

Plotting of 3D Surfaces

Scilab can be used to plot surfaces and curves in space, with many options for the treatment of hidden faces, face colors, points of view, etc. The following examples will illustrate 3-D plots.

The surf function can be used for plotting surfaces. This function has three input variables, **x**, **y** and **z**. **x** and **y** are respectively vectors of size m and n corresponding to points on the axes (Ox) and (Oy). **z** is a matrix of dimension $n \times m$ with element z_{ij} corresponding to the height of the point with X-coordinate x_i and Y-coordinate y_j .

To plot the surface defined by a function of the form $z = f(x, y)$, it is necessary to :

- Define function f
- Calculate **z=feval(x,y,f)**
feval(x,y,f) returns the $m \times n$ matrix whose ij element is $f(x_i, y_j)$ which will be transposed by using the single quote symbol `'`
- Execute **surf(x,y,z)**.

The programming commands are as follows:

For Plane-

```
function z=f(x,y)
```

```
z=4+x+y;
```

```
endfunction
```

```
x=linspace(-2,2,100);
```

```
y=linspace(-2,2,200);
```

```
z=feval(x,y,f)';
```

```
clf
```

```
surf(x,y,z)
```

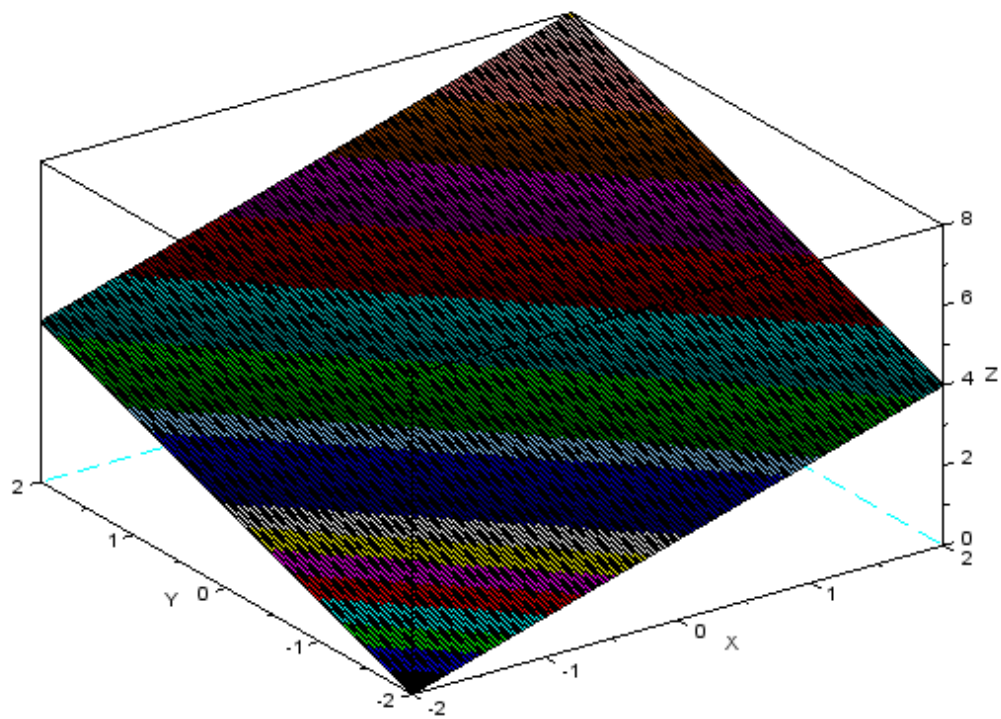


Figure 1: Plane ($x+y-z=1$)

For semi sphere-

```
function z=f(x,y)
z=sqrt(4-x^2-y^2);
endfunction
x=linspace(-2,2,100);
y=linspace(-2,2,200);
z=feval(x,y,f)';
clf
surf(x,y,z)
```

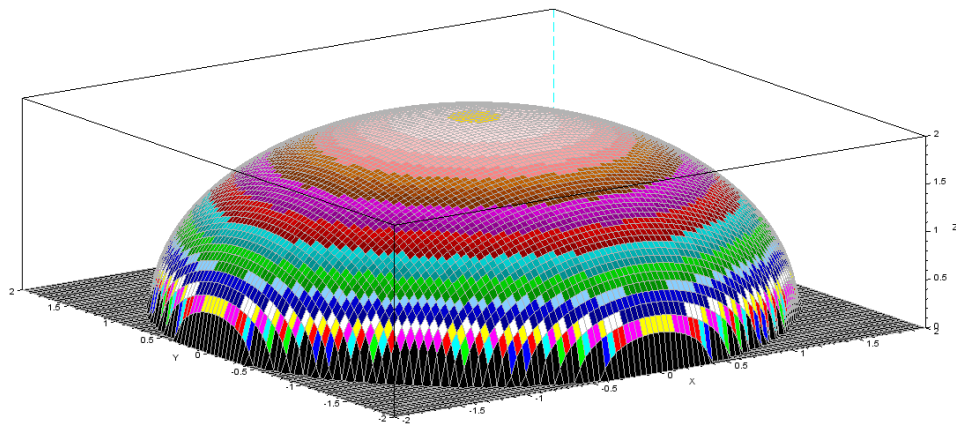


Figure 2: Semi Sphere($x^2+y^2+z^2=4$)

For sphere-

```
a = linspace(0,360,100);  
th=linspace(-90,90,50);  
R =1;  
[A,Th]=meshgrid(a,th);  
Z = R*sind(Th);  
X = R*cosd(Th).*cosd(A);  
Y = R*cosd(Th).*sind(A);  
Ncolors=100;           // Number of coding colors  
clf  
surf(X,Y,Z)
```

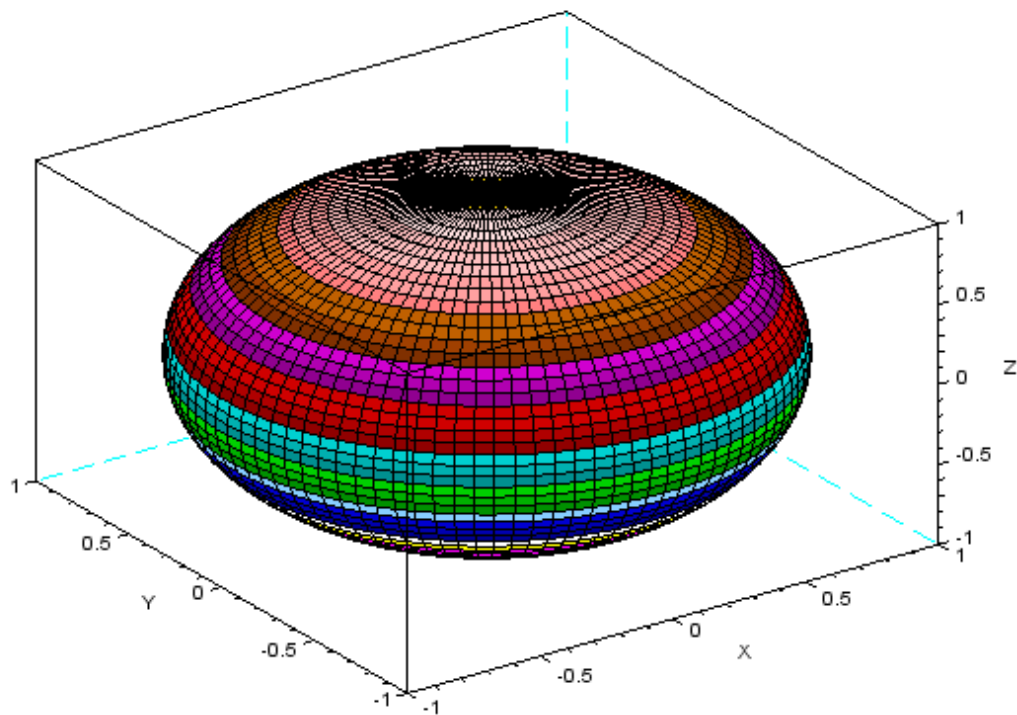


Figure 3: Sphere ($x^2+y^2+z^2=1$)

For Cylinder (Half)

```
r=linspace(0,1,100);  
th=linspace(-90,90,50);  
  
[R,Th]=meshgrid(r,th);  
Z =R;  
X =cosd(Th);  
Y =sind(Th);  
Ncolors=100;           // Number of coding colors  
clf  
plot3d(X,Y,Z)
```

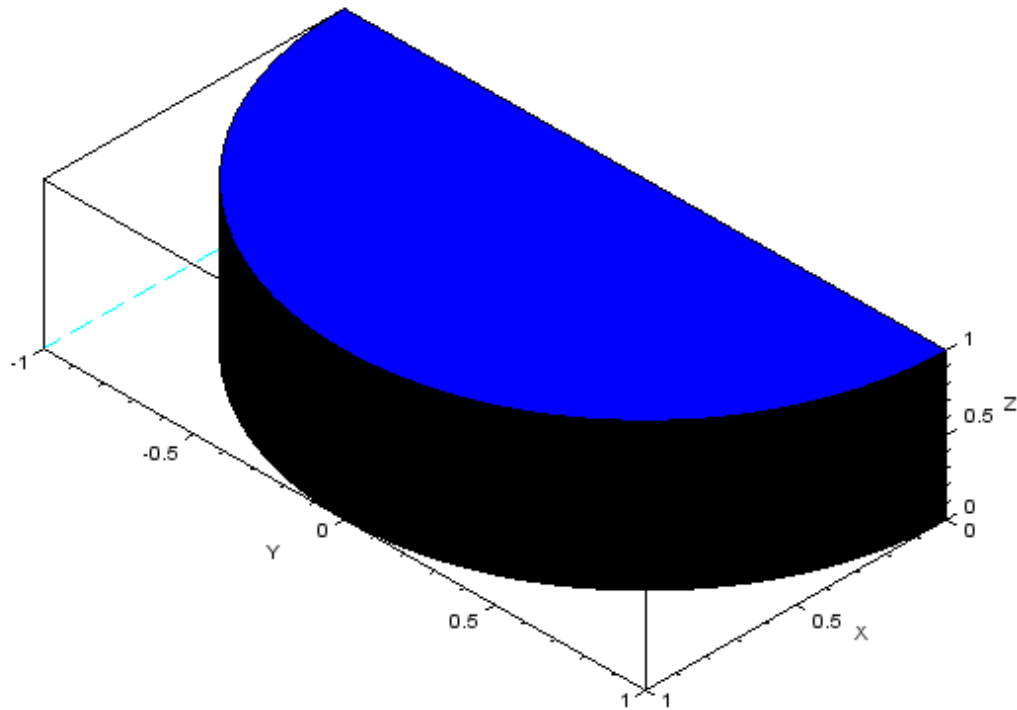


Figure 4: Cylinder ($x^2+y^2=1$ and $z=$ to $z=1$)

Complete Cylinder

```
t=linspace(0,2*%pi,100);  
x1=linspace(0,4,100);  
[T,X1]=meshgrid(t,x1);  
x=2*cos(T);y=2*sin(T);z=f(X1);  
surf(x,y,z)
```

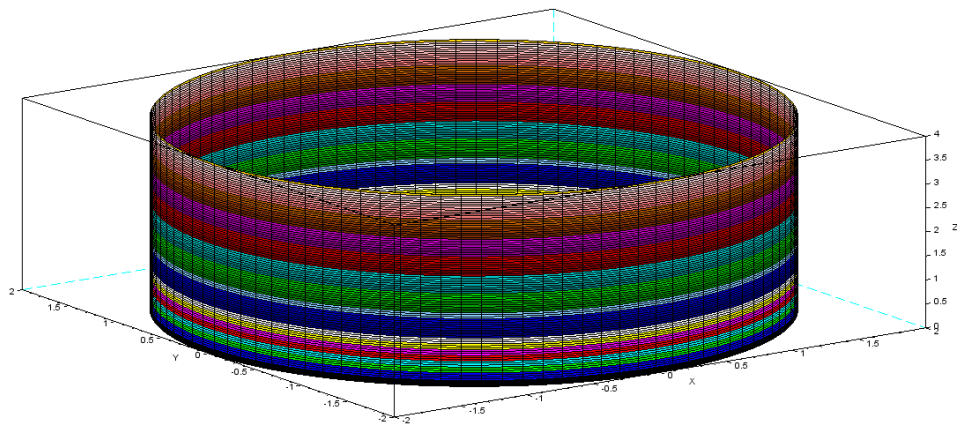


Figure 5:Cylinder $x^2+y^2=4$; $z=0$ to $z=4$

For Paraboloid-

```
function z=f(x,y)
```

```
z=x^2+y^2;
```

```
endfunction
```

```
x=linspace(-1,1,100);
```

```
y=linspace(-1,1,200);
```

```
z=feval(x,y,f)';
```

```
clf
```

```
surf(x,y,z)
```

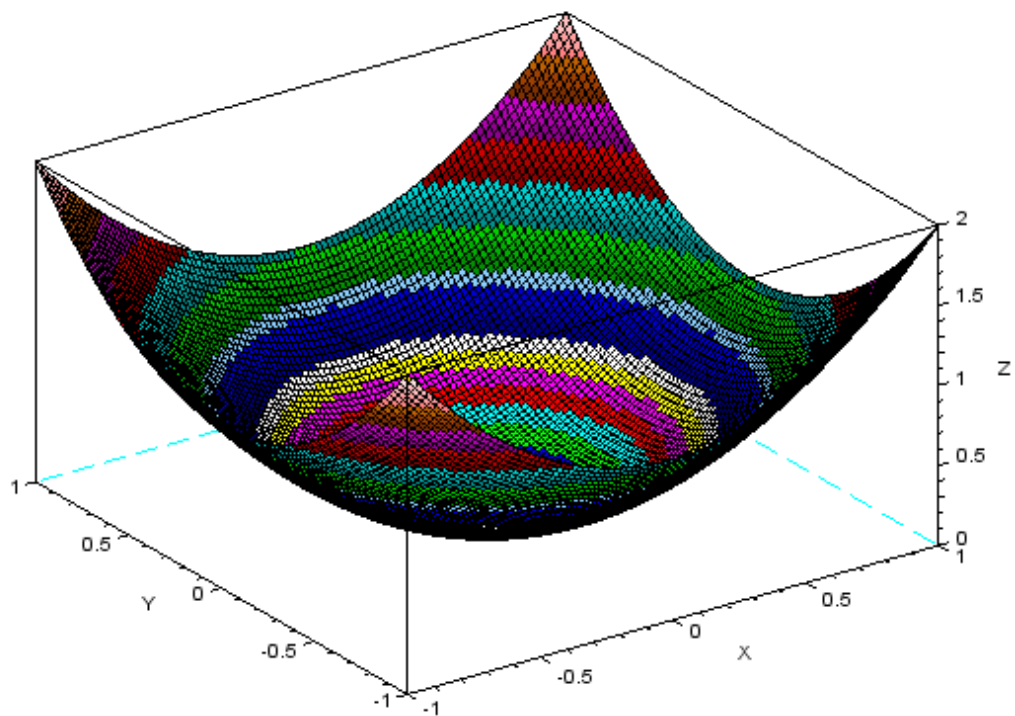


Figure 6 :Paraboloid ($z=x^2+y^2$)

For Ellipsoid-

```
a =linspace(0,360,100);  
th=linspace(-90,90,50);  
R =1;  
[A,Th]=meshgrid(a,th);  
Z =2*R*sind(Th);  
X =3*R*cosd(Th).*cosd(A);  
Y =2*R*cosd(Th).*sind(A);  
Ncolors=100;           // Number of coding colors  
clf  
surf(X,Y,Z)
```

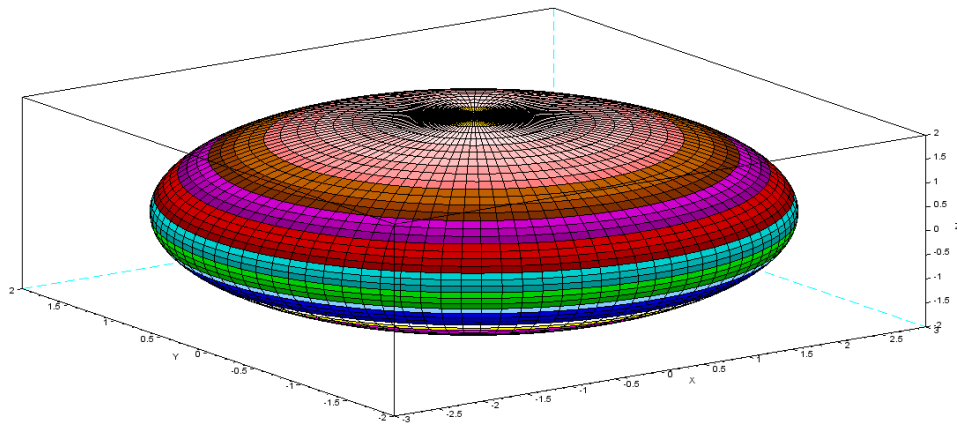


Figure 7:Ellipsoid ($x^2/9+y^2/4+z^2/4=1$)

For Hyperbola-

```
a=linspace(0,360,100);  
th=linspace(-90,90,50);  
R=1;  
[A,Th]=meshgrid(a,th);  
Z=2*R*sinh(Th);  
X=3*R*cosh(Th).*cosd(A);  
Y=2*R*cosh(Th).*sind(A);  
Ncolors=100;           // Number of coding colors  
clf  
surf(X,Y,Z)
```

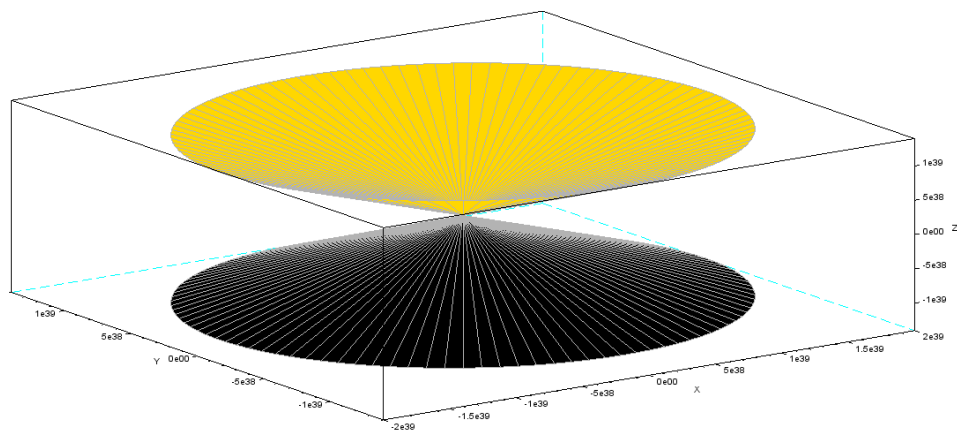


Figure 8: $x^2/9+y^2/4-z^2/4=1$

For Cone-

```
function z=f(x,y)
z=sqrt(x^2/4+y^2/9);
endfunction
x=linspace(-300,300,50);
y=linspace(-300,300,50);
z=feval(x,y,f)';
clf
surf(x,y,z)
```

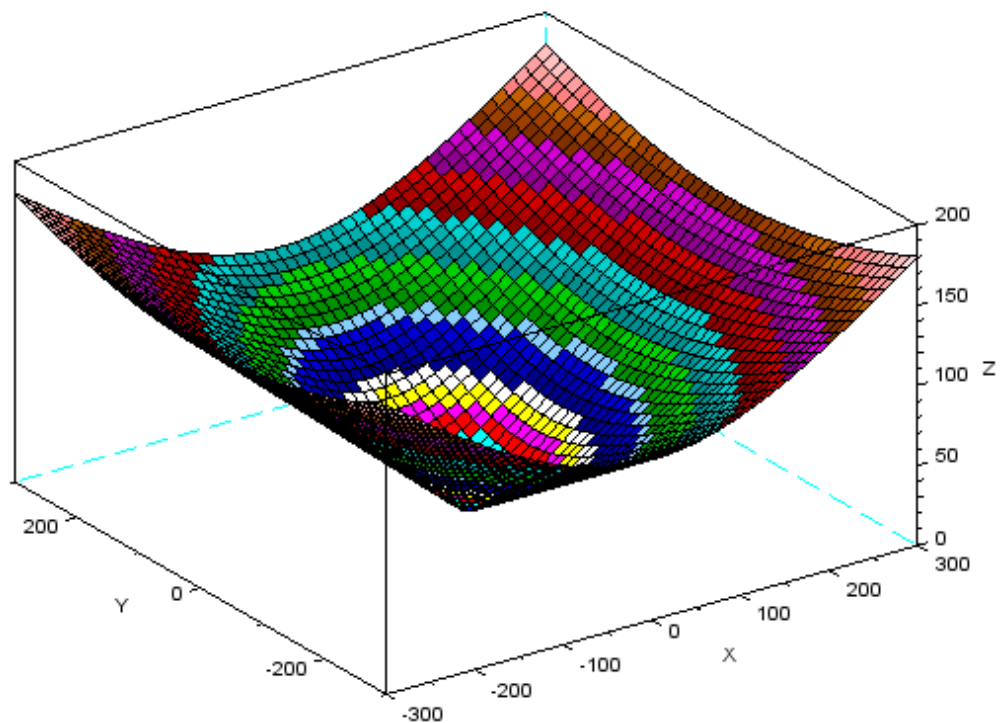


Figure 9:Cone($z^2=x^2/4+y^2/9$)

