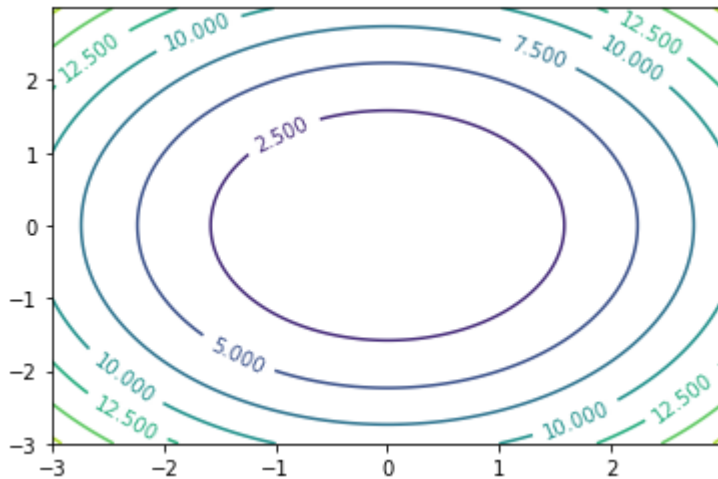


In [1]:

Contours represent the outline of an object. Contours are continuous
lines highlighting the shape of objects. Contours are useful in the area
of cartography, which means map-making. On maps, a contour joins points of equal
height. So, all the points on a contour line are at an equal elevation from the sea level.
In other applications where we use contours, all the points on the same contour line
have the same values (or magnitude).
Let's draw a simple contour. We will create and visualize our own data by creating
circular contour as follows:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
x = np.arange(-3, 3, 0.005)
y = np.arange(-3, 3, 0.005)
X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
Z = (X**2 + Y**2)
out = plt.contour(X, Y, Z)
plt.clabel(out, inline=True, fontsize=10)
plt.show()
```

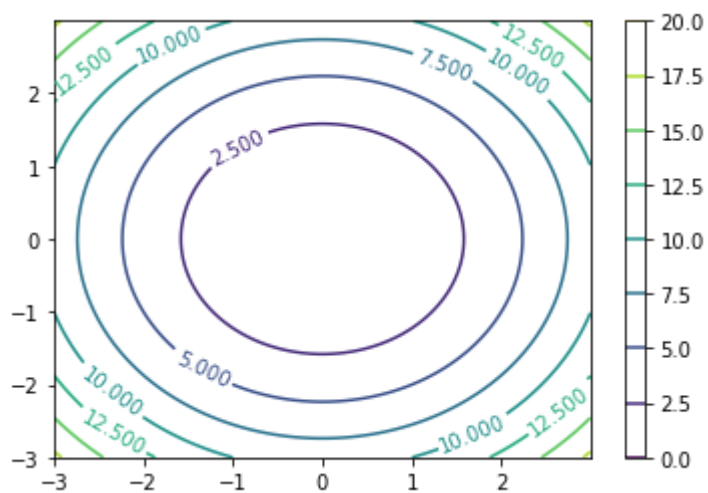


In [2]:



You can also add a color bar to the output as follows:

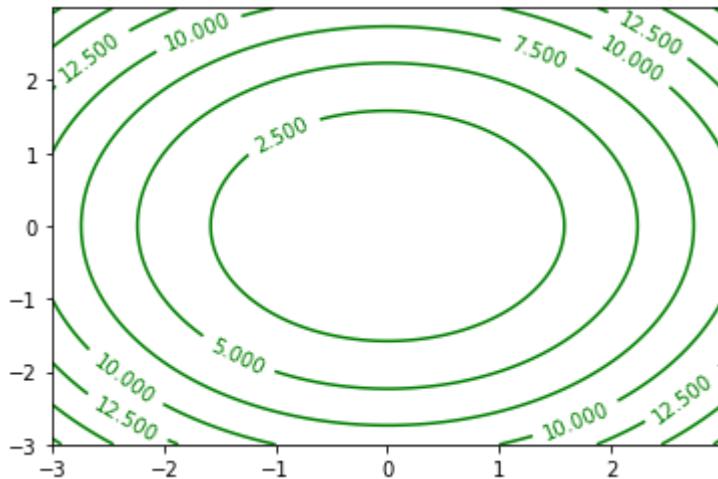
```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
x = np.arange(-3, 3, 0.005)
y = np.arange(-3, 3, 0.005)
X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
Z = (X**2 + Y**2)
out = plt.contour(X, Y, Z)
plt.clabel(out, inline=True, fontsize=10)
plt.colorbar(out)
plt.show()
```



In [3]:

You can also set the colors of the contour as follows:

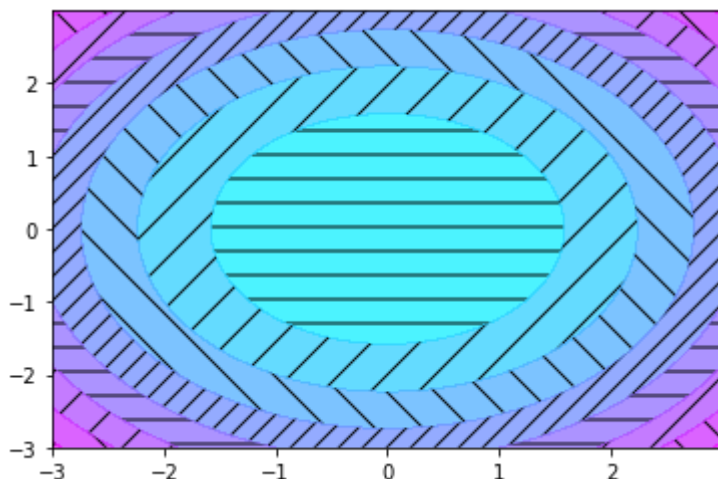
```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
x = np.arange(-3, 3, 0.005)
y = np.arange(-3, 3, 0.005)
X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
Z = (X**2 + Y**2)
out = plt.contour(X, Y, Z, colors='g')
plt.clabel(out, inline=True, fontsize=10)
plt.show()
```



In [4]:

You can also have a filled contour. The styles are used to highlight the various areas in the contour visualization. Let's visualize filled contours as follows:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
x = np.arange(-3, 3, 0.005)
y = np.arange(-3, 3, 0.005)
X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
Z = (X**2 + Y**2)
plt.contourf(X, Y, Z, hatches=['-', '/', '\\', '//'],
             cmap='cool', alpha=0.75)
plt.show()
```

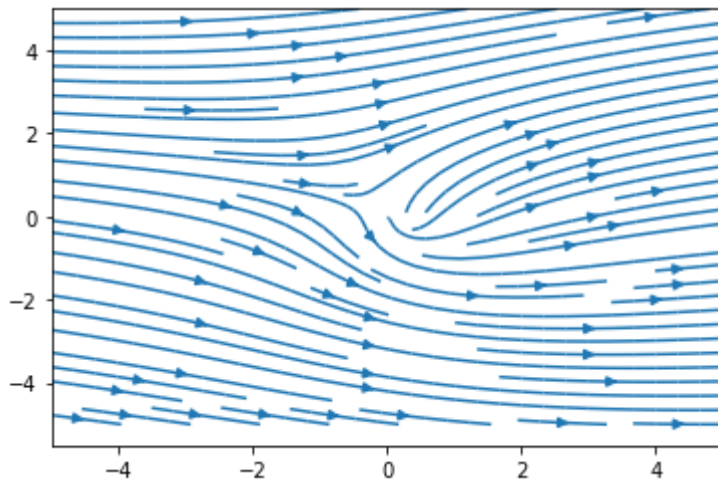


In [5]:



```
# Vectors, by contrast, are entities that have magnitude and direction.  
# For example, force has a magnitude and a direction. A specific example  
# is a magnetic force field. You can visualize vectors with stream plots.  
# Let's create our own dataset to visualize this. We will create a  
# mesh with X and Y. Then we will create U and V to show the magnitude.
```

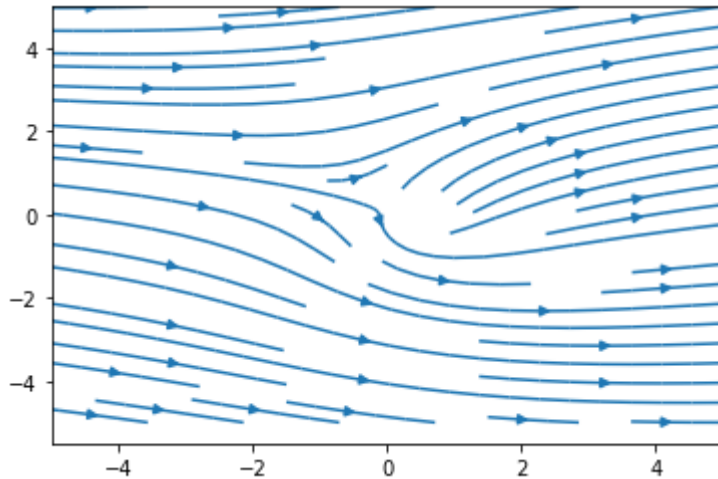
```
import numpy as np  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
Y, X = np.mgrid[-5:5:200j, -5:5:300j]  
U = X**2 + Y**2  
V = X + Y  
# You can create a simple stream plot as follows:  
plt.streamplot(X, Y, U, V)  
plt.show()
```



In [6]:

You can also have stream plots of variable densities as follows:

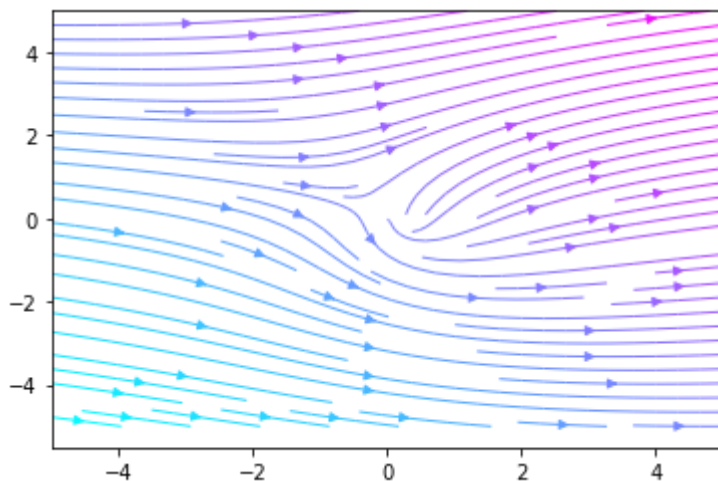
```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
Y, X = np.mgrid[-5:5:200j, -5:5:300j]
U = X**2 + Y**2
V = X + Y
plt.streamplot(X, Y, U, V, density=[0.5, 0.75])
plt.show()
```



In [7]:

You can also assign colors to the stream plot as follows:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
Y, X = np.mgrid[-5:5:200j, -5:5:300j]
U = X**2 + Y**2
V = X + Y
plt.streamplot(X, Y, U, V, color=V,
               linewidth=1, cmap='cool')
plt.show()
```

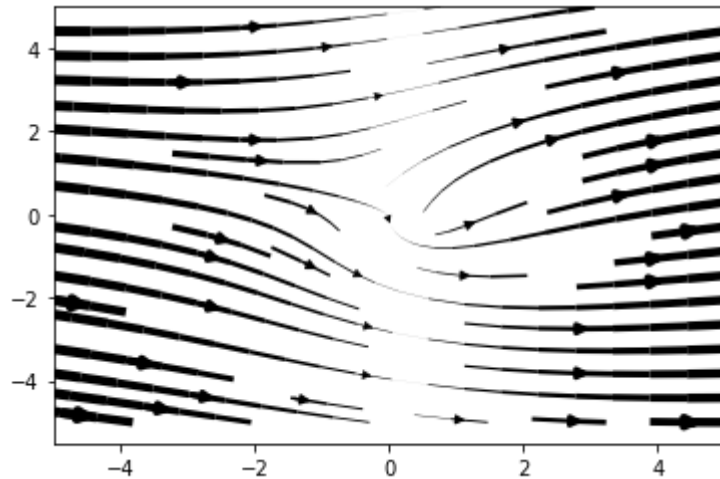


In [8]:



You can also create a stream plot with variable line widths as follows:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
Y, X = np.mgrid[-5:5:200j, -5:5:300j]
U = X**2 + Y**2
V = X + Y
plt.streamplot(X, Y, U, V, density=0.6,
               color='k', linewidth=X)
plt.show()
```



In [9]:



You can also use quiver plots for the vector visualizations as follows:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
X = np.arange(-5, 5, 0.5)
Y = np.arange(-10, 10, 1)
U, V = np.meshgrid(X, Y)
plt.quiver(X, Y, U, V)
plt.show()
```

