

7.4 Least Squares...

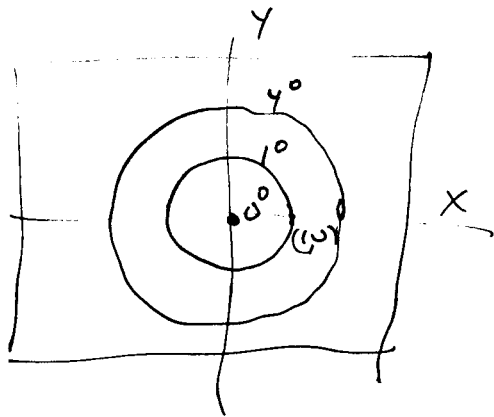
is an interesting topic, but we will skip it.

You might read it on your own.

7.5 Lagrange Multipliers or Constrained optimization

ex: [thought experiment] An ant on a hot plate wants to minimize its temperature.

Temperature function $= f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$



where is $f(x, y) = 1$?

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

where is $f(x, y) = 4$?

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4$$

where ^{are} the critical points?

$$0 = f_x(x, y) = 2x$$

$$0 = f_y(x, y) = 2y$$

$$(x, y) = (0, 0) \text{ is}$$

the only critical point.
and $f(0, 0)$ is a relative
(and absolute) minimum,
by the Δ -Test.

Remark. This is "unconstrained

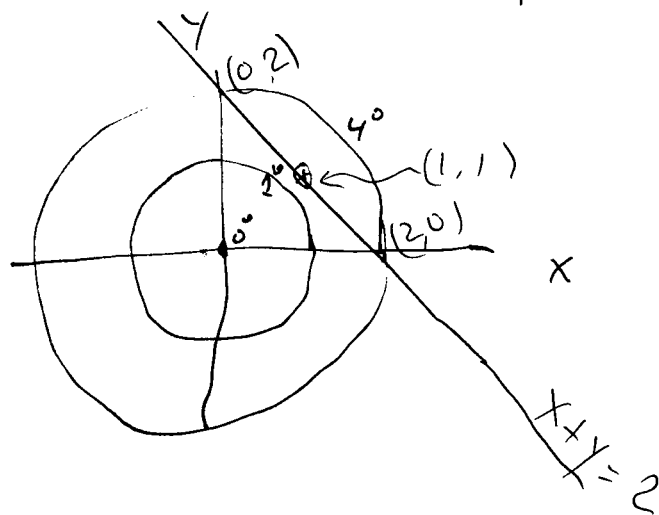
optimization."

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Now, we will consider constrained optimization.

With the same function $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$

the ant is only allowed to wander along the line $x + y = 2$.



ex: Solve this problem by the method of Lagrange Multiplier.

Given: $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ is objective function
(the function to be minimized)

Constraint: $x + y = 2$ or equivalently
 $x + y - 2 = 0$

So let $g(x, y) = x + y - 2$.

Now let $F(x, y, \lambda) = f(x, y) + \lambda g(x, y)$

that is, $F(x, y, \lambda) = x^2 + y^2 + \lambda(x + y - 2)$

and find the critical point(s) of F .

$$F(x, y, \lambda) = x^2 + y^2 + \lambda(x + y - 2)$$

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} & 0 = F_x(x, y, \lambda) = 2x + \lambda \\ \textcircled{2} & 0 = F_y(x, y, \lambda) = 2y + \lambda \\ \textcircled{3} & 0 = F_\lambda(x, y, \lambda) = x + y - 2 \end{cases} \leftarrow \text{the constraint equation}$$

Solve $\textcircled{1}$ and $\textcircled{2}$ for λ :

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda = -2x \\ \lambda = -2y \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow -2x = -2y \\ \text{so } x = y$$

plug into $\textcircled{3}$:

$$x + x - 2 = 0$$

$$2x - 2 = 0$$

$$2x = 2$$

$$\boxed{x = 1 \text{ so } y = 1}$$

(we don't need this but $\lambda = -2 \cdot 1 = -2$)

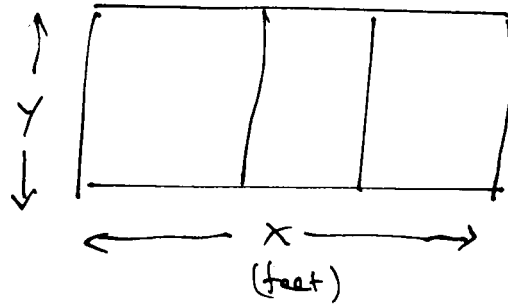
The ant is coolest when its location is at

$$(x, y) = (1, 1)$$

$$\text{where } f(1, 1) = 1^2 + 1^2 = 2$$

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(feet)



maximize the lot enclosed by 12,000 feet of fencing.

objective function: area = $f(x, y) = xy$

constraint: Total length = $2x + 4y = 12,000$

$$\text{so } g(x, y) = 2x + 4y - 12,000 = 0$$

$$F(x, y, \lambda) = f(x, y) + \lambda g(x, y)$$

$$= xy + \lambda (2x + 4y - 12,000)$$

$$(1) \quad 0 = F_x(x, y, \lambda) = y + 2\lambda$$

$$(2) \quad 0 = F_y(x, y, \lambda) = x + 4\lambda$$

$$(3) \quad 0 = F_\lambda(x, y, \lambda) = 2x + 4y - 12,000$$

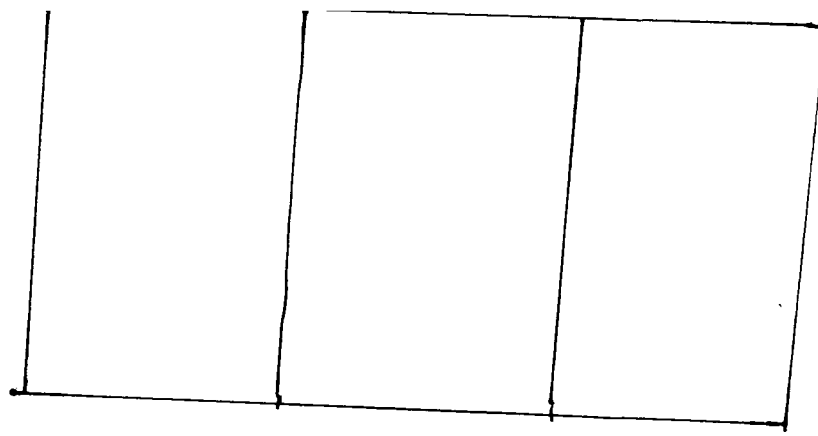
$$\text{From (1)} \quad \lambda = -\frac{y}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\frac{y}{2} = -\frac{x}{4} \quad \text{so}$$

$$\text{From (2)} \quad \lambda = -\frac{x}{4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2y = x \quad \text{Now Sub into (3)}$$

$$2(2y) + 4y = 12,000$$

$$8y = 12,000 \Rightarrow y = \frac{12,000}{8} = \boxed{1,500 \text{ feet}}$$

$$x = 2y = 2(1,500) = \boxed{3,000 \text{ feet}}$$



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→ total "horizontal" fencing = $3,000 + 3,000 = 6,000$ ft

→ total "vertical" fencing = $1,500 + 1,500 + 1,500 + 1,500 = 6,000$ ft