

Math 2210-1

Fri Mar 11.

§15.9 Lagrange's method

Another way to do constrained max-min problems (in 1 or more variables)

HW for Fri 3/25

15.8 $(28, 29)$

15.9 $1, (3, 5), (9), (10, 11)$

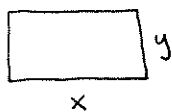
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Do 9 both ways:
Lagrange & the
§15.8 way.

Move to come!

Remember our (my) favorite Calculus problem:

Find the rectangle of area one which has minimum perimeter



minimize $P(x, y) = 2x + 2y$

subject to $xy = 1 = A(x, y)$

old way: $y = \frac{1}{x}$

minimize $f(x) = 2x + \frac{2}{x}$

critical pts: $f'(x) = 0 = 2 - \frac{2}{x^2}$

$2 = \frac{2}{x^2}$

$x^2 = 1$

$x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 1$

square!

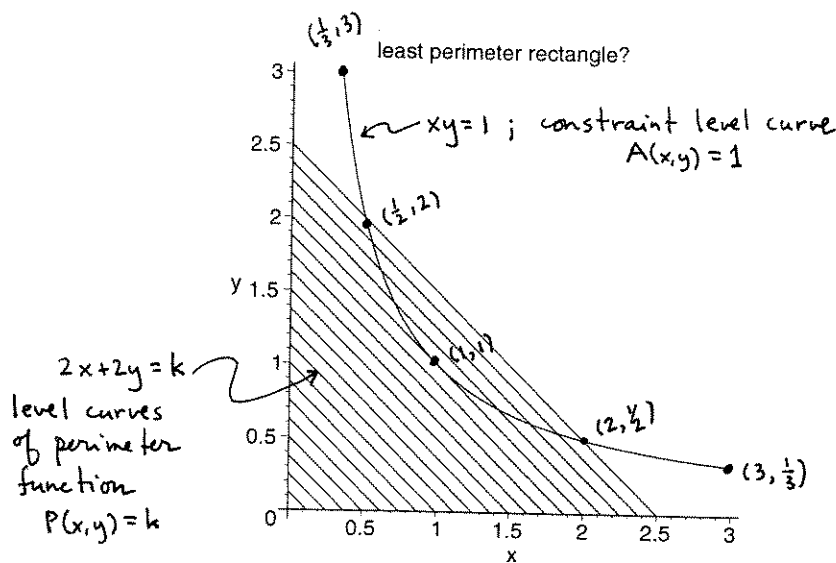
New way (Lagrange's method)

What do you notice about

∇P and ∇A

and the point $(1, 1)$?

Explain why this must be so!



Lagrange multipliers

If $F(p_0)$ is a maximum or minimum value of $F(x,y)$ on the level curve $G(x,y)=k$
 $F(x,y,z)$ on the level surface $G(x,y,z)=k$
etc. etc.

Then $\nabla F(p_0) = \lambda \nabla G(p_0)$
for some scalar λ , called the Lagrange multiplier.

example Minimize $P(x,y) = 2x + 2y$
subject to $A(x,y) = xy = 1$
using Lagrange multipliers.

example (from §15.8 #13) (hw due today)
original problem was to find max & min values
of $f(x,y) = x^2 - y^2 + 1$ in the disk $\{(x,y) \text{ s.t. } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$.
the only critical point was $(0,0)$, but it's a saddle.
So max and min occur on the circle $g(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 = 1$.
Now, use Lagrange!

Why Lagrange multipliers works:

Let $F(p_0)$ be a max or min value of $F(p)$ on the level surface $G(p) = \text{const}$.

Let $\vec{F}(t)$ be any curve (with range) on the level surface $G(p) = \text{const}$, i.e. $G(\vec{F}(t)) = \text{const}$

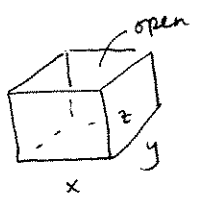
If $\vec{F}(t_0) = \vec{p}_0$ and $F(\vec{p}_0)$ is a max or min value

then $F(\vec{F}(t_0))$ is a local max or min for $F(\vec{F}(t))$

$\Rightarrow (F \circ \vec{F})'(t_0) = 0 = \nabla F(\vec{p}_0) \cdot \vec{F}'(t_0)$

Deduce $\nabla F(\vec{p}_0) \perp$ level (curve or surface). But so is $\nabla G(\vec{p}_0)$. $\Rightarrow \nabla F(\vec{p}_0) = \lambda \nabla G(\vec{p}_0)$ ■

Example Rework 15.8 #19 With Lagrange.



$$V = xyz = 256 \text{ ft}^3$$

$$SA = xy + 2xz + 2yz \text{ to be minimized}$$



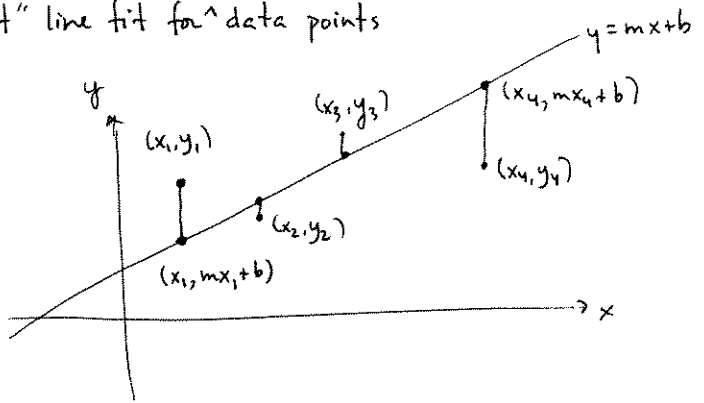
in HW due today
you obtained

$$x = y = 8; z = 4.$$

Linear regression : this is an unconstrained max-min problem we didn't

have time for on Wed.
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"best" line fit for n data points



$f(m, b) =$ sum of squared vertical deviations
 $= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - mx_i - b)^2$

~~Min~~ Find m, b to minimize $f(m, b)$. Then $y = mx + b$ is called the linear regression line.

In HW 28 you show the critical pt (m_0, b_0) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} m(\sum x_i^2) + b(\sum x_i) &= \sum x_i y_i \\ m \sum x_i + nb &= \sum y_i \end{aligned}$$

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book typo there!
says $\sum x_i y_i$

Example : Find best line fit for $\{(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}$

- $n = 3$
- $\sum x_i =$
- $\sum y_i =$
- $\sum x_i y_i =$
- $\sum x_i^2 =$

