Optimizing with Constraints

While working in a group make sure you:

- Expect to make mistakes but be sure to reflect/learn from them!
- Are civil and are aware of your impact on others.
- Assume and engage with the strongest argument while assuming best intent.
- 1. Find all local extrema of the function $f(x, y) = 4 + x^3 + y^3 3xy$.

2. Maximize the function $f(x, y) = 4 + x^3 + y^3 - 3xy$ when restricted to the disk $x^2 + y^2 \le 1$. Note that the contours for f are provided to the right and can be used to verify your answer.



- 3. Look again at the previous problem $(f(x, y) = 4 + x^3 + y^3 3xy)$ with a slightly more geometric approach.
- (a) Draw the boundary to the disk $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ on the contour plot of f.
- (b) Consider the point(s) where f is maximized on the curve of $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. Is there anything you notice about the contour lines of f and the curve $x^2 + y^2 = 1$?
- (c) If you have the contour lines of a function, how can you determine the direction of the gradient vector?
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- (d) Do you notice anything about the gradient of f and the gradient of the restrictive circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$?