

# Unit 5

## (i) Functions of 2 variables

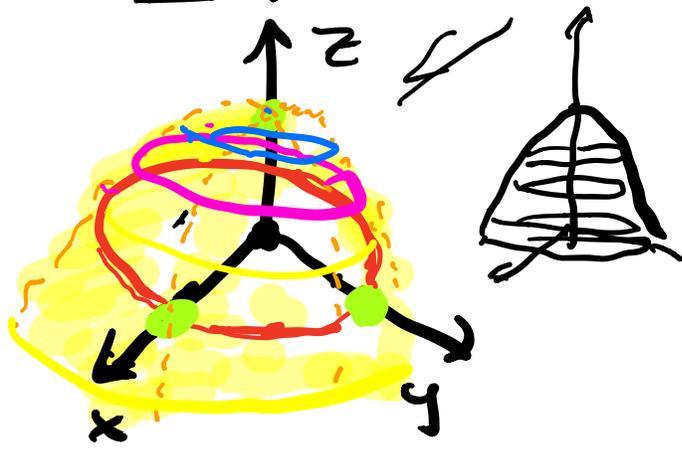
$$f(x,y) = 2 - x^2 - y^2 = z$$

$$f(1,0) = 1$$

a) Graph

Elliptic  
Paraboloid

Plot 3D



intercepts

intersections with  
axls.

traces:

intersection with  
the coordinate planes

xy-trace : roots

xz-trace  $y=0$

$$z = 2 - x^2$$



$f(x,y) = 0$  roots

$z = x^2 + y^2$   
Circle of radius  $\sqrt{z}$

xy-trace

generalized traces :

$z=2$  is just a point

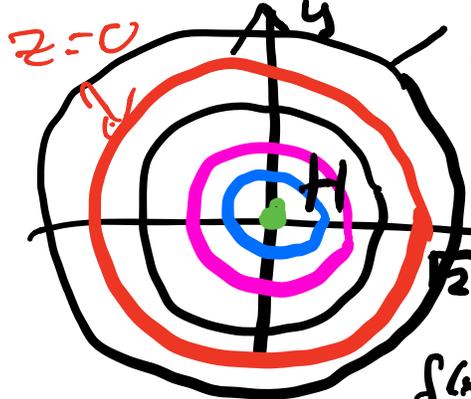
$z=1$

$z=1.5$

$$2 - x^2 - y^2 = 1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

b) Contour map



isoheight }  
 · temperature }  
 · pressure }  
 · height }

z=0  
 z=1  
 z=0  
 z=1.5

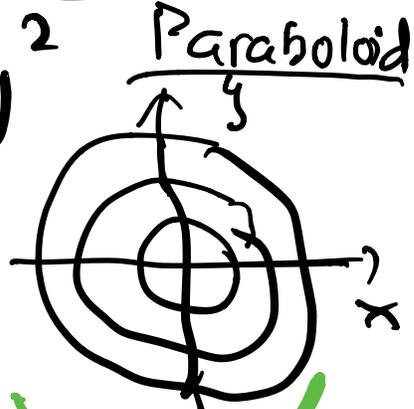
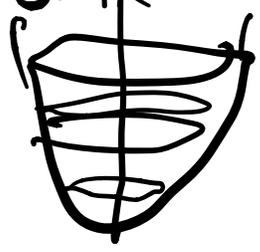
f(x,y) pressure isobar

Contour Plot [ f ... ]

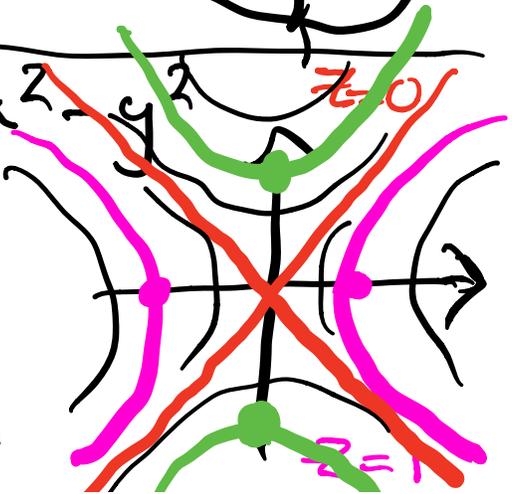
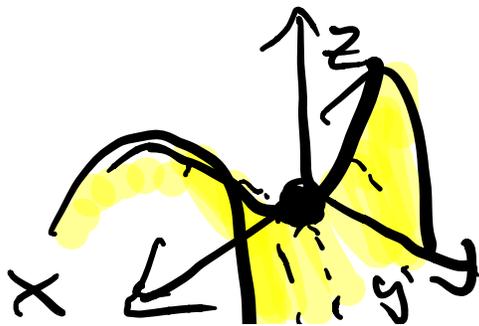
f(x,y) temperature isotherm

② Examples

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



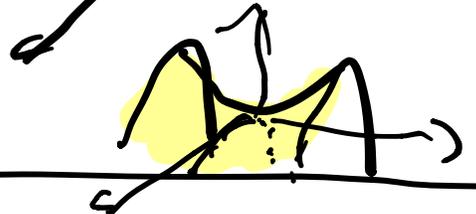
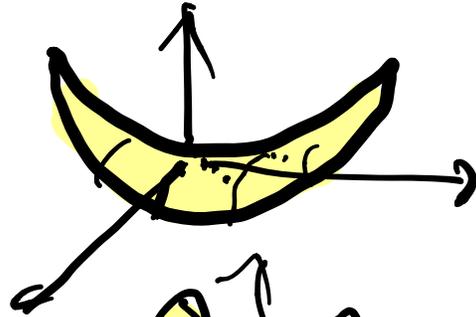
(ii)  $f(x,y) = x^2 - y^2$



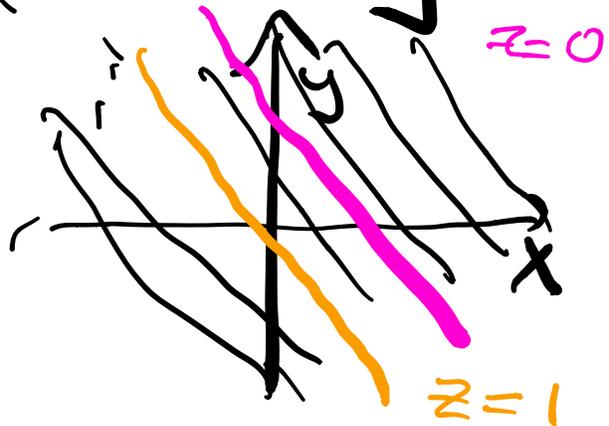
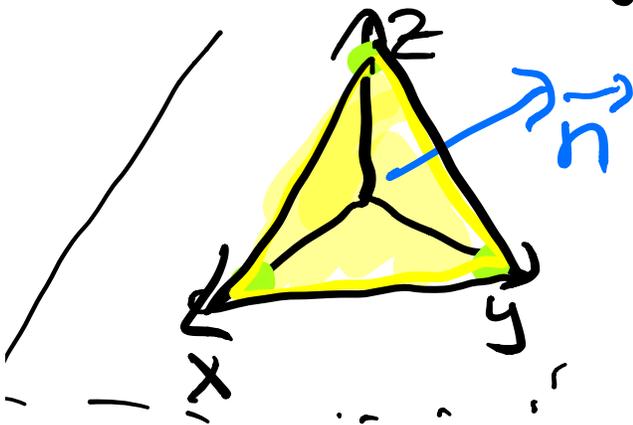
Draw the  
hyperbolic paraboloid

"Saddle"

Pringles



(iii)  $f(x, y) = 1 - x - y = z$



Intercepts  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 0, 1)$

$z = 1 - x - y$

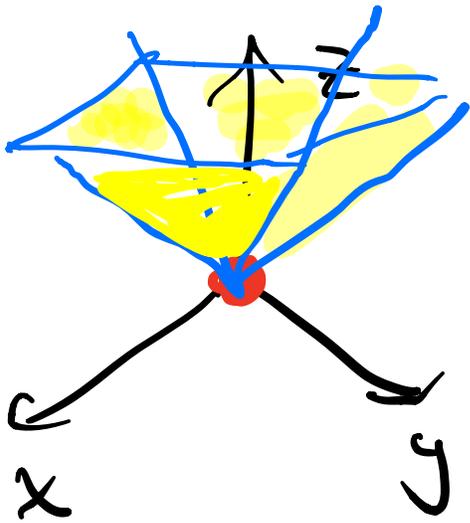
$ax + by + cz = d$

$\vec{n} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

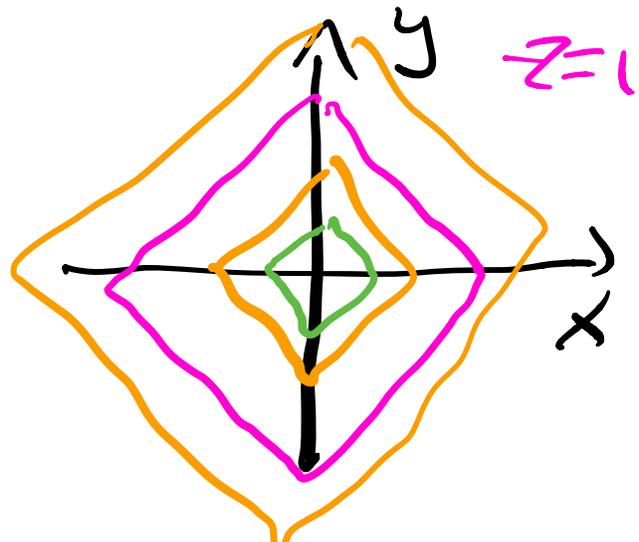
(iv) more difficult case

$$f(x, y) = |x| + |y| = z$$

distance to the origin in  
taxi metric.



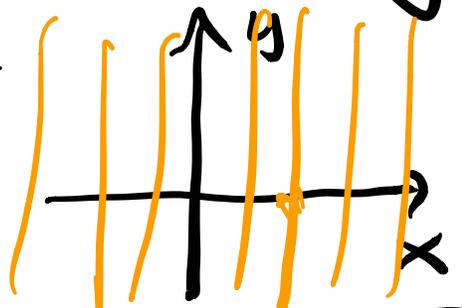
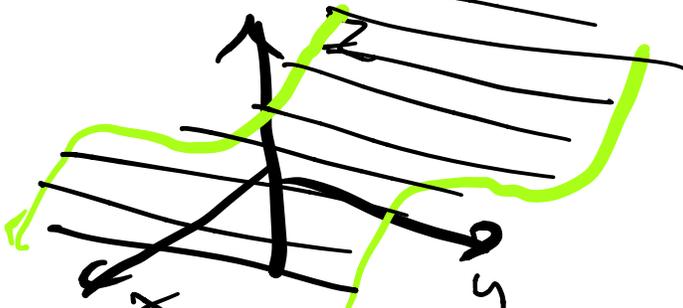
$x=0$  trace



taxi circles

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(v)  $f(x, y) = x^3 - x = c$   
does not involve y.



(3)

Functions of 3 variables -

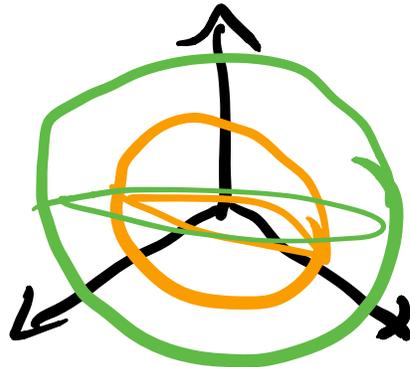
$f(x, y, z)$  can not be visualized as a graph (an object in 4D)

We can look at contours

$f(x, y, z) = c$  = level surface

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

The contours are Spheres



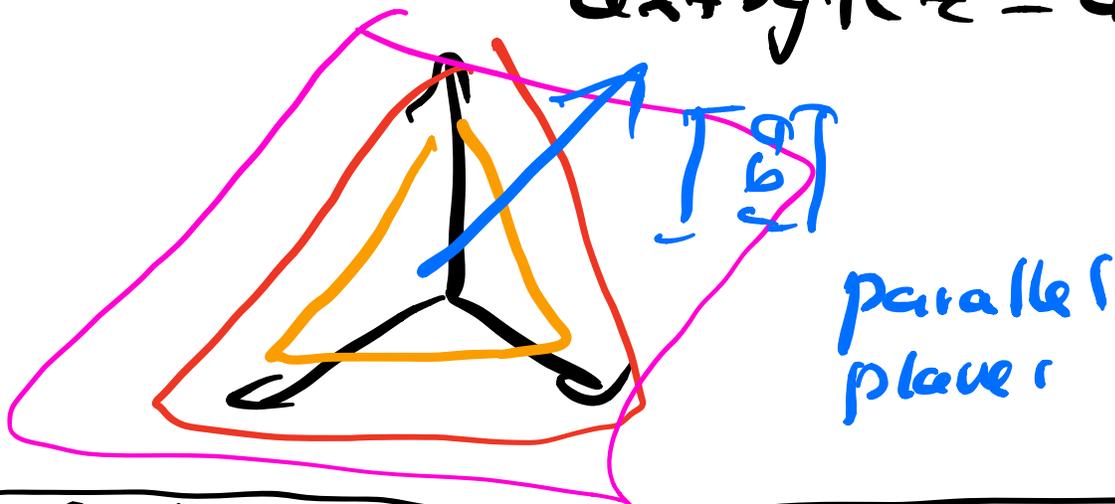
Mathematica  
ContourPlot3D

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(ii)  $f(x, y, z) = ax + by + cz$

The contours are  
planes

$$ax + by + cz = d$$



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(iii)  $g(x, y, z) = f(x, y) - z$

The contour  $g(x, y, z) = 0$   
is graph of the function

$$f(x, y)$$

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This will be important  
because we will have a  
theory.

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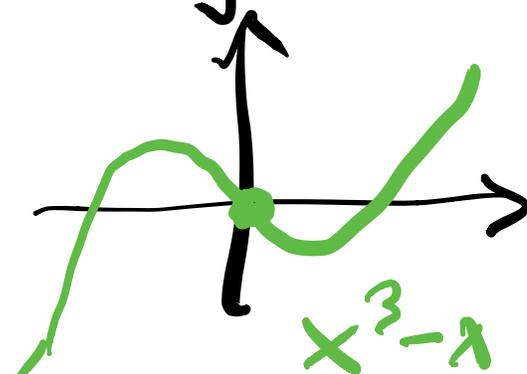
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$$f(x,y) = 0$$

$$f(x,y) = g(x) - y$$

$$y = g(x)$$

graph of  $g$   
is a level curve  
of  $f(x,y)$



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## Quadratics

Paraboloids

elliptic  
paraboloid

hyperbolic  
paraboloid

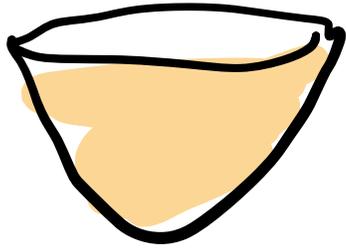
Ellipsoids

sphere

Hyperboloids

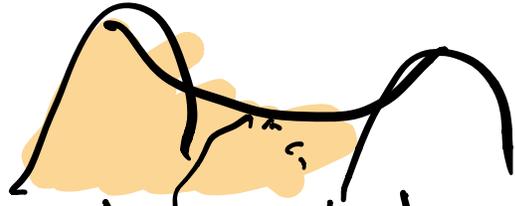
one sheeted

two sheeted



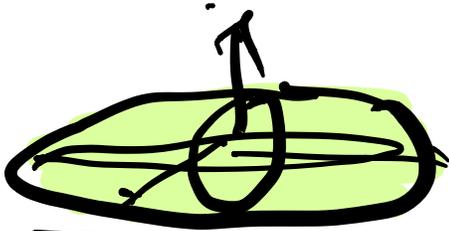
elliptic  
paraboloid

$$z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$$



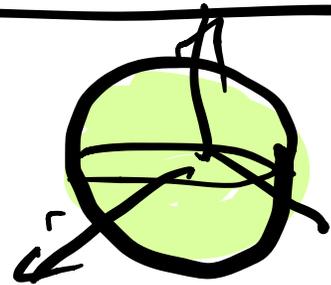
hyperbolic  
paraboloid

$$z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}$$



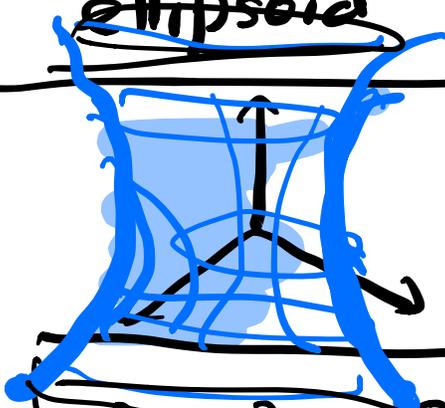
$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

ellipsoid



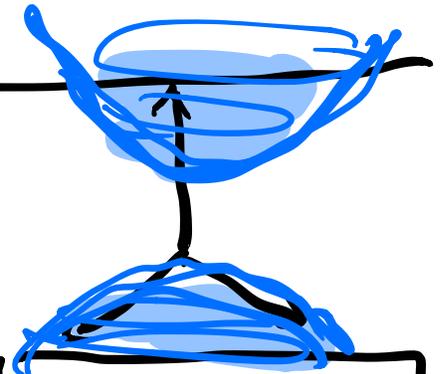
$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$

sphere



$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$$

one sheeted



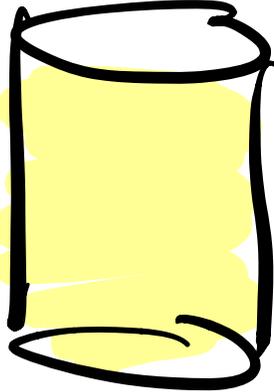
$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = -1$$

two sheeted

hyperboloid

hyperboloid

Singular cases



$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$



$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0$$

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More examples

See Mathematics  
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