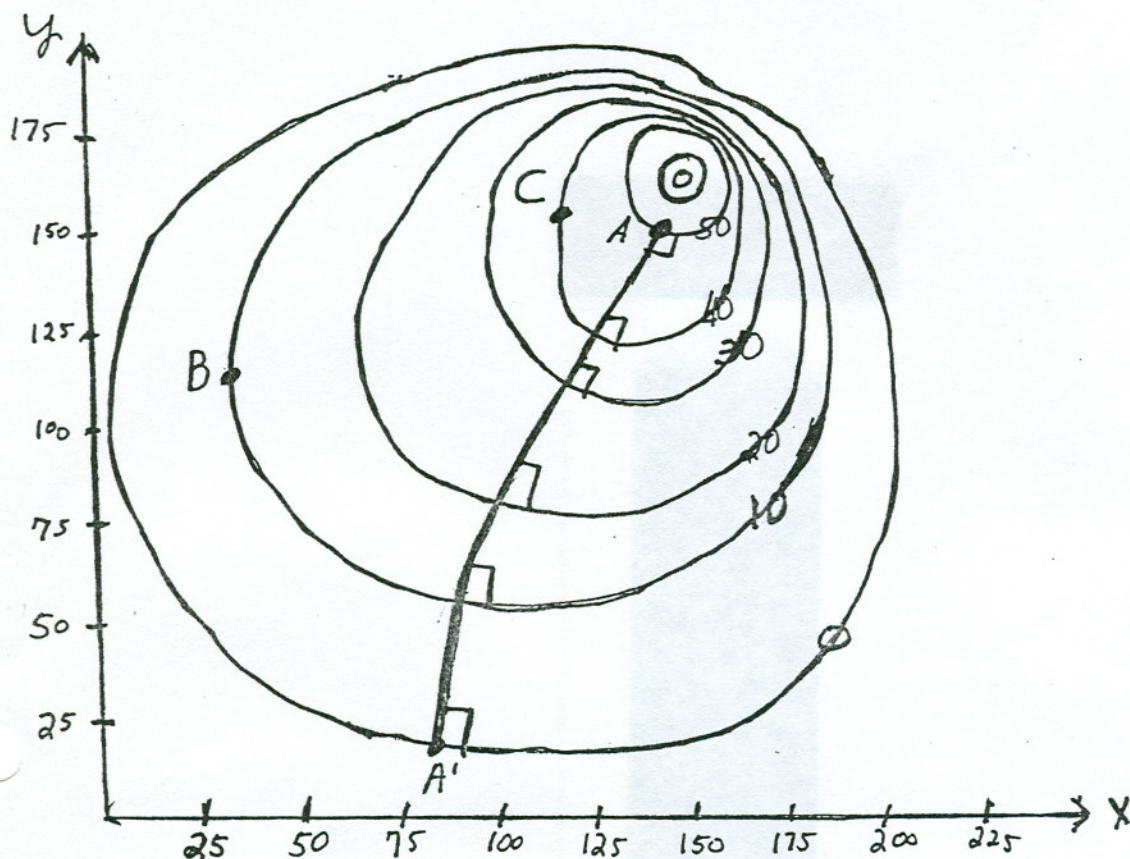


7. The picture shows the contour map for a hill 70 feet high, which we assume has the equation  $z = f(x, y)$ .



- (a) A raindrop landing on the hill at point  $A$  will reach the  $xy$ -plane at  $A'$ , by following the path of steepest descent from  $A$ . Draw the path from  $A$  to  $A'$ .
- (b) What are the coordinates of the point  $A'$ ?

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- (c) Estimate  $f_x$  at the point  $B$ .  $f_x \approx \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta x} = \frac{10}{35}$

- (d) Estimate  $f_y$  at the point  $B$ .  $f_y \approx 0$  because  $\vec{j} \perp$  the level set at  $B$

- (e) Estimate  $D_{\vec{u}}f$  at the point  $C$ , where  $\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{i} + \vec{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

$$D_{\vec{u}}f \approx \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta s \text{ in } \vec{u} \text{ direction}} = \frac{10}{25}$$

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