

### 7.3. MAXIMA MINIMA

**Theorem 7.3.1.** Let  $z = f(x, y)$  be a function of two variables.

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(1)  $f_x(a, b) = 0$  and  $f_y(a, b) = 0$  ( $(a, b)$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ for  $f$ )

(2) All second partial derivative exist around the point  $(a, b)$ .

(3)  $A = f_{xx}(a, b)$ ,  $B = f_{xy}(a, b)$ ,  $C = f_{yy}(a, b)$

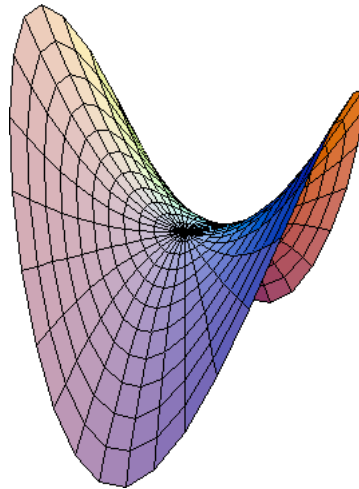
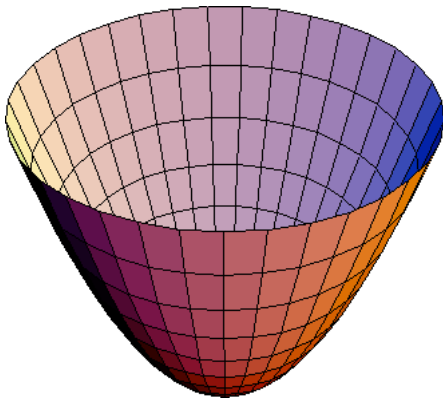
THEN:

case 1: If  $AC - B^2 > 0$  and  $A < 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is a \_\_\_\_\_

case 2: If  $AC - B^2 > 0$  and  $A > 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is a \_\_\_\_\_

case 3: If  $AC - B^2 < 0$ , then  $f$  has a \_\_\_\_\_ at  $(a, b)$ .

case 4: If  $AC - B^2 = 0$  the test fails - \_\_\_\_\_



## Examples

**Example 7.3.1.** Find all local extrema and saddle points of  $f(x, y) = 2x^2 - 2xy + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 3$

**Example 7.3.2.** Find all local extrema and saddle points of  $f(x, y) = 8x + 6y - 17$

**Example 7.3.3.** Find all local extrema and saddle points of  $f(x, y) = -2x^2 + 4xy - 3y^2 - 4x + 2y - 3$

**Example 7.3.4.** Find all local extrema and saddle points of  $f(x, y) = xy + x - y$

**Example 7.3.5.** Find all local extrema and saddle points of  $f(x, y) = 3y^2 - 2x^3 - 24x - 3y - 21$

**Example 7.3.6.** Find all local extrema and saddle points of  $f(x, y) = 2x^3 - 2xy + 2y$

**Example 7.3.7.** Let  $z = f(x, y)$  have a critical point at  $(3, -2)$  such that  $f_{xx}(3, -2) = 32$ ,  $f_{yy}(3, -2) = \frac{1}{2}$ , and  $f_{xy}(3, -2) = -4$ . Then at  $(3, -2)$ ,  $z$  has a

- a) local maximum
- b) local minimum
- c) saddle point
- d) test fails

**Example 7.3.8.** The cost function,  $C$  (in hundreds of dollars), of producing two products is  $C(x, y) = 2x^2 + 3y^2 - 4xy + 4x - 8y + 20$ , where  $x$  is the quantity of product A and  $y$  is the quantity of product B.

(1) How many of each product should be produced to minimize cost

(2) Find the minimum cost of producing these products.