

Let

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} & (x, y) \neq 0_2 \\ 0 & (x, y) = 0_2 \end{cases}$$

1. Check f cont. at $(0, 0) = 0_2$.

f is cont at 0_2 iff

$$\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f(x, y) = f(0, 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow 0_2} \frac{x^2 y^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = 0.$$

Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, 0) &\equiv 0 \rightarrow 0 & x &\rightarrow 0 \\ f(0, y) &\equiv 0 \rightarrow 0 & y &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Introducing polar coords

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} x = \rho \cos \theta \\ y = \rho \sin \theta \end{cases} &\Rightarrow f(x, y) = \frac{\rho^5 (\cos \theta)^2 (\sin \theta)^3}{(\rho^2)^2} \\ &= \rho (\cos \theta)^2 (\sin \theta)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x, y) - 0| = \rho (\cos \theta)^2 |\sin \theta|^3 \leq \rho$$

$$= \|(x, y)\| \rightarrow 0$$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow 0_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow 0_2} f(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow f \text{ cont at } (0, 0).$$

2. Check if f is differentiable at $(0, 0)$.

We start trying to apply the total thm (warning: it's just a sufficient cond)

We have

$$\partial_x f(x, y) = \frac{2xy^3(x^2 + y^2)^2 - x^2y^3 2(x^2 + y^2)2x}{(x^2 + y^2)^4}$$

$$(x, y) \neq 0_2$$

To compute $\partial_x f(0, 0)$ we use the def of partial derivative

$$\partial_x f(0, 0) = \partial_{(1, 0)} f(0, 0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, 0) + t(1, 0) - f(0, 0)}{t}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t, 0) - f(0, 0)}{t} = 0$$

Thus

$$\partial_x f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2xy^3(x^2+y^2) - 4x^3y^3}{(x^2+y^2)^3} & (x,y) \neq o_2 \\ 0 & (x,y) = o_2 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{2xy^5 - 2x^3y^3}{(x^2+y^2)^3} & (x,y) \neq o_2 \\ 0 & (x,y) = o_2 \end{cases}$$

Tot diff thm ensures that IF $\partial_x f, \partial_y f$ are cont. on a neighbourhood of $(0,0) \Rightarrow f$ is also diff in that neighb. Now, it is clear that $\partial_x f \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{o_2\})$. Is also continuous at o_2 ?? We should check

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow o_2} \partial_x f(x,y) = \partial_x f(o_2) \quad ?$$

$\parallel$
0

$\Downarrow$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow o_2} \frac{2xy^5 - 2x^3y^3}{(x^2+y^2)^3} = 0$$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow 0_2} \underbrace{\frac{-xy - x^2y}{(x^2+y^2)^3}}_{g(x,y)} = 0$$

$$g(x,0) \equiv 0 \longrightarrow 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$g(0,y) \equiv 0 \longrightarrow 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{but } g(2y,y) = \frac{4y^6 - 16y^6}{(5y^2)^3} = \frac{-12}{125}$$

$$\downarrow \\ -\frac{12}{125} \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow \partial_x f$ is not cont at $(0,0)$.

DOES THIS MEANS THAT f IS NOT DIFF. AT $(0,0)$? IN GENERAL, ANSWER IS **NO**

This because tot. diff thm is just a SUFFICIENT (but not NECESSARY) cond.

[Thus, if verified OK
if not we don't know anything]

SO? TO ANSWER THERE'S ONLY A WAY:
USE THE TRUE DEF.

To this aim we first have to determine $\nabla f(0,0)$. We already proved $\partial_x f(0,0) = 0$. In a similar way we have

$$\partial_y f(0,0) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \nabla f(0,0) = (0,0)$. Hence, according to def, f is diff. at $(0,0) \Leftrightarrow$

$$f(\vec{0} + \vec{h}) - f(0) = \nabla f(\vec{0}) \cdot \vec{h} + o(\|\vec{h}\|)$$

$$\stackrel{\vec{0}}{\parallel} = o(\|\vec{h}\|)$$

that is

$$\frac{f(\vec{0} + \vec{h}) - f(\vec{0})}{\|\vec{h}\|} \xrightarrow{0} 0 \quad \text{as } \vec{h} \rightarrow \vec{0}$$

Setting $\vec{h} = (u,v)$ we have to prove

$$\lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{f(u,v)}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2}} = 0$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{u^2 v^3}{(u^2 + v^2)^2} = \lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{u^2 v^3}{(u^2 + v^2)^{5/2}} = 0$$

$$\lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(u^2 + v^2)^2}{(u^2 + v^2)^{5/2}} = \lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow (0,0)} \underbrace{\frac{1}{(u^2 + v^2)^{1/2}}}_{g(u,v)} = 0$$

Clearly

$$g(u, 0) \equiv 0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$g(0, v) \equiv 0 \rightarrow 0$$

however $g(u, u) = \frac{u^5}{(2u^2)^{5/2}} = \frac{u^5}{2^{5/2} |u|^5} = \frac{1}{2^{5/2}} \operatorname{sgn} u$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} + \frac{1}{2^{5/2}} & u \rightarrow 0^+ \\ - \frac{1}{2^{5/2}} & u \rightarrow 0^- \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nexists \lim_{(u,v) \rightarrow 0_2} g(u,v) \Rightarrow g \text{ is not diff} \quad \square$$

Let $f(x, y) := x^2 (y^2 - (x-1)^2)$

1. $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \infty_2} f(x,y) ?$

Notia

$$f(0, y) \equiv 0 \rightarrow 0 \quad |y| \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$f(x, 0) = -x^2(x-1)^2 \rightarrow -\infty \quad |x| \rightarrow +\infty$$

$\Rightarrow \lim$ does not exist.

2. Stationary points: find and classify

We've to det (x, y) : $\nabla f(x, y) = \vec{0}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \partial_x f = 0 \\ \partial_y f = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x(y^2 - (x-1)^2) - x^2 2(x-1) = 0 \\ \boxed{2yx^2 = 0} \end{cases}$$

$y = 0$ v $x^2 = 0$
 $\Downarrow$
 $x = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y=0 \\ -2x(x-1)^2 \end{cases} \vee \begin{cases} x=0 \\ 0=0 \end{cases}$$

$$L \quad \Downarrow \quad + \quad \Updownarrow \quad (0, y) \quad \forall y$$

$$x(x-1) \left[(x-1) + x \right] = 0$$

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} y = 0 \\ x(x-1)(2x-1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$x = 0 \vee x = 1 \vee x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$(0, 0), (1, 0), \left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$$

Conclusion: st. pts $(1, 0), \left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right), (0, y) \forall y \in \mathbb{R}$

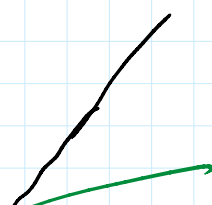
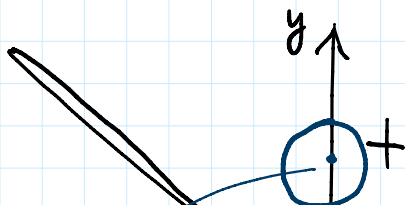
Let's pass to the classification.

We notice $f(1, 0) = 0, f(0, y) = 0$

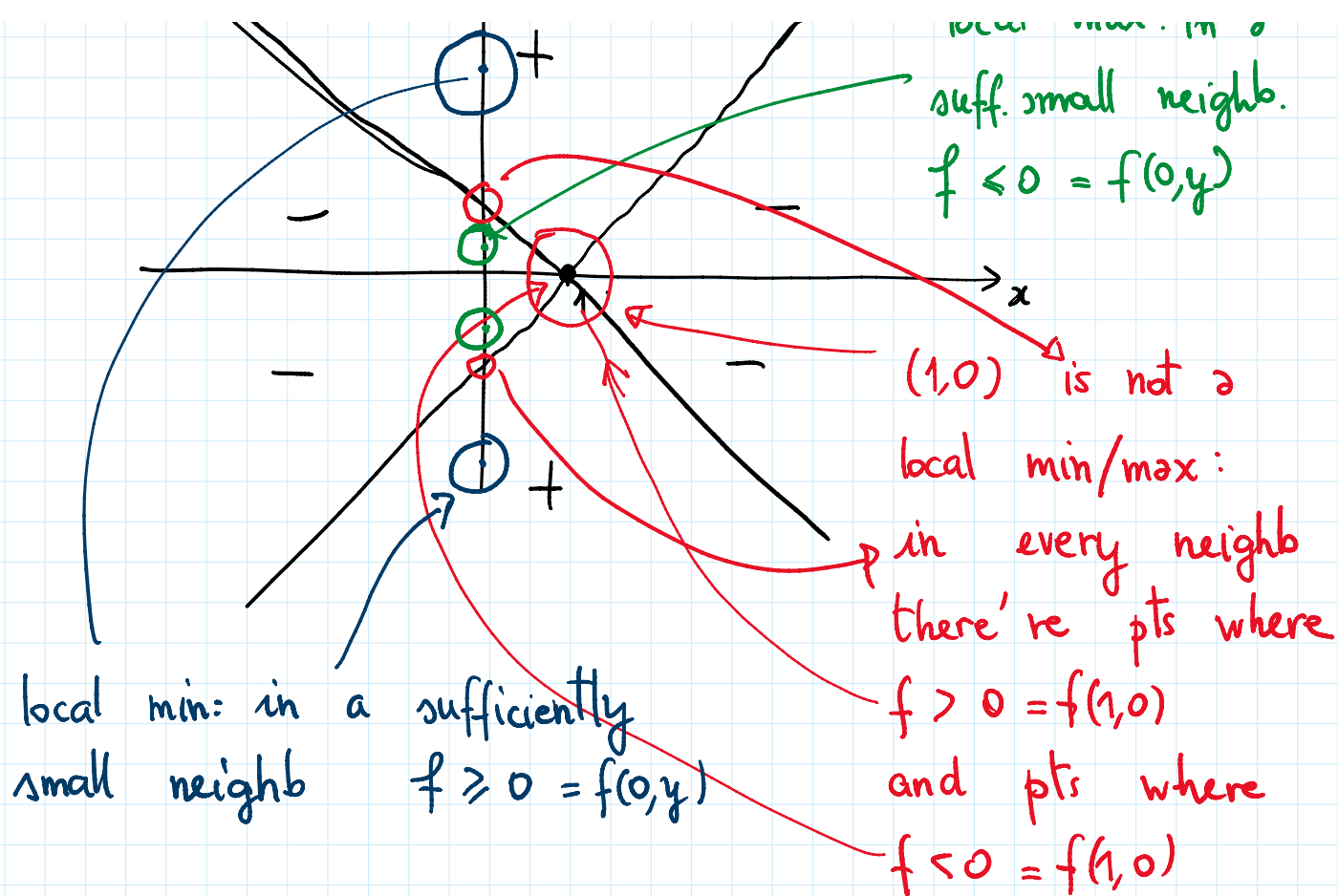
$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) = -\frac{1}{16}$$

$$f \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow y^2 - (x-1)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow y^2 \geq (x-1)^2$$

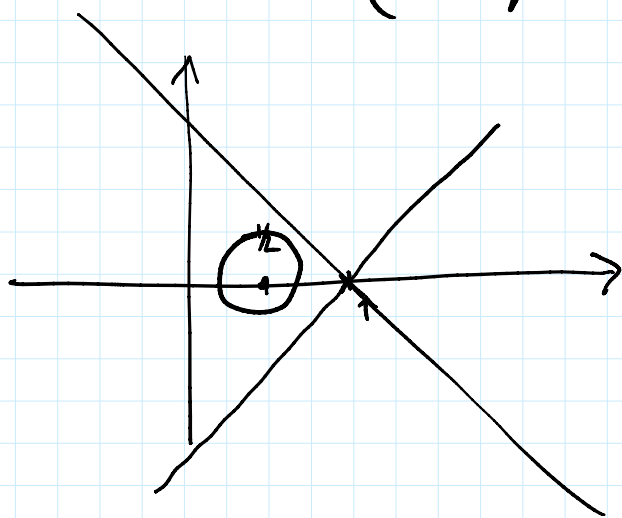
$$\Leftrightarrow y \geq |x-1| \vee y \leq -|x-1|$$



local max: in a
suff. small neighb.



It remains $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$



Let's check on x-axis

$$f(x, 0) = -x^2(x-1)^2 = g(x)$$

$$g' = -2x(x-1)^2 - 2x^2(x-1)$$

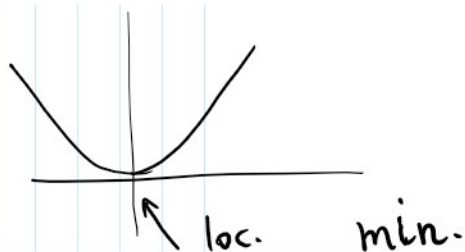
$$= -2x(x-1)(2x-1)$$

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	+	-	+	-
	↗	↘	↗	↘

$x = \frac{1}{2}$ loc min.

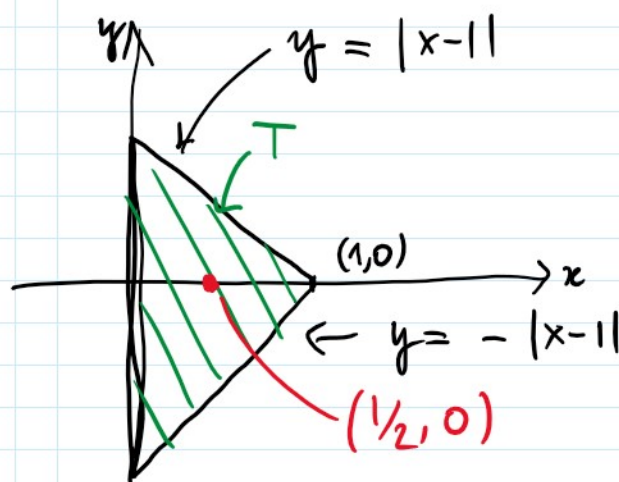
$$f(\frac{1}{2}, y) = \frac{1}{4}(y^2 - \frac{1}{4}) = h(y)$$

$$h'(y) = \frac{1}{2}y \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow y \geq 0$$



Guess $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ is a min for f . Previous argument is not yet a proof (we only proved that f has min at $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ on two sects).

To deduce the conclusion, in this case we may argue in the following way. Consider the triangle



T is closed & bdd, that is compact. According to Weierstrass thm, f has min & max on T

If min/max belong to interior of $T \Rightarrow$

$$\nabla f = \vec{0} \quad (\text{Fermat})$$

But in $\text{Int } T$ there's only $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ as st. pt $\Rightarrow$ the unique candidate for min/max in $\text{Int } T$ is $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$. Here $f(\frac{1}{2}, 0) = -\frac{1}{16}$

If min/max belong to boundary of $T \Rightarrow$

$$f(0, u) \Rightarrow f(0, u) = 0$$

If min/max belong to boundary $\rightarrow$

$$(x, y) = \begin{cases} (0, y) & \Rightarrow f(0, y) = 0 \\ y = |x-1| & \Rightarrow y^2 = (x-1)^2 \Rightarrow f(x, y) = 0 \\ y = -|x-1| & \Rightarrow y^2 = (x-1)^2 \Rightarrow f(x, y) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Conclusion: $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ is a min for f on T

3. Estrema of f on $\mathbb{R}^2$.

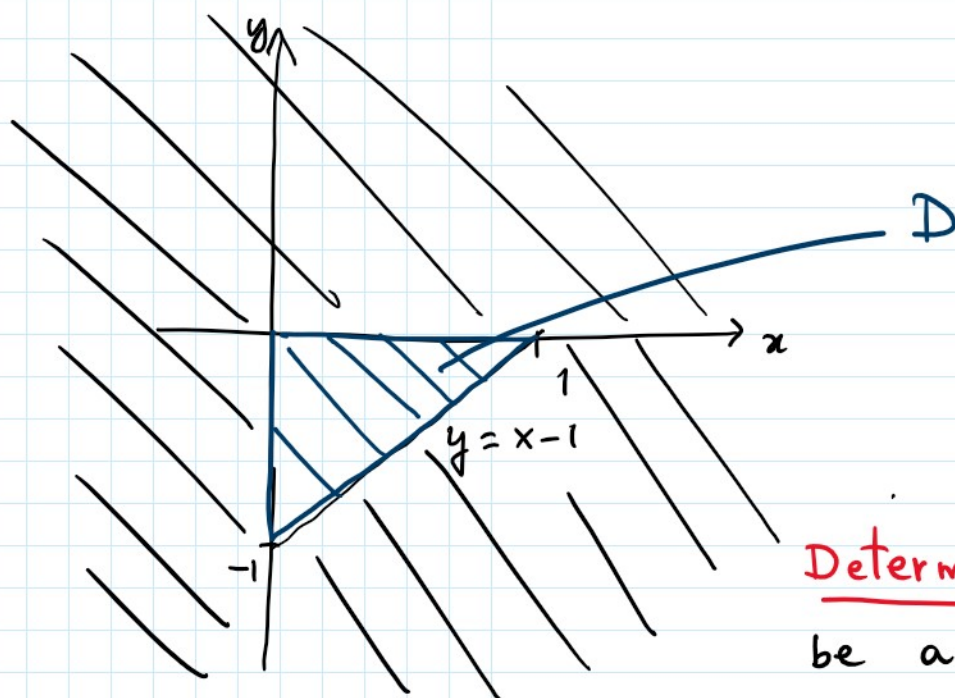
In 1. we already proved that

$$f(x, 0) \rightarrow -\infty \quad |x| \rightarrow +\infty \Rightarrow \text{no min } f$$

$$\text{On the other hand } f(1, y) = y^2 \rightarrow +\infty \quad |y| \rightarrow +\infty$$

$\Rightarrow$ no max f

4. min/max f on $D = \{y \leq 0, 0 \leq x \leq y+1\}$



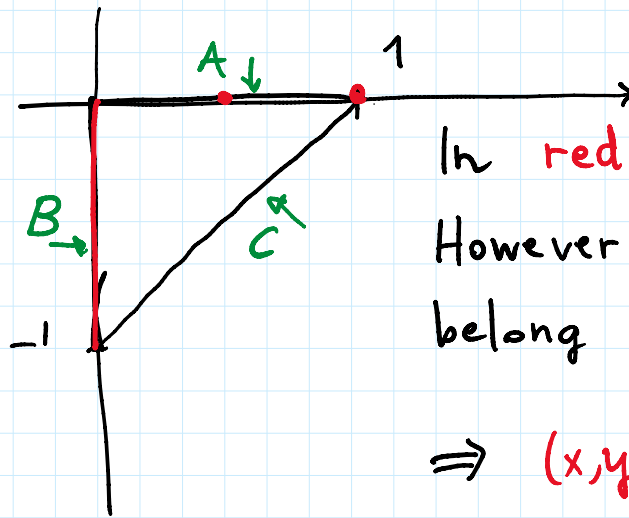
Existence: D is closed & bdd, thus compact, $f \in \mathcal{C}(D)$

$\Downarrow$ (Weierstrass)
 $\exists$ min/max f on D

Determination: Let $(x, y) \in D$ be a min/max pt. We've the following alternative

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- EITHER $(x,y) \in \text{Int } D \Rightarrow \nabla f = 0$



In red, st pts for f .
However, none of these belong to $\text{Int } D$

$$\Rightarrow (x,y) \notin \text{Int } D$$

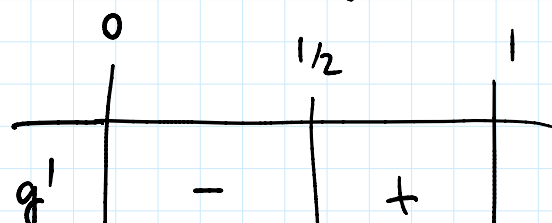
- OR $(x,y) \in \partial D = \left\{ (x,0) : 0 \leq x \leq 1 \right\} \cup \left\{ (0,y) : -1 \leq y \leq 0 \right\} \cup \left\{ (x,x-1) : 0 \leq x \leq 1 \right\}$

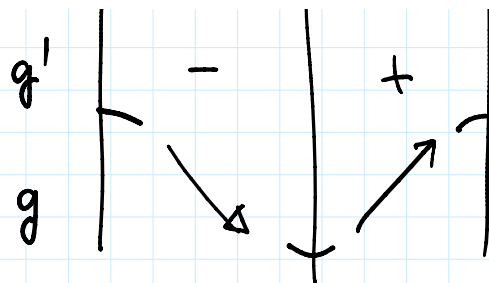
On A: $f(x,0) = -x^2(x-1)^2 = g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} g' &= -2x(x-1)^2 - 2x^2(x-1) \\ &= \underset{\ominus}{-2} \underset{\oplus}{x} \underset{\ominus}{(x-1)} (2x-1) \end{aligned}$$

On $[0,1]$: $g' \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 2x-1 \geq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \geq \frac{1}{2}$$





Potential min $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ $\rightarrow f = -\frac{1}{16}$
 max $(0, 0), (1, 0)$ $\rightarrow f = 0$

On B: $f(0, y) \equiv 0$

On C: $f(x, x-1) \equiv 0$

Conclusion:

$(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ is min pt for f on D

$(0, y), y \in [-1, 0], (x, x-1), x \in [0, 1]$ are
 max pts for f on D



Let $f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 8(x^2 + y^2)$

1. $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow \infty_2} f$

Sections: $f(x, 0) = x^4 - 8x^2 \xrightarrow{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty$

$f(0, y) = y^4 - 8y^2 \xrightarrow{|y| \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty$

thus if limit exists it is equal to $+\infty$.

To prove that this is the case, let's use polar words:

$$f(x, y) = \rho^4 \underbrace{(\cos \theta)^4 + (\sin \theta)^4}_{g(\theta)} - 8\rho^2$$

Clearly, $g \in \mathcal{C}([0, 2\pi]) \Rightarrow$ it has a minimum (Weierstrass),

$$g(\theta) \geq g(\theta^*) \quad \forall \theta \in [0, 2\pi].$$

Claim: $g(\theta^*) > 0$. Indeed, $g(\theta^*) \geq 0$ (obvious) and if $g(\theta^*) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$(\cos \theta^*)^4 + (\sin \theta^*)^4 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{matrix} \oplus & \oplus \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cos \theta^* = 0 \\ \sin \theta^* = 0 \end{array} \right. & \text{impossible!} \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(\theta) \geq C > 0 \quad \forall \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$$

Therefore

$$f(x, y) \geq C \rho^4 - 8 \rho^2 \longrightarrow +\infty$$

$$\rho = \|(x, y)\| \longrightarrow +\infty$$

Conclusion: $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow \infty} f = +\infty$.

2. St pts.

$$(x, y) \text{ is st pt for } f \Leftrightarrow \nabla f = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \partial_x f = 0 \\ \partial_y f = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 4x^3 - 16x = 0 \\ 4y^3 - 16y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x(x^2 - 4) = 0 \\ y(y^2 - 4) = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \vee x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y(y^2 - 4) = 0 \end{cases} \vee \begin{cases} x^2 - 4 = 0 \\ y(y^2 - 4) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = 0 \vee y^2 - 4 = 0$$

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$$\Downarrow$$

$$(0,0) \quad (0,\pm 2) \quad (\pm 2,0) \quad (\pm 2,\pm 2)$$

(four points)

3. Min/max f on $\mathbb{R}^2$

Existence: $f \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $\lim_{\infty} f = +\infty \Rightarrow f$ has not global max
but there's a global min.

Determination: Let (x,y) be a global min $\Rightarrow$
(Fermat) $\nabla f = \vec{0}$ (because $(x,y) \in \text{Int } \mathbb{R}^2$)
 $\Rightarrow (x,y)$ is one among
 $(0,0), (0,\pm 2), (\pm 2,0), (\pm 2,\pm 2)$.

To decide:

$$f(0,0) = 0$$

$$f(0,\pm 2) = f(\pm 2,0) = 16 - 8 \cdot 4 = -16$$

$$f(\pm 2,\pm 2) = 16 + 16 - 8(4+4) = 32 - 64 = -32$$

$\Rightarrow (\pm 2,\pm 2)$ are all global min pts for f on $\mathbb{R}^2$.

4. min/max f on $D = \{x^2 + y^2 \leq 9\}$

Existence: Clearly D is closed & bdd, thus compact, $f \in \mathcal{C}(D) \Rightarrow f$ has global

compact, $f \in \mathcal{C}(D) \Rightarrow f$ has global
min/max on D .

Determination: Let $(x,y) \in D$ be a global min/max
Then:

- IF $(x,y) \in \text{Int } D \Rightarrow (\text{Fermat}) \nabla f = 0 \Rightarrow$
 (x,y) is one among $(0,0), (\pm 2,0), (0,\pm 2),$
 $(\pm 2,\pm 2)$

Among these

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f(0,0) = 0 & , & f(0,\pm 2) = f(\pm 2,0) = -16 \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{max on Int } D & & \text{min on Int } D \\ & & f(\pm 2,\pm 2) = -32 \end{array}$$

- IF $(x,y) \in \text{Boundary } D \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 9 \Rightarrow$

$$f(x,y) = x^4 + y^4 - 8 \cdot 9$$

$$= x^4 + (9 - x^2)^2 - 72$$

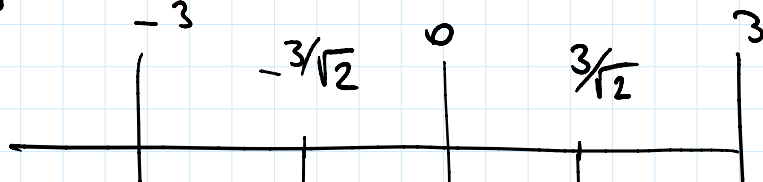
$$= x^4 + 81 - 18x^2 + x^4 - 72$$

$$= 2x^4 - 18x^2 + 9 = g(x)$$

$$x \in [-3, 3]$$

Let's study g on $[-3, 3]$:

$$g' = 8x^3 - 36x = 4x(2x^2 - 9)$$



x	-	-	+	+
$2x^2 - 9$	+	-	-	+
g'	-	+	-	+
g	↘	↗	↘	↗

$x = \pm 3, 0$ are max pts for g on $[-3, 3]$

$x = \pm 3/\sqrt{2}$ " min " " " " "

points $(\pm 3, 0), (0, \pm 3) \rightarrow f = 9$ (max on ∂D)

points $(\pm \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}, \pm \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}) \rightarrow f = 2 \frac{81}{42} - 72 = -\frac{63}{2}$ (min on ∂D)

Conclusion: Candidates for max

$(0, 0) \in \text{Int } D \quad f = 0$

$(\pm 3, 0), (0, \pm 3) \in \partial D \quad f = 9 \Leftarrow \text{global max } D$

Candidates for min

$(\pm 2, \pm 2) \in \text{Int } D \quad f = -32 \Leftarrow \text{global min } D$

$(\pm \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}, \pm \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}) \in \partial D \quad f = -\frac{63}{2} = -31.5$

