

13.6 Quadric Surfaces (part 1)

in \mathbb{R}^2 equations like $y = x^2$ are curves

in \mathbb{R}^3 equations in terms of x , y , and z , the graphs are surfaces

for example, $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ is a sphere

$(x-2) + 2(y+3) - 3(z+4) = 0$ is a plane

normal vector: $\langle 1, 2, -3 \rangle$

through point: $(2, -3, -4)$

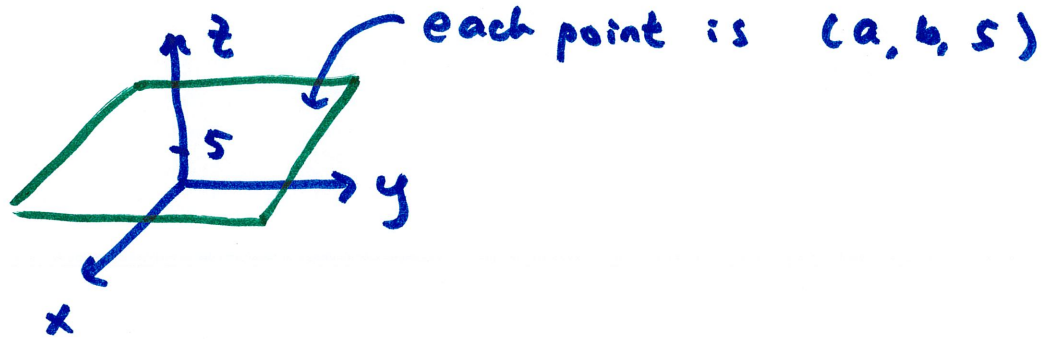
Sometimes a variable is missing

→ the missing variable is a "free variable"

not related to others, so can be anything

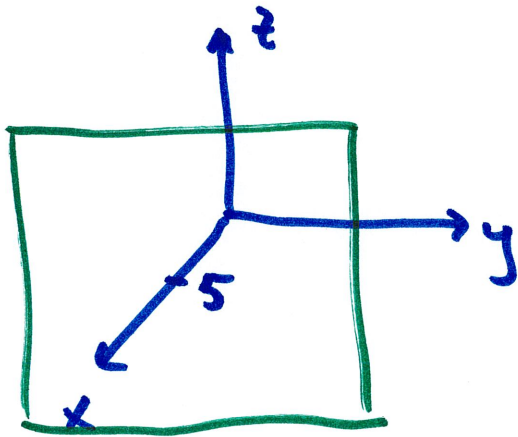
for example, $z = 5$ in \mathbb{R}^3 is missing x, y

surface made of points $(a, b, 5)$ where $-\infty < a < \infty, -\infty < b < \infty$



likewise, $x = 5$ in \mathbb{R}^3 is missing y, z

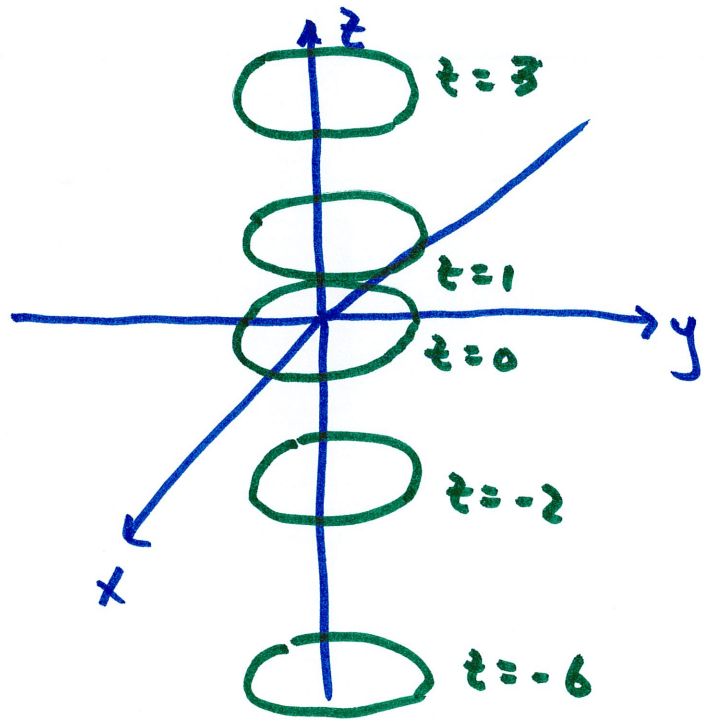
Surface contains points $(5, a, b)$ $-\infty < a < \infty, -\infty < b < \infty$



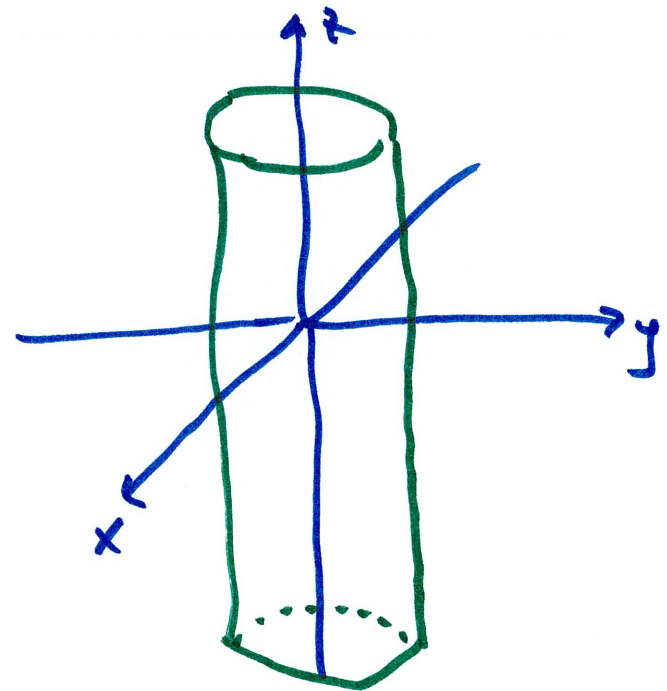
$x^2 + y^2 = 1$ in \mathbb{R}^3 contains no z

Surface made of points whose x and y satisfy $x^2 + y^2 = 1$
but $-\infty < z < \infty$

for any z , we have circle radius 1 center $(0, 0, z)$

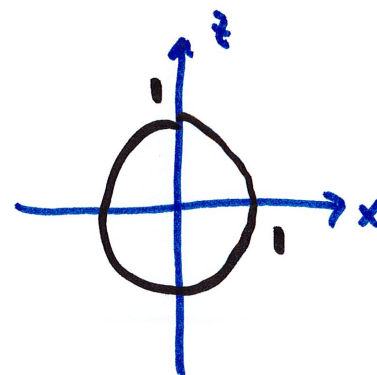
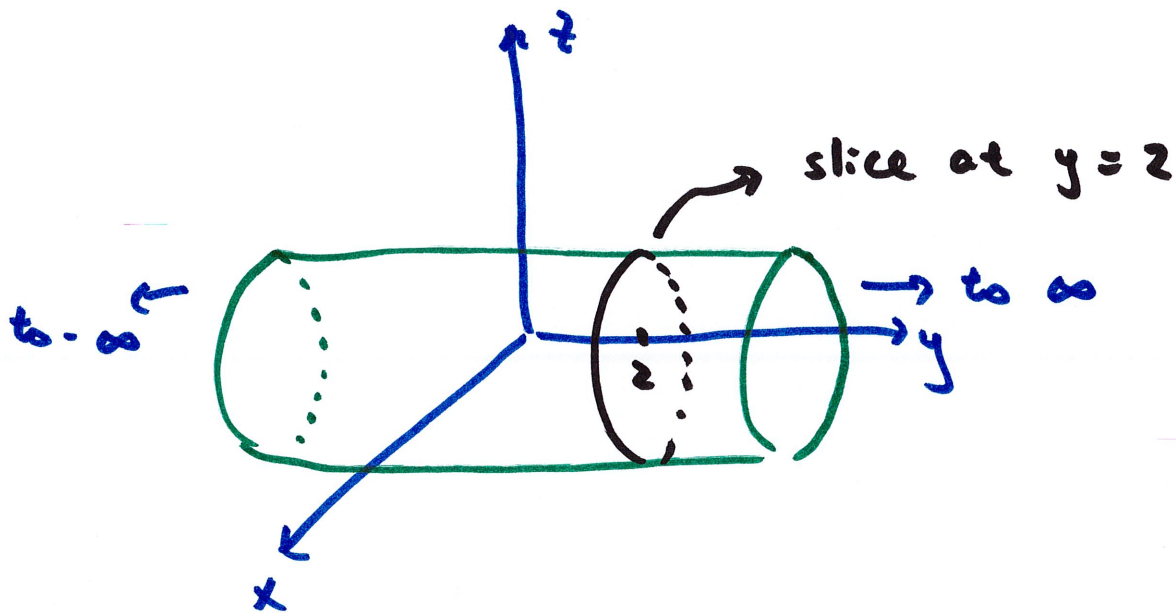


Stack them \rightarrow



Circular cylinder

$x^2 + z^2 = 1$ in \mathbb{R}^3 is missing y



these slices at x, y, z equal to ~~to~~ some constant are called traces

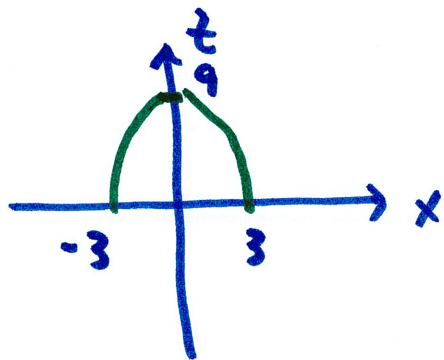
intersection of surface with the xy-plane is called the xy-trace

" " " xz-plane " " xz-trace

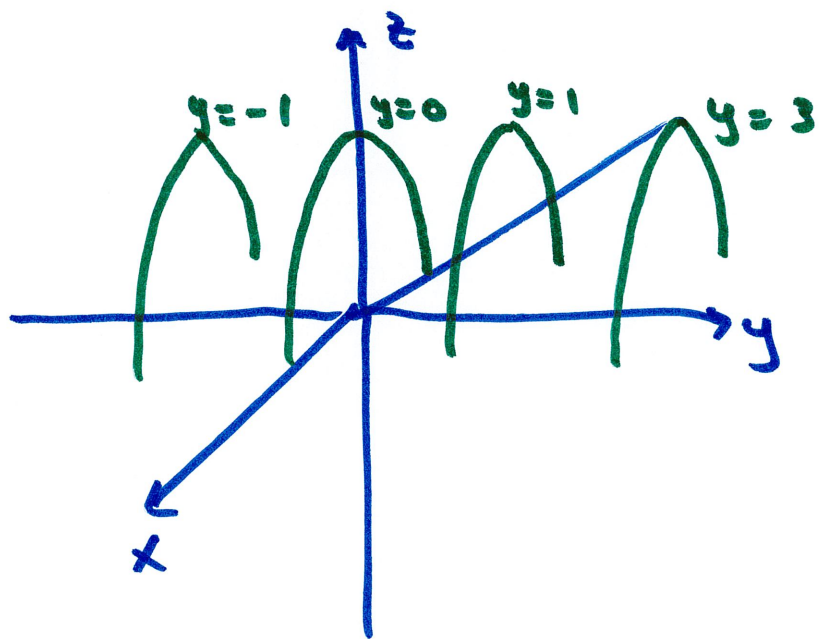
" " " yz-plane " " yz-trace

example $z = 9 - x^2$ has no y so $-\infty < y < \infty$

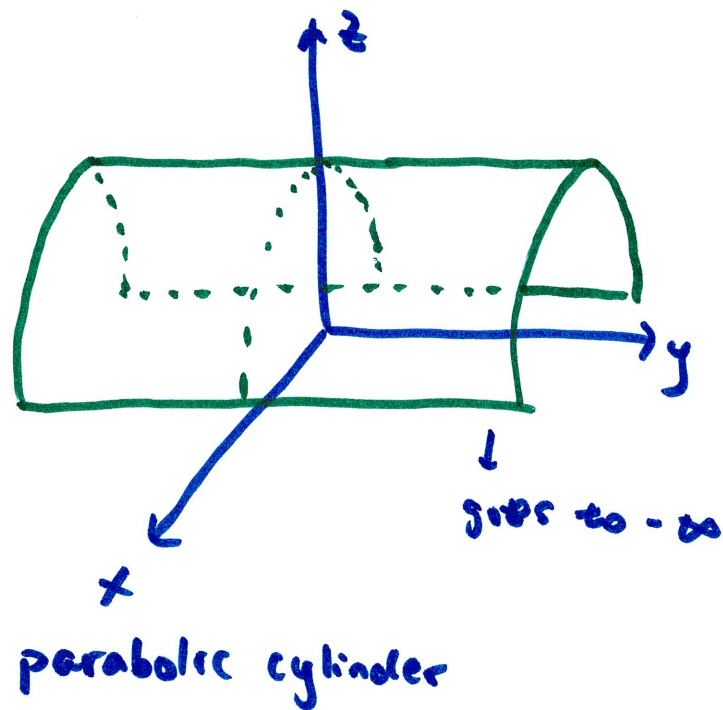
for each y , $z = 9 - x^2$ is a parabola



same cross section for all y



stack \rightarrow



stacking traces is an important skill to sketch surfaces

$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$ pretend we didn't know this is a sphere

x-ints: $x^2 = 16 \rightarrow x = \pm 4$

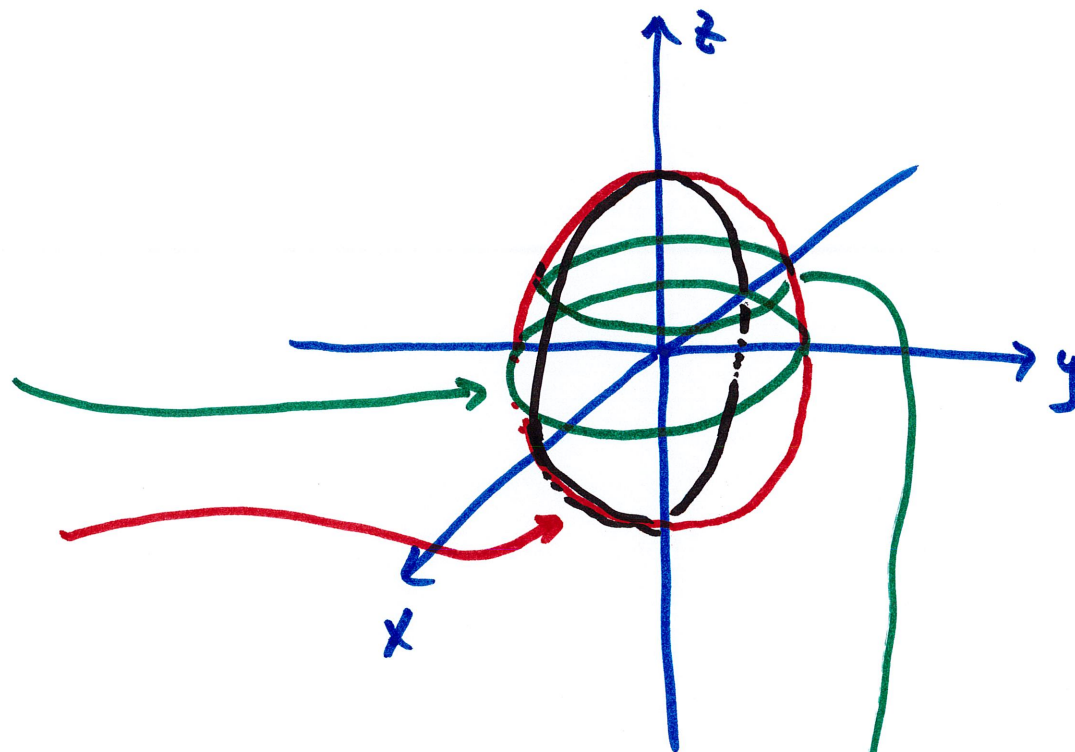
y-ints: $y = \pm 4$

z-ints: $z = \pm 4$

xy-trace ($z=0$): $x^2 + y^2 = 16$

yz-trace ($x=0$): $y^2 + z^2 = 16$

xz-trace ($y=0$): $x^2 + z^2 = 16$



→ can take more slices at, for example, at $z = k$

$$x^2 + y^2 + k^2 = 16$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 16 - k^2$$

circle radius $\sqrt{16 - k^2}$

$$-4 \leq k \leq 4$$

at $z = 2$

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

x-ints: $x=0$

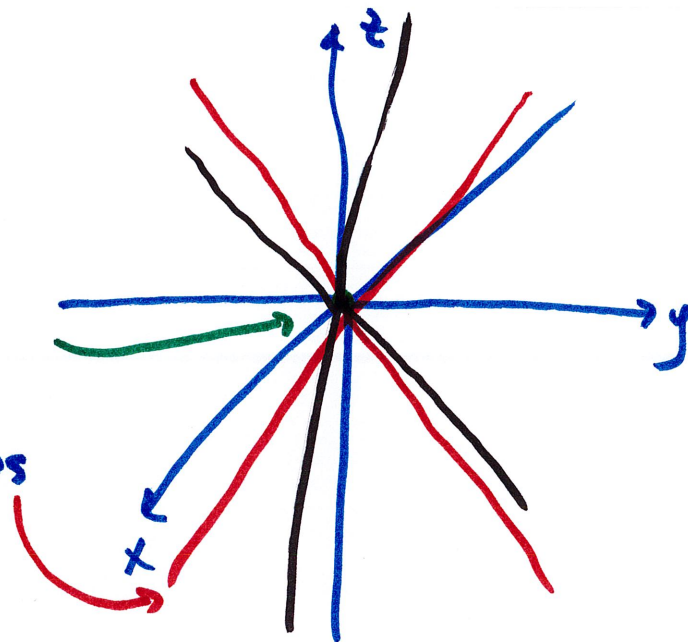
y-ints: $y=0$

z-ints: $z=0$

xy-trace ($z=0$): $x^2 + y^2 = 0$ (point at origin)

yz-trace ($x=0$): $y^2 = z^2 \rightarrow y = \pm z$ two lines

xz-trace ($y=0$): $x^2 = z^2 \rightarrow x = \pm z$

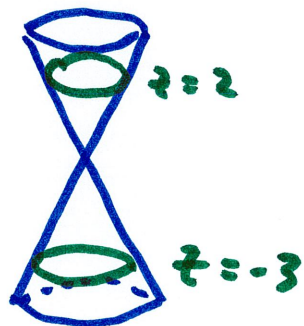


→ slice at $z = k$

$x^2 + y^2 = k^2$ circle radius $|k|$ $-\infty < k < \infty$

circle gets bigger as $z \rightarrow \infty$ or $z \rightarrow -\infty$

Sketch them:



double cone

example

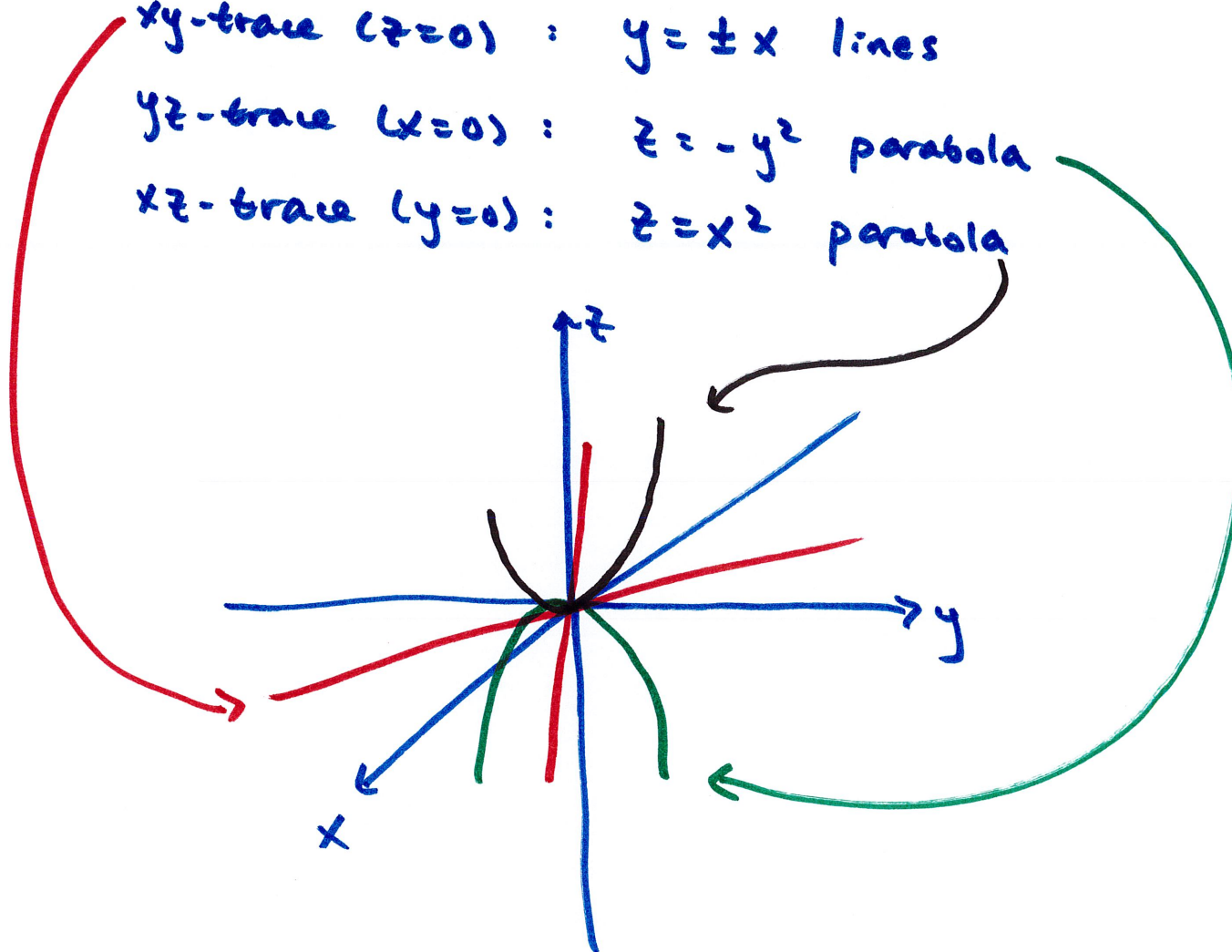
$$z = x^2 - y^2$$

x, y, z ints are 0

xy -trace ($z=0$) : $y = \pm x$ lines

yz -trace ($x=0$) : $z = -y^2$ parabola

xz -trace ($y=0$) : $z = x^2$ parabola

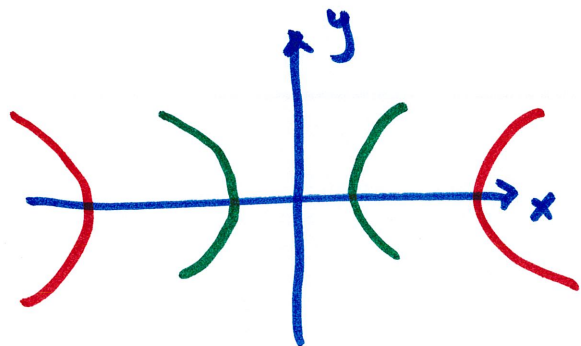


need more slices

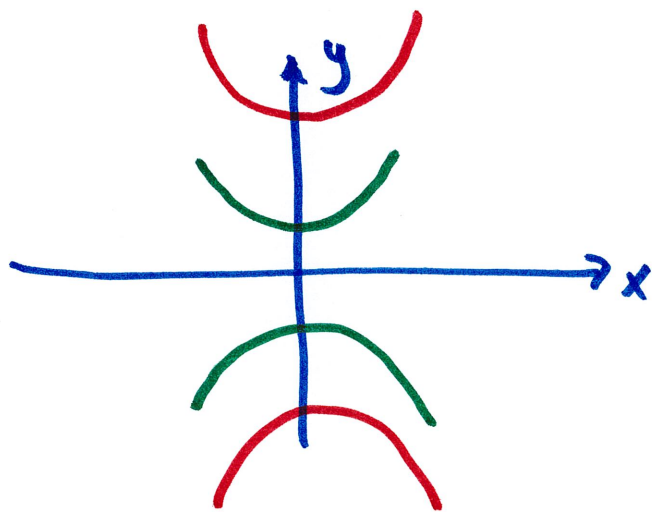
more slices at $z = k$

$$x^2 - y^2 = k$$

if $k > 0$, this is a hyperbola w/ intercepts on x -axis
branches move apart as k increases



if $k < 0$, intercepts on y -axis



Slices at $y=k$ and $x=k$ are all parabolas

