

HW 2 due Friday before class.



Motion in Space.

Given parametrized curve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

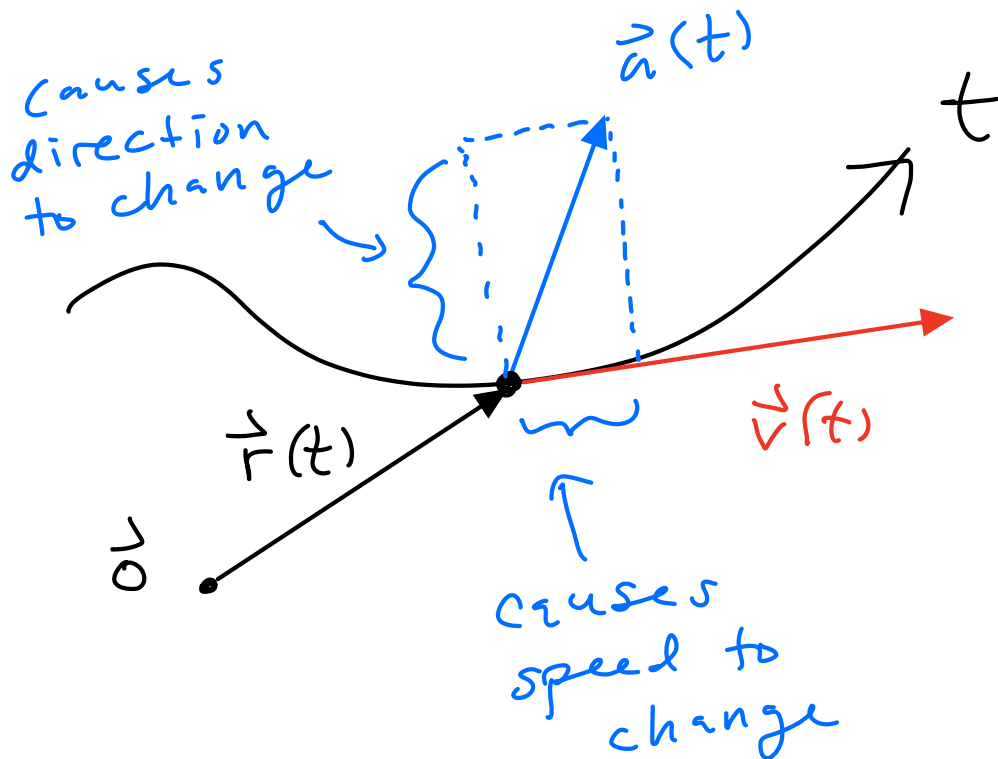
$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t), z'(t) \rangle$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}'(t)$$

$$= \vec{r}''(t) = \langle x''(t), y''(t), z''(t) \rangle.$$

Picture:



## Newton's Second Law:

force = mass · acceleration.

If a force  $\vec{F}(t)$  acts on a particle with mass  $m$  & position  $\vec{r}(t)$  then we have

$$\vec{F}(t) = m \vec{r}''(t)$$

Example: Gravity.

The sun is at origin  $(0,0,0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

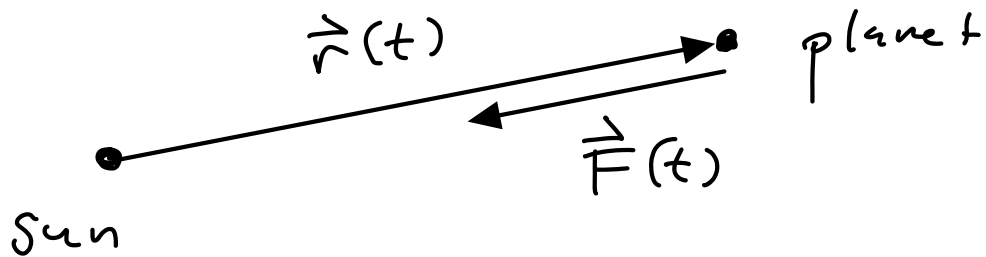
A planet has position  $\vec{r}(t)$ .

Let  $\vec{F}(t)$  be the gravitational force felt by the planet. Then:

- $\vec{F}(t)$  points directly toward the sun.

- $\|\vec{F}(t)\| = GMm / \|\vec{r}(t)\|^2$

where  $G =$  gravitational constant  
 $M =$  mass of sun  
 $m =$  mass of planet.



$$\vec{F}(t) = ?$$

Know:  $\vec{F}(t) = -c(t) \vec{r}(t)$

for some scalar  $c(t)$ .

Use the fact that

$$\|c\vec{v}\| = |c| \|\vec{v}\|.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{[ Proof: } \|c\vec{v}\|^2 &= (c\vec{v}) \cdot (c\vec{v}) \\ &= c^2 \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} \\ &= c^2 \|\vec{v}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|c\vec{v}\| &= \sqrt{c^2 \|\vec{v}\|^2} \\ &= |c| \|\vec{v}\|. \end{aligned} \quad ]$$

Know  $\|\vec{F}(t)\| = GMm / \|\vec{r}(t)\|^2$ .

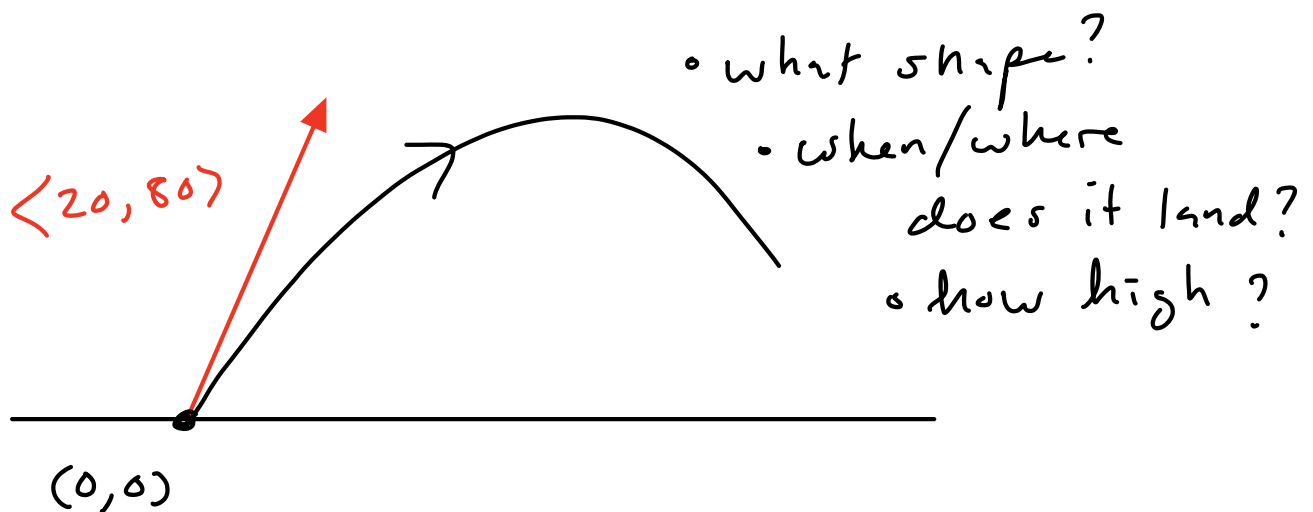
And  $\|\vec{F}(t)\| = |c(t)| \|\vec{r}(t)\|$

So  $c(t) = ?$  HW 2 Problem 5.



Easier: Projectile Motion near surface of the Earth.

Projectile will travel in a 2D plane, so we'll just describe in the  $x, y$ -plane.



Galileo:  $\vec{r}''(t)$  is constant.

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle 0, -32 \text{ feet/sec}^2 \rangle$$

[ This is a "textbook problem" so the numbers will be nice. ]

Integrate to get velocity.

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \int \vec{r}''(t) dt.$$

$$= \langle \int 0 dt, \int -32 dt \rangle$$

$$= \langle c_1, -32t + c_2 \rangle$$

To find constants, sub  $t=0$ :

$$\vec{v}(0) = \langle c_1, -32(0) + c_2 \rangle = \langle c_1, c_2 \rangle$$

$$\text{GIVEN } \vec{v}(0) = \langle 20 \frac{\text{feet}}{\text{sec}}, 80 \frac{\text{feet}}{\text{sec}} \rangle.$$

$$\text{So } c_1, c_2 = 20, 80.$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle 20, 80 - 32t \rangle.$$

Integrate again to get position:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt = \int \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$= \left\langle \int 20 dt, \int (80 - 32t) dt \right\rangle$$

$$= \langle 20t + c_3, 80t - 16t^2 + c_4 \rangle$$

To find  $c_3, c_4$ , sub  $t=0$ .

$$\vec{r}(0) = \langle c_3, c_4 \rangle$$

GIVEN  $\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ .

So  $c_3 = 0$  &  $c_4 = 0$  hence

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 20t, 80t - 16t^2 \rangle$$

Shape? Eliminate  $t$ :

$$x = 20t \quad \rightarrow \quad t = x/20.$$

$$y = 80t - 16t^2$$

$$y = 80\left(\frac{x}{20}\right) - 16\left(\frac{x}{20}\right)^2$$

$$y = 4x - \frac{1}{25}x^2$$

It's a parabola!

Where / When does it land ?

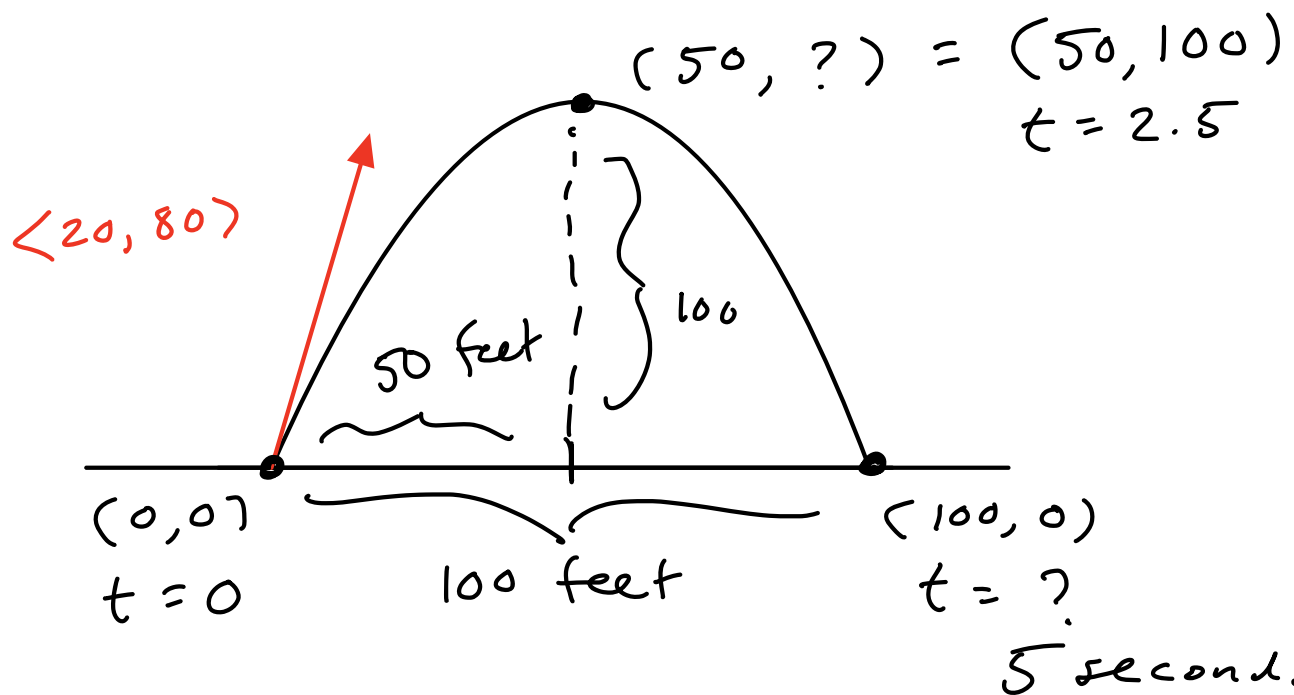
$$y = 0.$$

$$4x - \frac{1}{25}x^2 = 0$$

$$100x - x^2 = 0$$

$$x(100 - x) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = 100.$$



When ?

$$y(t) = 0$$

$$80t - 16t^2 = 0$$

$$t(80 - 16t) = 0$$

$$t = 0 \text{ or } 80 - 16t = 0$$

$$t = 80/16 = 5 \text{ seconds.}$$

How High?

Two ways:

• use  $y = 4x - \frac{1}{25}x^2$

Parabolas are symmetric.

slope at top = 0

$$dy/dx = 0$$

$$4 - \frac{2}{25}x = 0$$

$$x = \frac{4 \cdot 25}{2} = 50 \quad \checkmark$$

so  $y = 4(50) - \frac{1}{25}(50)^2$

$$= 200 - 2 \cdot 50 = 100 \text{ feet.}$$

• use  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 20t, 80t - 16t^2 \rangle$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{80 - 32t}{20} = 0 \quad \text{Horizontal Tangent.}$$

$$80 - 32t = 0$$

$$t = 80/32 = 2.5 \text{ seconds.}$$

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More generally :

$$\vec{r}(0) = \langle x_0, y_0 \rangle$$

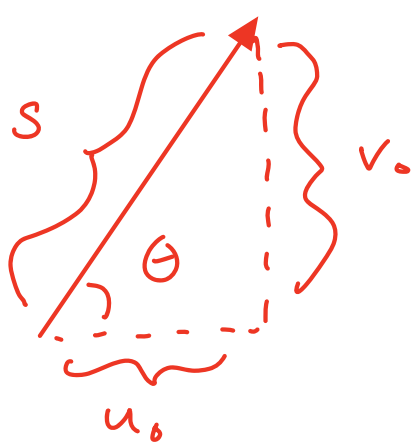
$$\vec{v}(0) = \langle u_0, v_0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \langle 0, -g \rangle$$

Then integrating twice gives

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x_0 + u_0 t, y_0 + v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \rangle$$

More common to describe  $\vec{v}(0)$  in terms of speed and angle.



$$u_0 = S \cos \theta$$

$$v_0 = S \sin \theta$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x_0 + S \cos \theta \cdot t, y_0 + S \sin \theta \cdot t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \rangle$$

See HW 2 Problem 3.

Maximize the horizontal distance traveled.

## Differentiation Rules :

Consider some vector-valued functions :

$$\vec{u} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\vec{v} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\vec{u}(t) = \langle u_1(t), u_2(t), \dots, u_n(t) \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle v_1(t), v_2(t), \dots, v_n(t) \rangle$$

Also consider scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R}$   
and a regular function

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

Then we have the following rules :

$$[c \vec{u}(t)]' = c \vec{u}'(t)$$

$$[\vec{u}(t) \pm \vec{v}(t)]' = \vec{u}'(t) \pm \vec{v}'(t)$$

$$[f(t) \vec{u}(t)]' = f'(t) \underbrace{\vec{u}(t)}_{\text{vector}} + f(t) \underbrace{\vec{u}'(t)}_{\text{vector}}.$$

↑  
scalar that  
changes

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vector  
that changes

$$\left[ \underbrace{\vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t)}_{\text{scalar that changes}} \right]' = \underbrace{\vec{u}'(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t)}_{\text{scalar that changes}} + \underbrace{\vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}'(t)}_{\text{scalar that changes.}}$$

$$\left[ \underbrace{\vec{u}(f(t))}_{\text{vector}} \right]' = \underbrace{\vec{u}'(f(t))}_{\text{vector}} \cdot \underbrace{f'(t)}_{\text{scalar}}$$

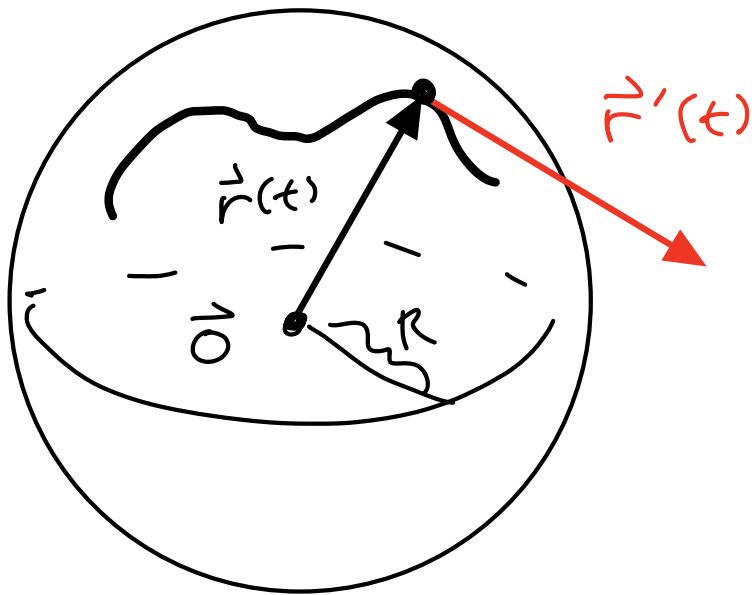
Just like Calc I 😊

If we are working in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
 then we also have a "product rule"  
 for cross products:

$$\left[ \underbrace{\vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t)}_{\text{vector}} \right]' = \underbrace{\vec{u}'(t) \times \vec{v}(t)}_{\text{vector}} + \underbrace{\vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}'(t)}_{\text{vector}}$$

Good news: Easy to memorize.

Application: Suppose particle  
 travels on surface of a sphere  
 of radius  $R$ .



I claim that  $\vec{r}(t) \perp \vec{r}'(t)$   
 for all times  $t$ . (The velocity  
 is always tangent to sphere.)

Proof: GIVEN

$$\|\vec{r}(t)\| = R \quad \text{for all } t.$$

$$\|\vec{r}(t)\|^2 = R^2$$

$$\underbrace{\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t)}_{\text{scalar}} = \underbrace{R^2}_{\text{scalar}}$$

Differentiate both sides with resp. to  $t$ .

$$[\vec{r}(t) \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}(t)]' = 0$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) + \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$$

$$2 \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$$

$$\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

JUST ALGEBRA!

$$[ \text{Recall : } 2(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = (2\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u} \cdot (2\vec{v}) ]$$



Preview of next Topic:

How should we think of a function

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

For any vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
we get a scalar  $f(\vec{v}) \in \mathbb{R}$ .

OR: For any point  $P = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

we get a scalar

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}.$$

This could represent

- temperature at a point
- pressure
- density
- chemical concentration
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- etc.

We are attaching a number to each point in space.

Called a SCALAR FIELD.

How can we visualize this?

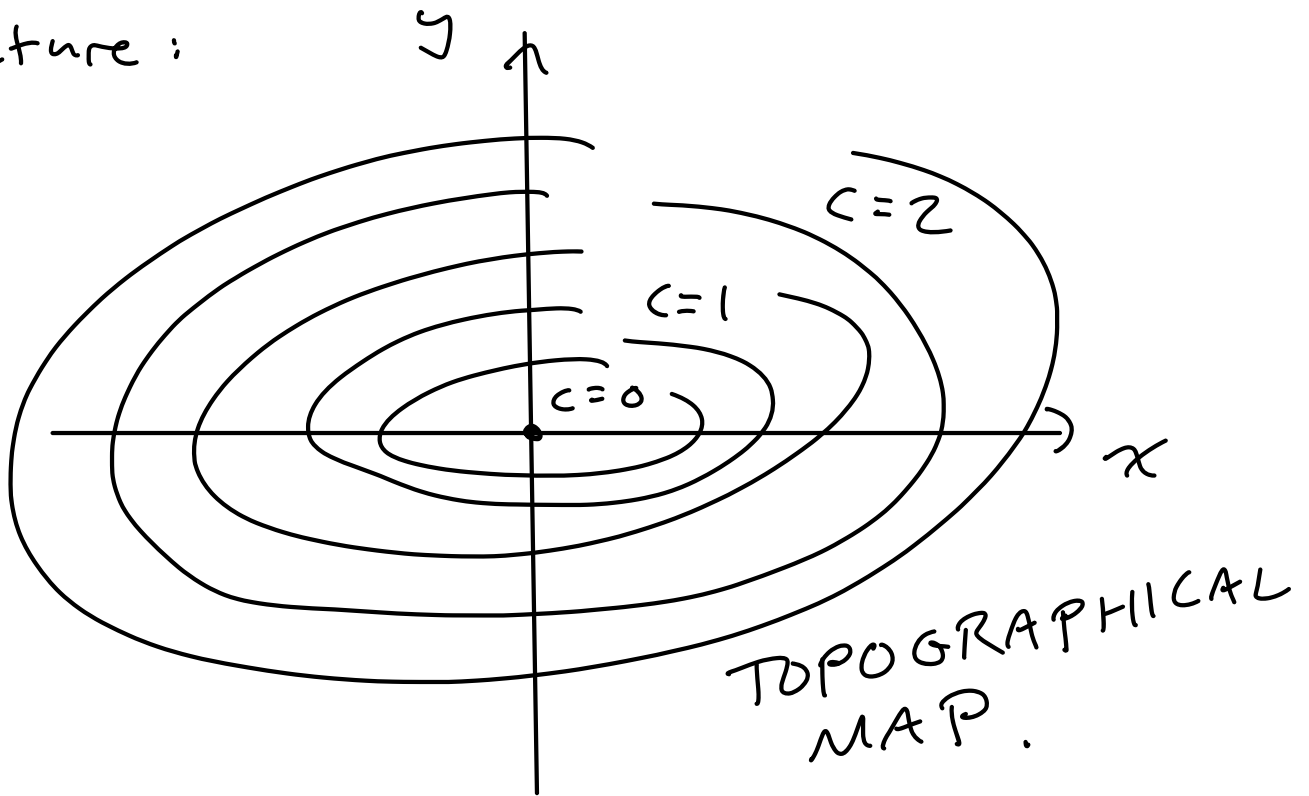
Example: The temperature at the point  $(x, y)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is

$$f(x, y) = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + y^2.$$

For each fixed temperature  $c$ , the set of points with this temperature is an ellipse

$$f(x, y) = c$$
$$\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + y^2 = c.$$

Picture:



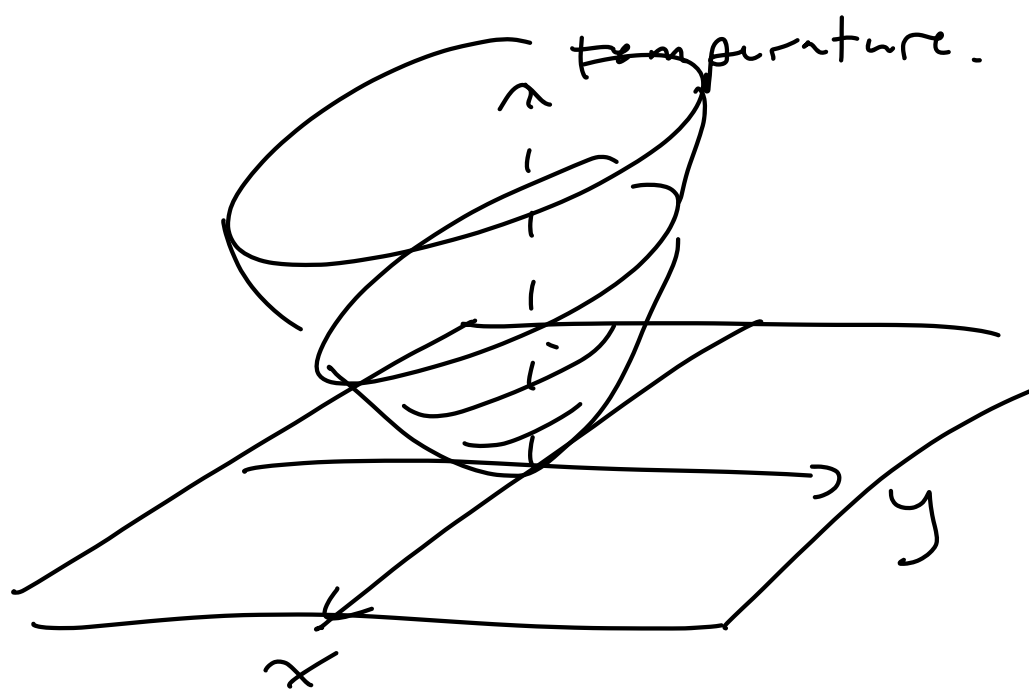
These ellipses called "isotherms"  
or "curves of constant temperature".

Also call them the "level curves"  
of the function  $f(x, y)$ .

Better: Think of temperature  
as a "third variable".

Then view  $f(x, y)$  as a "2D

Surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  "



The surface is a parabolic bowl.  
This surface is just the "graph"  
of the function  $F(x, y)$ .