

$$\Sigma = f^{-1}(1), f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x,y,z) = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2}$$

10 Week 10: Quadrics

f is homogeneous of order 2
 $\Sigma = f^{-1}(1)$ - regular surface

10.1 The ellipsoid

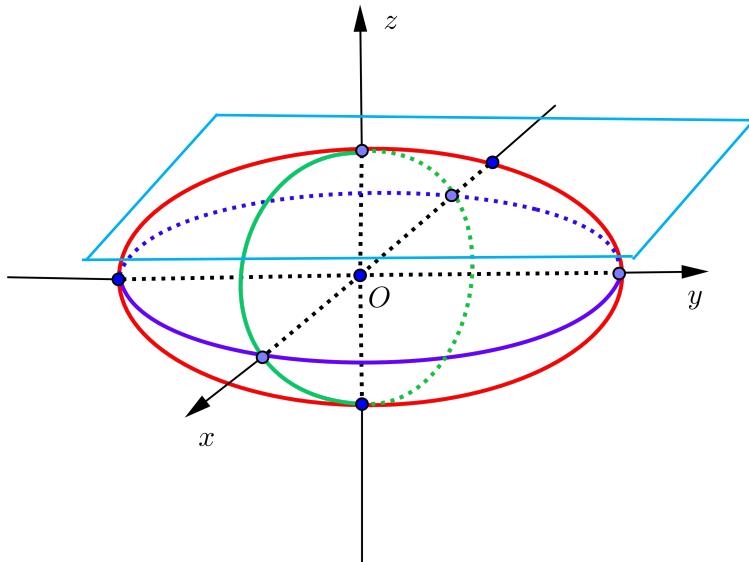
The *ellipsoid* is the quadric surface given by the equation

$$\mathcal{E} : \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*. \quad (10.1)$$

- The coordinate planes are all planes of symmetry of \mathcal{E} since, for an arbitrary point $M(x, y, z) \in \mathcal{E}$, its symmetric points with respect to these planes, $M_1(-x, y, z)$, $M_2(x, -y, z)$ and $M_3(x, y, -z)$ belong to \mathcal{E} ; therefore, the coordinate axes are axes of symmetry for \mathcal{E} and the origin O is the center of symmetry of the ellipsoid (10.1);
- The traces in the coordinates planes are ellipses of equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0 \\ x = 0 \end{cases}, \quad \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{cases}, \quad \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - 1 = 0 \\ z = 0. \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{E} \cap (y=0)$ $\mathcal{E} \cap (x=0)$ $\mathcal{E} \cap (z=0)$



- The sections with planes parallel to xOy are given by setting $z = \lambda$ in (10.1). Then, a section is of equations $\begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{c^2} \\ z = \lambda \end{cases}$. *this might be negative*
- If $|\lambda| < c$, the section is an ellipse

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{\left(a\sqrt{1-\frac{\lambda^2}{c^2}}\right)^2} + \frac{y^2}{\left(b\sqrt{1-\frac{\lambda^2}{c^2}}\right)^2} = 1 \\ z = \lambda \end{cases};$$

- If $|\lambda| = c$, the intersection is reduced to one (tangency) point $(0, 0, \lambda)$;
- If $|\lambda| > c$, the plane $z = \lambda$ does not intersect the ellipsoid \mathcal{E} .

The sections with planes parallel to xOz or yOz are obtained in a similar way.

10.2 The hyperboloid of one sheet

$H_1 = g^{-1}(1), g: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2}$
 g - homogeneous of order two $\Rightarrow 1 - i$ is a regular value of g ,
 $\therefore H_1 = g^{-1}(1)$ regular surface

The surface of equation

$$H_1 : \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, \quad (10.2)$$

is called *hyperboloid of one sheet*.

- The coordinate planes are planes of symmetry for H_1 ; hence, the coordinate axes are axes of symmetry and the origin O is the center of symmetry of H_1 ;
- The intersections with the coordinate planes are, respectively, of equations

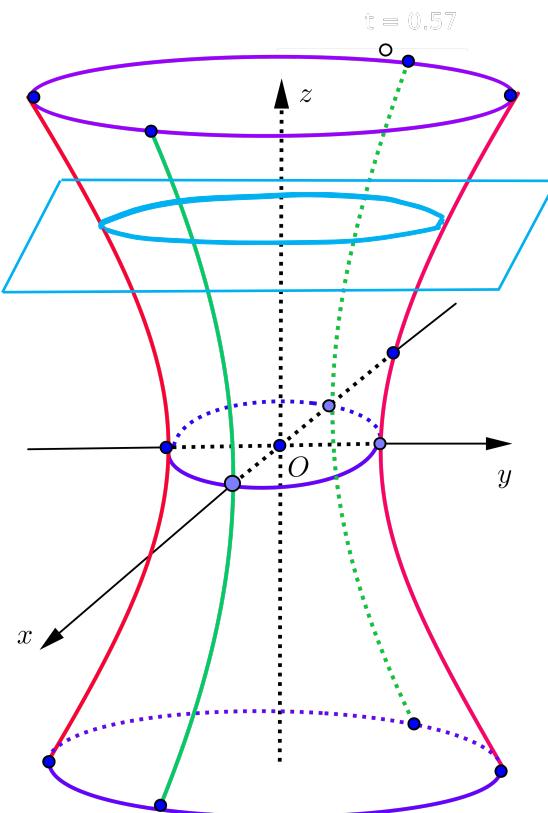
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0 \\ x = 0 \end{array} \right. ; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{array} \right. ; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - 1 = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{array} \right. ;$$

$H_1 \cap yOz$ $H_1 \cap xOz$ $H_1 \cap xOy$

- The intersections with planes parallel to the coordinate planes are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{a^2} \\ x = \lambda \end{array} \right. ; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{b^2} \\ y = \lambda \end{array} \right. ; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{c^2} \\ z = \lambda \end{array} \right. ;$$

hyperbolas hyperbolas ellipses



Remark: The surface \mathcal{H}_1 contains two families of lines, as

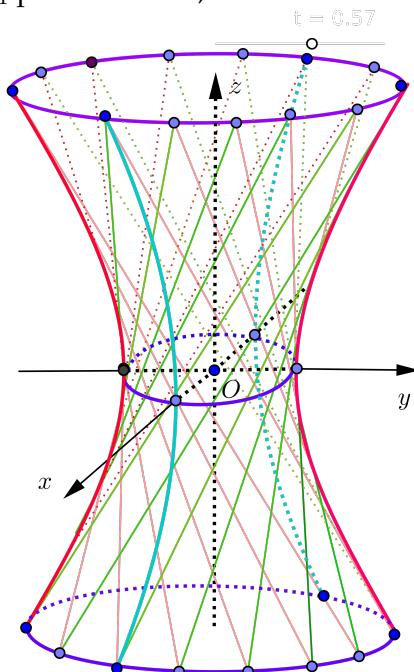
$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 - \frac{y^2}{b^2} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{x}{a} + \frac{z}{c} \right) \left(\frac{x}{a} - \frac{z}{c} \right) = \left(1 + \frac{y}{b} \right) \left(1 - \frac{y}{b} \right).$$

The equations of the two families of lines are:

$$d_\lambda : \begin{cases} \lambda \left(\frac{x}{a} + \frac{z}{c} \right) = 1 + \frac{y}{b} \\ \frac{x}{a} - \frac{z}{c} = \lambda \left(1 - \frac{y}{b} \right) \end{cases}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$d'_\mu : \begin{cases} \mu \left(\frac{x}{a} + \frac{z}{c} \right) = 1 - \frac{y}{b} \\ \frac{x}{a} - \frac{z}{c} = \mu \left(1 + \frac{y}{b} \right) \end{cases}, \mu \in \mathbb{R}.$$

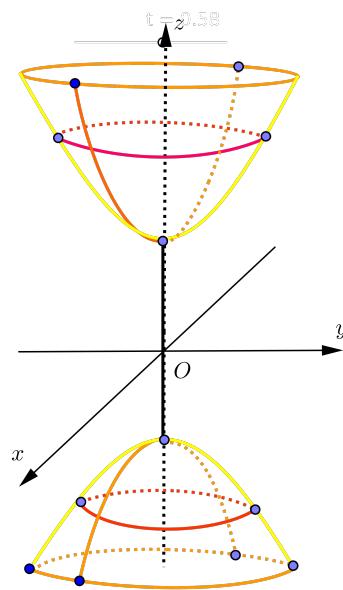
Through any point on \mathcal{H}_1 pass two lines, one line from each family.



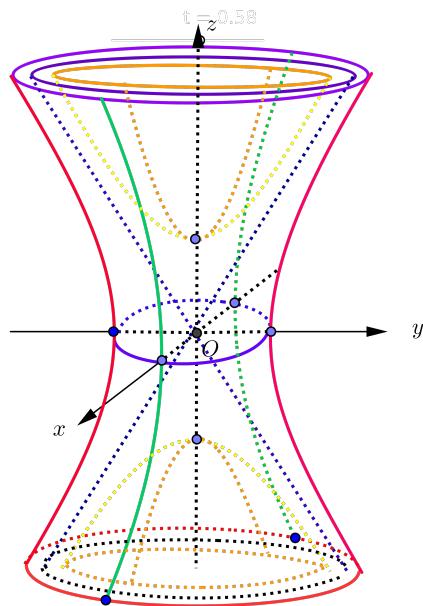
10.3 Th hyperboloid of two sheets $H_2 = h''(u)$, $h: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $h(x,y,z) = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2}$
h-homogeneous of order 2 => -1-regular value of h => H2-regular surface

The *hyperboloid of two sheets* is the surface of equation

$$\mathcal{H}_2 : \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} + 1 = 0, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*. \quad (10.3)$$



The hyperboloid of two sheets



The hyperboloids of one and two sheets and their common asymptotic cone

- The coordinate planes are planes of symmetry for \mathcal{H}_1 , the coordinate axes are axes of symmetry and the origin O is the center of symmetry of \mathcal{H}_1 ;
- The intersections with the coordinate planes are, respectively,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} + 1 = 0 \\ x = 0 \end{array} \right. , \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} + 1 = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{array} \right. , \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + 1 = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{array} \right. ;$$

$\mathcal{H}_2 \cap yOz$ $\mathcal{H}_2 \cap zOx$ $\mathcal{H}_2 \cap xOy$

- The intersections with planes parallel to the coordinate planes are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = -1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{a^2} \\ x = \lambda \parallel yOz \end{array} \right. , \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = -1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{b^2} \\ y = \lambda \parallel zOx \end{array} \right. , \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = -1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{c^2} \\ z = \lambda \parallel xOy \end{array} \right. ;$$

hyperbolas hyperbolas

- If $|\lambda| > c$, the section is an ellipse;
- If $|\lambda| = c$, the intersection reduces to the point of coordinates $(0, 0, \lambda)$;
- If $|\lambda| < c$, one obtains the empty set.

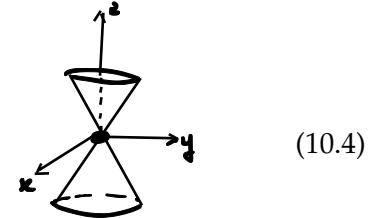
10.4 Elliptic Cones

The surface of equation

$$\mathcal{C} : \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*,$$

not a regular surface
↪ *↪ (0,0,0) - regular surface*

is called *elliptic cone*.



(10.4)

- The coordinate planes are planes of symmetry for \mathcal{C} , the coordinate axes are axes of symmetry and the origin O is the center of symmetry of \mathcal{C} ;
- The intersections with the coordinate planes are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0 \\ x = 0 \end{array} \right. , \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{array} \right. , \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{array} \right. ,$$

↪ xy-plane *↪ xz-plane* *↪ xy-plane*

- The intersections with planes parallel to the coordinate planes are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = -\frac{\lambda^2}{a^2} \\ x = \lambda \end{array} \right. , \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = -\frac{\lambda^2}{b^2} \\ y = \lambda \end{array} \right. , \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{\lambda^2}{c^2} \\ z = \lambda \end{array} \right. ,$$

hyperbolas *hyperbolas* *ellipses*

10.5 Elliptic Paraboloids

The surface of equation

$$\mathcal{P}_e : \frac{x^2}{p} + \frac{y^2}{q} = 2z, \quad p, q \in \mathbb{R}_+^*,$$

is called *elliptic paraboloid*.

- The planes xOz and yOz are planes of symmetry;
- The traces in the coordinate planes are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{y^2}{q} = 2z \\ x = 0 \end{array} \right. , \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{p} = 2z \\ y = 0 \end{array} \right. , \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{p} + \frac{y^2}{q} = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{array} \right. ,$$

a parabola *a parabola* *the point $O(0,0,0)$*

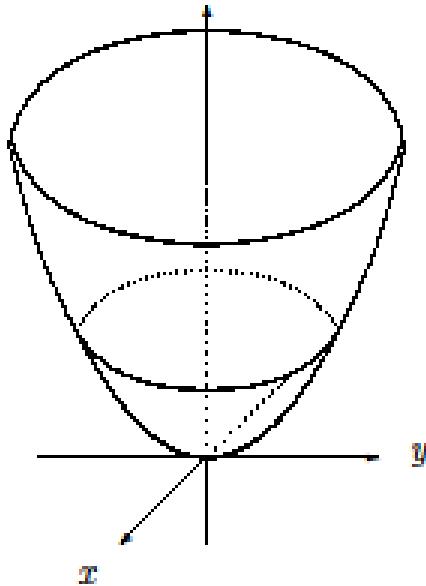
- The intersection with the planes parallel to the coordinate planes are
- $$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x^2}{p} + \frac{y^2}{q} = 2\lambda \\ z = \lambda \end{array} \right. ,$$
- If $\lambda > 0$, the section is an ellipse;
 - If $\lambda = 0$, the intersection reduces to the origin;
 - If $\lambda < 0$, one has the empty set;

and

$$\begin{cases} \frac{y^2}{q} = 2z - \frac{\lambda^2}{p} \\ x = \lambda \end{cases}; \quad \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{p} = 2z - \frac{\lambda^2}{q} \\ y = \lambda \end{cases};$$

parabolas parabolas

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10.6 Hyperbolic Paraboloids

The *hyperbolic paraboloid* is the surface given by the equation

$$\mathcal{P}_h : \frac{x^2}{p} - \frac{y^2}{q} = 2z, \quad p, q > 0. \quad (10.6)$$

- The planes xOz and yOz are planes of symmetry;
- The traces in the coordinate planes are, respectively,

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{y^2}{q} = 2z \\ x = 0 \end{cases}; \quad \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{p} = 2z \\ y = 0 \end{cases}; \quad \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{p} - \frac{y^2}{q} = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{cases};$$

a parabola a parabola two lines.

- The intersection with the planes parallel to the coordinate planes are

$$\begin{cases} \frac{y^2}{q} = -2z + \frac{\lambda^2}{p} \\ x = \lambda \end{cases}; \quad \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{p} = 2z + \frac{\lambda^2}{q} \\ y = \lambda \end{cases}$$

parabolas parabolas.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{p} - \frac{y^2}{q} = 2\lambda \\ z = \lambda \end{cases}$$

hyperbolas

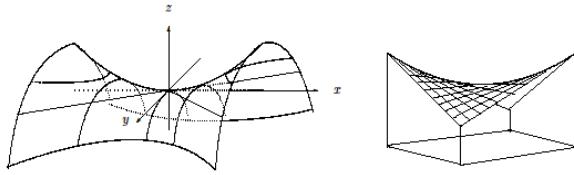
Remark: The hyperbolic paraboloid contains two families of lines. Since

$$\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} \right) \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} - \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} \right) = 2z,$$

then the two families are, respectively, of equations

$$d_\lambda : \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} - \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} = \lambda \\ \lambda \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} \right) = 2z \end{cases}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and}$$

$$d'_\mu : \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} = \mu \\ \mu \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} - \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} \right) = 2z \end{cases}, \mu \in \mathbb{R}.$$



10.7 Singular Quadrics

Elliptic Cylinder, Hyperbolic Cylinder, Parabolic Cylinder

- The *elliptic cylinder* is the surface of equation

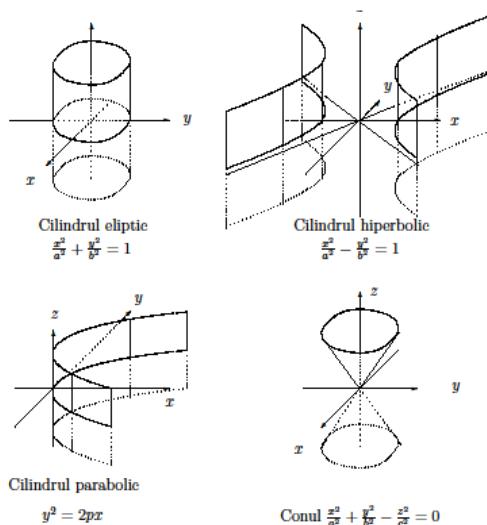
$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - 1 = 0, \quad a, b > 0 \text{ or } \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0, \quad \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0. \quad (10.7)$$

- The *hyperbolic cylinder* is the surface of equation

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} - 1 = 0, \quad a, b > 0 \text{ or } \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0, \quad \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0. \quad (10.8)$$

- The *parabolic cylinder* is the surface of equation

$$y^2 = 2px, \quad p > 0, \quad (\text{or an alternative equation}). \quad (10.9)$$



10.8 Problems

- Find the intersection points of the ellipsoid

$$\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{12} + \frac{z^2}{4} = 1$$

with the line

$$\frac{x-4}{2} = \frac{y+6}{-3} = \frac{z+2}{-2}$$

and write the equations of the tangent planes as well as the equations of the normal lines to the ellipsoid at the intersection points.

Solution.

$$\begin{cases} x = 4+2t \\ y = -6-3t \\ z = -2-2t \end{cases} \text{ in } \Sigma : \frac{(4+2t)^2}{16} + \frac{(-6-3t)^2}{12} + \frac{(-2-2t)^2}{4} = 1,$$

$$(1) \frac{4t^2+16t+16}{16} + \frac{9t^2+36t+36}{12} + \frac{4t^2+8t+4}{4} \Leftrightarrow t^2+t+1 + \frac{3t^2}{4} + 3t + 3 + t^2+2t+1 = 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(2) t^2 + 6t + 4 = 0, \quad t_1 = -3, \quad t_2 = -1$$

$$\text{for } t = -3 \Rightarrow A(0, 0, 2)$$

$$t = -1 \Rightarrow B(2, -3, 0)$$

The tangent plane to the surface at (x_0, y_0, z_0) : $f_x'(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x-x_0) + f_y'(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y-y_0) + f_z'(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z-z_0) = 0$

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{12} + \frac{z^2}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{8}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{6}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{2}$$

$$\text{for } A(0, 0, 2): \frac{0}{8}(x-0) + \frac{0}{6}(y-0) + \frac{2}{2}(z-2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow z-2=0 \Leftrightarrow z=2$$

$$B(2, -3, 0): \frac{2}{8}(x-2) + \frac{-3}{6}(y+3) + \frac{0}{2}(z-0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{2}y - 2 = 0$$

The eq. of the normal line in a point (x_0, y_0, z_0) : $(x, y, z) = (x_0, y_0, z_0) + t(f_x'(x_0, y_0, z_0), f_y'(x_0, y_0, z_0), f_z'(x_0, y_0, z_0))$

$$\text{for } A(0, 0, 2): \vec{r}_{\text{line}_1} = \langle 0, 0, 2 \rangle + t \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 2+t \rangle$$

$$B(2, -3, 0): \vec{r}_{\text{line}_2} = \langle 2, -3, 0 \rangle + t \langle \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0 \rangle = \langle 2 + \frac{1}{4}t, -3 - \frac{1}{2}t, 0 \rangle$$

2. Find the rectilinear generatrices of the quadric $4x^2 - 9y^2 = 36z$ which passes through the point $P(3\sqrt{2}, 2, 1)$.

Solution.

$$(2x-3y)(2x+3y) = 36z \Rightarrow d_\lambda : \begin{cases} 2x-3y = 36\lambda \\ 2x+3y = 1 + 2\lambda \end{cases}$$

$$P \in d_\lambda \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 6\sqrt{2}-6 = 36\lambda \\ 6\sqrt{2}+6 = 1 + 2\lambda \end{cases} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{6\sqrt{2}-6}{36} = \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{6} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{6} \Leftrightarrow d_{\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{6}}$$

$$(2x-3y)\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{6} = z$$

$$d'_\mu : \begin{cases} (2x-3y)\mu = z \\ 2x+3y = 36\mu \end{cases}$$

$$P \in d'_\mu \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (6\sqrt{2}-6)\mu = 1 \\ 6\sqrt{2}+6 = 36\mu \end{cases} \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{6(\sqrt{2}-6)} = \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{6} \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{6} \Leftrightarrow d_{\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{6}}$$

3. Find the rectilinear generatrices of the hyperboloid of one sheet

$$(\mathcal{H}_1) \frac{x^2}{36} + \frac{y^2}{9} - \frac{z^2}{4} = 1$$

which are parallel to the plane (π) $x + y + z = 0$.

Solution.

$$d_\lambda : \begin{cases} \lambda \left(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{y}{3} \right) = 1 + \frac{z}{3} \dots \\ \frac{x}{6} - \frac{z}{2} = \lambda \left(1 - \frac{y}{3} \right) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda x}{6} - \frac{y}{3} + \frac{\lambda z}{2} = 1 \\ \frac{x}{6} - \frac{z}{2} = \lambda \left(1 - \frac{y}{3} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$d_\mu : \begin{cases} \mu \cdot \left(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{y}{3} \right) = 1 - \frac{z}{3} \dots \\ \frac{x}{6} - \frac{z}{2} = \mu \left(1 + \frac{y}{3} \right) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\mu x}{6} + \frac{y}{3} + \frac{\mu z}{2} = 1 \\ \frac{x}{6} - \frac{z}{2} = \mu \left(1 + \frac{y}{3} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{d}_\lambda = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{1}{6} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{\lambda}{2} \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1-\lambda^2}{6} \hat{i} + \frac{1}{6} \hat{j} + \frac{1+\lambda^2}{18} \hat{k} = d_\lambda \left(\frac{1-\lambda^2}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1+\lambda^2}{18} \right)$$

$$\vec{d}_\mu = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{\mu}{2} \\ \frac{1}{6} & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\mu-1}{6} \hat{i} + \frac{\mu}{6} \hat{j} + \frac{1-\mu^2}{18} \hat{k} \Rightarrow d_\mu \left(\frac{\mu^2-1}{6}, \frac{\mu}{6}, \frac{1-\mu^2}{18} \right)$$

A straight line d : $\frac{x-x_0}{p} = \frac{y-y_0}{q} = \frac{z-z_0}{r} \parallel$ plane: $Ax + By + Cz + D = 0 \Leftrightarrow Ap + Bq + Cp = 0$

$$d_\lambda \parallel \text{plane} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1-\lambda^2}{6} + \frac{\lambda}{6} + \frac{1+\lambda^2}{18} = 0 \Leftrightarrow 3 - 3\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1 + \lambda^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 + 2\lambda - 2\lambda^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$d_\mu \parallel \text{plane} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\mu^2-1}{6} + \frac{\mu}{6} + \frac{1-\mu^2}{18} = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2\mu^2 + 3\mu - 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mu_{1,2} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$$

$$d_{\lambda_1} : \begin{cases} -\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{y}{3} \right) = 1 + \frac{z}{3} \\ \frac{x}{6} - \frac{z}{2} = \frac{-3+\sqrt{5}}{4} \left(1 - \frac{y}{3} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$d_{\lambda_2} : \begin{cases} -\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{y}{3} \right) = 1 + \frac{z}{3} \\ \frac{x}{6} - \frac{z}{2} = \frac{-3-\sqrt{5}}{4} \left(1 - \frac{y}{3} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$d_{\mu_1} : \begin{cases} -\frac{3+\sqrt{17}}{4} \left(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{y}{3} \right) = 1 - \frac{z}{3} \\ \frac{x}{6} - \frac{z}{2} = \frac{-3+\sqrt{17}}{4} \left(1 + \frac{y}{3} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$d_{\mu_2} : \begin{cases} -\frac{3-\sqrt{17}}{4} \left(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{y}{3} \right) = 1 - \frac{z}{3} \\ \frac{x}{6} - \frac{z}{2} = \frac{-3-\sqrt{17}}{4} \left(1 + \frac{y}{3} \right) \end{cases}$$

4. Find the locus of points on the hyperbolic paraboloid (\mathcal{P}_h) $y^2 - z^2 = 2x$ through which the rectilinear generatrices are perpendicular.

Solution.

$$d_\lambda : \begin{cases} y - z = \lambda \\ \lambda(y + z) = 2x \end{cases}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$d_\mu : \begin{cases} y + z = \mu \\ \mu(y - z) = 2x \end{cases}$$

$$d_\lambda : \begin{cases} y = z + \lambda \\ \lambda(y + z) = 2x \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = z + \lambda \\ \lambda(2z + \lambda) = 2x \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = z + \lambda \\ x = \lambda z + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{x - \frac{\lambda^2}{2}}{\lambda} = y - z \Rightarrow \frac{x - \frac{\lambda^2}{2}}{\lambda} - \frac{z - \lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{x - \lambda^2}{2\lambda} = \frac{x - \lambda^2}{2\lambda} = \vec{d}_\lambda = (\lambda, \lambda)$$

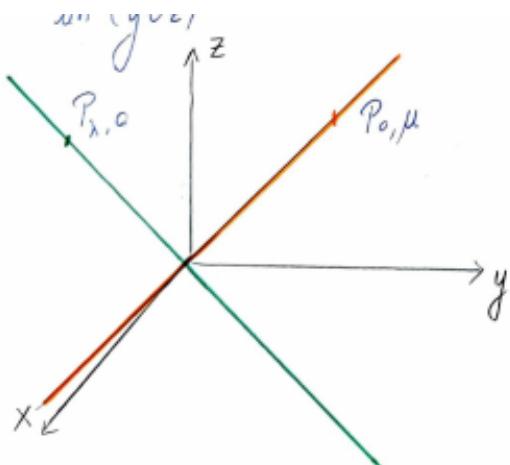
$$d_\mu : \begin{cases} y = \mu - z \\ \mu(y + z) = 2x \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = \mu - z \\ \mu(\mu - 2z) = 2x \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = \mu - z \\ x = -\mu z + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{x - \frac{\mu^2}{2}}{-\mu} = \mu - y - z \Rightarrow \frac{x - \frac{\mu^2}{2}}{-\mu} - \frac{y - \mu}{-\mu} = \frac{x - \mu^2}{-\mu} = \frac{x - \mu^2}{-\mu} = \vec{d}_\mu = (-\mu, 1)$$

$$d_\lambda \perp d_\mu \Rightarrow \vec{d}_\lambda \cdot \vec{d}_\mu = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda\mu - 1 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda\mu = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0 \text{ or } \mu = 0$$

$$\text{I. } \lambda = 0 : P_{0,\mu} : \begin{cases} d_\mu \\ d'_\mu \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{y - z}{\mu} = \frac{x - 0}{-\mu} \text{ and } z = \frac{\mu^2}{2\mu} = 0 \\ \frac{x - \frac{\mu^2}{2}}{-\mu} = \frac{y - \mu}{-\mu} = \frac{z - 0}{-\mu} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = z \\ \frac{z - \frac{\mu^2}{2}}{-\mu} = \frac{y - \mu}{-\mu} = z \end{cases} \Rightarrow y = \frac{\mu}{2} \Rightarrow P_{0,\mu} (0, \frac{\mu}{2}, \frac{\mu}{2}) \dots$$

⇒ this part of the locus is a line, the first bisector in (yz) .

II. $\mu = 0 : P_{\lambda,0} : \begin{cases} d_\lambda \\ d'_\lambda \end{cases} \Rightarrow P_{\lambda,0} (0, \frac{\lambda}{2}, -\frac{\lambda}{2}) \Rightarrow$ the locus is the second bisector in (yz)



5. Compute the distance from $O(0,0,0)$ to the tangent plane $T_M(\mathcal{E})$ of the ellipsoid

$$\mathcal{E} : \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

at some of its point $M(x, y, z) \in \mathcal{E}$.

Solution.

The equation of the tangent plane of the ellipsoid at some point $M(x_M, y_M, z_M)$ is:

$$T_M(\mathcal{E}): f'_x(M)(x-x_M) + f'_y(M)(y-y_M) + f'_z(M)(z-z_M) = 0 ,$$

$$\text{where } f'_x(M) = \frac{2x_M}{a^2} , \quad f'_y(M) = \frac{2y_M}{b^2} , \quad f'_z(M) = \frac{2z_M}{c^2} , \quad M(x_M, y_M, z_M)$$

$$\Rightarrow T_M(\mathcal{E}): \frac{2x_M}{a^2}(x-x_M) + \frac{2y_M}{b^2}(y-y_M) + \frac{2z_M}{c^2}(z-z_M) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow T_M(\mathcal{E}): \underbrace{\frac{2x_M}{a^2}}_A x + \underbrace{\frac{2y_M}{b^2}}_B y + \underbrace{\frac{2z_M}{c^2}}_C z - \underbrace{\left(\frac{2x_M^2}{a^2} + \frac{2y_M^2}{b^2} + \frac{2z_M^2}{c^2} \right)}_D = 0$$

The distance from $O(0,0,0)$ to the plane $T_M(\mathcal{E})$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} d(0, \tau) &= \frac{|Ax_0 + By_0 + Cz_0 + D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}} = \frac{|-\left(\frac{2x_M^2}{a^2} + \frac{2y_M^2}{b^2} + \frac{2z_M^2}{c^2}\right)|}{\sqrt{\frac{4x_M^2}{a^4} + \frac{4y_M^2}{b^4} + \frac{4z_M^2}{c^4}}} = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{x_M^2}{a^2} + \frac{y_M^2}{b^2} + \frac{z_M^2}{c^2}\right)^2}}{\sqrt{\frac{x_M^2}{a^4} + \frac{y_M^2}{b^4} + \frac{z_M^2}{c^4}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } M(x_M, y_M, z_M) \in \mathcal{E} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x_M^2}{a^2} + \frac{y_M^2}{b^2} + \frac{z_M^2}{c^2} = 1$$

$$\text{Hence, } d(0, \tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{x_M^2}{a^4} + \frac{y_M^2}{b^4} + \frac{z_M^2}{c^4}}} .$$

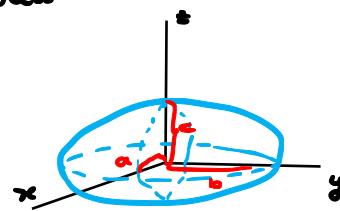
6. Show that the intersection between a straight line d and the sphere $S(O, r)$ is a singleton if and only if $\text{dist}(O, d) = r$.

Solution.

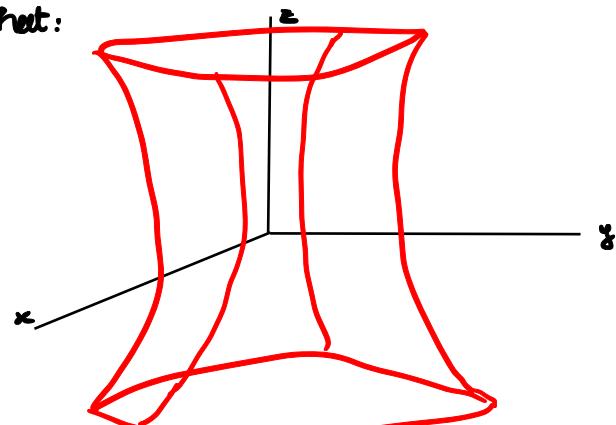
$\Sigma : f(x, y) = 0, f \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$ - conics

$S : f(x, y, z) = 0, f \in \mathbb{R}[x, y, z]$ - quadratics

→ Ellipsoid: $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$

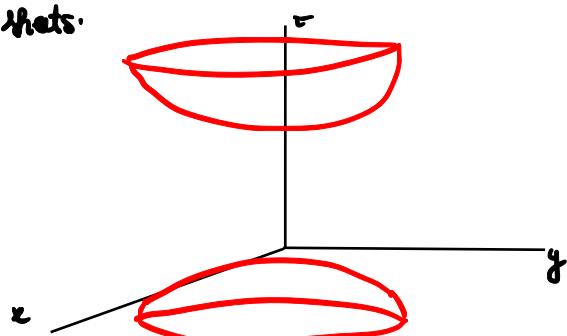


→ Hyperboloid of one sheet:



$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

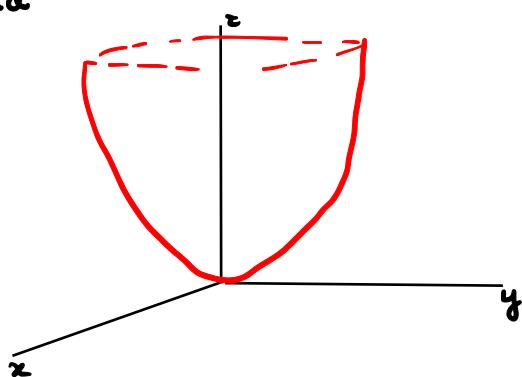
→ Hyperboloid of two sheets:



$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = -1$$

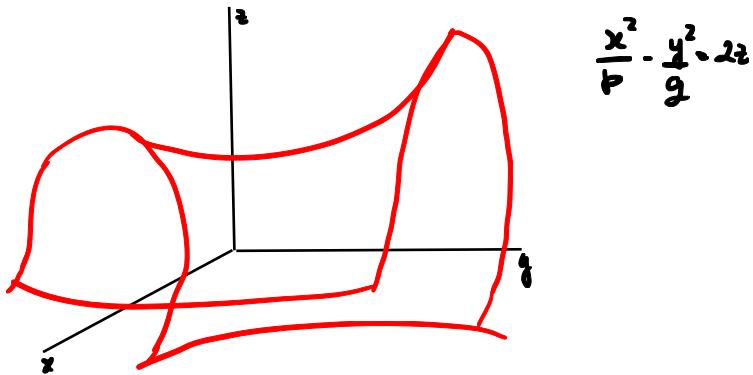
$$-\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

→ Elliptic paraboloid



$$\frac{x^2}{P^2} + \frac{y^2}{Q^2} = 2z, P, Q > 0$$

→ Hyperbolic paraboloid



Rectilinear generators → only exist on hyperboloids of one sheet and hyperbolic paraboloids

$$\partial f, \partial f: f(x, y, z) = 0 \Rightarrow T_g(x_0, y_0, z_0) = f'_x(x_0, y_0, z_0) \cdot (x - x_0) + f'_y(x_0, y_0, z_0) \cdot (y - y_0) + f'_z(x_0, y_0, z_0) \cdot (z - z_0) = 0$$

\hookrightarrow tangent plane

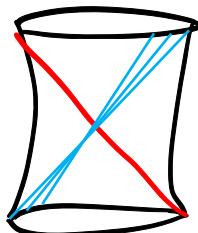
$$N_y(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \frac{x - x_0}{f'_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{y - y_0}{f'_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{z - z_0}{f'_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)}$$

Rectilinear generators

$$\rightarrow H: \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 \quad \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 - \frac{y^2}{b^2} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{x}{a} - \frac{z}{c} \right) \left(\frac{x}{a} + \frac{z}{c} \right) = \left(1 - \frac{y}{b} \right) \left(1 + \frac{y}{b} \right)$$

$$d_\lambda: \begin{cases} \frac{x}{a} - \frac{z}{c} = \lambda \left(1 - \frac{y}{b} \right) \\ \lambda \left(\frac{x}{a} + \frac{z}{c} \right) = 1 + \frac{y}{b} \end{cases} \quad (\text{every point on every line } d_\lambda \text{ is a point on the hyperboloid.})$$

$$d'_\mu: \begin{cases} \frac{x}{a} - \frac{z}{c} = \mu \left(1 + \frac{y}{b} \right) \\ \mu \left(\frac{x}{a} + \frac{z}{c} \right) = 1 + \frac{y}{b} \end{cases}$$



→ hyperbolic paraboloid:

$$\frac{x^2}{p} - \frac{y^2}{q} = 2z \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} - \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} \right) \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} \right) = 2z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow d_\lambda: & \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} - \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} = 2\lambda \\ \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} \right) = 2 \end{cases} & d'_\mu: \begin{cases} \mu \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} - \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} \right) = z \\ \frac{x}{\sqrt{p}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{q}} = 2\mu \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$