

# MATLAB

3D graphics

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MATLAB command : plot3

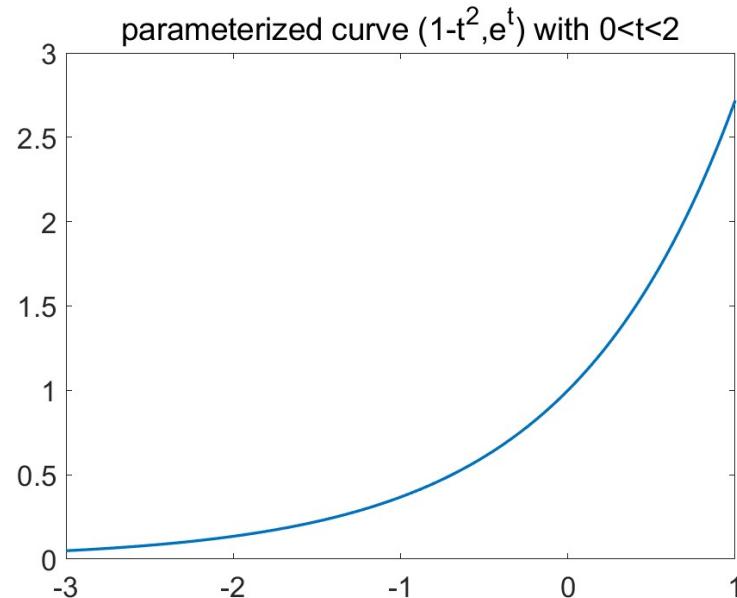
MATLAB draw the graph by dotting the points.

In 2D-graphics, we learned how to draw the function  $y = f(x)$ .

We can generalize this way to the parameterized curve.

Let's consider the curve  $\alpha(t) = (1 - t^2, e^t)$  on  $0 \leq t \leq 2$ .

1. Make the domain points)  
 $t = \text{linspace}(0, 2, 100);$
2. Compute the  $x$  and  $y$  values)  
 $x = 1-t.^2;$   
 $y = \exp(t);$
3. Draw the curve)  
`figure(1), plot(x, y)`



## MATLAB command : plot3

One can think the function  $y = f(x)$  as the parameterized curve  $\alpha(x) = (x, f(x))$ .  
So, parameterized curve is more general version. And it can be a useful.

Let's draw the unit circle ( $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ ).  
Here is 2 way to draw the circle.

Combine the 2 functions $y = \pm\sqrt{1 - x^2}$	parameterized curve $\alpha(\theta) = (\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta))$
<code>x = linspace(-1, 1, 100);</code>	<code>theta = linspace(0, 2*pi, 200);</code>
<code>y = sqrt(1-x.^2);</code>	<code>x = cos(theta);</code> <code>y = sin(theta);</code>
<code>figure(1),</code> <code>hold on</code> <code>plot(x, y)</code> <code>plot(x, -y)</code> <code>hold off</code>	<code>figure(1),</code> <code>plot(x, y)</code>

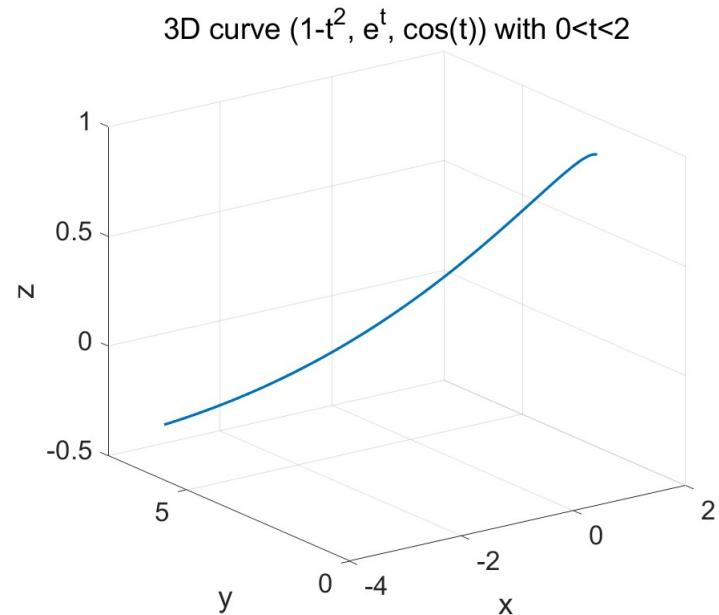
## MATLAB command : plot3

Now we will draw the curve in  $R^3$ .

Just compute the 3<sup>rd</sup> coordinate and use the MATLAB command **plot3** instead of plot.

Let's consider the curve  $\alpha(t) = (1 - t^2, e^t, \cos(t))$  on  $0 \leq t \leq 2$ .

1. Make the domain points)  
 $t = \text{linspace}(0, 2, 100);$
2. Compute the  $x$  and  $y$  values)  
 $x = 1-t.^2;$   
 $y = \exp(t);$   
 **$z = \cos(t)$**
3. Draw the curve)  
`figure(1), plot3(x, y, z)`



MATLAB command : meshgrid

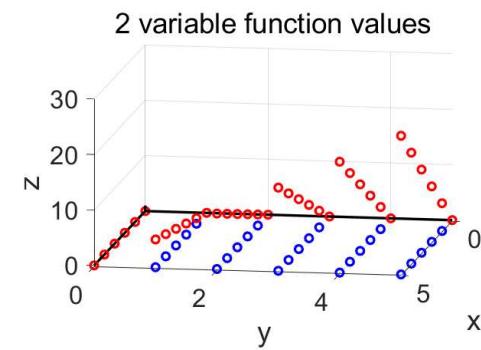
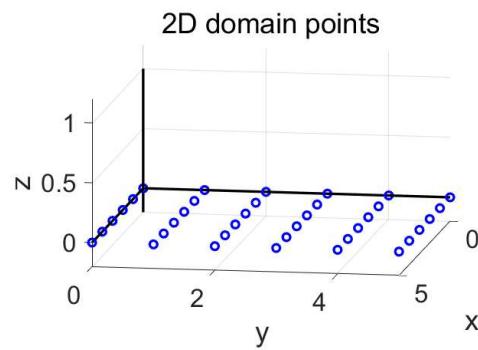
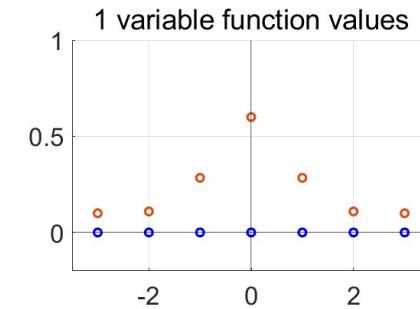
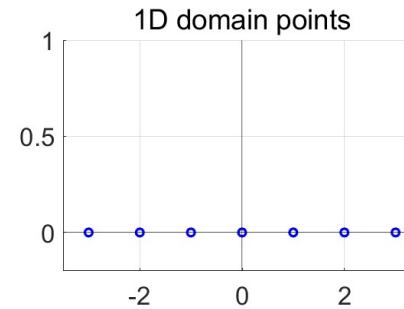
- Make the domain points plain version.

Here we will learn how to draw the surface.

For example, consider  $S(x, y) = (x, y, xy)$

Unlike curves, we need 2 variables to draw the surface.

It means that we need the domain points as a matrix not a vector.



Blue points are the domain points.  
Red points are the function values.

MATLAB command : meshgrid

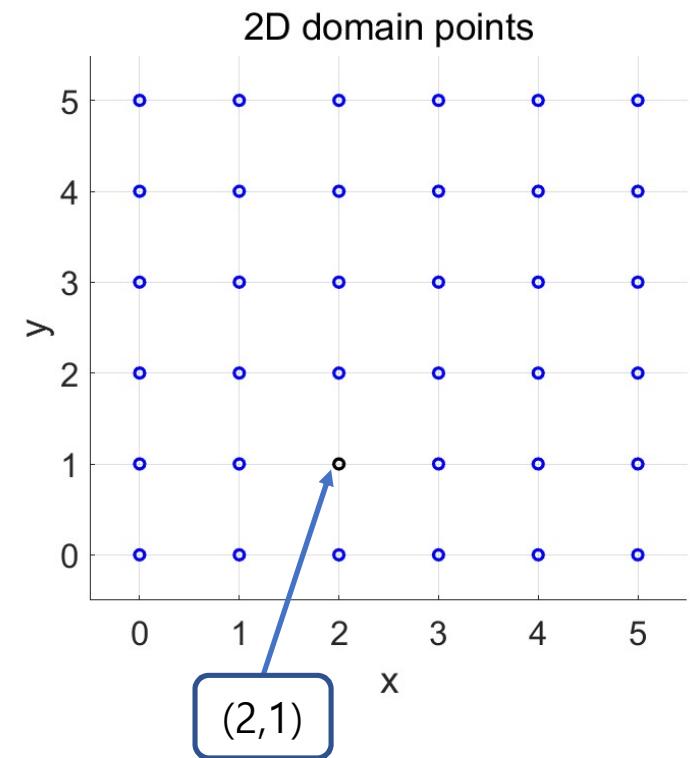
- Make the domain points plain version.

Now focus on the 2D domain points.

Each of points has 2D vector like  $(2,1)$  for its coordinate.

Let's extract the first coordinates then it looks like

First coordinate( $x$ )					
0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5

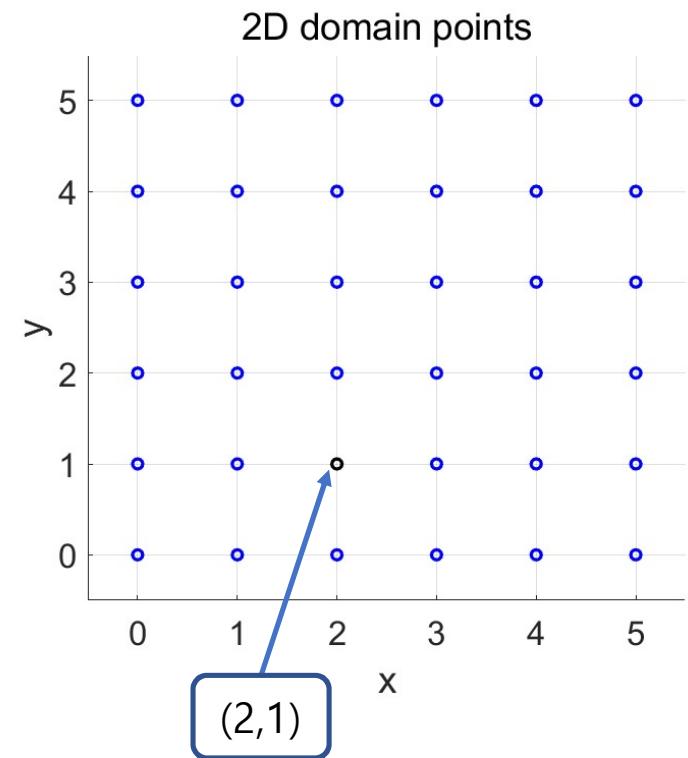


MATLAB command : meshgrid

- Make the domain points plain version.

Similarly extract the second coordinates.

Second coordinate(y)					
5	5	5	5	5	5
4	4	4	4	4	4
3	3	3	3	3	3
2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0



MATLAB command : meshgrid

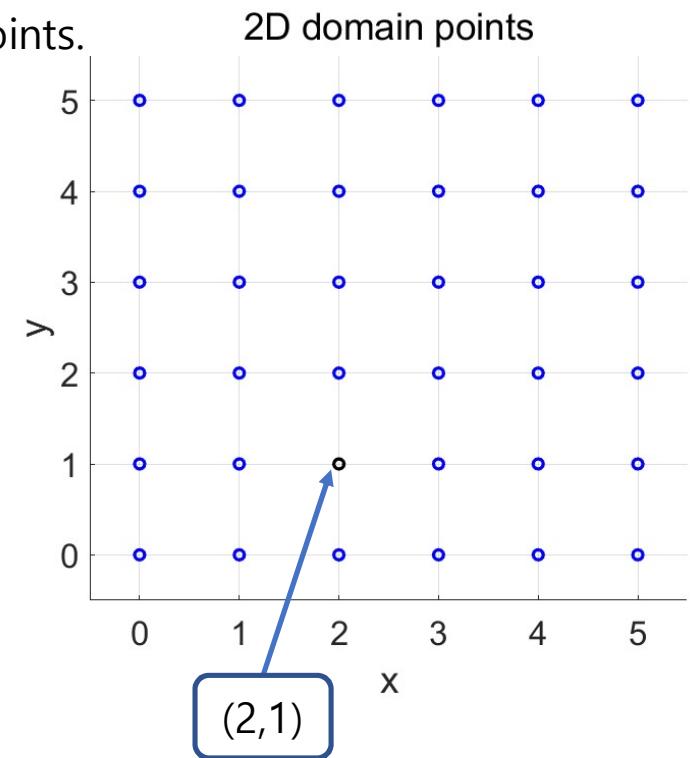
- Make the domain points plain version.

To draw the surface, we need the 2 matrices for a domain points.

First coordinate( $x$ )					
0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5

Second coordinate( $y$ )					
5	5	5	5	5	5
4	4	4	4	4	4
3	3	3	3	3	3
2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0



MATLAB command : meshgrid

- Make the domain points plain version.

MATLAB command "meshgrid" gives these 2 matrices.

For example, consider  $S(x, y) = (x, y, xy)$  on  $D = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1, 2 \leq y \leq 4\}$ .

1. Prepare the  $x$  vector and  $y$  vector.

```
x = 0: 0.1 :1; % x is 1*11 vector.  
y = 2: 0.1: 4; % y is 1*21 vector.
```

2. Make the domain points matrices.

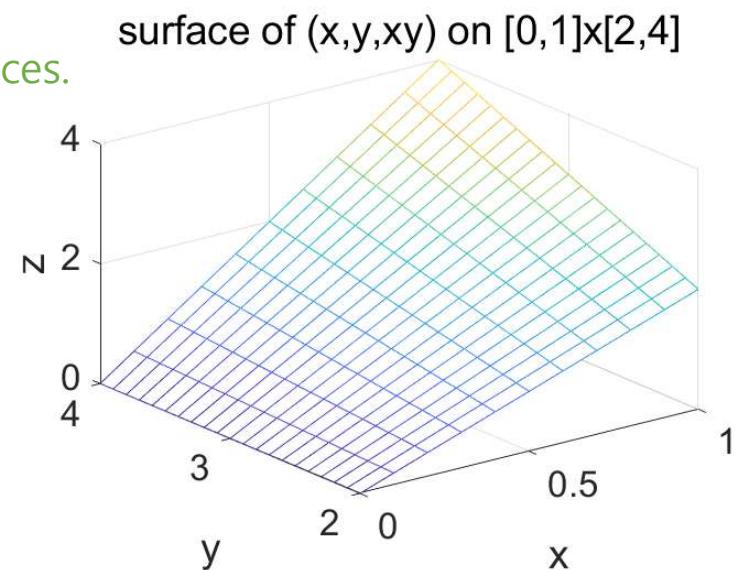
```
[X, Y] = meshgrid(x ,y); % X and Y are 21*11 matrices.
```

3. Compute the function values.

```
Z = X.*Y; % Z is 21*11 matrix.
```

4. Draw the surface

```
figure(1), mesh(X, Y, Z)
```



MATLAB command : meshgrid

- Make the domain points plain version.

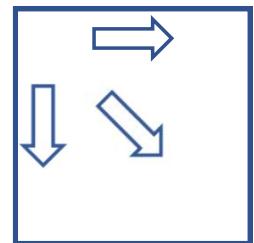
In previous example, one can check that

2	2	...	2	2
2.1	2.1	...	2.1	2.1
:	:	:	:	:
3.9	3.9	...	3.9	3.9
4	4	...	4	4

`[X, Y] = meshgrid(x ,y);`

4	4	...	4	4
3.9	3.9	...	3.9	3.9
:	:	:	:	:
2.1	2.1	...	2.1	2.1
2	2	...	2	2

not Y =

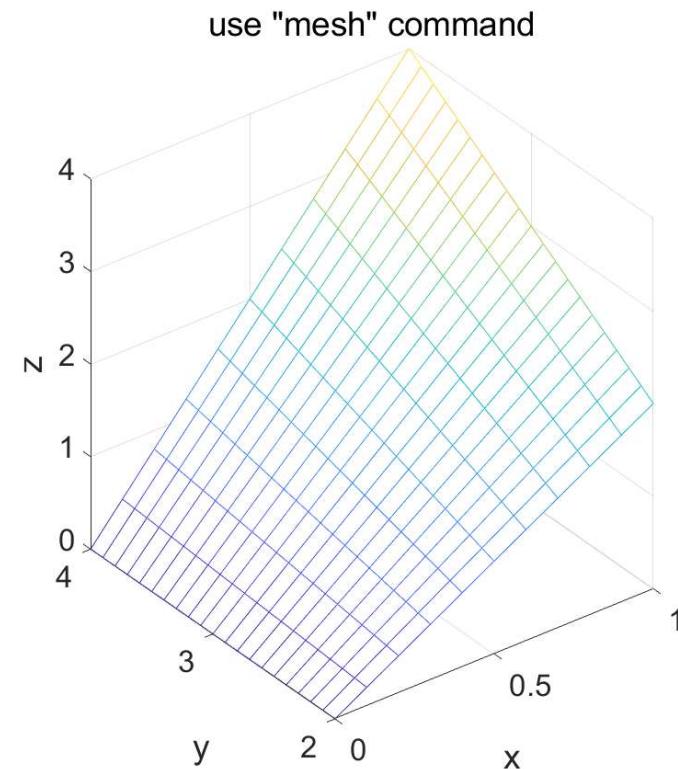
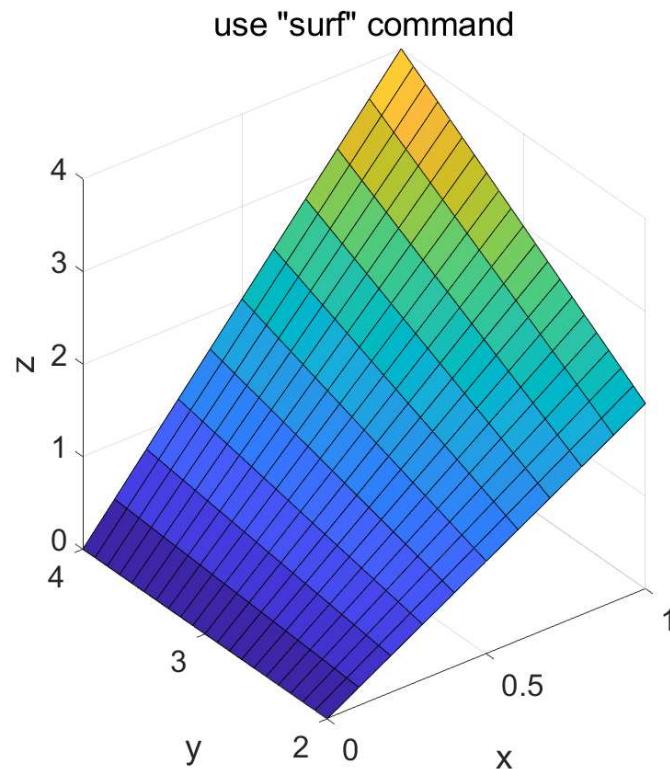


Since human and computer write the information in direction [left->right] and [top->bottom], Matrix is formed in that direction. So X is normal [left->right] and Y looks like flipped [top->bottom]. But there is no problem with the calculation and draw.

MATLAB command : surf , mesh

- Draw the surface

Both of MATLAB command "surf(X, Y, Z)" and "mesh(X, Y, Z)" draw the surface with coordinates  $(x, y, z)$ . "surf(X, Y, Z)" give the colored area and "mesh(X, Y, Z)" give the blank area.



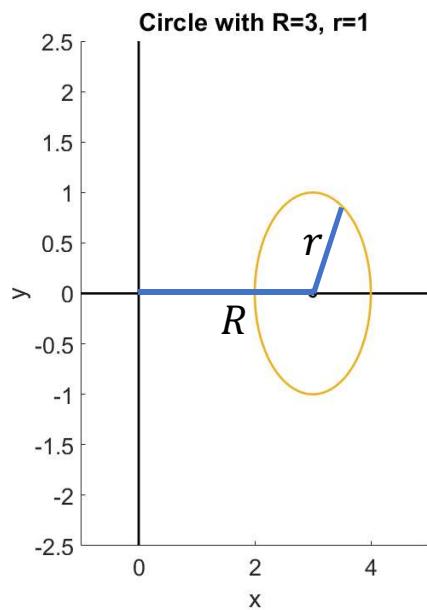
MATLAB command : surf , mesh

- Draw the surface of the revolution

Now we will learn how to draw the parameterized surface.

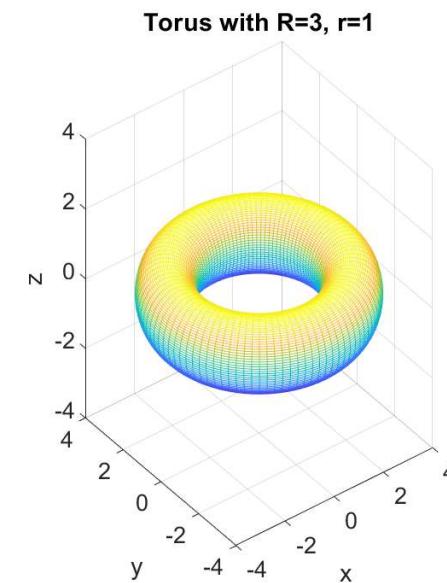
For example, consider the "Torus" which looks like a donut.

By rotating the circle around the  $y$ -axis, one can get the Torus.



rotate around  
the  $y$ -axis

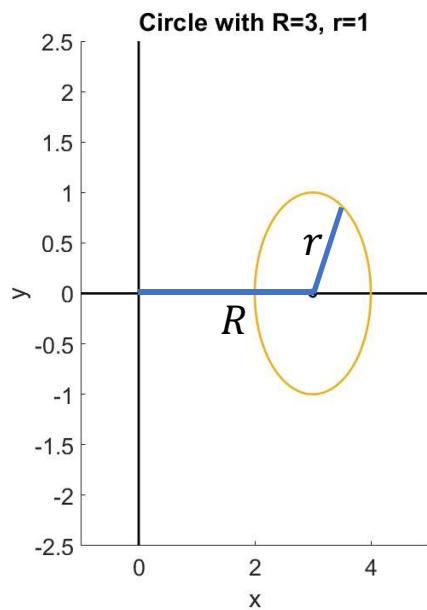
A large blue arrow points from the 2D circle diagram to the 3D torus diagram, indicating the rotation process.



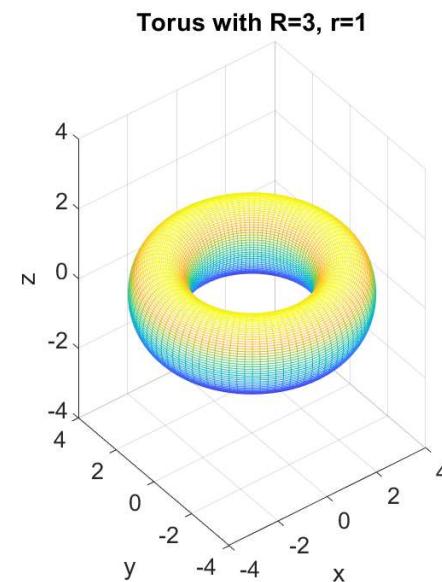
MATLAB command : surf , mesh  
 - Draw the surface of the revolution

One can parametrize the Circle as  $\alpha(u) = (R + r\cos(u), r\sin(u))$  with  $0 \leq u \leq 2\pi$

Then the Torus can be parametrized as  $S(u, v) = ((R + r * \cos(u)) \cos(v), (R + r * \cos(u)) \sin(v), r\sin(u))$   
 with  $0 \leq u, v \leq 2\pi$ .



rotate around  
the  $y$ -axis



MATLAB command : surf , mesh

- Draw the surface of the revolution

To draw the Torus with  $R = 3, r = 1$ .

1. Prepare the  $u$  vector and  $v$  vector. (parameter  $u, v$  = angle information)

```
u = linspace(0, 2*pi, 200);
```

```
v = linspace(0, 2*pi, 200);
```

2. Make the domain points matrices. (U, V = angle information)

```
[U, V] = meshgrid(u, v);
```

3. Compute the  $x, y, z$  coordinates.

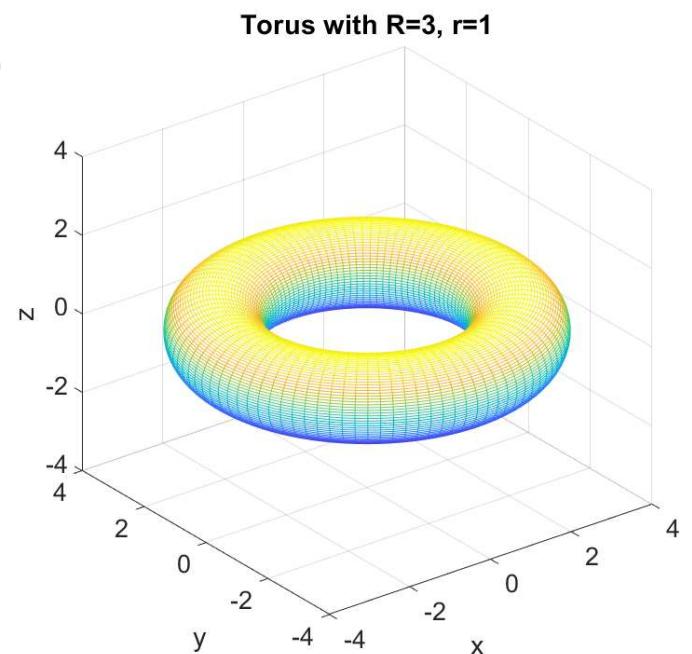
```
X = (R + r*cos(U)) * cos(V);
```

```
Y = (R + r*cos(U)) * sin(V)
```

```
Z = r*sin(U)
```

4. Draw the surface

```
figure(1), mesh(X, Y, Z)
```



MATLAB command : contour

- Draw contour curves(level curves) in 2D domain plain.

Let's assume that one computed the  $x, y, z$  coordinates as X, Y, Z.

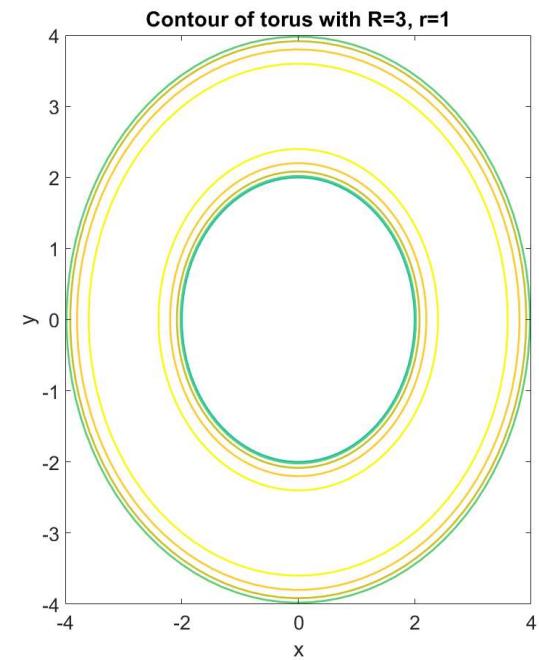
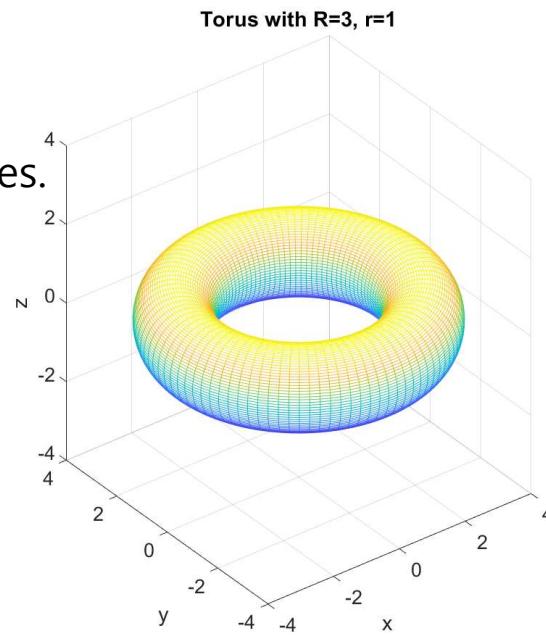
When it is complicated to see the whole structure, one can see the contour curves to know the rough structure.

MATLAB code is like below

```
figure(1), contour(X, Y, Z);
```

MATLAB command "contour"  
do not give information about values.

We do not know what value each  
line has.



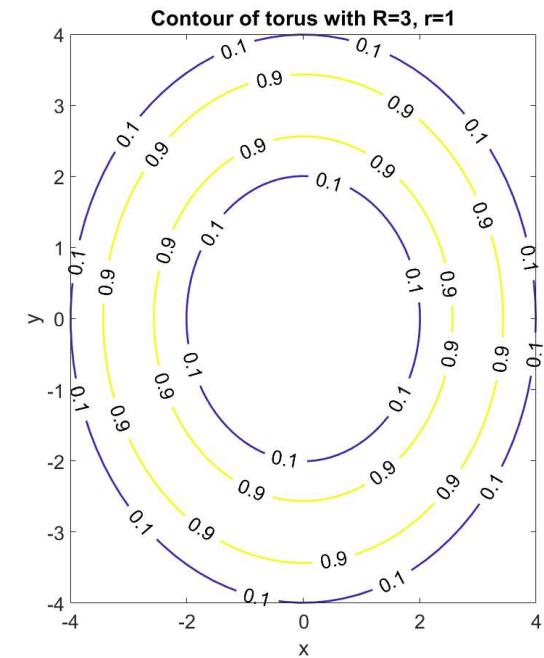
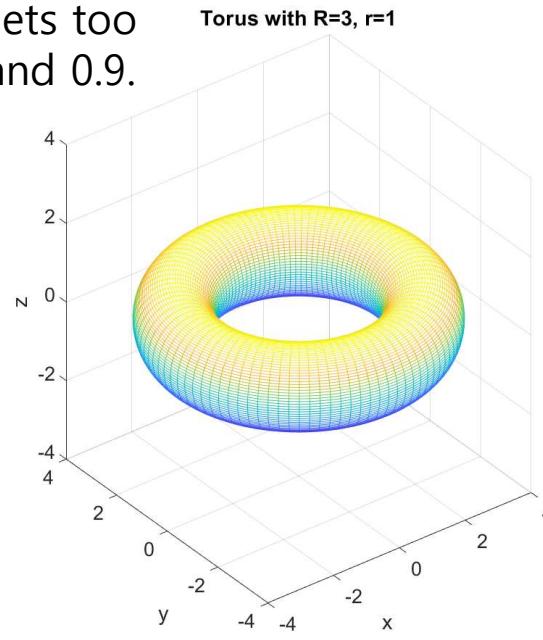
MATLAB command : contour & clabel

- Draw contour curves(level curves) in 2D domain plain.

MATLAB command "clabel" gives the value of each line.

```
figure(1),  
[C, h] = contour(X, Y, Z);  
clabel(C, h);
```

- \* If I put values on all the lines, it gets too messy, so I only put values on 0.1 and 0.9.



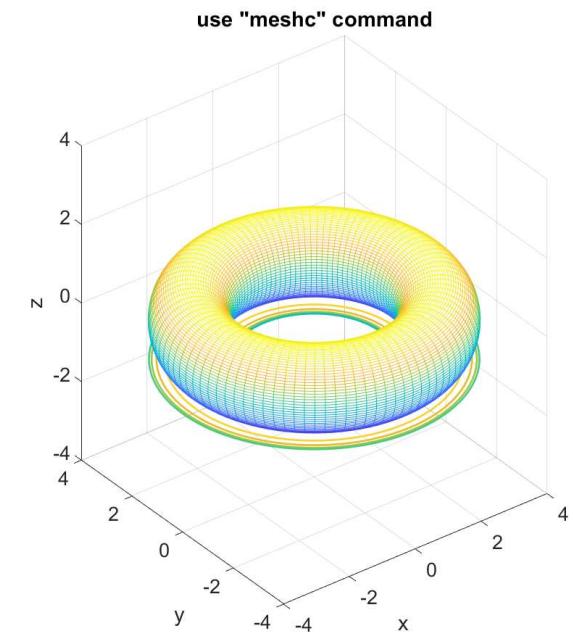
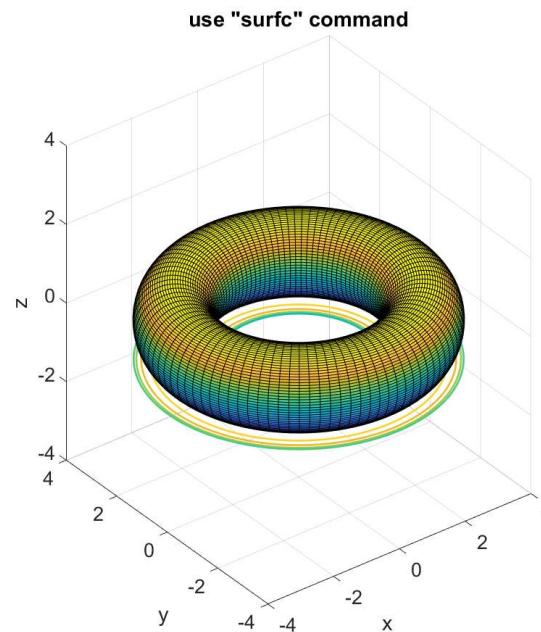
MATLAB command : `surf` & `mesh`

- Draw the surface and contour curves(level curves) in same axis.

You can think of "`surf`" as the sum of "`surf`" and "`contour`".

Similarly, "`meshc`" = "`mesh`" + "`contour`".

Both of "`surf`" and "`meshc`" draw the surface on 3D  
and draw the contour curves on 2D.



MATLAB command : gradient & quiver

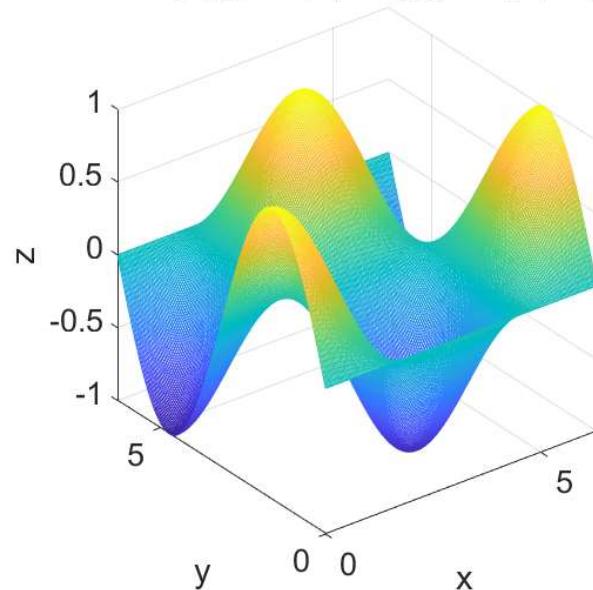
- calculate the gradient & draw the vector field(gradient)

Let's consider the surface  $S(x, y) = (x, y, \cos(x) \sin(y))$  on  $0 \leq x, y \leq 2\pi$ .

One can draw the surface and contour curves.

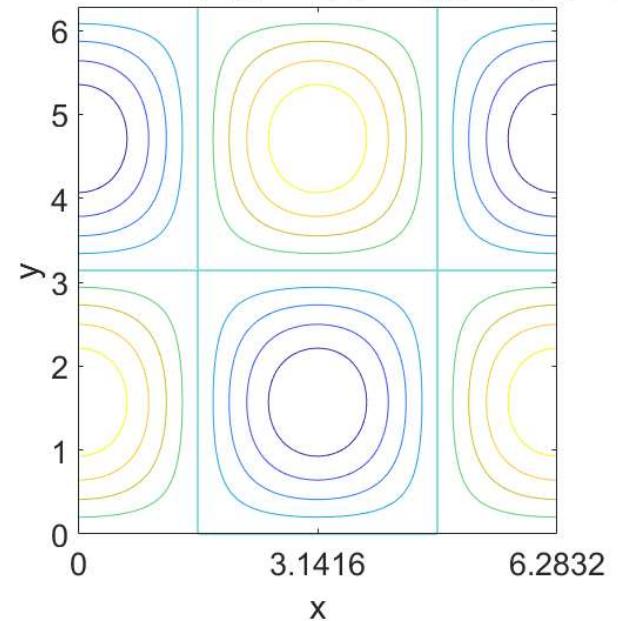
And now we want to get the gradient vector of the function  $z = \cos(x) \sin(y)$ .

**surface of  $(x,y,\cos(x)\sin(y))$  on  $[0,2\pi] \times [0,2\pi]$**



```
x = linspace(0, 2*pi, 200);
y = linspace(0, 2*pi, 100);
[X, Y] = meshgrid(x, y);
Z = cos(X).*sin(Y);
```

**contour curves of  $(x,y,\cos(x)\sin(y))$  on  $[0,2\pi] \times [0,2\pi]$**



## MATLAB command : gradient & quiver

- calculate the gradient & draw the vector field(gradient)

MATLAB command "gradient" give the gradient vector.

[GX, GY] = gradient(Z, dx, dy);

Input )

Z : function to be differentiated.

dx : distance of meshgrid X.

dy : distance of meshgrid Y.

Output )

GX : first coordinate of gradient vector.

GY : second coordinate of gradient vector.

In previous example, I used the

x = linspace(0, 2\*pi, 200);

y = linspace(0, 2\*pi, 100);

[X, Y] = meshgrid(x, y);

Z = cos(X).\*sin(Y);

So  $dx = \frac{2\pi}{200}$  ,  $dy = \frac{2\pi}{100}$  .

Final code will be

[GX, GY] = gradient(Z,  $\frac{2\pi}{200}$ ,  $\frac{2\pi}{100}$ )

## MATLAB command : gradient & quiver

- calculate the gradient & draw the vector field(gradient)

This is the code for draw the gradient vector of  $z = \cos(x) \sin(y)$  on  $0 \leq x, y \leq 2\pi$ .

1. Prepare the  $x$  vector and  $y$  vector.

```
x = linspace(0, 2*pi, 200); dx =  $\frac{2\pi}{200}$  % x is 1*200 vector.
```

```
y = linspace(0, 2*pi, 100); dy =  $\frac{2\pi}{10}$  % y is 1*100 vector.
```

2. Make the domain points matrices.

```
[X, Y] = meshgrid(x, y); % X and Y are 100*200 matrices.
```

3. Compute the function values.

```
Z = cos(X).*sin(Y); % Z is 100*200 matrix.
```

4. Calculate the gradient vector.

```
[GX, GY] = gradient(Z, dx, dy); % GX and GY are 100*200 matrices.
```

5. Draw the surface

```
figure(1),  
hold on  
contour(X, Y, Z)  
quiver(X, Y, GX, GY)  
hold off
```

```
% quiver(X, Y, GX, GY) draw the GX on X coordinate  
% and draw the GY on Y coordinate
```

## MATLAB command : gradient & quiver

- calculate the gradient & draw the vector field(gradient)

This is the code for draw the gradient vector of  $z = \cos(x) \sin(y)$  on  $0 \leq x, y \leq 2\pi$ .

1. Prepare the  $x$  vector and  $y$  vector.

$$x = \text{linspace}(0, 2\pi, 200); dx = \frac{2\pi}{200}$$

$$y = \text{linspace}(0, 2\pi, 100); dy = \frac{2\pi}{100}$$

2. Make the domain points matrices.

$$[X, Y] = \text{meshgrid}(x, y);$$

3. Compute the function values.

$$Z = \cos(X) \cdot \sin(Y);$$

4. Calculate the gradient vector.

$$[GX, GY] = \text{gradient}(Z, dx, dy);$$

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hold on
contour(X, Y, Z)
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hold off
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