## 7.3. Maxima Minima

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

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

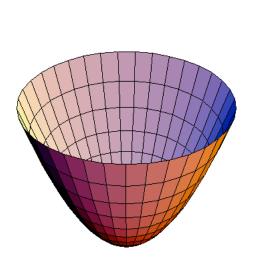
THEN:

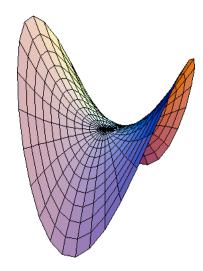
case 1: If  $AC-B^2 > 0$  and A < 0, then f(a,b) is a \_\_\_\_\_

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.** Find all local extrema and saddle points of  $f(x,y) = x^3 - 15xy + y^3$ 

**Example 7.3.8.** Let z = f(x, y) have a critical point at (-1, 3) and  $f_{xx}(-1, 3) = 32$ ,  $f_{xy}(-1, 3) = -4$ ,  $f_{yy}(-1, 3) = \frac{1}{2}$  then f(-1, 3) is a

- a) local max
- b) local min
- c) saddle point
- d) test failed
- e) no local extrema or saddle point

**Example 7.3.9.** 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.