## 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
- 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 $x y=1$.


## 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

Example 4. Use traces to sketch the equation $x^{2}+\frac{y^{2}}{9}+\frac{z^{2}}{4}=1$.


Example 5. Use traces to sketch the surface $z=4 x^{2}+y^{2}$.


Example 6. Use traces to sketch the surface $z=y^{2}-x^{2}$.


