

Notation:

In scalar mult., scalars always on left, vectors on the right.

If  $c$  is a scalar, ~~the~~ and  $v$  is a vector, then write  $cv$  for product (scalar multiplication), never  ~~$vc$~~

Also:  $\frac{1}{c}v$ , better  $(\frac{1}{c})v$  or  $c^{-1}v$ , never  ~~$\frac{v}{c}$~~ .

Matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ -3 & 4 & 2 \\ -5 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a matrix}$$

Other notation:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ -3 & 4 & 2 \\ -5 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  also ok.

Nether one means a determinant. Need to write  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ -3 & 4 & 2 \\ -5 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

or  $\det \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ & & \\ & & \end{array} \right]$ .

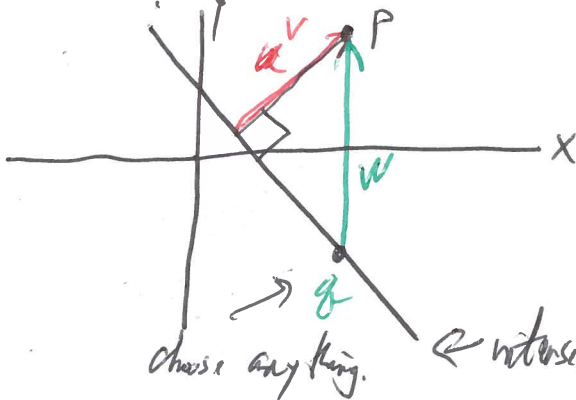
However,  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ -3 & 4 & 2 \\ -5 & -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$  is bad notation, but always means a determinant, never just the matrix.

Last time: distance from a point to a plane.

$z$  puts out at you.

Distance from  $P$  to  $M$ .

That is, want  $\|w\|$  in picture.



Need a normal vector, say  $n$ .

Project  $w$  to  $n$ , take its norm of result.

Choose anything.  $\leftarrow$  intersection of a vertical plane with  $xy$  plane. Call it  $M$

We get:  $d = \frac{|n \cdot w|}{\|n\|}$

The example was plane  $x + 4y - 2z = 6$ .

$p = (3, 2, -1)$ . For  $q$  took  $(6, 0, 0)$

So  $n = \langle 1, 4, -2 \rangle$  and  $w = \langle 3, 2, -1 \rangle - \langle 6, 0, 0 \rangle = \langle -3, 2, -1 \rangle$ .

get  $d = \frac{8}{\sqrt{21}}$ . This is the distance from the point to the plane.

Ex. (don't carry one out unless you want one).

Distance between two parallel planes, say  $M$  and  $N$ ? Choose some point  $p$  on  $N$ .

Then find distance from  $p$  to  $M$  as above.

any point on  $N$  will do.

Ex: Distance between two skew lines,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

Method is: Find parallel planes  $M_1$  containing  $L_1$  and  $M_2$  containing  $L_2$ , and find distance between  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ .

If  $L_1$  is given by  $r_1(t) = \langle 3, 2, -1 \rangle + t \langle -4, 1, 0 \rangle$

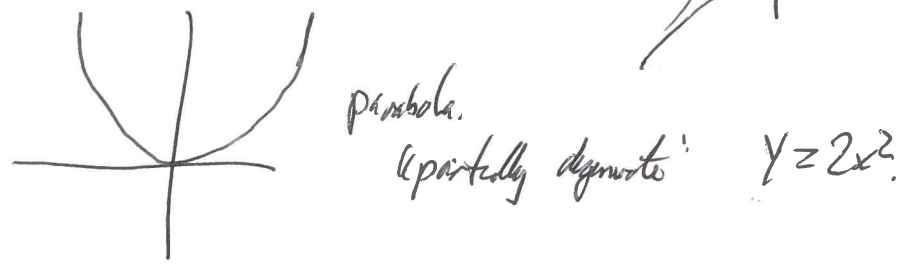
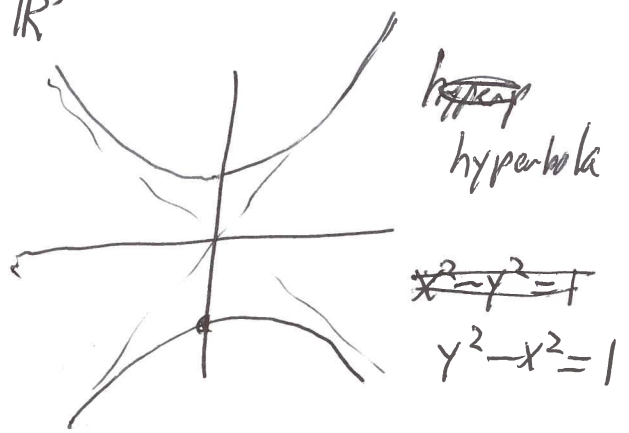
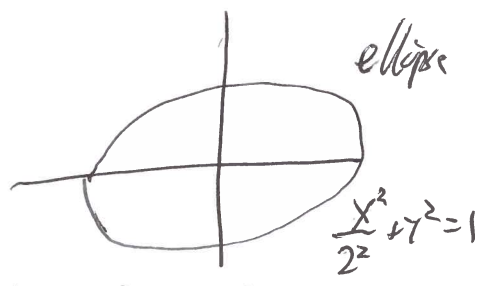
$L_2$   $r_2(t) = \langle 8, 0, 0 \rangle + t \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle$

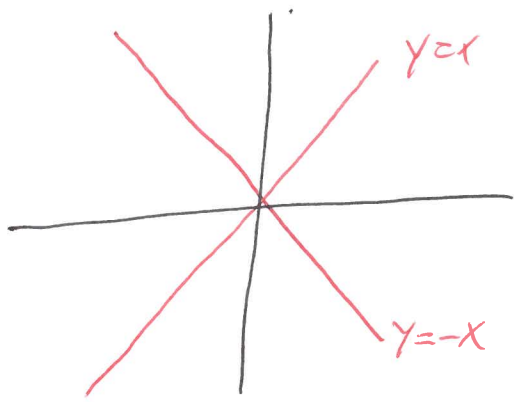
A plane ~~parallel~~ parallel to both  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  will have a normal vector orthogonal to direction of both lines. Here use  $n = \langle -4, 1, 0 \rangle \times \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle$ .

Now use previous method.

### 12.6: Surfaces of special types in $\mathbb{R}^3$

Quadratic:  
In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :





$x^2 - y^2 = 0$  (or  $x^2 = y^2$ )

(Warning:  $x^2 + y^2 = 0$  gives just the point (0,0).  
 $x^2 + y^2 = -6$  gives nothing.)

Now three kinds of things like ellipses and hyperbolas  
 two " " " parabolas  
 one crossing lines.

Stick with: axes parallel to coordinate axes.  
 usually center at (0,0,0).

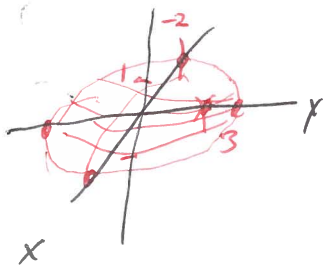
( $xy=1$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  has axes not parallel to coord axes).

See book (or any other similar book) for pictures.

(1)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  : sphere, center (0,0,0), radius 1.

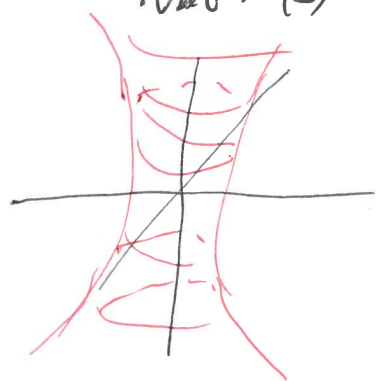
$\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} + z^2 = 1$  : ellipsoid.

In the x direction, it goes from ~~(-2,0,0)~~ (-2,0,0) to (2,0,0)  
 (0, 3, 0) to (0, 3, 0)  
 (0, 0, -1) to (0, 0, 1).



Consider intersection of the ellipsoid with a plane. Called here a "trace".  
 Use for now only planes parallel ~~to~~ to the coordinate planes. In any of these, the intersection is a ellipse (ex:  $z=0$ ,  $z=\frac{1}{2}$ ), or empty ( $z=2$ ) or a single point (at  $z=1$ ).

Next: (2)  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$



hyperboloid of one sheet.

Here, the horizontal traces (intersections with horizontal planes) are ellipses.

At  $z=4$ , get  $x^2 + y^2 - 16 = 1$ , so  $x^2 + y^2 = 17$ .

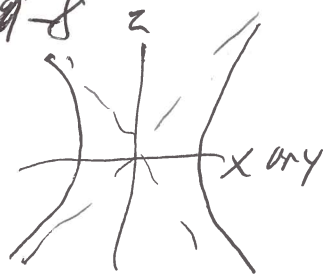
Vertical trace (could use  $x$  constant or  $y$  constant) } here: Circle, but for general ones get ellipse.

Both kinds of vertical traces give same result:

Take plane  $y=3$  Get  $x^2 + 9z^2 = 1$  or  $x^2 - z^2 = \frac{1}{9} - 8$

Get hyperbolas opening "right and left" in the  $y$  direction.

Similar for  $x=11$ .

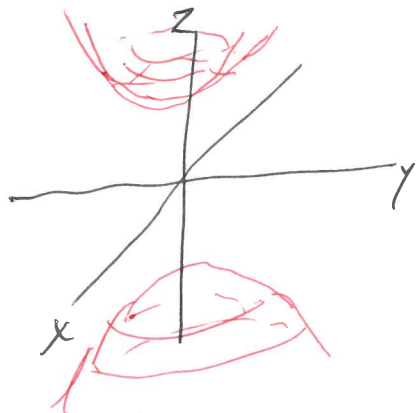


(3)  ~~$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$~~   $x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = 1$

~~Do a different one of same kind:~~ Do a different one of same kind:  $z^2 - x^2 - y^2 = 1$ .

Rewrite as  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2 - 1$ .

No solutions if  $-1 < z < 1$ . Get

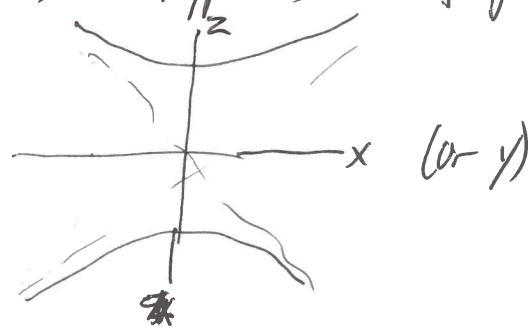


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Horizontal traces? Here circles,

more generally ellipses

Vertical traces? Hyperbolas facing up and down.



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~~Hyperboloid~~ 
$$\frac{z}{3} = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{6} = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{6}}\right)^2$$

Trace in horizontal plane  $z=3$  will be  $\frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{y^2}{4^2} = 1$ , ellipse

