

Quadratic Surfaces

a quadratic surface is defined by

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

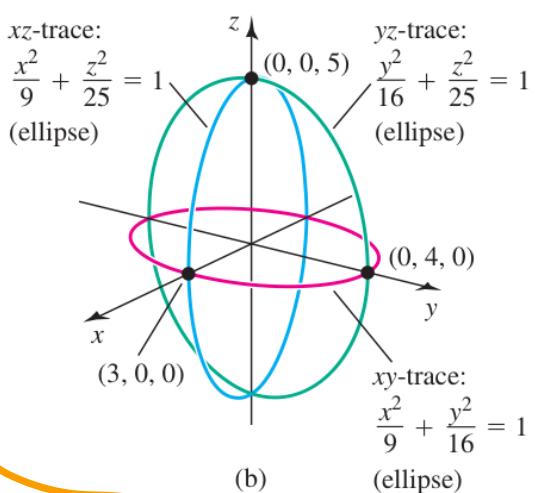
$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

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

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

Suppose $z = z_0 = 1$

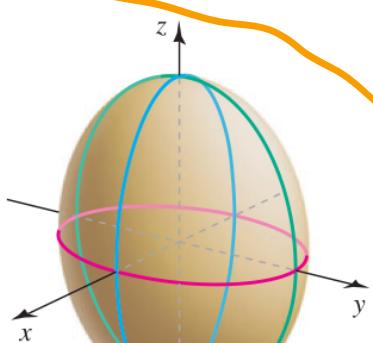
$$\frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{y^2}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} = 1$$



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

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

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



Ellipsoid

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

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

FIGURE 13.13

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} l &= \frac{x^2}{16z_0} + \frac{y^2}{4z_0} \\ &= \frac{x^2}{(4\sqrt{z_0})^2} + \frac{y^2}{(2\sqrt{z_0})^2} \end{aligned}$$

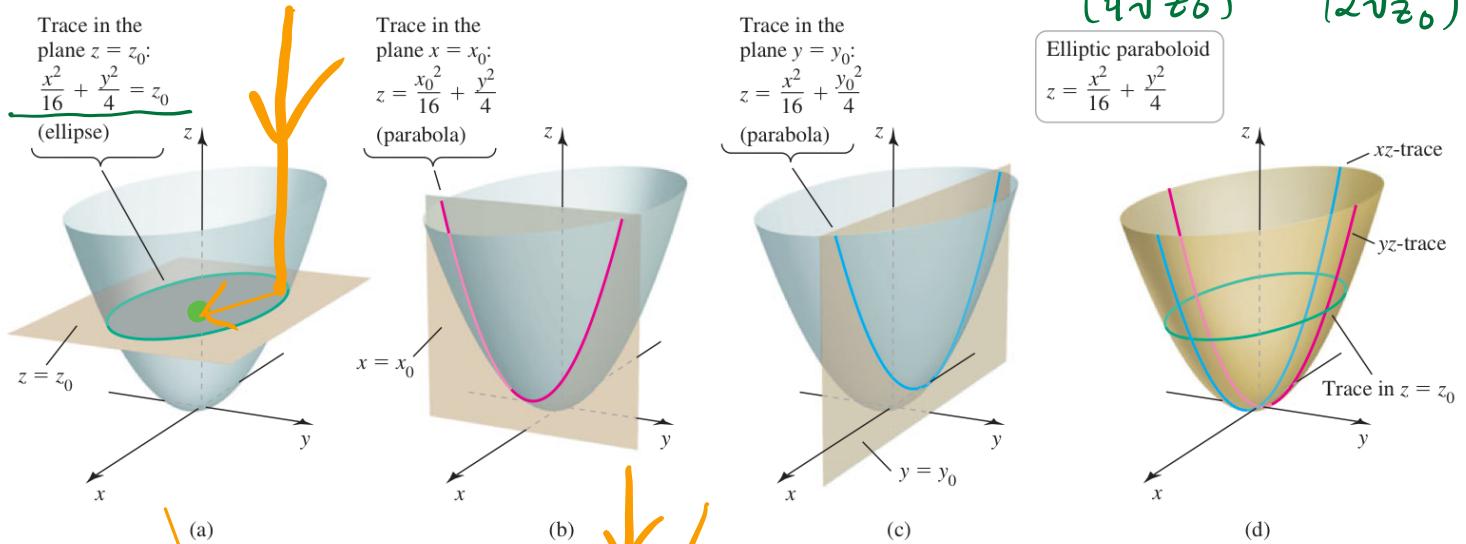


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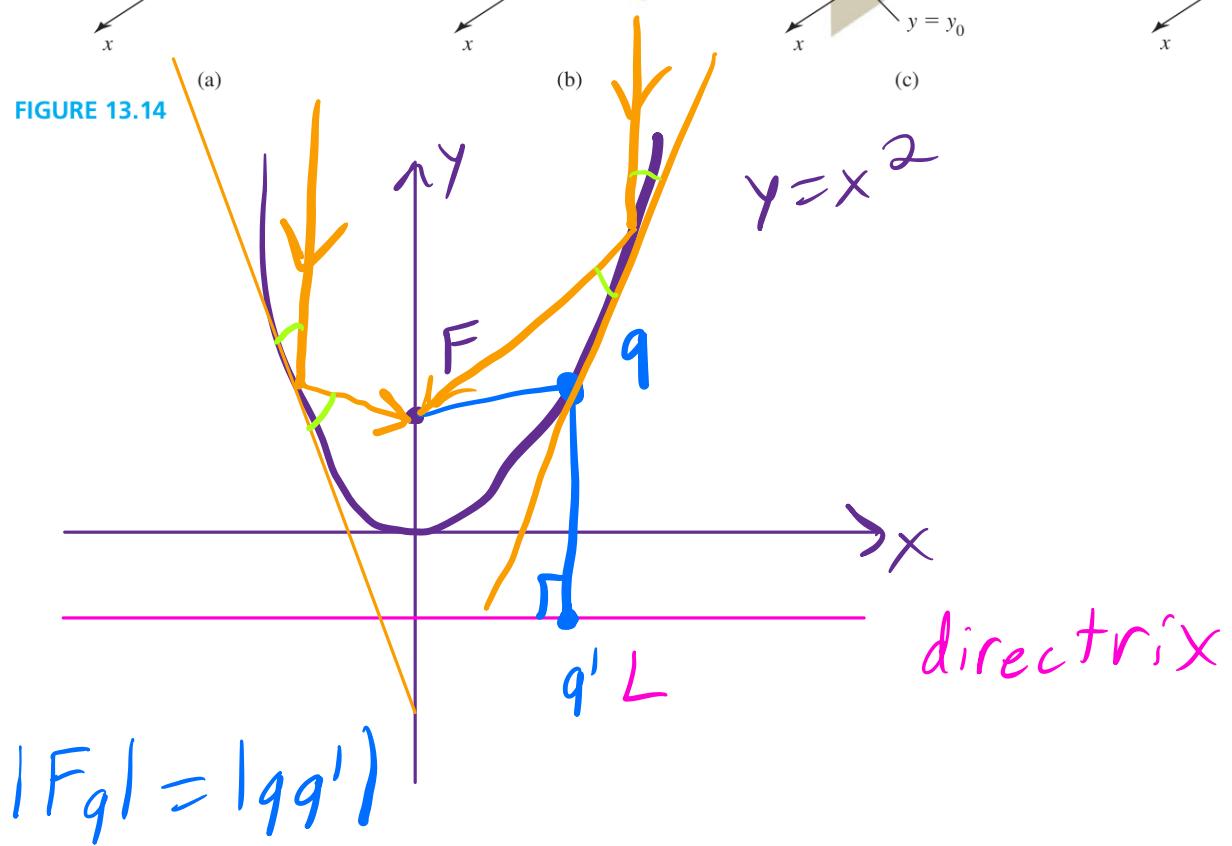


Table 13.1

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.	