

12.1 Functions of two variables

Distance formula in 3-D

Equation of a sphere of

Distance from a point to an axis, or from a point to a coordinate plane.

Interpretation of functions of two variables (e.g. the drug concentration example)

12.2 Graphs of two-variable functions & Cross-sections

Cross-Sections (“x-slices” and “y-slices”)

12.3 Contour Diagrams

Level curves (“z-slices”)

Be able to create contour diagrams

Be able to read and interpret contour diagrams by

Contour diagrams of linear functions

Be able to match formulas $z=f(x,y)$ to their 3D graphs

Cylinders (not just the round kind)

Functions that are “r-substitutions” are like surfaces of revolution from Calculus II

Be familiar with graphs of functions such as:

$$z = x^2 + y^2, \quad z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad z = x^2 - y^2, \quad z = mx + ny + b$$

12.4 Linear Functions (planes)

Tables of linear functions have a recognizable pattern

Non-vertical Linear functions can be expressed in the form $z = mx + ny + b$

Contour diagrams of linear functions have a recognizable pattern

Be able to Graph a plane using the triangle method

Given a plane graphed using the triangle method, find the equation of the plane.

Given three “nice” points, find the equation of the plane containing them.

12.5 Functions of three variables

Functions of three variables can be interpreted as having 4-dimensional graphs, but they can also represent normal “real world” situations such as: Temperature = $T(x,y,z)$.

Be able to represent $z=f(x,y)$ as one particular level surface of a function $g(x,y,z)$

The same way we can find 2-D level curves of a 3-D graph $z=f(x,y)$, we can also find 3-d level surfaces of a 4-D graph of $T=f(x,y,z)$

12.6 Limits and Continuity

Sums, Differences, Products, Quotients (where denominator is not zero) and

Compositions (Where range of inner function stays within the domain of the outer function) of continuous functions are continuous functions.

A function is continuous at a point (a,b) if $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = f(a,b)$

You can prove that a limit does not exist at (a,b) if you can find two paths approaching (a,b) that result in different limits.