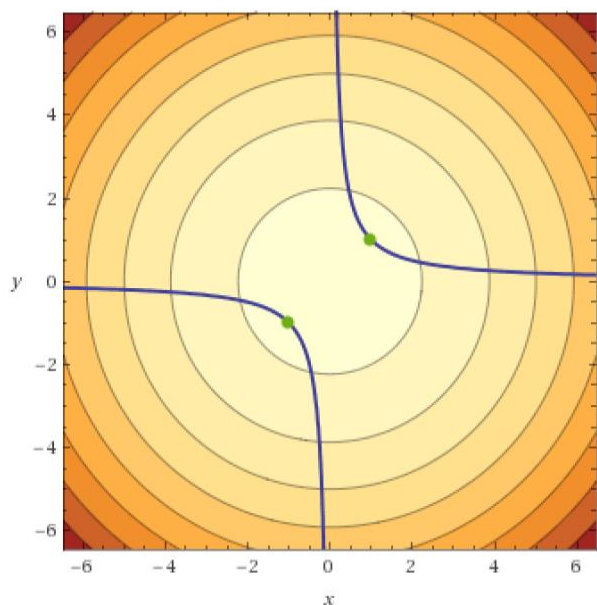
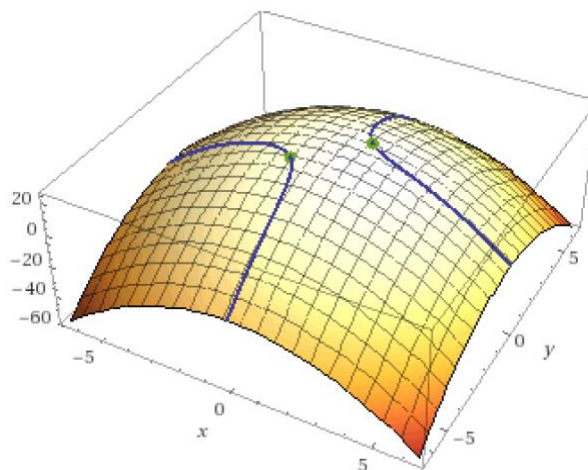


Contour plot:



minimize  $-x^2 - y^2 + 25$  on  $xy = 1$



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Suppose  $F(x, y) = (f_1(x, y), f_2(x, y))$

Recall that the Jacobian matrix of  $F$  is

$$\begin{aligned} F'(x, y) = DF &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## 12.10: 2nd order derivative test

Suppose  $z = f(x, y)$

Recall the derivative matrix of  $f$  is  $Df = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$

Hessian matrix =

$$D^2f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{bmatrix} = Hf$$

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Determinant of the Hessian =  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} - \left[ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \right]^2 = f_{xx}f_{yy} - [f_{xy}]^2$

Recall  $f_{xy} = (f_x)_y = (f_y)_x = f_{yx}$  if 2nd order partials are continuous

### Theorem 1: **Two-variable second derivative test**

If 2nd order partials of  $f$  are continuous in a neighborhood of a critical point  $(a, b)$ , then

1. If  $\det(Hf(a, b)) = \Delta > 0$ , then
  - if  $f_{xx} > 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is a local minimum.
  - if  $f_{xx} < 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is a local maximum.
2. If  $\det(Hf(a, b)) = \Delta < 0$ , then  $f(a, b)$  is neither a local minimum nor a local maximum

Note if  $\det Hf(a, b) = \Delta = 0$ , then the 2nd derivative test gives no information.

Example:  $f(x, y) = f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + pxy = (x + \frac{p}{2}y)^2 - (\frac{p^2}{4} - 1)y^2$

See chalkboard and/or

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/multivariable-calculus/applications-of-multivariable-derivatives/optimizing-multivariable-functions/a/second-partial-derivative-test>