

Newton's method in n dimensions

In [1]:

```
#keep
import numpy as np
import numpy.linalg as la

import scipy.optimize as sopt

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import axes3d
%matplotlib inline
```

Here are two functions. The first one is an oblong "bowl-shaped" one made of quadratic functions.

In [2]:

```
#keep
def f(x):
    return 0.5*x[0]**2 + 2.5*x[1]**2

def df(x):
    return np.array([x[0], 5*x[1]])

def ddf(x):
    return np.array([
        [1,0],
        [0,5]
    ])
```

The second one is a challenge problem for optimization algorithms known as Rosenbrock's banana function (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosenbrock_function).

In [124]:

#keep

```
def f(X):
    x = X[0]
    y = X[1]
    val = 100.0 * (y - x**2)**2 + (1.0 - x)**2
    return val

def df(X):
    x = X[0]
    y = X[1]
    val1 = 400.0 * (y - x**2) * x - 2 * x
    val2 = 200.0 * (y - x**2)
    return np.array([val1, val2])

def ddf(X):
    x = X[0]
    y = X[1]
    val11 = 400.0 * (y - x**2) - 800.0 * x**2 - 2
    val12 = 400.0
    val21 = -400.0 * x
    val22 = 200.0
    return np.array([[val11, val12], [val21, val22]])
```

Let's take a look at these functions. First in 3D:

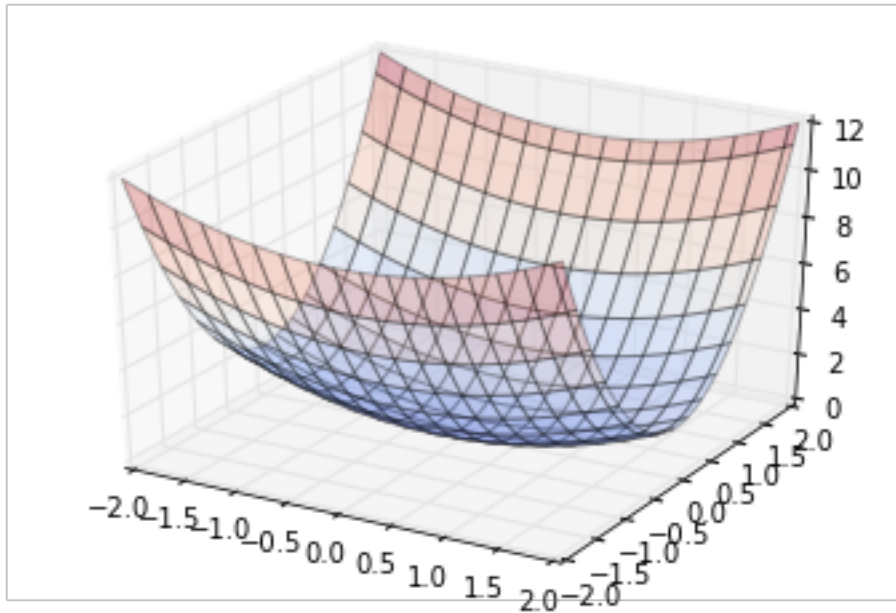
In [3]:

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#keep
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.gca(projection="3d")

xmesh, ymesh = np.mgrid[-2:2:50j,-2:2:50j]
fmesh = f(np.array([xmesh, ymesh]))
ax.plot_surface(xmesh, ymesh, fmesh,
                alpha=0.3, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm, rstride=3, cstride=3)
```

Out[3]:

<mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.Poly3DCollection at 0x10473b080>



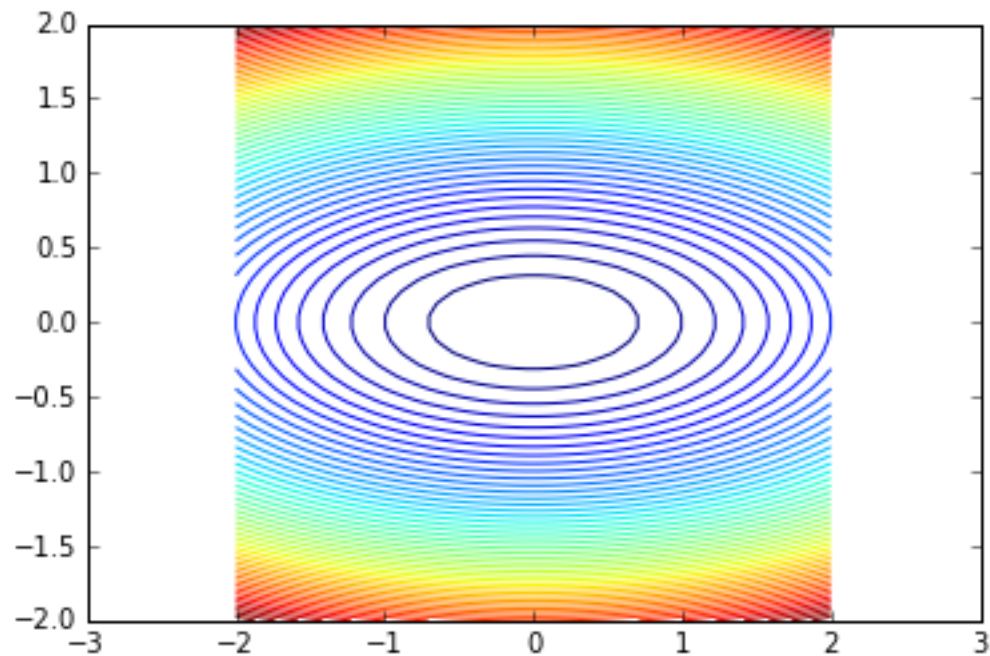
Then as a "contour plot":

In [4]:

```
#keep
pt.axis("equal")
pt.contour(xmesh, ymesh, fmesh, 50)
```

Out[4]:

<matplotlib.contour.QuadContourSet at 0x10473ae48>



- You may need to add contours to see more detail.
- The function is *not* symmetric about the y axis!

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First, initialize:

In [5]:

```
#keep
# Initialize the method

guesses = [np.array([2, 2./5])]
```

Then evaluate this cell lots of times:

In [15]:

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x = guesses[-1]
s = la.solve(ddf(x), df(x))
next_guess = x - s
print(f(next_guess), next_guess)

guesses.append(next_guess)
```

0.0 [0. 0.]

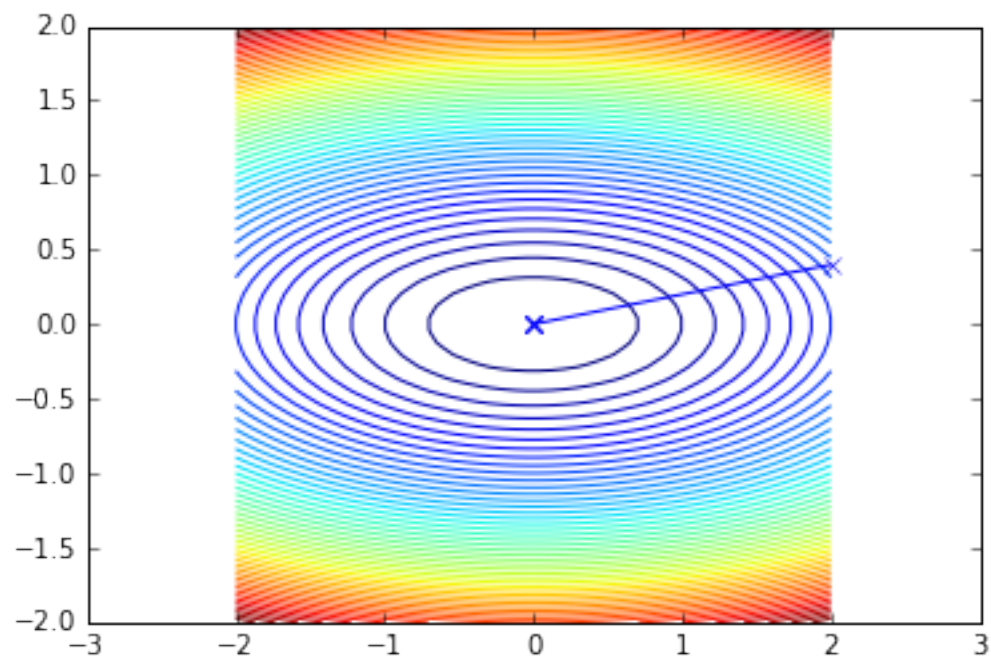
Here's some plotting code to see what's going on:

In [17]:

```
#keep
pt.axis("equal")
pt.contour(xmesh, ymesh, fmesh, 50)
it_array = np.array(guesses)
pt.plot(it_array.T[0], it_array.T[1], "x-")
```

Out[17]:

[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x105423358>]



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