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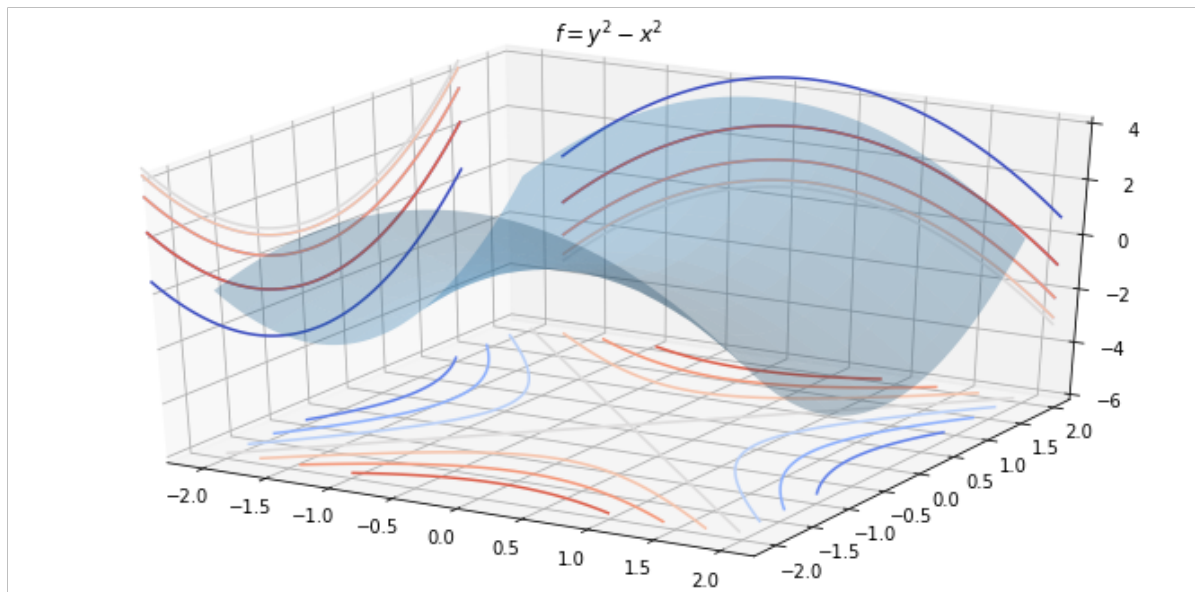
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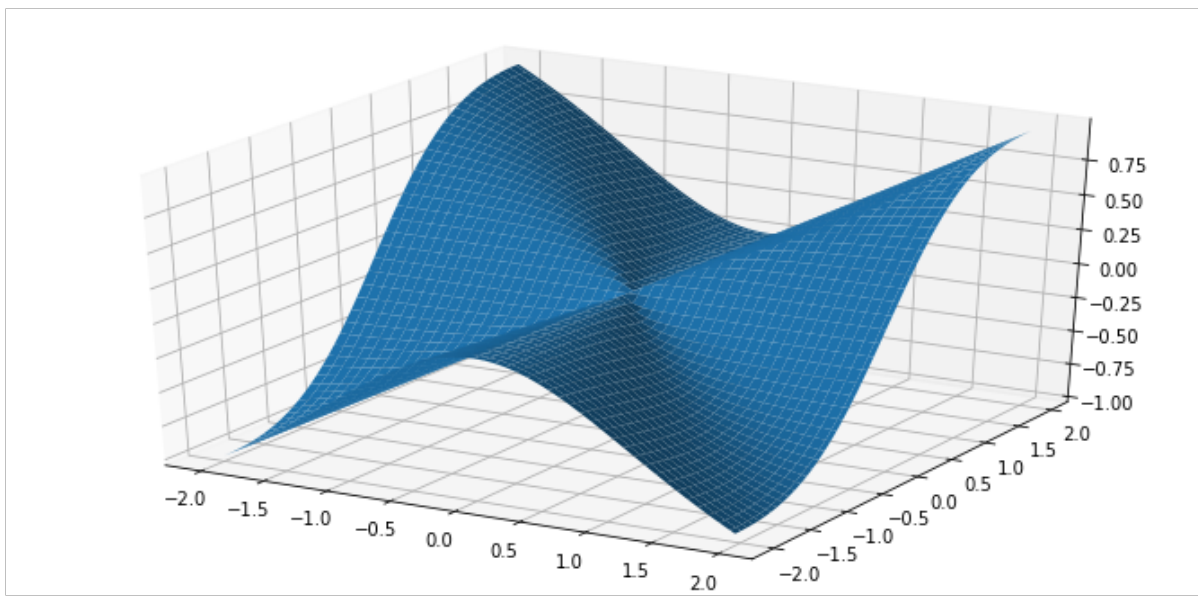
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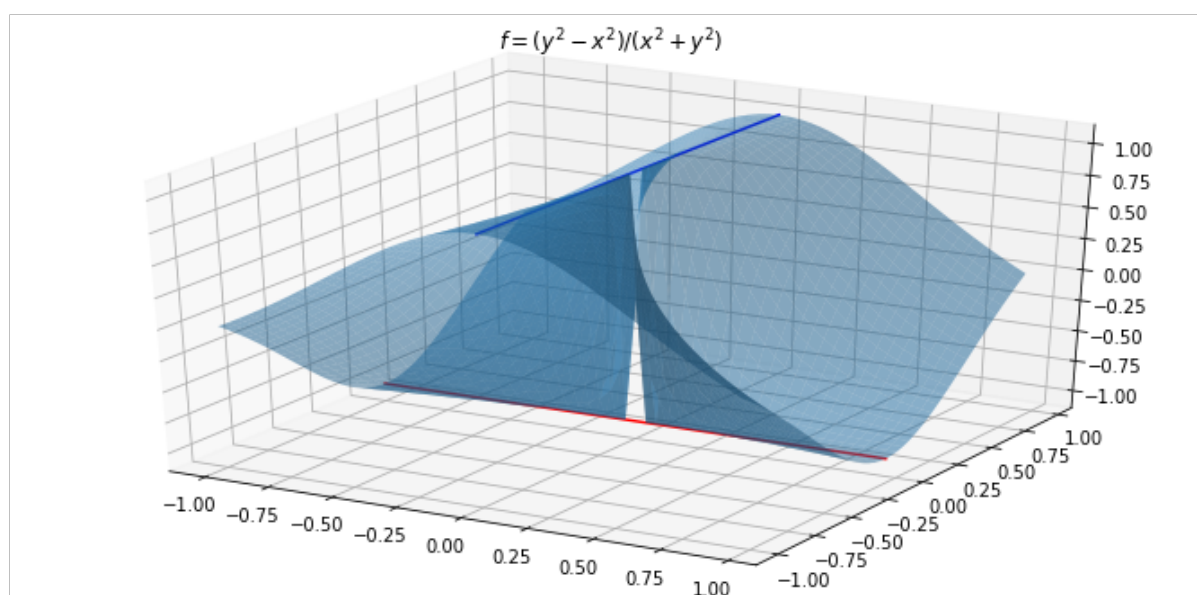
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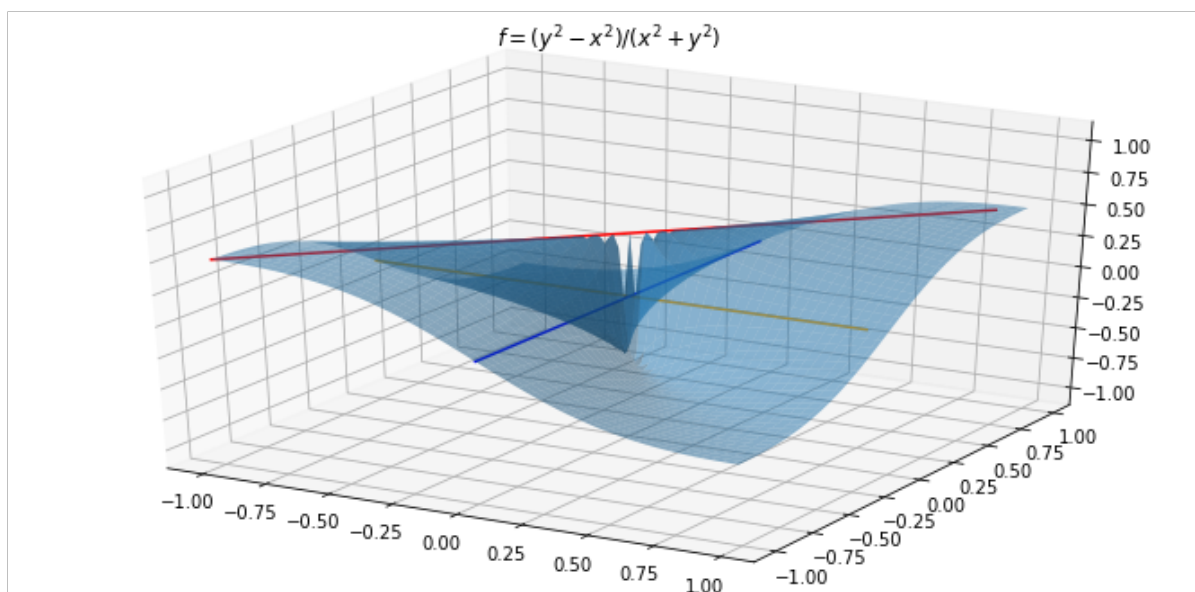
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Suppose that

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Since the limit of  $f(x, y)$  at  $(0, 0)$  is equal to 0 ( $= f(0, 0)$ ):

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4.  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin xy}{x^2 + y^2}$  fails to exist since

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0, y=0} \cdot = 0,$
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40.  $F(x, y, z) = x \tan \frac{y}{z}$  is continuous if  $y/z \neq n\pi \pm \pi/2, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

42. Let

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\sin x} + y & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 + y & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

a).  $f(x)$  is continuous if  $x \neq n\pi, n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

b). From the following picture, the surface would increase to infinite  $x \rightarrow \pi$ :

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$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{3xy^3}{x^2 + y^2} = 0$$

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a). for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta = \sqrt{\varepsilon/3}$ ,

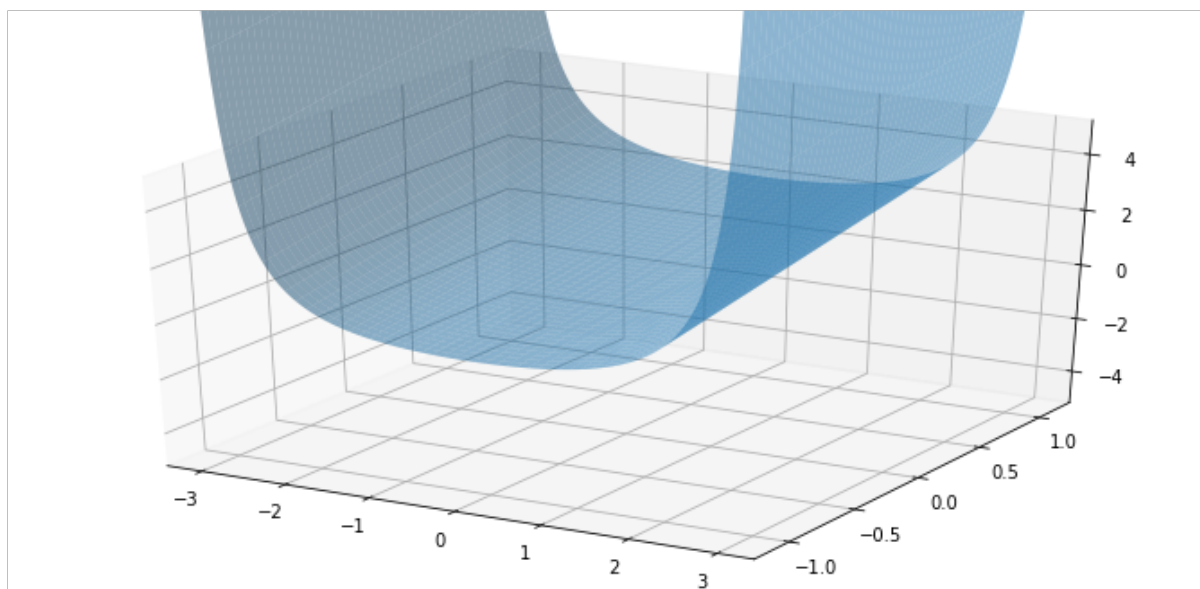
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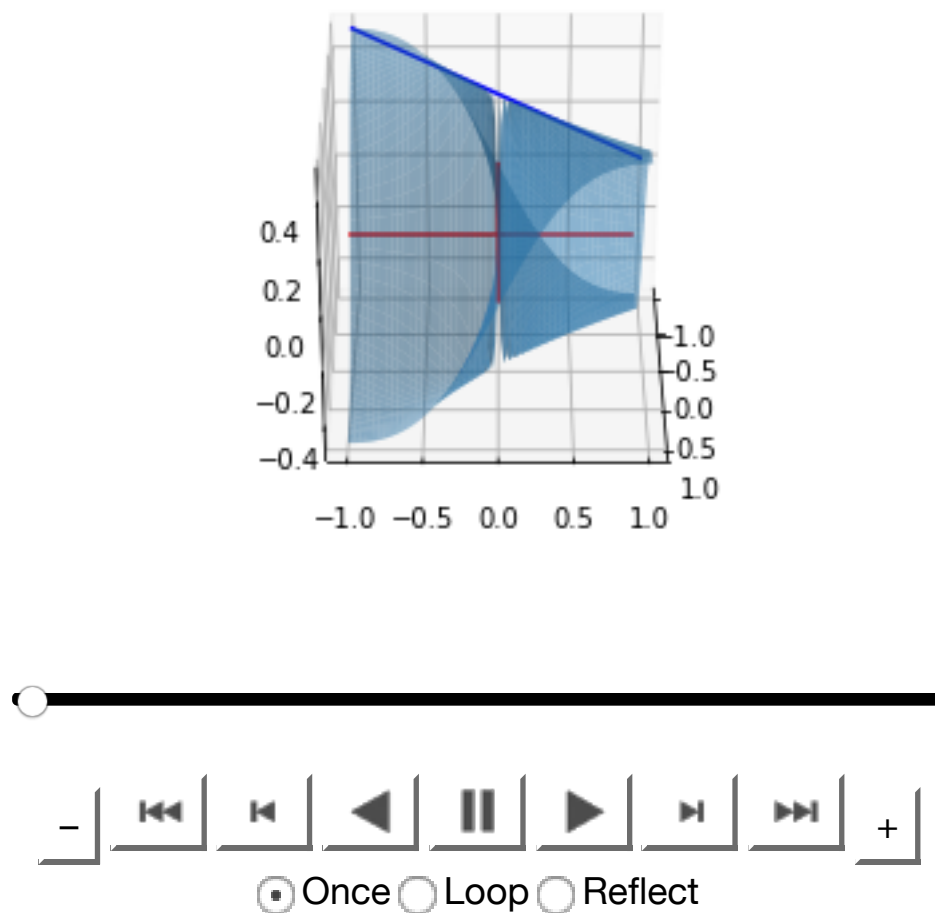


## 2.19 Note: Mathbox Show

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## 2.20 Note: JSAnimation Show

Another HTML binding display, installed by native Python installation way.



## 2.21 Plotly, offline mode

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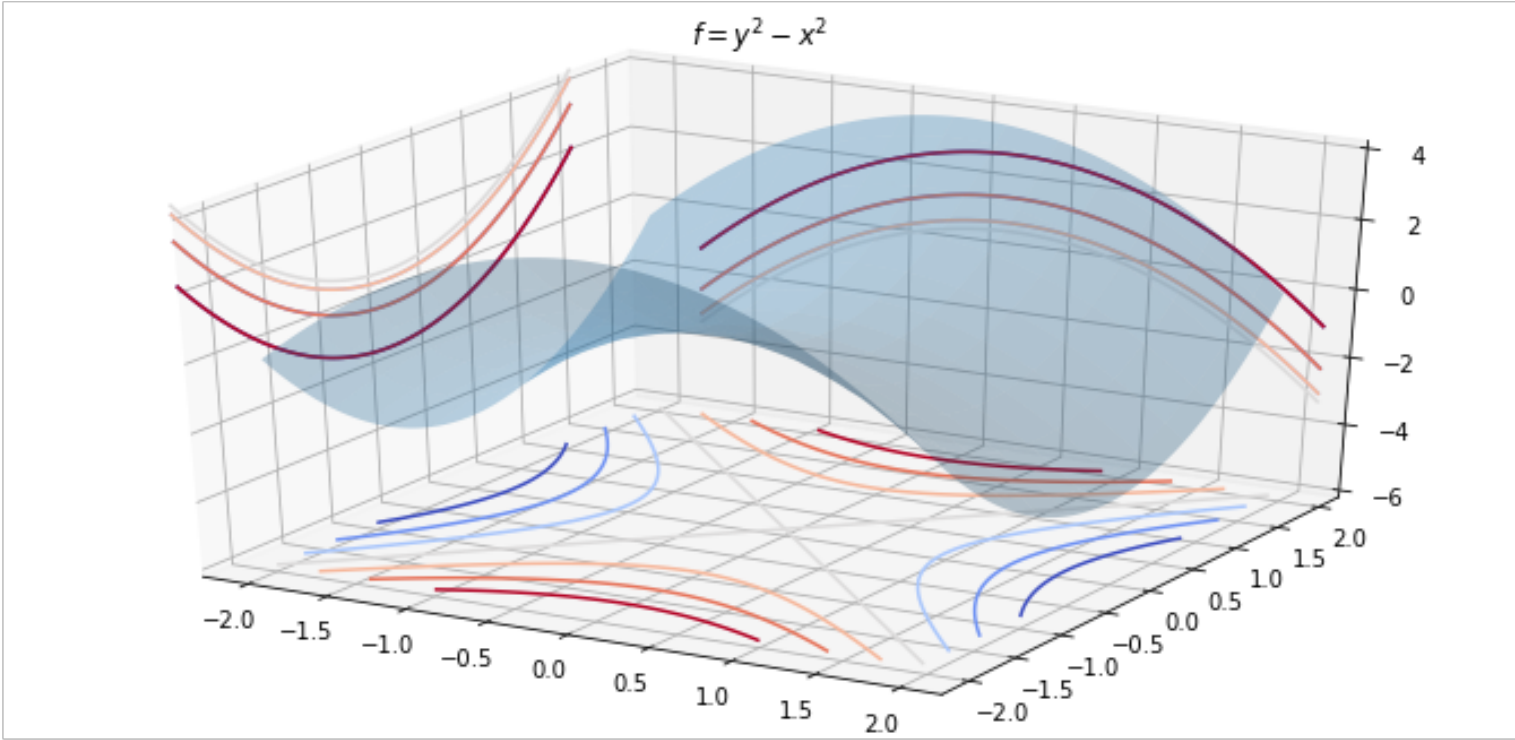
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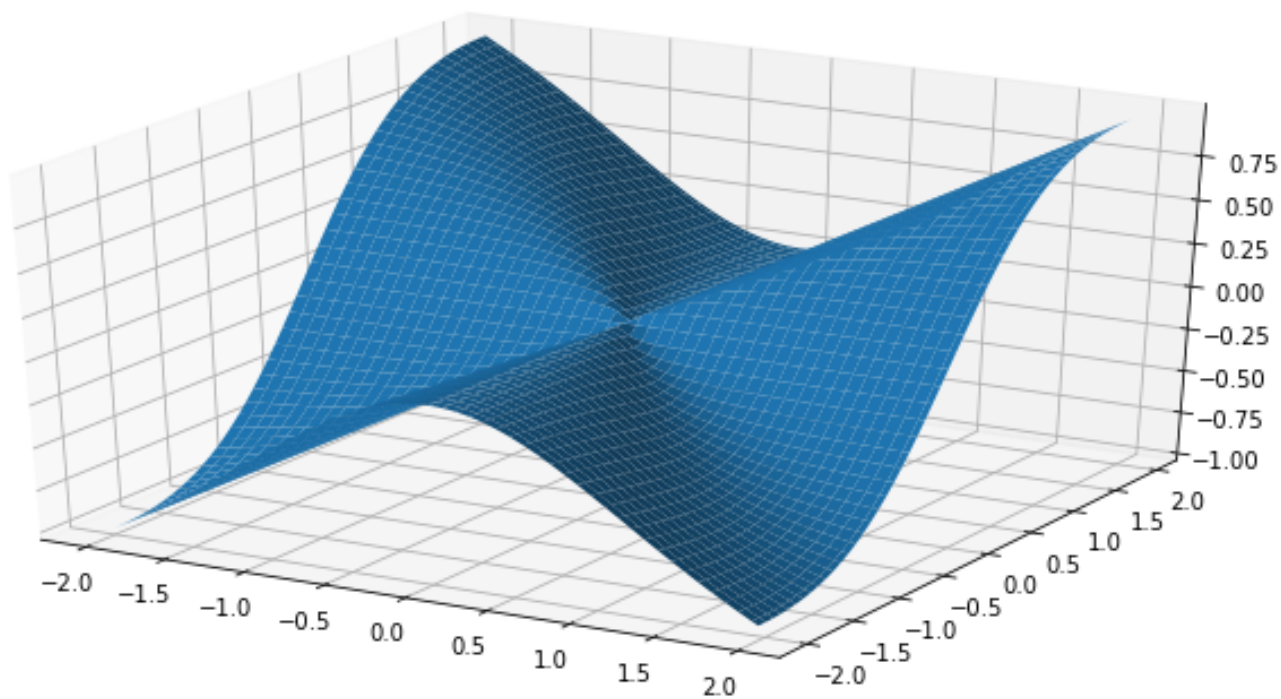
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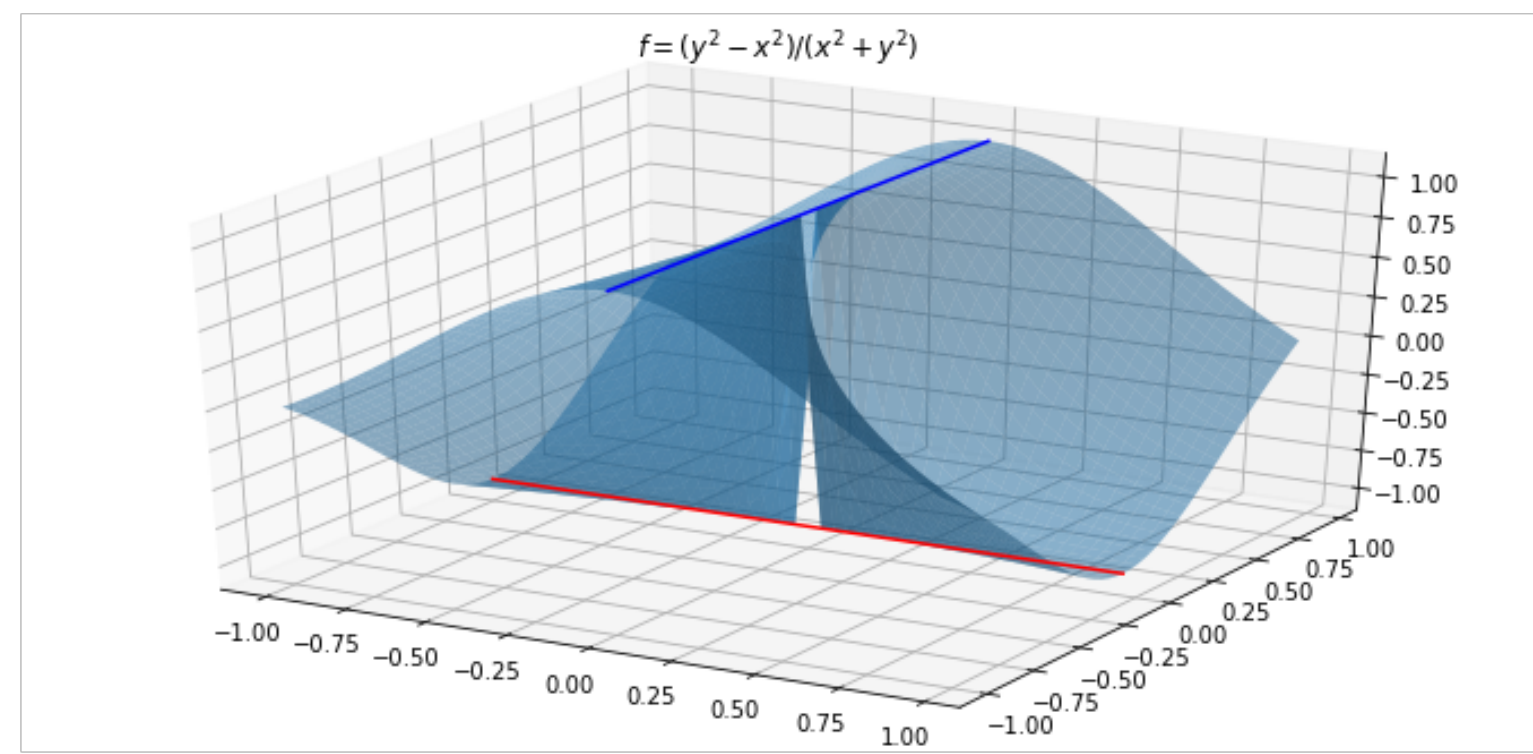
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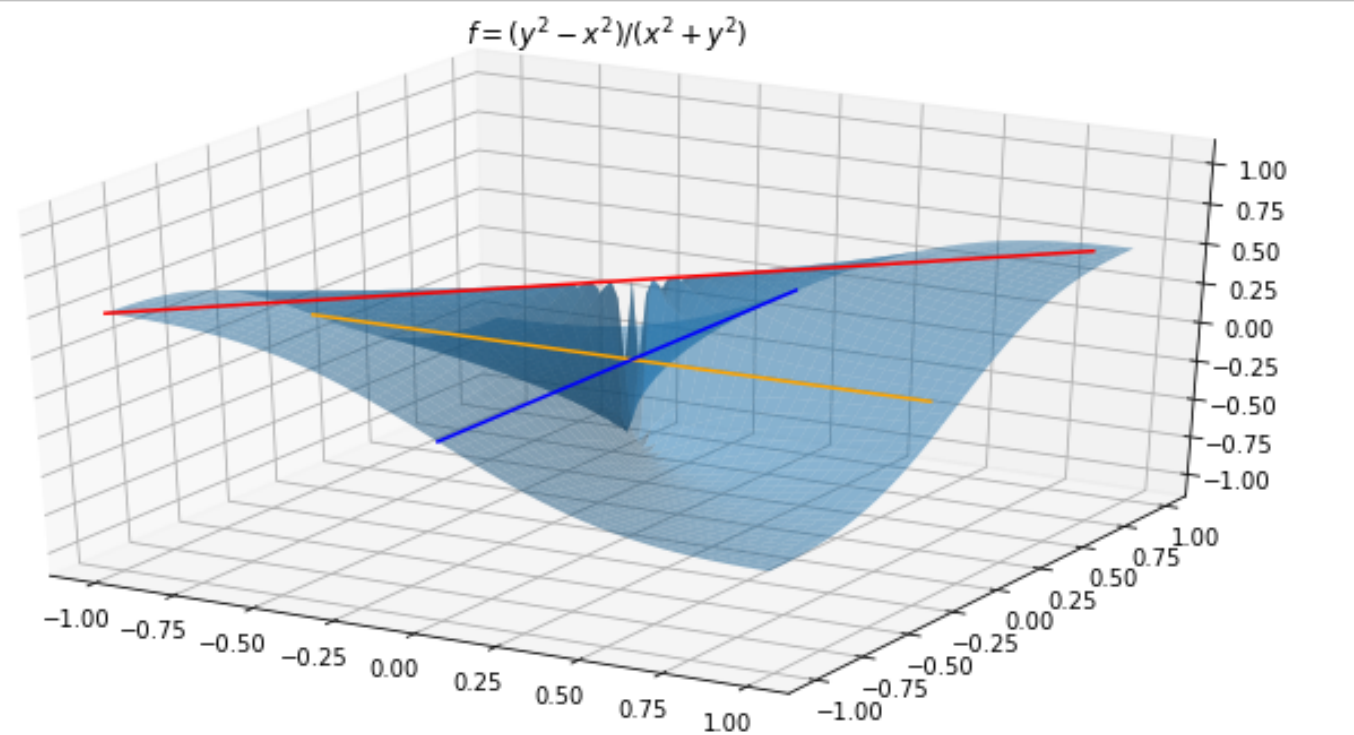
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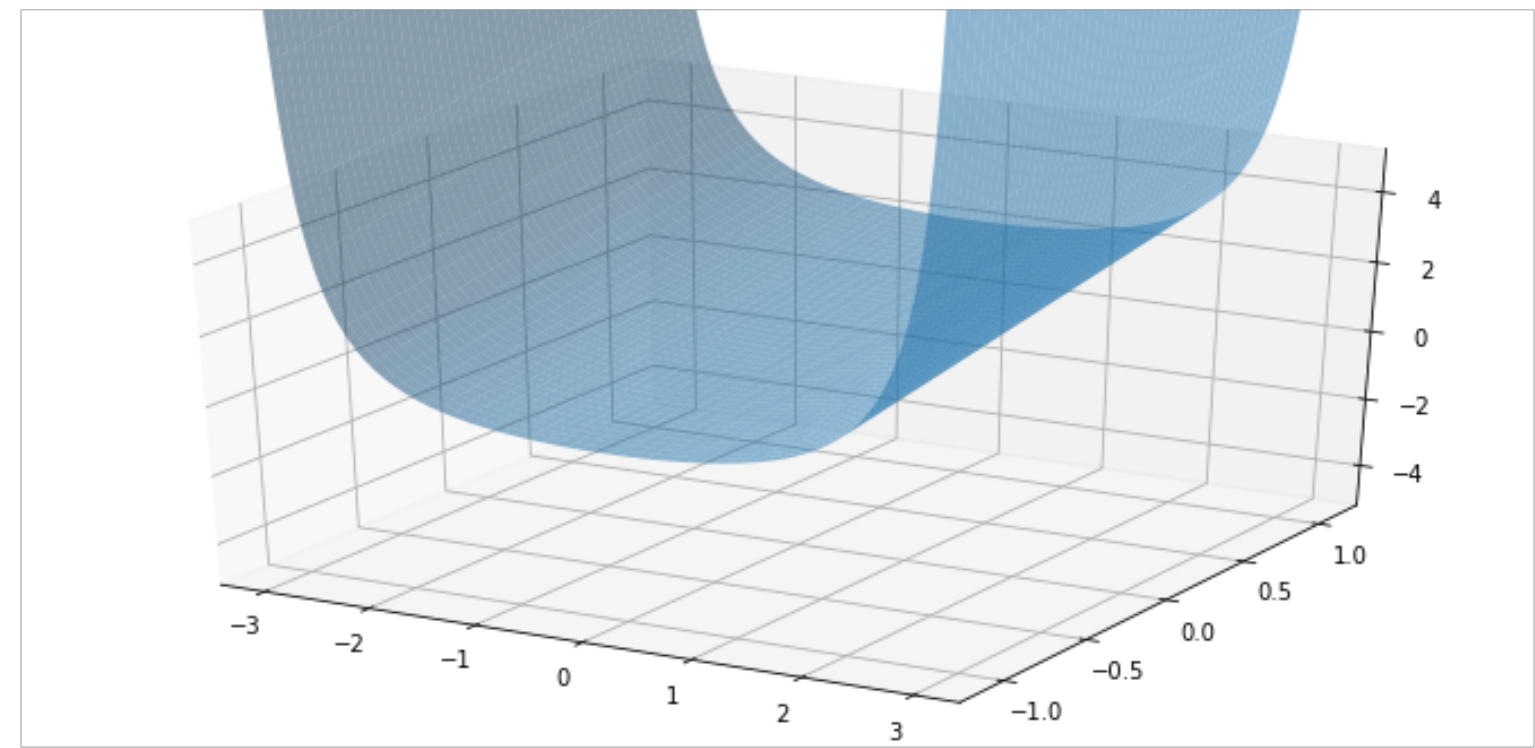
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- 4.  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin xy}{x^2 + y^2}$  fails to exist since
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0, y=0} = 0$ ,
  - $\lim_{x=y \rightarrow 0} = 1/2$ ,
- 28.  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin 2x^2 + 2y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2r^2}{r^2} = 2$
- 40.  $F(x,y,z) = x \tan \frac{y}{z}$  is continuous if  $y/z \neq n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- 42. Let
$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\sin x} + y & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 + y & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$
a).  $f(x)$  is continuous if  $x \neq n\pi, n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$   
b). From the following picture, the surface would increase to infinite  $x \rightarrow \pi$ :

51.  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{3xy^3}{x^2 + y^2} = 0$  since

- a). for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta = \sqrt{\epsilon/3}$ ,
- b).  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta = \sqrt{\epsilon/3}$ , we have  $\left| \frac{3xy^3}{x^2 + y^2} \right| \leq \frac{3\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}{x^2 + y^2} = 3(x^2 + y^2) < \epsilon$  with the fact:  $|x|, |y| \leq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .

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Note: Mathbox Show

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