

## 12.6: Intro to 3D surfaces

Goal: 7 basic 3D shapes and names

- Cylinders, Cones, Ellipsoids

- Paraboloids (two types) ←

- Hyperboloids (two types) ←

circular  
hyperbolic

one sheet  
two sheets  
cone

*Entry Task:* What are the names of these **2D curves**?

1.  $3x + 2y = 1$

2.  $3x^2 - y = 4$

3.  $\frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{y^2}{2^2} = 1$

4.  $\frac{x^2}{3^2} - \frac{y^2}{4^2} = 1$

## A 2D curve review

Lines:  $ax + by = c$   
everything to first power

Parabolas:  $ax^2 + by = c$  or  
 $ax + by^2 = c$   
one is squared

Ellipse:  $ax^2 \oplus by^2 = c$  (if  $a, b, c > 0$ )

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

(Note: If  $a = b$ , then it's a circle)

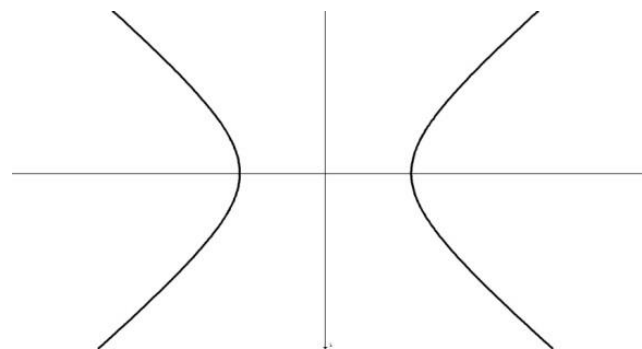
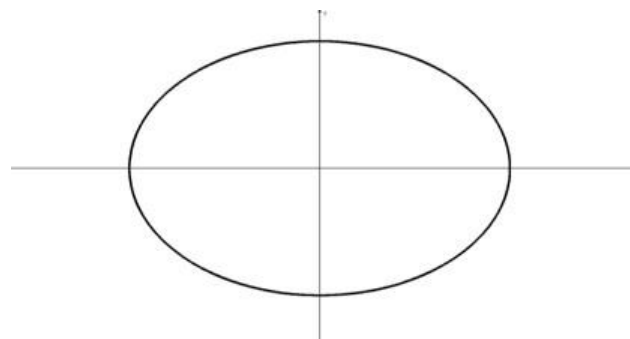
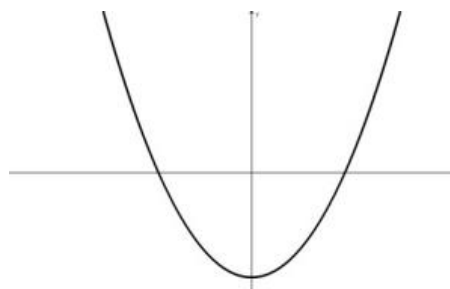
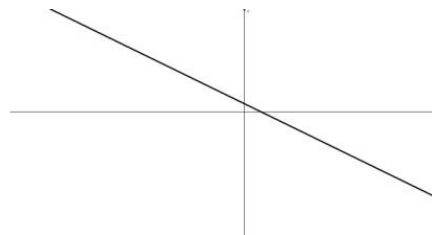
Both squared

Hyperbola:  $ax^2 \ominus by^2 = c$  or

$$-ax^2 + by^2 = c \text{ (if } a, b, c > 0)$$

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

Both squared

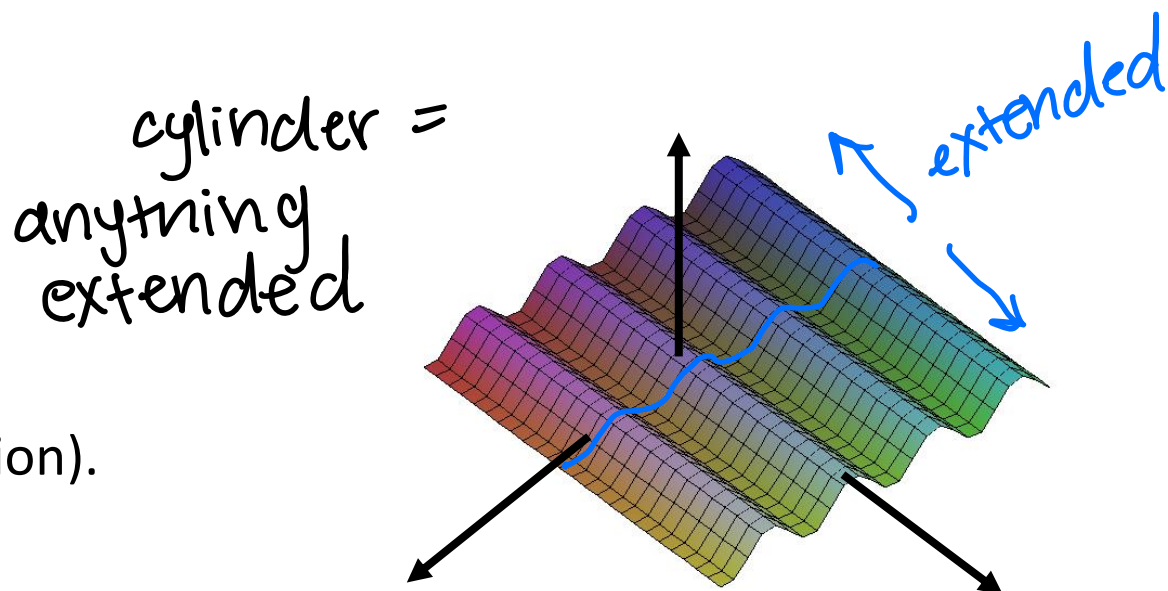
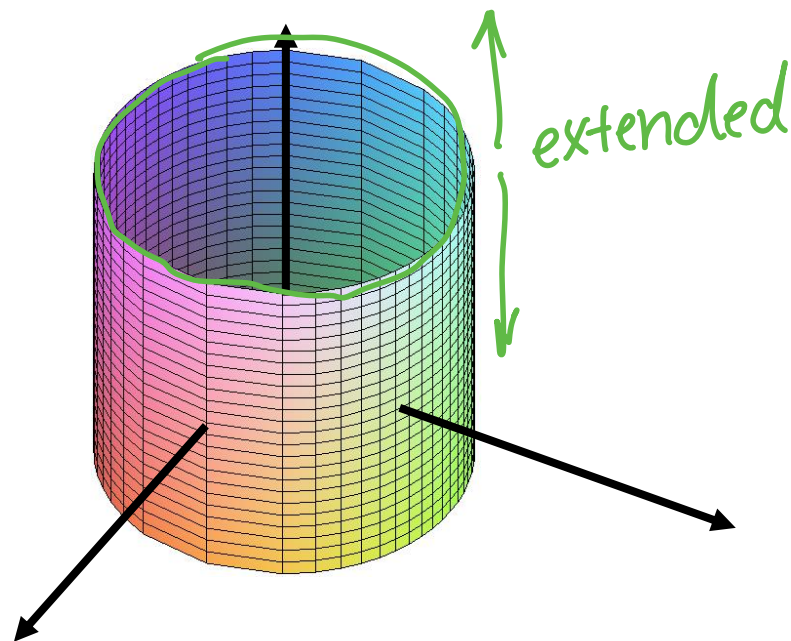


**Cylinders:** If *one variable is absent*, then the graph is a 2D curve extended into 3D.

If the 2D shade is called “BLAH”, then the 3D shade is called a “BLAH cylinder”.

Examples:

- (a)  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  in 3D is a **circular cylinder** (i.e. a circle extended in the z-axis direction).
- (b)  $z = \cos(x)$  in 3D is a **cosine cylinder** (i.e. the cosine function extended in the y-axis direction).



**Quadric Surfaces:** A surface given by an equation involving a sum of first and second powers of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  is called a *quadric surface*.

To visualize, we use **traces**. We fix one variable and look at the resulting 2D picture.

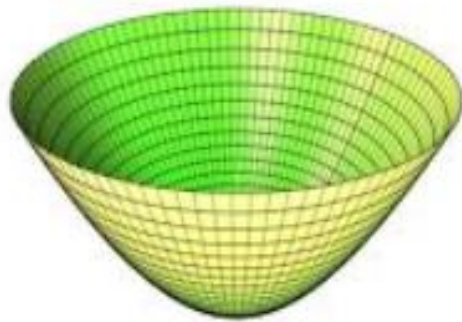
*paraboloid*

$$z = 3x^2 + 5y^2$$

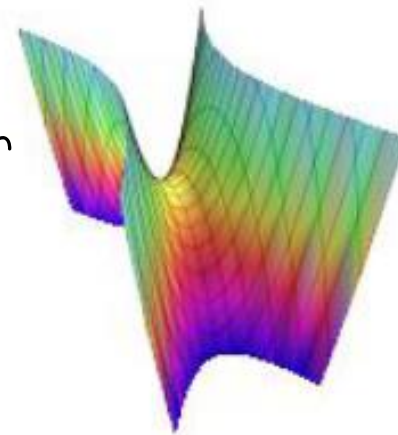
$$z = 5y^2 \rightarrow \text{when } x \text{ is fixed, parabola in 2D}$$

$$z = 3x^2 \rightarrow \text{when } y \text{ is fixed, parabola in 2D}$$

When two variables are squared....



$3x^2 + 5y^2 \rightarrow$  when  $z$  is fixed, ellipse in 2D



if hyperbola in 2D

**Elliptical/Circular Paraboloid**

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

(ex:  $z = 3x^2 + 5y^2$ )

**Hyperbolic Paraboloid**

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

(ex:  $y = 2x^2 - 5z^2$ )

**Example:** Spring 2011 Exam 1 – Loveless

Consider  $z = x^2 + 2y^2$ .

1. Describe the traces (2D curves) when:

- $x = k$  is fixed

Parabola

- $y = k$  is fixed

Parabola

- $z = k$  is fixed

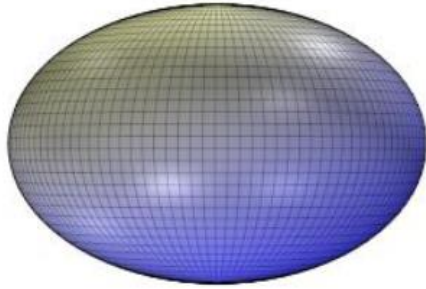
ellipse

2. Give the name of this shape.

elliptical paraboloid

When all three variables are squared....

all positive

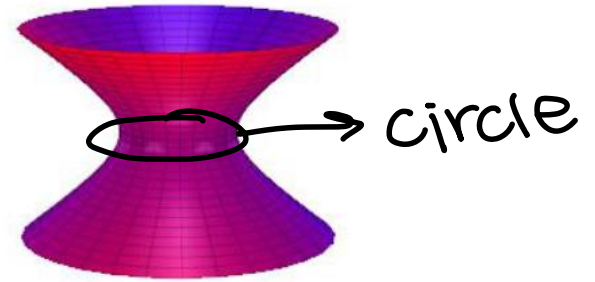


Ellipsoid/Sphere

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

(ex:  $3x^2 + 5y^2 + z^2 = 3$ )

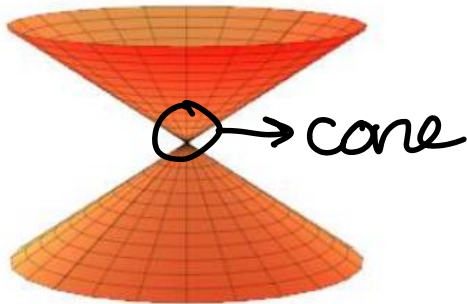
one negative



Hyperboloid of One Sheet

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

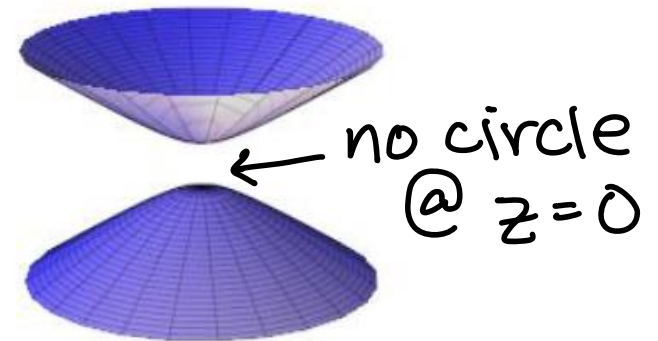
Positive  
(ex:  $x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = 10$ )



Circular/Elliptical Cone

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0$$

zero  
(ex:  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ )



Hyperboloid of Two Sheets

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

negative  
(ex:  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = -4$ )

**Example:**

Winter 2016 Exam 1 - Loveless

Consider  $(z^2 - 6x^2 - 6y^2 = -9)$  -

Give the precise name of this shape.

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

$$-z^2 + 6y^2 = 9 \rightarrow \text{Hyp}$$

$$-z^2 + 6x^2 = 9 \rightarrow \text{Hyp}$$

$$6x^2 + 6y^2 = 9 \rightarrow \text{circle}$$

Hyperboloid  
of one  
sheet

(around  
z-axis)

Follow up questions:

- What happens if the locations of z and x are flipped in the equation?

$$-(x^2 - 6z^2 - 6y^2 = -9)$$

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

↳ around the  
x-axis

- What happens if we add 4z to the left side?

$$z^2 + 4z - 6x^2 - 6y^2 = -9$$

CTS!

$$-(z+2)^2 - 6x^2 - 6y^2 = -9$$

$$-(z+2)^2 + 6x^2 + 6y^2 = 9$$

↳ shifted down 2

Find the traces and name the shapes:

$$1) x - 3y^2 + 2z^2 = 0 \quad (\text{standard form})$$

$$x = 3y^2 - 2z^2$$

hyperbolic Paraboloid

$$k = 3y^2 - 2z^2 \rightarrow \text{hyperbola}$$

$$x = 3k^2 - 2z^2 \rightarrow \text{parabola} \quad (\text{traces})$$

$$x = 3y^2 - 2k^2 \rightarrow \text{parabola}$$

$$2) 4x^2 + 3y^2 = 10$$

one variable missing  $\rightarrow$  cylinder

elliptical cylinder

$$3) (5x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = 4) - 1$$

$$-5x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \ominus 4$$

hyperboloid of 2 sheets