

**Math 208**  
**Second derivative test additional problems**

Find and classify (as local maxima, local minima, or saddle points) the critical points of the following functions.

1.  $f(x, y) = 8x^2 + 4x^2y + y^2 - 7$

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

3.  $f(x, y) = 4y^3 - y^4 + 8xy - 2x^2$

4.  $f(x, y) = 9x^2 + y^2 - \frac{54}{xy}$

Answers:

1. Local min at  $(0,0)$ , saddle points at  $(1,-2)$  and  $(-1,-2)$ .
2. Saddle points at  $(0,0)$ ,  $(0,1)$  and  $(-2,0)$ ; local min at  $(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$ .
3. Saddle point at  $(0,0)$ , local max at  $(-2,-1)$  and at  $(8,4)$ .
4. Local mins at  $(1,-3)$  and  $(-1,3)$ .