

QUIZ 18 SOLUTIONS: LESSONS 24-25
OCTOBER 31, 2018

Write legibly, clearly indicate the question you are answering, and put a box or circle around your final answer. If you do not clearly indicate the question numbers, I will take off points. Write as much work as you need to demonstrate to me that you understand the concepts involved. If you have any questions, raise your hand and I will come over to you.

1. Consider the following table providing information about the function $f(x, y)$:

(x, y)	$f(x, y)$	$f_x(x, y)$	$f_y(x, y)$	$f_{xx}(x, y)$	$f_{yy}(x, y)$	$f_{xy}(x, y)$
(-2, 1)	7	-8	4	4	2	-4
(0, 0)	0	0	-2	2	2	0
(2, -1)	3	0	0	0	2	4

- (a) [1 pt] Which of the above (x, y) is a critical point of f ?

Solution: The critical point is

$$(x, y) = (2, -1)$$

because $f_x(2, -1) = 0 = f_y(2, -1)$.

- (b) [1 pt] Is the (x, y) from part (a) a minimum, maximum, saddle point, or inconclusive?

Solution: $(x, y) = (2, -1)$ is a saddle point.

- (c) [2 pts] Give a mathematical reason for your answer to part (b).

Solution: $(x, y) = (2, -1)$ is a saddle point because

$$D(2, -1) = f_{xx}(2, -1)f_{yy}(2, -1) - (f_{xy}(2, -1))^2 = 0(2) - (4)^2 = -16$$

is less than 0.

2. [6 pts] Let

$$f(x, y) = 3x^2y.$$

If we want to maximize f subject to

$$3x + 2y^2 = 6$$

using the method of Lagrange multipliers, our system of equations would be

$$\boxed{6xy} = \lambda \boxed{3}$$

$$\boxed{3x^2} = \lambda \boxed{4y}$$

$$\boxed{3x + 2y^3} = \boxed{6}$$

(Fill in the green boxes.)