

Class 5

MATH 223 Multivariable Calculus

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Today: Begin Examination of $f : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^1$

Real-Valued Functions of Vectors

(I) Defining and Using Derivative

Chapters 3 - 5

(II) Integral

Chapters 6 - 7

Initial Focus: Geometry of Such Functions

Some Useful Pictures (A) $f : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^1 \quad z = f(x, y)$

Image: Interval of Real Numbers

Domain: Region in Plane

Graph: Surface in \mathcal{R}^3

In General, graph $f : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^1$ is the set of points of the form $(\mathbf{x}, f(\mathbf{x}))$, an n -dimensional surface in $n + 1$ -dimensional space.

(B) Contours Level Curves for $f : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^1$

Level Surfaces for $f : \mathcal{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^1$

(C) Cross-Sections

Fix one variable

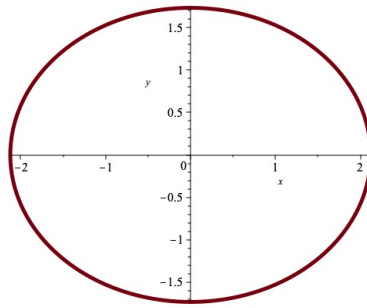
Example: $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 3y^2$ or $z = 2x^2 + 3y^2$.

Observations:

1. $z \geq 0$ for all x, y ; $z = 0$ only at $(0, 0)$

2. Hold z fixed, say. $z = z_0 > 0$

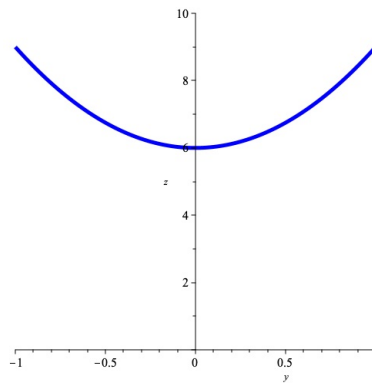
$$2x^2 + 3y^2 = z_0$$



3. Hold x fixed: $x = x_0$

$$2x_0^2 + 3y^2 = z$$

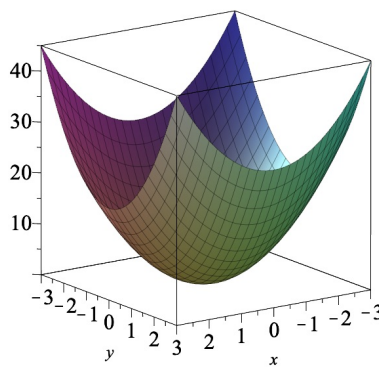
Parabola in (y, z) -plane



4. Hold y fixed: $y = y_0$

$$2x^2 + 3y_0^2 = z$$

Parabola in (x, z) -plane



Level Curves

Given: output k (some constant)

Find: All inputs Which Produce That Output

Examples Isotherms

Isobars

Isoclines

Indifference Curves

FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOMAIN BEING SUBSET OF \mathcal{R}^1 AND SUBSET OF $\mathcal{R}^n, n > 1$:

Implications for Continuity, Derivative, Integral

These all depend on **LIMIT**:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ in \mathcal{R}^1 : 2 ways to approach a

$\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}} f(x)$ in \mathcal{R}^n : Infinitely Many Ways to approach \mathbf{a}

Example:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2 + 2y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

Approach along line $y = mx$:

$$f(x, mx) = \frac{x(mx)}{x^2 + 2(mx)^2} = \frac{mx^2}{x^2 + 2m^2x^2} = \frac{mx^2}{x^2(1 + 2m^2)} = \frac{m}{1 + 2m^2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} m \\ \hline 1 \quad \frac{1}{1+2} = \frac{1}{3} \\ 2 \quad \frac{2}{1+8} = \frac{2}{9} \\ -1 \quad \frac{-1}{1+2} = -\frac{1}{3} \end{array}$$

What are the possible values of $g(m) = \frac{m}{1+2m^2}$?

$$g'(m) = \frac{1-2m^2}{(1+2m^2)^2} \text{ and } g''(m) = \frac{4m(2m^2-3)}{(1+2m^2)^3}$$

- $g(m) \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \pm\infty$
- $g'(m) > 0$ for $\sqrt{2}/2 \leq m \leq \sqrt{2}/2$

- Point of Inflection at $\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}\right)$

