

14.7, S19-e3-4: Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum of

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

on the triangular region in the first quadrant bounded by the lines $x = 0$, $y = 0$, and $y = 9 - x$.

Answer:

See the picture page for a picture of the domain.

We find all points in the interior where both partials vanish. Observe that $f_x = 2 - 2x$ and $f_y = 4 - 2y$. Both partials vanish at $(1, 2)$. This point is in the interior.

We find all points on $x = 0$ with $0 \leq y \leq 9$ where the derivative of $f(0, y) = 2 + 4y - y^2$ is zero. The derivative is $4 - 2y$. This is zero when $y = 2$. We must study $(0, 2)$.

We find all points on $y = 0$ with $0 \leq x \leq 9$ where the derivative of $f(x, 0) = 2 + 2x - x^2$ is zero. The derivative is $2 - 2x$. The derivative is zero when $x = 1$. We must study $(1, 0)$.

We find all points on $y = 9 - x$ with $0 \leq x \leq 9$ where the derivative of $f(x, 9 - x) = 2 + 2x + 4(9 - x) - x^2 - (9 - x)^2$ is zero. The derivative is $2 - 4 - 2x + 2(9 - x) = 16 - 4x$. The derivative is zero when $x = 4$. We must study $(4, 5)$.

We must also study the end points of the boundary; namely, $(0, 0)$, $(0, 9)$, and $(9, 0)$.

We plug all 7 candidates into f :

$$f(1, 2) = 2 + 2 + 8 - 1 - 4 = 7$$

$$f(0, 2) = 2 + 8 - 4 = 6$$

$$f(1, 0) = 2 + 2 - 1 = 3$$

$$f(4, 5) = 2 + 8 + 20 - 16 - 25 = -11$$

$$f(0, 0) = 2$$

$$f(0, 9) = 2 + 36 - 81 = -43$$

$$f(9, 0) = 2 + 18 - 81 = -61$$

The maximum point of f on the given domain is $(1, 2, 7)$.
The minimum point of f on the given domain is $(9, 0, -61)$.