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1. Find all critical points of

$$f(x, y) = 2x^2 + y^4 - 4xy$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= 4x - 4y & f_x = 0 &\Rightarrow x = y \\ f_y &= 4y^3 - 4x & f_y = 0 &\Rightarrow 4y^3 - 4y = 0 \\ & & &\Rightarrow y = -1, 0, 1 \end{aligned}$$

Critical points: $(-1, -1), (0, 0), (1, 1)$

2. You should have found that
- $(1, 1)$
- is a critical point in the previous problem. Classify it as a local minimum, local maximum or saddle point.

$$f_{xx} = 4 \quad f_{xy} = -4 \quad f_{yy} = 12y^2$$

$$\text{at } (1, 1) \quad D = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -4 & 12 \end{vmatrix} = 48 - 16 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{local min/max} \\ \text{(or ambiguous)}$$

$$f_{xx} = 4 > 0$$

local min

Suppose you wish to maximize $f(x, y) = xe^{-xy}$ subject to the constraint $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. Set up a system of three equations to solve for three variables to find the maximum value. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THE EQUATIONS!

$$\begin{aligned}f_x &= e^{-xy} - xy e^{-xy} \\ &= (1 - xy) e^{-xy}\end{aligned}$$

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

$$g_x = 2x$$

$$g_y = 2y$$

$$f_y = -x^2 e^{-xy}$$

equations:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad (\text{constraint})$$

$$(1 - xy) e^{-xy} = 2\lambda x$$

$$-x^2 e^{-xy} = 2\lambda y$$

For unknowns (x, y, λ)