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Find the critical points of the function

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where (x, y) is restricted to points in the set

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Also, determine the maximum and the minimum values of $f(x, y)$ in S as well as all points (x, y) where these extreme values occur.

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The function $f(x, y)$ has 3 critical points. Calculate the three critical points and indicate (with justification) whether each determines a local maximum value of $f(x, y)$, a local minimum value of $f(x, y)$, or a saddle point of $f(x, y)$.

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- I promise not to forget endpoints in single variable max-min problems.
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- I will not study Lagrange multipliers.