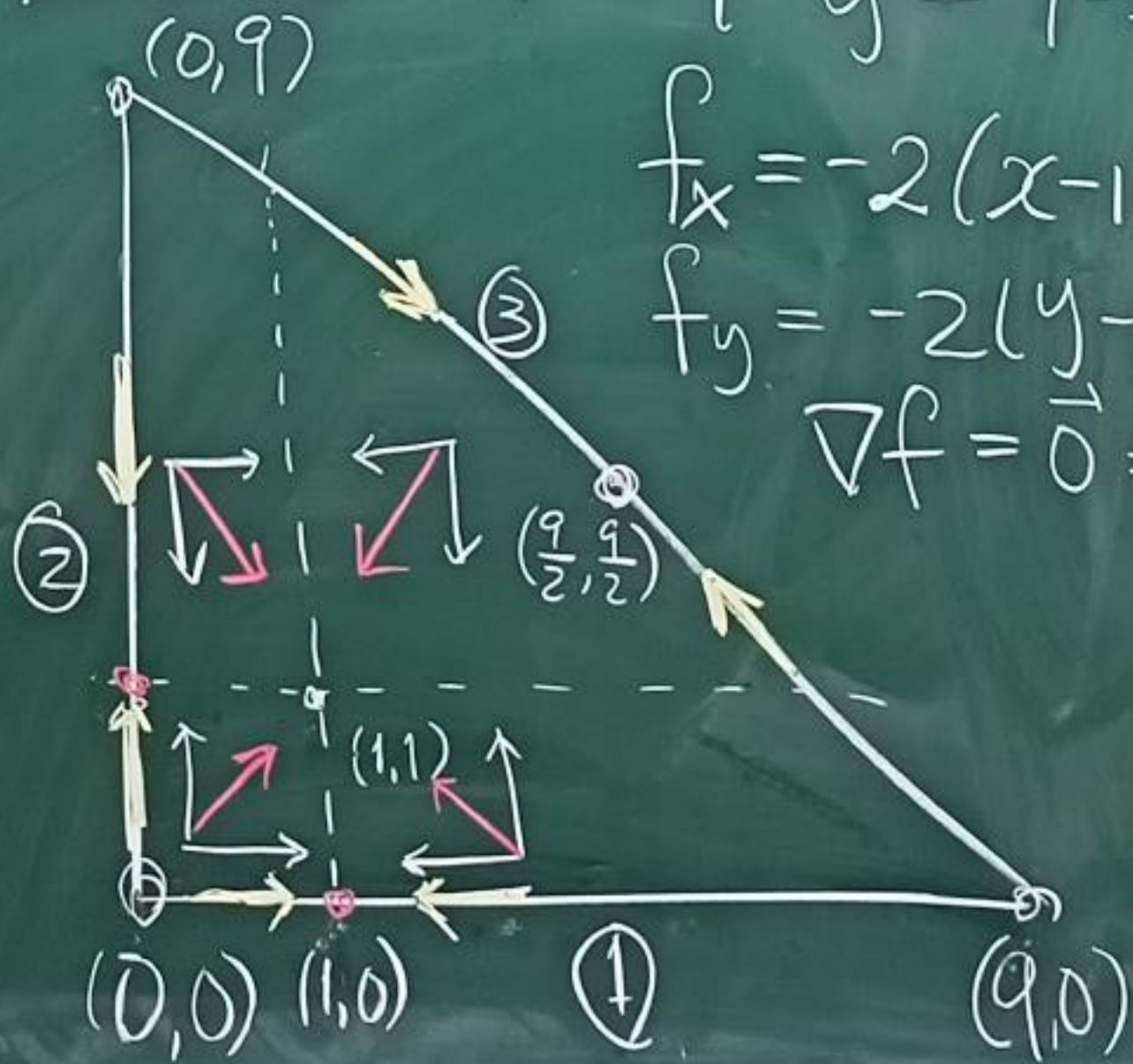


Ex2: Find absolute extremes
of $f(x, y) = 2 + 2x + 2y - x^2 - y^2$

on the region $\begin{cases} x=0 \\ y=0 \\ y=9-x \end{cases}$
bounded by



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

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

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

Method 1 (textbook)

Critical Point = $(1, 1)$

Compare $f(1, 1)$ with all values of f on boundary

Method 2 (Gradient Analysis)

Near $(1, 1)$



local max $(1, 1)$

on ① = $\begin{cases} y=0 \\ 0 \leq x \leq 9 \end{cases}$



on ②:

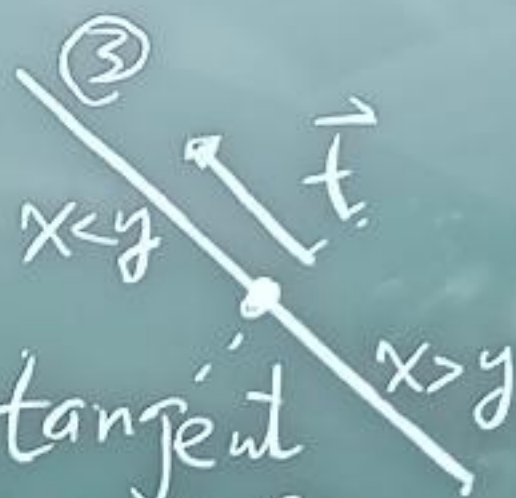


$(0, 1)$

local max = $(0, 1)$

local min = $(0, 0), (0, 9)$

On ③ = $\begin{cases} x+y=9 \\ 0 \leq x \leq 9 \end{cases}$



Let $\vec{t} = (-1, 1)$ = a tangent vector of ③

$$\nabla f \cdot \vec{t} \geq 0 ?$$

$$\nabla f \cdot \vec{t} \leq 0 ?$$

$$= (-2(x-1), -2(y-1)) \cdot (-1, 1)$$

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



$$\nabla f \cdot \vec{t} < 0$$

$$-\nabla f \cdot \vec{t} > 0$$

On ③, local max = $(\frac{9}{2}, \frac{9}{2})$

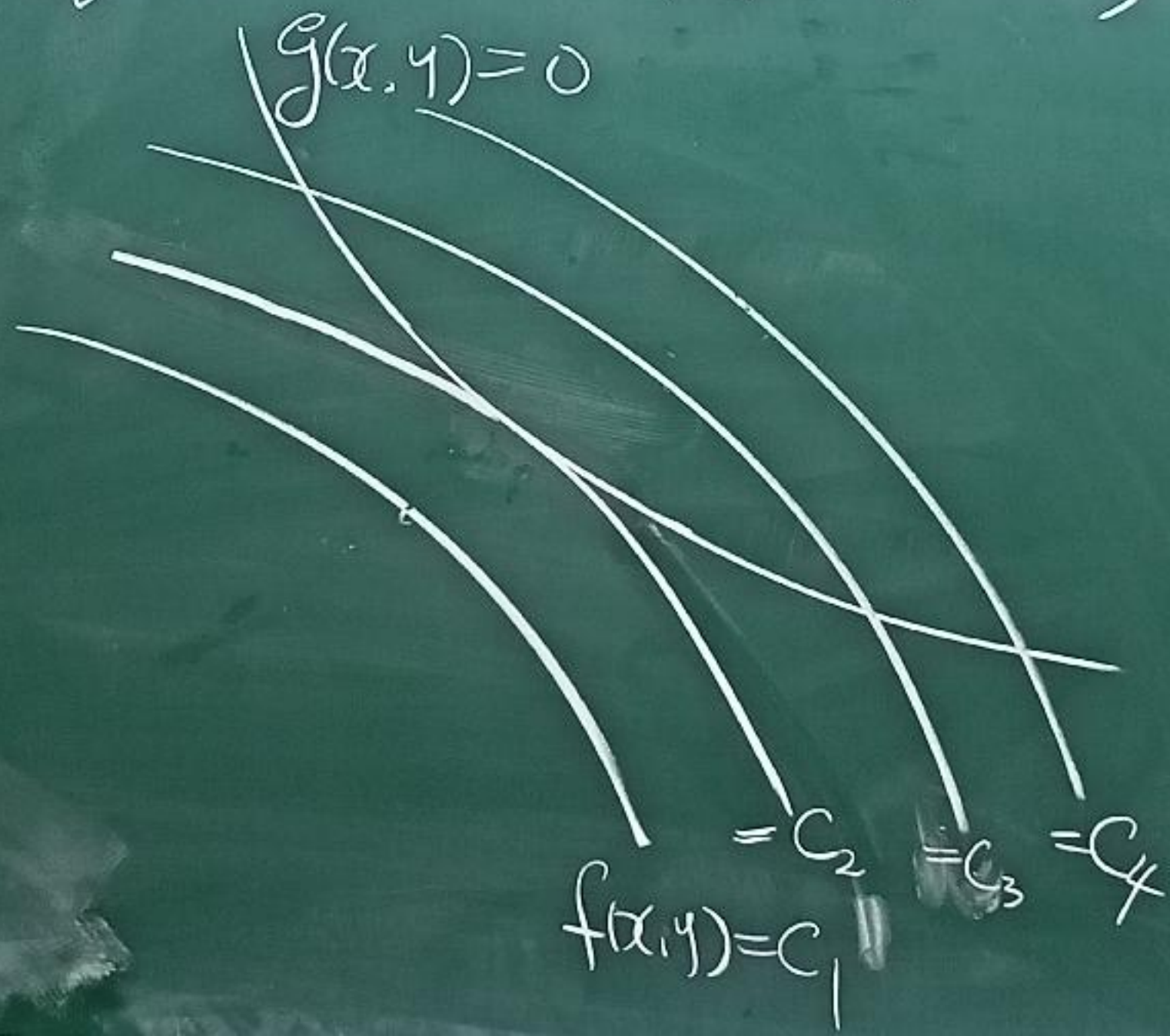
local min = $(9, 0), (0, 9)$

Absolute max = $f(1, 1)$

Abs. min: Compare $f(0, 0), f(0, 9), f(9, 0)$

Constrained optimization (Lagrangian Multiplier)

Goal Find local min/max
of $f(x, y)$ on $\{g(x, y) = 0\}$



Local extreme at (x_0, y_0)

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} g(x, y) = 0 \\ f(x, y) = c \end{cases} \text{ are tangent at } (x_0, y_0)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(x_0, y_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0, y_0)$$

for some constant λ

$$\Rightarrow \text{Solve } (x_0, y_0), \lambda$$

$$\text{from } \begin{cases} g(x_0, y_0) = 0 \\ \nabla f(x_0, y_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0, y_0) \end{cases}$$

3 equations, 3 unknowns

Ex 1: Find the nearest

point to origin on $(x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$

Sol: Minimize $f(x, y) = (x - 0)^2 + (y - 0)^2$

Subject to $g(x, y) = (x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} - 1 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) & \left\{ \begin{aligned} (x_0 - \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{y_0^2}{4} &= 1 & (g=0) \end{aligned} \right. \\ (2) & \left\{ \begin{aligned} 2x_0 &= \lambda(x_0 - \frac{1}{2}) & (f_x = \lambda g_x) \end{aligned} \right. \\ (3) & \left\{ \begin{aligned} 2y_0 &= \lambda \cdot \frac{y_0}{2} & (f_y = \lambda g_y) \end{aligned} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow y_0 = 0 \text{ or } \lambda = 4$$

Case A: $y_0 = 0$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} (x_0 - \frac{1}{2})^2 &= 1 & (A_1) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} 2x_0 &= 2\lambda(x_0 - \frac{1}{2}) & (A_2) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$(A_1) \Rightarrow x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \propto \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$"(A_2) \Rightarrow \lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Case B $\lambda = 4$

$$"(2) \Rightarrow x_0 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$"(1) \Rightarrow y_0 = \frac{\pm \sqrt{35}}{3}$$

Overall, we have

$$(x_0, y_0) = \left(\frac{-1}{2}, 0 \right)^{\text{nearest}}, \left(\frac{3}{2}, 0 \right), \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{35}}{3} \right), \left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{35}}{3} \right)$$

$f(x_0, y_0) (= \text{distance}^2)$

$$= \frac{1}{4}, \frac{9}{4}, \underbrace{\frac{13}{3}, \frac{13}{3}}_{\text{abs max}}$$

abs min

abs max

