

§ 13.1-13.3

1: Plane in 3D space

Line in 3D space

one point on the plane (x_0, y_0, z_0) one point on the line (x_0, y_0, z_0) normal vector $\vec{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ director $\vec{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$

$$a(x-x_0) + b(y-y_0) + c(z-z_0) = 0$$

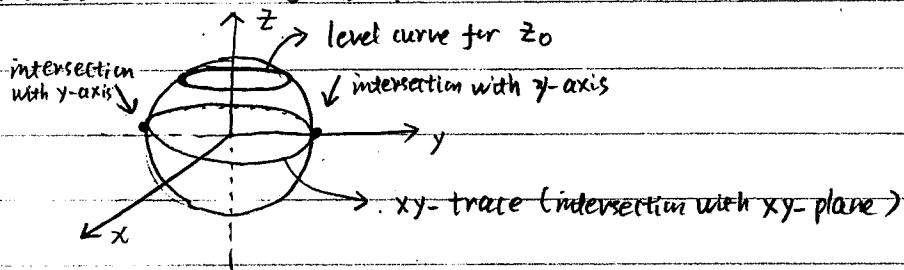
$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle + t \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

2 Surfaces in 3D : $z = f(x, y)$ or $F(x, y, z) = 0$ Def: Intersections with x-axis, let $y=z=0$ and solve for x ; similar Def for y, z-axisDef: XY-trace: intersections with xy-plane. Let $z=0$ & find the relation of x and y .

Similar Def for yz-trace, xz-trace.

Def: Level curve for level z_0 is $z_0 = f(x, y)$ or $F(x, y, z_0) = 0$

Demonstration:



3 Functions with two or more variables

① Domain: the set of variables that make the function meaningful.

Common questions involve: a. Denominator $\neq 0$ e.g. $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{x-y}$: $\{(x, y) \mid x \neq y\}$ b. Square root: e.g. $\sqrt{x-y}$: $\{(x, y) \mid x-y \geq 0\}$ c. Log function: e.g. $\ln(x-y)$: $\{(x, y) \mid x-y > 0\}$ ★ ② Limit $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} f(x, y)$ Standard Procedure for this course.Step 1: Check if (x_0, y_0) is on the boundary of domain. If not, plug in (x_0, y_0) and evaluate f at the pointStep 2: If (x_0, y_0) is on the boundary (i.e. you can't plug in), then simplify $f(x, y)$ and try again. (Techniques: factorization, rationalization)

Step 3: If step 2 fails, try 2-path test to show the limit Does Not Exist.

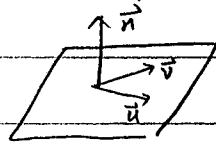
Two path test: find two paths through (x_0, y_0) and evaluate $\lim f(x, y)$ along different paths to get two different limits.(Common questions: if $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 0)$, then try $x=0$, $y=0$, $y=x$, $y=k \cdot x$, $y=kx^2$)

③ Continuity.

Examples:

1. Find a plane that is parallel to $\vec{u} = \langle 2, 0, 2 \rangle$ and $\vec{v} = \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle$, passing through $(4, 0, 1)$

Answer:



Normal vector: $\vec{n} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$!

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} = \langle -2, -4, 2 \rangle$$

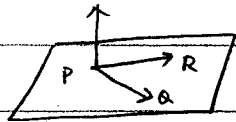
Plane: $-2(x-4) - 4(y-0) + 2(z-1) = 0$

or $(x-4) + 2y - (z-1) = 0$

or $x + 2y - z - 3 = 0$ #

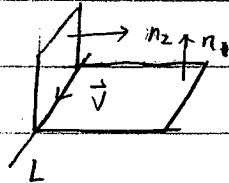
- More Practice: Find a plane through $P(4, 2, 3)$, $Q(0, 0, -2)$, $R(-2, 3, 2)$

Hint:



generate $\vec{u} = \vec{PQ}$ $\vec{v} = \vec{PR}$
 $\vec{n} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$

- More Practice: intersection line of two planes:



the direction of L is $\vec{v} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2$

One point on L : find a special point on both planes.

The instructor solved a similar problem in class

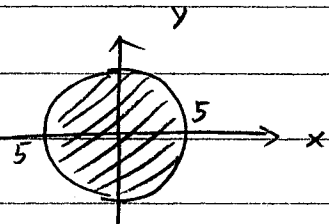
Also, check example 6 in §13.1

2. $f(x, y) = \sqrt{50 - 2x^2 - 2y^2}$

- ① Find the domain and sketch it.

Answer: $50 - 2x^2 - 2y^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 \leq 25$

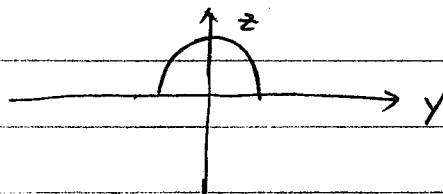
Domain: $\{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 25\}$



- ② Find the yz -trace and sketch it.

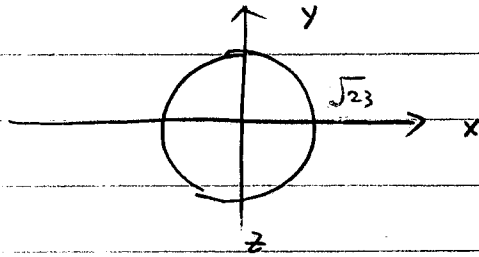
Answer: Let $x = 0$. $z = \sqrt{50 - 2y^2} \Leftrightarrow z^2 + 2y^2 = 50$ and $z \geq 0$

$\Leftrightarrow \frac{y^2}{25} + \frac{z^2}{50} = 1$ and $z \geq 0$

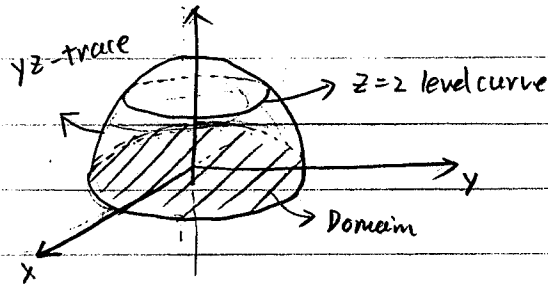


③ Find the level curve for $z=2$

Answer: $z = \sqrt{50 - 2x^2 - 2y^2} \Leftrightarrow 4 = 50 - 2x^2 - 2y^2 \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 23 = (\sqrt{23})^2$



Note:



3. Limits

① $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,5)} \frac{-3x^2 - 4y^2 - 4}{x^2 + y^2 - 2}$

Answer: step 1. \checkmark $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,5)} \frac{-3x^2 - 4y^2 - 4}{x^2 + y^2 - 2} = \frac{-3 \cdot 1^2 - 4 \cdot 5^2 - 4}{1^2 + 5^2 - 2} = \frac{-107}{24}$

② $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (3,3)} \frac{\sqrt{x+y} - 4}{x+y-16}$

Answer: step 1 \times cannot plug in

step 2: Simplify: $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (3,3)} \frac{(\sqrt{x+y} - 4)(\sqrt{x+y} + 4)}{x+y-16(\sqrt{x+y} + 4)} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (3,3)} \frac{x+y-16}{(x+y-16)(\sqrt{x+y} + 4)}$
 $= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (3,3)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+y} + 4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{16} + 4} = \frac{1}{8}$

③ $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x - y}$

Answer: step 1. \times cannot plug in

step 2. $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x - y} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(x-y)(x+y)}{x-y} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} x+y = 0$

④ $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{4xy}{3x^2 + y^2}$

Answer: step 1 \times cannot plug in step 2 cannot simplify

step 3: Pick $x=0$ path. $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{0+y^2} = 0$

Pick $x=y$ path. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2}{3x^2 + x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4}{4} = 1$

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By two path test, the limit DNE

$$(5) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y}{x^6 + y^2}$$

Answer: step 1 \times cannot plug in step 2 cannot simplify

step 3 Pick $x=0$ $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{0+y^2} = 0$

Pick $y=x^3$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^6}{x^6+x^6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

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