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In this session we explore 2D lists and their plots. These are useful when you start working on numerical methods in the engineering courses.

As an illustration, we create a 2D list that has values depending on two Gaussian functions - one positive and one negative - both offset from eachother to create a hill and a valley appearance.

First we create two lists that contain the distance variables for the x-axis and y-axis. We choose to have about 25 values along each direction.

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In [1]: x = list(map(lambda a: a*0.4, list(range(0,25,1))))
In [2]: y = x[:]
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We need the math module to use the exponential function.

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In [3]: import math
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We define a function that returns the value as per the Gaussian function. The parameters are the origin (x0, y0) and the standard deviation sd.

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In [4]: def gauss(x, y, x0, y0, sd):

r = (x-x0)**2 + (y-y0)**2;

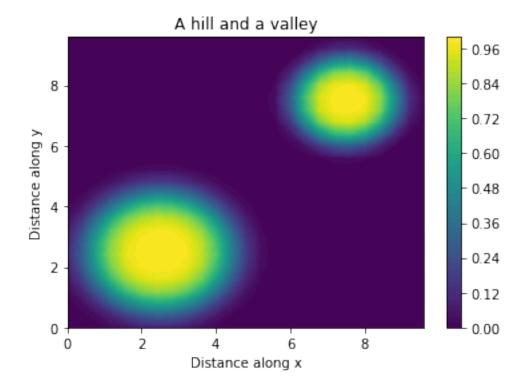
return math.exp(-(r/sd)**2)
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We import the numpy module to use ndarrays.

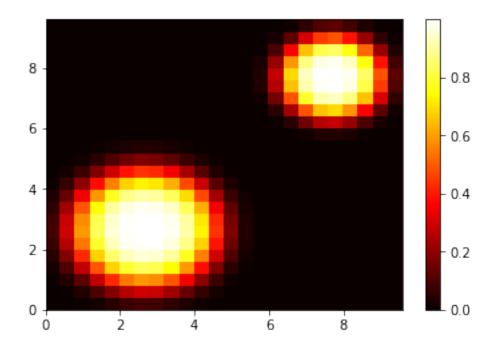
We now import the plotting module.

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In [8]: % matplotlib inline
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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Out[9]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7f8a21f29990>

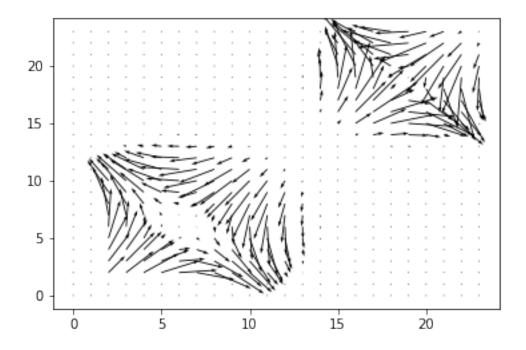


Out[10]: <matplotlib.colorbar.Colorbar at 0x7f8a1fbab2d0>



1.1 Quiver plots

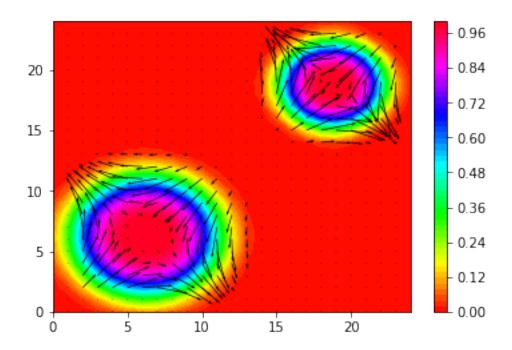
We can use quiver plots to show arrows that indicate the direction of graident (slope) of the variable in 2D space. We need to create two arrays that store the gradient components along x and y directions. We can use central difference to evaluate the gradients.



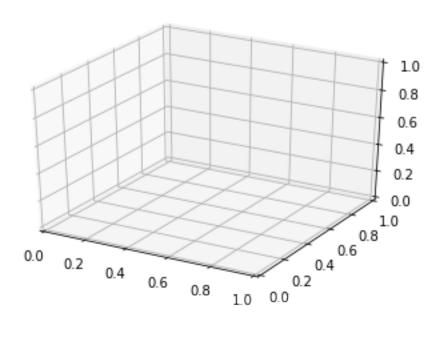
1.2 Superposing contour maps with quiver plots

We can superpose plots and see the variation of the parameter along z in a more intuitive manner.

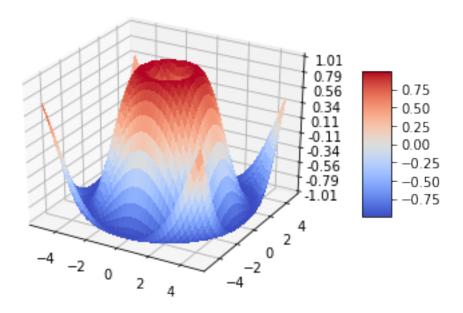
Out[13]: <matplotlib.quiver.Quiver at 0x7f8a1fecc650>



In [14]: from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D



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In [23]: %matplotlib inline
         from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         from matplotlib import cm
         from matplotlib.ticker import LinearLocator, FormatStrFormatter
         import numpy as np
         fig = plt.figure()
         ax = fig.gca(projection='3d')
         # Make data.
         X = np.arange(-5, 5, 0.25)
         Y = np.arange(-5, 5, 0.25)
         X, Y = np.meshgrid(X, Y)
         R = np.sqrt(X**2 + Y**2)
         Z = np.sin(R)
         # Plot the surface.
         surf = ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, cmap=cm.coolwarm,
                                linewidth=0, antialiased=False)
         # Customize the z axis.
         ax.set_zlim(-1.01, 1.01)
         ax.zaxis.set_major_locator(LinearLocator(10))
         ax.zaxis.set_major_formatter(FormatStrFormatter('%.02f'))
         # Add a color bar which maps values to colors.
         fig.colorbar(surf, shrink=0.5, aspect=5)
         plt.show()
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In []: