

11. Find the directional derivative of $f(x, y) = y^3 \ln x$ at the point $(1, 2)$ in the direction of $\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\vec{i} - \vec{j})$. Note $|\vec{u}| = 1$

$$D_{\vec{u}} f|_{P_t} = \vec{\nabla} f|_{P_t} \cdot \vec{u} = \left(\frac{y^3}{x} \vec{i} + 3y^2 \ln x \vec{j} \right) \Big|_{(1,2)} \cdot \vec{u} = (8\vec{i} + 0\vec{j}) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \vec{i} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \vec{j} \right)$$

$$= \frac{8}{\sqrt{2}}$$

12. Find all local maximum points, all local minimum points, and all saddle points of $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 6xy$.

$$f_x = 3x^2 - 6y$$

$$f_y = 3y^2 - 6x$$

Both partials vanishes

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

$$\text{and } 3y^2 - 6x = 0$$

$$\text{So } y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

$$\text{and } \frac{3}{4}x^4 - 6x = 0$$

$$3x^4 - 24x = 0$$

$$3x(x^3 - 8) = 0$$

$$\text{So } x = 0 \text{ or } x = 2$$

$$\text{and } y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

The critical points are

$$(0, 0) \quad (2, 2)$$

$$f_{xx} = 6x \quad f_{xy} = -6$$

$$f_{yy} = 6y$$

at $(0, 0)$:

$$D = f_{xx} f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$$

$$= 0 - 36 < 0$$

So $(0, 0)$ is a saddle point

at $(2, 2)$

$$D = 12 \cdot 12 - (-36) > 0$$

$$f_{xx} = 12 > 0$$

$(2, 2, f(2, 2))$ is a local min