

$$f(x, y, z) = x^4 + y^4 + z^4, \quad g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla f = \langle 4x^3, 4y^3, 4z^3 \rangle, \\ \lambda \nabla g = \langle 2\lambda x, 2\lambda y, 2\lambda z \rangle.$$

Case 1: If $x \neq 0$, $y \neq 0$ and $z \neq 0$ then $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ implies $\lambda = 2x^2 = 2y^2 = 2z^2$ or $x^2 = y^2 = z^2 = \frac{1}{3}$ yielding 8 points each with an f -value of $\frac{1}{3}$.

Case 2: If one of the variables is 0 and the other two are not, then the squares of the two nonzero coordinates are equal with common value $\frac{1}{2}$ and the corresponding f -value is $\frac{1}{2}$.

Case 3: If exactly two of the variables are 0, then the third variable has value ± 1 with corresponding f -value of 1. Thus on $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$, the maximum value of f is 1 and the minimum value is $\frac{1}{3}$.