

The partial derivative, local extrema in two variables

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We look for partial derivatives of the function.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = y^2(x^2)'_x - (x^2)'_x$$

$$z'_y$$

We differentiate with respect to x . We use the sum rule and the constant multiple rule.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = y^2(x^2)'_x - (x^2)'_x = y^2 2x - 2x$$

$$z'_y$$

We evaluate the derivatives.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$\begin{aligned}z'_x &= y^2(x^2)'_x - (x^2)'_x = y^2 2x - 2x \\ &= 2x(y^2 - 1)\end{aligned}$$

$$z'_y$$

We simplify.

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$$z'_y = x^2(y^2)'_y - (y^2)'_y$$

In the same way we differentiate with respect to y .

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$$\begin{aligned}z'_x &= y^2(x^2)'_x - (x^2)'_x = y^2 2x - 2x \\ &= 2x(y^2 - 1)\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}z'_y &= x^2(y^2)'_y - (y^2)'_y = x^2 2y - 2y \\ &= 2y(x^2 - 1)\end{aligned}$$

We simplify.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = 2x(y^2 - 1) \quad ; \quad z'_y = 2y(x^2 - 1)$$

We have the first derivatives. We look for stationary points.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = 2x(y^2 - 1) = 0;$$

$$z'_y = 2y(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

We put the derivatives equal to zero.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = 2x(y^2 - 1) = 0;$$

$$z'_y = 2y(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

- We solve the system of two nonlinear equations.
- We start with one of the equations.
- It is in the form “product equals zero”.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$2x(y^2 - 1) = 0;$$

$$2y(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

Case 1: $x = 0$

Case 2: $y = 1$

Case 3: $y = -1$

- One of the factors in the product must be zero.
- We deal independently with the cases when $x = 0$ and $(y^2 - 1) = 0$, i.e., $y = \pm 1$.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

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Case 1: $x = 0$

$$2y(0 - 1) = 0$$

$$2y(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

Case 2: $y = 1$

Case 3: $y = -1$

- We start with the Case 1.
- We substitute $x = 0$ into the second equation.

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$$2x(y^2 - 1) = 0;$$

Case 1: $x = 0$

$$2y(0 - 1) = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0];$$

$$2y(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

Case 2: $y = 1$

Case 3: $y = -1$

We find y . We have the stationary point S_1 .

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$$y = 0$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0];$$

$$2y(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

Case 2: $y = 1$

$$2(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

Case 3: $y = -1$

- Similarly, we work with the Case 2.
- We substitute $y = 1$ into the second equation.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$2x(y^2 - 1) = 0;$$

Case 1: $x = 0$

$$2y(0 - 1) = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1];$$

$$2y(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

Case 2: $y = 1$

$$2(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$x^2 = \pm 1$$

Case 3: $y = -1$

- We solve the quadratic equation for x .
- We have two solutions and two new stationary points.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$2x(y^2 - 1) = 0;$$

$$2y(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

Case 1: $x = 0$

Case 2: $y = 1$

Case 3: $y = -1$

$$2y(0 - 1) = 0$$

$$2(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$-2(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

$$x^2 = \pm 1$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1];$$

- Similarly, we work with the Case 3.
- We substitute $y = -1$ into the second equation.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$2x(y^2 - 1) = 0;$$

$$2y(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

Case 1: $x = 0$

Case 2: $y = 1$

Case 3: $y = -1$

$$2y(0 - 1) = 0$$

$$2(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$-2(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

$$x^2 = \pm 1$$

$$x^2 = \pm 1$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1]; S_4 = [1, -1]; S_5 = [-1, -1]$$

- We solve the quadratic equation for x .
- We have two solutions and two new stationary points.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = 2x(y^2 - 1) \quad ; \quad z'_y = 2y(x^2 - 1)$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1]; S_4 = [1, -1]; S_5 = [-1, -1]$$

$$z''_{xx}$$

$$z''_{xy}$$

$$z''_{yy}$$

There are five stationary points. Now we look for the second derivatives.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = 2x(y^2 - 1) \quad ; \quad z'_y = 2y(x^2 - 1)$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1]; S_4 = [1, -1]; S_5 = [-1, -1]$$

$$z''_{xx} = 2(y^2 - 1)(x)'_x = 2(y^2 - 1) \cdot 1$$

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$$z''_{yy}$$

We differentiate z'_x with respect to x and simplify.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = 2x(y^2 - 1) \quad ; \quad z'_y = 2y(x^2 - 1)$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1]; S_4 = [1, -1]; S_5 = [-1, -1]$$

$$z''_{xx} = 2(y^2 - 1)(x)'_x = 2(y^2 - 1) \cdot 1$$

$$z''_{xy} = 2x(y^2 - 1)'_y = 2x \cdot (2y + 0) = 4xy$$

$$z''_{yy}$$

We differentiate z'_x with respect to y and simplify.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = 2x(y^2 - 1) \quad ; \quad z'_y = 2y(x^2 - 1)$$

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$$z''_{xy} = 2x(y^2 - 1)'_y = 2x \cdot (2y + 0) = 4xy$$

$$z''_{yy} = 2(x^2 - 1)(y)'_y = 2(x^2 - 1) \cdot 1$$

We differentiate z'_y with respect to y and simplify.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = 2x(y^2 - 1) \quad ; \quad z'_y = 2y(x^2 - 1)$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1]; S_4 = [1, -1]; S_5 = [-1, -1]$$

$$z''_{xx} = 2(y^2 - 1); \quad z''_{xy} = 4xy; \quad z''_{yy} = 2(x^2 - 1)$$

We employ the second derivative test for each stationary point separately. We start with S_1 and evaluate Hessian at this point.

$$H(S_1) = \begin{vmatrix} z''_{xx} & z''_{xy} \\ z''_{xy} & z''_{yy} \end{vmatrix}_{[x,y]=[0,0]} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 > 0$$

A local maximum appears at S_1 .

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$\begin{aligned}z'_x &= 2x(y^2 - 1) & ; & & z'_y &= 2y(x^2 - 1) \\S_1 &= [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1]; S_4 = [1, -1]; S_5 = [-1, -1] \\z''_{xx} &= 2(y^2 - 1); & z''_{xy} &= 4xy; & z''_{yy} &= 2(x^2 - 1)\end{aligned}$$

$$H(S_2) = \begin{vmatrix} z''_{xx} & z''_{xy} \\ z''_{xy} & z''_{yy} \end{vmatrix}_{[x,y]=[1,1]} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -16 < 0$$

There is no local extremum at S_2 .

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$\begin{aligned}z'_x &= 2x(y^2 - 1) & ; & & z'_y &= 2y(x^2 - 1) \\S_1 &= [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1]; S_4 = [1, -1]; S_5 = [-1, -1] \\z''_{xx} &= 2(y^2 - 1); & z''_{xy} &= 4xy; & z''_{yy} &= 2(x^2 - 1)\end{aligned}$$

$$H(S_3) = \begin{vmatrix} z''_{xx} & z''_{xy} \\ z''_{xy} & z''_{yy} \end{vmatrix}_{[x,y]=[-1,1]} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -16 < 0$$

There is no local extremum at S_3 .

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = 2x(y^2 - 1) \quad ; \quad z'_y = 2y(x^2 - 1)$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1]; S_4 = [1, -1]; S_5 = [-1, -1]$$

$$z''_{xx} = 2(y^2 - 1); \quad z''_{xy} = 4xy; \quad z''_{yy} = 2(x^2 - 1)$$

$$H(S_4) = \begin{vmatrix} z''_{xx} & z''_{xy} \\ z''_{xy} & z''_{yy} \end{vmatrix}_{[x,y]=[1,-1]} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -16 < 0$$

There is no local extremum at S_4 .

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$z'_x = 2x(y^2 - 1) \quad ; \quad z'_y = 2y(x^2 - 1)$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1]; S_4 = [1, -1]; S_5 = [-1, -1]$$

$$z''_{xx} = 2(y^2 - 1); \quad z''_{xy} = 4xy; \quad z''_{yy} = 2(x^2 - 1)$$

$$H(S_5) = \begin{vmatrix} z''_{xx} & z''_{xy} \\ z''_{xy} & z''_{yy} \end{vmatrix}_{[x,y]=[-1,-1]} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -16 < 0$$

There is no local extremum at S_5 .

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2$

$$\begin{aligned}z'_x &= 2x(y^2 - 1) & ; & & z'_y &= 2y(x^2 - 1) \\ S_1 &= [0, 0]; S_2 = [1, 1]; S_3 = [-1, 1]; S_4 = [1, -1]; S_5 = [-1, -1] \\ z''_{xx} &= 2(y^2 - 1); & z''_{xy} &= 4xy; & z''_{yy} &= 2(x^2 - 1)\end{aligned}$$

- The only local extremum is at $S_1 = [0, 0]$. It is a local maximum.
- The other stationary points are saddle points.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

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$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y \quad , \quad z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x \quad ,$$

- We evaluate the partial derivatives.
- Differentiating with respect to x we consider y to be constant and vice versa.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y = 0, \quad z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x = 0,$$

We look for the stationary points. We put derivatives equal to zero and solve the system of two equations.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y = 0, \quad z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x = 0,$$

$$4x^3 - 4y = 0,$$

$$4y^3 - 4x = 0.$$

This is the system to be solved.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y = 0, \quad z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x = 0,$$

$$4x^3 - 4y = 0,$$

$$4y^3 - 4x = 0.$$

$$y = x^3$$

We isolate y from the first equation.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y = 0,$$

$$z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x = 0,$$

$$4(x^3)^3 - 4x = 0,$$

$$4x^3 - 4y = 0,$$

$$4y^3 - 4x = 0.$$

$$y = x^3$$

We substitute for y into the second equation.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y = 0, \quad z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x = 0,$$

$$4x^3 - 4y = 0,$$

$$4y^3 - 4x = 0.$$

$$y = x^3$$

$$4(x^3)^3 - 4x = 0,$$

$$4x^9 - 4x = 0,$$

We simplify.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y = 0, \quad z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x = 0,$$

$$4x^3 - 4y = 0,$$

$$4y^3 - 4x = 0.$$

$$y = x^3$$

$$4(x^3)^3 - 4x = 0,$$

$$x^9 - x = 0,$$

$$x(x^8 - 1) = 0.$$

We factor.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

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$$4y^3 - 4x = 0.$$

$$y = x^3$$

$$4(x^3)^3 - 4x = 0,$$

$$x^9 - x = 0,$$

$$x(x^8 - 1) = 0.$$

CASE 1:

$$x = 0,$$

CASE 2:

$$x = 1,$$

CASE 3:

$$x = -1,$$

- Either $x = 0$ or $(x^8 - 1) = 0$.
- The latter case yields $x^8 = 1$ and $x = \pm 1$.
- We consider three different cases. In each case the second equation is satisfied, provided $y = x^3$ remains true.

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$$4y^3 - 4x = 0.$$

$$y = x^3$$

$$4(x^3)^3 - 4x = 0,$$

$$x^9 - x = 0,$$

$$x(x^8 - 1) = 0.$$

CASE 1:

$$x = 0, y = 0$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0],$$

CASE 2:

$$x = 1, y = 1$$

$$S_2 = [1, 1],$$

CASE 3:

$$x = -1, y = -1$$

$$S_3 = [-1, -1].$$

We find the corresponding y to each x . We get three stationary points.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y, \quad z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x,$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0], \quad S_2 = [1, 1],$$

$$S_3 = [-1, -1].$$

$$z''_{xx} = 12x^2, \quad z''_{xy} = -4, \quad z''_{yy} = 12y^2.$$

- We have three stationary points.
- To employ the second derivative test we have to find the second derivatives.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y, \quad z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x,$$

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$$H(S_1) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -16 < 0, \text{ saddle point at } [0, 0]$$

- We evaluate the hessian at S_1 .
- The hessian is negative and no local extremum occurs at S_1 .

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y, \quad z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x, \quad S_1 = [0, 0], \quad S_2 = [1, 1], \quad S_3 = [-1, -1].$$
$$z''_{xx} = 12x^2, \quad z''_{xy} = -4, \quad z''_{yy} = 12y^2.$$

$$H(S_1) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -16 < 0, \text{ saddle point at } [0, 0]$$

$$H(S_2) = \begin{vmatrix} 12 & -4 \\ -4 & 12 \end{vmatrix} = 12^2 - 16 > 0, \text{ local minimum at } [1, 1]$$

- The hessian is positive at S_2 and the function possesses a local extremum at S_2 .
- Since $z''_{xx} = 16 > 0$, the point S_2 is a local minimum.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y, \quad z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x,$$

$$S_1 = [0, 0], \quad S_2 = [1, 1], \quad S_3 = [-1, -1].$$

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$$H(S_3) = \begin{vmatrix} 12 & -4 \\ -4 & 12 \end{vmatrix} = 12^2 - 16 > 0, \text{ local minimum at } [-1, -1]$$

- The hessian is positive at S_3 and the function possesses a local extremum at S_3 .
- Since $z''_{xx} = 16 > 0$, the point S_3 is a local minimum.

Find local extrema of the function $z = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy + 30$

$$z'_x = 4x^3 - 4y, \quad z'_y = 4y^3 - 4x, \quad S_1 = [0, 0], \quad S_2 = [1, 1], \quad S_3 = [-1, -1].$$
$$z''_{xx} = 12x^2, \quad z''_{xy} = -4, \quad z''_{yy} = 12y^2.$$

$$H(S_1) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -16 < 0, \text{ saddle point at } [0, 0]$$

$$H(S_2) = \begin{vmatrix} 12 & -4 \\ -4 & 12 \end{vmatrix} = 12^2 - 16 > 0, \text{ local minimum at } [1, 1]$$

$$H(S_3) = \begin{vmatrix} 12 & -4 \\ -4 & 12 \end{vmatrix} = 12^2 - 16 > 0, \text{ local minimum at } [-1, -1]$$

The problem is solved.

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

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The $\ln(\cdot)$ function yields restrictions to the domain of the function.

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

$$\text{Dom}(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y > 0\}$$

$$z'_x = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y} \quad ,$$

We find the partial derivatives. Differentiating with respect to x we use the constant multiple rule, since in the product $y \ln(x^2 + y)$ the factor y is treated as a constant. The chain rule follows, since the function $\ln(x^2 + y)$ is a composite function with inside function $(x^2 + y)$.

$$(y \ln(x^2 + y))'_x = y(\ln(x^2 + y))'_x = y \frac{1}{x^2 + y} (2x + 0)$$

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

$$\text{Dom}(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y > 0\}$$

$$z'_x = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y} \quad , \quad z'_y = \ln(x^2 + y) + \frac{y}{x^2 + y}$$

Differentiating with respect to y we use the product rule, since both factors y and $\ln(x^2 + y)$ are functions (x is treated as a constant and y as a variable).

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

$$\text{Dom}(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y > 0\}$$

$$z'_x = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y} = 0, \quad z'_y = \ln(x^2 + y) + \frac{y}{x^2 + y} = 0$$

To find stationary points we put the derivatives equal to zero.

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

$$\text{Dom}(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y > 0\}$$

$$f'_x = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y} = 0, \quad f'_y = \ln(x^2 + y) + \frac{y}{x^2 + y} = 0$$

$$2xy = 0$$

- We start with the first (simpler) equation.
- The fraction equals zero iff the numerator is zero.

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

$$\text{Dom}(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y > 0\}$$

$$\frac{2xy}{x^2 + y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \ln(x^2 + y) + \frac{y}{x^2 + y} = 0$$

$$2xy = 0$$

CASE 1: $x = 0$

CASE 2: $y = 0$

- To ensure that a product is zero, (at least) one of the factors has to be zero.
- We distinguish two possible cases.

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

$$\text{Dom}(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y > 0\}$$

$$\frac{2xy}{x^2 + y} = 0, \quad z'_y = \ln(x^2 + y) + \frac{y}{x^2 + y} = 0$$

$$2xy = 0$$

CASE 1: $x = 0$

$$\ln y + \frac{y}{y} = 0,$$

$$\ln y = -1,$$

CASE 2: $y = 0$

We substitute $x = 0$ into the second equation and simplify.

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

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The inverse function to \ln function is an exponential function.

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- We have the stationary point $S_1 = [0, e^{-1}]$. We check that $S_1 \in \text{Dom}(f)$.

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- We return to the Case 2.
- We put $y = 0$ into the red equation.

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CASE 2: $y = 0$

$$\ln(x^2) = 0$$

$$x^2 = e^0 = 1$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

We isolate x^2 and solve for x .

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

$$\text{Dom}(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y > 0\}$$

$$z'_x = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y}, \quad z'_y = \ln(x^2 + y) + \frac{y}{x^2 + y} = 0$$

$$2xy = 0$$

CASE 1: $x = 0$

$$\ln y + \frac{y}{y} = 0,$$

$$\ln y = -1,$$

$$y = e^{-1}$$

$$S_1 = [0, e^{-1}]$$

CASE 2: $y = 0$

$$\ln(x^2) = 0$$

$$x^2 = e^0 = 1$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

$$S_2 = [1, 0] \text{ and } S_3 = [-1, 0].$$

We have two stationary points. We check that both belong to $\text{Dom}(f)$.

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

$$z'_x = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y}, \quad z'_y = \ln(x^2 + y) + \frac{y}{x^2 + y}$$

$$S_1 = [0, e^{-1}], \quad S_2 = [1, 0], \quad S_3 = [-1, 0]$$



Up to now we have this.

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

$$z'_x = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y}, \quad z'_y = \ln(x^2 + y) + \frac{y}{x^2 + y}$$

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$$z''_{xx}$$

$$z''_{xy}$$

$$z''_{yy}$$

We will use the second derivative test to recognize, whether a local extremum appears at the stationary points.

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

$$z'_x = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y}, \quad z'_y = \ln(x^2 + y) + \frac{y}{x^2 + y}$$

$$S_1 = [0, e^{-1}], \quad S_2 = [1, 0], \quad S_3 = [-1, 0]$$

$$z''_{xx} = \frac{2y(x^2 + y) - 2xy \cdot 2x}{(x^2 + y)^2},$$

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$$z''_{yy}$$

We differentiate z'_x with respect to x . This gives z''_{xx} .

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

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Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

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$$z''_{xx} = \frac{2y(x^2 + y) - 2xy \cdot 2x}{(x^2 + y)^2},$$

$$z''_{xy} = \frac{2x(x^2 + y) - 2xy}{(x^2 + y)^2},$$

$$z''_{yy} = \frac{1}{x^2 + y} + \frac{x^2 + y - y}{(x^2 + y)^2}.$$

We differentiate z''_{yy} with respect to y . This gives z'''_{yy} .

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

$$z'_x = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y}, \quad z'_y = \ln(x^2 + y) + \frac{y}{x^2 + y}$$

$$S_1 = [0, e^{-1}], \quad S_2 = [1, 0], \quad S_3 = [-1, 0]$$

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$$z''_{xx} = \frac{2y^2 - 2yx^2}{(x^2 + y)^2},$$

$$z''_{xy} = \frac{2x^3}{(x^2 + y)^2},$$

$$z''_{yy} = \frac{1}{x^2 + y} + \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + y)^2}.$$

We simplify.

Find local extrema of the function $z = y \ln(x^2 + y)$.

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$$H(S_1) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & e \end{vmatrix} > 0,$$

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We evaluate the hessian at each of the stationary points.

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Local minimum at $[0, e^{-1}]$. No other local extremum.

According to the second derivative test we obtain the following conclusion.

That's all ...