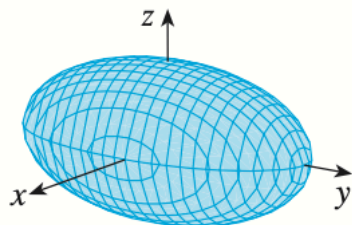


Ellipsoid

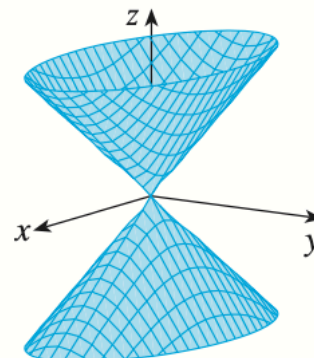


$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

All traces are ellipses.

If $a = b = c$, the ellipsoid is a sphere.

Cone

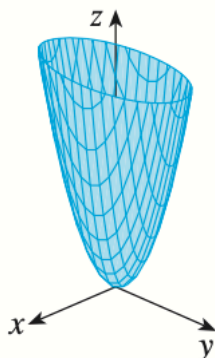


$$\frac{z^2}{c^2} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$$

Horizontal traces are ellipses.

Vertical traces in the planes $x = k$ and $y = k$ are hyperbolas if $k \neq 0$ but are pairs of lines if $k = 0$.

Elliptic Paraboloid



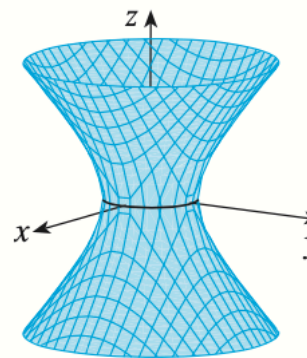
$$\frac{z}{c} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$$

Horizontal traces are ellipses.

Vertical traces are parabolas.

The variable raised to the first power indicates the axis of the paraboloid.

Hyperboloid of One Sheet



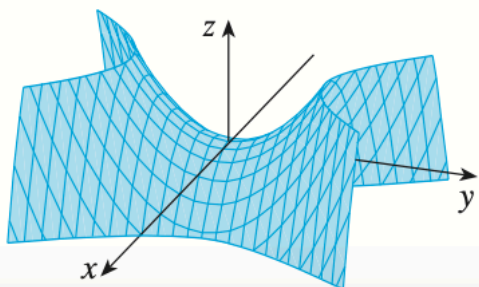
$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

Horizontal traces are ellipses.

Vertical traces are hyperbolas.

The axis of symmetry corresponds to the variable whose coefficient is negative.

Hyperbolic Paraboloid



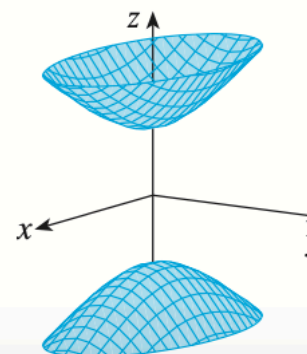
$$\frac{z}{c} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}$$

Horizontal traces are hyperbolas.

Vertical traces are parabolas.

The case where $c < 0$ is illustrated.

Hyperboloid of Two Sheets



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

Horizontal traces in $z = k$ are ellipses if $k > c$ or $k < -c$.

Vertical traces are hyperbolas.

The two minus signs indicate two sheets.