

Level surface.  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$$S = \{ (x, y, z) \mid f(x, y, z) = 0 \}$$

Ex:  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1 = 0$

sphere.

$$x + 3y + 5z - 7 = 0$$

$(\nabla f = (1, 3, 5))$

plane

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0$$

Ellipsoid.

$(\nabla f = (\frac{2x}{a^2}, \frac{2y}{b^2}, \frac{2z}{c^2}))$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0$$

Hyperboloid of 1 sheet

$(\nabla f = (\frac{2x}{a^2}, \frac{2y}{b^2}, -\frac{2z}{c^2}))$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0$$

Hyperboloid of 2 sheets

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} + 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0$$

double cone  
Surface away from origin.

~~Elliptic~~

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - z = 0$$

$$\nabla f = \left( \frac{2x}{a^2}, \frac{2y}{b^2}, -1 \right)$$

Elliptic paraboloid

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} - z = 0$$

Hyperbolic paraboloid.

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - 1 = 0$$

Elliptic cylinder

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} - 1 = 0$$

Hyperbolic cylinder

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - y = 0$$

parabolic cylinder.

Thm  $f$  is smooth and

If  $\nabla f$  is never zero when  $f=0$ ,

$\{f=0\}$  is a smooth surface.

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pf: Suppose  $f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = 0$  and  $\nabla f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (a, b, c) \neq \vec{0}$

Suppose  $c \neq 0$ .

Define  $h(x, y, z) = (x, y, f(x, y, z))$

$$Dh = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ f_x & f_y & f_z \end{pmatrix} \quad \det Dh = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$$

At  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ ,  $\det Dh = c \neq 0$ .

By IFT, locally  $h$  has an inverse.

$$(x, y, z) = h^{-1}(x, y, f(x, y, z))$$

On the surface near  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ ,

$$(x, y, z) = h^{-1}(x, y, 0)$$

$z = (h^{-1}(x, y, 0))_3$ , so  $z =$  smooth function of  $x, y$

A quadric surface is a level set of

$$x^T A x + b^T x + c, \text{ where}$$

$A$  is a symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrix,

$b$  is a 3-vector and  $c$  is a scalar.

$$c_1 x^2 + c_2 xy + c_3 xz + c_4 y^2 + c_5 yz + c_6 z^2 \\ + c_7 x + c_8 y + c_9 z + c_{10} = 0$$

Thm Every quadric "surface" is a direct isometry of:

plane	line,
ellipsoid	pt.
paraboloid	2 intersecting planes.
hyperboloid	
Cone,	
cylinder,	
2 planes	

Pf By doing a rotation, make the e-vects of  $A$  be the coordinate axes, so

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3$$

$$f(x) = (\lambda_1 x^2 + b_1 x) + (\lambda_2 y^2 + b_2 y) + (\lambda_3 z^2 + b_3 z) + c$$

If  $\lambda_1 > 0$ ,  
or  $\lambda_1 < 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 x^2 + b_1 x &= \lambda_1 \left( x^2 + \frac{b_1}{\lambda_1} x \right) \\ &= \lambda_1 \left[ \left( x + \frac{b_1}{2\lambda_1} \right)^2 - \frac{b_1^2}{4\lambda_1^2} \right] \\ &= \lambda_1 \left( x + \frac{b_1}{2\lambda_1} \right)^2 - \frac{b_1^2}{4\lambda_1} \end{aligned}$$

After isometry,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z) &= (\lambda_1 x^2 \text{ or } b_1 x \text{ or } 0) + (\lambda_2 y^2 \text{ or } b_2 y \text{ or } 0) \\ &\quad + (\lambda_3 z^2 \text{ or } b_3 z \text{ or } 0) + c. \end{aligned}$$