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ContourPlot

ContourPlot creates contours of an expression involving two variables. The contours are the curves on which the expression is constant. The contours are drawn on a rectangle. Ranges for each variable in the expression can be given.

ContourPlot

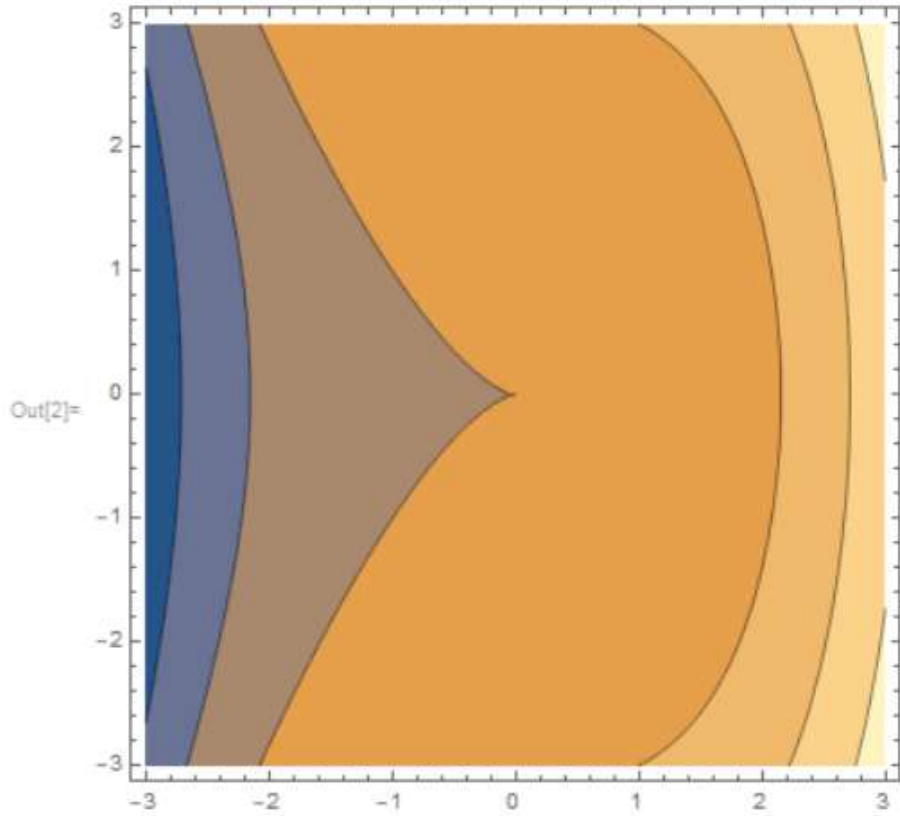
`ContourPlot[f, {x, xmin, xmax}, {y, ymin, ymax}]`
generates a contour plot of f as a function of x and y .

`ContourPlot[f == g, {x, xmin, xmax}, {y, ymin, ymax}]`
plots contour lines for which $f = g$.

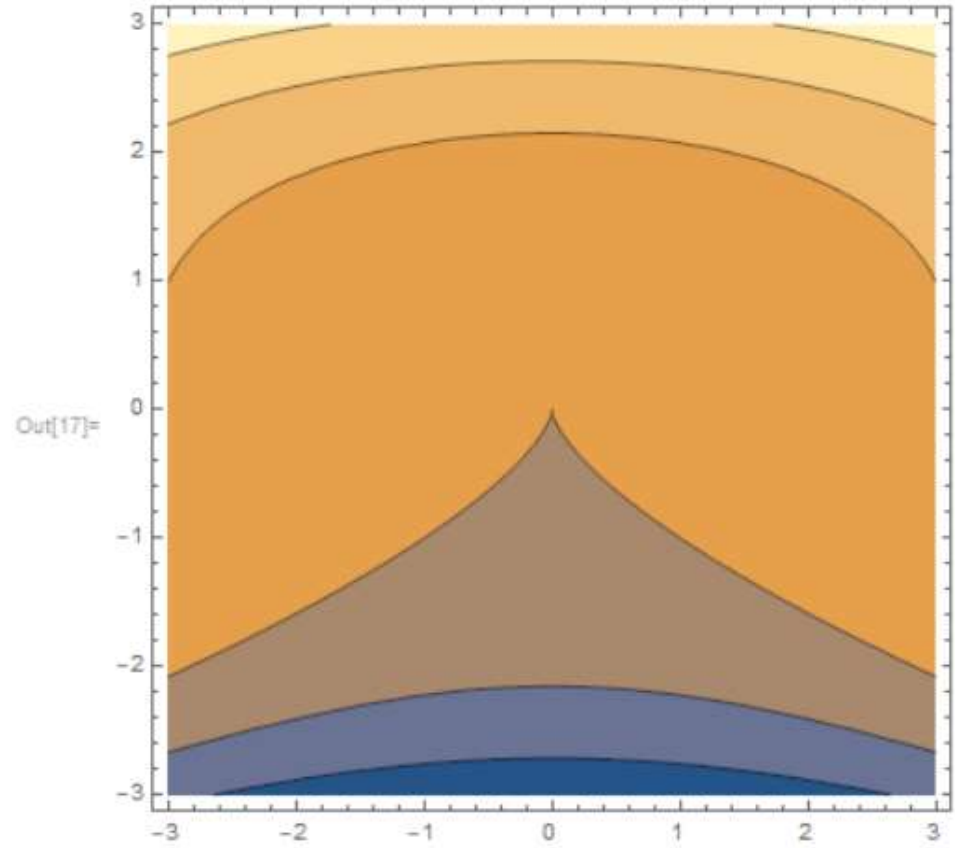
`ContourPlot[{f1 == g1, f2 == g2, ...}, {x, xmin, xmax}, {y, ymin, ymax}]`
plots several contour lines.

`ContourPlot[..., {x, y} ∈ reg]`
takes the variables $\{x, y\}$ to be in the geometric region reg .

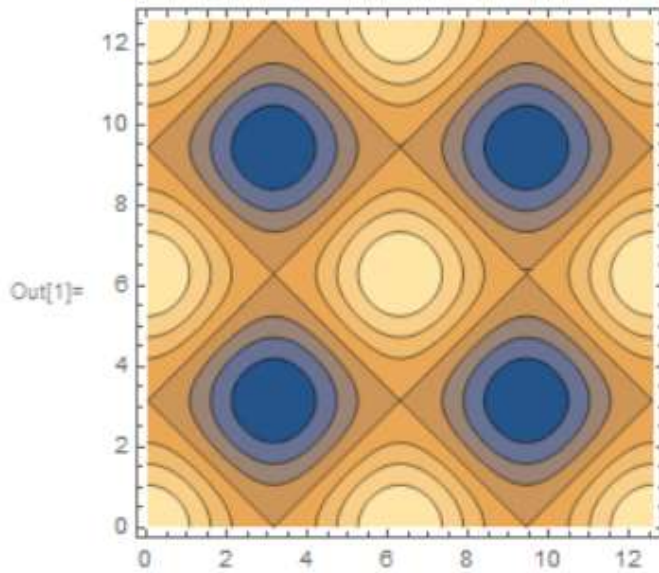
```
In[2]:= ContourPlot[x^3 + y^2, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}]
```



```
In[17]:= ContourPlot[x^2 + y^3, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}]
```

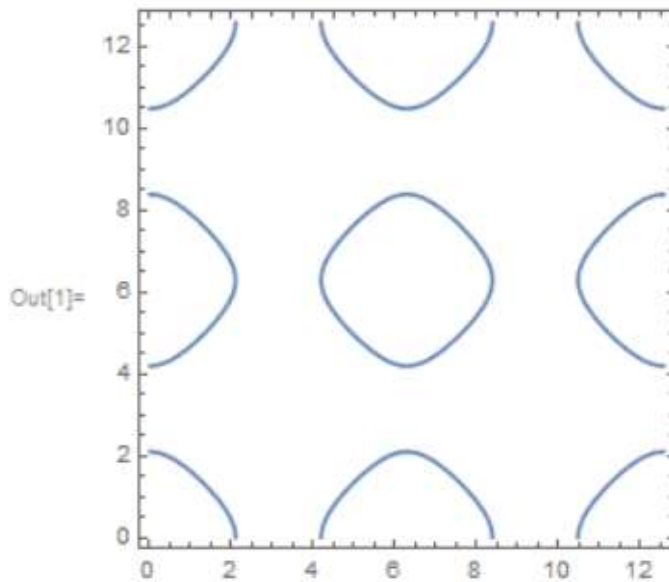


```
In[1]:= ContourPlot[Cos[x] + Cos[y], {x, 0, 4 Pi}, {y, 0, 4 Pi}]
```



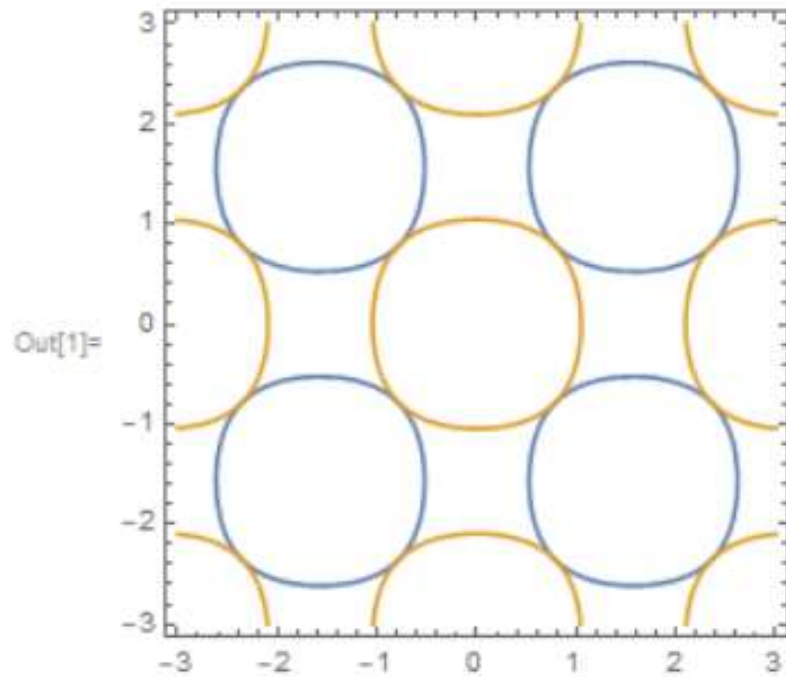
Plot an equation:

```
In[1]:= ContourPlot[Cos[x] + Cos[y] == 1/2, {x, 0, 4 Pi}, {y, 0, 4 Pi}]
```



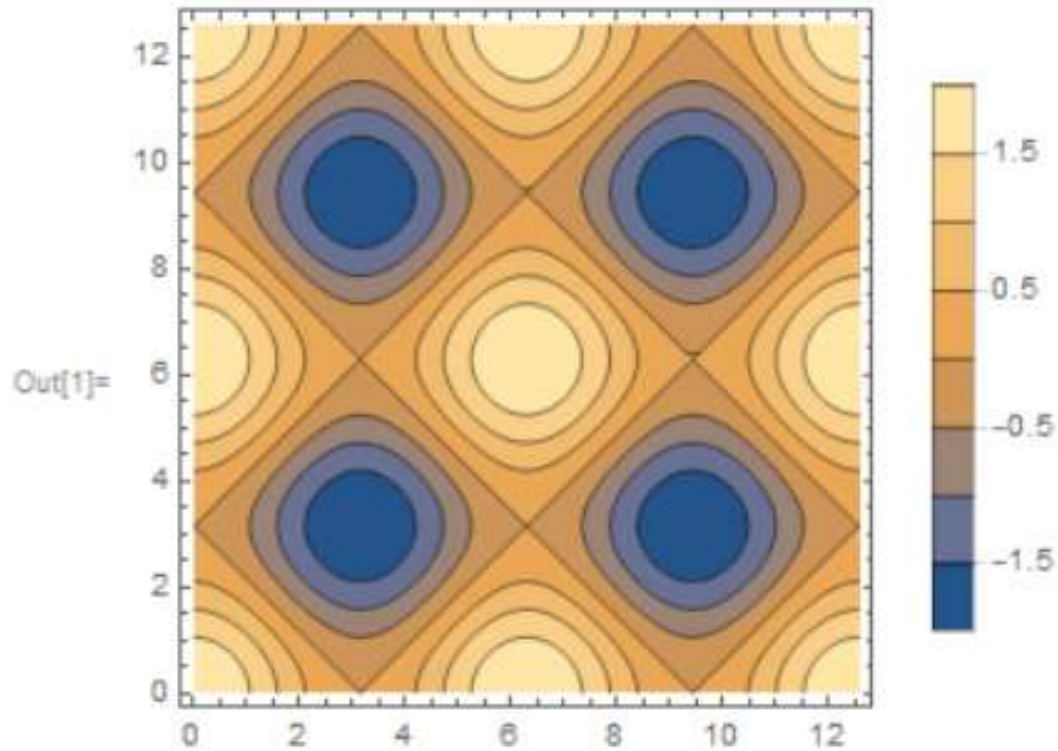
Plot several equations:

```
In[1]:= ContourPlot[{Abs[Sin[x] Sin[y]] == 0.5, Abs[Cos[x] Cos[y]] == 0.5}, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}]
```



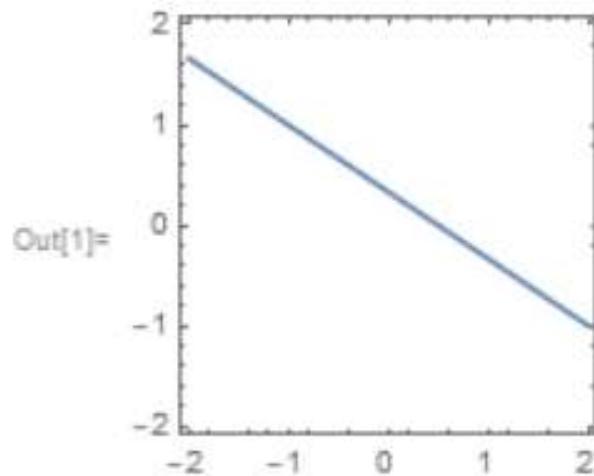
Show a legend for the contours:

```
In[1]:= ContourPlot[Cos[x] + Cos[y], {x, 0, 4 Pi}, {y, 0, 4 Pi}, PlotLegends -> Automatic]
```



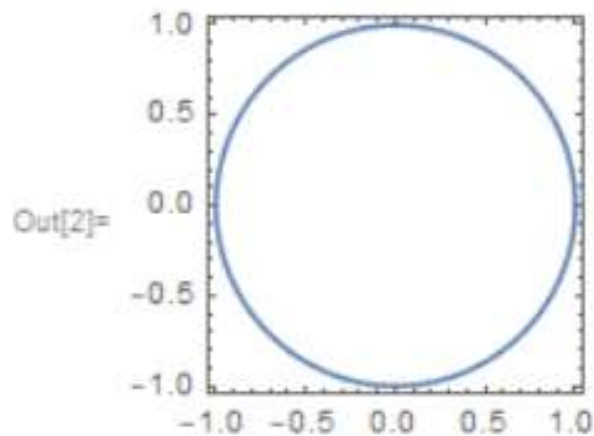
Simple shapes, including a line:

```
In[1]:= ContourPlot[2 x + 3 y = 1, {x, -2, 2}, {y, -2, 2}]
```



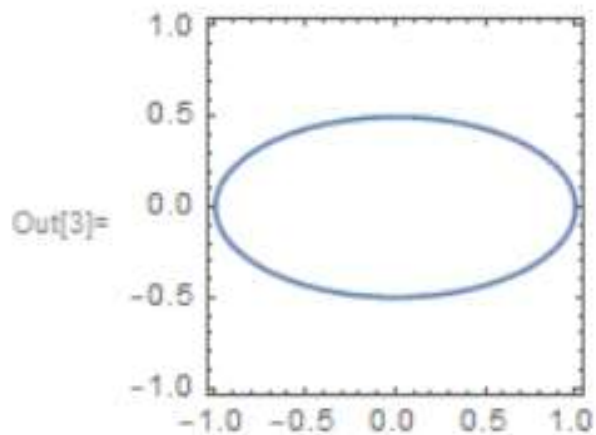
Circle:

```
In[2]:= ContourPlot[x^2 + y^2 = 1, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}]
```



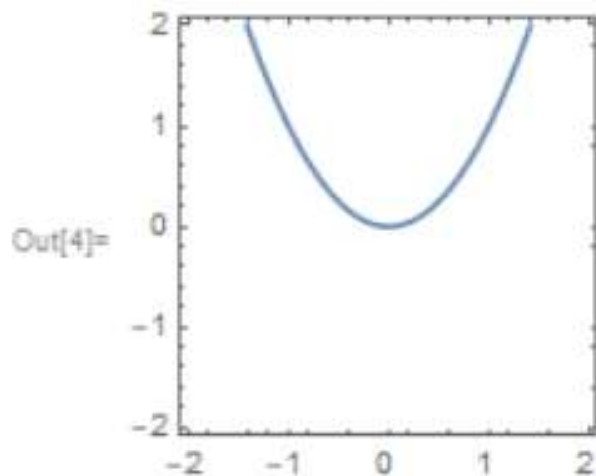
Ellipse:

```
In[3]:= ContourPlot[x^2 + (2 y)^2 == 1, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}]
```



Parabola:

```
In[4]:= ContourPlot[x^2 == y, {x, -2, 2}, {y, -2, 2}]
```



ContourPlot3D

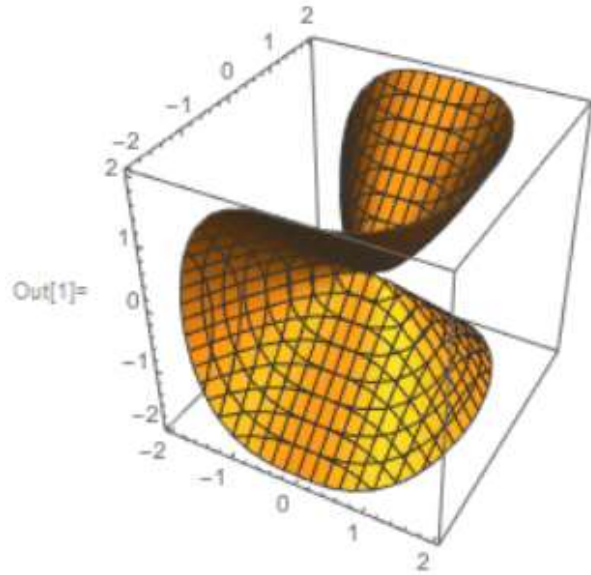
`ContourPlot3D[f, {X, Xmin, Xmax}, {Y, Ymin, Ymax}, {Z, Zmin, Zmax}]`
produces a three-dimensional contour plot of f as a function of x , y , and z .

`ContourPlot3D[f == g, {X, Xmin, Xmax}, {Y, Ymin, Ymax}, {Z, Zmin, Zmax}]`
plots the contour surface for which $f = g$.

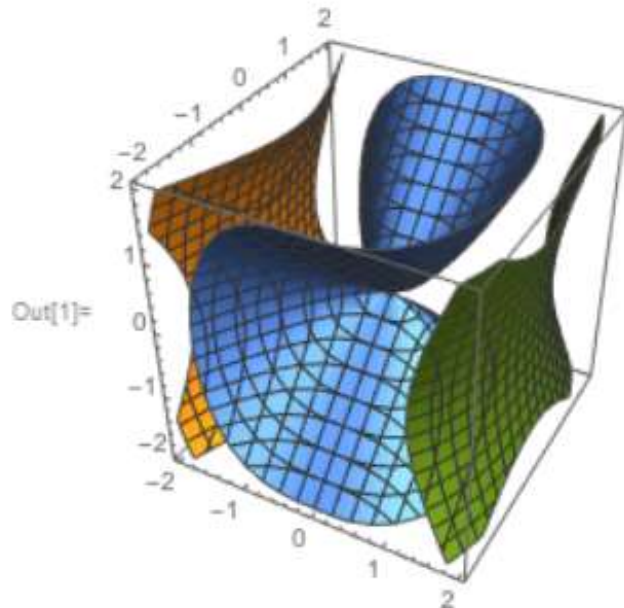
- The contour surfaces plotted by `ContourPlot3D` can contain disconnected parts.
- By default, `ContourPlot3D` shows each contour level as an opaque white surface, with normals pointing outward.

Plot a 3D contour surface:

```
In[1]:= ContourPlot3D[x^3 + y^2 - z^2 == 0, {x, -2, 2}, {y, -2, 2}, {z, -2, 2}]
```

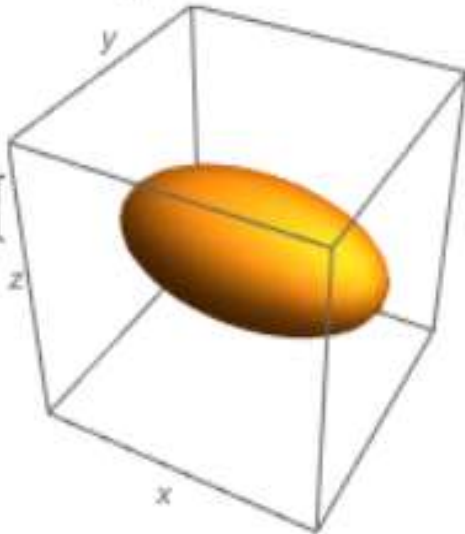


```
In[1]:= ContourPlot3D[x^3 + y^2 - z^2, {x, -2, 2}, {y, -2, 2}, {z, -2, 2}]
```

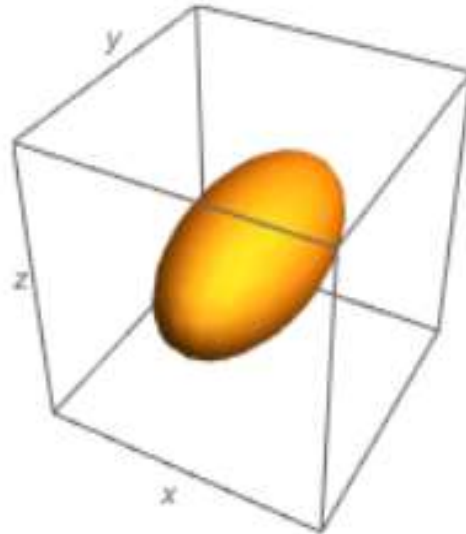


```
In[1]:= Table[ContourPlot3D[Evaluate[e], {x, -2, 2}, {y, -2, 2},
  {z, -2, 2}, Mesh -> None, AxesLabel -> Automatic, Ticks -> None, PlotLabel -> e],
  {e, {(x/2)^2 + y^2 + z^2 == 1, x^2 + (y/2)^2 + z^2 == 1, x^2 + y^2 + (z/2)^2 == 1}}]
```

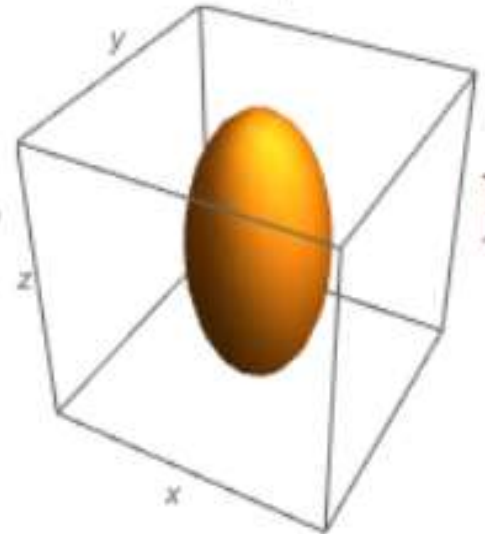
$$\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$



$$x^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} + z^2 = 1$$



$$x^2 + y^2 + \frac{z^2}{4} = 1$$



Out[1]= {

ListContourPlot

`ListContourPlot[array]`

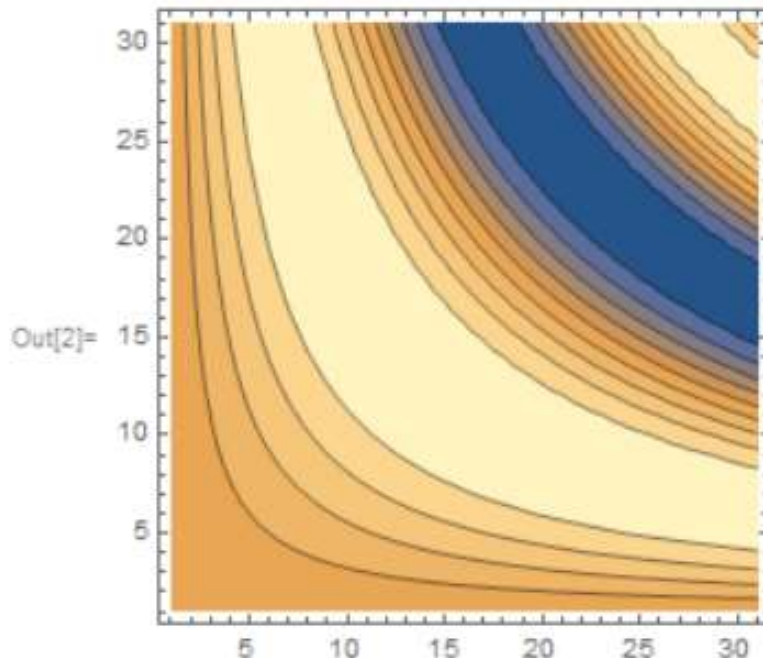
generates a contour plot from an array of height values.

`ListContourPlot[{{x1, y1, f1}, {x2, y2, f2}, ...}]`

generates a contour plot from values defined at specified points.

```
In[1]:= data = Table[Sin[x y], {x, 0, 3, .1}, {y, 0, 3, .1}];
```

```
In[2]:= ListContourPlot[data]
```



```
ListContourPlot[Table[Sin[x y], {x, 0, 3, .1}, {y, 0, 3, .1}]]
```

DensityPlot

This has the syntax similar to that of the `ContourPlot[]`, but it has different options.

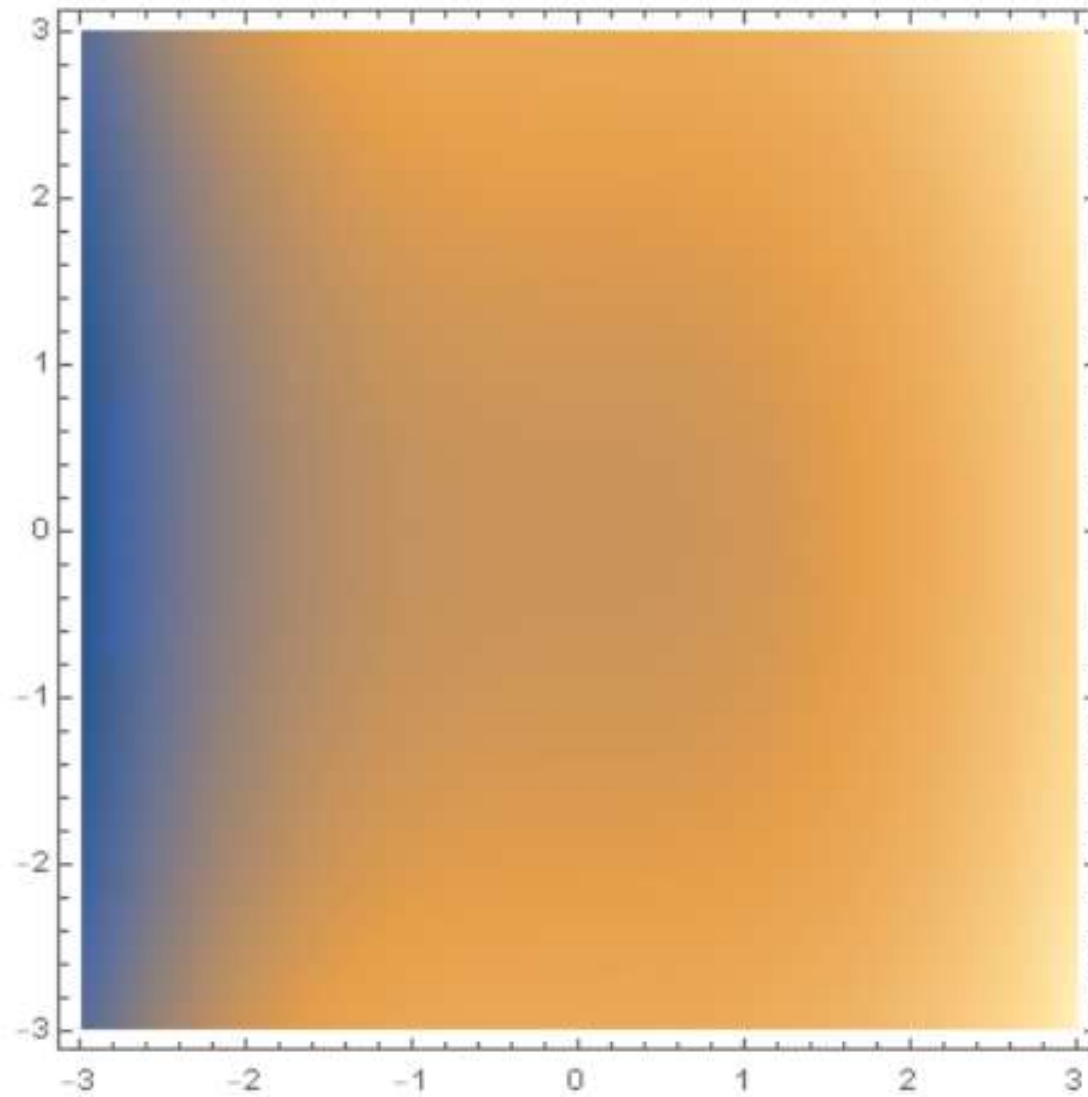
For an expression involving two variables, this produces a shading of chosen rectangle.

DensityPlot

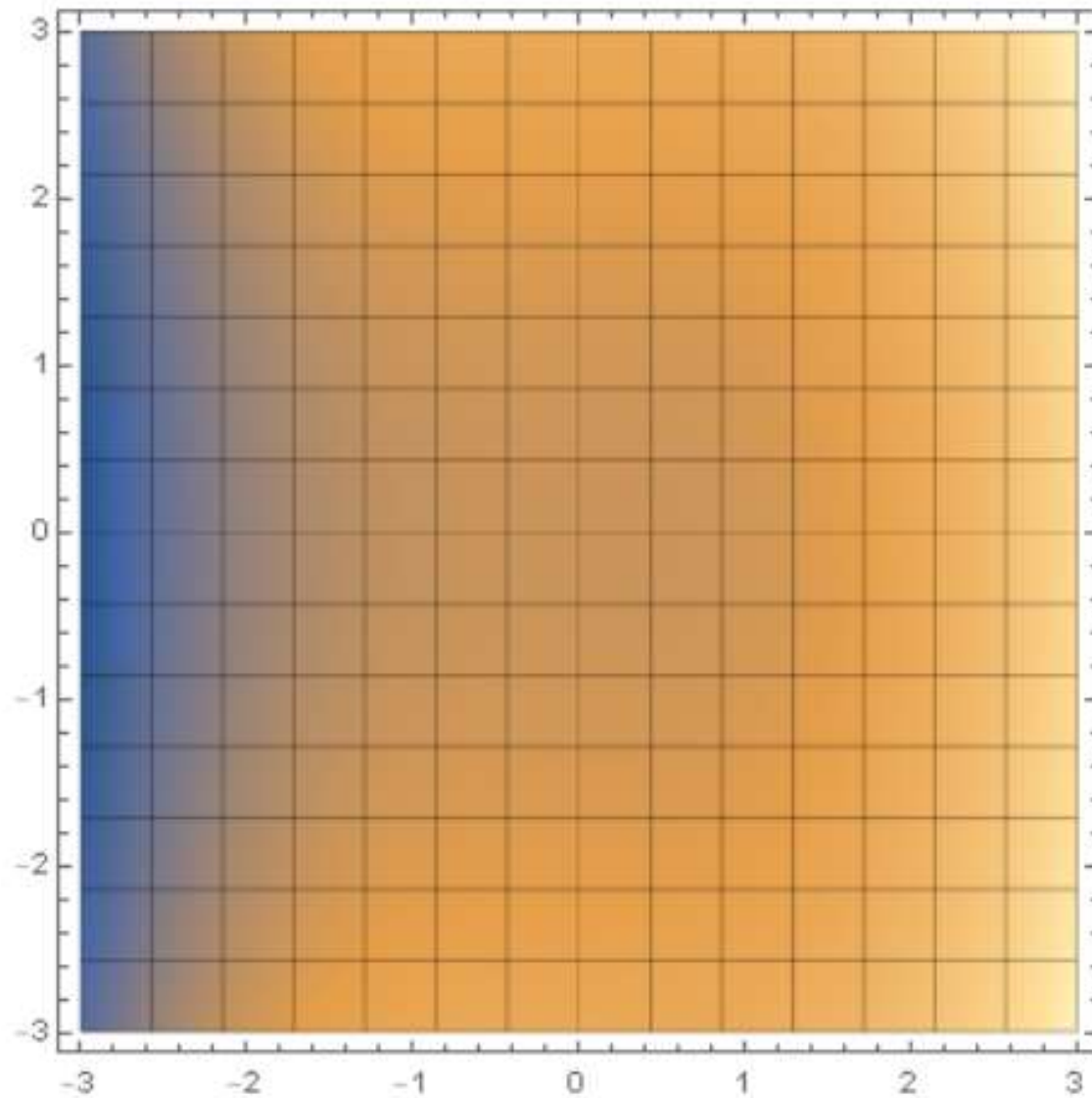
`DensityPlot[f, {x, xmin, xmax}, {y, ymin, ymax}]`
makes a density plot of f as a function of x and y .

`DensityPlot[f, {x, y} ∈ reg]`
takes the variables $\{x, y\}$ to be in the geometric region reg .

```
DensityPlot[x^3 + y^2, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}]
```



```
DensityPlot[x^3 + y^2, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}, Mesh -> Full]
```



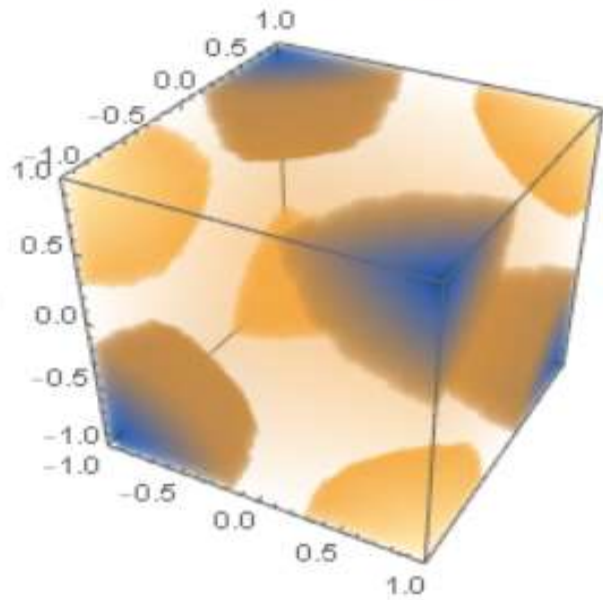
DensityPlot3D

`DensityPlot3D[f, {x, xmin, xmax}, {y, ymin, ymax}, {z, zmin, zmax}]`
makes a density plot of f as a function of x , y , and z .

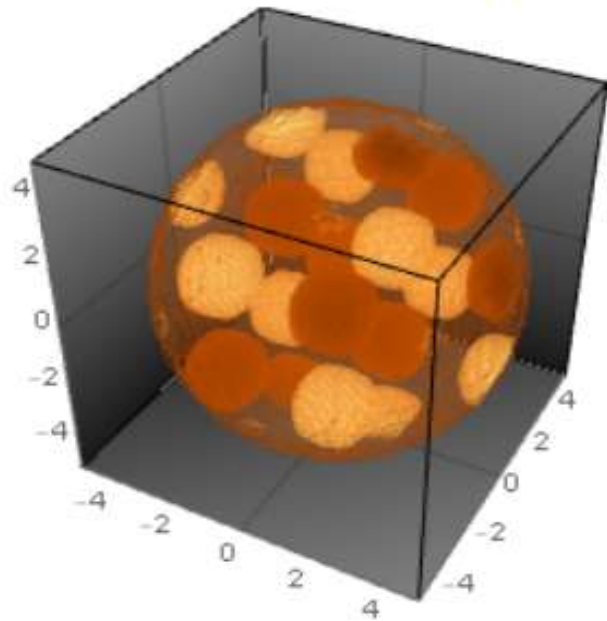
`DensityPlot3D[f, {x, y, z} ∈ reg]`
takes the variables to be in the geometric region reg .

- `DensityPlot3D` by default generates colored output.
- At positions where f does not evaluate to a real number, data is taken to be missing and is rendered transparently.
- `DensityPlot3D` treats the variables x , y , and z as local, effectively using `Block`.
- `DensityPlot3D` has attribute `HoldAll`, and evaluates f only after assigning specific numerical values to x , y , and z .


```
DensityPlot3D[x y z, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}, {z, -1, 1}]
```



```
DensityPlot3D[Sin[x] Cos[y] Sin[z], {x, y, z} ∈ Ball[{0, 0, 0}, 5], PlotTheme → "Marketing"]
```



VectorPlot

`VectorPlot[{ v_x , v_y }, { x , x_{min} , x_{max} }, { y , y_{min} , y_{max} }]`

generates a vector plot of the vector field $\{v_x, v_y\}$ as a function of x and y .

`VectorPlot[{{ v_x , v_y }, { w_x , w_y }, ...}, { x , x_{min} , x_{max} }, { y , y_{min} , y_{max} }]`

plots several vector fields.

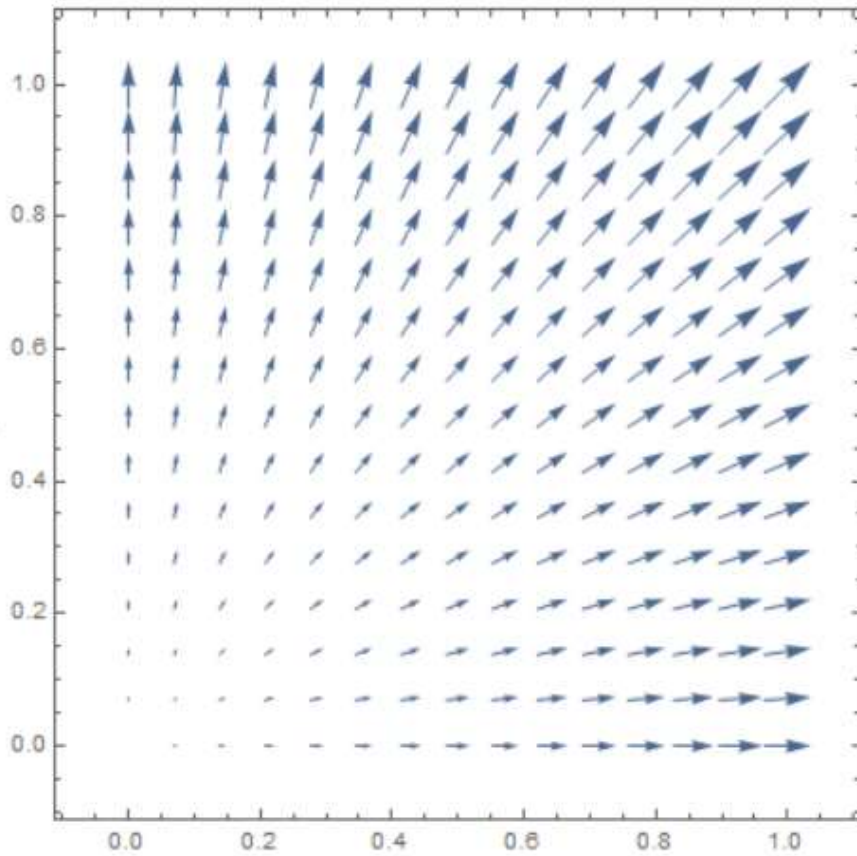
`VectorPlot[... , { x , y } \in reg]`

takes the variables $\{x, y\}$ to be in the geometric region reg .

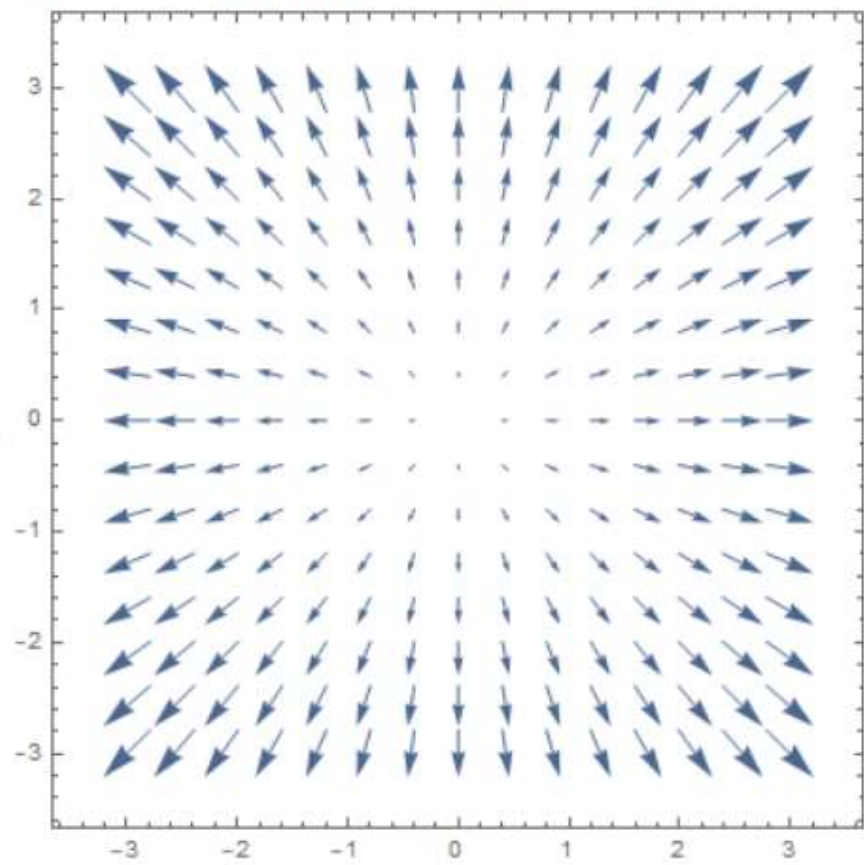
- `VectorPlot` by default shows vectors from the vector field at a regular grid of positions.
- `VectorPlot` omits any vectors for which the v_i etc. do not evaluate to real numbers.
- `VectorPlot` treats the variables x and y as local, effectively using `Block`.

```
In[22]= VectorPlot[{x, y}, {x, 0, 1}, {y, 0, 1}]
```

Out[22]=



```
In[34]:= VectorPlot[{x, y}, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}]
```



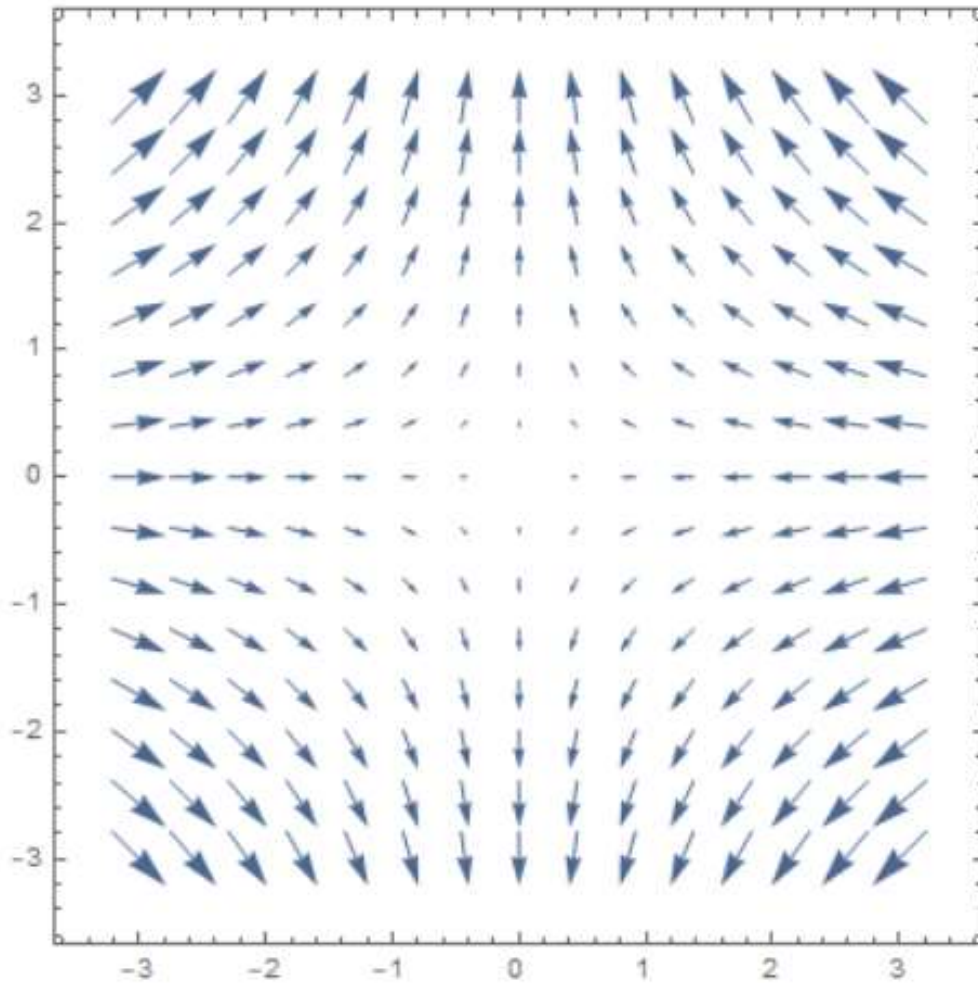
Out[34]=

```
Table[{x, y}, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}]; MatrixForm[%]
```

MatrixForm=

(-3)	(-3)	(-3)	(-3)	(-3)	(-3)	(-3)
(-3)	(-2)	(-1)	(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)
(-2)	(-2)	(-2)	(-2)	(-2)	(-2)	(-2)
(-3)	(-2)	(-1)	(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)
(-1)	(-1)	(-1)	(-1)	(-1)	(-1)	(-1)
(-3)	(-2)	(-1)	(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)
(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
(-3)	(-2)	(-1)	(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)
(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
(-3)	(-2)	(-1)	(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)
(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
(-3)	(-2)	(-1)	(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)
(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
(-3)	(-2)	(-1)	(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)

```
VectorPlot[{-x, y}, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}]
```

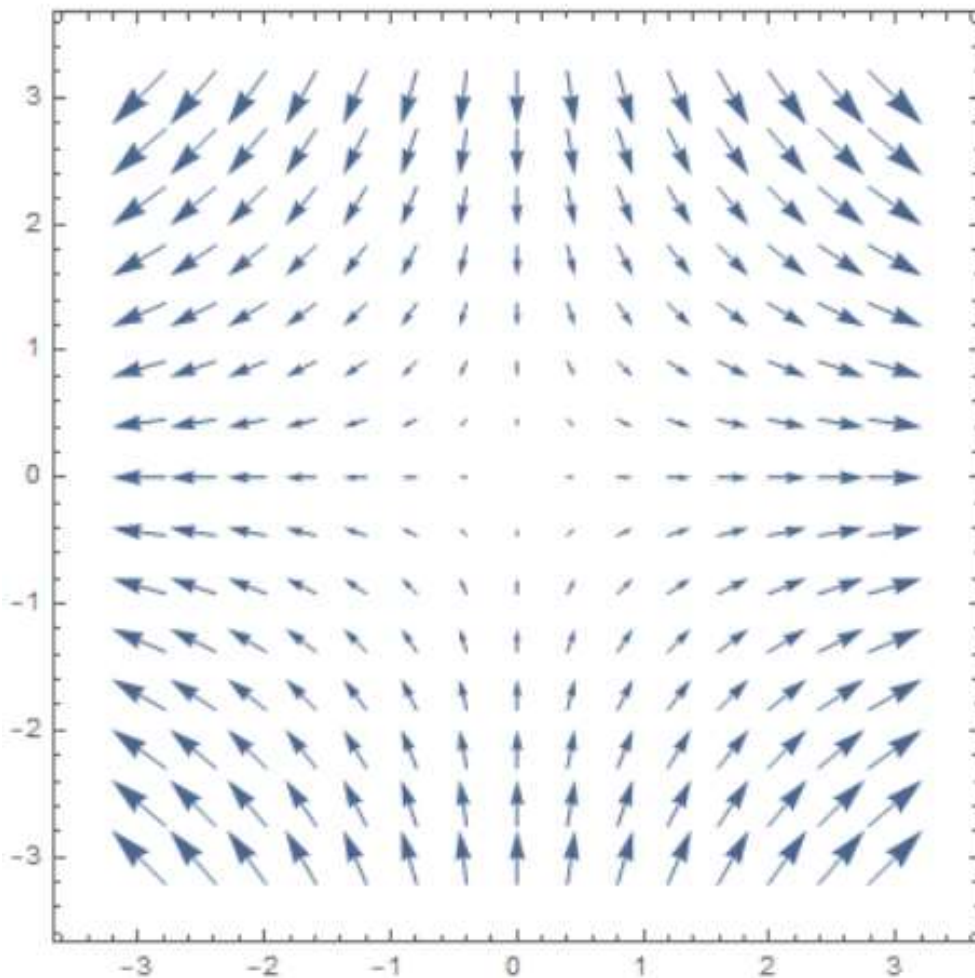


```
Table[{-x, y}, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}]; MatrixForm[%]
```

MatrixForm=

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(-3	(-2	(-1	(0	(1	(2	(3
(0	(0	(0	(0	(0	(0	(0
(-3	(-2	(-1	(0	(1	(2	(3
(-1	(-1	(-1	(-1	(-1	(-1	(-1
(-3	(-2	(-1	(0	(1	(2	(3
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(-3	(-3	(-3	(-3	(-3	(-3	(-3
(-3	(-2	(-1	(0	(1	(2	(3

`VectorPlot[{x, -y}, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}]`



`Table[{x, -y}, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}]; MatrixForm[%]`

MatrixForm=

(-3)	(-3)	(-3)	(-3)	(-3)	(-3)	(-3)
(3)	(2)	(1)	(0)	(-1)	(-2)	(-3)
(-2)	(-2)	(-2)	(-2)	(-2)	(-2)	(-2)
(3)	(2)	(1)	(0)	(-1)	(-2)	(-3)
(-1)	(-1)	(-1)	(-1)	(-1)	(-1)	(-1)
(3)	(2)	(1)	(0)	(-1)	(-2)	(-3)
(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
(3)	(2)	(1)	(0)	(-1)	(-2)	(-3)
(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
(3)	(2)	(1)	(0)	(-1)	(-2)	(-3)
(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
(3)	(2)	(1)	(0)	(-1)	(-2)	(-3)
(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
(3)	(2)	(1)	(0)	(-1)	(-2)	(-3)

VectorPlot3D

```
VectorPlot3D[{ $v_x$ ,  $v_y$ ,  $v_z$ }, { $x$ ,  $x_{min}$ ,  $x_{max}$ }, { $y$ ,  $y_{min}$ ,  $y_{max}$ }, { $z$ ,  $z_{min}$ ,  $z_{max}$ }]
```

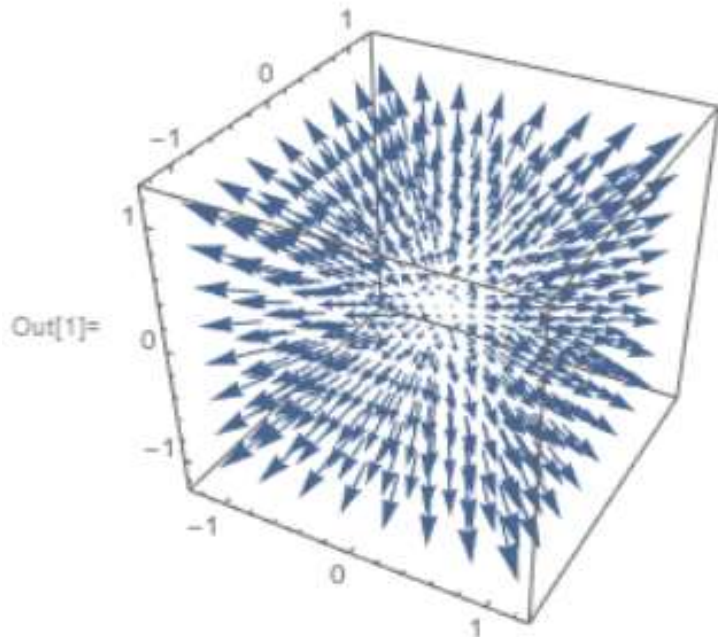
generates a 3D vector plot of the vector field $\{v_x, v_y, v_z\}$ as a function of x , y , and z .

```
VectorPlot3D[{ $field_1$ ,  $field_2$ , ...}, { $x$ ,  $x_{min}$ ,  $x_{max}$ }, { $y$ ,  $y_{min}$ ,  $y_{max}$ }, { $z$ ,  $z_{min}$ ,  $z_{max}$ }]
```

plots several vector fields.

Plot a vector field:

```
In[1]:= VectorPlot3D[{ $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ }, { $x$ , -1, 1}, { $y$ , -1, 1}, { $z$ , -1, 1}]
```



ParametricPlot

`ParametricPlot[]` draws the curve formed by a pair of expression

$\{x[t], y[t]\}$ as the parameter t varies.

`ParametricPlot[{ f_x, f_y }, { u, u_{min}, u_{max} }]`

generates a parametric plot of a curve with x and y coordinates f_x and f_y as a function of u .

`ParametricPlot[{{ f_x, f_y }, { g_x, g_y }, ...}, { u, u_{min}, u_{max} }]`

plots several parametric curves.

`ParametricPlot[{ f_x, f_y }, { u, u_{min}, u_{max} }, { v, v_{min}, v_{max} }]`

plots a parametric region.

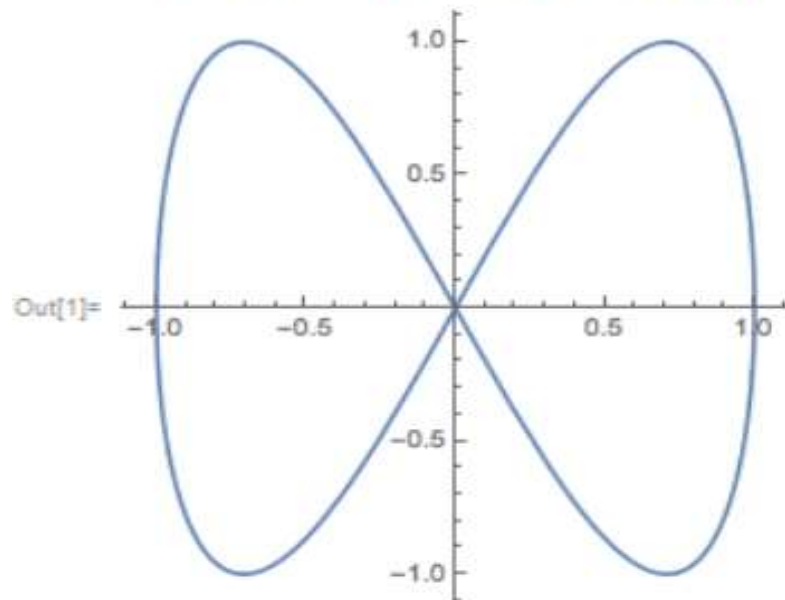
`ParametricPlot[{{ f_x, f_y }, { g_x, g_y }, ...}, { u, u_{min}, u_{max} }, { v, v_{min}, v_{max} }]`

plots several parametric regions.

`ParametricPlot[... , { u, v } \in reg]`

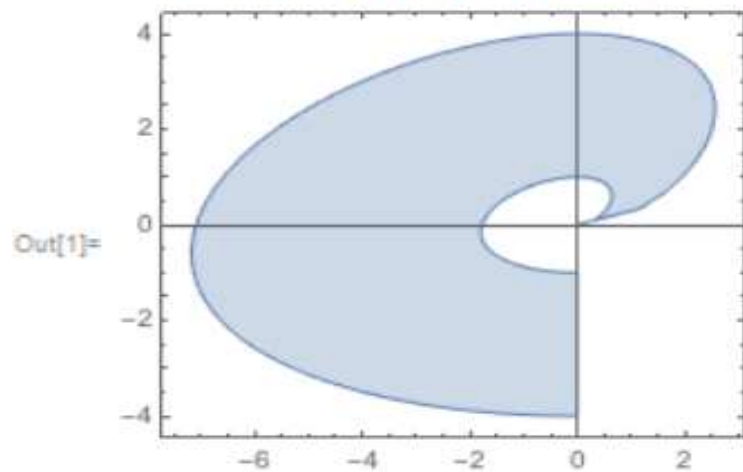
takes parameters $\{u, v\}$ to be in the geometric region *reg*.


```
In[1]:= ParametricPlot[{Sin[u], Sin[2 u]], {u, 0, 2 Pi}]
```



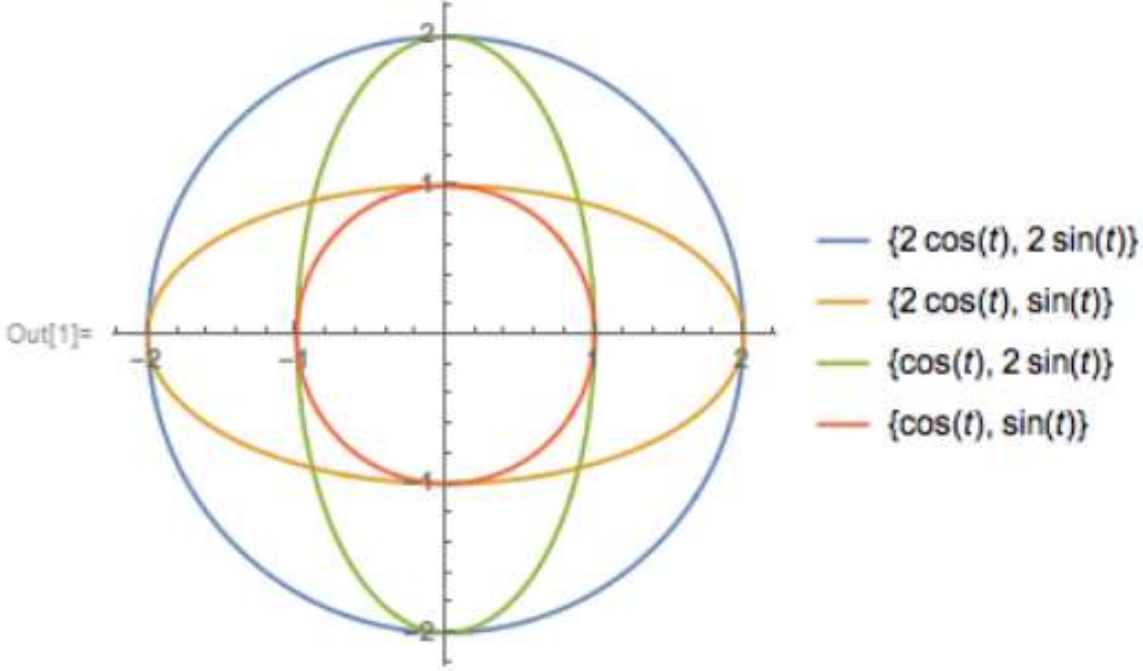
Plot a parametric region:

```
In[1]:= ParametricPlot[r^2 { Sqrt[t] Cos[t], Sin[t]}, {t, 0, 3 Pi/2}, {r, 1, 2}]
```



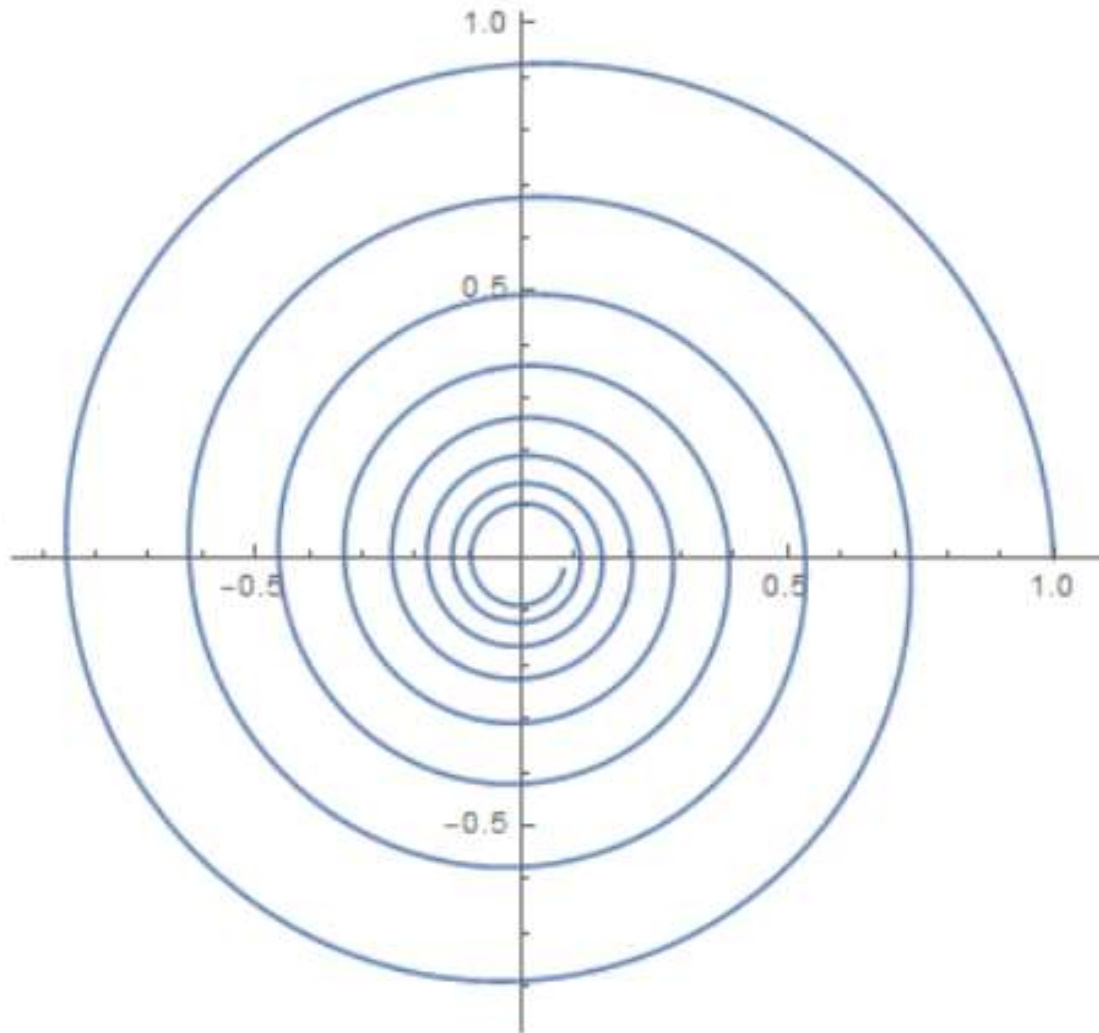
Plot several parametric curves with a legend:

```
In[1]:= ParametricPlot[{{2 Cos[t], 2 Sin[t]}, {2 Cos[t], Sin[t]}, {Cos[t], 2 Sin[t]}, {Cos[t], Sin[t]}},  
  {t, 0, 2 Pi}, PlotLegends -> "Expressions"]
```



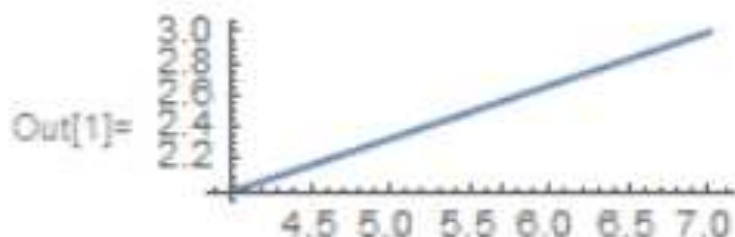
```
In[58]:= ParametricPlot[{Exp[-t/20] Cos[t], Exp[-t/20] Sin[t]}, {t, 0, 50}]
```

Out[58]=



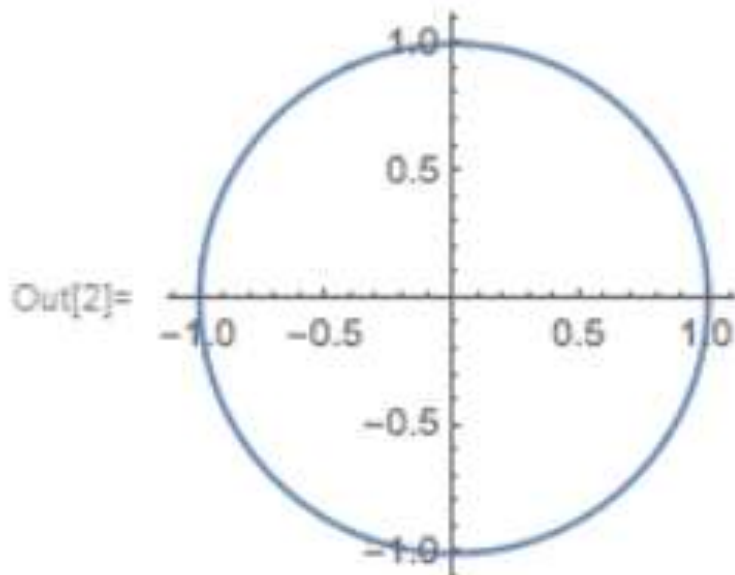
Simple parametric curves including a line:

```
In[1]:= ParametricPlot[{3 u + 4, u + 2}, {u, 0, 1}]
```



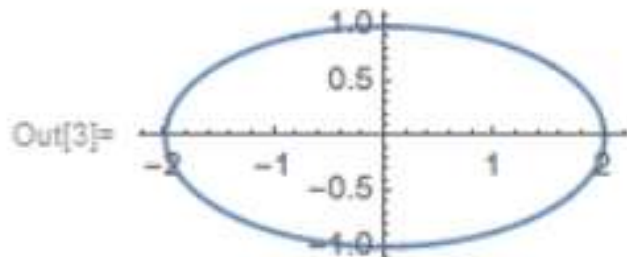
Circle:

```
In[2]:= ParametricPlot[{Cos[u], Sin[u]}, {u, 0, 2 Pi}]
```



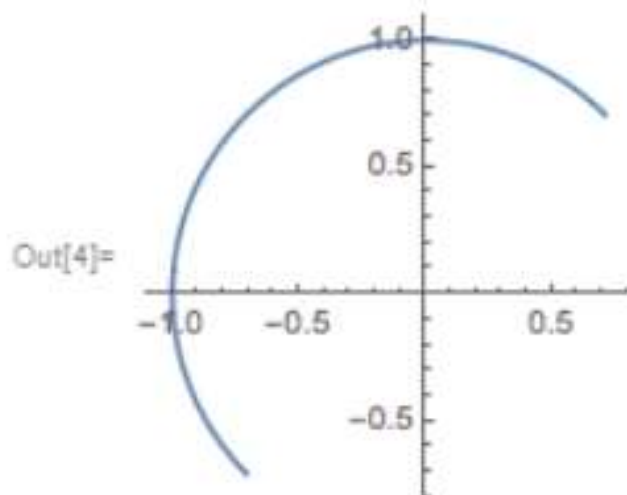
Ellipse:

```
In[3]:= ParametricPlot[{2 Cos[u], Sin[u]}, {u, 0, 2 Pi}]
```



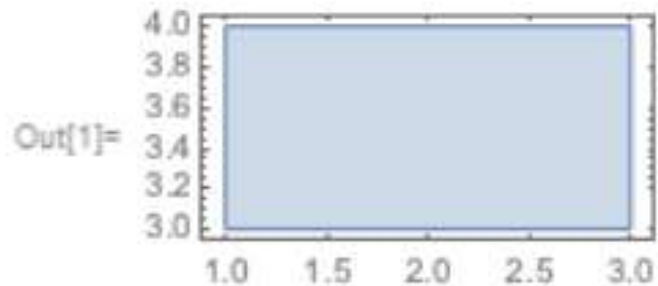
Circle segment:

```
In[4]:= ParametricPlot[{Cos[u], Sin[u]}, {u, Pi/4, 5 Pi/4}]
```



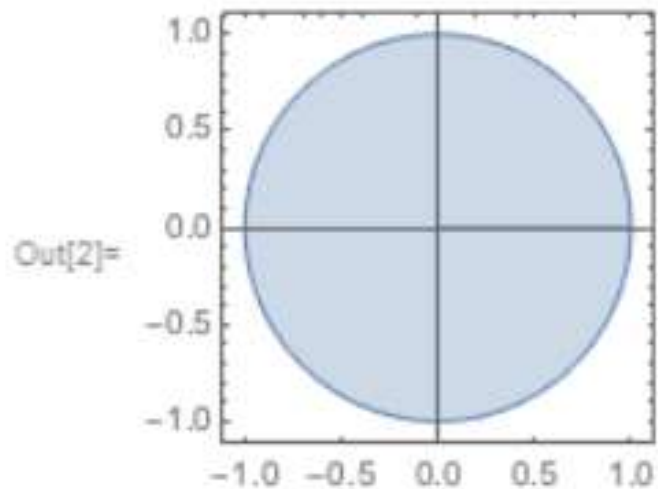
Simple parametric regions including a rectangle:

```
In[1]:= ParametricPlot[{u, v}, {u, 1, 3}, {v, 3, 4}]
```



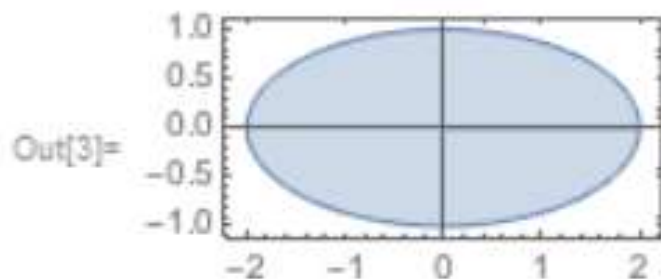
Disk:

```
In[2]:= ParametricPlot[{v Cos[u], v Sin[u]}, {u, 0, 2 Pi}, {v, 0, 1}]
```



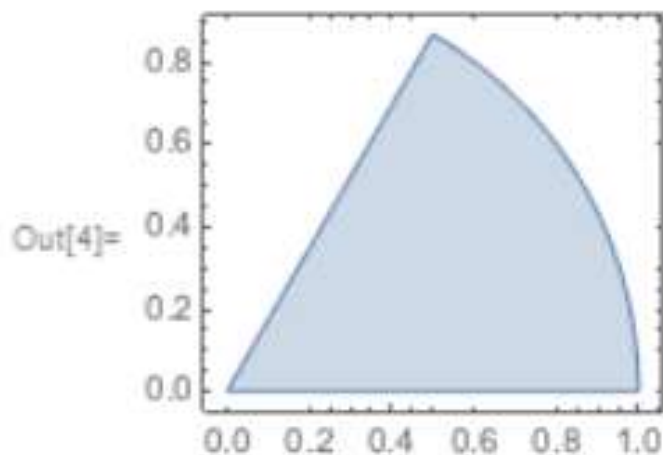
Ellipse:

```
In[3]:= ParametricPlot[{2 v Cos[u], v Sin[u]}, {u, 0, 2 Pi}, {v, 0, 1}]
```



Disk segment:

```
In[4]:= ParametricPlot[{v Cos[u], v Sin[u]}, {u, 0, Pi/3}, {v, 0, 1}]
```



ParametricPlot3D

This plots a parametrically defined three-dimensional curve (or a parametrically defined three-dimensional surface). It is part of the collection of Graphics packages, which must be loaded explicitly before it can be used,

```
ParametricPlot3D[{fx, fy, fz}, {u, umin, umax}]
```

produces a three-dimensional space curve parametrized by a variable u which runs from u_{min} to u_{max} .

```
ParametricPlot3D[{fx, fy, fz}, {u, umin, umax}, {v, vmin, vmax}]
```

produces a three-dimensional surface parametrized by u and v .

```
ParametricPlot3D[{{fx, fy, fz}, {gx, gy, gz}...}...]
```

plots several objects together.

```
ParametricPlot3D[..., {u, v} ∈ reg]
```

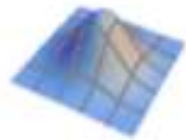
takes parameters $\{u, v\}$ to be in the geometric region reg .

Themes that affect 3D surfaces include:



"DarkMesh"

dark mesh lines



"GrayMesh"

gray mesh lines



"LightMesh"

light mesh lines



"ZMesh"

vertical mesh lines

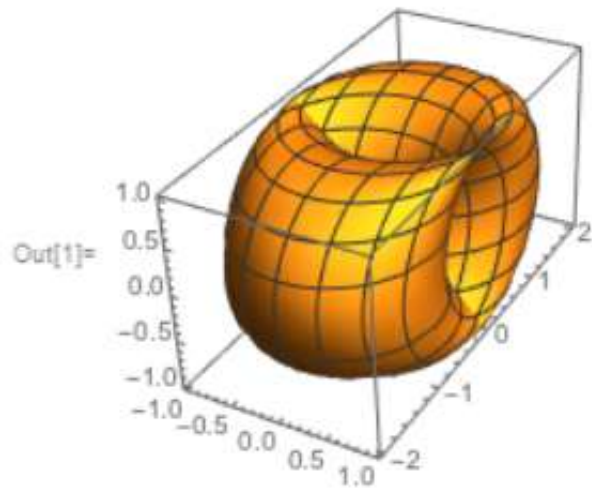


"ThickSurface"

add thickness to surfaces

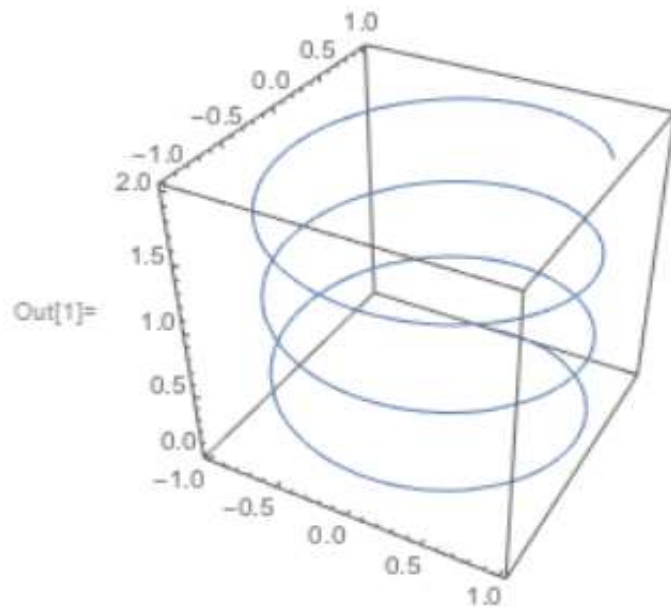
Plot a parametric surface:

```
In[1]:= ParametricPlot3D[{Cos[u], Sin[u] + Cos[v], Sin[v]}, {u, 0, 2 π}, {v, -π, π}]
```



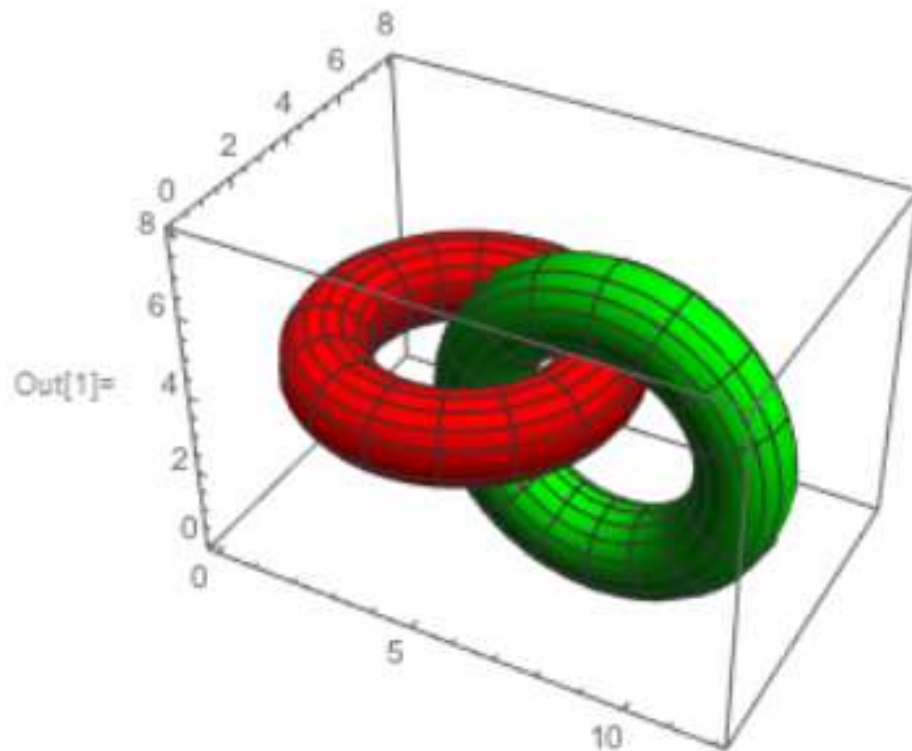
Plot a parametric space curve:

```
In[1]:= ParametricPlot3D[{Sin[u], Cos[u], u/10}, {u, 0, 20}]
```



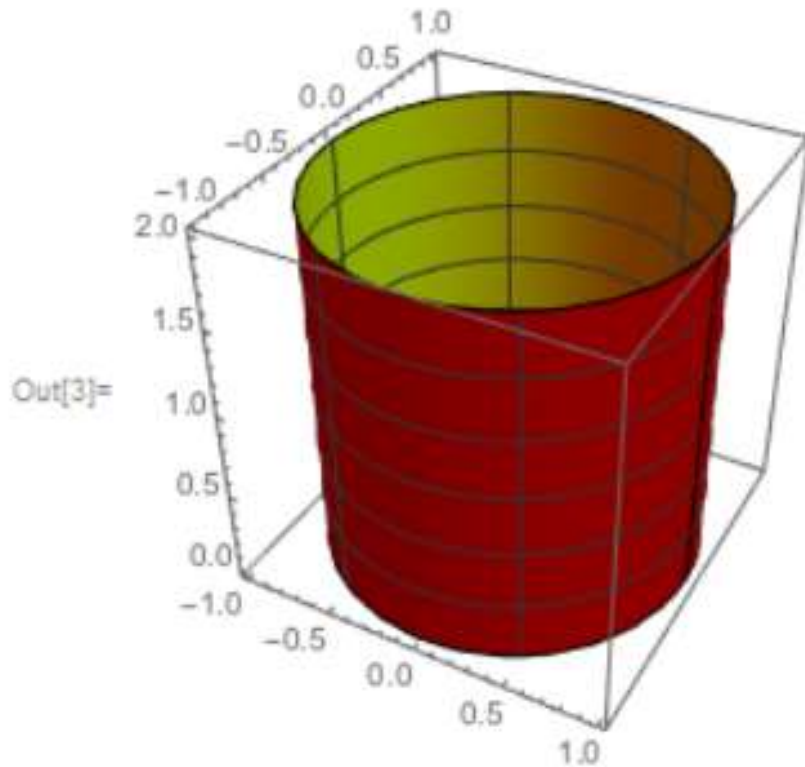
Plot multiple parametric surfaces:

```
In[1]:= ParametricPlot3D[{{4 + (3 + Cos[v]) Sin[u], 4 + (3 + Cos[v]) Cos[u], 4 + Sin[v]},  
  {8 + (3 + Cos[v]) Cos[u], 3 + Sin[v], 4 + (3 + Cos[v]) Sin[u]}},  
  {u, 0, 2 Pi}, {v, 0, 2 Pi}, PlotStyle -> {Red, Green}]
```



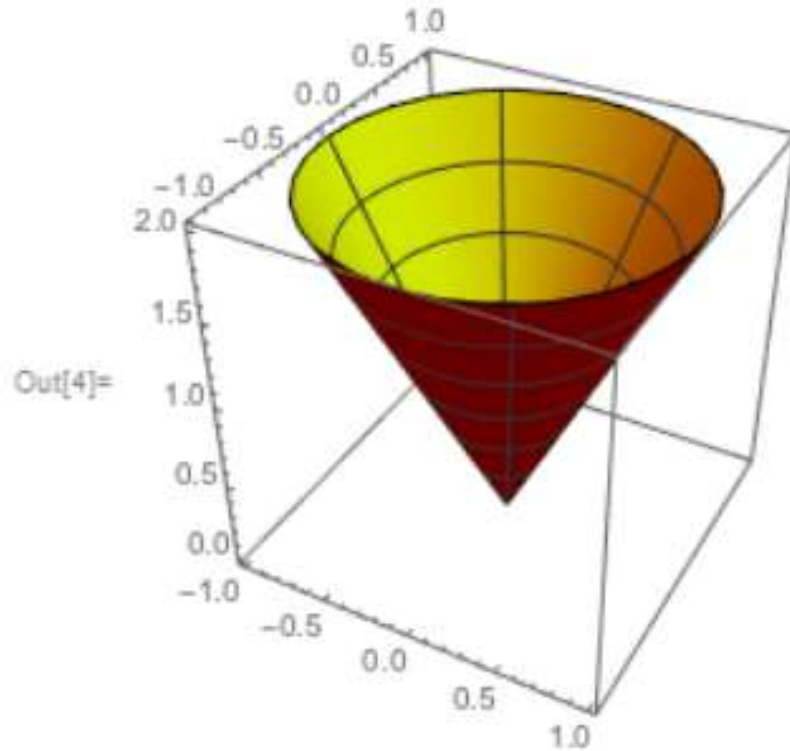
Cylinder:

```
In[3]:= ParametricPlot3D[{Cos[u], Sin[u], 2 v}, {u, 0, 2 Pi}, {v, 0, 1},  
  Mesh -> 5, BoundaryStyle -> Black, PlotStyle -> FaceForm[Red, Yellow]]
```



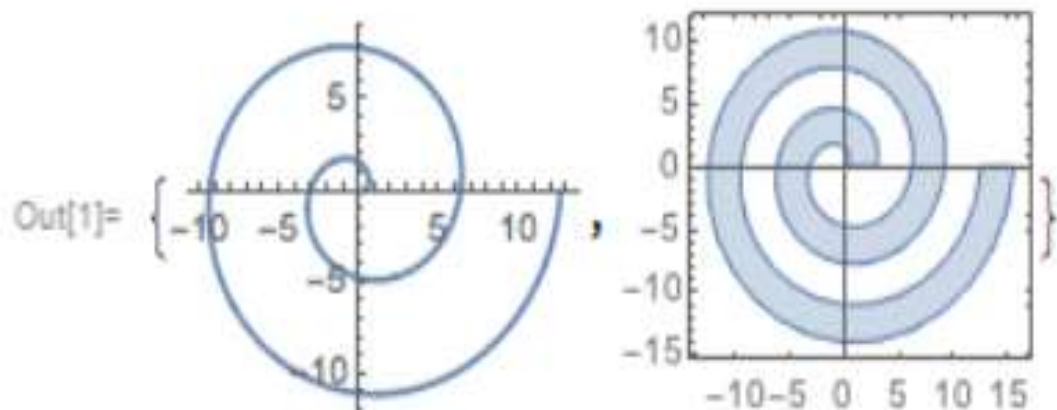
Cone:

```
In[4]:= ParametricPlot3D[{v Cos[u], v Sin[u], 2 v}, {u, 0, 2 Pi},  
  {v, 0, 1}, Mesh -> 5, BoundaryStyle -> Black, PlotStyle -> FaceForm[Red, Yellow]]
```



Use `ParametricPlot` for curves and regions in two dimensions:

```
In[1]:= {ParametricPlot[{u Cos[u], u Sin[u]}, {u, 0, 4 Pi}],  
        ParametricPlot[{(u + v) Cos[u], (u + v) Sin[u]}, {u, 0, 4 Pi}, {v, 0, 3}]}
```



SphericalPlot3D

`SphericalPlot3D[r, θ , ϕ]`

generates a 3D plot with a spherical radius r as a function of spherical coordinates θ and ϕ .

`SphericalPlot3D[r, { θ , θ_{min} , θ_{max} }, { ϕ , ϕ_{min} , ϕ_{max} }]`

generates a 3D spherical plot over the specified ranges of spherical coordinates.

`SphericalPlot3D[{ r_1 , r_2 , ...}, { θ , θ_{min} , θ_{max} }, { ϕ , ϕ_{min} , ϕ_{max} }]`

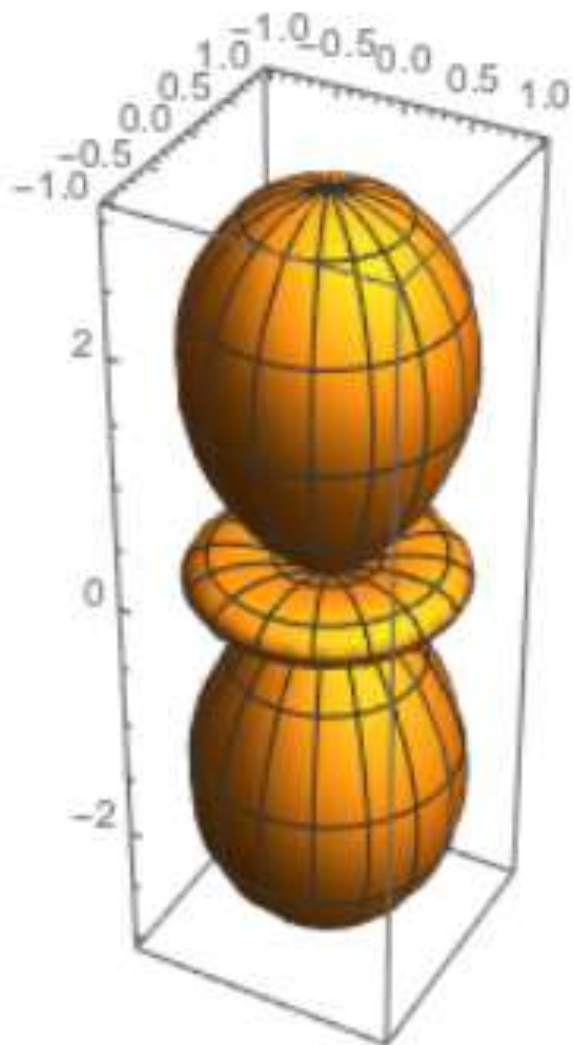
generates a 3D spherical plot with multiple surfaces.

- The angles θ and ϕ are measured in radians.
- $\pi/2 - \theta$ corresponds to "latitude"; θ is 0 at the "north pole", and π at the "south pole".
- ϕ corresponds to "longitude", varying from 0 to 2π counterclockwise looking from the north pole.
- `SphericalPlot3D[r, θ , ϕ]` takes θ to have range 0 to π , and ϕ to have range 0 to 2π .
- The x , y , z position corresponding to r , θ , ϕ is $r \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi)$, $r \sin(\theta) \sin(\phi)$, $r \cos(\theta)$. The variables θ and ϕ can have any values. The surfaces they define can overlap radially.

Plot a spherical surface:

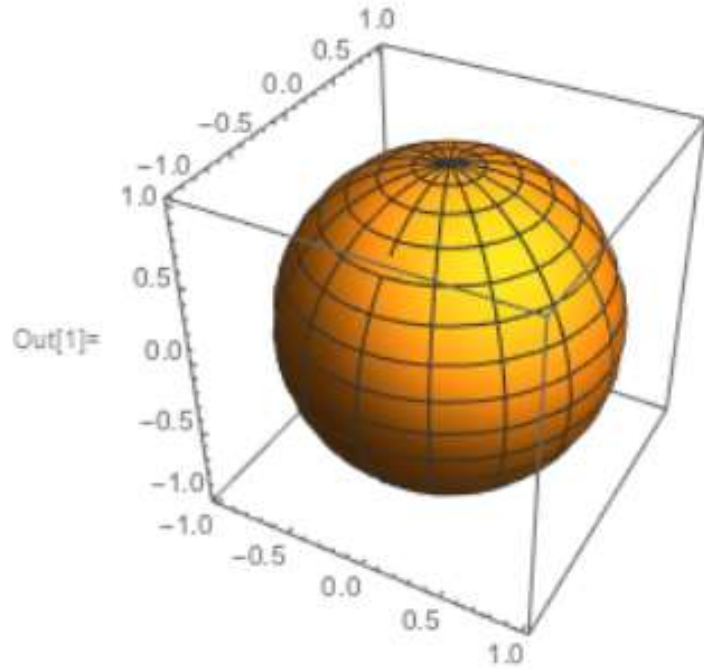
```
In[1]:= SphericalPlot3D[1 + 2 Cos[2  $\theta$ ], { $\theta$ , 0, Pi}, { $\phi$ , 0, 2 Pi}]
```

Out[1]=



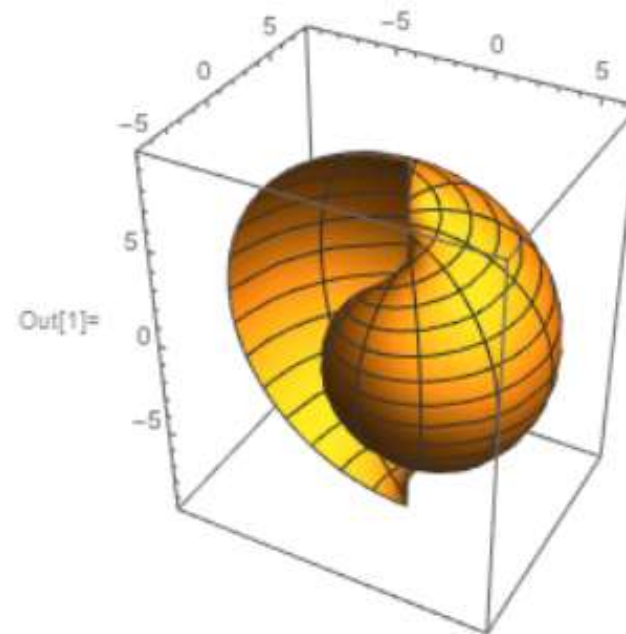
Plot a sphere:

```
In[1]:= SphericalPlot3D[1, { $\theta$ , 0, Pi}, { $\phi$ , 0, 2 Pi}]
```



A spiraling shell:

```
In[1]:= SphericalPlot3D[ $\phi$ , { $\theta$ , 0, Pi}, { $\phi$ , 0, 3 Pi}]
```



SphericalHarmonicY

`SphericalHarmonicY[l, m, θ , ϕ]`
gives the spherical harmonic $Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$.

- Mathematical function, suitable for both symbolic and numerical manipulation.
- The spherical harmonics are orthonormal with respect to integration over the surface of the unit sphere.
- For $l \geq 0$, $Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{(2l+1)/(4\pi)} \sqrt{(l-m)!/(l+m)!} P_l^m(\cos(\theta)) e^{im\phi}$ where P_l^m is the associated Legendre function.
- For $l \leq -1$, $Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = Y_{-l-1}^m(\theta, \phi)$.

```
In[1]:= SphericalHarmonicY[3, 1,  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ ]
```

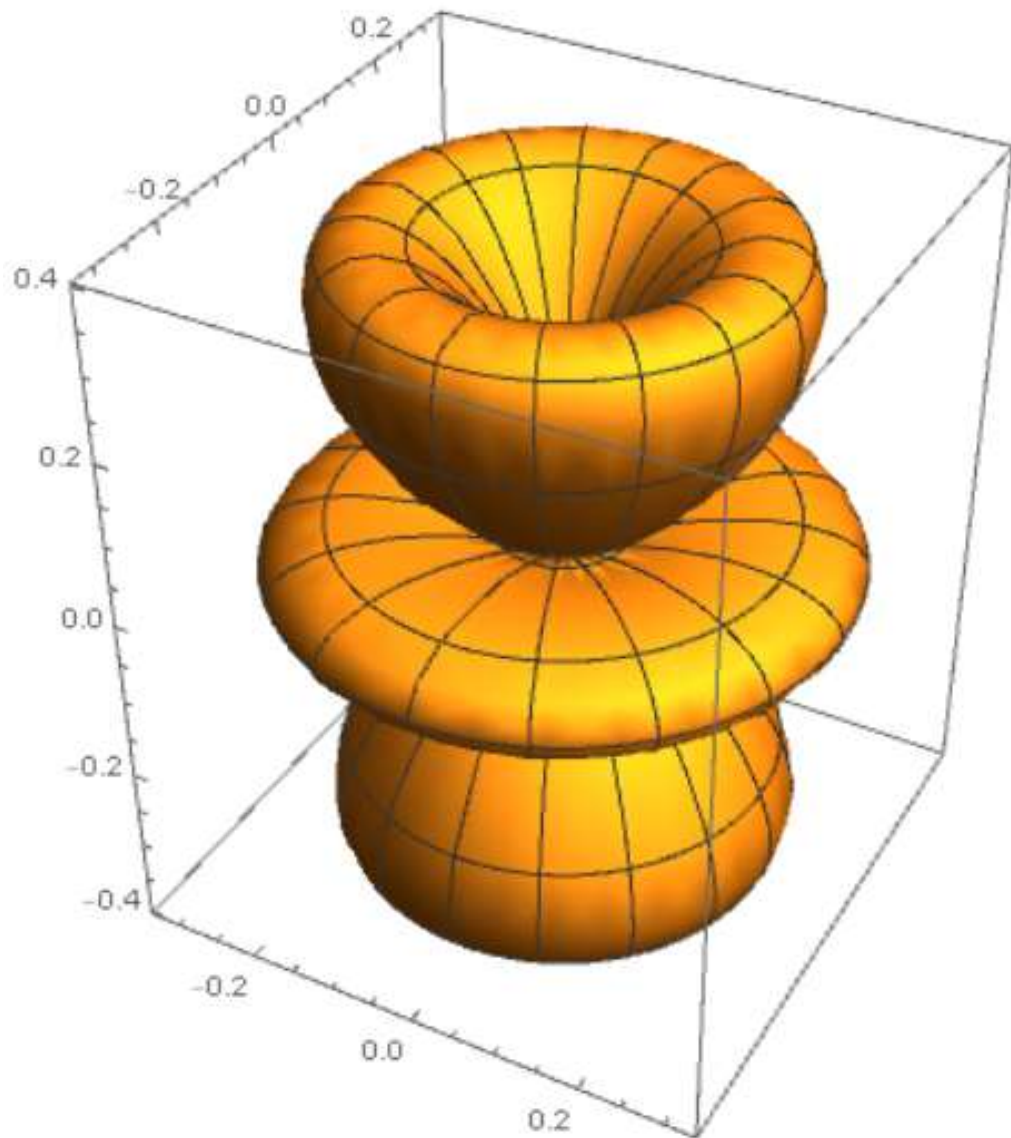
$$\text{Out[1]} = -\frac{1}{8} e^{i\phi} \sqrt{\frac{21}{\pi}} (-1 + 5 \cos[\theta]^2) \sin[\theta]$$

```
In[1]:= SphericalHarmonicY[n, m,  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ ] // TraditionalForm
```

```
Out[1]/TraditionalForm =
```

$$Y_n^m(\theta, \phi)$$

```
SphericalPlot3D[Abs[SphericalHarmonicY[3, 1, theta, phi]], {theta, 0, Pi}, {phi, 0, 2 Pi}]
```



```
SphericalPlot3D[Abs[SphericalHarmonicY[5, 1, theta, phi]], {theta, 0, Pi}, {phi, 0, 2 Pi}]
```

