

last time: Lines / Planes.

Lines

$\vec{v}$  direction vectn  
 $\langle a, b, c \rangle$

$\vec{x}_0$  point on  
line  $\langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$

$\Rightarrow$  get parametric eqns  
for line.

$$t\vec{v} + \vec{x}_0$$

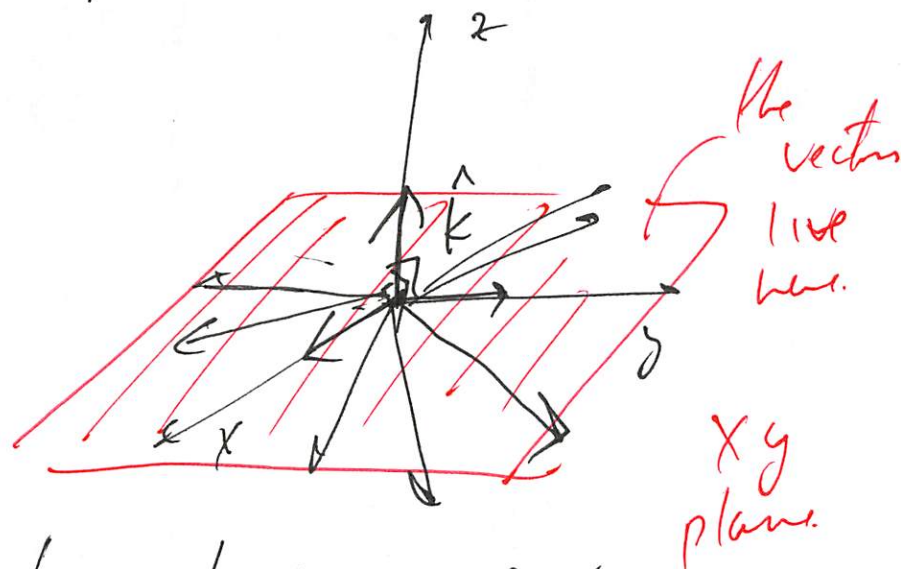
$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = at + x_0 \\ y = bt + y_0 \\ z = ct + z_0 \end{cases} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Planes

idea: the collection  
of vectors  $\perp$  to a given  
vector  $\vec{n}$  from a plane.

e.g.  $\vec{n} = \hat{k}$

①



to get eqn, suppose  
 $\vec{n} = \langle A, B, C \rangle$ , let  $\vec{x}$   
be a vector of variable  
 $\vec{x} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$

$$\vec{n} \perp \vec{x} \Leftrightarrow \vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Ax + By + Cz = 0}$$

eqn of plane through the  
origin.

e.g.  $\vec{n} = \hat{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$   
 $\vec{x} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = 0 \iff z = 0$$

gives xy plane.

$\vec{n}$  is called the normal vector for the plane.  $\perp$  means  $\perp$

General plane: need normal vector  $\vec{n}$  + a point on the plane. Egn has form

$$Ax + By + Cz = D$$

$\vec{n} = \langle A, B, C \rangle$  as before.  
 find D by plugging in the point.

e.g. find plane  $\perp$  to  $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  and containing  $(1, 1, 1)$

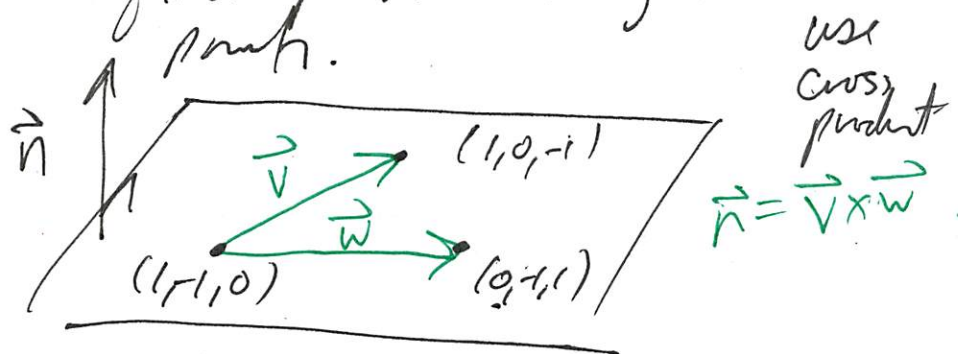
$\vec{n} \rightarrow 1x + 2y + 3z = D$

now plug in:  $1 + 2 + 3 = D = 6$

ans:  $x + 2y + 3z = 6$

e.g. 3 pts, not collinear, determine a unique plane.

e.g.  $(1, -1, 0), (0, -1, 1), (1, 0, -1)$   
 find plane containing the points.



$$\vec{v} = \langle 0, 1, -1 \rangle \quad \vec{w} = \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

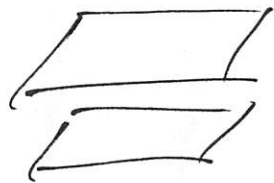
$$= \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle = \vec{n} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y + z = D$$

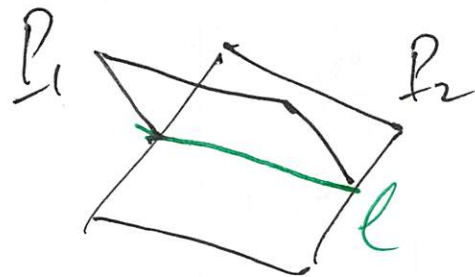
$$1 - 1 + 0 = D = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x + y + z = 0}$$

e.g. given 2 distinct planes,  
 ① they can be parallel



② they can intersect  
 in a line



e.g.  $x + 2y + 3z = 7$   $P_1$   
 $2x + y - z = 8$   $P_2$

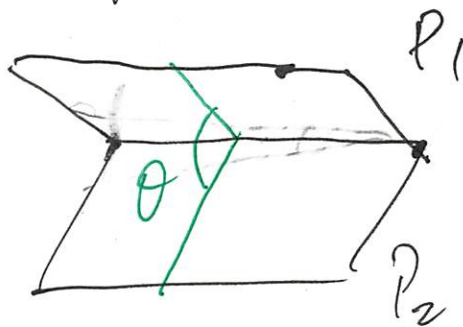
$\cap$  or  $\parallel$  ?

planes parallel  $\Leftrightarrow$   
 normal vectors are  
 nonzero scalar multiples.

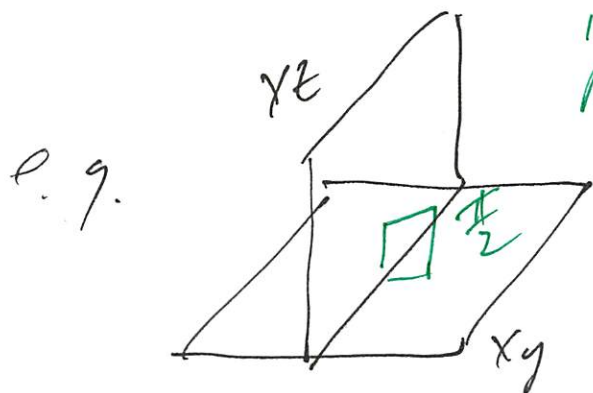
$$\begin{array}{l} P_1 : \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \\ P_2 : \langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{not} \\ \text{multiples} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{intersect.}$$

e.g. angle between 2 planes  
a.k.a. "dihedral angle"



$\theta$  is  
maximum  
angle between  
two lines  
in the  
planes.



Same as angle between  
normal vectors to the  
planes. from previous  
page

$$\vec{n}_1 = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n}_2 = \langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle$$

use dot.  $\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 =$  (4)

$$2 + 2 - 3 = 1$$

$$= |\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2| \cos \theta$$

$$|\vec{n}_1| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$|\vec{n}_2| = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

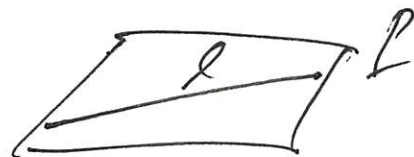
$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{84}} \right)$$

Lines and planes  $l, P$

①  $l \cap P$  in a single point

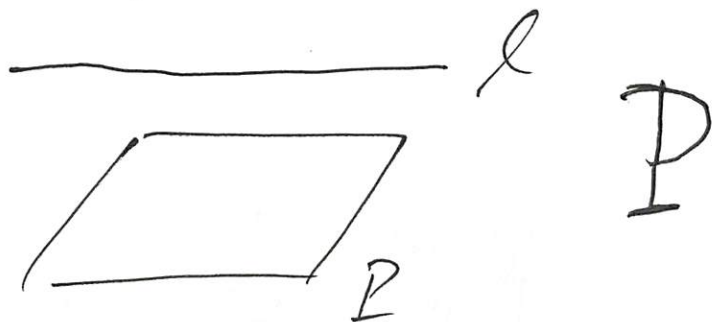


②  $l$  contained in  $P$





③  $l \parallel P$



① If  $l$  contained, or  $\parallel$ ,  
we must have dir vect  $\perp$   
normal vectn.

If so, and have  $\perp$  pt  
in common, then contained.  
otherwise parallel.

② if dir vect  $\nparallel$  normal vec,  
then have pt intersectn.

e.g.  $l: \begin{cases} x=t \\ y=t \\ z=t \end{cases} \quad \vec{v} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$

$P: x + 2y + 3z = 1 \quad \vec{n} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$

①  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{v} \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  must  $\cap$   
in a pt.

Let's find this pt!

Substitute eqns for  $l$  in  $P$ .

$\Rightarrow$  get an eqn with  $t$ .

$$t + 2t + 3t = 1$$

$$6t = 1$$

$$t = \frac{1}{6}$$

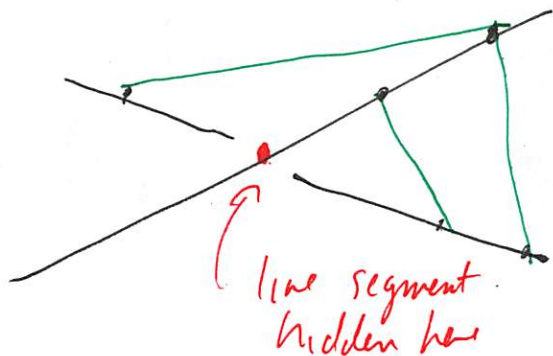
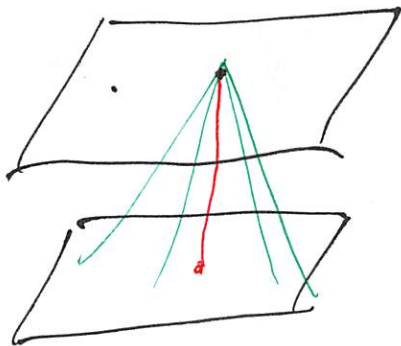
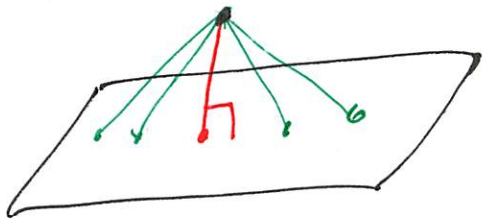
$\Rightarrow$  intersection pt is  
 $\boxed{\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right)}$

Distance problems

e.g. find distance between:

- pt and a plane
- 2 parallel planes
- a line parallel to a plane
- 2 skew lines.

"Distance" means minimum distance attained between 2 pts in the objects.



Basic technique:

① Need a unit vector  $\hat{N}$  running in the direction where distance is being measured.

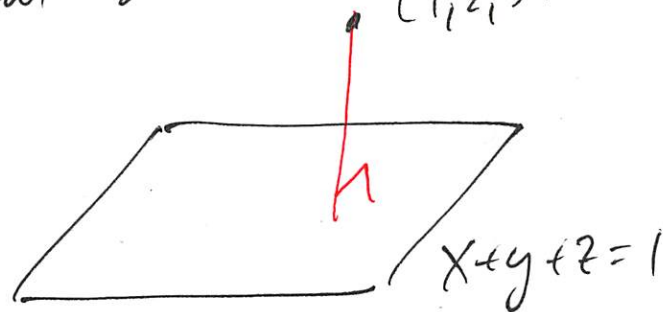
② we need an arbitrary vector  $\vec{z}$  running between the 2 objects.

③ distance is  $|\hat{N} \cdot \vec{z}|$

e.g.  $(1, 2, 3)$

plane  $\equiv x + y + z = 1$

want distance.  $(1, 2, 3)$



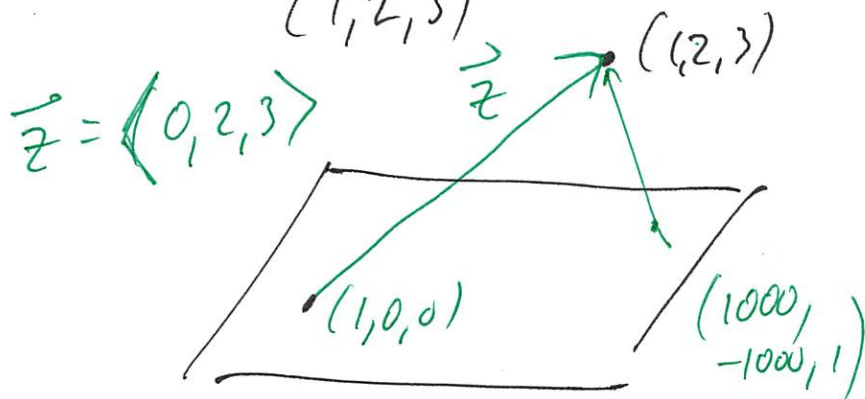
so  $\hat{N}$  is a unit vector  
 $\perp$  to the plane.

$$\vec{n} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\hat{N} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle / \sqrt{3}$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle$$

$\vec{z}$ : take any pt in  
 plane, build a  
 vector from it to  
 $(1, 2, 3)$



distance:

$$|\hat{N} \cdot \vec{z}|$$

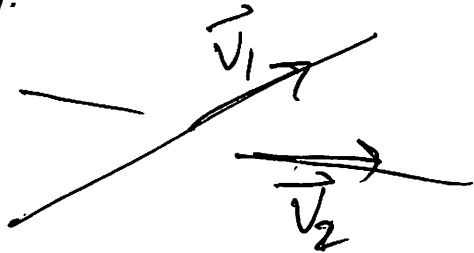
$$= \left| \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle \cdot \langle 0, 2, 3 \rangle \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{5}{\sqrt{3}} \right| = \frac{5}{\sqrt{3}}$$

reason: we're computing  
 the component of  
 $\vec{z}$  along  $\hat{N}$ .



P.g. 2 skew lines



use  $\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2$   
to make  
vector  $\perp$   
to lines.

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \vec{N}$$

make it  $\hat{N}, \dots$

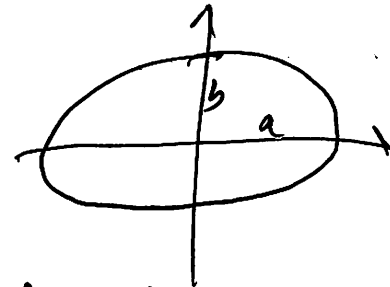
Quadric ~~sur~~ surfaces

special graphs in 3D  
come up a lot.

so far: lines  
planes  
spheres.

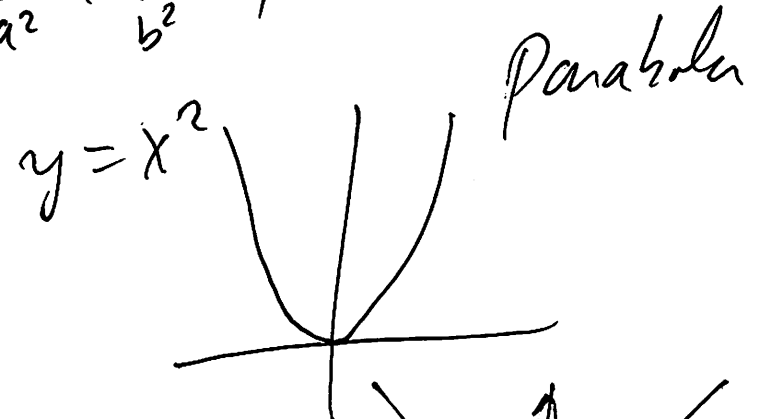
quadric surfaces are 3D  
analogues of "conic  
sections"

conic sections are  
ellipses, hyperbolas,  
parabolas, circles, ...



Ellipse

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

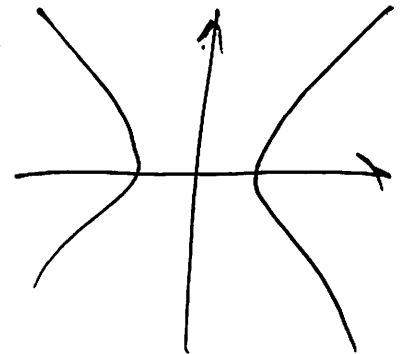


Parabola

$$y = x^2$$

hyperbola:

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





Observe : highest power  
of a variable is 2.

e.g.  $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 1$   
rotated ellipse.

want to consider similar  
equations in 3D.

e.g.  $z = x^2 + y^2$  ?

to help understand  
the graph, use  
method of traces

aka. method of slices

idea: set one coordinate  
equal to a constant  $C$ .  
look at resulting 2D graph.  
The result is a "slice"  
through the object.  
parallel to one of the  
coordinate planes

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

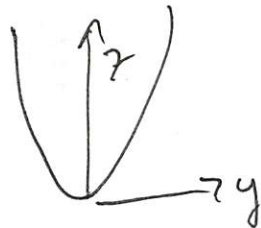
try  $z = C$  for various  $C$ .  
give intersection of our shape  
with plane parallel to the  
 $xy$  plane.

$C$	graph	
0	$x^2 + y^2 = 0$	$x = y = 0$
1	$x^2 + y^2 = 1$	single pt
2	$x^2 + y^2 = 2$	circle.
-1	$x^2 + y^2 = -1$	no soln

can slice parallel to other  
coordinate planes

try  $x = C$ .  $z = x^2 + y^2$

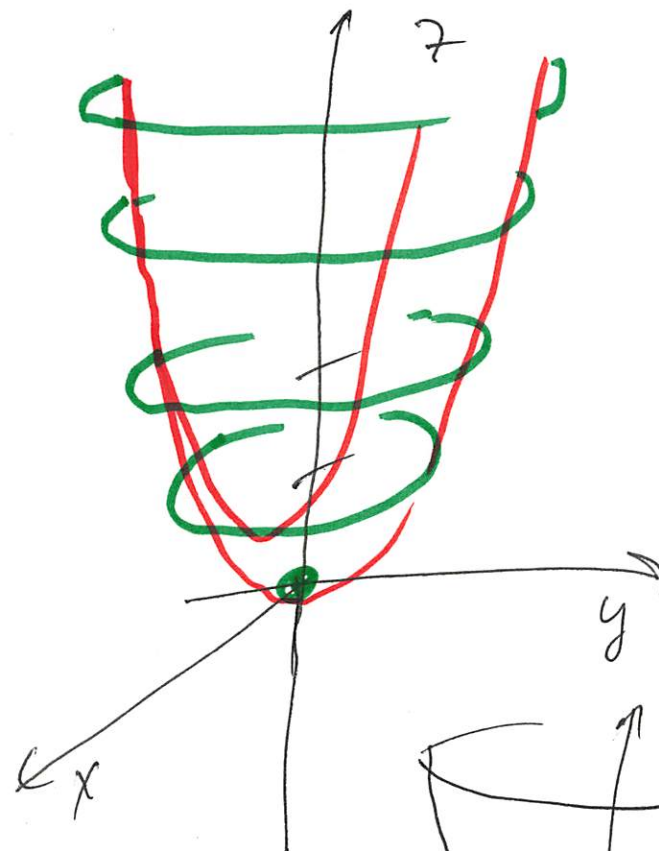
$C = 0$   $z = y^2$



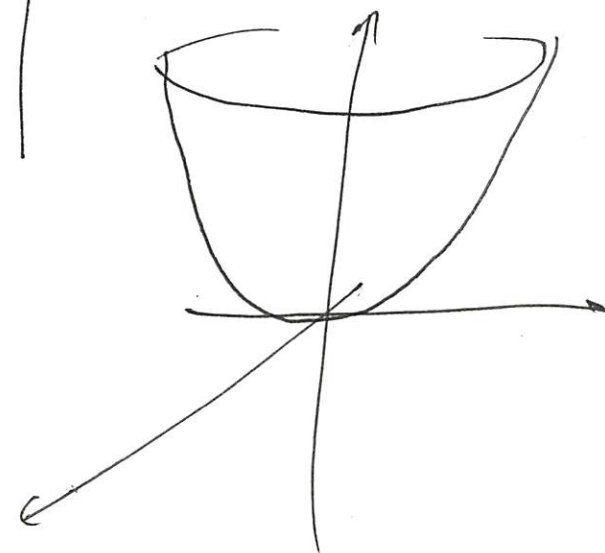
keep going

$C = 1$   $z = y^2 + 1$

paraboloid



parabolas  
revolved  
around  
z axis



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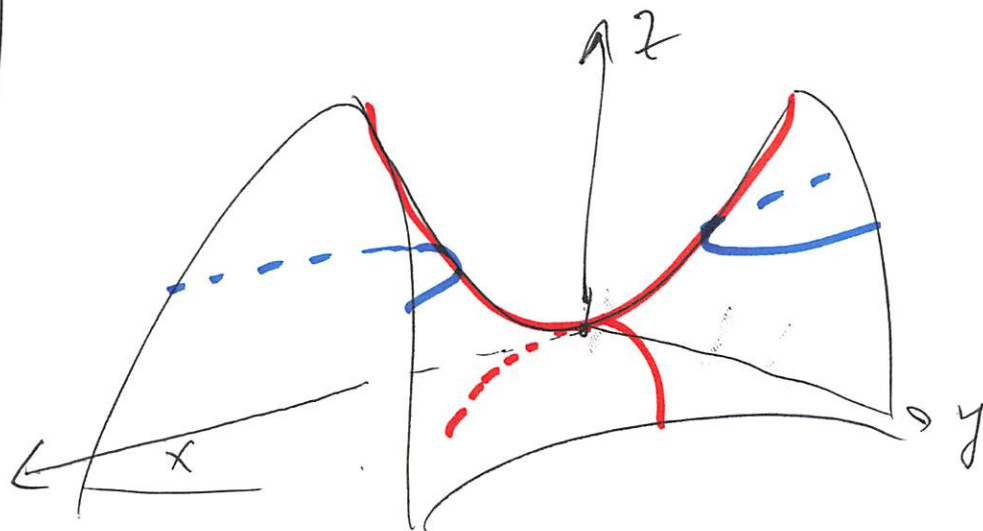
Look at more examples  
in book.

e.g. hyperbolic  
paraboloid.

This is a quadric  
surface that has no  
direct analogue in  
2D

$$z = x^2 - y^2$$

(11)



"saddle shape"

hyperbola slices  
parabola slices