

MATH 277

Problem Set # 4 for Labs

Note : Problems marked with (*) are left for students to do at home.

1. In each case , find the **Domain** of f and **sketch** :

$$(a) \quad f(x,y) = \frac{1}{x^2 - y}$$

$$(b) \quad f(x,y) = \ln(2x - y)$$

$$(c) \quad f(x,y) = \sqrt[3]{x^2 + y^2 - 1}$$

$$(d) \quad f(x,y) = \sqrt{\ln(2x - y)}$$

2. Draw a **Contour Map with Four Level Curves** using positive , negative or zero values of c where appropriate!

$$(a) \quad f(x,y) = y - \ln(x)$$

$$(b) \quad f(x,y) = y e^{-x}$$

$$(c) \quad f(x,y) = y - \cos(x)$$

$$(d) \quad f(x,y) = \frac{1}{x^2 - y^2}$$

3. In each case determine $f_x(x,y)$ and $f_y(x,y)$ at the indicated point :

$$(a) \quad f(x,y) = \ln\left(\frac{y^x}{x^y}\right) ; (x,y) = (e^2, 1)$$

$$(b)^* \quad f(x,y) = e^{x^2 - y^2} ; (x,y) = (2, -2)$$

$$(c)^* \quad f(x,y) = \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y - 12}} ; (x,y) = (3, 4)$$

$$(d) \quad f(x,y) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) ; (x,y) = (1, 1)$$

4. Show that the function $u(x,t) = \tan^{-1}\left(3 - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{t^2}\right)$ satisfies the equation

$$4x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + t \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0.$$

5. Find the slope of the line tangent to the curve of intersection of the surface

$z = \sin(x + 2y^3)$ and the plane $x = -2$ at the point $(-2, 1, 0)$ on the surface.

6. Find all second order partial derivatives of :

$$(a) \quad f(x,y) = x^2 e^{xy}$$

$$(b) \quad W = \ln(x^3 y^5 z^6)$$

7*. (a) If $z = y^x$, find $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$

(b) If $z = \frac{(x+y)^{y+1}}{y+1} + \cosh^3(y) + 2$, find $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x}$

8. Find constant real numbers A , and B such that the function

$$w(x, y) = x^5 + Ax^3y^2 + Bxy^4 \text{ satisfies Laplace Equation : } w_{xx} + w_{yy} = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2.$$

8. Show that the function $W(x, y, z) = e^{3x+4y} \sin(5z)$ is **Harmonic** in \mathbb{R}^3 , that is it satisfies

$$\text{Laplace Equation } W_{xx} + W_{yy} + W_{zz} = 0.$$

10. In each case, answer True or False. If statement is False, write a Correction.

(a) $-2x^2 - 4y^2 + 3z^2 = -24$ is an equation of a Hyperboloid of Two Sheets.

(b) $z = \sqrt{16 - x^2 - y^2}$ is an equation of a Cone.

(c) $x = \sqrt{y^2 + z^2 + 1}$ is an equation of a Cone.

(d) $y^2 = z$ is an equation of a Parabola in \mathbb{R}^3 .

(e) $x + 3y = 0$ is an equation of a Straight Line in \mathbb{R}^3 .

(f) $3y^2 = x^2 - 4z^2$ is an equation of a Hyperboloid of One Sheet.

(g) $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is an equation of a Circle in \mathbb{R}^3 .

(h) $z = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ is an equation of a Paraboloid.

(i) $y = 3 - x^2 - z^2$ is an equation of a Paraboloid

(j) $2x^2 + 4y^2 + 15z^2 = 120$ is an equation of an Ellipsoid.

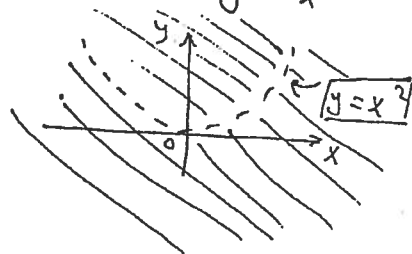
Solutions

1. (a) $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2 - y}$

Domain f consists of all ordered pairs (x, y) except where $x^2 - y = 0 \Rightarrow y = x^2$

In other words domain f consists of all points (x, y) in \mathbb{R}^2 except those which lie on the parabola $y = x^2$

$\therefore \text{Domain } f = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y \neq x^2\}$



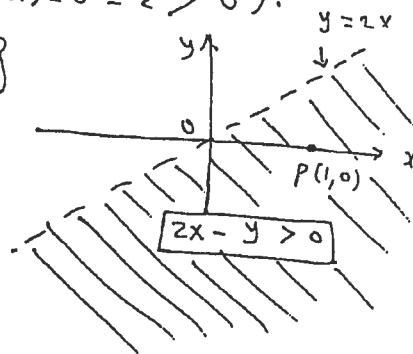
(b) $f(x, y) = \ln(2x - y)$

f is defined and is real provided $2x - y > 0$ ---- (1)

First sketch the st. line $2x - y = 0$ (or $y = 2x$) and use a test point to determine whether the region described by (1) is above or below the line!

(Use say $P(1, 0)$ for Test: $2x - y = 2(1) - 0 = 2 > 0$).

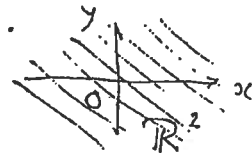
$\therefore \text{Domain } f = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 2x - y > 0\}$



(c) $f(x, y) = \sqrt[7]{x^2 + y^2 - 1}$

First note that if n is an odd positive integer, then $\sqrt[n]{a}$ is defined and is real for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

$\therefore \text{Domain } f$ is all of \mathbb{R}^2 !



$$(d) f(x, y) = \sqrt{\ln(2x - y)}$$

Two restrictions need to be made: Refer to figure below

First: $\ln(2x - y)$ is defined and is real provided

$$2x - y > 0 \quad \dots (1)$$

Next, \sqrt{a} is defined and is real provided $a \geq 0$.

putting $a = \ln(2x - y)$, we have

$$\ln(2x - y) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - y \geq 1 \quad \dots (2)$$

Clearly, condition (2) alone is sufficient!

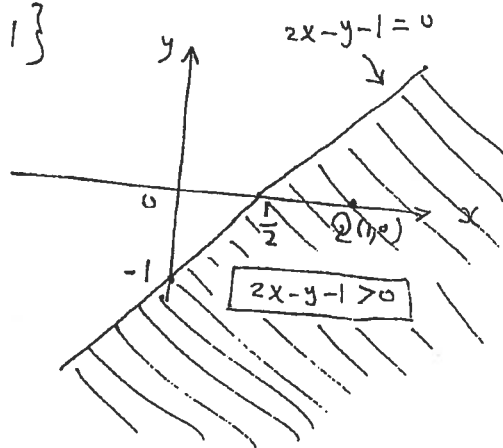
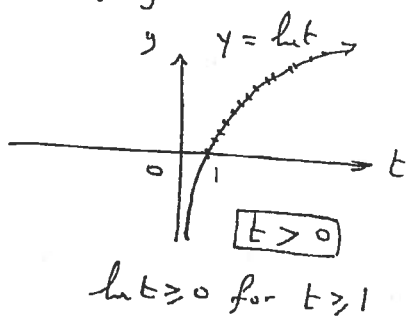
$$\therefore \text{Domain } f = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 2x - y \geq 1\}$$

Sketch line $2x - y - 1 = 0$:

x	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
y	-1	0

$(0, -1)$ $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$

use $(1, 0)$ for Testing: $2x - y - 1 = 2(1) - 0 - 1 = 1 > 0 \checkmark$

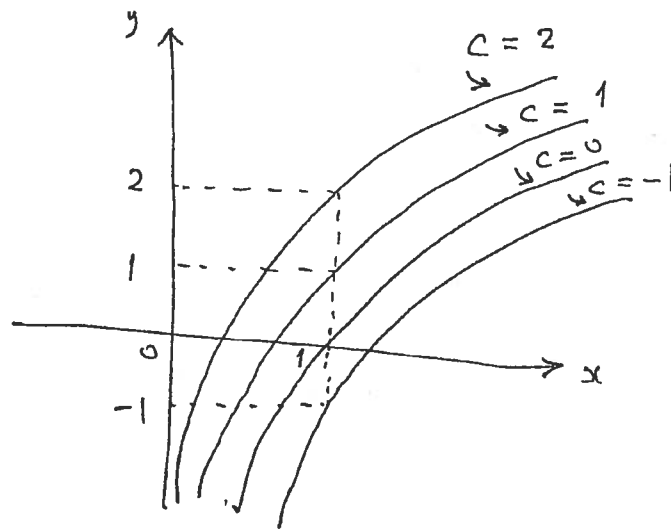


2. (a) $f(x, y) = y - \ln(x)$. Level curves are given by

$$y - \ln(x) = c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

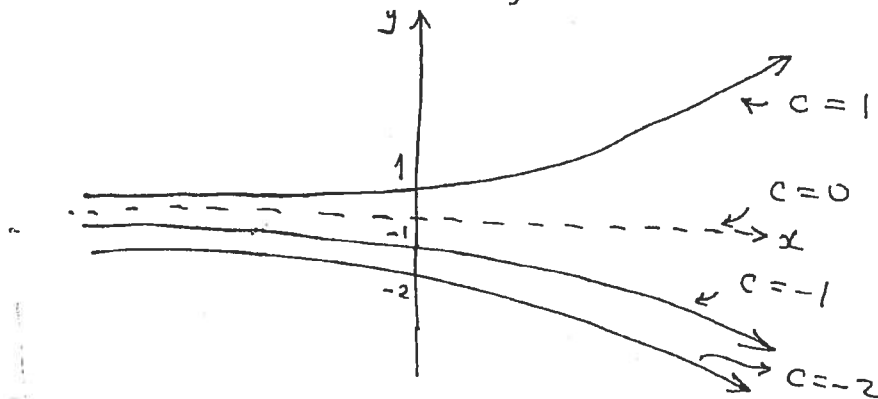
$$\Rightarrow y = c + \ln(x)$$

Let us sketch level curves for $c = 0, 1, -1, 2$.



(b) $f(x, y) = y e^{-x}$. Level curves are given by $f(x, y) = c$, that is $y \cdot e^{-x} = c \Rightarrow y = c e^x$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$

let us sketch level curves for $c = 0, 1, -1, -2$.

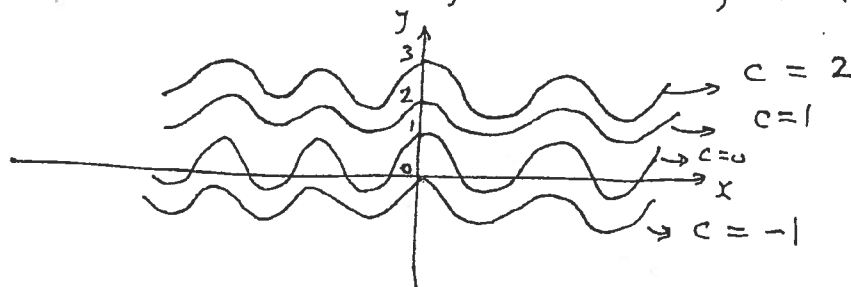


(c) $f(x, y) = y - \cos(x)$. Level curves are given by

$$y - \cos(x) = c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c + \cos(x), \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

let us sketch level curves for $c = 0, \pm 1$, and 2.



3. (a) $f(x, y) = \ln\left(\frac{y^x}{x^y}\right)$ -- Simplify first

$$= \ln y^x - \ln x^y$$

$$= x \ln y - y \ln x$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \ln(y) - \frac{y}{x},$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{x}{y} - \ln(x)$$

At $(x, y) = (e^2, 1)$, we have

$$f_x(e^2, 1) = \ln 1 - \frac{1}{e^2} = 0 - \frac{1}{e^2} = -\frac{1}{e^2},$$

$$f_y(e^2, 1) = \frac{e^2}{1} - \ln e^2 = e^2 - 2 \ln e = e^2 - 2$$

(b) For students to do at home.

$$f_x(2, -2) = 4, \quad f_y(2, -2) = 4$$

(c) For students to do at home.

$$f_x(3, 4) = -32, \quad f_y(3, 4) = -3$$

(d) $f(x, y) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \cdot \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right), \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$= \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$= \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\therefore f_x(1, 1) = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad f_y(1, 1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

4. We need to calculate $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$, and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$!

$$\text{Now, } u(x, t) = \tan^{-1}(3 - \sqrt{x} t^{-2})$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{1 + (3 - \sqrt{x} t^{-2})^2} \cdot \left(0 - \frac{t^{-2}}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)$$

Multiplying each side by $4x$ we get:

$$4x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{-2\sqrt{x} t^{-2}}{1 + (3 - \sqrt{x} t^{-2})^2} \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Next, } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{1 + (3 - \sqrt{x} t^{-2})^2} (0 + 2\sqrt{x} t^{-3})$$

Multiplying each side by t we get,

$$t \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{2\sqrt{x} t^{-2}}{1 + (3 - \sqrt{x} t^{-2})^2} \dots \dots (2)$$

adding both sides of (1), (2):

$$\begin{aligned} 4x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + t \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= \frac{-2\sqrt{x} t^{-2}}{1 + (3 - \sqrt{x} t^{-2})^2} + \frac{2\sqrt{x} t^{-2}}{1 + (3 - \sqrt{x} t^{-2})^2} \\ &= \text{zero!} \dots \text{Verified!} \end{aligned}$$

5. slope $m = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(-2, 1)$

$$\text{Here } z = f(x, y) = \sin(x + 2y^3)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 6y^2 \cos(x + 2y^3)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{x=-2, y=1} = 6(1)^2 \cos(-2 + 2(1)) = 6 \cos(0) = 6$$

$$\therefore \text{ slope } m = 6$$

6. (a) $f(x, y) = x^2 e^{xy}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x e^{xy} + x^2 y e^{xy} = e^{xy} (2x + x^2 y),$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2 \cdot x e^{xy} = x^3 e^{xy}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = y e^{xy} (2x + x^2 y) + e^{xy} (2 + 2xy) = e^{xy} (x^2 y^2 + 4xy + 2)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = x^4 e^{xy},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^3 e^{xy}) = 3x^2 e^{xy} + x^3 \cdot y e^{xy} \\ &= x^2 e^{xy} (xy + 3), \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xy} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [e^{xy} (2x + x^2 y)] \\ &= x e^{xy} (2x + x^2 y) + e^{xy} \cdot x^2 = x^2 e^{xy} (xy + 3) \end{aligned}$$

Note: $f_{xy}(x, y) = f_{yx}(x, y)$ as expected.

(b) $W = \ln(x^3 y^5 z^6) = \ln x^3 + \ln y^5 + \ln z^6 = 3 \ln x + 5 \ln y + 6 \ln z$

$$W_x = \frac{3}{x}, \quad W_y = \frac{5}{y}, \quad \text{and} \quad W_z = \frac{6}{z}$$

$$\therefore W_{xx} = -\frac{3}{x^2}, \quad W_{yy} = -\frac{5}{y^2}, \quad W_{zz} = -\frac{6}{z^2}, \quad W_{xy} = W_{yx} = 0,$$

$$W_{yz} = W_{zy} = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad W_{xz} = W_{zx} = 0.$$

7. For students to do at home.

Answer:

$$(a) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = y^{x-1} [x \ln(y) + 1]$$

$$(b) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} = \left[\frac{y}{x+y} + \ln(x+y) \right] (x+y)^y$$

8. $w_{xx} + w_{yy} = 0 \dots (*)$

Here $w(x,y) = x^5 + Ax^3y^2 + Bxy^4$

$\therefore w_x = 5x^4 + 3Ax^2y^2 + By^4$

$w_{xx} = 20x^3 + 6Axy^2 + 0 = 20x^3 + 6Axy^2 \dots (1)$

Like wise $w_y = 0 + 2Ax^3y + 4Bxy^3$

$w_{yy} = 2Ax^3 + 12Bxy^2 \dots (2)$

Substituting (1), (2) into (*)

$(20x^3 + 6Axy^2) + (2Ax^3 + 12Bxy^2) = 0$

$\therefore (20 + 2A)x^3 + (6A + 12B)xy^2 = 0$

Equating coefficients to zero:

$20 + 2A = 0 \Rightarrow 2A = -20 \Rightarrow \boxed{A = -10}$

and $6A + 12B = 0 \Rightarrow 12B = -6A \Rightarrow 2B = -A$

But $A = -10$,

$\therefore 2B = -(-10)$

$= 10$

$\therefore \boxed{B = 5}$

$$9. \quad W(x, y, z) = e^{3x+4y} \sin(5z)$$

$$W_x = 3 e^{3x+4y} \sin(5z),$$

$$W_{xx} = 9 e^{3x+4y} \sin(5z) \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{W_{xx} = 9W} \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Next, } W_y = 4 e^{3x+4y} \sin(5z)$$

$$W_{yy} = 16 e^{3x+4y} \sin(5z) \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{W_{yy} = 16W} \dots (2)$$

$$\text{Finally, } W_z = 5 e^{3x+4y} \cos(5z)$$

$$W_{zz} = -25 e^{3x+4y} \sin(5z), \quad \text{or}$$

$$\boxed{W_{zz} = -25W} \dots (3)$$

Adding both sides of (1), (2), and (3),
we get:

$$W_{xx} + W_{yy} + W_{zz} = 9W + 16W - 25W$$

$$= 0 \quad \dots \text{Verified!}$$

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10. In each case, answer True or False. If statement is false, write a correction

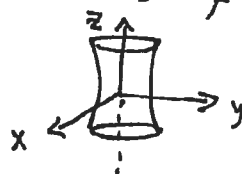
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- (g) $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is an equation of a circle in \mathbb{R}^3
- (h) $z = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ is an equation of a paraboloid.
- (i) $y = 3 - x^2 - z^2$ is an equation of a paraboloid
- (j) $2x^2 + 4y^2 + 15z^2 = 120$ is an equation of an ellipsoid.

Solution:

$$(a) \quad -2x^2 - 4y^2 + 3z^2 = -24 \quad (\div -24)$$

$$\frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{y^2}{6} - \frac{z^2}{8} = 1$$

This is an equation of a Hyperboloid of one sheet with centre at $(0,0,0)$ and axis of symmetry being the z -axis.

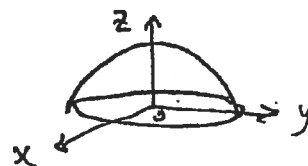


Answer: False!

$$(b) \quad z = \sqrt{16 - x^2 - y^2} \quad \dots (*)$$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 = 16 - x^2 - y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$$



This is an equation of a sphere with centre $(0,0,0)$, and radius 4. However $(*)$ is an equation of the Upper hemi-sphere (since $z \geq 0$).

Answer: False!

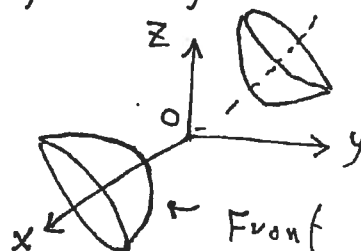
$$(c) \quad x = \sqrt{y^2 + z^2 + 1}$$

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

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

This is an equation of a Hyperboloid of two sheets.

Note: $x = \sqrt{y^2 + z^2 + 1}$ is the eq. only of the front sheet.



Answer: False!

(d) $y^2 = z$ is an equation of a (parabolic) cylinder with generators parallel to the x -axis.

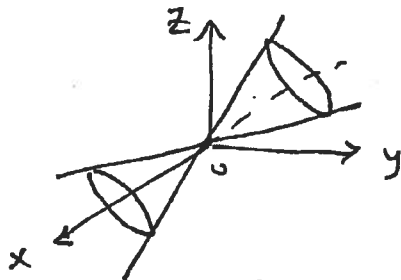
Answer: False!

(e) $x + 3y = 0$ is an equation of a plane in 3-space!

Answer: False!

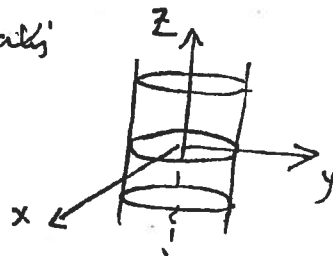
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Answer: False!

(g) $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is an equation of a (circular) cylinder with generators // to z -axis.



Answer: False!

$$(h) \quad z = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

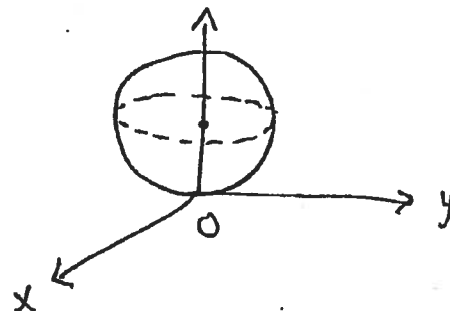
$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - z = 0$$

Completing the square in "z" we have

$$x^2 + y^2 + \left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

This is an equation of a sphere with centre at $(0, 0, \frac{1}{2})$, and radius $\frac{1}{2}$ unit.

Answer: False!

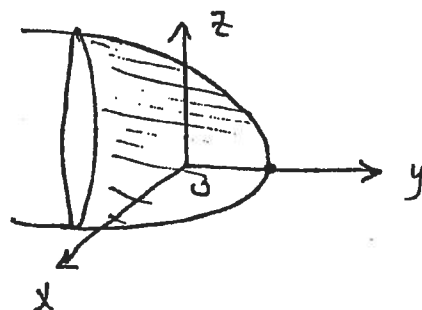


$$(i) \quad y = 3 - x^2 - z^2$$

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

This is an equation of a paraboloid (with vertex at $(0, 3, 0)$, axis: y-axis and which opens to the left).

Answer: True!



$$(j) \quad 2x^2 + 4y^2 + 15z^2 = 120$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{60} + \frac{y^2}{30} + \frac{z^2}{8} = 1$$

This is an equation of an ellipsoid - centred at O.

Answer: True!