

Pre-class Warm-up!!!

How many ways can you think of to describe a curve in \mathbb{R}^2 ?

a. ≥ 4

b. 3

c. 2

d. 1

e. 0

The quiz tomorrow is on the material from both last week and the week before. I think it was sections 8.3 6.1 6.2 1.4 but I don't remember.

7.3 Parametrized Surfaces.

We learn:

- what is a surface. *It is a sheet that may bend*
- we have 3 ways to describe a surface
- How to compute the tangent plane at a point from a parametrization.

Review: we can sometimes describe a curve in 3 ways:

- the graph of a function, like the graph of $f(x) = x^2$
- The solution set of some equations, like $y = x^2$
- by a parametrization, like $c(t) = (t, t^2)$

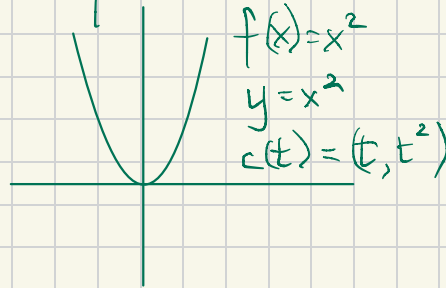
We know how to convert between these and how to compute tangent lines to curves.

• graph of $f(x, y)$

• points satisfying an equation like $z - x^2 + y^2 = 0$

We can compute tangent planes from this using the gradient

• parametrizations — today!



Definition. A parametrization of a surface in \mathbb{R}^3 is a function $\Phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\Phi(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v))$$

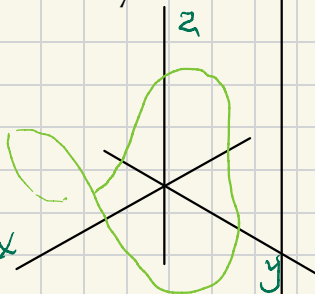
Examples: The graph of $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$

- has a parametrization

$$\Phi(u, v) = (u, v, u^2 - v^2)$$

Φ is the parametrization

The image of Φ is the surface.



- is the set of points satisfying an equation

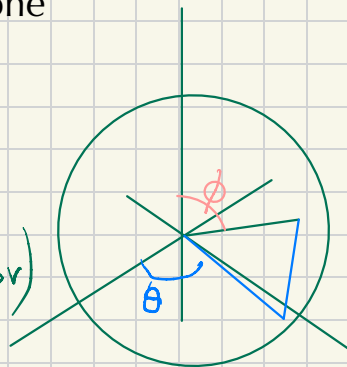
$$z = x^2 - y^2$$

- We should recognize parametrizations of a sphere, and of a cone

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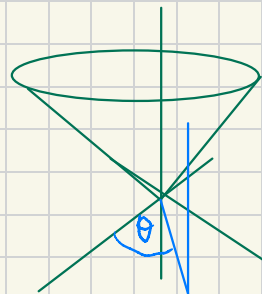
$$\Phi(u, v)$$

$$= (\sin v \cos u, \sin v \sin u, \cos v)$$



$$\Phi(u, v)$$

$$= (u \cos v, u \sin v, u)$$



Think $u = r$, $u \geq 0$, $v = \theta$, $0 \leq v < 2\pi$

Tangent vectors

Recall: for a path $c: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ the velocity vector c' points tangentially to the curve.

$$c'(t) = \left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt} \right)$$

Given a parametrization of a surface

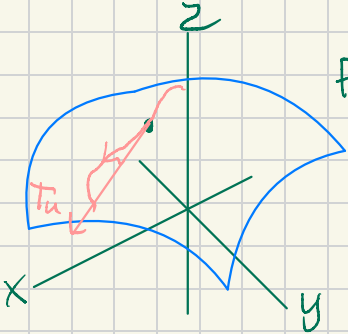
$$\Phi(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v))$$

we get two vectors tangential to the surface:

$$T_u = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right)$$

$$T_v = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right)$$

Fix v and let u vary to get a path in the surface.

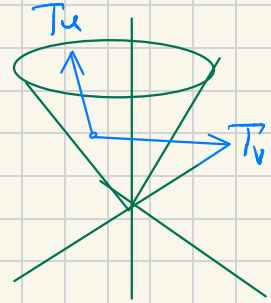


Example: the parametrization of the cone:

$$\Phi(u, v) = (u \cos(v), u \sin(v), u), \\ u \geq 0, 0 \leq v \leq 2\pi$$

$$T_u = (\cos v, \sin v, 1)$$

$$T_v = (-u \sin v, u \cos v, 0)$$



We get a normal vector

$$T_u \times T_v = (-u \cos v, -u \sin v, u)$$

We construct the tangent plane

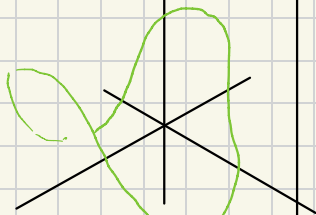
$$-u \cos v (x - u \cos v) + \dots + \dots = 0$$

We always want the parametrization to be

regular, meaning $T_u \times T_v \neq 0$

Example: the graph of $f(x,y) = x^2 - y^2$
has parametrization

$$\Phi(u,v) = (u, v, u^2 - v^2)$$



The tangent vectors are the same as we got previously.

$$T_u = (1, 0, 2u), T_v = (0, 1, -2v)$$

Question: are either of the following surfaces
(that we just saw) the graphs of functions?

a. the sphere

Yes

No

b. the cone

Yes

No