

Topic: Maxima and Minima: case of several variables.

Questions:

[Unconstrained Optimisation].

① Find the stationary values and test whether they are maximum or minimum for  $(Z = 3x^2 + 6xy + 7y^2)$

② Find the stationary values and examine their nature for  $Z = 5x^2 + 3y^2 - 15xy$ .

③ Show that the only stationary point the function  $Z = 4x^2 - 2y^2 + 7xy$  has is a saddle point.

④ The revenue function of a firm is given by

$$R = 50x_1 + 500x_2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_1x_2$$

where  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are product of two different cost functions,  $C_1 = 3x_1^2 + 33$

$$C_2 = 4x_2^2 + 44$$

Find maximum profit firm can make.

maximize?  $\rightarrow x_1$  and  $x_2$

⑤

Let cost fn be  $C = 10 + 15x$  of a firm that faces demand curves

$$P_1 = 55 - 2x_1$$

$$P_2 = 25 - 5x_2$$

in two markets. Find  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  that max profit. Also find  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

single variable fn  $\rightarrow$

$$y = f(x)$$

↑  
one indep variable.

... variable fn

$$f(x, y)$$

✓ several variable  $f_n$   
(more than one indep variable)  $\rightarrow$

$$y = f(x_1, x_2)$$

Maximisation

✓  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1}$  or  $f_1 = 0$

✓  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2}$  or  $f_2 = 0$

Minimisation

$f_1 = 0$

$f_2 = 0$

F.O.C  
(Necessary)

S.O.C  
(Sufficiency)

✗  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_1^2}$  or  $f_{11} < 0$

✗  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_2^2}$  or  $f_{22} < 0$

✗  $f_{11} f_{22} > (f_{12})^2$

✗  $f_{11} > 0$

✗  $f_{22} > 0$

✗  $f_{11} f_{22} > (f_{12})^2$

Special condition:

a) a saddle point if  $f_{11} f_{22} < (f_{12})^2$   
and  $f_{11}$  and  $f_{22}$  have opp signs  
(or different signs)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } f_{11} > 0 \\ \text{then } f_{22} < 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{or} \\ f_{11} < 0 \\ \text{then } f_{22} > 0 \end{array}$$

b) a point of inflexion if  $f_{11} f_{22} < (f_{12})^2$   
and  $f_{11}$  and  $f_{22}$  have same sign.

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# SOLUTIONS :

sign.

→ We are given,  $Z = 3x^2 + 6xy + 7y^2$

f.o.c.s  
 $f_x = \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} = 6x + 6y = 0$  — ①

$$f_y = \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} = 6x + 14y = 0$$
 — ②

Solving ① and ②,

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x + 6y = 0 \\ 6x + 14y = 0 \\ \hline -8y = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0$$

To check S.O.C, we have to find,

$$f_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial x^2} = 6 > 0$$

$$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial y^2} = 14 > 0$$

$$f_{xy} = 6$$
$$f_{xy}^2 = 36$$

$$\text{Now, } f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} = 6 \times 14 = 84 > 36 (= f_{xy}^2)$$

$\therefore$  at  $x=0, y=0 \Rightarrow Z$  is minimised.

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$$\rightarrow Z = 3x^2 + 6xy + 7y^2 - 15x + 2y$$



Since  $f_{xx}$  and  $f_{yy}$  have same sign  $\therefore$  the nature of the function is that at pt  $(0,0)$  the fn will have inflexion point. (ans)

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③  
F.O.C

$$z = 4x^2 - 2y^2 + 7xy$$

$$f_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x + 7y = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$f_y = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4y + 7x = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Solving (1) and (2), we get  $(x=0 \text{ and } y=0)$

S.O.C

$$f_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = 8 > 0$$

$$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = -4 < 0$$

$$f_{xy} = 7$$

$$f_{xy}^2 = 49$$

$$f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} = -32$$

Since  $-32 < 49$   
 $\therefore f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} < f_{xy}^2$

Since  $f_{xx}$  and  $f_{yy}$  have opposite signs and  $f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} < f_{xy}^2$ ,  
 $\therefore$  fn  $z$  has a saddle point.

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Given:  $R = 50x_1 + 500x_2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_1x_2$

$$C_1 = 3x_1^2 + 33$$
$$TC = C_1 + C_2$$

$$C_2 = 4x_2^2 + 44$$

Profit function,  $\pi = TR - TC$

$$= (50x_1 + 500x_2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_1x_2) - (3x_1^2 + 33 + 4x_2^2 + 44)$$

$$\pi = -4x_1^2 - 5x_2^2 + 50x_1 + 500x_2 - x_1x_2 - 77$$

(1)

For profit maximisation,

$$\text{FOC} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial x_1} = \pi_1 = 0 \Rightarrow -8x_1 + 50 - x_2 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow 8x_1 + x_2 = 50 \quad \text{--- (2) } \times 10$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial x_2} = \pi_2 = 0 \Rightarrow -10x_2 + 500 - x_1 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow x_1 + 10x_2 = 500 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Solving (2) and (3):

$$\begin{array}{r} 80x_1 + 10x_2 = 500 \\ -x_1 + 10x_2 = 500 \\ \hline 79x_1 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

from (3)  $\Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{500}{10} = 50$

c.o.c



$$\pi = -1$$

S.O.C

$$\pi_{11} = -8 < 0$$

$$\pi_{22} = -10 < 0$$

$$\pi_{11}\pi_{22} = 80$$

$$\pi_{12}^2 = -1$$

$$\pi_{12}^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore 80 > 1$$

$$\therefore \pi_{11}\pi_{22} > \pi_{12}^2$$

$\therefore$  at  $x_1=0$  and  $x_2=50$   $\pi$  is maximized.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \max \pi &= 50x_1 + 500x_2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_1x_2 - 3x_1^2 - 4x_2^2 - 77 \\ &= 12423 \text{ (ans)} \end{aligned}$$

Total cost of  $x$   $\leftarrow x_1$  \*  $\rightarrow$   
 $\leftarrow x_2$

$$C = 10 + 15x$$

$$x = x_1 + x_2$$

$$P_1 = 55 - 2x_1$$

$$TR_1 = P_1 \cdot x_1 = 55x_1 - 2x_1^2$$

$$P_2 = 25 - 5x_2$$

$$TR_2 = P_2 \cdot x_2 = 25x_2 - 5x_2^2$$

$$TR = TR_1 + TR_2$$

$$\pi = TR - TC$$

$$= (55x_1 - 2x_1^2 + 25x_2 - 5x_2^2) - (10 + 15x_1 + 15x_2)$$

$$+ 25x_2$$

$$\Pi = -2x_1^2 - 5x_2^2 + 40x_1 + 10x_2 - 10 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

To maximise  $\Pi \Rightarrow$  F.O.C requires,

$$\Pi_1 = 0 \Rightarrow -4x_1 + 40 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x_1 = 10}$$

$$\Pi_2 = 0 \Rightarrow -10x_2 + 10 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x_2 = 1}$$

S.O.C :  $\Pi_{11} = -4 < 0$

$$\Pi_{22} = -10 < 0$$

$$\Pi_{11} \cdot \Pi_{22} = 40$$

$$\therefore \Pi_{11} \Pi_{22} > \Pi_{12}^2$$

$$\Pi_{12} = 0$$

$\therefore$  As  $x_1 = 10$  and  $x_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \Pi$  is maximised.

$$\therefore P_1 = 55 - 2x_1 = 55 - 2 \times 10$$

$$= 55 - 20$$
$$\boxed{P_1 = 35}$$

$$P_2 = 25 - 5x_2$$

$$= 25 - 5$$

$$\boxed{P_2 = 20}$$

(ans).