

$$= f_{xx} dx^2 + f_{yx} dy dx + f_{xy} dx dy + f_{yy} dy^2 \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

$$\text{or } d^2Z = f_{xx} dx^2 + 2f_{xy} dx dy + f_{yy} dy^2 \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

$$[\because f_{xy} = f_{yx}]$$

For maximisation, since  $d^2Z < 0$ , we can have  $d^2Z < 0$ , if and only if

$$\boxed{f_{xx} < 0 ; f_{yy} < 0 ; \text{ and } f_{xx} f_{yy} > f_{xy}^2}$$

The determinant of the above value

$$\begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} > 0$$

This above determinant formed by second order partial derivative of  $Z$  w.r.t.  $x$  and  $y$  is called a "Hessian determinant of order 2", and is symbolised by

$|H_2|$ . Thus the necessary and sufficient condition of maximisation of  $Z = f(x, y)$  are

①  $f_x = 0$  and  $f_y = 0$

②  $f_{xx} < 0$  (or  $|H_1| < 0$ ) and  $|H_2| = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} > 0$

## Optimization with two variables

$$Z = f(x, y) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$dZ = f_x \cdot dx + f_y \cdot dy \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

For maximization of  $Z = f(x, y)$ , the first order condition is that

$$dZ = f_x \cdot dx + f_y \cdot dy = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$dZ = 0, \text{ if and only if } f_x = 0 \text{ \& } f_y = 0$$

Therefore, the first order condition of maximization is

$$f_x = 0 \text{ and } f_y = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

### The second order condition

The differential version of second order condition of maximization is that

$$d^2Z < 0$$

$$d^2Z = d(dZ) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (dZ) \cdot dx + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (dZ) \cdot dy \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [f_x \cdot dx + f_y \cdot dy] \cdot dx + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [f_x \cdot dx + f_y \cdot dy] \cdot dy \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$= [f_{xx} dx + f_{yx} dy] \cdot dx + [f_{xy} dx + f_{yy} dy] \cdot dy \quad \text{--- (8)}$$