## Lesson 9. Cylinders and Quadric Surfaces

## 1 Today...

• Drawing different types of surfaces in 3D space

## 2 Cylinders

- A cylinder is a surface composed of all lines that
  - are parallel to a given line and
  - $\circ~$  pass through a given plane curve
- In 3D, if one of the variables *x*, *y*, *z* is missing from the equation of a surface, then the surface is a cylinder

**Example 1.** Sketch the graph of the surface  $z = x^2$ .



**Example 2.** Sketch the graph of the surface  $y^2 + z^2 = 1$ .



**Example 3.** Sketch the graph of the surface xy = 1.



## 3 Traces

- A trace of a surface is the curve of intersection of the surface with planes parallel to the coordinate planes
- Idea:
  - Start with an equation in 3 variables x, y, z
  - Plug in a value for one of the variables
  - Graph the resulting equation in 2 variables (i.e., graph a trace of the surface)
  - Repeat for other values and other variables
  - "Glue" the traces together





