

Lecture 28 Solutions

Solutions

1.

Find the maximum and minimum values of $e(x, y) = 5e^{xy}$ subject to $9x^2 + 9y^2 = 378$.

maximum: _____, minimum: _____

Solution:

$$f(x, y) = 5e^{xy}$$

$$g(x, y) = 9x^2 + 9y^2 - 378 = 0$$

$$f_x = 5ye^{xy}, f_y = 5xe^{xy}, g_x = 18x \text{ and } g_y = 18y$$

The three Lagrange equations are

$$5ye^{xy} = 18\lambda x$$

$$5xe^{xy} = 18\lambda y$$

$$9x^2 + 9y^2 - 378 = 0$$

Dividing the first two leads to $\frac{y}{x} = \frac{x}{y}$, or $x^2 = y^2$.

Substitute in $9x^2 + 9y^2 = 378$ to obtain

$$x = \pm \sqrt{21} \text{ and } y = \pm \sqrt{21}.$$

Now, $f(\sqrt{21}, -\sqrt{21}) = f(-\sqrt{21}, \sqrt{21}) = 5e^{-21}$ and

$$f(\sqrt{21}, \sqrt{21}) = f(-\sqrt{21}, -\sqrt{21}) = 5e^{21}.$$

So, the constrained maximum is $5e^{21}$ and the constrained minimum is $5e^{-21}$

Correct answer is: maximum: $5e^{21}$, minimum: $5e^{-21}$

