

We will use the triangle $\Delta : x \geq 0, y \geq 0, \text{ and } x + y \leq 1$.

1. Find the extrema of the function x^2y in the triangle Δ .

2. Compute $\iint_{\Delta} x^2y \, dx \, dy$.

Solution:1.

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

Then $f_x = 2xy, f_y = x^2$. Hence $f_x = f_y = 0$ implies $x = 0$ and for all y .

Namely all point of the form $(0,y)$ but they are on the boundary. So no interior critical points.

The boundary has three parts. However it is easy to observe that

$f = 0$ on $x = 0$ and $y = 0$ so we don't have to do calculus there.

On the part that $g(x,y) = x + y = 1$, we use Lagrange multiplier:

$$f_x = 2xy = \lambda g_x = \lambda$$

$$f_y = x^2 = \lambda g_y = \lambda$$

We have $2xy = x^2$ and therefore $x = 0$ (which is on the boundary) and $2y = x$ with the condition $x + y = 1$ will imply $x = 2/3, y = 1/3$.

Finally the list of possible extrema, $(0,y), (x,0), (2/3, 1/3)$.

One can see that $f = 0$, which is minimum value, on the axis and $f(2/3, 1/3) = 4/27$, which is maximum value.

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \iint_{\Delta} x^2y \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-y} x^2y \, dx \, dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3} x^3 y \Big|_0^{1-y} dy = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3} (1-y)^3 y dy = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{3} (1-y)^3 - \frac{1}{3} (1-y)^4 \right) dy = \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{60}. \end{aligned}$$