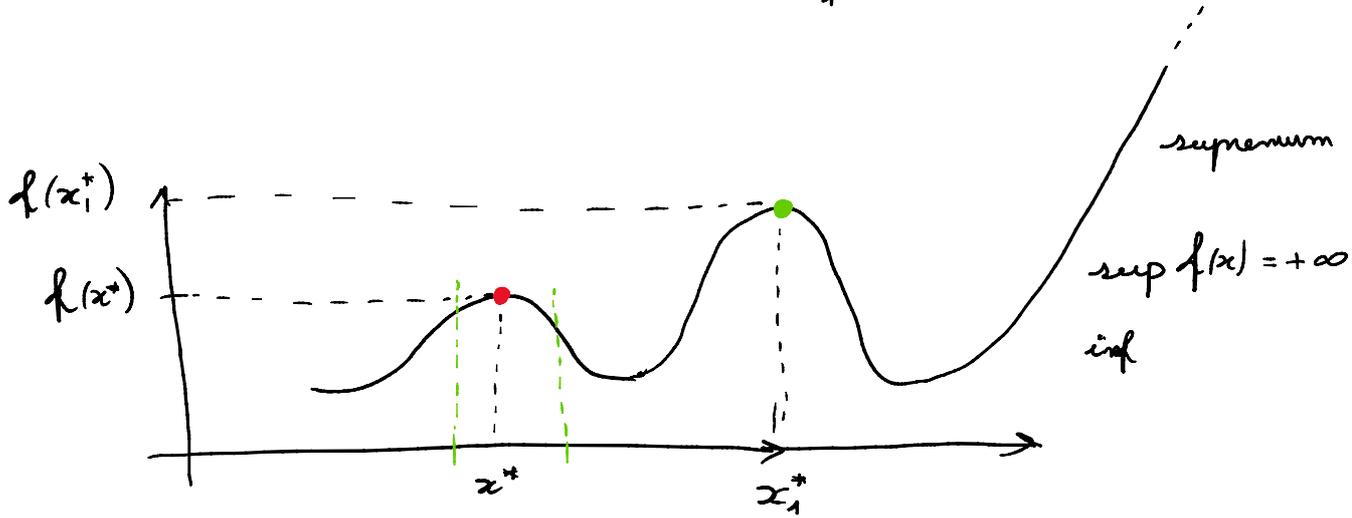
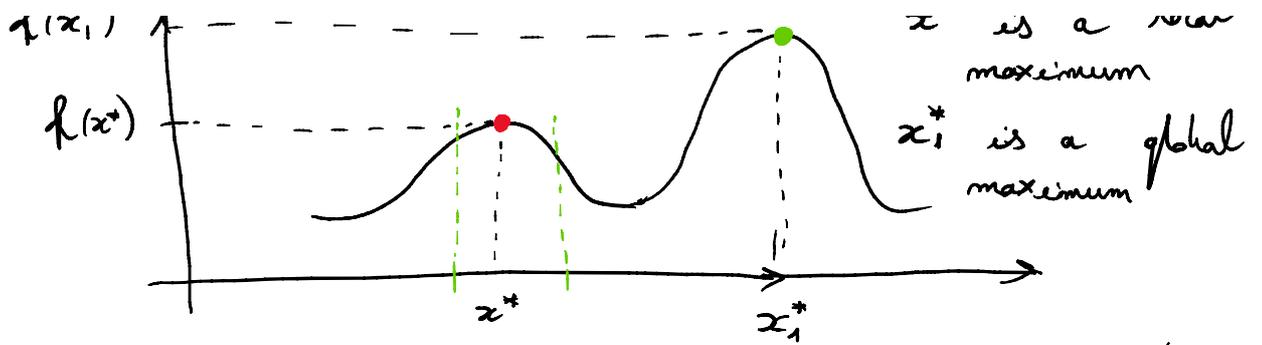
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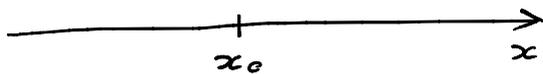
$x^*$  is a global maximum



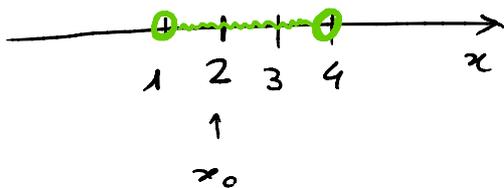
$x^*$  is a local maximum



$x^*$  and  $x_1^*$  are local maxima  
 $\sup f(x) = +\infty$



A neighborhood of  $x_0$  is an open interval containing  $x_0$



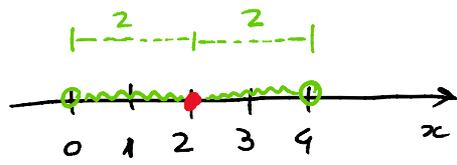
$(1, 4)$  or  $]1, 4[$ ,  
 $1 < x < 4$   
 This is a neighborhood of 2



This is also a neighborhood of 2

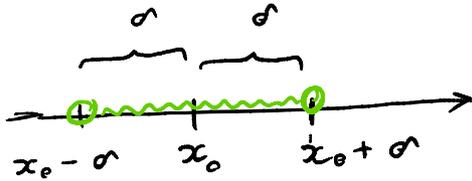


this is also a neighborhood of 2



This is a symmetric neighborhood of 2

$$0 < x < 4$$



$$x_0 - \delta < x < x_0 + \delta$$

$$|A| = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } A \geq 0 \\ -A & \text{if } A < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$|x| < \gamma$$

$\gamma$  in this case, cannot be zero or negative

if  $x \geq 0$   $|x|$  becomes  $x$  so the inequality becomes  $x < \gamma$



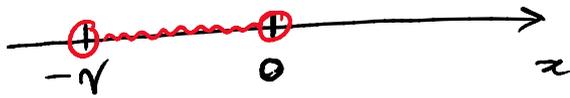
if  $x < 0$  then  $|x| = -x$  and the inequality becomes

$$|x| < \gamma$$

$$-x < \gamma$$

$$(-1)(-x) > \gamma(-1)$$

$$x > -\gamma$$



Putting all together, we have



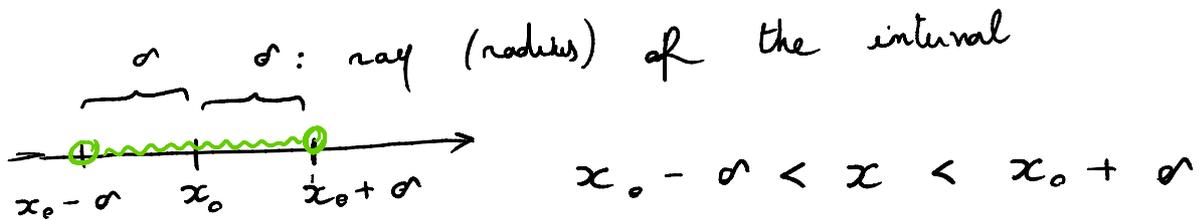
but this is a symmetric neighborhood of 0

so the inequality  $|x| < \sqrt{\epsilon}$  is equivalent to  $-\sqrt{\epsilon} < x < \sqrt{\epsilon}$

This is valid in general:

$$|g(x)| \leq B$$

$$-B \leq g(x) \leq B$$

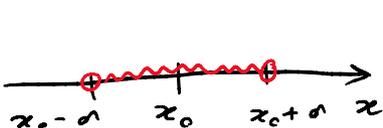


$$\rightarrow \cancel{x_0} - \delta - \cancel{x_0} < x - \cancel{x_0} < \cancel{x_0} + \delta - \cancel{x_0}$$

$$\rightarrow -\delta < x - x_0 < \delta$$

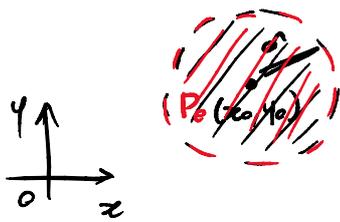
$$\rightarrow |x - x_0| < \delta$$

$$|x - x_0| = \sqrt{(x - x_0)^2}$$

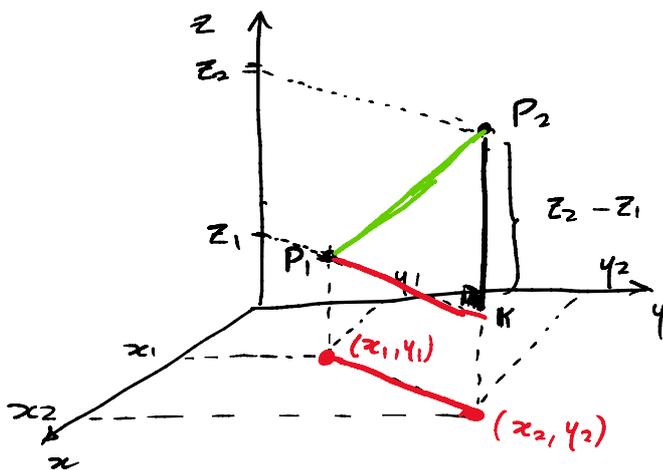
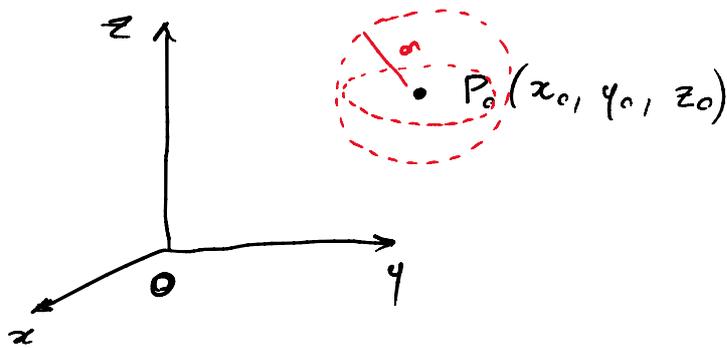


$$\sqrt{(x - x_0)^2} < \delta$$

1 dimension



$$\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} < r \quad \text{2 dimensions}$$



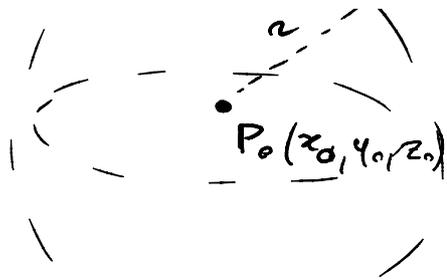
$$d(P_1, P_2) = ?$$

$$d(P_1, K) = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(P_1, P_2) &= \sqrt{\overline{P_1 K}^2 + \overline{P_2 K}^2} = \\ &= \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2} = \\ &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2} \end{aligned}$$



$$d(P, P_0) = \dots$$



$$d(P, P_0) = r$$

$$\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2 + (z-z_0)^2} = r$$

$$(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2 + (z-z_0)^2 = r^2$$

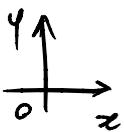
$$|x - x_0| = \sqrt{(x - x_0)^2}$$



$$\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2} < r$$

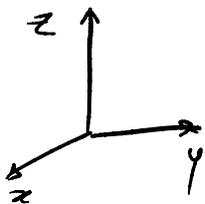
1 dimension

$$d(x, x_0) < r$$



$$\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} < r$$

2 dimensions



$$\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2 + (z-z_0)^2} < r$$

3 dimensions

In  $n$  dimensions, a neighborhood of  $P_0(x_1^0, x_2^0, \dots, x_n^0)$

is

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_1^0)^2 + (x_2 - x_2^0)^2 + \dots + (x_n - x_n^0)^2} < r$$

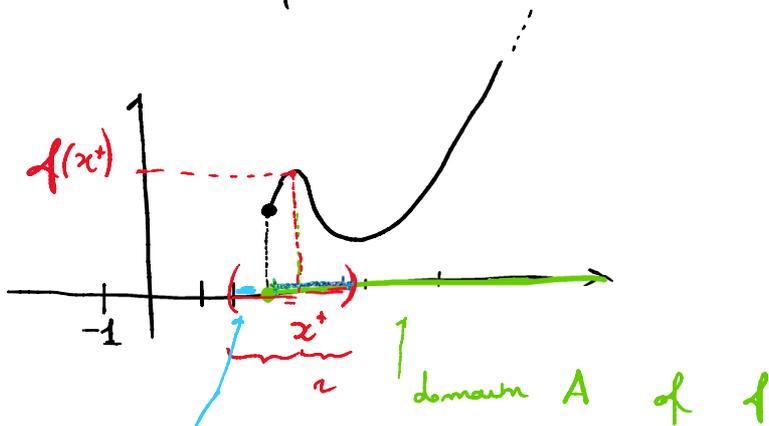
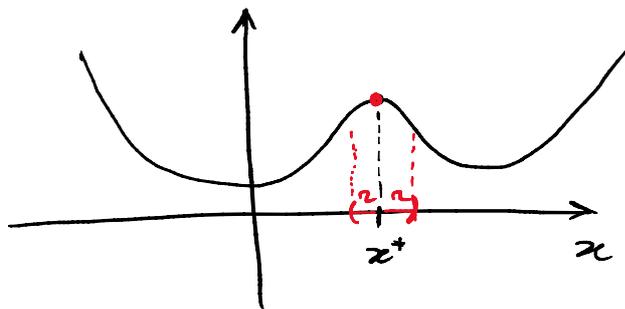
In general, a neighborhood of  $\underline{x}_0$  is: denoted

$$\text{by } B(\underline{x}_0, r) = \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : d(\underline{x}, \underline{x}_0) < r \}$$

$$f: A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$\underline{x}^* \in A$  is a global maximum of  $f$   
 if  $f(\underline{x}^*) \geq f(\underline{x}) \quad \forall \underline{x} \in A$

$\underline{x}^* \in A$  is a local (or relative) maximum  
 of  $f$  if  $f(\underline{x}^*) \geq f(\underline{x})$   
 $\forall \underline{x} \in B(\underline{x}^*, r) \cap A$

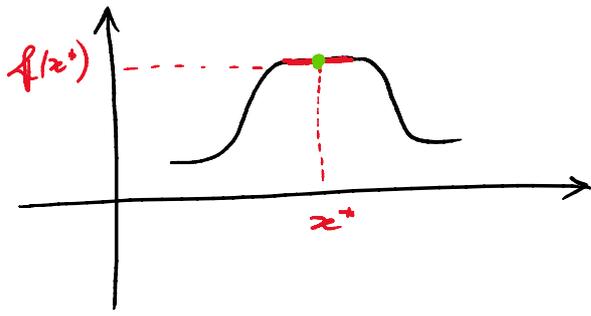


if in this case I chose a too-large neighborhood and so the function is not defined for the points in blue

$f(\underline{x}^*)$  is the greatest for the point in —

But such an interval is  $B(\underline{x}^*, r) \cap A$ .

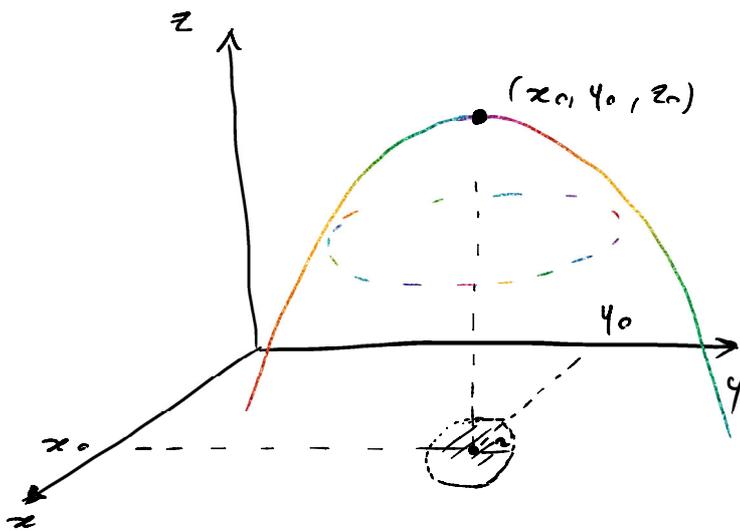
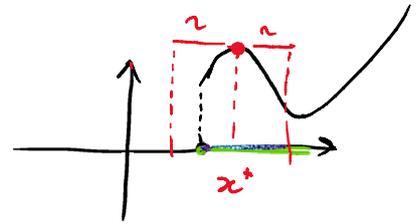
(global)

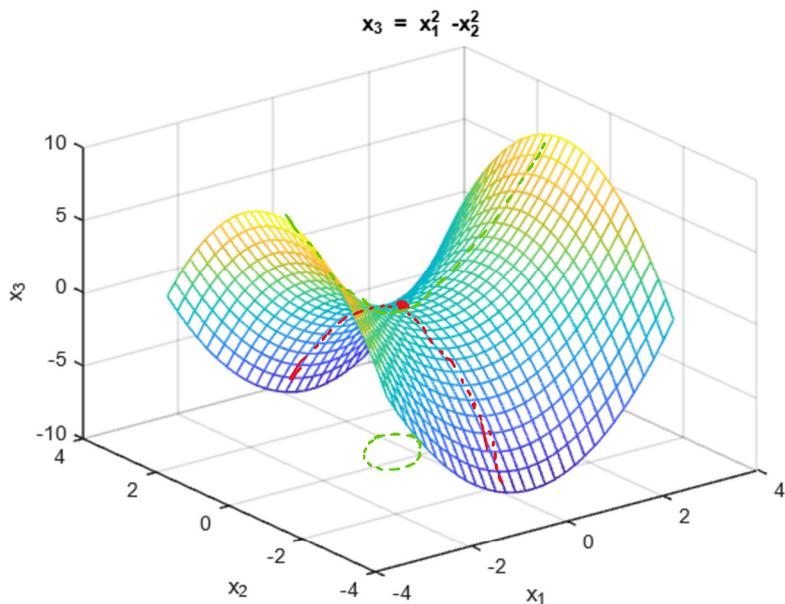


$x^*$  is a <sup>(global)</sup> maximum  
but it is not a  
strict maximum

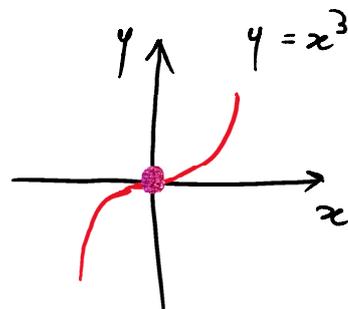
$\underline{x}^* \in A$  is a local (or relative) strict maximum  
of  $f$  if  $f(\underline{x}^*) > f(\underline{x})$

$$\forall \underline{x} \in B(\underline{x}^*, r) \cap A$$



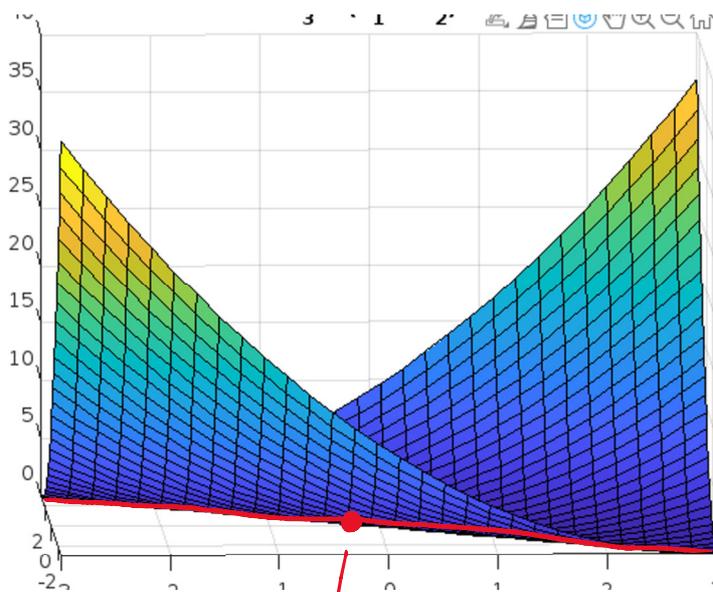


saddle points



$$y' = 3x^2 = 0$$

$$x = 0$$



minima

is a minimum but it is not strict