

Remark: $\Delta f = \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_3$

$$\Delta_1 = \nabla f(x_0, y_0) \cdot (\Delta x, \Delta y)$$

$$\Delta_2 = \frac{1}{2} (A(\Delta x)^2 + 2B\Delta x\Delta y + C(\Delta y)^2)$$

$$A = f_{xx}(x_0, y_0), \quad B = f_{xy}, \quad C = f_{yy}$$

$$\Delta_3 = O(\Delta x^3, \Delta x^2\Delta y, \Delta x\Delta y^2, \Delta y^3)$$

At a critical point, $\nabla f = \vec{0}$

(if f is diff.) $\Rightarrow \Delta_1 = 0$

Δ_2 :

(i) $A > 0, B^2 - AC < 0 \Rightarrow \Delta_2 > 0$

(ii) $A < 0, B^2 - AC < 0 \Rightarrow \Delta_2 < 0$

(iii) If $B^2 - AC > 0$

Then $\Delta_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow A \left(\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y} \right)^2 + 2B \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y} + C = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y} = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - AC}}{2A}$$

$$\left(\frac{-B - \sqrt{B^2 - AC}}{2A} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{-B + \sqrt{B^2 - AC}}{2A} \right)$$

$\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y}$

$A > 0: \Delta_2 > 0$

$\Delta_2 < 0$

$\Delta_2 > 0$

$A < 0: \Delta_2 < 0$

$\Delta_2 > 0$

$\Delta_2 < 0$

How to find local extrema
of $f(x, y)$ (diff.) on \mathbb{R}^2 ?

Step 1: Find all critical
points (a, b) with $\nabla f(a, b) = \vec{0}$

Step 2: $D = \begin{pmatrix} f''_{xx} & f''_{xy} \\ f''_{xy} & f''_{yy} \end{pmatrix} (a, b)$
 $(f''_{xx}, D) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{local min} \\ \text{local max} \\ \text{saddle point} \end{cases}$

Ex: find local extrema

$$\text{of } f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 - 4y + 9$$

Sol: $f_x = 2x$, $f_y = 2y - 4$

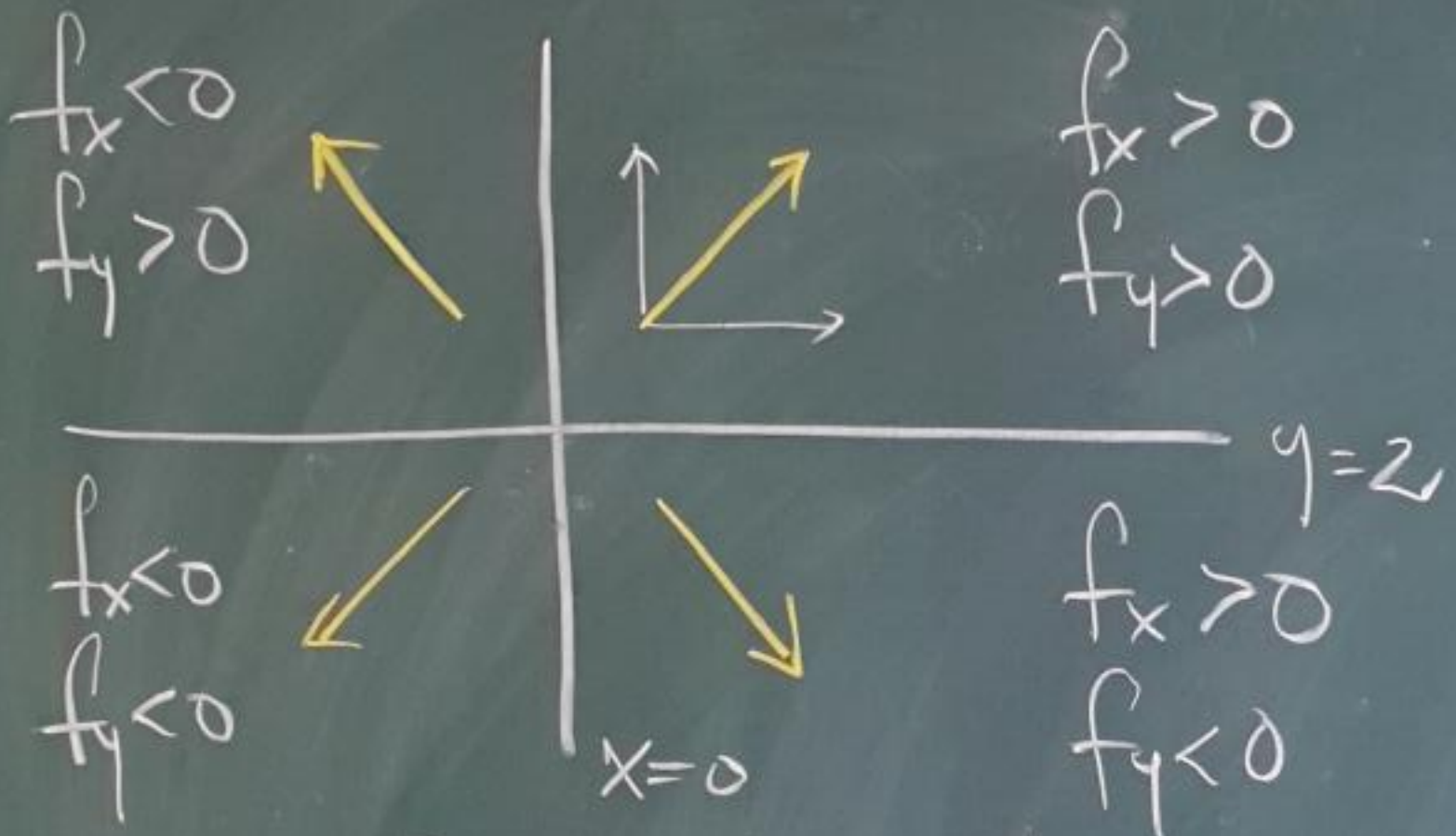
$$\nabla f = \vec{0} \iff (x_0, y_0) = (0, 2)$$

$$f_{xx}(0,2) = 2, \quad f_{xy}(0,2) = 0, \quad f_{yy} = 2$$

$$f_{xx} > 0, \quad f_{xy}^2 - f_{xx}f_{yy} < 0$$

Only local extreme point = $(0, 2)$
= local min.

Method 2: (gradient analysis)

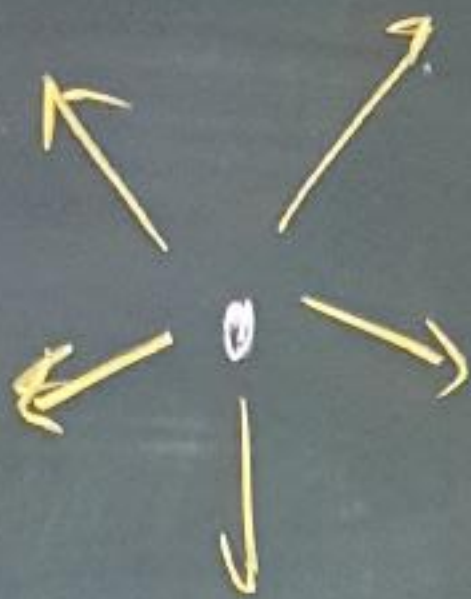


Rm Gradient analysis

is applicable even if

$A=0$ or $D=0$ (analogue of $f(x) = x^3$ in 1D)

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local min



local max



Saddle point

Eg Find abs. min/max

$$of f(x, y) = 2 + 2x + 2y - x^2 - y^2$$

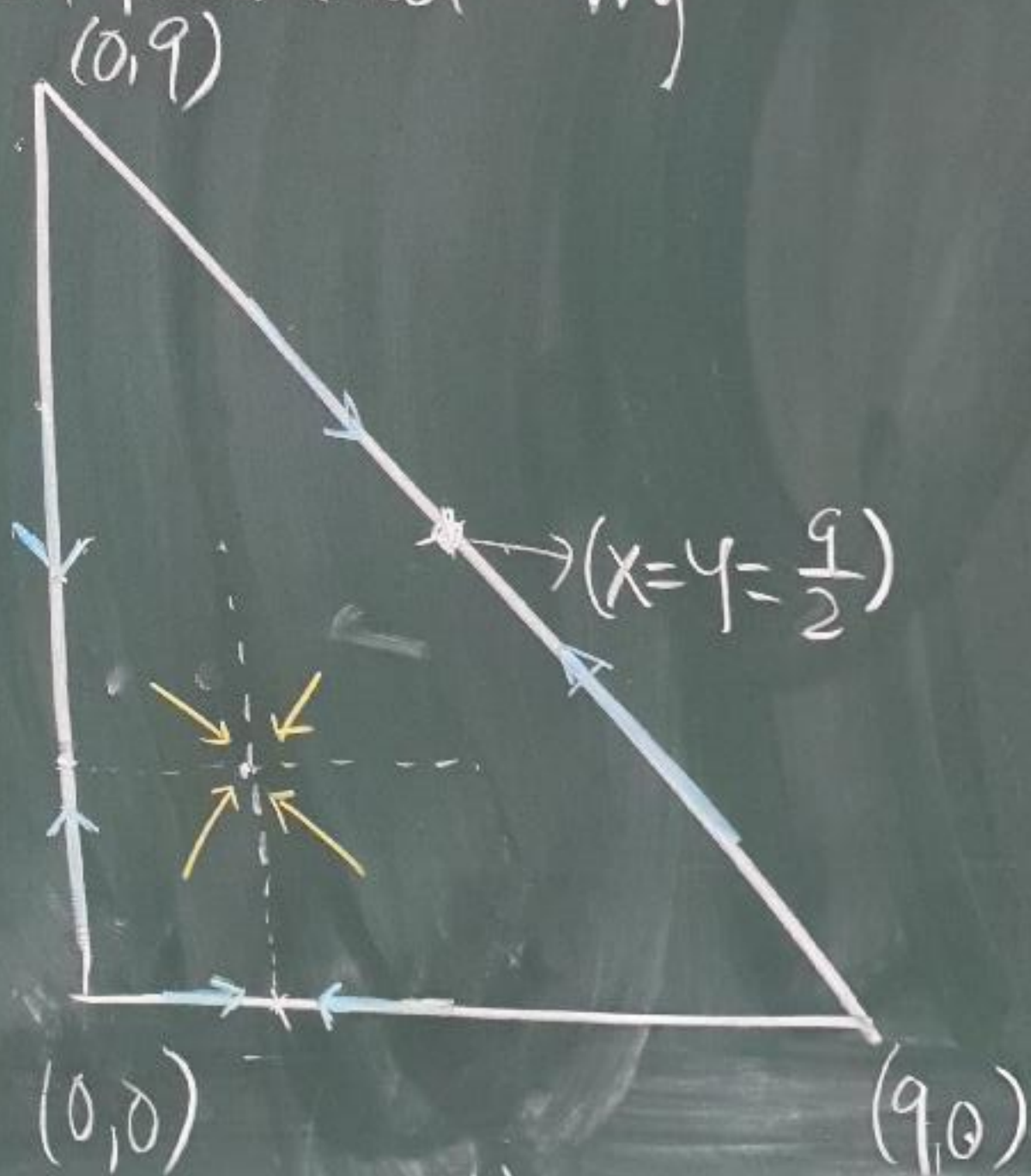
on the region bounded by

$$\begin{cases} x=0 \\ y=0 \\ y=9-x \end{cases}$$

$$f_x = -2(x-1)$$

$$f_y = -2(y-1)$$

$$\nabla f = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow (1, 1)$$



Step 1: Plot ∇f at interior

Step 2: Plot tangential component of ∇f at boundary

Here on $x=0$ and $y=0$: obvious
on $x+y=9$:

$$\text{Plot } \nabla f \cdot \vec{t}, \quad \vec{t} = \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= -2(x-1, y-1) \cdot (-1, 1) / \sqrt{2}$$

$$= \sqrt{2}(x-y) \begin{cases} > 0 & x > y \\ < 0 & x < y \end{cases}$$

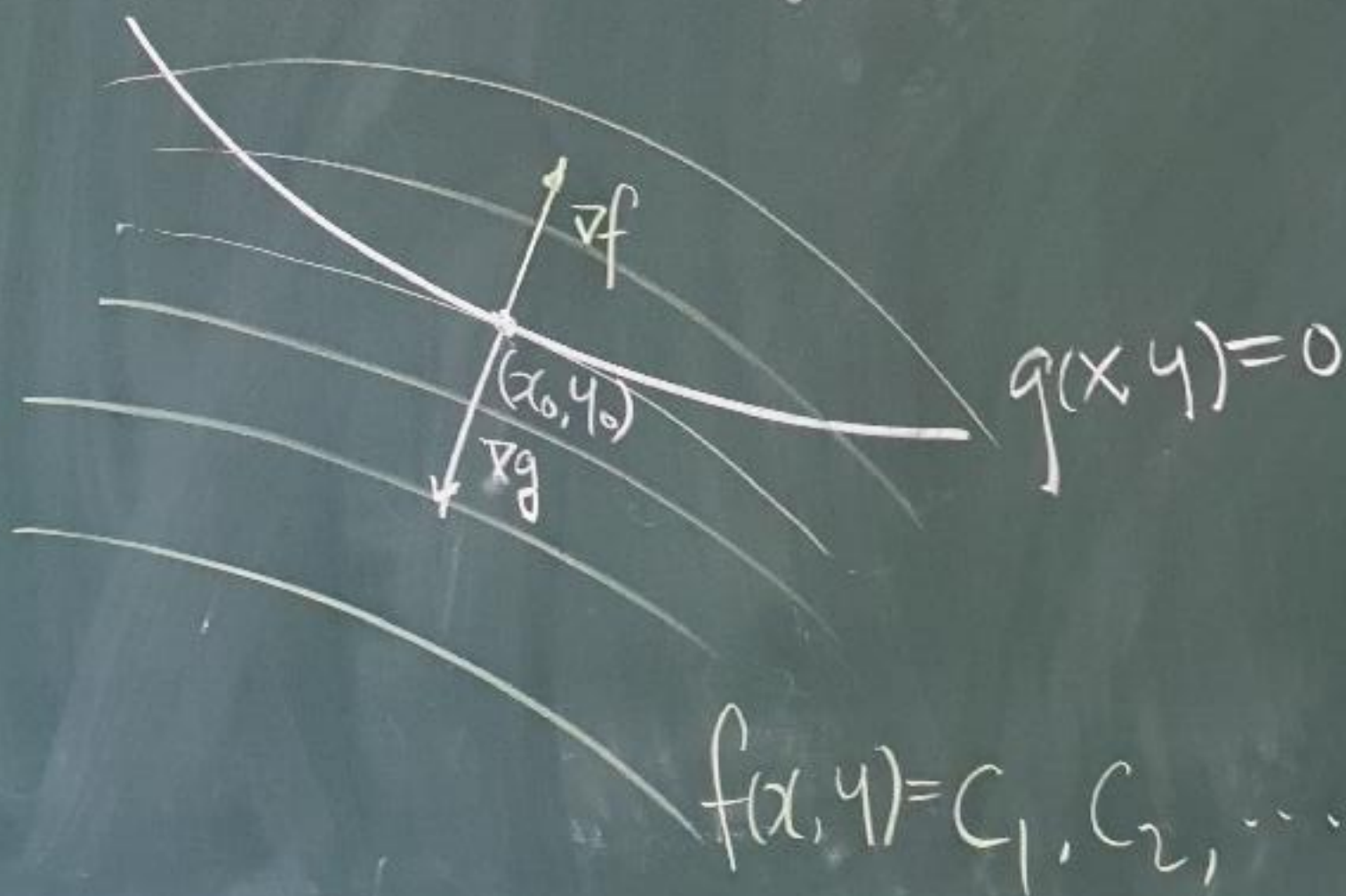
Gradient analysis

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} f(1,1) = \text{local max} = \text{abs max} \\ f(0,0), f(9,0), f(0,9) = \text{local min} \end{cases}$$

$\begin{matrix} \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ 2 & -61 & -61 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\ \text{abs min} \end{matrix}$

Constrained optimization

"Find local extreme points of $f(x, y)$ subject to the constraint $g(x, y) = 0$ "



It suffices to find
all (x_0, y_0) where

$$\nabla f(x_0, y_0) \parallel \nabla g(x_0, y_0)$$

$$\begin{cases} g(x_0, y_0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f(x_0, y_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0, y_0) \end{cases}$$

3 unknowns: x_0, y_0, λ

3 equations: $1 + 2$
 $g=0$ $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$