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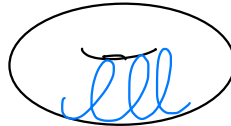
Reading HW to do prior to next class:

Textbook Sec 14.1 Vector-valued functions

• Example 2: spiral 

• Example 3: roller coaster
or

Example 4: slinky curve
(like spiral but along a donut)



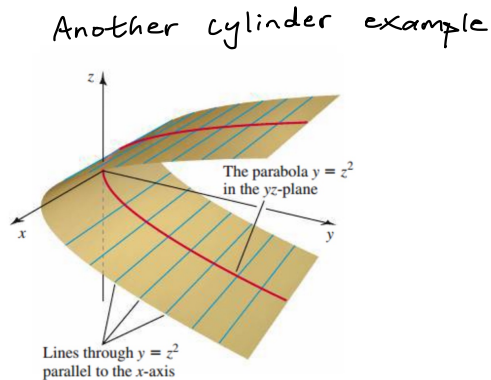
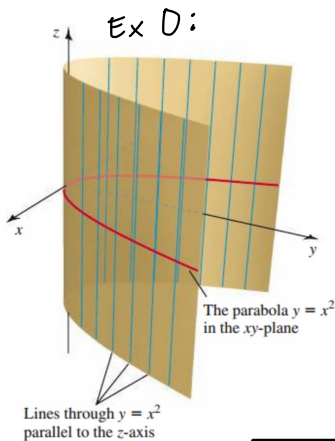
13.6 Cylinders and quadric surfaces

I. Cylinders

(In everyday language, the word "cylinder" describes the shape of a soda can. But in the study of 3D surfaces, "cylinder" describes a more general surface)

Def A cylinder is a surface which is parallel to a line.

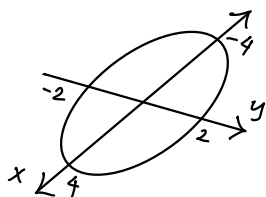
* Most of our examples will be cylinders which are parallel to one of the coordinate axes,
(x-axis, y-axis, or z-axis)
and these can be described by equations in one or two vars,
e.g. $x - \sin z = 0$ (parallel to the y-axis)
or $x^2 + 4y^2 = 16$ (parallel to the z-axis)



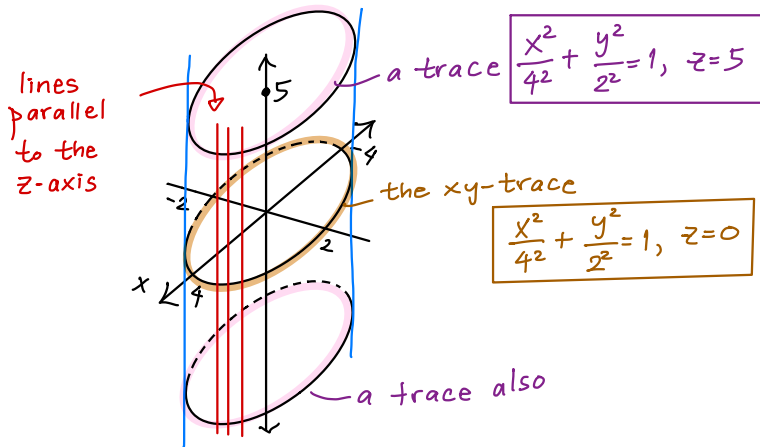
Because z is not mentioned in equation $y = x^2$, z can be any number, so $y = x^2$ describes the cylinder consisting of all lines parallel to the z -axis that pass through the parabola $y = x^2$ in the xy -plane.

Ex1 (a): The equation $\frac{x^2}{4^2} + \frac{y^2}{2^2} = 1$ describes the cylinder consisting of all lines parallel to the z -axis passing through the curve $\frac{x^2}{4^2} + \frac{y^2}{2^2} = 1$ on the xy -plane.
 because z is not mentioned in eq

Sketch of ellipse on the xy -plane:



Sketch of surface:




Def* The xy-trace of a surface is the set of points
 (yz-trace)
 (xz-trace)

at which the surface intersects the xy -plane.
 (yz-plane)
 (xz-plane)

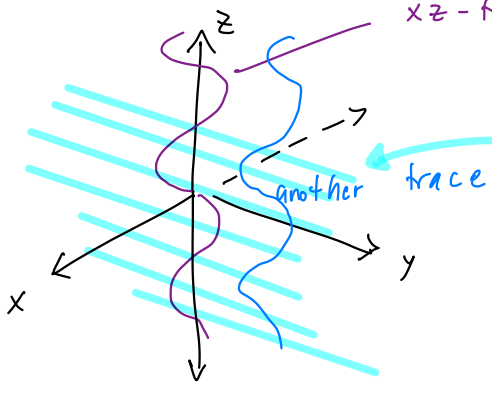
— To find an equation for the xy -trace, set z to 0
 (yz-trace) (x)
 (xz-trace) (y)

* In general, a trace is when the surface intersects a plane parallel to one of these 3 coordinate planes. (Traces can help us visualize a surface)

Note: This surface  is called an elliptic cylinder because one of the traces is an ellipse.

Ex 1(b) $x - \sin z = 0$ is a cylinder
consisting of lines parallel to the y-axis
passing through the curve $x = \sin z$
in the xz -plane

xz -trace is $x - \sin z = 0$



Always sketch at least
two traces

II. Quadratic surfaces

A quadric surface is described by a 2nd degree equation in 3 variables

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + Dxy + Exz + Fyz + Gx + Hy + Iz + J = 0$$

where the coefficients A, B, \dots, J are constants and at least one of A, B, C, D, E, F is non-zero.

* We'll look at the most common quadric surfaces

only, e.g. $\frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{y^2}{4^2} + \frac{z^2}{5^2} = 1$ and $z = x^2 - \frac{y^2}{4}$

Ex 2 An ellipsoid is defined by $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$

(like a sphere but different distances from the center)

e.g.: $\frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{y^2}{4^2} + \frac{z^2}{5^2} = 1$

Def An intercept of a surface (if it exists) is where the surface intersects a coordinate axis.

* To find the x-intercepts, set $y=z=0$ then solve for x.

→ e.g.: x-intercepts? $y=z=0$ and $\frac{x^2}{3^2} = 1 \Rightarrow y=z=0$ and $x = \pm 3$

So the x-intercepts of this ellipsoid are $(3, 0, 0)$ and $(-3, 0, 0)$.

* Similarly, to find the y-intercepts, set $x=z=0$ & solve for y.
" " z-intercepts, set $x=y=0$ & solve for z.

→ e.g.: The y-intercepts are $(0, 4, 0)$ and $(0, -4, 0)$.

The z-intercepts are $(0, 0, 5)$ and $(0, 0, -5)$.

Can't e.g.: $\frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{y^2}{4^2} + \frac{z^2}{5^2} = 1$ (*)

Q: What is the xy-trace of this ellipsoid?

A: Set $z=0 \Rightarrow z=0$ and $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$ (an ellipse)

Q: What are other traces parallel to the xy-plane?

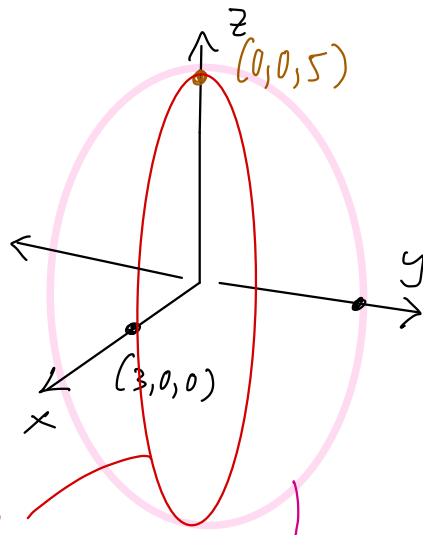
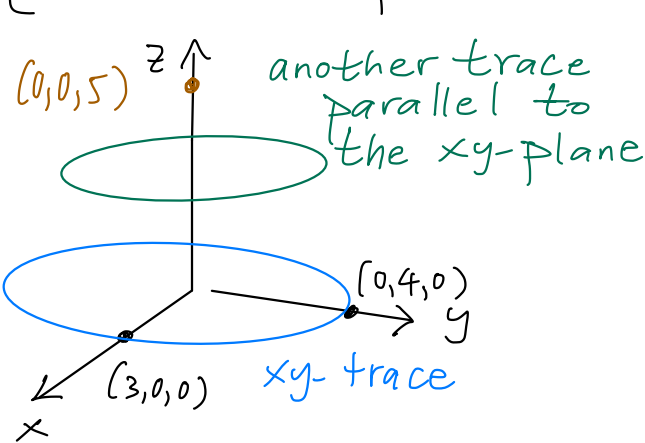
A: Set z to a number between -5 and 5

(since RHS of equation (*) is 1)

for example, set $z=1 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{16} + \frac{1}{25} = 1$

$$\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1 - \frac{1}{25} \text{ and } z=1$$

(This is a smaller ellipse than the xy-trace since RHS is less than 1)



xz-trace:
 $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{z^2}{25} = 1$ and $y=0$

yz-trace:
 $\frac{y^2}{9} + \frac{z^2}{25} = 1$ and $x=0$

Note: The name ellipsoid is because all traces are ellipses.



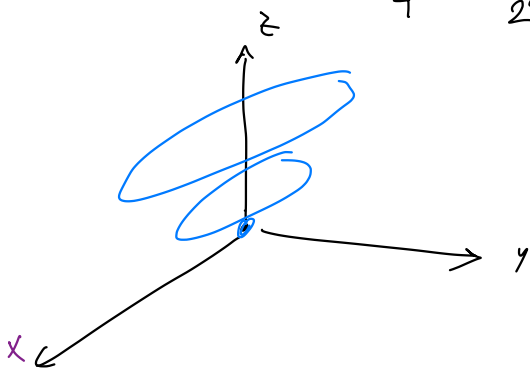
Ex 3 An elliptic paraboloid is defined by $z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$
 (or rearrange the variables, ex $x = \frac{y^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{b^2}$)

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

Intercepts? Only $(0,0,0)$.

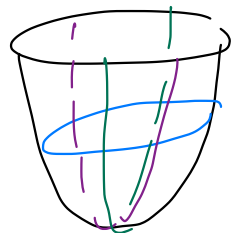
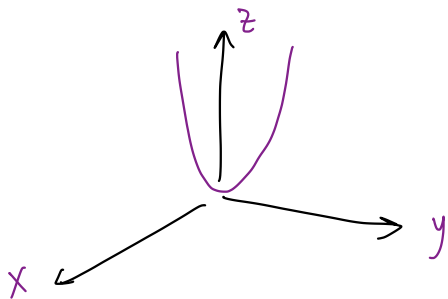
Horizontal trace? • xy -trace: set $z=0 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{4^2} + \frac{y^2}{2^2} = 0$
 \Rightarrow point $(0,0,0)$

- When $k > 0$, $\frac{x^2}{4^2} + \frac{y^2}{2^2} = k$ is an ellipse
- When $k < 0$, $\frac{x^2}{4^2} + \frac{y^2}{2^2} = k$ has no solution



Name elliptic paraboloid is bc traces are ellipses & parabolas

xz -trace? Set $y=0 \Rightarrow z = \frac{x^2}{16}$ (a parabola)



yz -trace? Set $x=0 \Rightarrow z = \frac{y^2}{4}$ (a parabola)

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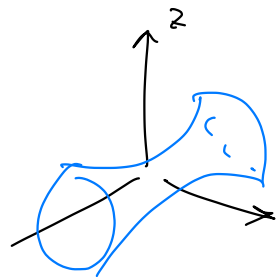
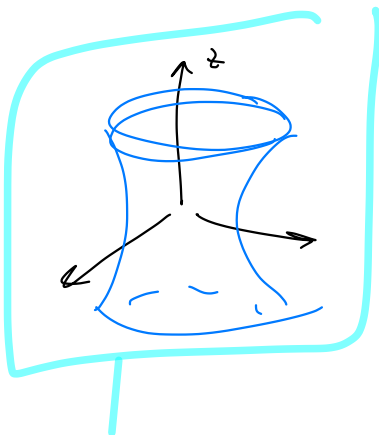
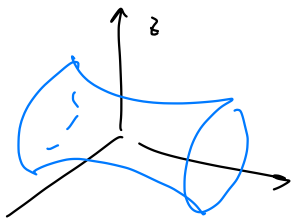
$$\frac{x^2}{100} + \frac{y^2}{100} - \frac{z^2}{100} = 1.$$

a) Find z -intercepts.

Sol: Set $x = y = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{z^2}{100} = 1$

No z -intercepts

c) Choose the correct graph



the only choice where
the surface doesn't
intersect the z -axis

(Extra Ex)

Ex 5 A hyperbolic paraboloid is defined by the eq $z = x^2 - \frac{y^2}{4}$

• xy-trace? $z=0 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{y^2}{4} \Rightarrow y = 2x$
 $y = -2x$

Other horizontal trace? Try $z=1 \Rightarrow 1 = x^2 - \frac{y^2}{4}$

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

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

$$y = \pm \sqrt{4x^2 - 4}$$

hyperbola

• xz-trace? set $y=0 \Rightarrow z = x^2$ (a parabola)

• yz-trace? set $x=0 \Rightarrow z = -\frac{y^2}{4}$ (parabola)

Name hyperbolic paraboloid is bc

↓
horizontal
traces
are hyperbolas

↓
two out of 3 traces
in coordinate planes
are parabolas