

LAST TIME:

- ↳ Extreme value theorem
- ↳ Lagrange multipliers

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TODAY: more Lagrange multipliers

example problem:

optimize

$$f(x, y, z) = x y z$$

subject to

$$x + y + z = 1$$

} 3 vars
1 constraint

Soln: The solution of Lagrange multiplier problems in more variables is similar to the two variable version.

Step 1 →

$$\text{Solve, } \begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \\ g = k \end{cases}$$

↳ λ is the Lagrange multiplier

Step 2 →

Plug the solutions into f and take the max/min of that set

In this particular problem:

$$\nabla f = (yz, xz, xy)$$

$$\nabla g = (1, 1, 1)$$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \\ g = k \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} (yz, xz, xy) = (1, 1, 1) \\ x + y + z = 1 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} yz = \lambda \\ xz = \lambda \\ xy = \lambda \\ x + y + z = 1 \end{cases}$$

we solve this system of eqns

TWO ways to solve: Trick way & direct way

$$\text{TRICK! } \begin{cases} yzx = \lambda x \\ xy z = \lambda y \\ x y z = \lambda z \\ x + y + z = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \lambda x = \lambda y = \lambda z$$

$$\text{If } \lambda \neq 0: \lambda x = \lambda y \Rightarrow \lambda x - \lambda y = 0$$

$$\lambda(x-y) = 0$$

$$\lambda \neq 0 \quad y = x$$

Similarly, $x = z$
 using $x+y+z=1 \Rightarrow 3x=1 \Rightarrow x=1/3$
 $\Rightarrow (x,y,z) = (1/3, 1/3, 1/3)$

If $\lambda = 0$: $xyz = 0$ (from any one of our eqns)

If $x = 0$: we need to look at what happens to y & z

$$y+z=1$$

$$y=1-z$$

putting this back into $yzx = \lambda x$

$$(1-z)z = 0$$

$$z=0 \text{ OR } z=1$$

If $z=0$: $x+y+z=1 \Rightarrow 0+y+0=1$
 and $x=0 \Rightarrow y=1$
 $\Rightarrow (0,1,0)$

If $z=1$: $x+y+z=1 \Leftrightarrow 0+y+1=1$
 and $x=0 \Leftrightarrow y=0$
 $(0,0,1)$

If $x \neq 0$: since $xyz = 0$ this means $y=0$ or $z=0$

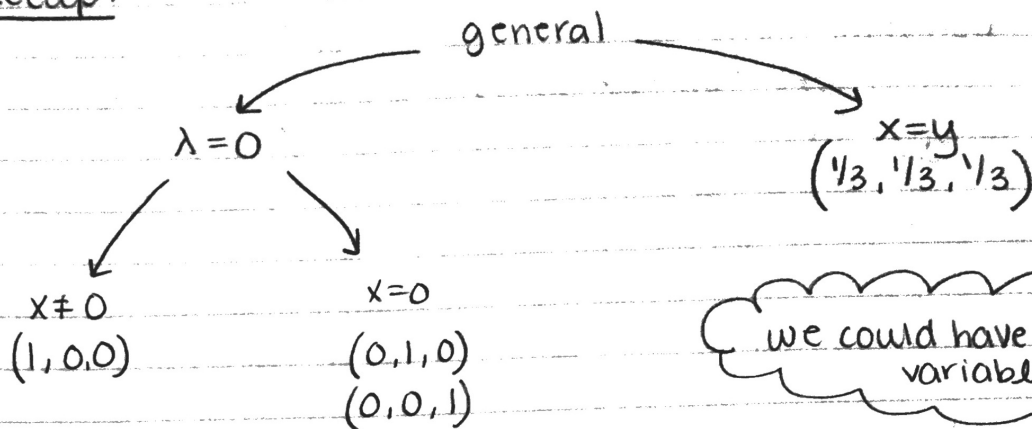
If $y=0$: $xz = \lambda x = 0$
 and $x \neq 0$ [we are still in case $\lambda=0$] $\Rightarrow z=0$

$$x+y+z=1 \Leftrightarrow x+0+0=1 \Rightarrow x=1$$

we get the point $(1,0,0)$

If $z=0$: we get a similar thing $(1,0,0)$
 and $x \neq 0$

Recap:



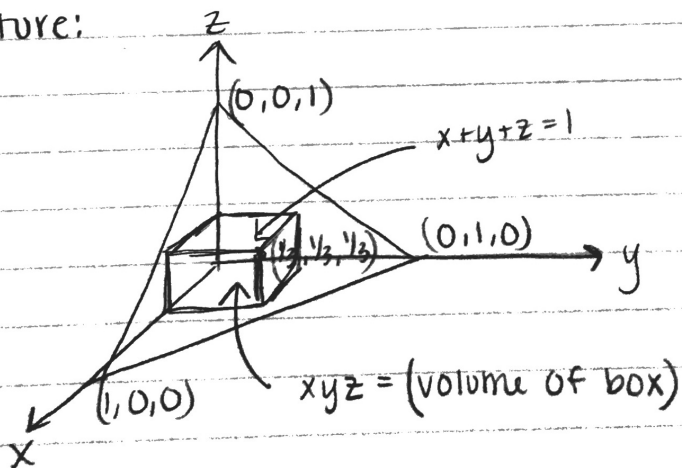
we could have used any variable

Step 2 \rightarrow plug in values

$$f\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{27} \text{ maximum}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f(1, 0, 0) = 0 \\ f(0, 1, 0) = 0 \\ f(0, 0, 1) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{minimum}$$

Picture:



example problem:

optimize

$$T(x,y,z) = 20 + 2x + 2y + z^2$$

subject to

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 11$$

$$x + y + z = 3$$

This is a lagrange multiplier problem with two constraints

Here we have a function and

$$g(x,y,z) = k_1$$

$$h(x,y,z) = k_2$$

$$g(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2, \quad k_1 = 11$$

$$h(x,y,z) = x + y + z, \quad k_2 = 3$$

To solve a lagrange multiplier Problem with two constraints,
we solve

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g + \mu \nabla h \\ g = k_1 \\ h = k_2 \end{cases}$$

then we plug solutions back into f and take max/min of those values

Solution



$$T = 20 + 2x + 2y + z^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 11$$

$$x + y + z = 3$$

Solution:

$$\nabla T = (2, 2, 2z)$$

$$\nabla g = (2x, 2y, 2z)$$

$$\nabla h = (1, 1, 1)$$

Our system of equations is

$$\begin{cases} \nabla T = \lambda \nabla g + \mu \nabla h \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 11 \\ x + y + z = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (2, 2, 2z) = \lambda (2x, 2y, 2z) + \mu (1, 1, 1) \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 11 \\ x + y + z = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2 = 2\lambda x + \mu & (1) \\ 2 = 2\lambda y + \mu & (2) \\ 2z = 2\lambda z + \mu & (3) \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 11 & (4) \\ x + y + z = 3 & (5) \end{cases}$$

This is what we need to solve for x, y, z, λ & μ

Subtract 2nd from 1st

$$\begin{cases} 0 = 2\lambda x - 2\lambda y = 2\lambda(x - y) & (1') \\ 2z = 2\lambda z + \mu & (2') \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 11 & (3') \\ x + y + z = 3 & (4') \end{cases}$$

$$(1') = 2\lambda = 0 \text{ or } x - y = 0$$

Suppose $x=y$:

$$\begin{cases} 2x^2 + z^2 = 11 \\ 2x + z = 3 \end{cases}$$

We can solve this for x & z

$$2x + z = 3 \Rightarrow z = 3 - 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + (3 - 2x)^2 = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 9 - 2(3)(-2)x + 4x^2 = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 + 12x - 2 = 0$$

$$2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow 2(3x^2 + 6x - 1) = 0$$

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

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(3)(-1)}}{2(3)}$$

$$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{12(4)}}{6} = \frac{6 \pm 4\sqrt{3}}{6} = 1 \pm \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3}$$

$$x = 1 + \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1 - \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3}$$

if $x = 1 + \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3}$: cont. ...