

# MATH 2177

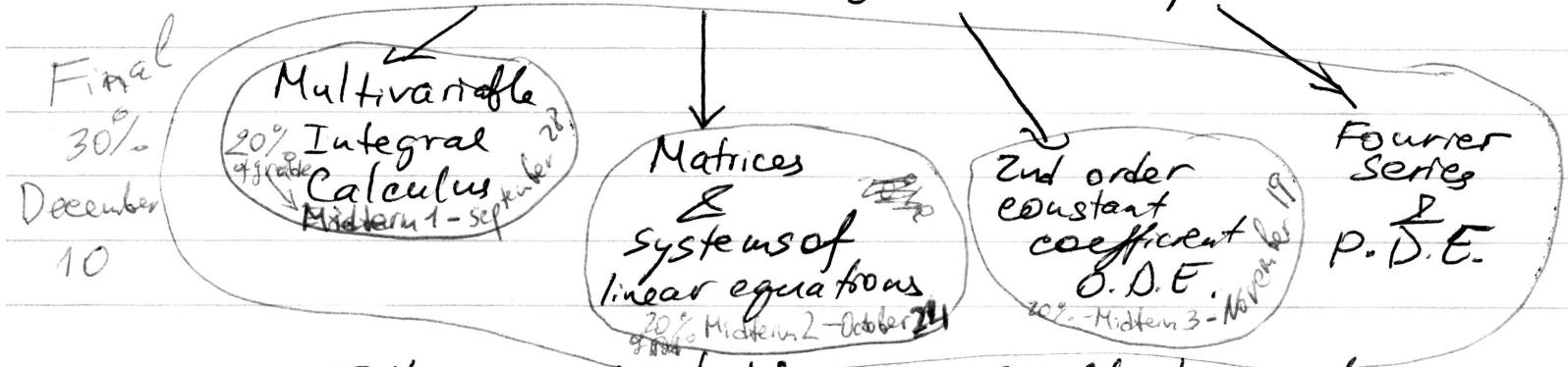
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## Lecture 1

Introduce myself.

Why take Math 2177? It's required for your major!  
It's fun!

It's a quick journey into 4 topics!

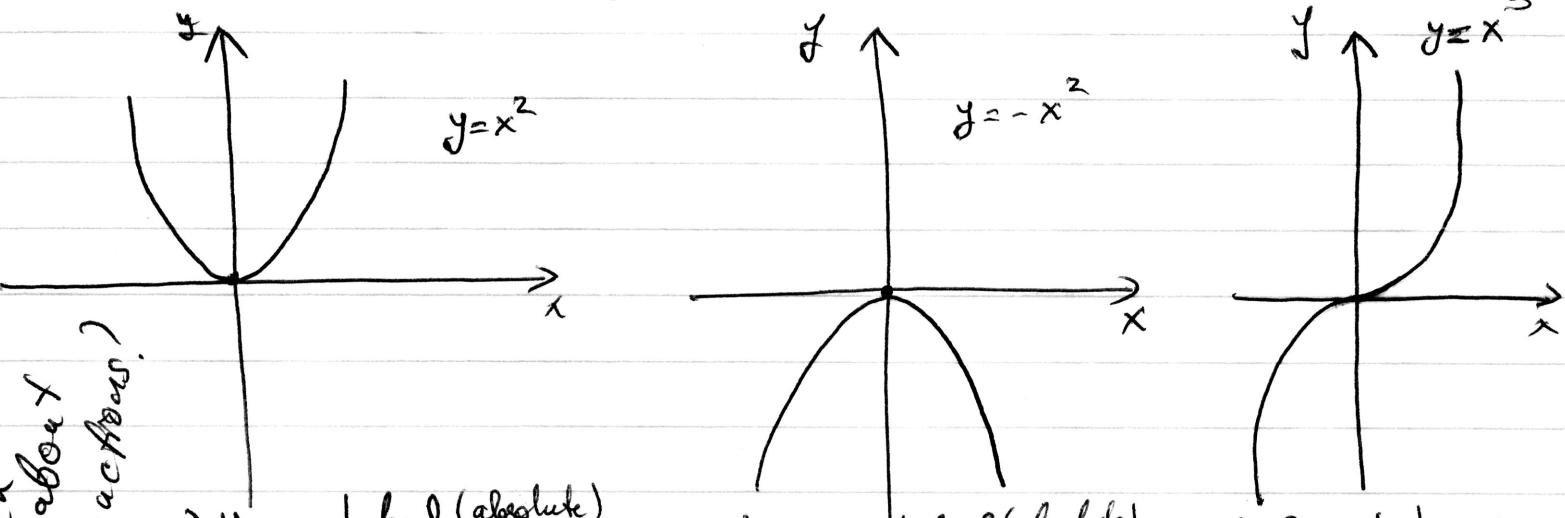


It's powerful! You will be able to apply your knowledge for your major!

Syllabus on Canvas & my website [u.osu.edu/erchenko](http://u.osu.edu/erchenko)

Journey 1 begins.

10% Homework every Tuesday!  
solutions for homework  
lecture notes.



What can you say about these functions?

1) Has global (absolute) minimum at  $x=0$

2) Derivative at  $x=0$ :  
 $y'(x)=2x \rightarrow y'(0)=0$

3) Second derivative at  $x=0$ :  
 $y''(x)=2 \rightarrow y''(0)=2>0$

1) Has global (absolute) maximum at  $x=0$

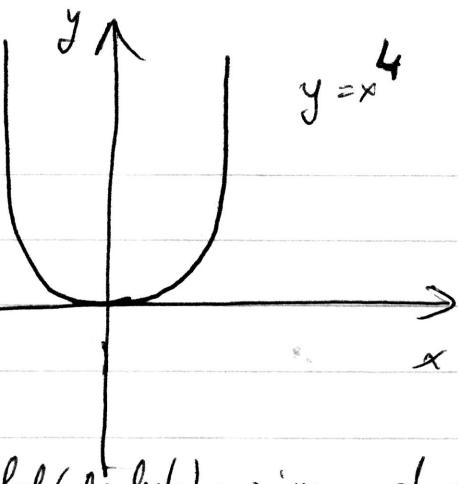
2)  $y'(x)=-2x \rightarrow y'(0)=0$

3)  $y''(x)=-2 \rightarrow y''(0)=-2<0$

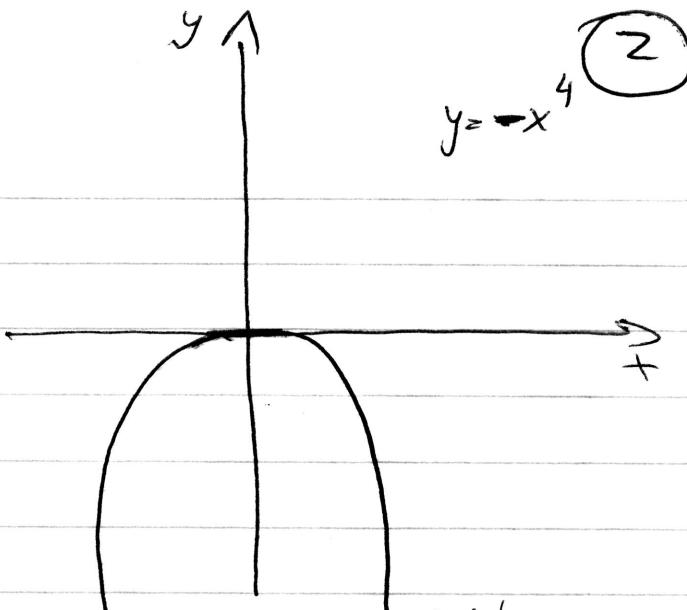
1) Doesn't have local/global minimum or maximum at  $x=0$

2)  $y'(x)=3x^2 \rightarrow y'(0)=0$

3)  $y''(x)=6x \rightarrow y''(0)=0$



- 1) Has global (absolute) minimum at  $x=0$
- 2)  $y'(x)=4x^3 \rightarrow y'(0)=0$
- 3)  $y''(x)=12x^2 \rightarrow y''(0)=0$



- 1) Has global (absolute) maximum at  $x=0$
- 2)  $y'(x)=-4x^3 \rightarrow y'(0)=0$
- 3)  $y''(x)=-12x^2 \rightarrow y''(0)=0$

$f(x)$	$f(x,y)$
<u>Definition</u> <p>An interior point <math>x=a</math> in the domain of <math>f</math> is a critical point of <math>f</math> if either</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <math>f'(a)=0</math>, or</li> <li>2) The derivative of <math>f</math> at <math>x=a</math> does not exist.</li> </ol>	<u>Critical point</u> <p>An interior point <math>(x,y)=(a,b)</math> in the domain of <math>f</math> is a critical point of <math>f</math> if either</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <math>\nabla f(a,b)=\langle f_x(a,b), f_y(a,b) \rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle</math> (i.e., <math>f_x(a,b)=0</math> and <math>f_y(a,b)=0</math>), or</li> <li>2) At least one of the partial derivatives <math>f_x</math> and <math>f_y</math> does not exist at <math>(a,b)</math>.</li> </ol>
<u>Example</u> <p>Find critical points of the following function</p> $f(x) = x^2$ <p><u>Solution:</u> <math>f'(x) = 2x \leftarrow</math> defined everywhere</p> <p><u>Critical point:</u> <math>f'(x)=0 \hookrightarrow 2x=0 \hookrightarrow x=0</math></p> <p><math>x=0</math> - critical point.</p>	$f(x,y) = x^2 - 2xy + 3y^2 + 2x - 2y$ <p><u>Solution:</u> <math>\nabla f(x,y) = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle =</math></p> $= \langle 2x - 2y + 2, -2x + 6y - 2 \rangle \leftarrow$ defined everywhere <p>Critical point: <math>\nabla f(x,y) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle</math></p> $\begin{cases} 2x - 2y + 2 = 0 \\ -2x + 6y - 2 = 0 \end{cases} \hookrightarrow \begin{cases} x - y = -1 \\ -x + 3y = 1 \end{cases} \hookrightarrow \begin{cases} x = -1 \\ y = 0 \end{cases} \leftarrow (-1, 0)$ - critical point.

$f(x)$  $f(y)$ 

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What type of critical point?Localmaximum point

$f(x)$  has local maximum value at  $x=a$  if  $f(x) \leq f(a)$  for any point  $x$  in some neighborhood of  $x=a$ .  $x=a$  - local maximum point

Example

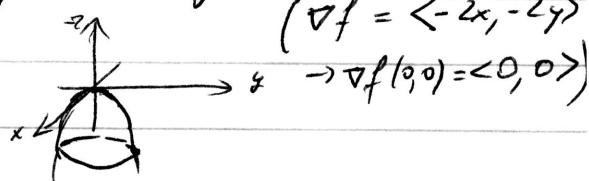
$$f(x) = -x^2$$

$x=0$  - local maximum point

$$(f'(x) = -2x \rightarrow f'(0) = 0)$$

$f(y)$  has local maximum value at  $(x,y) = (a,b)$  if  $f(x,y) \leq f(a,b)$  for any point  $(x,y)$  in some neighborhood of  $(a,b)$ .  $(a,b) = (0,0)$  - local maximum point

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



$(0,0)$  - local maximum point

Local minimum point

$f(x)$  has local minimum value at  $x=a$  if  $f(x) \geq f(a)$  for any point  $x$  in some neighborhood of  $x=a$ ,  $x=a$  - local minimum point

Example

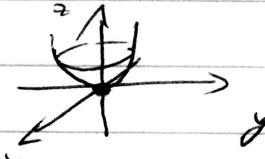
$$f(x) = x^2$$

$x=0$  - local minimum point

$$(f'(x) = 2x \rightarrow f'(0) = 0)$$

$f(x,y)$  has local minimum value at  $(x,y) = (a,b)$  if  $f(x,y) \geq f(a,b)$  for any point  $(x,y)$  in some neighborhood of  $(a,b)$ .  $(a,b) = (0,0)$  - local minimum point

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



$(0,0)$  - local minimum point

$$(\nabla f = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle \Leftrightarrow \nabla f(0,0) = \langle 0,0 \rangle)$$

Theorem

If  $f$  has local max/min value at  $x=a$  and  ~~$f'$~~  exists at  $x=a$ , then  $f'(a)=0$ .

converse of theorem is not true!

Theorem

If  $f$  has local max/min value at  $(x,y) = (a,b)$  and the partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  exist at  $(a,b)$ , then  $f_x(a,b) = f_y(a,b) = 0$

$f(x)$

Neither maximum/minum

$f(x)$  doesn't have max/min at  $x=a$  if, in every neighborhood of  $x=a$ , there are points  $x$  for which  $f(x) > f(a)$  and point for which  $f(x) < f(a)$

$f(x, y)$

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Saddle point

$f(x, y)$  has a saddle point at  $(a, b)$  if, in every neighborhood of  $(a, b)$ , there are points  $(x, y)$  for which  $f(x, y) > f(a, b)$  and point for which  $f(x, y) < f(a, b)$

Example

$$f(x) = -x^3$$

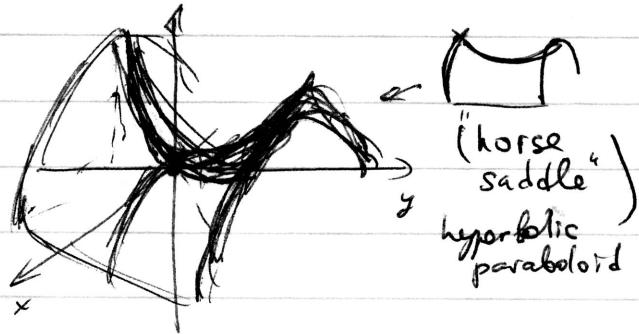
$x=0$  is a critical point but not a max/min

$$f(x) = x^2 - y^2$$

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 2x, -2y \rangle$$

$$\nabla f(0, 0) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$$

$(0, 0)$  - critical point, but not a max/min, it is saddle point



Example

$(-1, 0)$  - minimum point

What type of critical point is  $(-1, 0)$  for  $f(x, y) = x^2 - 2xy + 3y^2 + 2x - 2y$   
Solution:

$$f(-1, 0) = (-1)^2 - 2(-1) \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 0^2 + 2 \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot 0 = -1$$

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

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

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

$$= (x - y + 1)^2 + 2y^2 - 1 \geq -1 = f(-1, 0)$$

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Goals

- 1) Find all critical points of a given function  
(can be several)
- 2) Determine types of each critical point
- 3) Find the absolute (global) max/min of a function

Is there sometimes easier way  
to determine the type of a critical point?

Yes! 😊

Second derivative test

$f(x)$	$f(x, y)$
<p>then</p> <p>=) Second derivative of <math>f</math> exists in a neighborhood of <math>x=a</math></p> <p>+ 2) at <math>x=a</math> <math>f'(a)=0</math></p>	<p>) The second partial derivatives (<math>f_{xx}, f_{xy}, f_{yx}, f_{yy}</math>) of <math>f</math> exist and <u>continuous</u> in a neighborhood of <math>(a, b)</math></p> <p>+ 2) <math>\nabla f(a, b) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle</math>, i.e. <math>f_x(a, b) = 0</math> and <math>f_y(a, b) = 0</math>.</p>

Then:

- a) If  $f''(a) > 0$ , then  
 $f$  has local min at  $x=a$
- b) If  $f''(a) < 0$ , then  
 $f$  has local max at  $x=a$
- c) If  $f''(a)=0$ , then  
the test is inconclusive

Denote the discriminant

$$D(x, y) = f_{xx}(x, y)f_{yy}(x, y) - (f_{xy}(x, y))^2$$

Then:

- a) If  $D(a, b) > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$ ,  
then  $f$  has a local maximum at  $(a, b)$
- b) If  $D(a, b) > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$ , then  
 $f$  has a local min at  $(a, b)$
- c) If  $D(a, b) < 0$ , then  $f$  has a saddle point  
at  $(a, b)$
- d) If  $D(a, b) = 0$ , then the test is inconclusive.

Example  $f(x,y) = 2x^4 + y^4 \rightarrow f_x = 8x^3, f_y = 4y^3$  To have  $\nabla f = 0$ , we have  $\begin{cases} 8x^3 = 0 \\ 4y^3 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x=0 \\ y=0 \end{cases}$

Example  $(0,0)$ -critical point.  $f_{xx} = 24x^2, f_{xy} = 0 = f_{yx}, f_{yy} = 12y^2 \rightarrow D(0,0) = 0 \rightarrow$  the test is inconclusive

Find and classify all the critical points for

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

Solution: 1. Find critical points, ~~if  $\nabla f = 0$~~

$$f_x(x,y) = 6xy - 6x = 6x(y-1) \quad \text{exist}$$

$$f_y(x,y) = 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 6y$$

$(a,b)$  is a critical point if and only if  $\nabla f(a,b) = \langle f_x(a,b), f_y(a,b) \rangle = \langle 0,0 \rangle$

Solve system:

$$\begin{cases} f_x(x,y) = 0 \\ f_y(x,y) = 0 \end{cases} \hookrightarrow \begin{cases} 6x(y-1) = 0 \\ 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 6y = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1) \quad (2)$$

Solution of (1):  $6x(y-1) = 0$

$$x = 0$$

satisfy (2)  $\downarrow$

$$3 \cdot 0^2 + 3y^2 - 6y = 0$$

$$y^2 - 2y = 0$$

$$y(y-2) = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

$$y-1 = 0$$

$\downarrow$  satisfy (2)

$$3x^2 + 3 \cdot 1^2 - 6 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$x = 1$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x = -1$$

How many critical points we have? 4

Critical points:  $(0,0), (0,2), (1,1), (-1,1)$

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## 2. Classify critical points -

~~of  $f(x,y) = 6x^2 + 6y^2$~~

Compute second partial derivatives:

$$f_{xx}(x,y) = 6y - 6$$

$$f_{yy}(x,y) = 6x - 6$$

$$f_{xy}(x,y) = f_{yx}(x,y) = 6x$$

exists and continuous.

Apply second derivative test to classify critical points!

$$D(x,y) = f_{xx}(x,y) \cdot f_{yy}(x,y) - [f_{xy}(x,y)]^2$$

a)  $(x,y) = (0,0)$ :

$$f_{xx}(0,0) = 6 \cdot 0 - 6 = -6$$

$$f_{yy}(0,0) = 6 \cdot 0 - 6 = -6$$

$$f_{xy}(0,0) = 6 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(0,0) &= -6 \cdot (-6) - 0^2 = 36 > 0 \\ f_{xx}(0,0) &= -6 < 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{local max at} \\ (0,0) \end{array} \right\}$$

b)  $(x,y) = (0,2)$ :

$$f_{xx}(0,2) = 6$$

$$f_{yy}(0,2) = 6$$

$$f_{xy}(0,2) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(0,2) &= 36 > 0 \\ f_{xx}(0,2) &= 6 > 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{local min at} \\ (0,2) \end{array} \right\}$$

c)  $(x,y) = (1,1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xx}(1,1) &= 0 \\ f_{yy}(1,1) &= 0 \\ f_{xy}(1,1) &= 6 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow D(1,1) = -36 < 0 \rightarrow \text{saddle at} \\ (1,1) \end{array} \right\}$$

d)  $(x,y) = (-1,1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xx}(-1,1) &= 0 \\ f_{yy}(-1,1) &= 0 \\ f_{xy}(-1,1) &= -6 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow D(-1,1) = -36 < 0 \rightarrow \text{saddle at} \\ (-1,1) \end{array} \right\}$$