

# INEQUALITY CONSTRAINTS

$$\max f(x, y)$$

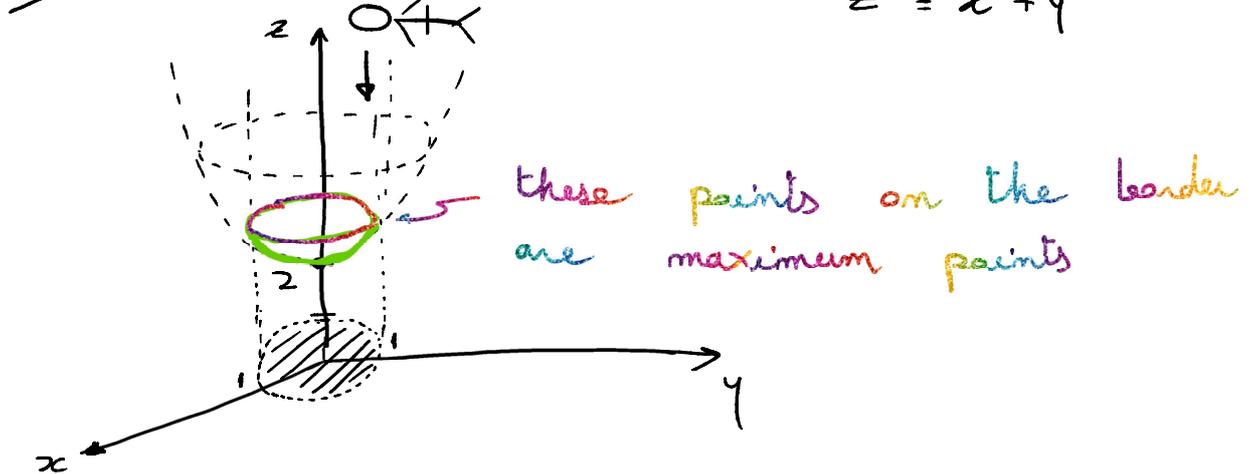
$$\text{s.t.} : g(x, y) \leq b$$

For example:

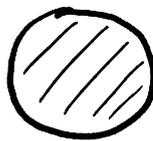
$$\max | x^2 + y^2 + 2 =: f(x, y)$$

$$\text{s.t.} : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$$

$$z = x^2 + y^2$$



This means that there is at least one point  $(x_p, y_p)$  such that  $x_p^2 + y_p^2 = 1$ .



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

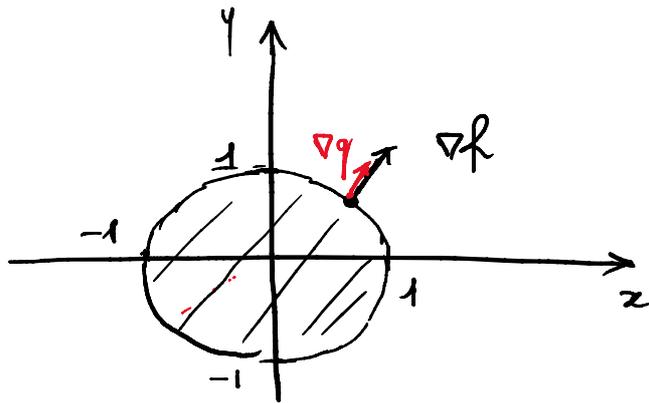
satisfy the constraint  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$  as an equality  $1 \leq 1$

So the constraint is said to be active

or binding at  $(x_p, y_p)$ .

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \quad \nabla f = (2x, 2y)^T$$

$$g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \quad \nabla g = (2x, 2y)^T$$



Since the gradient tells us the direction of maximum growth and the maximum lies on the border, then  $\nabla f$  has to point towards the exterior of the constraint set.

Otherwise, there would exist an interior point  $(x_a, y_a)$  such that  $f(x_a, y_a) > f(x_p, y_p)$ .

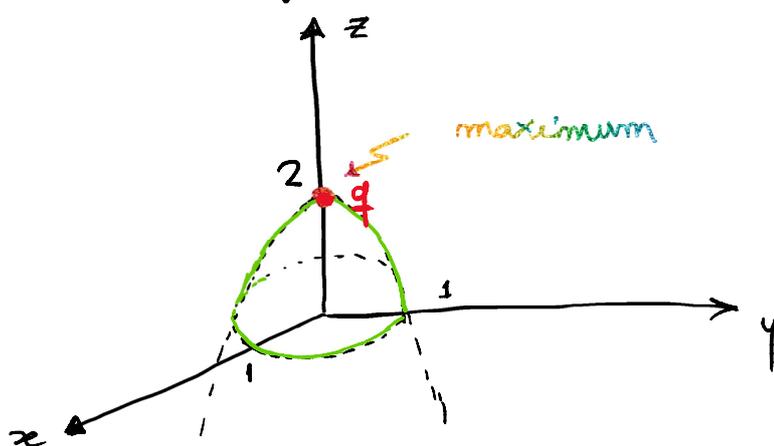
But also  $\nabla g$  points outwards.

So, not only at  $P(x_p, y_p)$   $\nabla f$  is parallel to  $\nabla g$  (i.e.,  $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ ) but they also have to have the same sense, that is  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

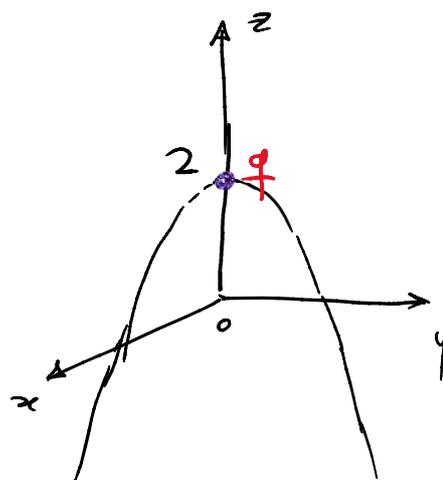
$$\max_{x, y} 2 - x^2 - y^2 \quad \Bigg| \quad \max_{x, y} 2 - x^2 - y^2$$

$$\max \quad 2 - x - y$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$$



$$\max \quad 2 - x^2 - y^2$$



In this other example the maximum is inside the constraint set. It is denoted by point  $q$ . But point  $q$  is the same maximum of the unconstrained problem

$$\max \quad 2 - x^2 - y^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) = 2 - x^2 - y^2 - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 1)$$

$$\text{If } \lambda = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}(x, y, 0) = 2 - x^2 - y^2$$

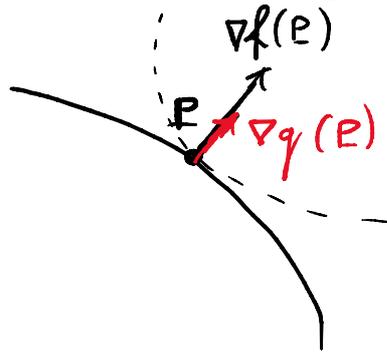
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

is equivalent to  $\nabla \mathcal{L} = \underline{0}$

To summarize: from the Lagrangian:

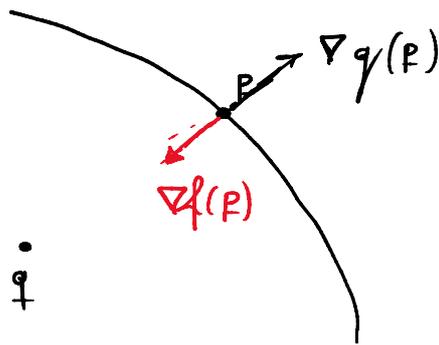
$$\mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) = f(x, y) - \lambda(g(x, y) - b)$$

A) either the constraint is active



$\nabla f(P) \parallel \nabla g(P)$  and have the same sense  
i.e.  $\nabla f(P) = \lambda \nabla g(P)$  with  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

B) either the maximum is inside the constraint set.



In this case the constraint has no effect and so it must be  $\lambda = 0$ .

In both cases either  $g(x, y) = b$  (case A) or  $\lambda = 0$  (case B), that is

either  $g(x, y) \leq b$  or  $\lambda \geq 0$  is active

This condition is called complementary slackness and can be expressed as:

$$\lambda [g(x, y) - b] = 0$$

THEOREM: suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are  $C^1$  functions on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and that  $(x^*, y^*)$  maximizes  $f$  on the constraint set  $g(x, y) \leq b$ .

If  $g(x^*, y^*) = b$ , suppose that

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x^*, y^*) \neq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(x^*, y^*) \neq 0$$

(constraint qualification  $\nabla g(x^*, y^*) \neq \underline{0}$ )

In any case, form the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) = f(x, y) - \lambda (g(x, y) - b)$$

Then, there is a multiplier  $\lambda^*$  such that:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x}(x^*, y^*, \lambda^*) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y}(x^*, y^*, \lambda^*) = 0$$

$$\lambda^* (g(x^*, y^*) - b) = 0$$

$$\lambda^* \geq 0, \quad g(x^*, y^*) \leq b.$$

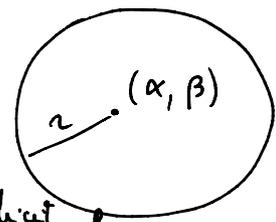
These are necessary conditions.

circles:  $(x - \alpha)^2 + (y - \beta)^2 = r^2$

implicit form

lines:  $ax + by + c = 0$

explicit form  $y = mx + q, \quad x = k$



parabola:  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

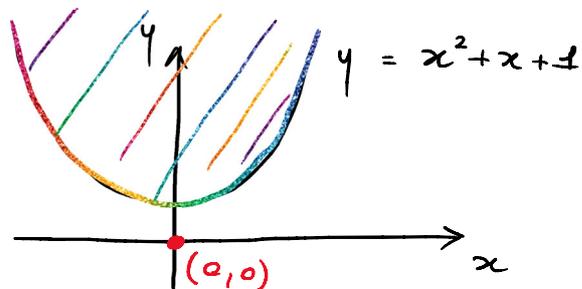
ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

hyperbola:  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  ,  $xy = k$

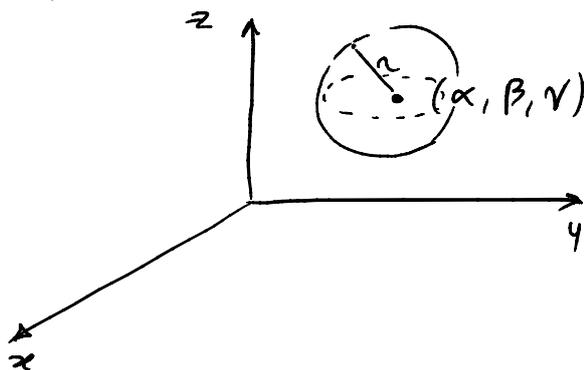
$$y \geq x^2 + x + 1$$

$$0 \geq 0^2 + 0 + 1$$

$$0 \geq 1 \quad \text{NO}$$



$$(x - \alpha)^2 + (y - \beta)^2 + (z - \gamma)^2 = r^2$$



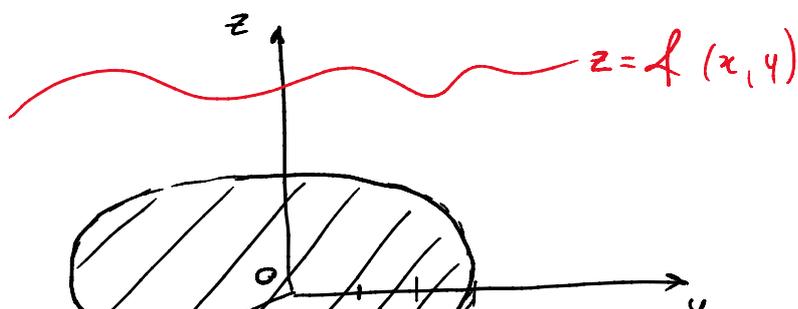
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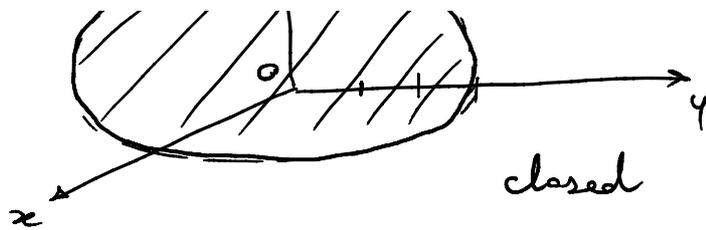
max  
min

$$f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 8(x^2 + y^2)$$

continuous

s. t. :  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$





closed and bounded

So by Weierstrass's theorem there is a global maximum and minimum.

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) = x^4 + y^4 - 8(x^2 + y^2) - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 9)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = 0 : \begin{cases} 4x^3 - 16x - 2\lambda x = 0 \\ 4y^3 - 16y - 2\lambda y = 0 \\ \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 9) = 0 \quad \leftarrow \\ \lambda \geq 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 \leq 9 \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda = 0$$

$$4x^3 - 16x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 4y^3 - 16y = 0$$

$$x^3 - 4x = 0 ; \quad x(x^2 - 4) = 0 ;$$

$$x(x-2)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad \vee \quad x = 2 \quad \vee \quad x = -2$$

$$y = 0 \quad \vee \quad y = 2 \quad \vee \quad y = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\checkmark A(0, 0), \quad \underline{B(0, 2)}, \quad \underline{C(0, -2)}, \quad \underline{D(2, 0)}, \\ &\underline{E(2, 2)}, \quad \underline{F(2, -2)}, \quad \underline{G(-2, 0)}, \quad \underline{H(-2, 2)}, \\ &\underline{I(-2, -2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$f'_x = 4x^3 - 16x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f'_y = 4y^3 - 16y = 0$$

$$f''_{xx} = 12x^2 - 16$$

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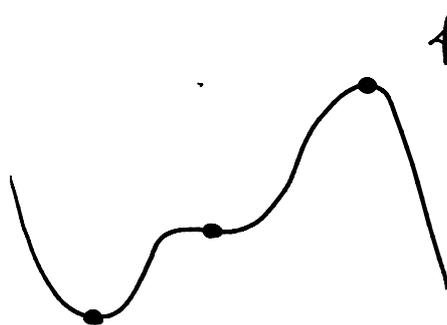
$$f''_{yy} = 12y^2 - 16$$

$$\underline{\underline{H}}f = \begin{bmatrix} 12x^2 - 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 12y^2 - 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{H}}f(A) = \underline{\underline{H}}f(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 0 \\ 0 & -16 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{A local maximum}$$

$$y = f(x)$$

$$f'(x) = 0$$



$$f'(x_p)$$

$$f''(x_p) < 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{H}}f(B) = \underline{\underline{H}}f(C) = \underline{\underline{H}}f(0, \pm 2) = \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 0 \\ 0 & 32 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{saddle} \\ \text{points} \end{array} \quad \text{also D and G}$$

$$\underline{\underline{H}}f(E) = \begin{bmatrix} 32 & 0 \\ 0 & 32 \end{bmatrix}$$

local minima  
same as F, H, I

$$\begin{cases} \underline{4x^3 - 16x - 2\lambda x} = 0 \\ \underline{4y^3 - 16y - 2\lambda y} = 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 - 9 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x(2x^2 - 8 - \lambda) = 0 \\ 2y(2y^2 - 8 - \lambda) = 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 = 9 \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} x = 0 \\ \lambda = 10 \geq 0 \quad \checkmark \\ y = \pm 3 \end{cases} \quad L(0, 3) \quad M(0, -3)$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda = 10 \geq 0 \quad \checkmark \\ y = 0 \\ x = \pm 3 \end{cases} \quad N(3, 0) \quad P(-3, 0)$$

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$$\begin{cases} \lambda = 2x^2 - 8 \\ x^2 = y^2 \\ 2x^2 = 9 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda = 1 \geq 0 \quad \checkmark \\ y = \pm \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ x = \pm \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{cases}$$

$$Q\left(\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}, \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}\right), \quad R\left(\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}\right),$$

$$S\left(-\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}, \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}\right), T\left(-\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}\right)$$

$$\checkmark A(0, 0), B(0, 2), C(0, -2), D(2, 0), \\ E(2, 2), F(2, -2), G(-2, 0), H(-2, 2), \\ I(-2, -2)$$

$$L(0, 3) \quad M(0, -3)$$

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$$f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 8(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$f(A) = f(0, 0) = 0$$

$$f(B) = f(C) = f(D) = f(G) = 2^4 - 8 \cdot 2^2 = 2^4 - 2^5 = \\ = 2^4(1 - 2) = -16$$

$$f(E) = f(F) = f(H) = f(I) = 2^4 + 2^4 - 8(2^2 + 2^2) = \\ = 2^5 - 8 \cdot 2^3 = 2^5 - 2^6 = -2^5 = -32$$

$$f(L) = f(M) = f(N) = f(P) = 3^4 - 8 \cdot 3^2 = \\ = 3^2(3^2 - 8) = 3^2(9 - 8) = 3^2 \cdot 1 = 9$$

$$f(Q) = f(R) = f(S) = f(T) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}\right)^4 - 8 \left[ \left(\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}\right)^2 \right] = \\
&= \frac{3^4 \cdot 2^2}{2^4} + \frac{3^4 \cdot 2^2}{2^4} - 8 \left( \frac{3^2 \cdot 2}{2^2} + \frac{3^2 \cdot 2}{2^2} \right) = \\
&= 2 \cdot \frac{3^4}{2^2} - 8 \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \frac{3^2}{\cancel{2}} = \frac{3^4}{2} - 8 \cdot 3^2 = \\
&= 3^2 \left( \frac{3^2}{2} - 8 \right) = 9 \left( \frac{9}{2} - 8 \right) = 9 \cdot \frac{9-16}{2} = \\
&= 9 \left( -\frac{7}{2} \right) = -\frac{63}{2} = -\frac{62+1}{2} = \\
&= -31 - \frac{1}{2} = -31.5
\end{aligned}$$