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Part I

Just stuff I have to explain, wait few days

Let π denote the plane:

$$s_y \in \pi, s_y \in \pi, s_z \in \pi$$

$$\pi : ax + by + cz + d = 0$$

For $S_x \in \pi \Longrightarrow 1a + 0b + 0c + d = 0$, hence
$a + d = 0$

For $S_y \in \pi \Longrightarrow 0a + 2b + 0c + d = 0$, hence
$2b + d = 0$

for $S_z \in \pi \Longrightarrow 0a + 0b + 3c + d = 0$, hence
$3c + d = 0$

$$\begin{cases} a + d = 0 \\ 2b + d = 0 \\ 3c + d = 0 \end{cases} \Longrightarrow \begin{cases} a = -d \\ 2b = -d \\ 3c = -d \end{cases}$$

Case 1:

$$d = 0 \Longrightarrow a = 0, b = 0, c = 0 \Longrightarrow \pi : 0 = 0 \Longrightarrow \text{NOT a plane!}$$

Case 2:

$$d \neq 0 \Longrightarrow \pi : \frac{ax + by + cz + d}{d} = 0 \Longrightarrow \frac{a}{d}x + \frac{b}{d}y + \frac{c}{d}z + 1 = 0$$

Hence:

$$\begin{cases} a = -d \\ 2b = -d \\ 3c = -d \end{cases} \Longrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{a}{d} = -1 \\ \frac{b}{d} = -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{c}{d} = -\frac{1}{3} \end{cases}$$

Which leads to:

$$\pi : -x - \frac{1}{2}y - \frac{1}{3}z + 1 = 0$$

Remark: the equation of a plane is defined up to a multiplication by a real number different from 0

e.g.: the same planed is shared between those 3 equations
ex 1)

$$z = 0 \Longleftrightarrow 5z = 0 \Longleftrightarrow -10z = 0$$

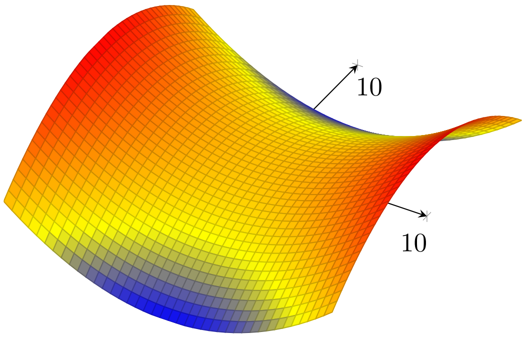
ex 2)

$$-x - \frac{1}{2}y - \frac{1}{3}z + 1 = 0 \Longleftrightarrow 6x + 3y + 2z + 6 = 0$$

1 Functions in two variables x and y

Let us take $\pi : x^2 - y^2 = 0$ as example.

The plot would look like this:



1.1 Spheres

2 Linear functions of two variables

We say that z is a *linear function* of x and y, if there are constant a, b and d such that:

$$\boxed{z = ax + by + d}$$

holds. Alternatively: if there are constant A, B, C, D, with $C \neq 0$, such that:

$$\boxed{Az + Bx + Cy + D = 0}$$

holds. Since $C \neq 0$, we can rearrange this equation into:

$$\boxed{z = -\frac{Ax}{C} - \frac{By}{C} - \frac{D}{C}}$$

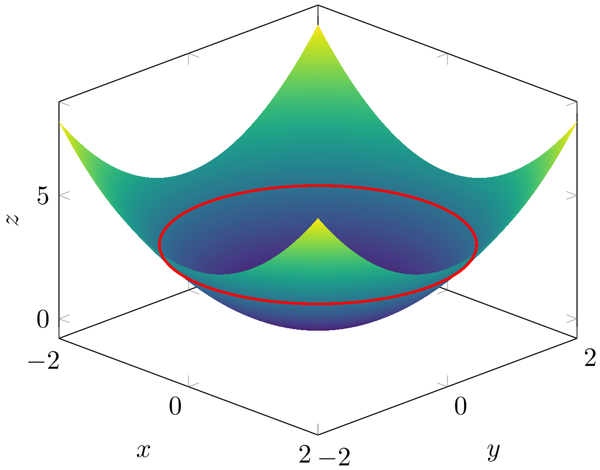
3 Contour lines

$$\begin{cases} z = f(x,y) \\ z = k \qquad k \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

$z = k$ represents all the possible horizontal planes

Ex:

$$\begin{cases} z = x^2 - y^2 \\ z = k \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} k = x^2 - y^2 \\ z = k \end{cases}$$



All the planes with equation $z = k$ are parallel to the coordinate planes $z = 0$.

When $z = k = 0$, the circle is reduced to a point, the origin.

When $k < 0$, the equation $x^2 + y^2 = k$ has no solution in $\mathbb{R}$.

When $k > 0$, the equation $x^2 + y^2 = k$ represents a circle with radius $\sqrt{k}$ centered at the origin.

4 Cylinders

A cylinder is a surface generated by all the lines parallel to a given line d and passing through a given curve $\mathcal{C}$.

4.1 Property

Whenever you have a polynomial equation of degree at least 2 with a missing variable, then you have a cylinder (up to few exceptions).

Ex:

$$z = y^2 \implies y^2 - z = 0$$

This is a cylinder with generatrix parallel to the x axis and directrix the parabola $y^2 - z = 0$ in the yz plane.