MA 160 Dr. Katiraie Section 7.1

Functions of Several Variables

Functions of Two Variables

1. A Cost Functions with Two Inputs

A company makes two kinds of chocolate bars, plain, and with almonds. Fixed production costs are \$10,000 and it costs \$1.10 to make a plain chocolate bar and \$1.25 to make one with almonds.

(a) Express the cost of making x plain bars and y bars with almonds as a function of two variables C = f(x, y)

(b) Find f (2000, 1000) and interpret it.

(c) What is the domain of f?

2. Graphing a linear function of two variables. Sketch the graph of the function f(x, y) = 6 - 3x - 2y.

- 3. Find the values of the following function. f(x, y) = 1 + 4xy - 3y²
 a) f(6,2)
 b) f(-1,4)
- c) f(0,-3)
- _{d)} f(x,2)

4. **Joint Cost Function**

A company makes three sizes of cardboard boxes: small, medium, and large. It costs \$2.50 to make a small box, \$4.00 for a medium box, and \$4.50 for a large box. Fixed costs are \$8000.

a) Express the cost of making x small boxes, y medium boxes, and z large boxes as a function of three variables C = f(x, y, z)

b) Find f (3000, 5000, 4000) and interpret it.

c) What is the domain of f?