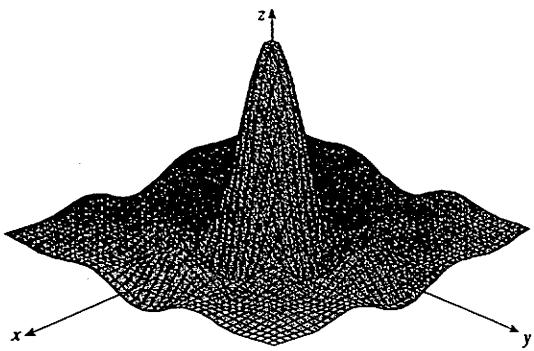
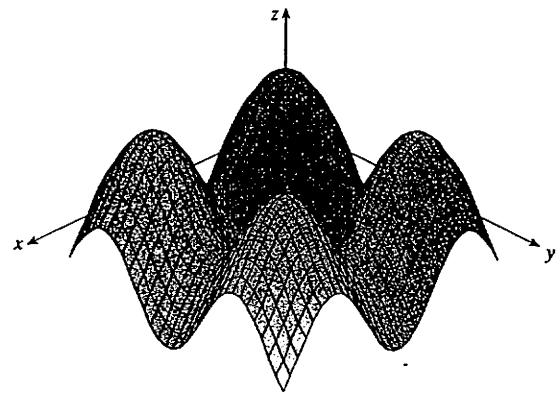


$$z = (x^2 + 3y^2)e^{-x^2-y^2}$$

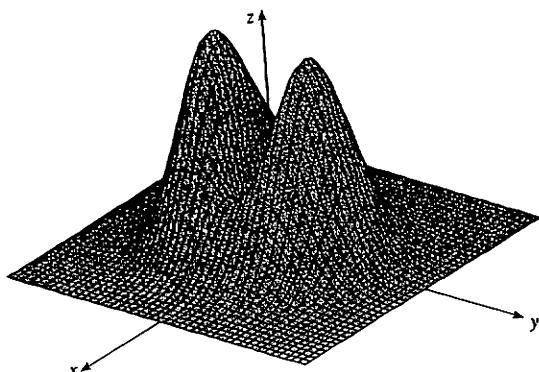
## Surfaces



$$z = \frac{\sin x \sin y}{xy}$$



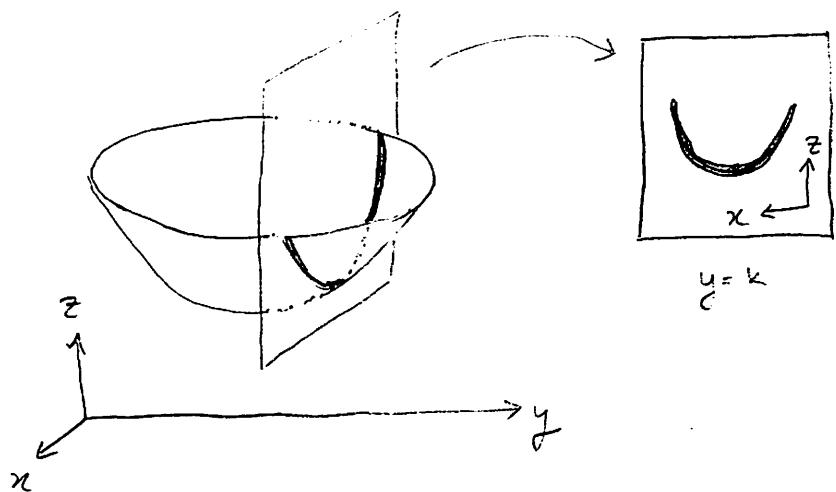
$$z = \sin x + \sin y$$



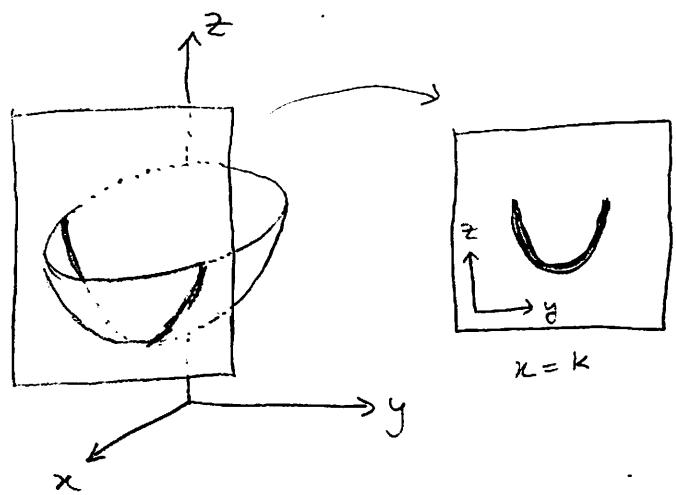
$$z = (x^2 + 3y^2)e^{-x^2-y^2}$$

## Traces (or cross sections)

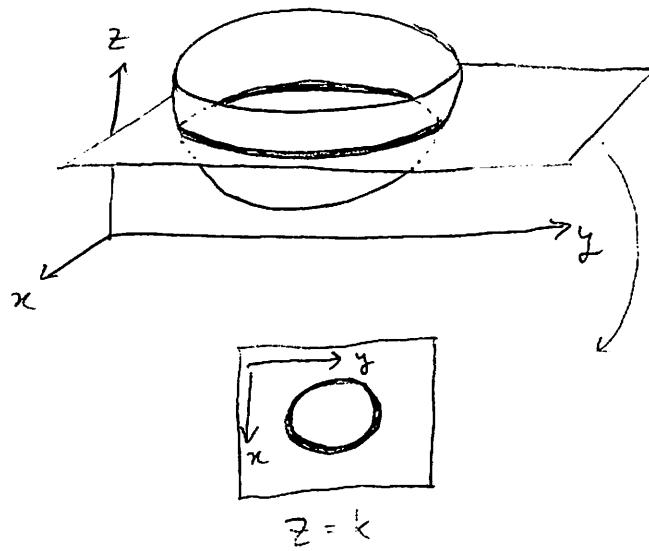
trace in  $y=k$



trace in  $x=k$



trace in  $z=k$



## Some examples:

1) vertical hollow cylinder

$z=k$  traces:

$x=k$  traces:

$y=k$  traces:

2) sphere (hollow)

$z=k$  traces:

$x=k$  traces:

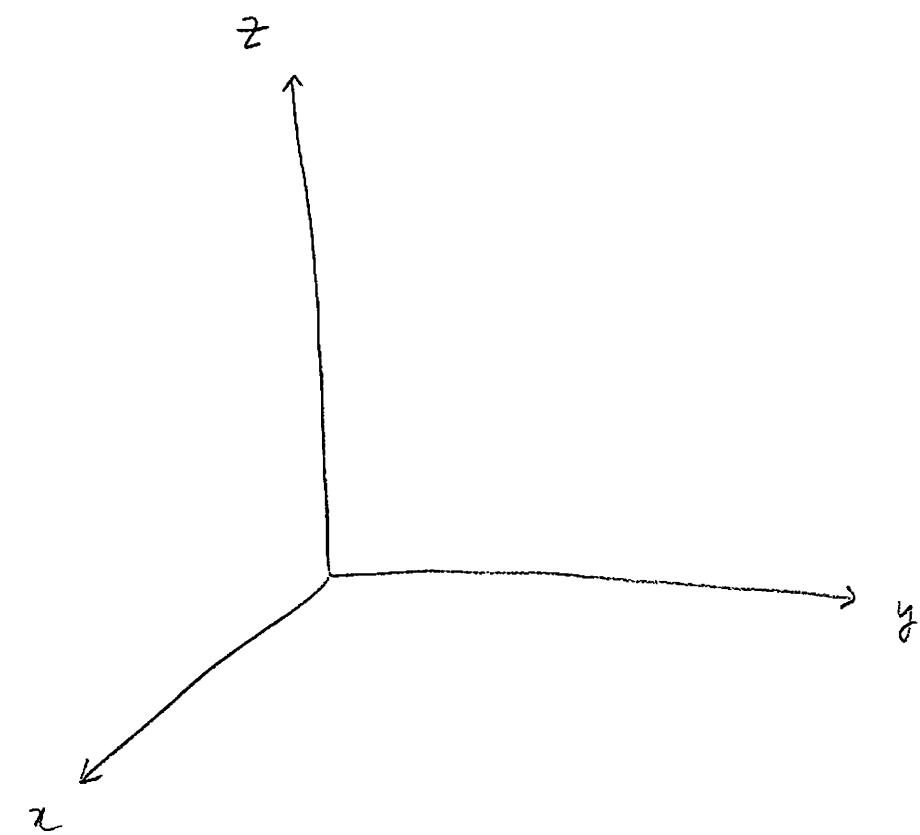
$y=k$  traces:

Sketch  $y = x^2$  (in 3D)

$z=k$  traces

$y=k$  traces

$x=k$  traces

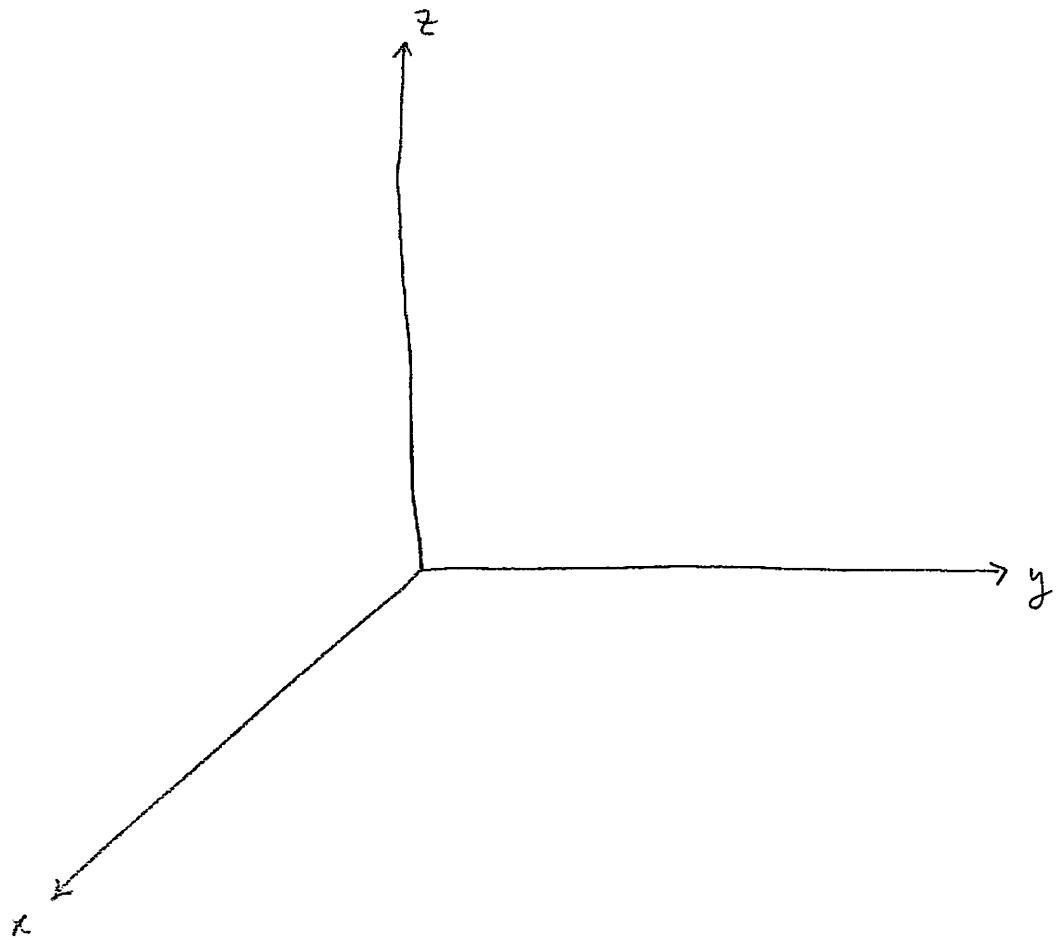


Example : Sketch  $\frac{x^2}{9} + z^2 = 1$

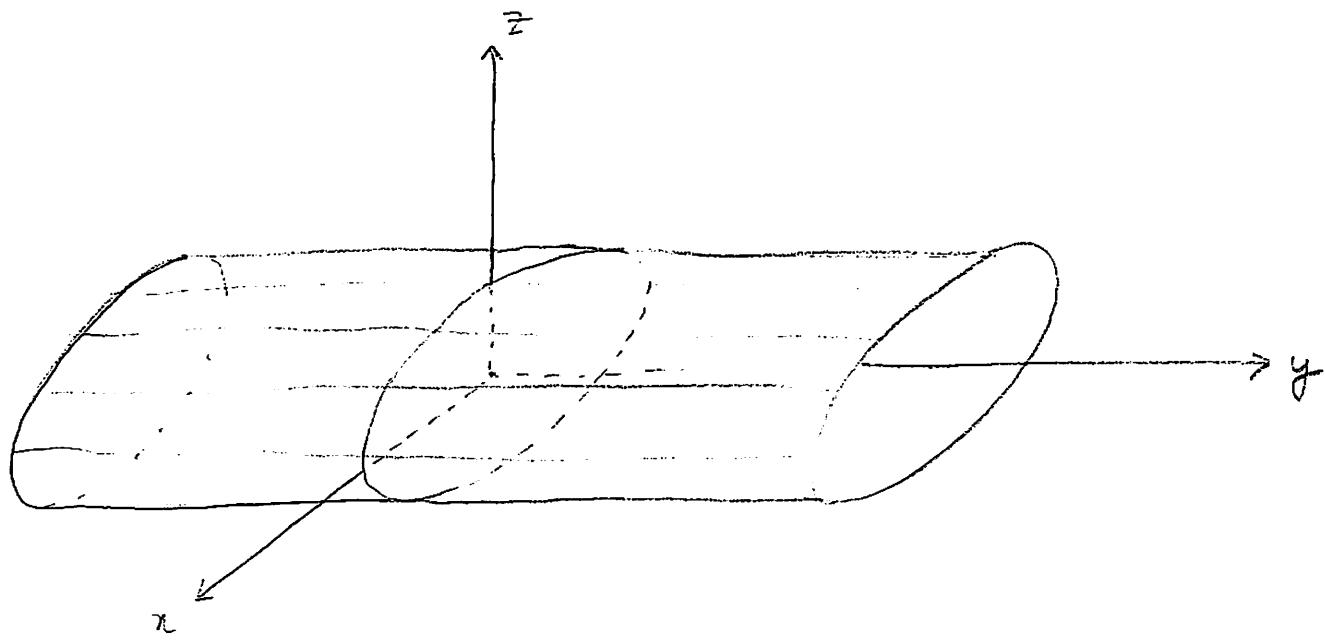
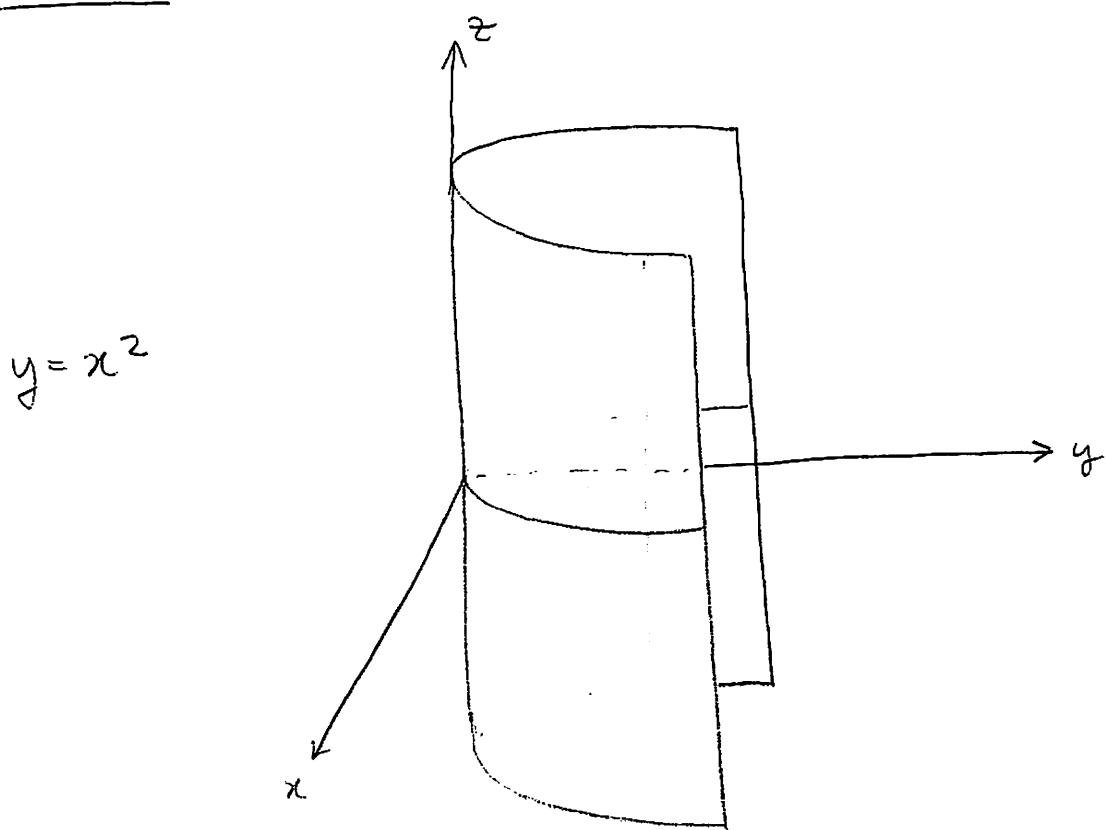
$y=k$  traces

$z=k$  traces

$x=k$  traces



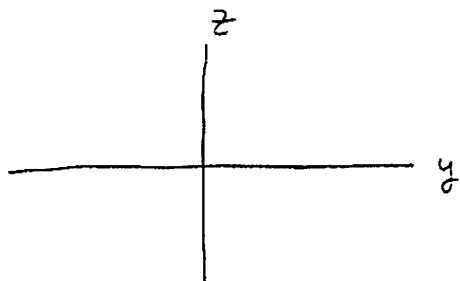
## Solutions



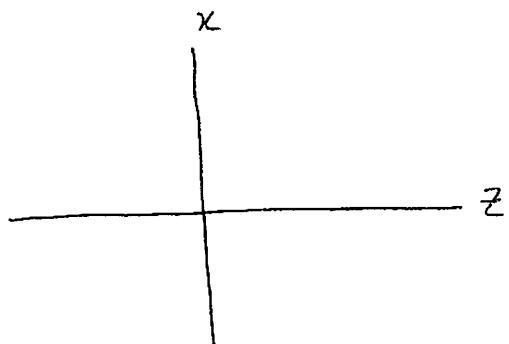
$$\frac{x^2}{9} + z^2 = 1$$

Example: use traces to sketch  $x = y^2 + 9z^2$

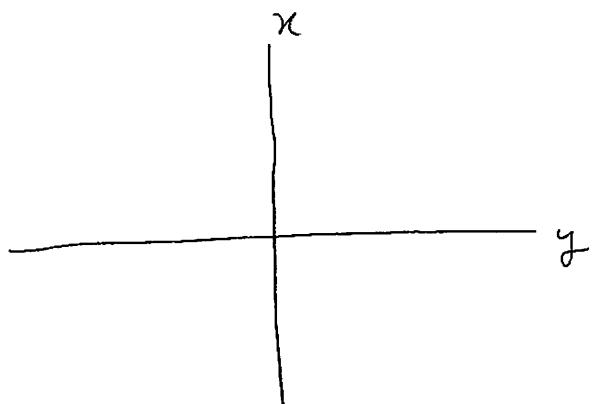
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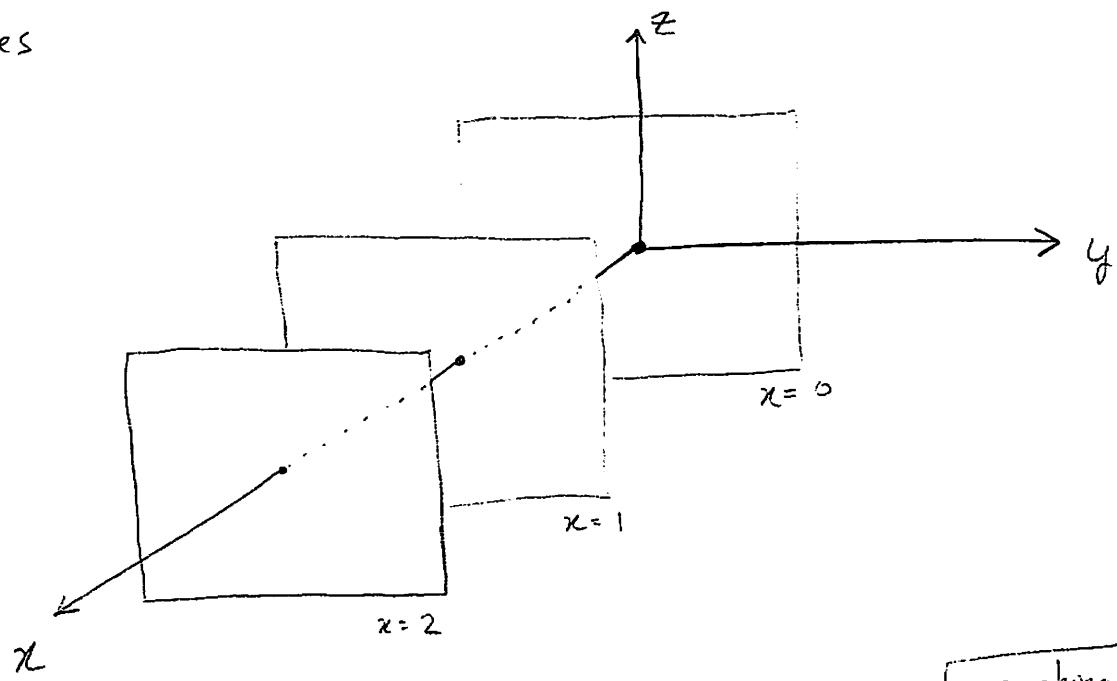
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$z = k$  traces

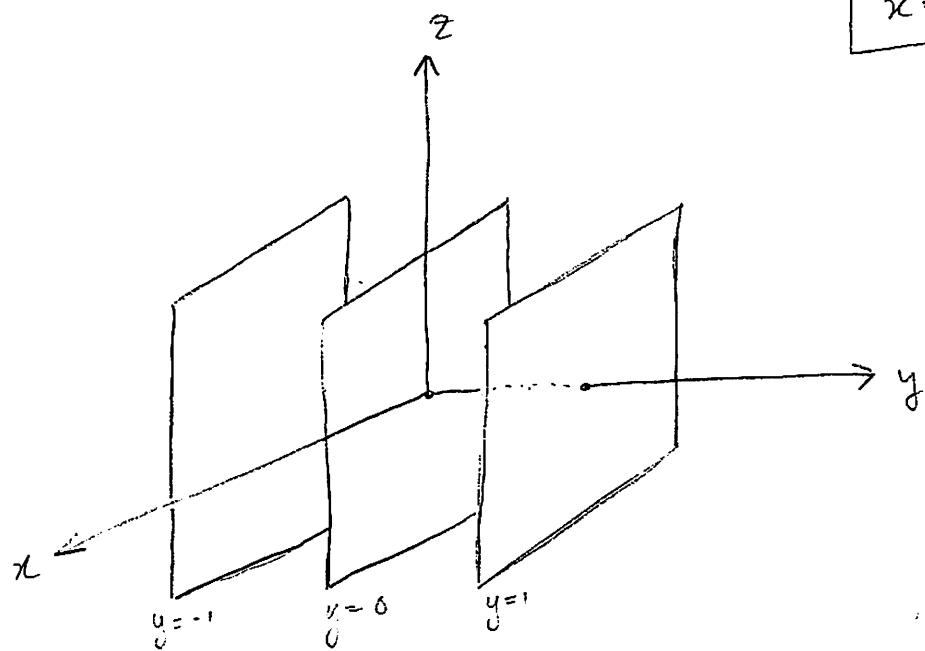


$x = k$  traces

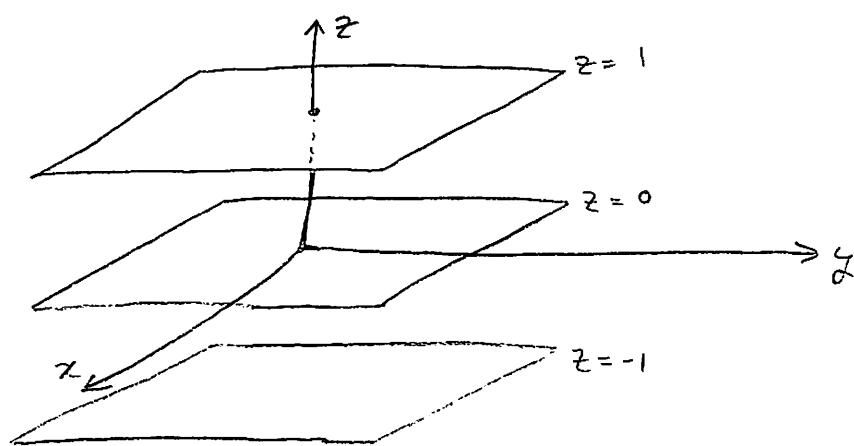


graphing  
 $x = y^2 + 9z^2$

$y = k$  traces

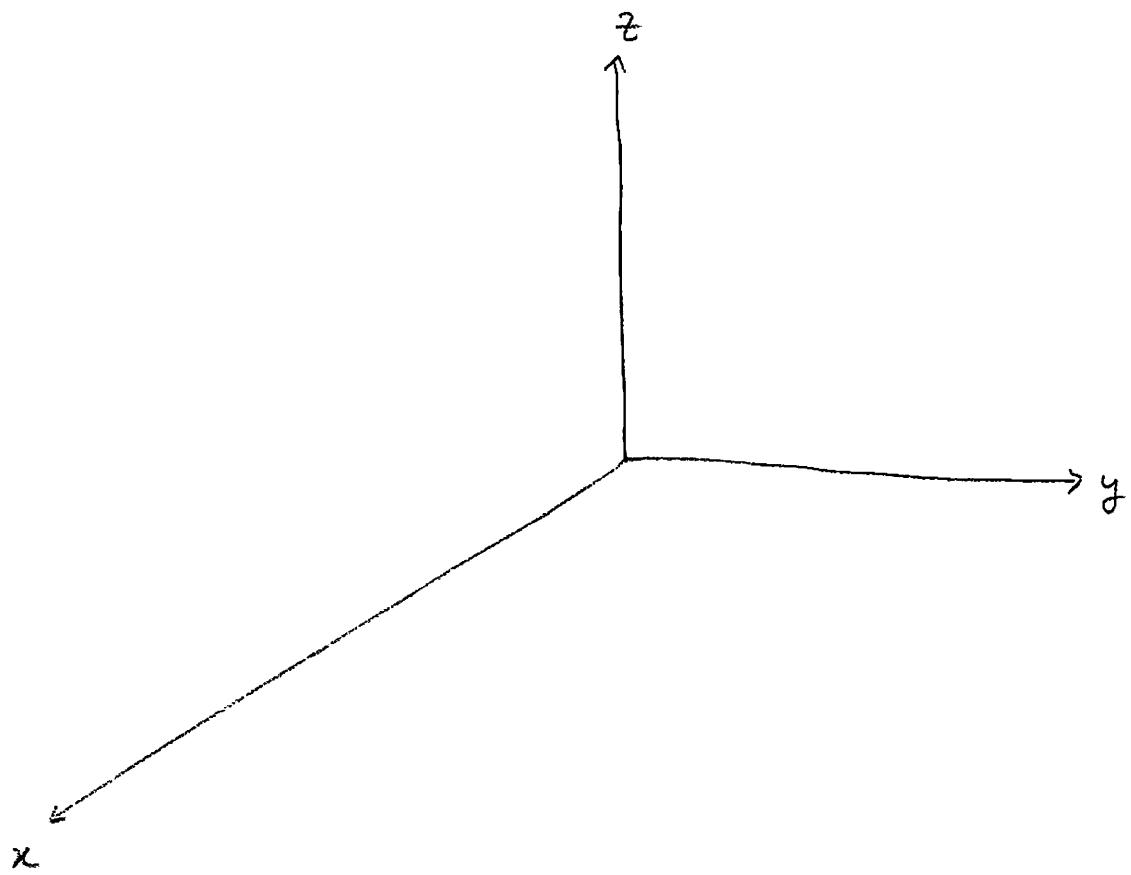


$z = k$  traces

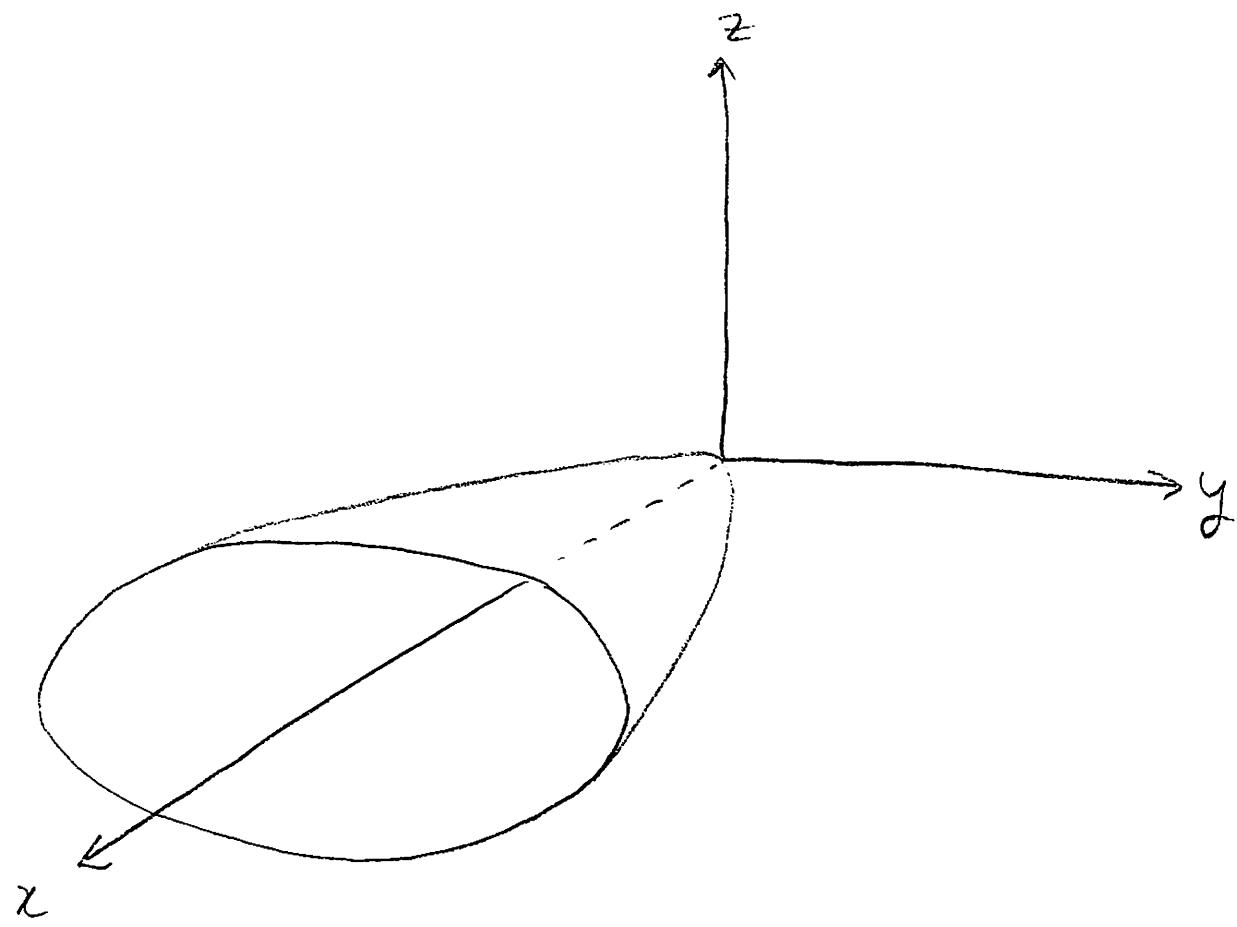


Give it a shot!

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



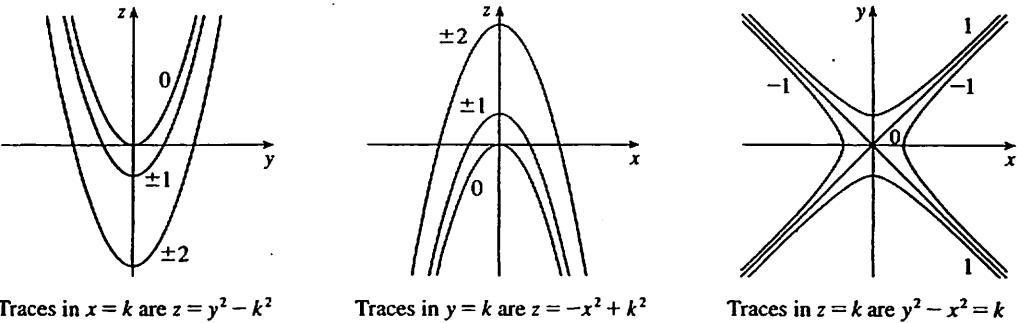
$$x = y^2 + 9z^2$$



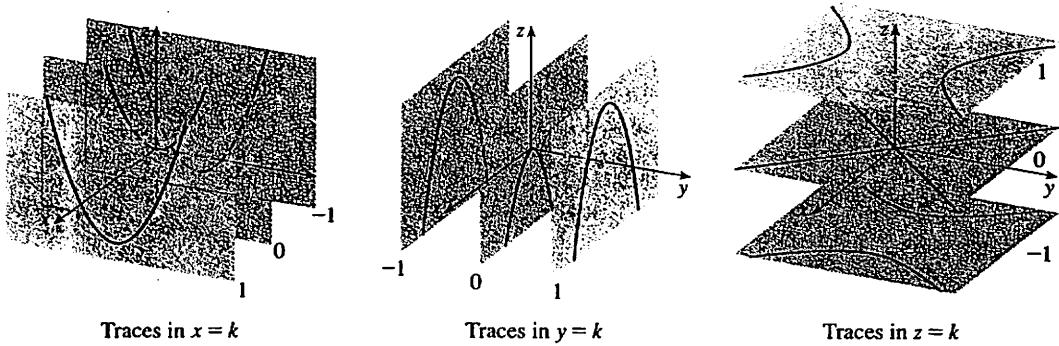
**EXAMPLE 5** Sketch the surface  $z = y^2 - x^2$ .

**SOLUTION** The traces in the vertical planes  $x = k$  are the parabolas  $z = y^2 - k^2$ , which open upward. The traces in  $y = k$  are the parabolas  $z = -x^2 + k^2$ , which open downward. The horizontal traces are  $y^2 - x^2 = k$ , a family of hyperbolas. We draw the families of traces in Figure 6, and we show how the traces appear when placed in their correct planes in Figure 7.

**FIGURE 6**  
Vertical traces are parabolas;  
horizontal traces are hyperbolas.  
All traces are labeled with the  
value of  $k$ .



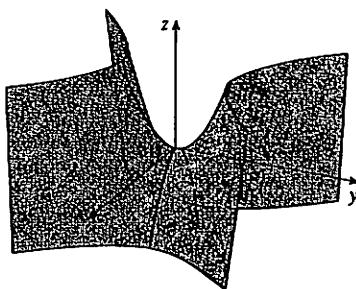
**FIGURE 7**  
Traces moved to their  
correct planes



In Module 13.6A you can investigate how traces determine the shape of a surface.

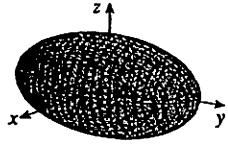
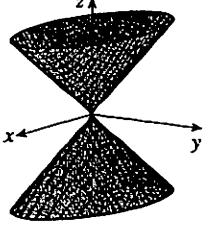
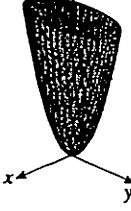
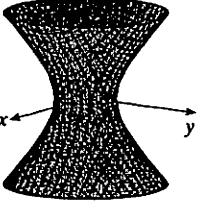
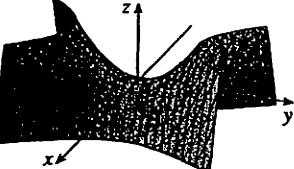
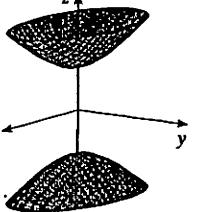
In Figure 8 we fit together the traces from Figure 7 to form the surface  $z = y^2 - x^2$ , a **hyperbolic paraboloid**. Notice that the shape of the surface near the origin resembles that of a saddle. This surface will be investigated further in Section 15.7 when we discuss saddle points.

**FIGURE 8**  
The surface  $z = y^2 - x^2$  is a  
hyperbolic paraboloid.



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TABLE 1 Graphs of quadric surfaces

Surface	Equation	Surface	Equation
<b>Ellipsoid</b> 	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ <p>All traces are ellipses. If <math>a = b = c</math>, the ellipsoid is a sphere.</p>	<b>Cone</b> 	$\frac{z^2}{c^2} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$ <p>Horizontal traces are ellipses. Vertical traces in the planes <math>x = k</math> and <math>y = k</math> are hyperbolas if <math>k \neq 0</math> but are pairs of lines if <math>k = 0</math>.</p>
<b>Elliptic Paraboloid</b> 	$\frac{z}{c} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$ <p>Horizontal traces are ellipses. Vertical traces are parabolas. The variable raised to the first power indicates the axis of the paraboloid.</p>	<b>Hyperboloid of One Sheet</b> 	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ <p>Horizontal traces are ellipses. Vertical traces are hyperbolas. The axis of symmetry corresponds to the variable whose coefficient is negative.</p>
<b>Hyperbolic Paraboloid</b> 	$\frac{z}{c} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}$ <p>Horizontal traces are hyperbolas. Vertical traces are parabolas. The case where <math>c &lt; 0</math> is illustrated.</p>	<b>Hyperboloid of Two Sheets</b> 	$-\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ <p>Horizontal traces in <math>z = k</math> are ellipses if <math>k &gt; c</math> or <math>k &lt; -c</math>. Vertical traces are hyperbolas. The two minus signs indicate two sheets.</p>

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