



**Note:** As sections 14.1 - 14.5 were covered in the WIR session last week, this WIR session focuses on the remaining sections (that is, 14.6 - 14.8). Students are strongly encouraged to review last week's WIR session.

**Example 1 (14.1).** Sketch the level curves of

(a)  $f(x, y) = e^x + y$  at  $z = 1, 2, 3$ .

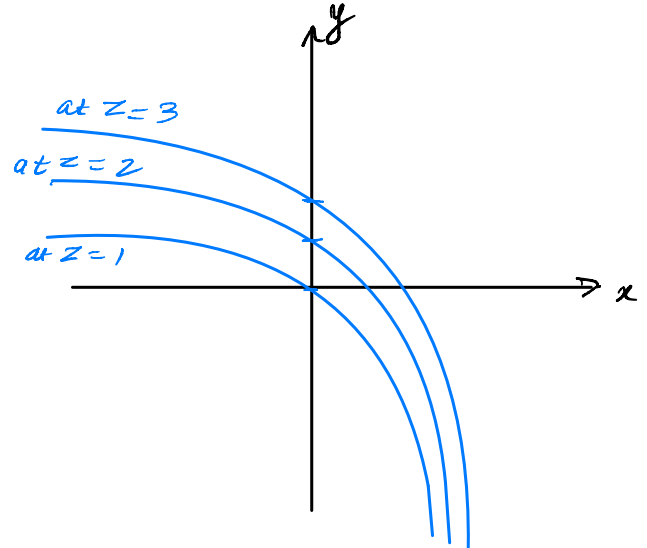
Let  $z = c$ , a constant in the range of  $f$ .

Then  $e^x + y = c \Rightarrow y = -e^x + c$

In particular,  $c = 1 \Rightarrow y = -e^x + 1$

$c = 2 \Rightarrow y = -e^x + 2$

$c = 3 \Rightarrow y = -e^x + 3$



(b)  $f(x, y) = e^{x^2+y^2}$  at  $z = 1, 2, 3$ .

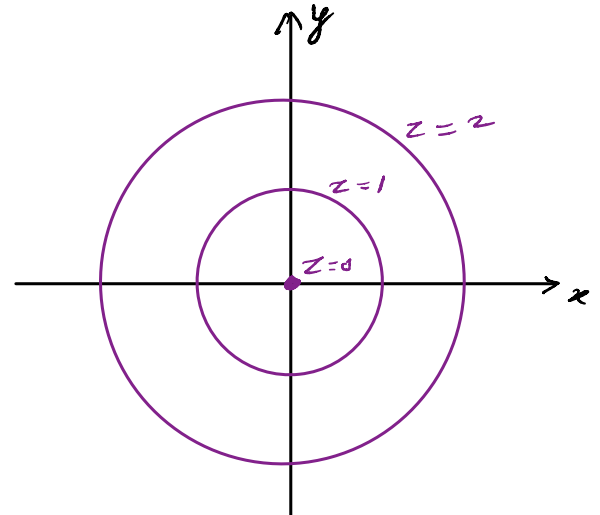
$z = c$  with  $c > 1 \Rightarrow c = e^{x^2+y^2}$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = \ln c$

In particular,  $c = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 0$

$c = 2 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = \ln 2$

$c = 3 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = \ln 3$



(b)  $f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + 9y^2)$  at  $z = 1, 2, 3$ .

$z = c$ , where  $c$  is a constant implies

$\ln(x^2 + 9y^2) = c$

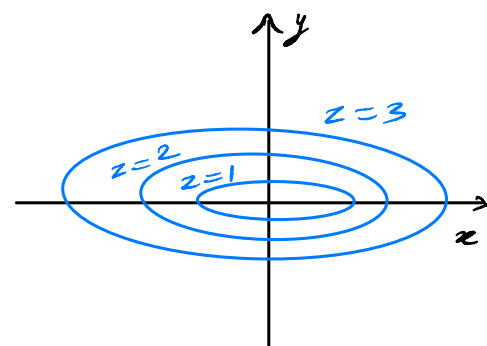
$\Rightarrow x^2 + 9y^2 = e^c \Rightarrow$

$\frac{x^2}{e^c} + \frac{y^2}{e^c/9} = 1$

In particular,  $z = c = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{e} + \frac{y^2}{e/9} = 1$

$z = c = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{e^2} + \frac{y^2}{e^2/9} = 1$

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**Example 2** (14.4). Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = ye^{xy}. \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} \quad f(0, 3) = 3$$

$a \quad b$

(a) Find the linearization of the function at the point  $(0, 3)$ .

(b) Use differentials or the linearization to estimate  $(2.98)e^{(0.03)(2.98)}$ .

$$(a) \quad f_x(x, y) = y^2 e^{xy} \Rightarrow f_x(0, 3) = 9$$

$$f_y(x, y) = e^{xy} + xy e^{xy} \Rightarrow f_y(0, 3) = 1$$

The linearization  $L$  at  $(a, b)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, y) &= f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x-a) + f_y(a, b)(y-b) \\ &= 3 + 9(x-0) + 1(y-3) \end{aligned}$$

$$L(x, y) = 9x + y$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad (2.98)e^{(0.03)(2.98)} &= f(0.03, 2.98) \approx L(0.03, 2.98) \\ &= 9(0.03) + 2.98 \\ &= 3.25 \end{aligned}$$



**Example 3** (14.4). The radius and height of a right circular cone are measured as 6 ft and 10 ft, respectively, with a possible error of at most 0.1 ft. Use differentials to estimate the maximum error in the calculated volume of the cone.

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h. \quad dV = ? \text{ when } r=6, h=10, dr=dh=0.1$$

$$\begin{aligned} dV &= V_r \cdot dr + V_h \cdot dh \\ &= \frac{2\pi r h}{3} \cdot dr + \frac{\pi r^2}{3} \cdot dh \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{3} \cdot (6)(10)(0.1) + \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot (36)(0.1) \\ &= 4\pi + 1.2\pi \\ &= 5.2\pi \text{ ft}^3. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4** (14.5). Let  $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ ,  $x = re^s$ ,  $y = se^r$  and  $z = e^{rs}$ . Find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial r}$  when  $r = 0$  and  $s = 2$ .  $\Rightarrow x=0, y=2, z=1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \\ &= \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \cdot e^s + \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \cdot se^r + \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \cdot se^{rs} \\ &= 0 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} (2e^0) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot (2e^0) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{5}}. \end{aligned}$$

Try  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial s} \Big|_{r=0 \text{ and } s=2}$ .



**Example 5** (14.5). Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  if  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2e^{xyz}$ .

Define  $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2e^{xyz}$ . Then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = -\frac{(2x - 2yz e^{xyz})}{(2z - 2xy e^{xyz})}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = -\frac{(2y - 2xz e^{xyz})}{(2z - 2xy e^{xyz})}$$

**Example 6** (14.6). Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = x \sin(xy)$  at  $P(1, \pi)$  in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{v}$  that makes an angle  $\theta = \pi/3$  with positive  $x$ -axis.

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle \sin xy + xy \cos(xy), x^2 \cos(xy) \rangle$$

$$\nabla f(1, \pi) = \langle -\pi, -1 \rangle$$

The unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$  is  $\mathbf{u} = \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j}$

$$\text{i.e. } \mathbf{u} = \left\langle \cos \frac{\pi}{3}, \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$D_{\mathbf{u}} f(1, \pi) = \nabla f(1, \pi) \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

$$= \langle -\pi, -1 \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{-(\pi + \sqrt{3})}{2}$$



**Example 7** (14.1/14.6). Suppose  $f(x, y) = 2xy + \ln(4x + y)$ .

- (a) Sketch the domain of the function.  
 (b) Find the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $P(-1/4, 2)$  in the direction from  $P$  to  $Q(3/4, 1)$ .  
 (c) In what direction does  $f$  increase fastest at  $P$ ? What is the maximum rate of change?  
 (d) In what direction does  $f$  decrease fastest at  $P$ ? What is the minimum rate of change?

(a) Only the restriction is  $4x + y > 0$ .

So,

$$y > -4x$$

$$(b) \vec{PQ} = \left\langle \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}, 1 - 2 \right\rangle = \langle 1, -1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{PQ}}{|\vec{PQ}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 1, -1 \rangle$$

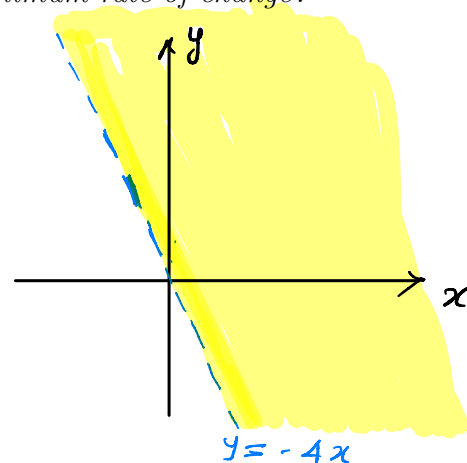
$$\nabla f(x, y) = \left\langle 2y + \frac{4}{4x+y}, 2x + \frac{1}{4x+y} \right\rangle$$

$$\nabla f\left(-\frac{1}{4}, 2\right) = \left\langle 4 + \frac{4}{1}, 2 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{1} \right\rangle = \left\langle 8, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$D_{\vec{u}} f\left(-\frac{1}{4}, 2\right) = \left\langle 8, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 1, -1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ 8 - \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{15}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

(c) The function  $f$  increases fastest at  $P$  in the direction of  $\langle 8, \frac{1}{2} \rangle$  (or  $\langle 16, 1 \rangle$ ), and the maximum rate of change is  $|\langle 8, \frac{1}{2} \rangle| = \sqrt{64 + \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{257}}{2}$ .

(d) The function  $f$  decreases fastest at  $P$  in the direction of  $-\langle 8, \frac{1}{2} \rangle = \langle -8, -\frac{1}{2} \rangle$  (or  $\langle -16, -1 \rangle$ ), and the minimum rate of change is  $-|\langle 8, \frac{1}{2} \rangle| = -\frac{\sqrt{257}}{2}$ .





**Example 8** (14.6). Find equations of (a) the tangent plane and (b) the normal line to the surface  $x^2 + y^2 + yz = xz^2$  at the point  $P(1, -1, 1)$ .

Define  $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + yz - xz^2$ . Then the level surface  $F(x, y, z) = 0$  produces the given surface.

$$\nabla F(x, y, z) = \langle 2x - z^2, 2y + z, y - 2xz \rangle.$$

$$\nabla F(1, -1, 1) = \langle 1, -1, -3 \rangle$$

(a) A normal vector for the tangent plane to the given surface at  $P(1, -1, 1)$  is  $\vec{n} = \nabla F(1, -1, 1) = \langle 1, -1, -3 \rangle$ .

So, an equation of the tangent plane is

$$\langle 1, -1, -3 \rangle \cdot \langle x-1, y-(-1), z-1 \rangle = 0$$

$$x-1-y-1-3z+3=0$$

$$x-y-3z=-1$$

(b) A direction vector for the normal line at  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0) = P(1, -1, 1)$  is  $\vec{v} = \nabla F(1, -1, 1) = \langle 1, -1, -3 \rangle$ .

So, parametric equations for the normal line are

$$x = x_0 + at = 1 + t$$

$$y = y_0 + bt = -1 - t$$

$$z = z_0 + ct = 1 - 3t$$



**Example 9** (14.7). Find the local minimum and maximum values and saddle points of the function

$$f(x, y) = 3xy - x^2y - xy^2 + 2.$$

$$f_x = 3y - 2xy - y^2$$

$$f_y = 3x - x^2 - 2xy$$

$$f_{xx} = -2y \quad f_{yy} = -2x$$

$$f_{xy} = 3 - 2x - 2y$$

$$D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = 4xy - (3 - 2x - 2y)^2$$

Critical points:

$$\textcircled{1} \leftarrow f_x = 0 \Rightarrow y(3 - 2x - y) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ or } y = 3 - 2x$$

$$\textcircled{2} \leftarrow f_y = 0 \Rightarrow 3x - x^2 - 2xy = 0 \Rightarrow x(3 - x - 2y) = 0$$

$$\text{subs. } y = 0 \text{ into eqn } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow x(3 - x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = 3.$$

$$\Rightarrow (0, 0), (3, 0)$$

$$\text{subs. } y = 3 - 2x \text{ into eqn } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow x(3 - x - 2(3 - 2x)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(3 - x - 6 + 4x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(3x - 3) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = 1$$

$$\text{And } x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 3 - 2 \cdot 0 \rightsquigarrow (0, 3)$$

$$x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 1 \rightsquigarrow (1, 1)$$

So,  $(0, 0), (3, 0), (0, 3), (1, 1)$  are the critical points of  $f$ .

$$D(0, 0) = D(3, 0) = D(0, 3) = -9 < 0.$$

So,  $(0, 0), (3, 0)$  and  $(0, 3)$  are saddle points.

$$D(1, 1) = 4 - (3 - 2 - 2)^2 = 3 > 0,$$

$f_{xx}(1, 1) = -2 < 0$ . So,  $f$  has local max at

$$(1, 1), \text{ which is } f(1, 1) = 3 - 1 - 1 + 2 = 3.$$



**Example 10** (14.7). Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x$  over a triangular region  $D$  with vertices  $(0, 2)$ ,  $(0, -2)$  and  $(4, -2)$ .

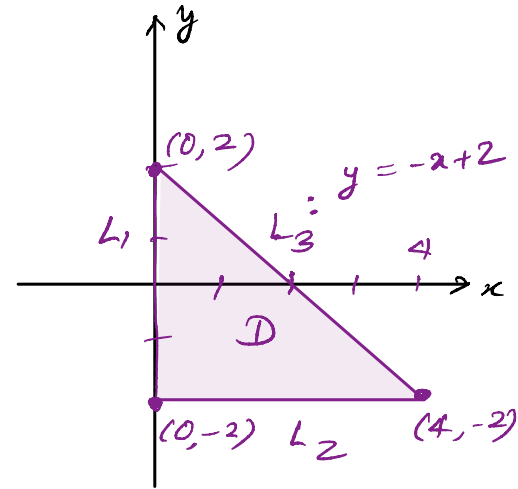
Critical point in  $D$ :

$$0 = f_x = 2x - 2 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$0 = f_y = 2y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$(1, 0)$  is the only critical point, which lies inside  $D$ .

$$f(1, 0) = 1 + 0 - 2 = -1$$



Evaluate  $f$  along  $L_1$ :  $x = 0 \Rightarrow f(0, y) = y^2$ ,  $-2 \leq y \leq 2$ .

$g(y) = y^2$  has minimum at  $y = 0$  and max at  $y = \pm 2$ .

$$\text{So, } f(0, \pm 2) = 4$$

$$f(0, 0) = 0$$

Evaluate  $f$  along  $L_2$ :  $y = -2 \Rightarrow f(x, -2) = x^2 - 2x + 4$   
 $g(x) = x^2 - 2x + 4 \Rightarrow g'(x) = 2x - 2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 1$  is a critical number.

$$f(1, -2) = 3$$

$$f(4, -2) = 16 - 8 + 4 = 12$$

$$2. \frac{9}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} + 4 = 4.5 + 4 - 9 = -0.5$$

$f$  along  $L_3$ :  $y = -x + 2 \Rightarrow f(x, -x + 2) = x^2 + (-x + 2)^2 - 2x = 2x^2 - 6x + 4$

$$g(x) = 2x^2 - 6x + 4, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 4.$$

$$g'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 4x - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2}. \quad \text{Need } g(0), g(4), g(\frac{3}{2}).$$

$$g(\frac{3}{2}) = f(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$g(0) = f(0, 2) \quad \text{already computed.}$$

$$g(4) = f(4, -2) \quad \text{already computed.}$$

$$f(4, -2) = 12 \quad \text{Max.}$$

$$f(1, 0) = -1 \quad \text{Min.}$$





**Example 11** (14.7). Find the point on the plane

$$x - 2y + 3z = 6$$

that is closest to the point  $(0, 1, 1)$ .

Let  $(x, y, z)$  be the point on the plane  $x - 2y + 3z = 6$ .

Then the distance from  $(x, y, z)$  to  $(0, 1, 1)$  is

$$d^2 = (x-0)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z-1)^2 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\text{But } x - 2y + 3z = 6 \Rightarrow z = \frac{6 - x + 2y}{3} = 2 - \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3}y$$

substituting into ①,

$$d^2 = x^2 + (y-1)^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3}y\right)^2 = \text{say } f(x, y).$$

We want to minimize  $f$ .

$$f_x = 2x + 2\left(1 - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{2y}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{20}{9}x - \frac{4}{9}y - \frac{2}{3}$$

$$f_y = 2(y-1) + 2\left(1 - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{2y}{3}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = -\frac{4}{9}x + \frac{26}{9}y - \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Solving } \begin{cases} f_x = 0 \\ f_y = 0 \end{cases} \text{ gives } (x, y) = \left(\frac{5}{14}, \frac{2}{7}\right), \text{ only one}$$

$$\text{critical point. } z = 2 - \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{5}{14}\right) + \frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{2}{7}\right) = \frac{29}{14}.$$

Thus, the closest point to  $(0, 1, 1)$  on the plane is  $\left(\frac{5}{14}, \frac{2}{7}, \frac{29}{14}\right)$ .



**Example 12 (14.8).** Use Lagrange multipliers method to find the point on the plane

$$x - 2y + 3z = 6$$

that is closest to the point  $(0, 1, 1)$ .

Let  $(x, y, z)$  be the point on the plane  $x - 2y + 3z = 6$ .

Then the distance from  $(x, y, z)$  to  $(0, 1, 1)$  is

$$d^2 = (x-0)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z-1)^2 \stackrel{\text{say}}{=} f(x, y, z).$$

We want to minimize  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z-1)^2$   
subject to

$$g(x, y, z) = x - 2y + 3z = 6.$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \Rightarrow \langle 2x, 2(y-1), 2(z-1) \rangle = \lambda \langle 1, -2, 3 \rangle$$

$$\textcircled{1} \rightarrow 2x = \lambda$$

$$\textcircled{2} \rightarrow 2(y-1) = -2\lambda \quad \begin{matrix} \lambda = 2x \\ \Rightarrow 2(y-1) = -4x \\ y = 1 - 2x \end{matrix}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \rightarrow 2(z-1) = 3\lambda \quad \begin{matrix} \lambda = 2x \\ \Rightarrow 2(z-1) = 6x \\ z = 1 + 3x \end{matrix}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \rightarrow x - 2y + 3z = 6$$

subs.  $y = 1 - 2x$  and  $z = 1 + 3x$  into  $\textcircled{4}$ ;

$$x - 2(1 - 2x) + 3(1 + 3x) = 6$$

$$x - 2 + 4x + 3 + 9x = 6 \Rightarrow 14x = 5 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{5}{14}}$$

$$\text{and so, } y = 1 - 2\left(\frac{5}{14}\right) = \frac{4}{14} = \frac{2}{7} \rightsquigarrow \boxed{y = \frac{2}{7}}$$

$$z = 1 + 3\left(\frac{5}{14}\right) = \frac{29}{14} \rightsquigarrow \boxed{z = \frac{29}{14}}$$

$f$  is minimized at  $\left(\frac{5}{14}, \frac{2}{7}, \frac{29}{14}\right)$ . That is, the

point on the plane closest to  $(0, 1, 1)$  is  $\left(\frac{5}{14}, \frac{2}{7}, \frac{29}{14}\right)$ .



**Example 13** (14.8). Use Lagrange multipliers to find the extreme values the function

$$f(x, y) = 2xe^y + 5$$

subject to  $x^2 + y^2 = 2$ .

$$g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \Rightarrow \langle 2e^y, 2xe^y \rangle = \lambda \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$$

$$\textcircled{1} \rightarrow 2e^y = \lambda 2x \quad \text{As } e^y > 0, \quad x \neq 0, \lambda \neq 0.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \rightarrow 2xe^y = \lambda 2y \quad \text{so, } \lambda = \frac{e^y}{x}.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 2$$

Substituting  $\lambda = \frac{e^y}{x}$  into  $\textcircled{2}$ ,  $2xe^y = \frac{e^y}{x} \cdot y$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = x^2}$$

Substituting  $y = x^2$  into  $\textcircled{3}$  gives

$$x^2 + x^4 = 2$$

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

$$(x^2 + 2)(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = \pm 1}$$

$$y = x^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = 1}$$

So,  $f$  has extreme values at  $(1, 1)$  and  $(-1, 1)$ .

$$f(1, 1) = 2e + 5 \leftarrow \text{Max}$$

$$f(-1, 1) = -2e + 5 \leftarrow \text{Min}$$