

1. Consider the function  $S(x, y) = 3xe^y - x^3 - e^{3y}$ .

(a) (2 points) Compute  $\vec{\nabla}S$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla}S &= S_x \hat{i} + S_y \hat{j} \\ &= (3e^y - 3x^2) \hat{i} + (3xe^y - 3e^{3y}) \hat{j}\end{aligned}$$

(b) (2 points) Use your answer from (a) to show that there is only one critical point of  $S(x, y)$ , at the point  $(1, 0, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}S_x &= 3e^y - 3x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow e^y = x^2 \\ S_y &= 3xe^y - 3e^{3y} = 0 \Rightarrow xe^y = e^{3y} \Rightarrow x \cdot x^2 = (x^2)^3 \\ &\quad x^3 = x\end{aligned}$$

Critical Point is

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 1, y = 0, z = S(1, 0) = 3 \cdot 1 \cdot e^0 - 1 - 1 \\ &\quad = 3 - 1 - 1 \\ &\quad = 1\end{aligned}$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{when } x = 1, e^y = 1 \Rightarrow y = 0 \\ \text{when } x = 0, e^y = 0 \text{ no sol for } y\end{aligned}$$

(c) (4 points) Use the second derivative test  $D = f_{xx}(a, b)f_{yy}(a, b) - f_{xy}^2(a, b)$  to classify the critical point you found in part (b) as a local maximum of  $S(x, y)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}S_{xx} &= -6x \\ S_{yy} &= 3xe^y - 9e^{3y} \\ S_{xy} &= 3e^y\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{At } x = 1, y = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}S_{xx} &= -6 \\ S_{yy} &= 3 \cdot 1 \cdot e^0 - 9 \cdot e^0 = -6 \\ S_{xy} &= 3 \cdot e^0 = 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}D &= -6 \cdot -6 - 3^2 \\ &= 36 - 9 = 27 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{MAX or MIN} \\ S_{xx} &< 0 \text{ and } S_{yy} < 0\end{aligned}$$

This is a local maximum

(d) (2 points) Is the local maximum you found in part (c) also a global maximum of  $S(x, y)$ ? EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER AND THEN COMPARE AND CONTRAST THIS SITUATION INVOLVING A MULTIVARIABLE FUNCTION WITH ONE CRITICAL POINT THAT IS A LOCAL MAXIMUM WITH A SIMILAR SITUATION OF A SINGLE VARIABLE FUNCTION WITH A SINGLE CRITICAL POINT THAT IS A LOCAL MAXIMUM.

No, it's not a global max. ~~local maximum~~

$S(-3, 0)$  is greater than  $S(1, 0) = 1$ .

= -9  
+27  
-1  
= 17 > 1 For single variable functions, if you have one critical point that local max will be a global max also. However, the same is not true for multivariable functions.