

Quadric Surfaces

a quadric surface is defined by

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

E.g. 1. $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x + 2y + 6z + 13 = 0$

$$\rightarrow \overset{x^2}{(x-2)^2} + \overset{y^2}{(y+1)^2} + \overset{z^2}{(z+3)^2} = 1 = 1^2$$

→ Sphere of radius 1 centered at $(2, -1, -3)$

E.g. 2. $z^2 + x^2 - 2xy + y^2 - 1 = 0$

→ $z^2 + (x-y)^2 = 1 \rightarrow$ tilted cylinder of radius 1.

Ellipsoid (centered at $(0,0,0)$)

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

$a=b=c \rightarrow$ Sphere of radius $r=a=b=c$

(1, 2, 3)

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

Suppose $z = z_0 = 1$

$$\frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{y^2}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{y^2}{4^2} = \frac{24}{25}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{x^2}{3^2 \cdot \frac{24}{25}} + \frac{y^2}{4^2 \cdot \frac{24}{25}} = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{x^2}{\left(3 \frac{\sqrt{24}}{5}\right)^2} + \frac{y^2}{\left(4 \frac{\sqrt{24}}{5}\right)^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{(x-1)^2}{3^2} + \frac{(y-2)^2}{4^2} + \frac{(z-3)^2}{5^2}$$

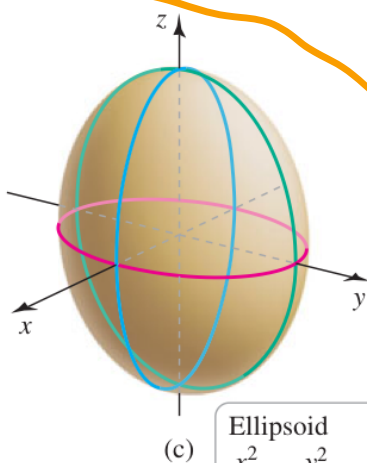
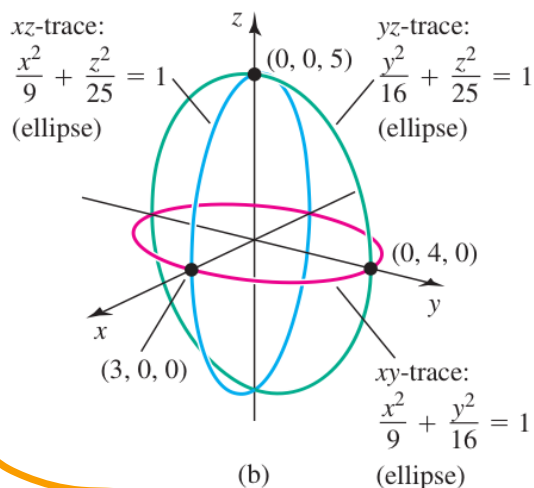


FIGURE 13.13

Elliptic Paraboloid ("centered" at $(0,0,0)$)

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

$$1 = \frac{x^2}{16z_0} + \frac{y^2}{4z_0}$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{(4\sqrt{z_0})^2} + \frac{y^2}{(2\sqrt{z_0})^2}$$

Elliptic paraboloid
 $z = \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4}$

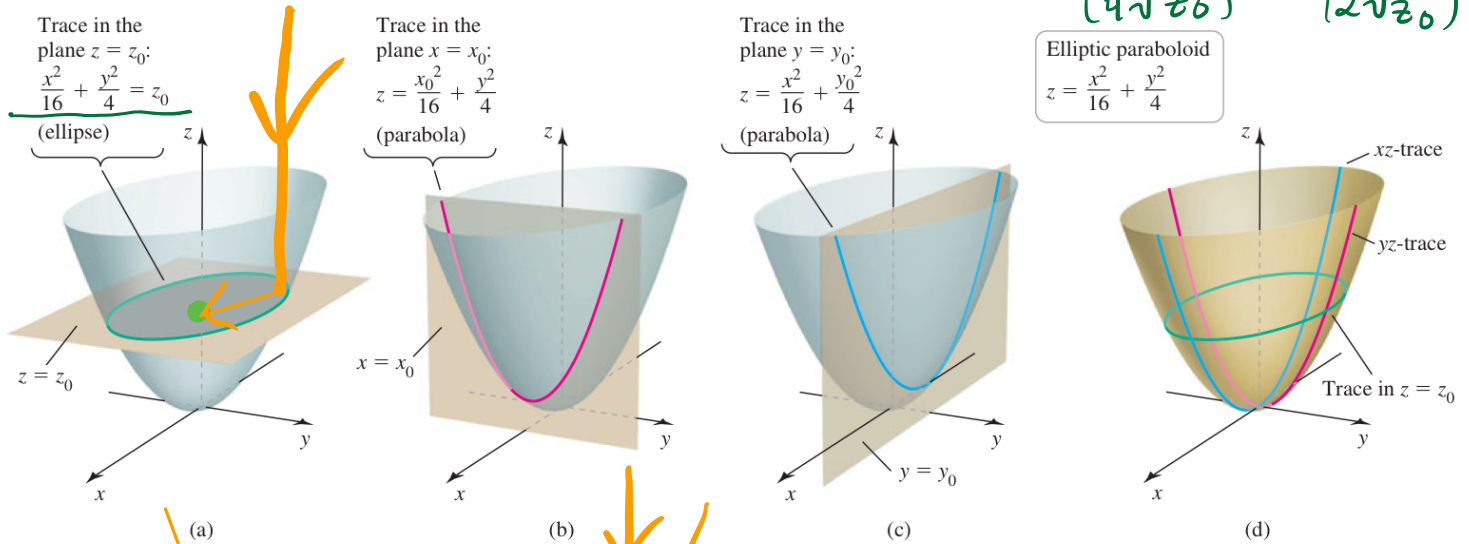


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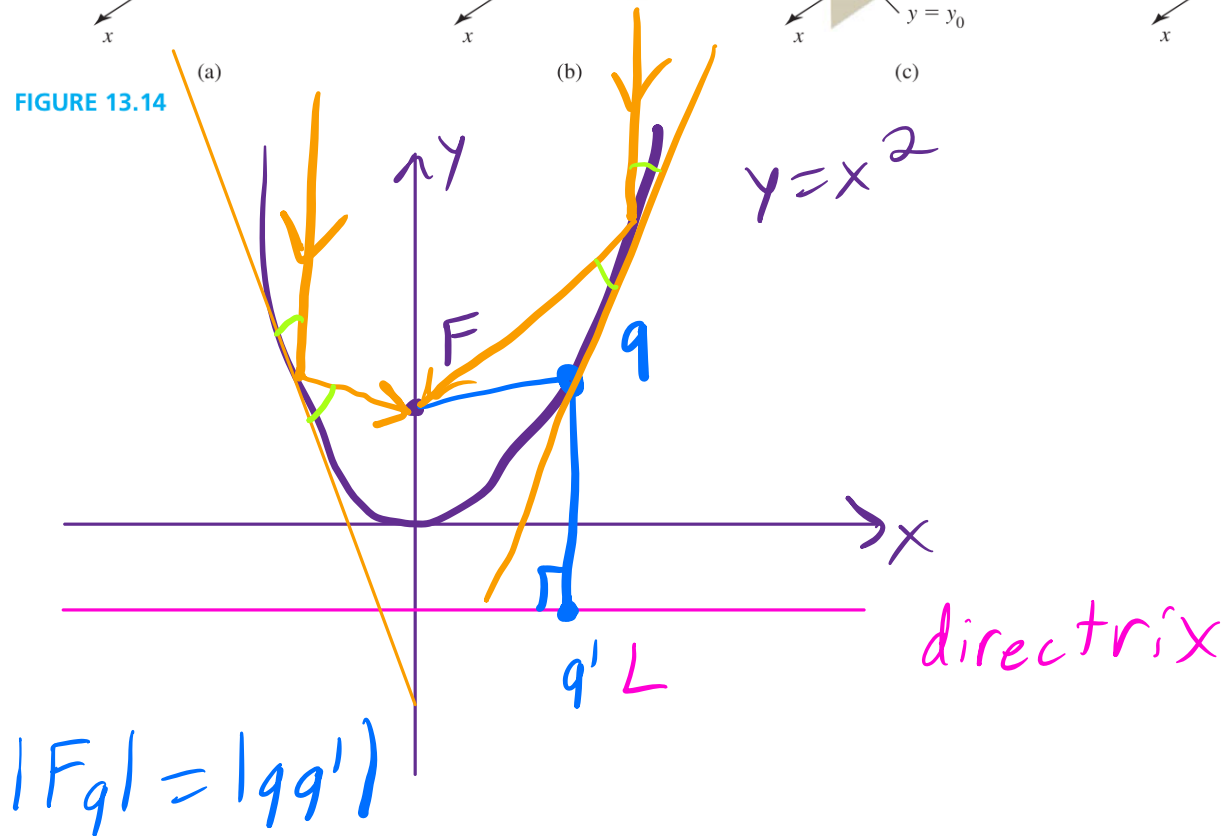
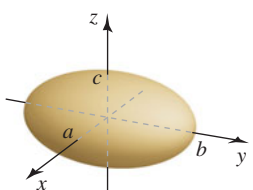
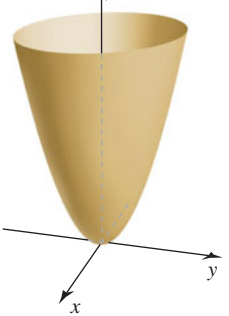
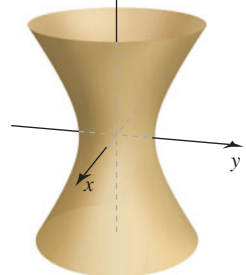
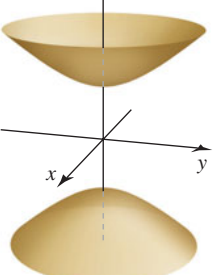
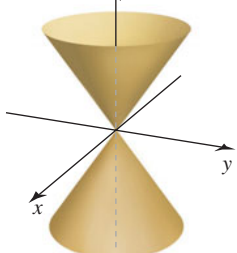


Table 13.1

Name	Standard Equation	Features	Graph
Ellipsoid	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	All traces are ellipses.	
Elliptic paraboloid	$z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$	Traces with $z = z_0 > 0$ are ellipses. Traces with $x = x_0$ or $y = y_0$ are parabolas.	
Hyperboloid of one sheet	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Traces with $z = z_0$ are ellipses for all z_0 . Traces with $x = x_0$ or $y = y_0$ are hyperbolas.	
Hyperboloid of two sheets	$-\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Traces with $z = z_0$ with $ z_0 > c $ are ellipses. Traces with $x = x_0$ and $y = y_0$ are hyperbolas.	
Elliptic cone	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{z^2}{c^2}$	Traces with $z = z_0 \neq 0$ are ellipses. Traces with $x = x_0$ or $y = y_0$ are hyperbolas or intersecting lines.	
Hyperbolic paraboloid	$z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}$	Traces with $z = z_0 \neq 0$ are hyperbolas. Traces with $x = x_0$ or $y = y_0$ are parabolas.	