

5. Find and classify the critical points of the function  $f(x, y) = x^2y + y^2 - cxy$  where  $c$  is a constant.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_x = 2xy - cy = 0 \\ f_y = x^2 + 2y - cx = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow y \cdot (2x - c) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{c}{2}$$

$$x^2 - cx = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = c$$

$$\frac{c^2}{4} + 2y - \frac{c^2}{2} = 0$$

$$y = \frac{c^2}{8}$$

$$(x, y) = (0, 0), (c, 0), \left(\frac{c}{2}, \frac{c^2}{8}\right)$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2y & 2x - c \\ 2x - c & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

If  $c \neq 0$ :

$$\Delta(0, 0) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -c \\ -c & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -c^2 < 0 \Rightarrow (0, 0) \text{ is a saddle point}$$

$$\Delta(c, 0) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & c \\ c & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -c^2 < 0 \Rightarrow (c, 0) \text{ is a saddle point}$$

$$\Delta\left(\frac{c}{2}, \frac{c^2}{8}\right) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{c^2}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{c^2}{2} > 0 \text{ and } f_{yy}\left(\frac{c}{2}, \frac{c^2}{8}\right) = 2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{c}{2}, \frac{c^2}{8}\right) \text{ is a local minimum}$$

If  $c = 0$ :

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

$(0, 0)$  is a saddle point

