

Problem 4. Find the extreme values of the function $f(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2$ on the unit ball $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}$.

In the interior ^{of the ball}, look for critical pts of f :

$$\nabla f = (6x, 2y, 4z) = 0 \quad \text{at } (x, y, z) = 0, \text{ at which } f(0) = 0.$$

On the boundary, use Lagrange's method:

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla G, \text{ where } G = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1$$

$$(6x, 2y, 4z) = \lambda (2x, 2y, 2z)$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x = \lambda x & \Leftrightarrow & x = 0 & \text{or} & \lambda = 3 \\ y = \lambda y & & y = 0 & \text{or} & \lambda = 1 \\ 2z = \lambda z & & z = 0 & \text{or} & \lambda = 2 \end{cases}$$

~~$z = \pm 1$~~ or ~~$x = \pm 1$~~

$$f(\pm 1, 0, 0) = 3, \quad f(0, \pm 1, 0) = 1, \quad f(0, 0, \pm 1) = 2$$

Thus, the min value is 0 at $(0, 0, 0)$ and the max one is 3 at $(\pm 1, 0, 0)$.

Why not check up all your work?