

Traces and level Curves

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Surfaces $10x + 3y + 5z = 2$ (Plane)
 $10x^2 + 3y + 5z = 2$ (In general)

How to understand a surface?

Traces

Level Curves

Traces: Intersection of a plane, parallel to one of the coordinate planes, and a surface.

xy trace: Intersection of surface and $z=0$

yz trace: Intersection of surface and $x=0$

xz trace: Intersection of surface and $y=0$.

In general $x=a$, $y=a$ or $z=a$ for some number a .

Draw traces of $x^2 + y^2 - z = 0$.

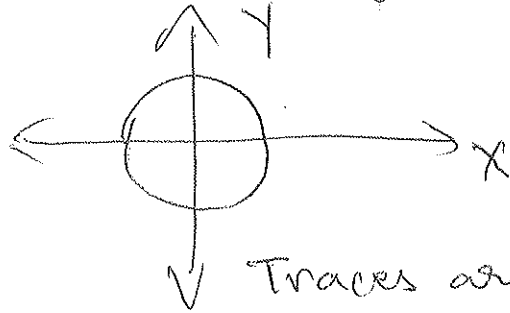
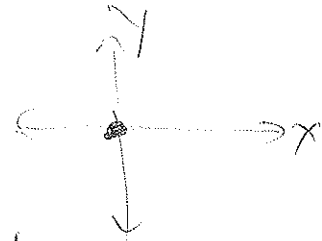
① $z = a$. $x^2 + y^2 = a$

Sum of squares, $a > 0$

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$$x^2 + y^2 = 0 \quad (a=0)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad (a=1)$$



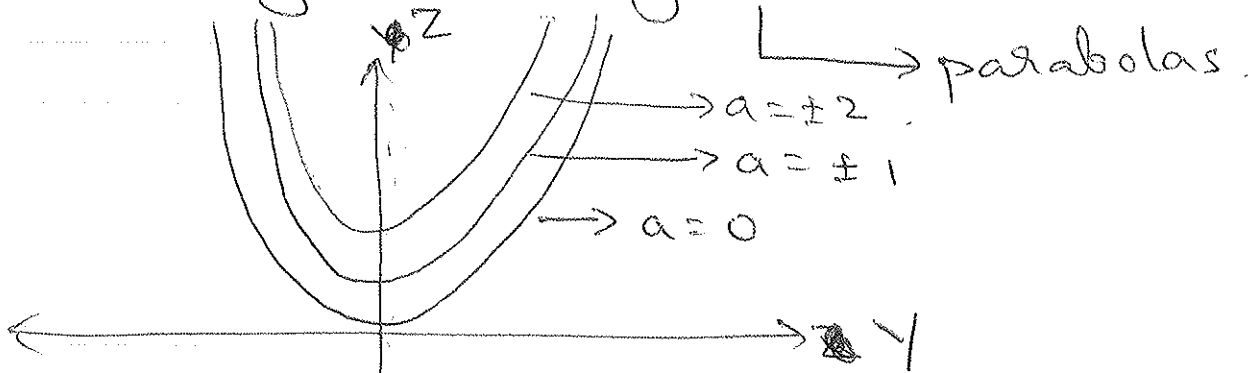
Traces are circles

② $x = a$

Replace in the equation.

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

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - z + a^2 = 0 \quad y^2 = z - a^2$$

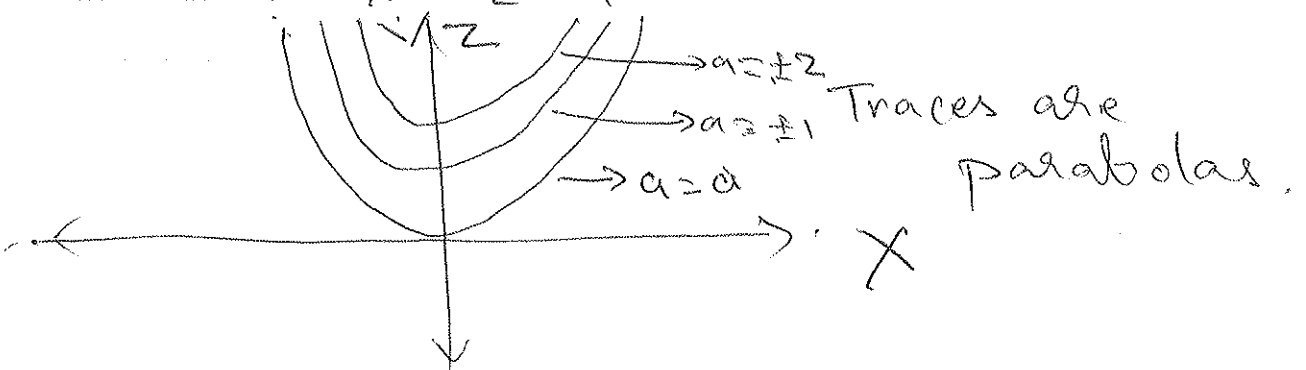


Traces are parabolas

③ $y = a$; Replace in the equation.

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

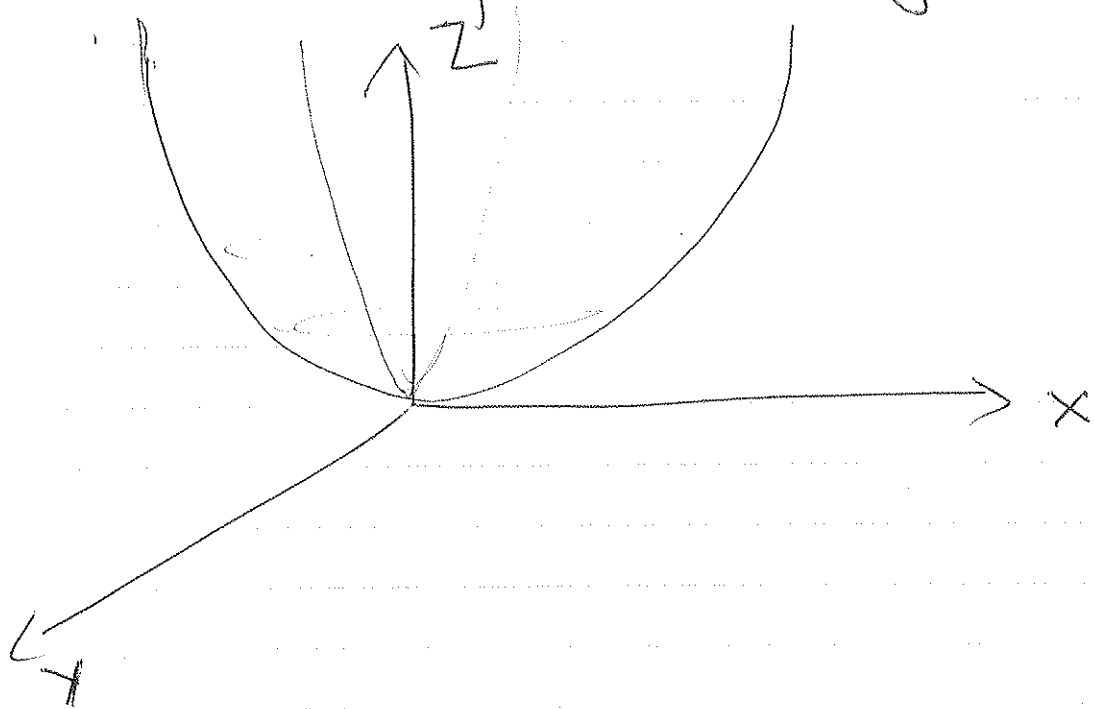
$$\Rightarrow x^2 = z - a^2$$



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3 dimensional surface

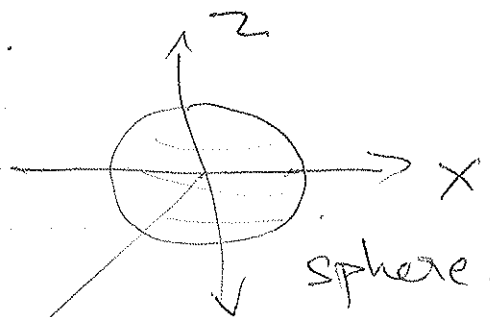
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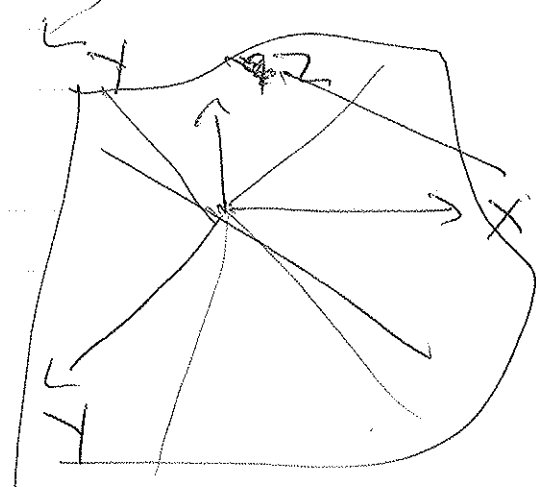
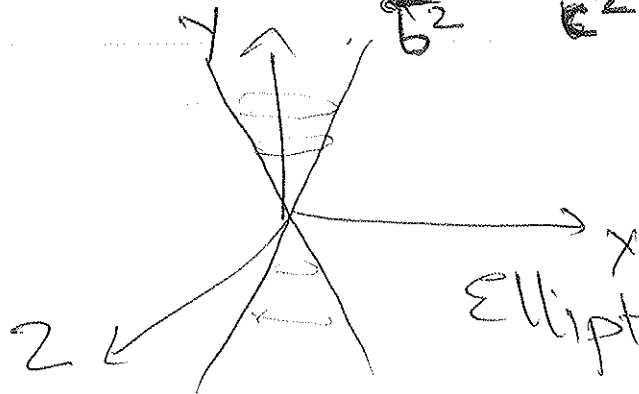
Exercises:

~~$x^2 + y^2 + z$~~ Draw the traces and guess the shape.

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



2) $z = \frac{x^2}{6^2} + \frac{y^2}{9^2}$



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Multi Functions of two variables

Examples:

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

2) $f(x,y) = \ln xy$

3) $f(x,y) = \sin x + \sin y$

Also written as
 $z = x^2 + y^2$.

Domain = set of (x,y) where the function is defined.

Range = set of all possible values of $f(x,y)$

For domain: • Denominator should not be 0 ($\neq 0$)

• ~~$\log(\cdot)$~~

• \log can only be taken of positive numbers (> 0)

• Square root can be taken only of non-negative numbers (≥ 0)

For range: → Remember range of general functions

So for ~~the~~ $f(x,y) = \ln xy$ domain is

$xy > 0$

But for $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$ domain is everything.

• Find domain and range of

(a) $f(x,y) = \frac{x}{x-y}$

(b) $f(x,y) = \cos(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - 2})$

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(a) $f(x,y) = \frac{x}{x-y}$

Domain: $x-y \neq 0$ i.e. (x,y) such that $x \neq y$.

Range: general technique. if

$$\frac{x}{x-y} = z \quad \text{Choose } x = z$$

$$y = z - 1$$

So z can take any value.

\therefore Range is $(-\infty, \infty)$

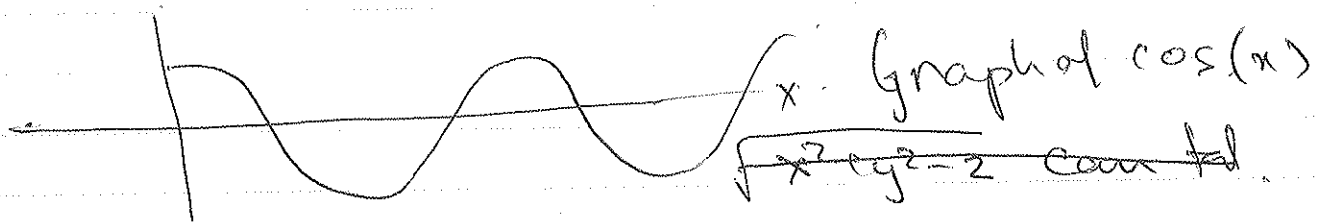
(b) $f(x,y) = \cos(\sqrt{x^2+y^2-2})$

Domain: $x^2+y^2-2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2+y^2 \geq 2$$

that is (x,y) such that $x^2+y^2 \geq 2$.

Range: Range of cosine function is $[-1, 1]$.



Range of $f(x,y)$ is $[-1, 1]$.

Level curves

Given a number z_0 .
 (x, y) such that $f(x, y) = z_0$ is called
 a level curve of f .
 (trace at $z = z_0$ of
 surface $f(x, y) = z$)

- Pick a number k .
- In $f(x, y) = z$ replace z by k .
- Plot the curve $f(x, y) = k$.
- Repeat for some other numbers k .

Draw level curves of
 $f(x, y) = y - x^2 - 1$.

• Level curves for $z_0 = 0$.

$$y - x^2 - 1 = 0$$

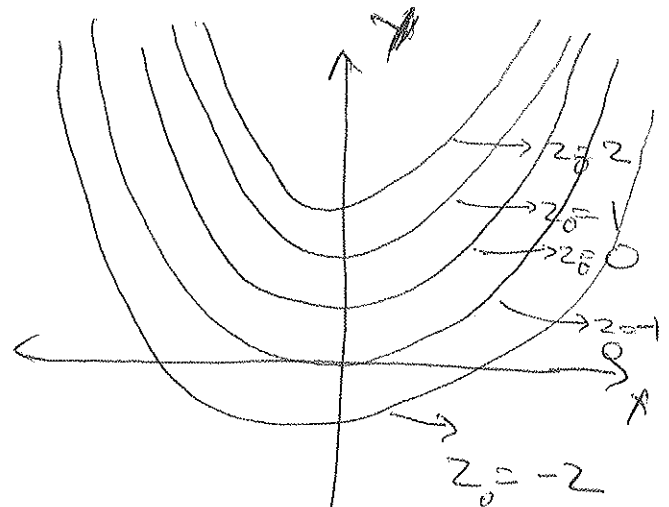
$$\Rightarrow x^2 = y - 1$$

Level curve for $z_0 = 1$

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = y - 2$$

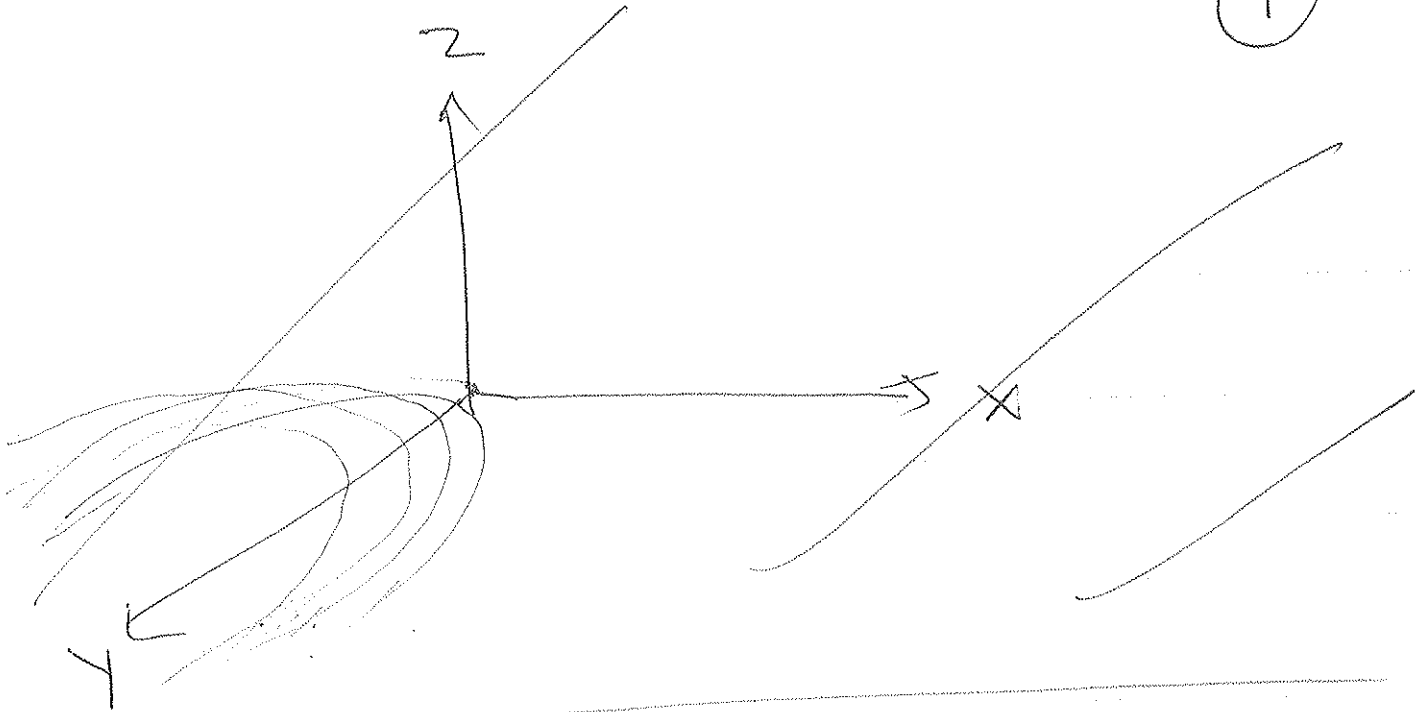
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Closer level curves: ~~than~~ function changing ~~slowly~~ rapidly

Wider spaced level curve: function changing ~~slowly~~ rapidly

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Try level curves of $z = x^2 + y^2$
 $f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2 - 3)$

Level curves of $\boxed{z_0 = 0}$

$$\ln(x^2 + y^2 - 3) = 0$$

$$e^{\ln(x^2 + y^2 - 3)} = e^0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2 - 3) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^2 + y^2 = 4}$$

$\boxed{z_0 = 1}$

$$\ln(x^2 + y^2 - 3) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\ln(x^2 + y^2 - 3)} = e^1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 3 = e$$

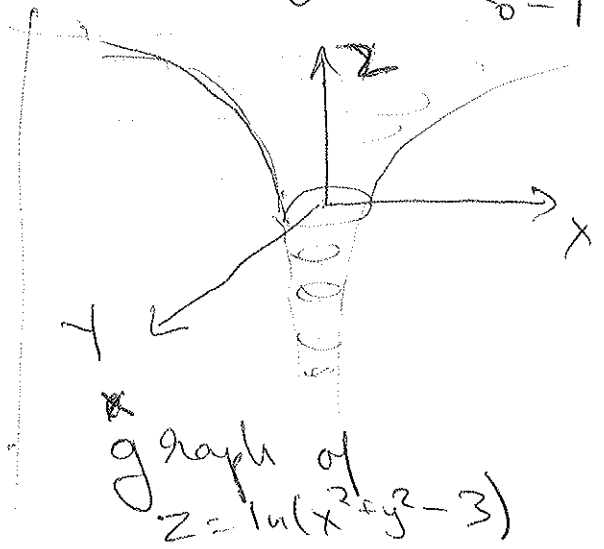
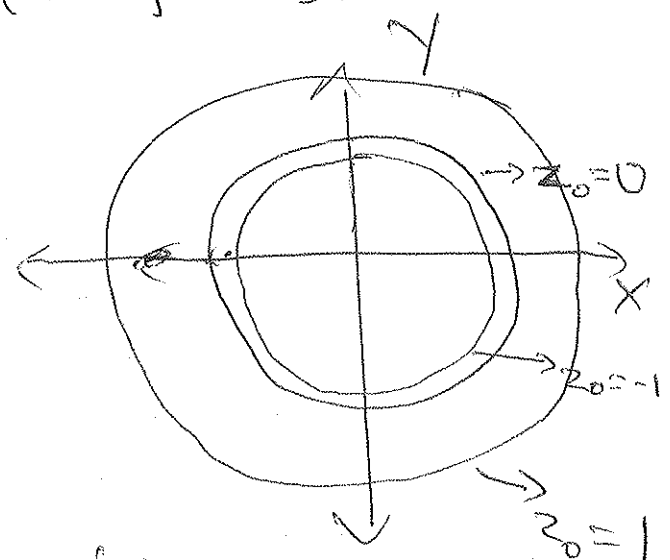
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^2 + y^2 = 3 + e}$$

$\boxed{z_0 = -1}$

$$\ln(x^2 + y^2 - 3) = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 3 = e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^2 + y^2 = 3 + \frac{1}{e}}$$



Next ~~el~~ week: derivatives of functions

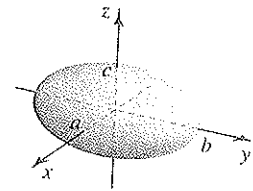
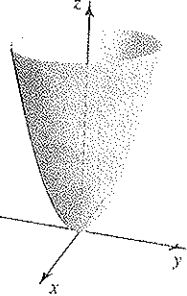
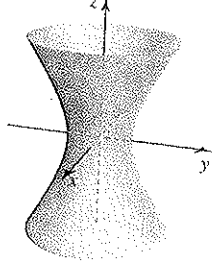
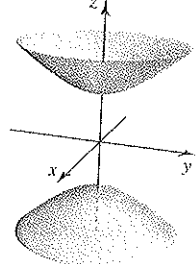
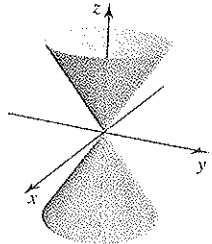
$$f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$$

Take derivative with respect to x and y separately. Review derivatives

$$f_x(x,y) = 2x$$

$$f_y(x,y) = 2y$$

Table 12.1

Name	Standard Equation	Features	Graph
Ellipsoid	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	All traces are ellipses.	
Elliptic paraboloid	$z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$	Traces with $z = z_0 > 0$ are ellipses. Traces with $x = x_0$ or $y = y_0$ are parabolas.	
Hyperboloid of one sheet	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Traces with $z = z_0$ are ellipses for all z_0 . Traces with $x = x_0$ or $y = y_0$ are hyperbolas.	
Hyperboloid of two sheets	$-\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Traces with $z = z_0$ with $ z_0 > c $ are ellipses. Traces with $x = x_0$ and $y = y_0$ are hyperbolas.	
Elliptic cone	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{z^2}{c^2}$	Traces with $z = z_0$ are ellipses. Traces with $x = x_0$ or $y = y_0$ are hyperbolas or intersecting lines.	
Hyperbolic paraboloid	$z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}$	Traces with $z = z_0 \neq 0$ are hyperbolas. Traces with $x = x_0$ or $y = y_0$ are parabolas.	