

12.6, number 9: Which picture from (a)–(l) corresponds to

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

Answer:

When $x = 0$, the equation describes two lines in the yz -plane.

When $y = 0$, the equation describes a parabola in the xz -plane. This parabola has x always positive.

When $z = 0$, the equation describes a parabola in the xy -plane. This parabola has x always negative.

The total graph is a hyperbolic paraboloid. The answer is either (k) or (l). Notice the intersection of (k) with the xz plane has x always positive. The intersection of (l) with the xz -plane has x always negative. The graph must be k.