

Quadric Surfaces

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The idea of using traces to draw a surface is employed in three-dimensional graphing software for computers. In most such software, traces in the vertical planes $x = k$ and $y = k$ are drawn for equally spaced values of k , and parts of the graph are eliminated using hidden line removal. Table 1 shows computer-drawn graphs of the six basic types of quadric surfaces in standard form. All surfaces are symmetric with respect to the z -axis. If a quadric surface is symmetric about a different axis, its equation changes accordingly.

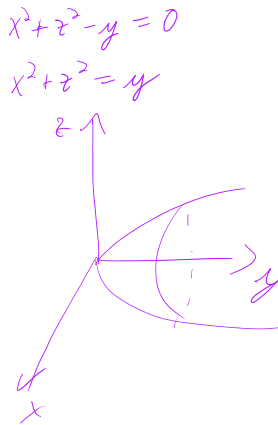
Surface	Equation	Surface	Equation
Ellipsoid	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Cone	$\frac{z^2}{c^2} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$
Elliptic Paraboloid	$\frac{z}{c} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$	Hyperboloid of One Sheet	$\frac{z^2}{c^2} - \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$
Hyperbolic Paraboloid	$\frac{z}{c} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}$	Hyperboloid of Two Sheets	$-\frac{z^2}{c^2} + \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

EXAMPLE 7 Classify the quadric surface $x^2 + 2z^2 - 4x - y + 10 = 0$.

SOLUTION By completing the square we rewrite the equation as

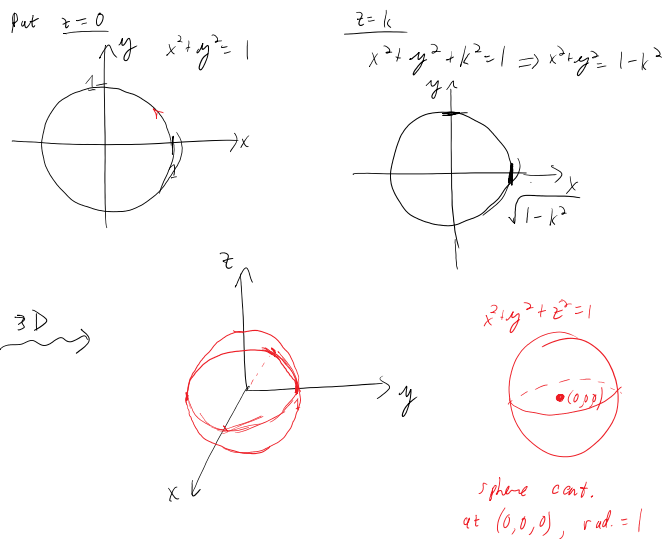
$$y - 1 = (x - 2)^2 + 2z^2$$

Comparing this equation with Table 1, we see that it represents an elliptic paraboloid.



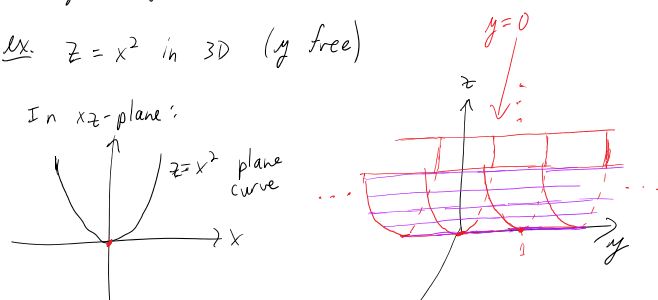
Def. 1) Traces are curves of intersection of surfaces with planes that are parallel to the coordinate planes.

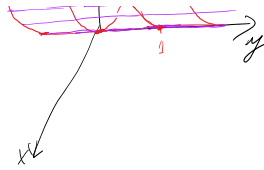
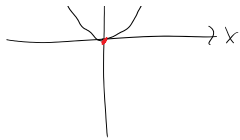
ex. $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ surface type?



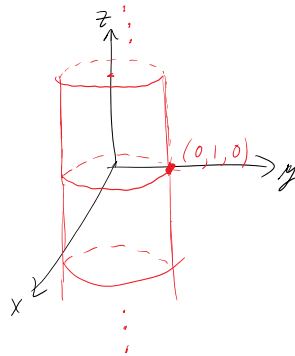
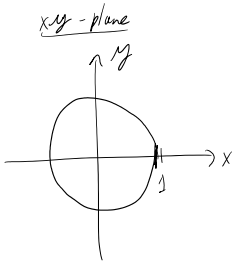
2) A cylinder is a surface that consists of all lines (called rulings) parallel to a given line and pass through a given plane curve.

ex. $z = x^2$ in 3D (y free)





ex. $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ (z free)



Def. A quadric surface is the graph of a degree 2 eq'n in x, y, z :

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + Dxy + Eyz + Fxz + Gx + Hy + Iz + J = 0,$$

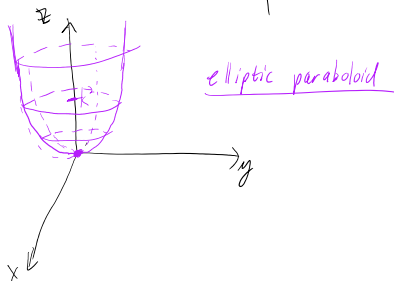
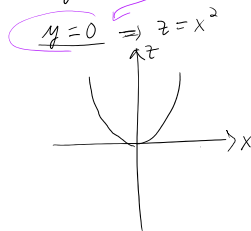
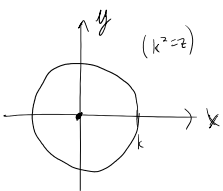
where A, B, \dots, J real constants, and at least one of A, B, C is $\neq 0$.

Note Translations & rotations can bring any quadric surface to one of these two standard forms:

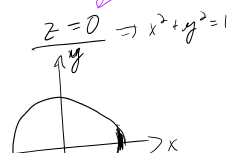
$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + J = 0, \text{ or } Ax^2 + By^2 + Iz = 0$$

ex. Sketch $z = x^2 + y^2$.

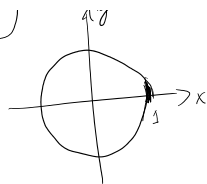
Sol'n: Fix $z = k^2$. Then $x^2 + y^2 = k^2$



ex. $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$
 $x^2 + y^2 = z^2 + 1$

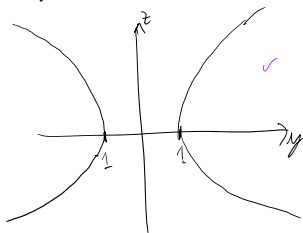


$$x^2 + y^2 = z^2 + 1$$



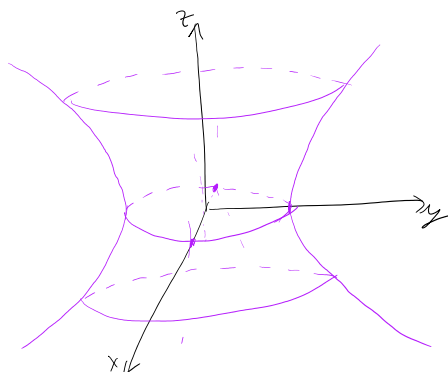
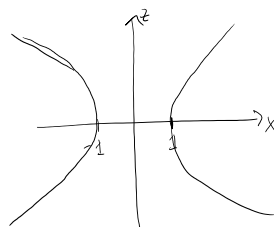
$$x=0$$

$$y^2 = z^2 + 1$$



$$y=0$$

$$x^2 - z^2 = 1$$



hyperboloid of one sheet

• TO help classify & draw quadric surfaces, use chart/table.

ex. Classify the quadric surface w/eq'n $x^2 + 2z^2 - 6x - y + 10 = 0$.

Sol'n: Complete the square

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 - 9 + 2z^2 - y + 10 = 0$$

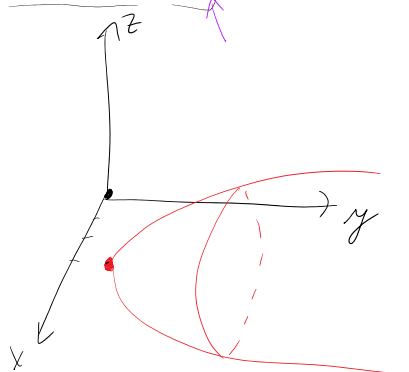
$$(x-3)^2 + 2z^2 - y = -1$$

→ table? Basically
 $x^2 + z^2 - y = -1$

$$x^2 + z^2 - (y-1) = 0$$

$$x^2 + z^2 - y = 0$$

$$(x-3)^2 + 2z^2 = y-1$$



elliptic paraboloid

Identify Quadric Surfaces

$$(x-3)^2 + 2z^2 = y-1$$

2nd deg. polyn' eqn
 in x, y, z

(^) : r = 0

sum x^2, y^2, z^2
in x, y, z

Only two of
 x, y, z are squared

all three of
 x, y, z squared

terms with x^2, y^2, z^2
have same sign

terms with
 x^2, y^2, z^2 have
diff. signs

elliptic
paraboloid

hyperbolic
paraboloid (saddle)

variable
terms sum
to 0
cone

variable terms
sum to positive
constant

1 term with
 x^2, y^2, z^2 pos.,
2 negative

hyperboloid
two sheets

all 3 terms
with x^2, y^2, z^2
are positive

ellipsoid

2 terms with
 x^2, y^2, z^2 pos.,
1 negative

hyperboloid
one sheet