

## Application of partial derivatives

### Directional derivative

To find the directional derivative of  $z = f(x, y)$  at the point  $P$  in direction of vector  $\vec{s} = (\Delta x; \Delta y)$  we use the formula

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial \vec{s}} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cos \alpha + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cos \beta$$

where partial derivatives are evaluated at  $P$  and directional cosines  $\cos \alpha$  and  $\cos \beta$  are coordinates of unit vector  $\vec{s}^0$  in direction of vector  $\vec{s}$ , i.e.

$$\vec{s}^0 = \left( \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta \vec{s}}, \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta \vec{s}} \right) = (\cos \alpha; \cos \beta)$$

The directional derivative of function of three variables  $w = f(x, y, z)$  will be evaluated by the formula

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \vec{s}} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cos \alpha + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cos \beta + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cos \gamma$$

1. Find the derivative  $z = x^3 - 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + 1$  at the point  $M(3; 1)$  towards the point  $N(6; 5)$

*Solution*

First we evaluate partial derivatives at  $M$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 3x^2 - 6xy + 3y^2 \Big|_{M(3;1)} = 12$$

and

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -3x^2 + 6xy \Big|_{M(3;1)} = -9$$

Next, the length on vector  $\vec{s} = \overrightarrow{MN} = (3; 4)$  is  $\Delta \vec{s} = 5$ . Consequently directional cosines are

$$(\cos \alpha; \cos \beta) = \left( \frac{3}{5}; \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

and by the formula

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial \vec{s}} = 12 \cdot \frac{3}{5} - 9 \cdot \frac{4}{5} = 0$$

2. Find the derivative  $z = \ln(e^x + e^y)$  at the origin in the direction that forms the angle  $30^\circ$  with  $x$ -axis.

*Solution*

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{e^x}{e^x + e^y} \Big|_{O(0;0)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

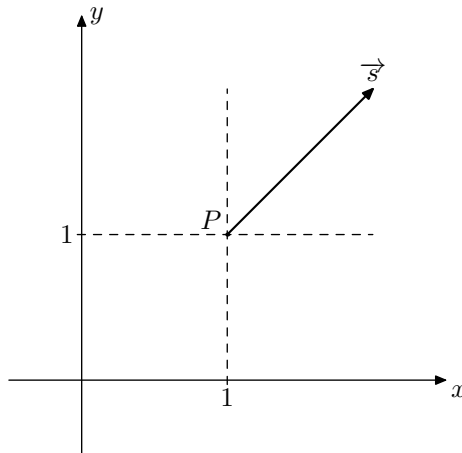
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{e^y}{e^x + e^y} \Big|_{O(0;0)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\vec{s} = (\cos 30^\circ; \cos 60^\circ) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}; \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial \vec{s}} = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{4}$$

3. Find the derivative  $z = \arctan(xy)$  at point  $P(1;1)$  in direction of the bisectrix of the first quarter of coordinate plane.

*Solution*



First we evaluate partial derivatives at  $P$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{y}{1 + x^2 y^2} \Big|_P = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{x}{1 + x^2 y^2} \Big|_P = \frac{1}{2}$$

The angle between bisectrix of the first quarter of coordinate plane and  $x$ -axis ( $y$ -axis) is  $45^\circ$ , so

$$\vec{s}^0 = (\cos 45^\circ; \cos 45^\circ) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}; \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)$$

and by the formula

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial \vec{s}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

4. Find the derivative  $w = xyz$  at point  $A(5; 1; 2)$  in direction that leads from  $A$  to  $B(9; 4; 14)$ .

*Solution*

Partial derivatives of  $w$  at  $A$  are

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = yz \Big|_A = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = xz \Big|_A = 10$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = xy \Big|_A = 5$$

The length of direction vector  $\vec{s} = \overrightarrow{AB} = (4; 3; 12)$  is 13, i.e. directional cosines are

$$(\cos \alpha; \cos \beta; \cos \gamma) = \left( \frac{4}{13}; \frac{3}{13}; \frac{12}{13} \right)$$

and according to the formula for three-dimensional case

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial \vec{s}} = 2 \cdot \frac{4}{13} + 10 \cdot \frac{3}{13} + 5 \cdot \frac{12}{13} = \frac{98}{13}$$

5. Find the derivative  $w = \sin(yz) + \ln x^2$  at point  $(1; 1; \pi)$  in the direction of vector  $\vec{s} = (1; 1; -1)$ .

*Solution*

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \frac{2}{x} \Big|_{(1;1;\pi)} = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = z \cos(yz) \Big|_{(1;1;\pi)} = -\pi$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = y \cos(yz) \Big|_{(1;1;\pi)} = -1$$

$$\Delta \vec{s} = \sqrt{1 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\vec{s^0} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}; \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}; -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \vec{s}} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \pi \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3 - \pi}{\sqrt{3}}$$

6. Find the derivative  $w = xy^2 + z^3 - xyz$  at point  $(2; 1; 1)$  in the direction that forms the angles  $60^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  with  $x$ -,  $y$ - and  $z$ -axes, respectively.

*Solution*

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = y^2 - yz \Big|_{(2;1;1)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = 2xy - xz \Big|_{(2;1;1)} = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 3z^2 - xy \Big|_{(2;1;1)} = 1$$

$$\vec{s^0} = \left( \frac{1}{2}; \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}; \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \vec{s}} = \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$

### Gradient of scalar field

The gradient of scalar field  $z = f(x, y)$  is

$$\text{grad } z = \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)$$

The gradient of scalar field  $w = f(x, y, z)$  is

$$\text{grad } w = \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right)$$

7. Find the gradient of scalar field  $z = \sqrt{4 + x^2 + y^2}$  at the point  $A(2; 1)$

*Solution* We find the partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4 + x^2 + y^2}} \cdot 2x = \frac{x}{\sqrt{4 + x^2 + y^2}}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4 + x^2 + y^2}} \cdot 2y = \frac{y}{\sqrt{4 + x^2 + y^2}}$$

Now,  $\text{grad } z$  at  $A(2; 1)$  is

$$\text{grad } z = \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{4 + x^2 + y^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{4 + x^2 + y^2}} \right) \Big|_A = \left( \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

8. Find the gradient of scalar field  $z = \arcsin \frac{x}{x + y}$  at the point  $B(1; 1)$

9. Find  $\text{grad } z$  for  $z = \arctan \frac{y}{x}$

*Solution*

$$\text{grad } z = \left( -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

10. Find  $\text{grad } u$  for  $u = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

*Solution*

$$\text{grad } z = \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}, \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}(x; y; z)$$

For exercises 5., 6. and 7. let's recall a conclusion: *the directional derivative has the greatest value in the direction of the gradient and equals to the length of the gradient.*

- 11.** Find the greatest ascent on the surface  $z = x^y$  at the point  $(2; 2; 4)$

*Solution.* Let us find the gradient at  $(2; 2)$

$$\text{grad } z = (yx^{y-1}; x^y \ln x) \Big|_{(2;2)} = (4; 4 \ln 2)$$

and the length of this vector

$$|\text{grad } z| = 4\sqrt{1 + \ln^2 2}$$

This length is the greatest ascent on the surface.

- 12.** Find the greatest rate of growth of  $z = \ln(x^2 + 4y^2)$  at the point  $(6; 4; \ln 100)$

*Solution.* The gradient

$$\text{grad } z = \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 + 4y^2}; \frac{8y}{x^2 + 4y^2} \right) \Big|_{(6;4)} = \left( \frac{3}{25}; \frac{8}{25} \right) = \frac{1}{25}(3; 8)$$

and the length of gradient

$$|\text{grad } z| = \frac{\sqrt{73}}{25}$$

is the greatest rate of growth at  $(6; 4; \ln 100)$ .

- 13.** Find the greatest rate of change of  $w = x \sin z - y \cos z$  at the point  $O(0; 0; 0)$

*Solution.* The gradient

$$\text{grad } w = (\sin z; -\cos z; x \cos z + y \sin z) \Big|_O = (0; -1; 0)$$

and the length of gradient  $|\text{grad } w| = 1$  is the greatest rate of change at the origin.

## Divergence and curl of vector field

The divergence of a vector field

$$\vec{F} = (X(x, y, z); Y(x, y, z); Z(x, y, z))$$

is the scalar

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial z}$$

and the curl of vector field  $\vec{F}$  is the vector

$$\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = \left( \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Y}{\partial z}; \frac{\partial X}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x}; \frac{\partial Y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial X}{\partial y} \right)$$

14. Find the divergence and curl of vector field  $\vec{F} = (x^2yz; xy^2z; xyz^2)$

*Solution.*

In this exercise  $X = x^2yz$ ,  $Y = xy^2z$  and  $Z = xyz^2$ . Thus, the divergence

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2yz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xy^2z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xyz^2) = 2xyz + 2xyz + 2xyz = 6xyz$$

and the curl

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xyz^2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xy^2z); \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x^2yz) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xyz^2); \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xy^2z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2yz) \right) = \\ &= (xz^2 - xy^2; x^2y - yz^2; y^2z - x^2z) = (x(z^2 - y^2); y(x^2 - z^2); z(y^2 - x^2)) \end{aligned}$$

15. Find the divergence and curl of vector field  $\vec{F} = (x(y+z); y(x+z); z(x+y))$

*Answer.*

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = 2(x + y + z)$$

$$\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = (z - y; x - z; y - x)$$

16. Find  $\operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad} w$  and  $\operatorname{curl} \operatorname{grad} w$  for scalar field  $w = \ln(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$

*Solution.*

$$\operatorname{grad} w = \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}; \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}; \frac{2z}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right) = \frac{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - 2x \cdot 2x}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2} = \frac{2(y^2 + z^2 - x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right) = \frac{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - 2y \cdot 2y}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2} = \frac{2(x^2 + z^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{2z}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right) = \frac{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - 2z \cdot 2z}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2} = \frac{2(x^2 + y^2 - z^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2}$$

$$\operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad} w = \frac{2(y^2 + z^2 - x^2 + x^2 + z^2 - y^2 + x^2 + y^2 - z^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2}$$

$$\operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad} w = \frac{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2} = \frac{2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

First coordinate of curl vector

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{2z}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right) = \\ & 2z \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2} \right) \cdot 2y - 2y \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2} \right) \cdot 2z = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\operatorname{curl} \operatorname{grad} w = (0; 0; 0)$$

Gradient field is irrotational.

- 17.** Find  $\operatorname{div}(w \vec{F})$  if  $w = \varphi(x, y, z)$  is scalar field  $\vec{F} = (X, Y, Z)$  is vector field.

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(w \vec{F}) &= \operatorname{div}(wX; wY; wZ) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(wX) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(wY) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(wZ) = \\ &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot X + w \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot Y + w \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot Z + w \frac{\partial Z}{\partial z} = \\ &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot X + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot Y + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot Z + w \left( \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial z} \right) = \\ &= \operatorname{grad} w \cdot \vec{F} + w \cdot \operatorname{div} \vec{F} \end{aligned}$$

- 18.** Find  $\operatorname{curl}(\vec{F} \times \vec{c})$  if  $\vec{F} = (X, Y, Z)$  and  $\vec{c} = (c_1; c_2; c_3)$  is a constant vector.



19. Prove that  $\text{curl}(w \vec{F}) = \text{grad } w \times \vec{F} + w \cdot \text{curl } \vec{F}$
20. Prove that  $\text{curl curl } \vec{F} = \text{grad div } \vec{F} - \Delta \vec{F}$

### Local extrema of function of two variables

Let  $P_0 = (x_0; y_0)$  be a stationary point of function  $z = f(x, y)$ , i.e. a solution of the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Let us denote the values of second order partial derivatives at  $P_0$

$$A = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{P_0}, \quad B = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \Big|_{P_0} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \Big|_{P_0}$$

Sufficient conditions for existence of a local extremum.

1. If  $AC - B^2 > 0$  and  $A < 0$  then the function  $z = f(x, y)$  has a local maximum at  $P_0$ .
  2. If  $AC - B^2 > 0$  and  $A > 0$  then the function  $z = f(x, y)$  has a local minimum at  $P_0$ .
  3. If  $AC - B^2 < 0$  then the function  $z = f(x, y)$  has no local extremum at  $P_0$ . The point  $P_0$  is called the saddle point of function  $z = f(x, y)$ .
21. Find local extrema of function  $z = 4(x - y) - x^2 - y^2$

*Solution.* Partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 4 - 2x \qquad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -4 - 2y$$

The system of equations

$$\begin{cases} 4 - 2x = 0 \\ -4 - 2y = 0 \end{cases}$$

has one solution

$$\begin{cases} x = 2 \\ y = -2 \end{cases}$$

i.e. the function has one stationary point  $P_0(2; -2)$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = -2, \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = -2$$

$$A = -2, \quad B = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad C = -2$$

To apply the theorem, we evaluate

$$AC - B^2 = -2 \cdot (-2) - 0^2 = 4$$

Hence  $AC - B^2 > 0$  and  $A < 0$  and by the first statement of theorem the function has a local maximum at  $(2; -2)$

*Answer.* The function has at  $(2; -2)$  a local maximum  $z_{max} = 8$

**22.** Find local extrema of function  $z = x^2 + xy + y^2 + x - y + 1$

*Solution.* Partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x + y + 1$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x + 2y - 1$$

The system of equations

$$\begin{cases} 2x + y + 1 = 0 \\ x + 2y - 1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

has one solution  $x = -1$  and  $y = 1$ , i.e. there is one stationary point  $P(-1; 1)$ . Second order partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = 2, \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 2$$

Because all of these three are constants (does not depend on point), we have

$$A = 2, \quad B = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad C = 2$$

To apply the theorem, we evaluate

$$AC - B^2 = 2 \cdot 2 - 1^2 = 3$$

Hence  $AC - B^2 > 0$  and  $A > 0$  and by the second statement of theorem the function has a local minimum at  $(-1; 1)$  and this local minimum equals

$$z_{min} = 0$$

- 23.** Find local extrema of function  $z = x^3 + y^2 - 6xy - 39x + 18y + 20$

*Solution.* Partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 3x^2 - 6y - 39$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2y - 6x + 18$$

To find stationary points, we need to solve the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} 3x^2 - 6y - 39 = 0 \\ 2y - 6x + 18 = 0 \end{cases}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} x^2 - 2y - 13 = 0 \\ y - 3x + 9 = 0 \end{cases}$$

We solve the second equation for  $y$ ,  $y = 3x - 9$  and substitute  $y$  into the first equation. The result is a quadratic equation

$$x^2 - 2(3x - 9) - 13 = 0$$

or

$$x^2 - 6x + 5 = 0$$

which has two roots  $x_1 = 1$  and  $x_2 = 5$ . Related values of  $y$  are  $y_1 = -6$  and  $y_2 = 6$ . Hence, this function has two stationary points  $P_1(1; -6)$  and  $P_2(5; 6)$

Next, second order partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = 6x, \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = -6 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 2$$

We have two constants

$$B = -6 \quad \text{and} \quad C = 2$$

For the first point  $P_1(1; -6)$  the value of  $A$  will be  $A = 6 \cdot 1 = 6$  and

$$AC - B^2 = 6 \cdot 2 - (-6)^2 = -24$$

According to the third statement of theorem the function has no local extremum at  $P_1(1; -6)$  or this point is a saddle point of function given.

For the second stationary point  $P_2(5; 6)$  the value of  $A$  will be  $A = 6 \cdot 5 = 30$  and

$$AC - B^2 = 30 \cdot 2 - (-6)^2 = 24$$

According to the second statement of theorem the function has a local minimum at  $P_2(5; 6)$  and this local minimum equals

$$z_{min} = -86$$

- 24.** Find local extrema of function  $z = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x - 12y$

*Solution.* Partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 15$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 6xy - 12$$

To find stationary points, we have to solve the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 15 = 0 \\ 6xy - 12 = 0 \end{cases}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 - 5 = 0 \\ xy - 2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

To use substitution, we solve the second equation for  $y$ ,  $y = \frac{2}{x}$  and substitute  $y$  into the first equation. The result is the equation

$$x^2 + \frac{4}{x^2} - 5 = 0$$

or

$$x^4 - 5x^2 + 4 = 0$$

This is a quadratic equation with respect to  $x^2$  and has two roots  $x^2 = 1$  and  $x^2 = 4$ . So we have four different roots of the equation  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = -1$ ,  $x_3 = 2$  and  $x_4 = -2$ . Related values of  $y$  are  $y_1 = 2$  and

$y_2 = -2$ ,  $y_3 = 1$  and  $y_4 = -1$ . Hence, this function has four stationary points  $P_1(1; 2)$ ,  $P_2(-1; -2)$ ,  $P_3(2; 1)$  and  $P_4(-2; -1)$

Second order partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = 6x, \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = 6y \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 6x$$

For the first stationary point  $P_1(1; 2)$  we get  $A = 6 \cdot 1 = 6$ ,  $B = 6 \cdot 2 = 12$  and  $C = 6 \cdot 1 = 6$ . To apply the theorem we evaluate

$$AC - B^2 = 6 \cdot 6 - 12^2 = -108$$

and by theorem  $P_1(1; 2)$  is a saddle point of the function.

For the second stationary point  $P_2(-1; -2)$  we get  $A = 6 \cdot (-1) = -6$ ,  $B = 6 \cdot (-2) = -12$  and  $C = 6 \cdot (-1) = -6$ . We evaluate again

$$AC - B^2 = -6 \cdot (-6) - (-12)^2 = -108$$

to conclude that  $P_2(-1; -2)$  is another saddle point of the function.

For the third stationary point  $P_3(2; 1)$  we get  $A = 6 \cdot 2 = 12$ ,  $B = 6 \cdot 1 = 6$  and  $C = 6 \cdot 2 = 12$ . Let us evaluate

$$AC - B^2 = 12 \cdot 12 - 6^2 = 108$$

So,  $AC - B^2 > 0$  and  $A > 0$  and the function has at  $P_3(2; 1)$  a local minimum  $z_{min} = -28$

For the fourth stationary point  $P_4(-2; -1)$  we get  $A = 6 \cdot (-2) = -12$ ,  $B = 6 \cdot (-1) = -6$  and  $C = 6 \cdot (-2) = -12$ . In this case

$$AC - B^2 = (-12) \cdot (-12) - (-6)^2 = 108$$

So,  $AC - B^2 > 0$  and  $A < 0$  and the function has at  $P_4(-2; -1)$  a local maximum  $z_{max} = 28$

- 25.** Find local extrema of function  $z = \ln x + \ln y + \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{8}{y^2}$
- 26.** Prove that the function  $z = x^2 + xy + y^2 + \frac{a^3}{x} + \frac{a^3}{y}$  has at the point  $\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt[3]{3}}; \frac{a}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)$  local minimum.