

14.7, number 31: **Find the absolute maxima and absolute minima of  $f(x, y) = 2x^2 - 4x + y^2 - 4y + 1$  on the closed triangular plate bounded by the lines  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 2$ ,  $y = 2x$  in the first quadrant.**

**Answer:** There is a picture of the region on the next page. Observe that  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 2)$ , and  $(1, 2)$  are end points of the boundary. These are points of interest. After we have found all of the points of interest, we will evaluate  $f$  at each of these points.

Any point in the region where both partial derivatives are zero is a point of interest. We see that  $f_x = 4x - 4$  and  $f_y = 2y - 4$ . So  $(1, 2)$  is the only point in the region where both partial derivatives are zero. This is a point of interest. (Of course, we already know about this point.)

Now we look at  $f$  restricted to each part of the boundary.

The restriction of  $f$  to  $x = 0$  is

$$f|_{x=0}(y) = y^2 - 4y + 1.$$

We compute

$$\frac{d}{dy}(f|_{x=0}) = 2y - 4.$$

This derivative is zero when  $y = 2$ . The corresponding point in our region is  $(0, 2)$ . This is a point of interest. (Of course, we already know about this point.)

The restriction of  $f$  to  $y = 2$  is

$$f|_{y=2}(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 4 - 8 + 1.$$

We compute

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f|_{y=2}) = 4x - 4.$$

This derivative is zero when  $x = 1$ . The corresponding point in our region is  $(1, 2)$ . This is a point of interest. (We already know about this point of interest.)

The restriction of  $f$  to  $y = 2x$  is

$$f|_{y=2x}(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + (2x)^2 - 4(2x) + 1; \quad \text{or} \quad f|_{y=2x}(x) = 6x^2 - 12x + 1.$$

We compute

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f|_{y=2x}) = 12x - 12.$$

This derivative is zero when  $x = 1$ . The corresponding point in our region is  $(1, 2)$ . This is a point of interest. (Of course, we already know about this point.)

Now we calculate  $f$  at each point interest. The maximum value of  $f$  on the points of interest is the maximum of  $f$  on our region. The minimum

value of  $f$  on the points of interest is the minimum of  $f$  on our region.

Point of Interest	$f(\text{Point of Interest})$
$(0, 0)$	$2(0)^2 - 4(0) + (0)^2 - 4(0) + 1 = 1$
$(0, 2)$	$2(0)^2 - 4(0) + (2)^2 - 4(2) + 1 = -3$
$(1, 2)$	$2(1)^2 - 4(1) + (2)^2 - 4(2) + 1 = -5$

The maximum of  $f$  on our region occurs at  $(0, 0, 1)$ .  
The minimum of  $f$  on our region occurs at  $(1, 2, -5)$ .

Picture for 14.7 Number 31

Our region is

