

Homework 9

Chapter 14.7. :42

42. Maximize $f(x,y) = x^a y^b (100-x-y)^c$.

$$f_x = ax^{a-1} y^b (100-x-y)^c - cx^a y^b (100-x-y)^{c-1} = x^{a-1} y^b (100-x-y)^{c-1} [a(100-x-y) - cx]$$

and $f_y = x^a y^{b-1} (100-x-y)^{c-1} [b(100-x-y) - cy]$. Since x , y and z are all positive, the only critical point occurs when $x=a \frac{100-y}{a+c}$ and $y=\frac{100b}{a+b+c}$. Thus the point is $\left(\frac{100a}{a+b+c}, \frac{100b}{a+b+c} \right)$ and the numbers are $x=\frac{100a}{a+b+c}$, $y=\frac{100b}{a+b+c}$, $z=\frac{100c}{a+b+c}$.

Chapter 14.8. :1

1. At the extreme values of f , the level curves of f just touch the curve $g(x,y)=8$ with a common tangent line. (See Figure 1 and the accompanying discussion.) We can observe several such occurrences on the contour map, but the level curve $f(x,y)=c$ with the largest value of c which still intersects the curve $g(x,y)=8$ is approximately $c=59$, and the smallest value of c corresponding to a level curve which intersects $g(x,y)=8$ appears to be $c=30$. Thus we estimate the maximum value of f subject to the constraint $g(x,y)=8$ to be about 59 and the minimum to be 30.

Chapter 14.8. :44

44. (a) Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$, $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$, and $h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$. Then $\nabla f = \nabla \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$, $\nabla g = \nabla \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = \langle 2x_1, 2x_2, \dots, 2x_n, 0, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle$ and

$$\nabla h = \nabla \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 = \langle 0, 0, \dots, 0, 2y_1, 2y_2, \dots, 2y_n \rangle. \text{ So } \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g + \mu \nabla h \Leftrightarrow y_i = 2\lambda x_i \text{ and } x_i = 2\mu y_i, 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$\text{Then } 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n 4\lambda^2 x_i^2 = 4\lambda^2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 4\lambda^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm \frac{1}{2}.$$

If $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ then $y_i = 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) x_i = x_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Thus $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 1$. Similarly if $\lambda = -\frac{1}{2}$ we get

$y_i = -x_i$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = -1$. Similarly we get $\mu = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ giving $y_i = \pm x_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, and $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = \pm 1$. Thus the maximum value of $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$ is 1.

(b) Here we assume $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \neq 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 \neq 0$. (If $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 = 0$, then each $a_i = 0$ and so the inequality

is trivially true.) $x_i = \frac{a_i}{\sqrt{\sum_j a_j^2}} \Rightarrow \sum x_i^2 = \frac{\sum a_i^2}{\sum a_j^2} = 1$, and $y_i = \frac{b_i}{\sqrt{\sum_j b_j^2}} \Rightarrow \sum y_i^2 = \frac{\sum b_i^2}{\sum b_j^2} = 1$. Therefore, from

$$(a), \sum x_i y_i = \sum \frac{a_i b_i}{\sqrt{\sum_j a_j^2} \sqrt{\sum_j b_j^2}} \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \sum a_i b_i \leq \sqrt{\sum a_j^2} \sqrt{\sum b_j^2}.$$