

12.6 QUADRIC SURFACES

In 12.1 we saw that the set of points $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ for which

$$F(x, y, z) = 0$$

for some given function $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

forms a surface, S , in \mathbb{R}^3 .

If the $f^{-1} F$ is a quadratic function of x, y, z

we call S a QUADRIC SURFACE

Goal: SKETCH S GIVEN F .

EXAMPLES

(A) $F(x, y, z) = Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$ PLANE

(B) $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1 = 0$ SPHERE

(C) [GENERALIZED CYLINDERS]

If F is independent of one of variables, say z , Then S is a generalized cylinder

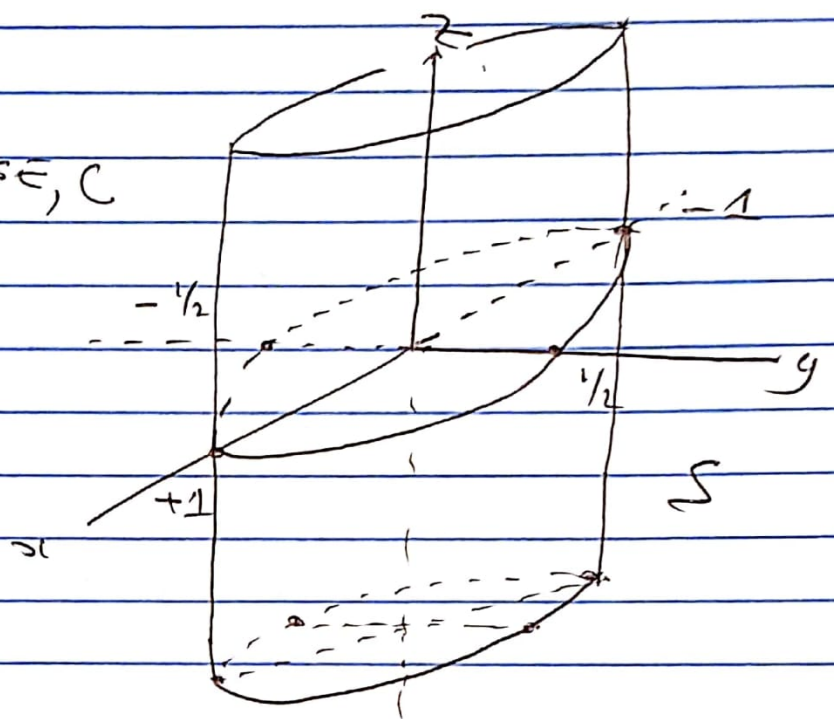
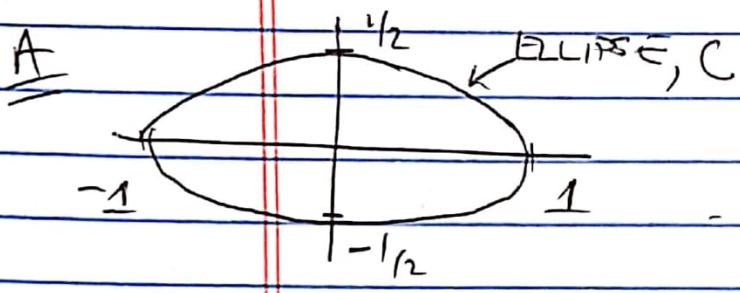
STRATEGY TO SKETCH S

$F(x, y) = 0$ is a CURVE, in xy -plane
Translate up + down z -axis to form surface S .

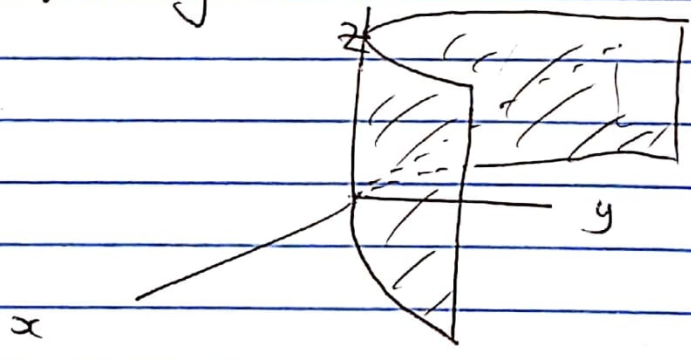
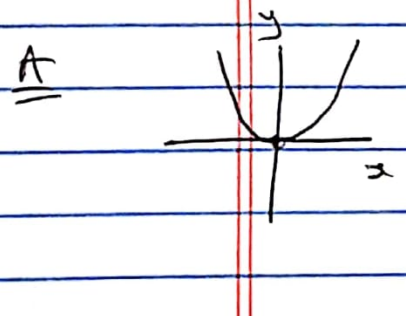
Q $z = x^2 + y^2$
A $z = r^2$

(2)

Q $x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$



Q (DO AFTER CLASS) $y = x^2$

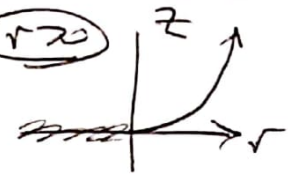
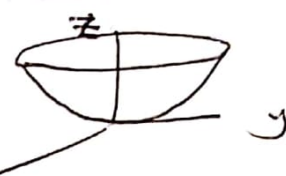


(D) SURFACES OF REVOLUTION (VIA CYL COORDS)

If x, y are always combined as $x^2 + y^2$ in formula for F

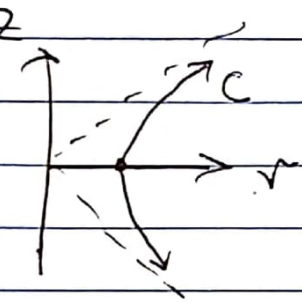
The S is a Surface of Revolution.

- SKETCHING STRATEGY:
- CONVERT TO CYL COORDS
 - PLOT IN (r, z) - SPACE
 - ROTATE ABOUT z -AXIS TO GET S

Q $z = x^2 + y^2$ (r=0)  $\xrightarrow{\text{ROTATE}}$  A $z = r^2$ PARABOLA \approx PARABOLOID (3)

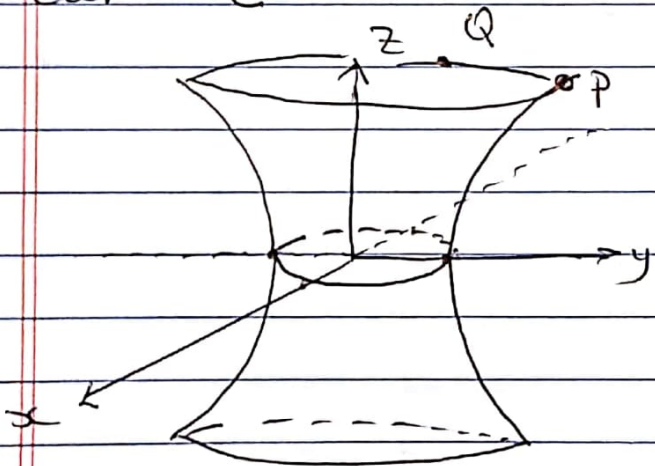
Q $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$ RECT

A $r^2 - z^2 = 1$ CYL (INDEPT OF θ !!!)

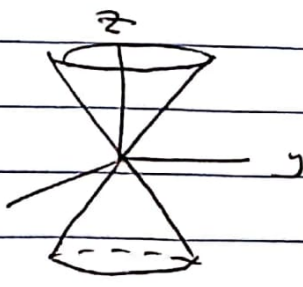
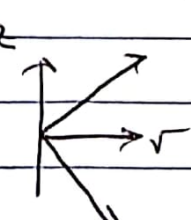
 1-ARMED HYPERBOLA

RECALL
 $r > 0$

Rotate r axis about z axis to get xy -plane
Rotate curve C $\xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}}$ surface S

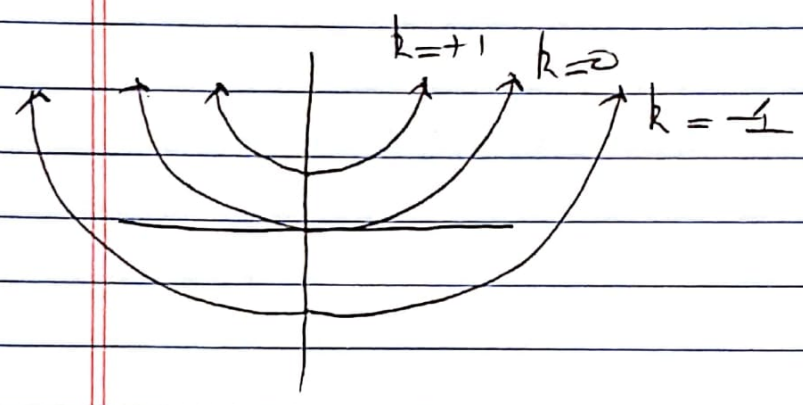
 1-SHEETED HYPERBOLOID

Since P, Q have same (r, z) (but different θ)
If P lies on curve $r^2 - z^2 = 1$ in (r, z) -space
Then P, Q both lie on surface $r^2 - z^2 = 1$ in \mathbb{R}^3

Q $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ RECT $\xrightarrow{\text{ROTATE}}$  A $z^2 = r^2$ CYL \approx  PAIR OF LINES
 $z = \pm r$ 0-INDEPT \approx DOUBLE CONE

INTERLUDE: FAMILIES OF QUADRIC SURFACES IN \mathbb{R}^2

EXS ① PARABOLAS $y = x^2 + k$ for different PARAMETERS, k

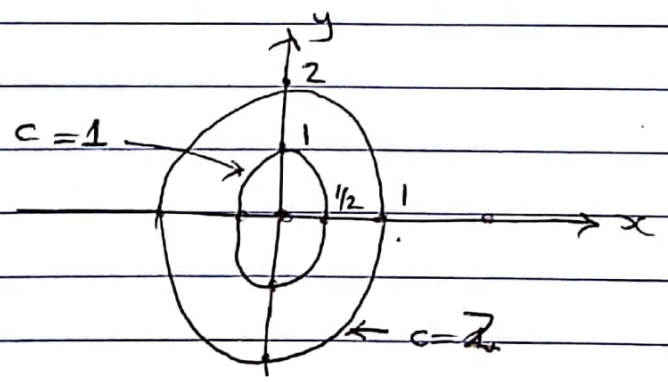


Translate $y = x^2$ up by k .

② ELLIPSES

$4x^2 + y^2 = c^2$ for parameter c

INTERCEPTS : $y = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{c}{2}$
 $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = \pm c$



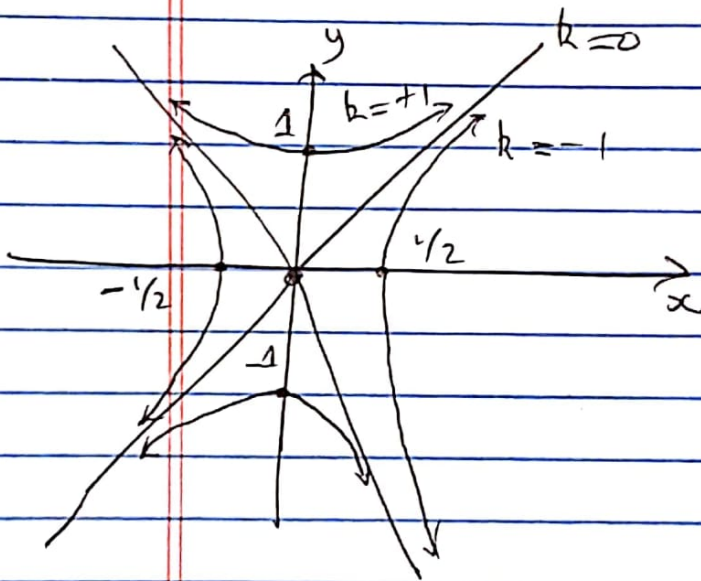
$c = 0$ IS ORIGIN.

③ HYPERBOLAE $y^2 - 4x^2 = k$

$k=0$ $y = \pm 2x$ Pair of Lines (Asymptotes)

$k=+1$ GOES THRU $x=0, y = \pm 1$

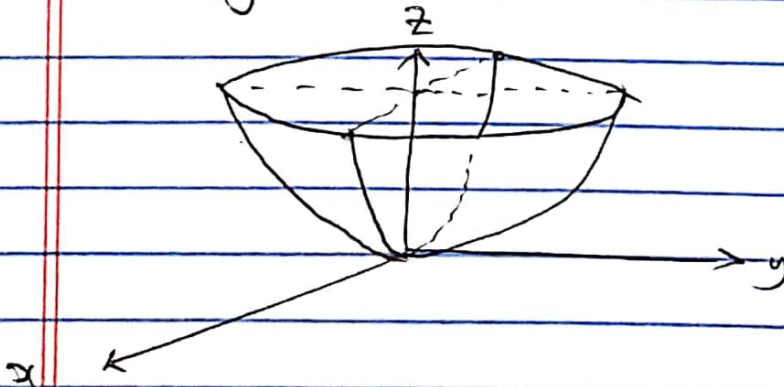
$k=-1$ GOES THRU $y=0, x = \pm \frac{1}{2}$



As $|k| \uparrow$
Intercepts move
out along axes.
+ asymptotes
remain same.

⑤ GENERAL QUADRIC SURFACES (VIA TRACES/SLICES)

① $z = 4x^2 + y^2$. ELLIPTIC PARABOLOID



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TO OBTAIN THIS SKETCH

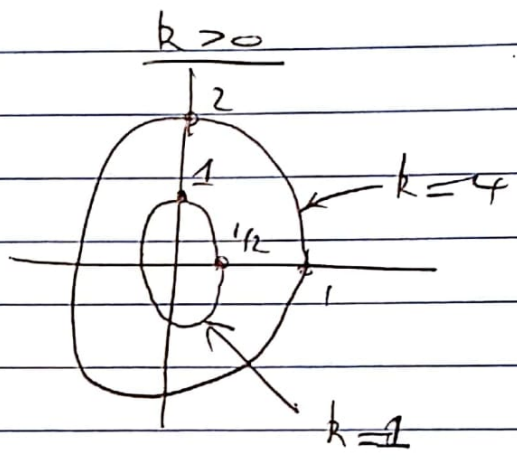
SLICE Surface by planes parallel to 3 coord planes.

$z=k$ $4x^2 + y^2 = k$

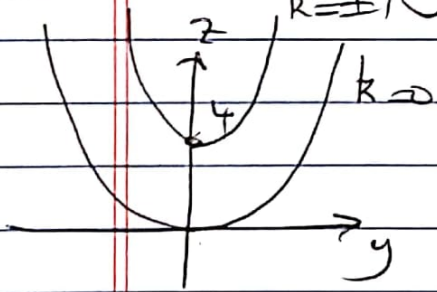
See Ellipses etc above. ($k=c^2$)

$k < 0$ EMPTY SET

$k = 0$ ORIGIN

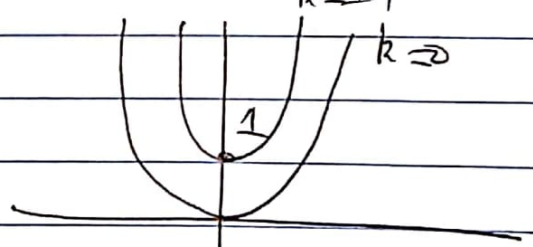


$x=k$ $z = 4k^2 + y^2$
 $k = \pm 1$



SHALLOWER

$y=k$ $z = 4x^2 + k^2$
 $k = \pm 1$

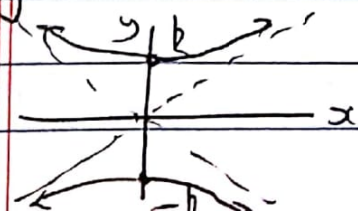


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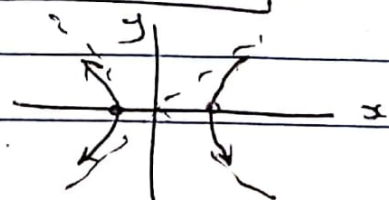
② SADDLE SURFACE $z = y^2 - x^2$

$z=0$ $y = \pm x$

$z = k^2 > 0$ $y^2 - x^2 = k^2$



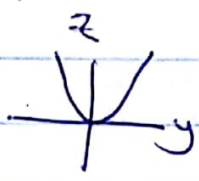
$z = -k^2 < 0$



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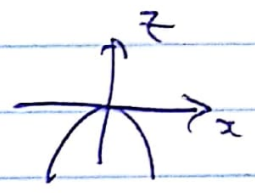
$x=0$

$z=y^2$

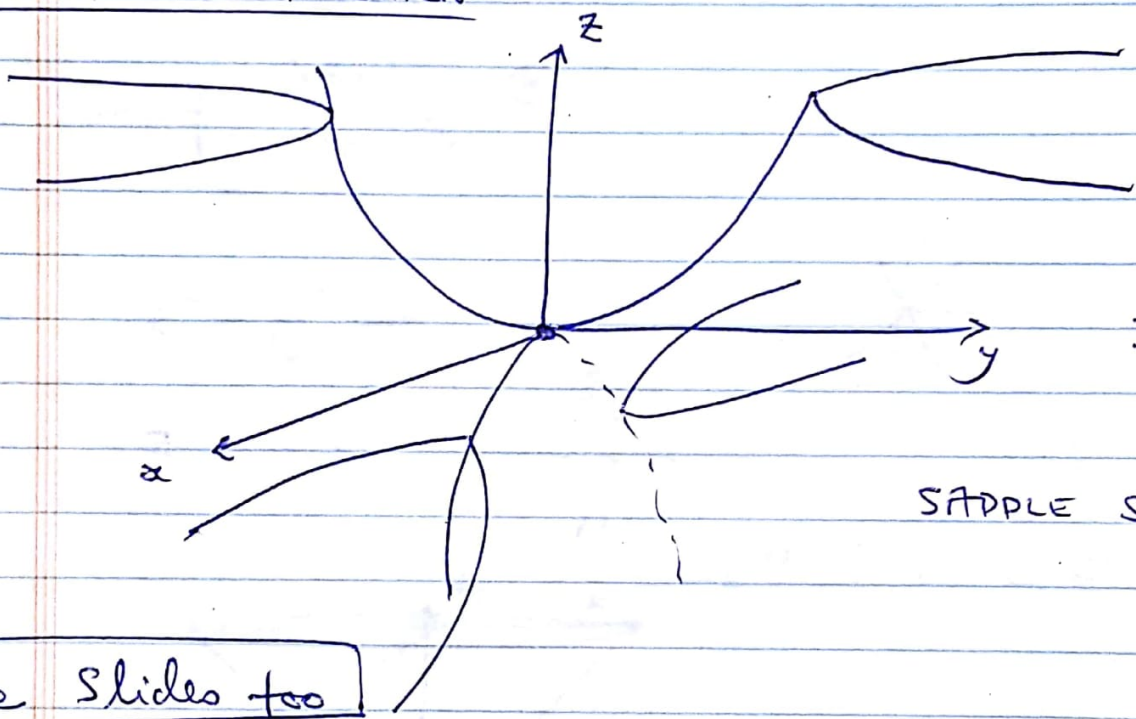


$y=0$

$z=-x^2$



PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER



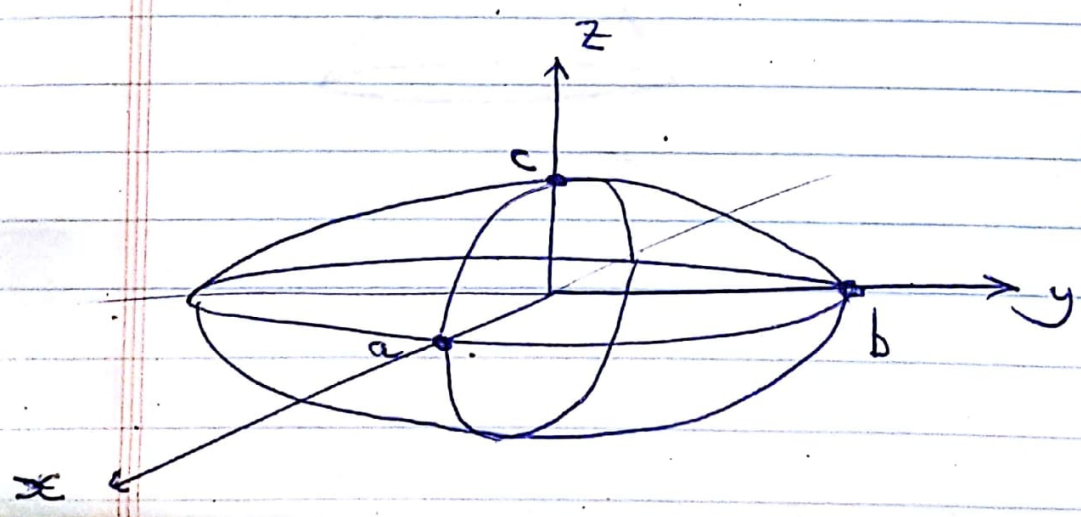
HORSE GOES THIS WAY.

SADDLE SURFACE

See slides too

⑧ ELLIPSOID

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



SLICES in $x=0, y=0, z=0$ are ellipses.

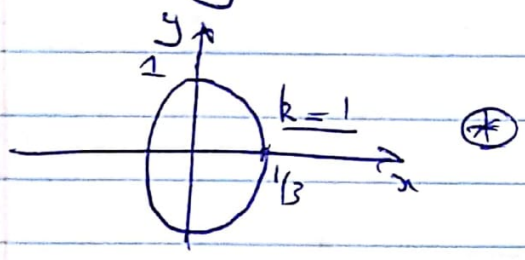
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$z^2 = 9x^2 + y^2$ DOUBLE ELLIPTICAL CONE

$z = k$

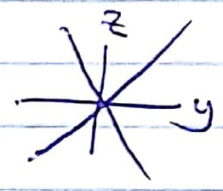
$9x^2 + y^2 = k^2$

$\left(\frac{3x}{k}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{k}\right)^2 = 1$



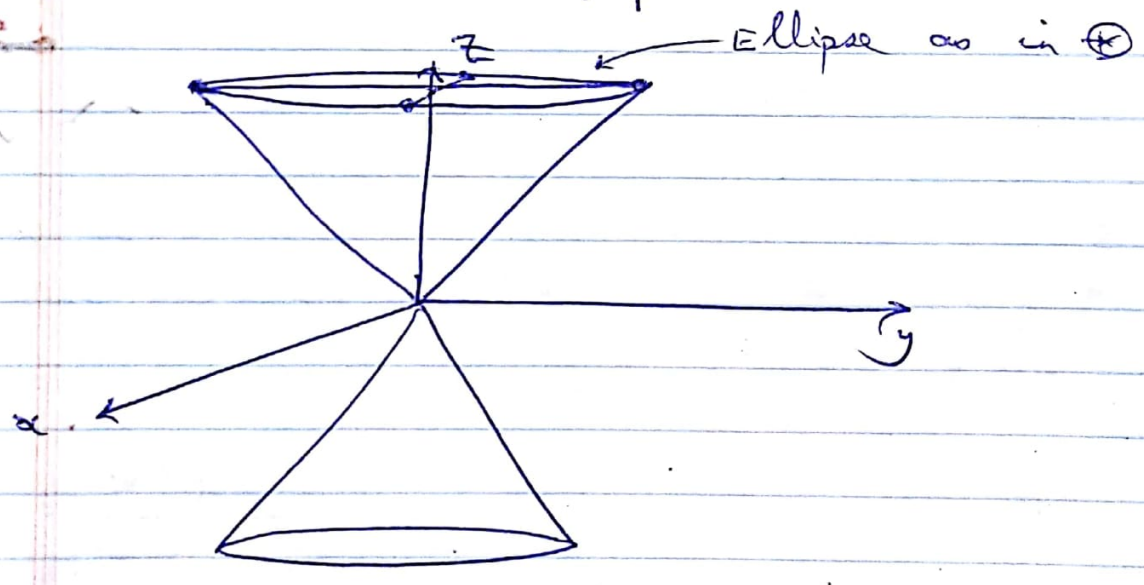
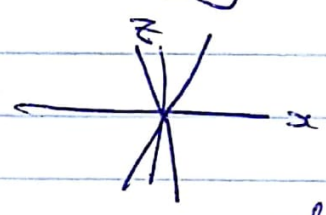
$x = 0$

$z^2 = y^2 \Rightarrow z = \pm y$

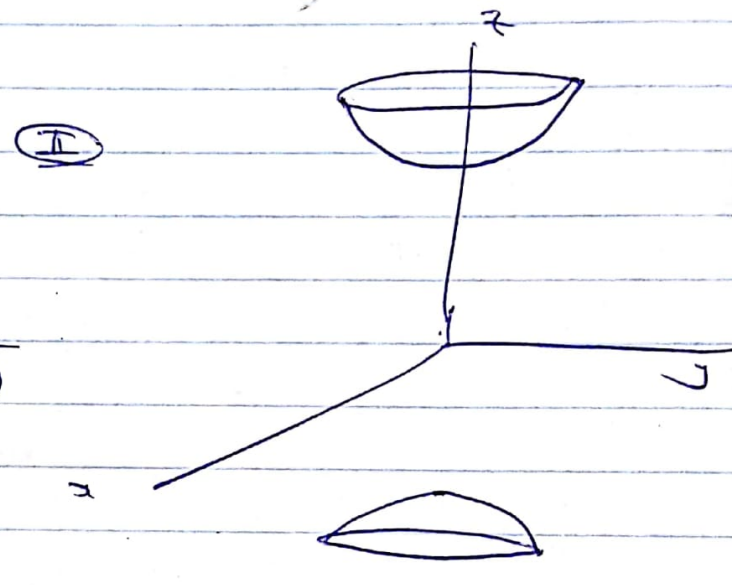
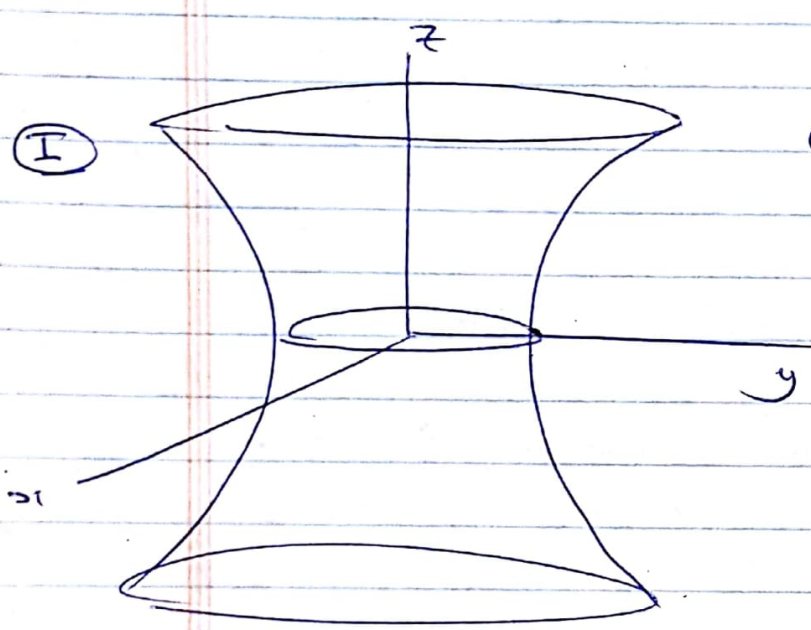


$y = 0$

$z = \pm 3x$



Which is which?



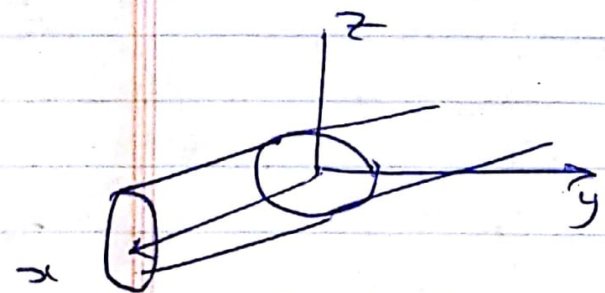
(A) $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$

(B) $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = -1$

$x^2 + y^2 = 1 + z^2$
has $z=k$ nonempty for all z .

$x^2 + y^2 = z^2 - 1$
has empty $z=k$ trace
for $k^2 - 1 < 0$, $|k| < 1$

FINALLY CYLINDER
 $y^2 + z^2 = 1$



Slice in $x=k$ and get
circle $y^2 + z^2 = 1$