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Every slice is an ellipse \rightsquigarrow surface is an ellipsoid.

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Slices

$x = k$

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Eqn Format

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Conic section

Sketches

Assemble together:

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