

Quiz # 6 Math 102-003 Calculus

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Q-1) Let $f(x, y) = e^{-xy}$, where x and y satisfy the condition $x^2 + 4y^2 = 8$.

- (a) Does this function have a maximum? If yes find it, if no explain why.
- (b) Does this function have a minimum? If yes find it, if no explain why.
- (Grading: 5+5=10 points.)

Answer:

We first solve $x^2 + 4y^2 = 8$ for x to obtain $x = \pm 2\sqrt{2-y^2}$. We then insert it into f to obtain two functions.

$$\phi(y) = \exp(2y\sqrt{2-y^2})$$
 and $\psi(y) = \exp(-2y\sqrt{2-y^2})$, where $-\sqrt{2} \le y \le \sqrt{2}$.

We first treat $\phi(y)$.

$$\phi'(y) = \phi(y) \left(-\frac{2y^2}{\sqrt{2-y^2}} + 2\sqrt{2-y^2} \right) = 0 \text{ gives } y = \pm 1.$$

We have

$$\phi(\pm\sqrt{2}) = 1, \ \phi(1) = \frac{1}{e^2}, \ \phi(-1) = e^2.$$

We get similar values for ψ .

Hence the minimum values of f is $f(2, 1) = f(-2, -1) = \frac{1}{e^2}$, and the maximum value is $f(2, -1) = f(-2, 1) = e^2$.

