

## Vector Calculus

1. Plotting  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 

- a. Consider a vector  $p = [x, y]$
- b. How do we plot functions of  $p$  such as the following:

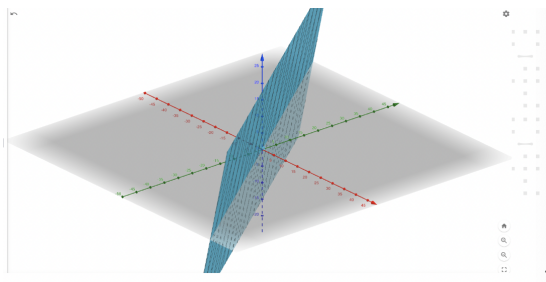
$$z = [4, 3]p = 4x + 3y$$

$$z = p^T p = x^2 + y^2$$

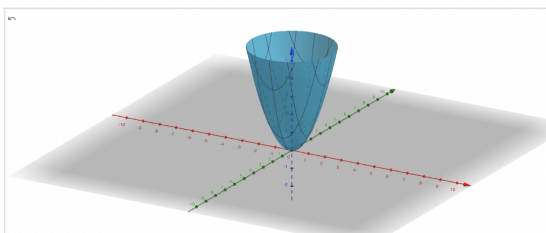
$$z = p^T A p = [x, y] \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = -x^2 + y^2$$

$$z = p^T A p = [x, y] \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 2x^2 + y^2$$

c.

d.  $4x + 3y$ 

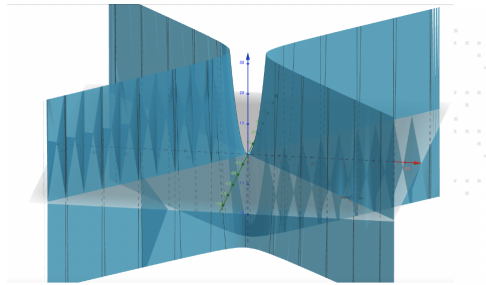
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e.  $x^2 + y^2$ 

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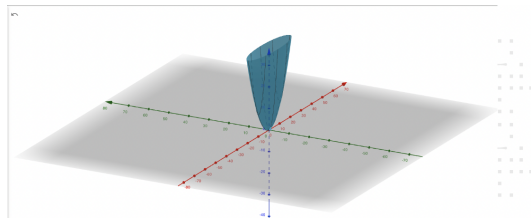
ii. Getting level curves equal to circle  $\rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = c^2$

f.  $x^2 - y^2$



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g.  $0.1x^2 + 2y^2$



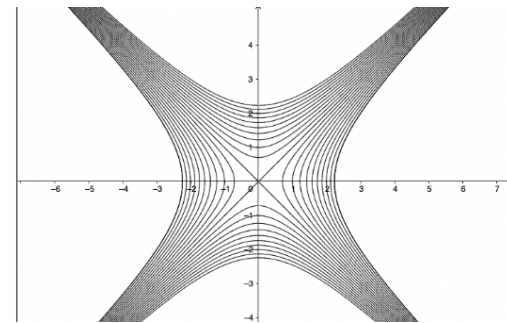
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## 2. Level curves

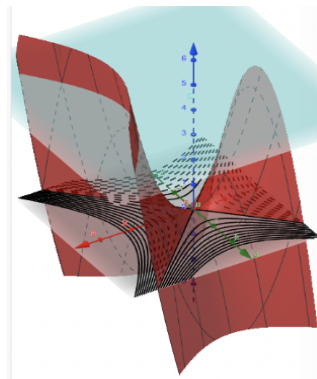
a. The level curves of a function  $f$  of two variables  $x, y$  are the curves with equation  $f(x, y) = c$ , where  $c$  is a constant in the range of  $f$

b.  $x^2 - y^2$

i. Hyperbolic paraboloid



ii.

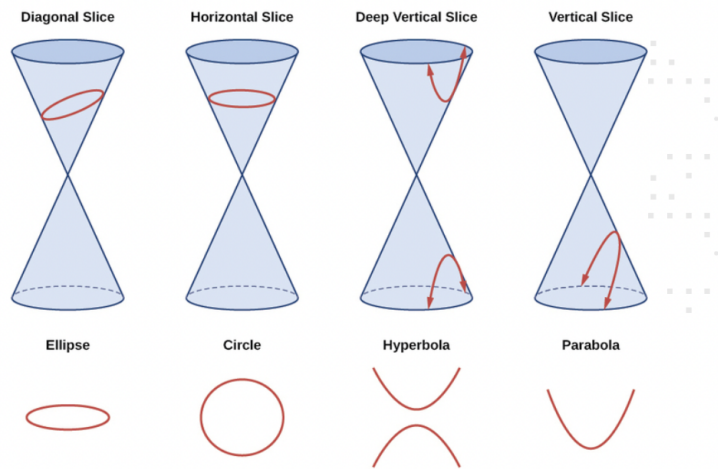


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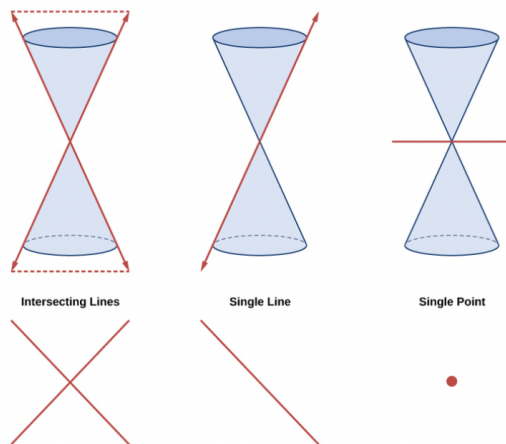
iv.  $x^2 - y^2 = k$

v. When  $k = 0$ ,  $x = y$ ,  $x = -y$

### 3. Conic sections



a.



b.

### 4. General form of conic sections

$$Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$$

a.

b. Identify the values of A and C from the general form

- If A and C are nonzero, have the same sign, and are not equal to each other, then the graph may be an ellipse
- If A and C are equal and nonzero and have the same sign, then the graph may be a circle
- If A and C are nonzero and have opposite signs, then the graph may be a hyperbola
- If either A or C is zero, then the graph may be a parabola

c. Example

| Conic Sections | Example                    |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| ellipse        | $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 1$          |
| circle         | $4x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$          |
| hyperbola      | $4x^2 - 9y^2 = 1$          |
| parabola       | $4x^2 = 9y$ or $4y^2 = 9x$ |

i.

5. Back to our hyperbolic paraboloid

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (x - y) \cdot (x + y) = 0$$

$$f(x, y) = c \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{c} - \frac{y^2}{c} = 1 \text{ (Hyperbola!)}$$

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6. A refresher 1: Single variable function

a. The difference quotient computes the slope of the secant line through two points of  $y = f(x)$

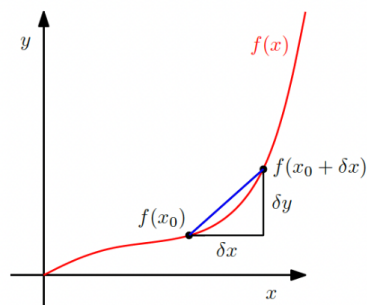
$$\frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$$

b.

c. The idea of the derivative  $f'(x)$  is that it is the slope of the tangent line at  $x$  to the curve

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$$

d.



e.

7. A refresher 2: Single variable function

Product rule:  $(f(x)g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$  (5.29)

Quotient rule:  $\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$  (5.30)

Sum rule:  $(f(x) + g(x))' = f'(x) + g'(x)$  (5.31)

Chain rule:  $(g(f(x)))' = (g \circ f)'(x) = g'(f(x))f'(x)$  (5.32)

a.

8. Matrix Calculus

a. Scalar field, a function  $f$  that maps vectors to reals  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

b.  $z = [4, 3]p = 4x + 3y$

c.  $z = p^T p = x^2 + y^2$

d. Vector field, or vector valued functions  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

e. Functions of matrices  $f(A)$

i.  $f(A) = e^{(10 \cdot A)}$

ii.  $f(A) = A + A^2$

9. Gradient of a scalar field

a. Partial derivative at  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

b.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_i + h, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)}{h}, i = 1, \dots, n$

c. We collect them at the row vector known as the gradient of the function  $f$

d.  $\nabla f(x) = \nabla_x f = \text{grad} f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$

e. Remark: the gradient collects the slopes in the positive  $x_i$  direction for all  $i = 1 \dots n$

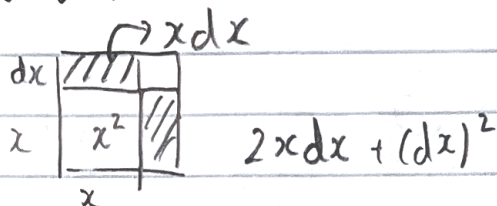
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$$f(x) = x^3 \quad f'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad f'(x) = 2x$$

geographical



$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2x + h = 2x$$

$$f(x) = x^n \quad f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^n - (x)^n}{h} = \frac{x^n + nx^{n-1}h + \dots - x^n}{h}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{k=0}^n nC_k \cdot x^{n-k} h^k - x^n}{h} = \frac{nC_1 x^{n-1} \cdot h + nC_2 x^{n-2} h^2 + \dots}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} nC_1 x^{n-1} + nC_2 x^{n-2} h + \dots = nC_1 x^{n-1} = nx^{n-1}$$

$$f(p) = \|p\|_2^2 \geq 0 \quad p = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$



$$f(p) = c^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

↳ circle

- gradient of  $f$  at  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$f(x, y) = ye^x + xy + y^2 - 3$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = ye^x + y \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = e^x + x + 2y$$

$$\nabla f(x, y) = (ye^x + y, e^x + x + 2y)$$

$$\nabla f(0, 0) = (0, 1)$$