

§3.3 #10. **Solution.**  $\partial f/\partial x = \sin y$  and  $\partial f/\partial y = 1 + x \cos y$ . The first is zero when  $y = \pi k$  where  $k$  is any integer. Now  $\cos(\pi k)$  equals 1 if  $k$  is even and  $-1$  if  $k$  is odd. So we get an infinite number of critical points, namely  $(x, y) = (-1, \pi k)$  if  $k$  is even and  $(x, y) = (1, \pi k)$  when  $k$  is odd. Now  $\partial f/\partial x = \sin y$  and  $\partial f/\partial y = 1 + \cos y$  while  $\partial^2 f/\partial y^2 = -x \sin y$ . So the matrix of second partials is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cos y \\ \cos y & -x \sin y \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant is  $-\cos^2 y$  so when evaluated at any of the critical points this is negative. Therefore all the critical points are saddle points.

§3.3 #22 **Solution.** A point in the plane  $2x - y + 2z = 20$  looks like  $(x, 2x + 2z - 20, z)$  where we substituted for  $y$ . We want to minimize  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ . This is the same as minimizing  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  which should be computationally easier to do. Substituting for  $y$  we get the function

$$g(x, z) = x^2 + (2x + 2z - 20)^2 + z^2$$

where  $x, z$  can be any real numbers. Let's find the critical points.  $\partial g/\partial x = 2x + 2(2x + 2z - 20) = 10x + 8z - 80$  while  $\partial g/\partial z = 2(2x + 2z - 20) + 2z = 8x + 10z - 80$ . Solving

$$10x + 8z - 80 = 8x + 10z - 80 = 0$$

we get  $x = 5, y = 5$  as the only critical point. Now the matrix of mixed partials can easily be computed to equal

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10 & 8 \\ 8 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is positive definite (i.e.,  $10 > 0$  and  $100 - 64 > 0$ ). So  $(5, 5)$  is a minimum for  $g(x, z)$  and hence the closest point to the origin is  $(x, y, z) = (5, 0, 5)$ .

§3.3#34. Maximize  $f(x, y) = xy$  on the rectangle  $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$ .

**Solution.** We first check for critical points in the interior of the rectangle.  $\nabla f = (y, x)$ . This is  $(0, 0)$  only if  $x = y = 0$ . So this is a possible extrema of the function  $f$ . But we have yet to check the boundary. We can parametrize the boundary with the four curves

$$\begin{aligned} c_1(t) &= (t, -1) & c_2(t) &= (1, t) \\ c_3(t) &= (t, 1) & c_4(t) &= (-1, t) \end{aligned}$$

where in each curve  $-1 \leq t \leq 1$ . We now look for the min and max on the boundary by checking for the min and max of  $f(c_i(t))$  for each  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . For example  $f(c_1(t)) = -t$ . This has minimum at  $t = 1$  and max at  $t = -1$ . In other words the min occurs at  $(1, -1)$  and the max occurs at  $(-1, -1)$ . Checking all four curves we see that the absolute max of  $f$  on the square occurs at  $(1, 1)$  and  $(-1, -1)$  and the absolute min occurs at  $(1, -1)$  and  $(-1, 1)$ .