

# Tutorial 14 : Quadric Surfaces (part 2)

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# Quadric Surfaces

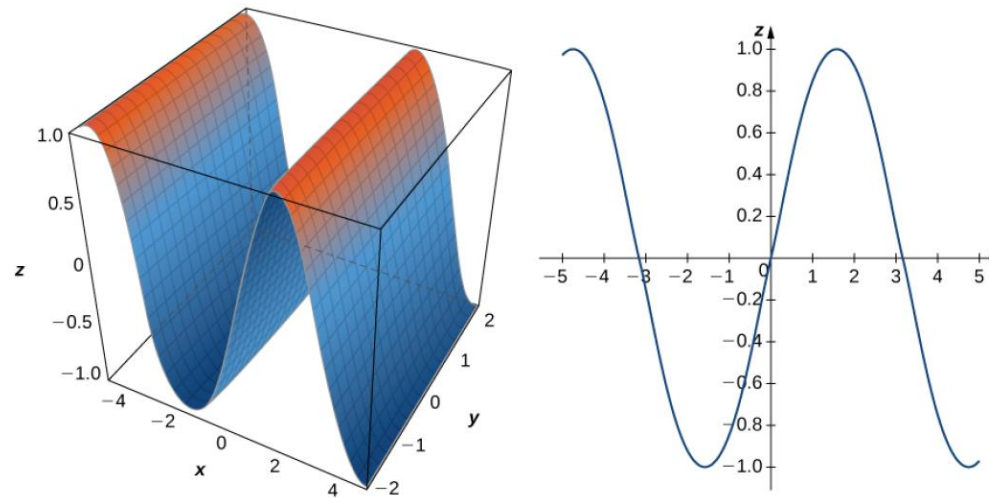
**Definition** Quadric surfaces are the graphs of equations that can be expressed in the form

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + Dxy + Exz + Fyz + Gx + Hy + Jz + K = 0.$$

When a quadric surface intersects a coordinate plane, the trace is a conic section.

## Definition

The **traces** of a surface are the cross-sections created when the surface intersects a plane parallel to one of the coordinate planes.



This is one view of the graph of equation  $z = \sin x$ .

To find the trace of the graph in the xz-plane, set  $y = 0$ . The trace is simply a two-dimensional sine wave.

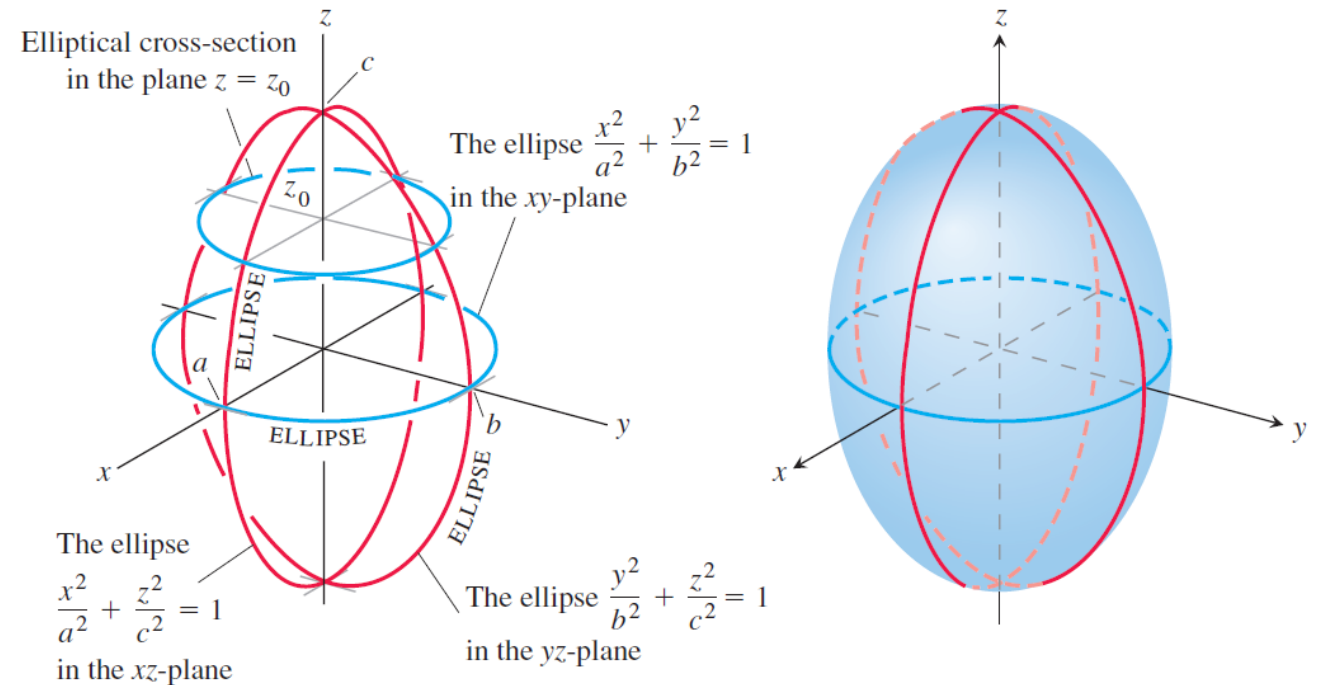
# Ellipsoid

An ellipsoid is a surface described by an equation of the form

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

cuts the coordinate axes at  $(\pm a, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, \pm b, 0)$ , and  $(0, 0, \pm c)$ .

Set  $x = 0$  to see the trace of the ellipsoid in the  $yz$ -plane. To see the traces in the  $y$ - and  $xz$ -planes, set  $z = 0$  and  $y = 0$ , respectively. Notice that, if  $a = b$ , the trace in the  $xy$ -plane is a circle. Similarly, if  $a = c$ , the trace in the  $xz$ -plane is a circle and, if  $b = c$ , then the trace in the  $yz$ -plane is a circle. A sphere, then, is an ellipsoid with  $a = b = c$ .



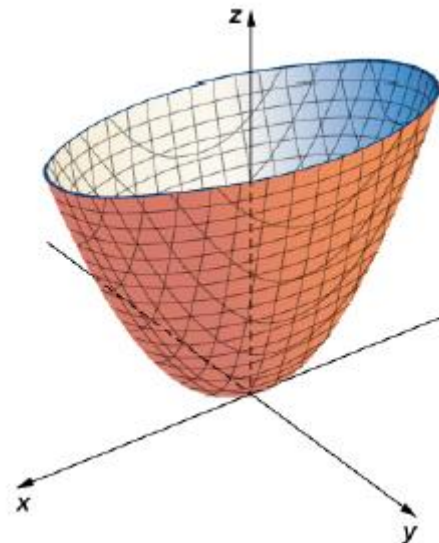
# Elliptic Paraboloid

Many quadric surfaces have traces that are different kinds of conic sections, and this is usually indicated by the name of the surface. For example, if a surface can be described by an equation of the form

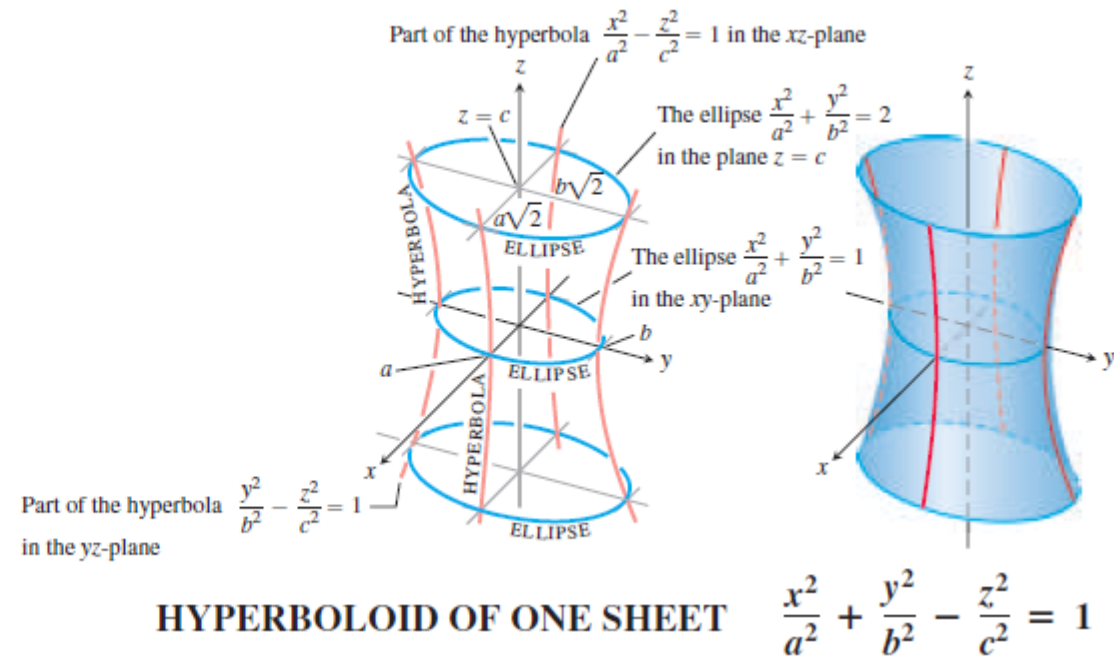
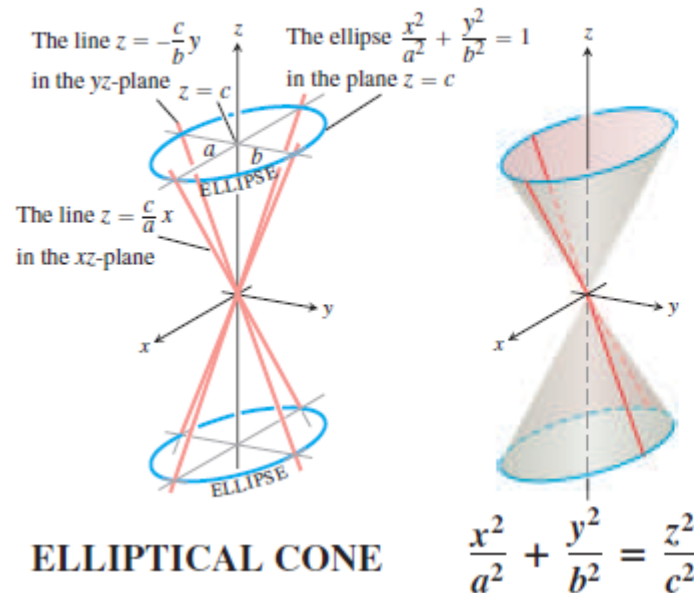
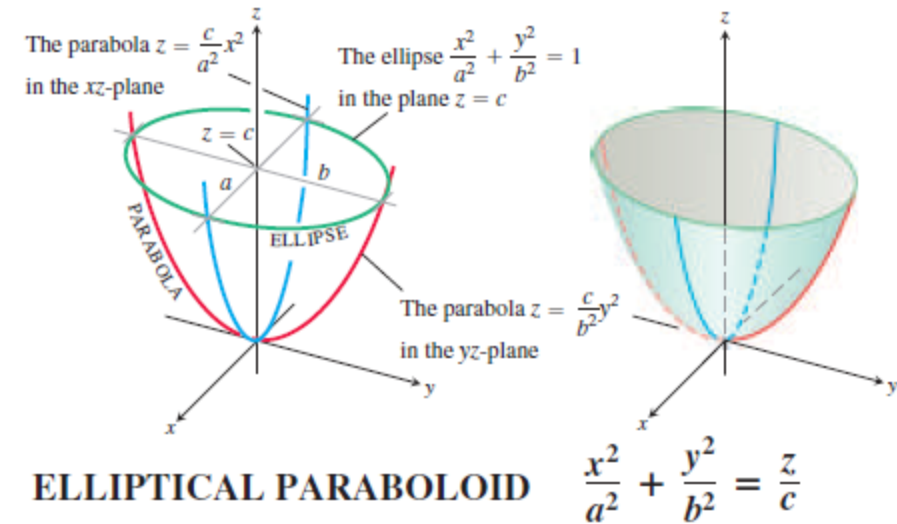
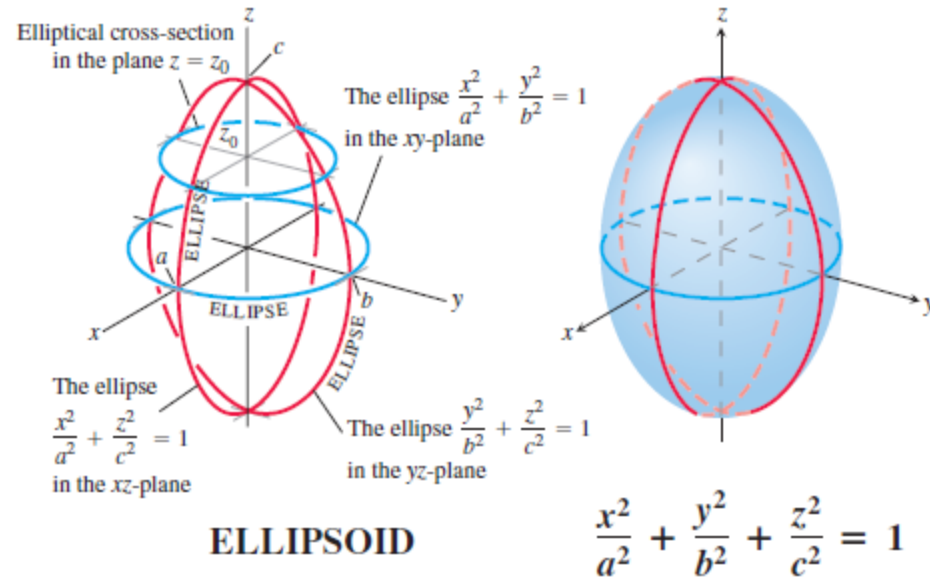
$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{z}{c}$$

, then we call that surface an **elliptic paraboloid**. The trace in the xy-plane is an ellipse, but the traces in the xz-plane and yz-plane are parabolas (Figure below). Other elliptic paraboloids can have other orientations simply by interchanging the variables to give us a different variable in the linear term of the equation  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = \frac{y}{b}$  and  $\frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} =$

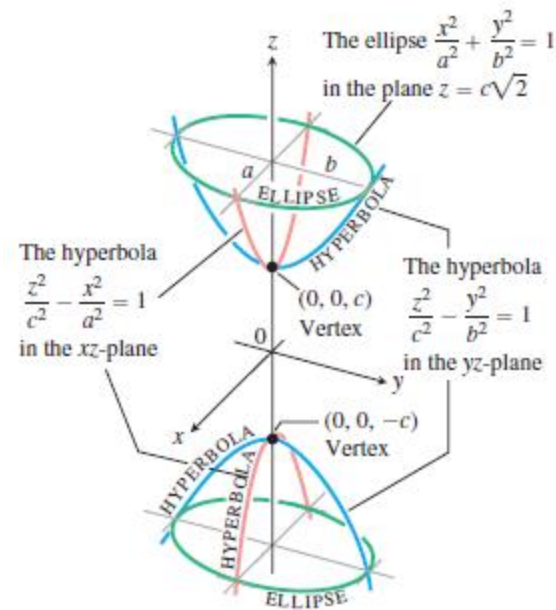
$\frac{x}{a}$ .



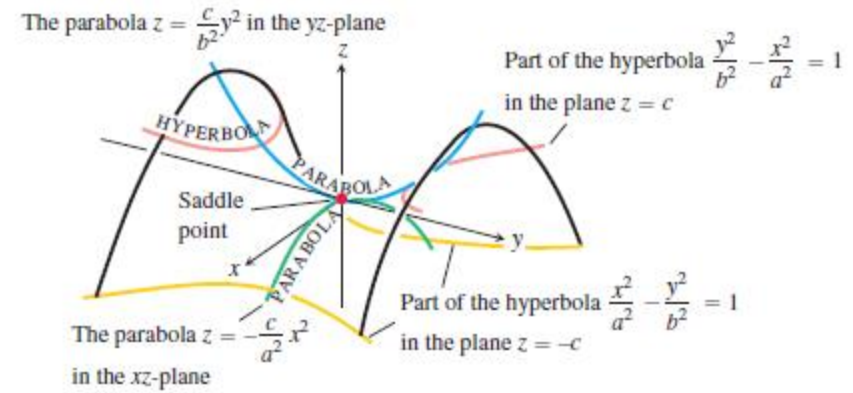
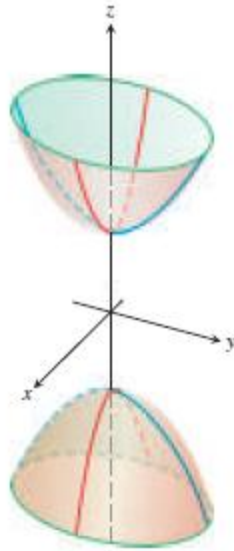
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**HYPERBOLOID OF TWO SHEETS**  $\frac{z^2}{c^2} - \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$



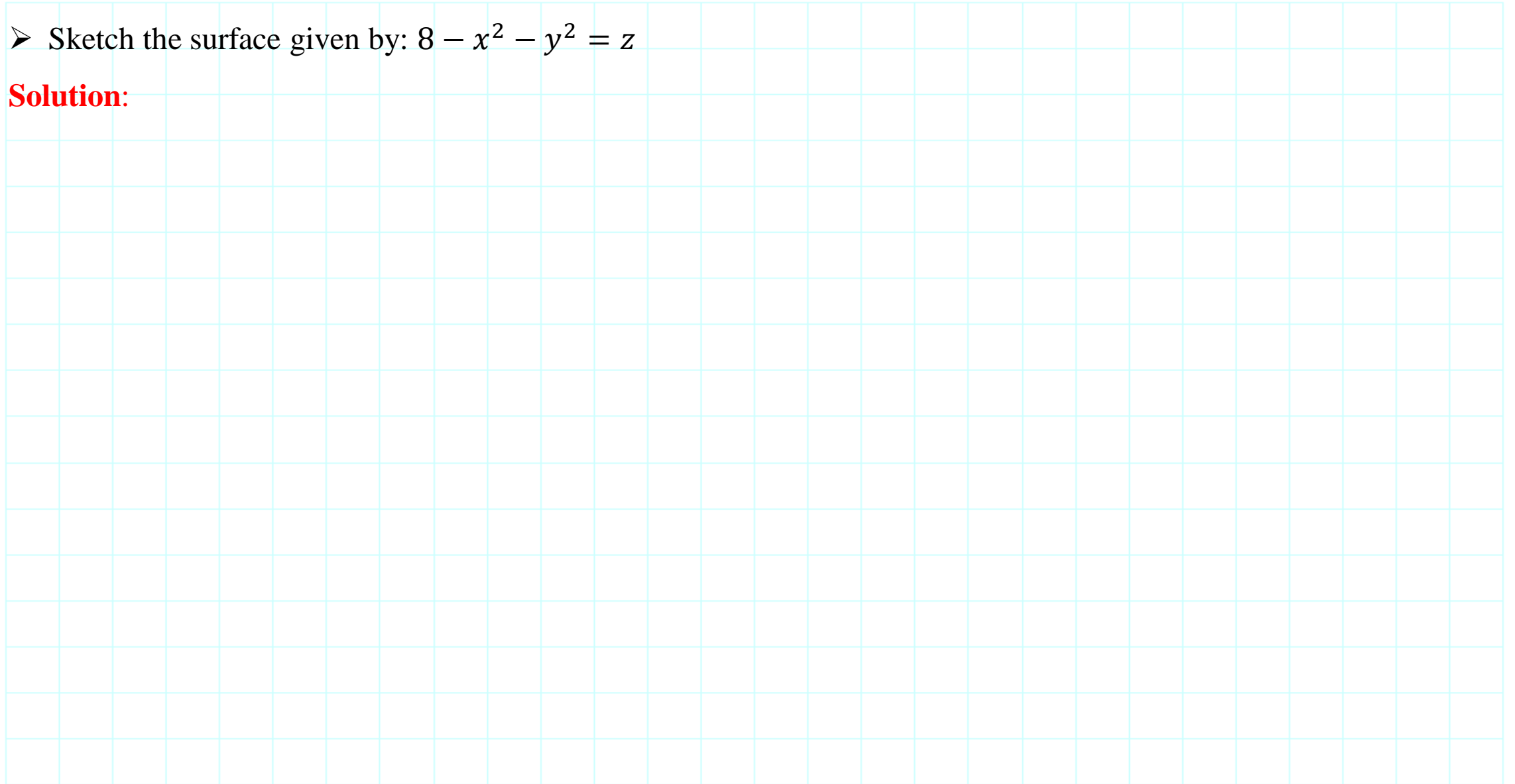
**HYPERBOLIC PARABOLOID**  $\frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{x^2}{a^2} = \frac{z}{c}, c > 0$



# Example 1

➤ Sketch the surface given by:  $8 - x^2 - y^2 = z$

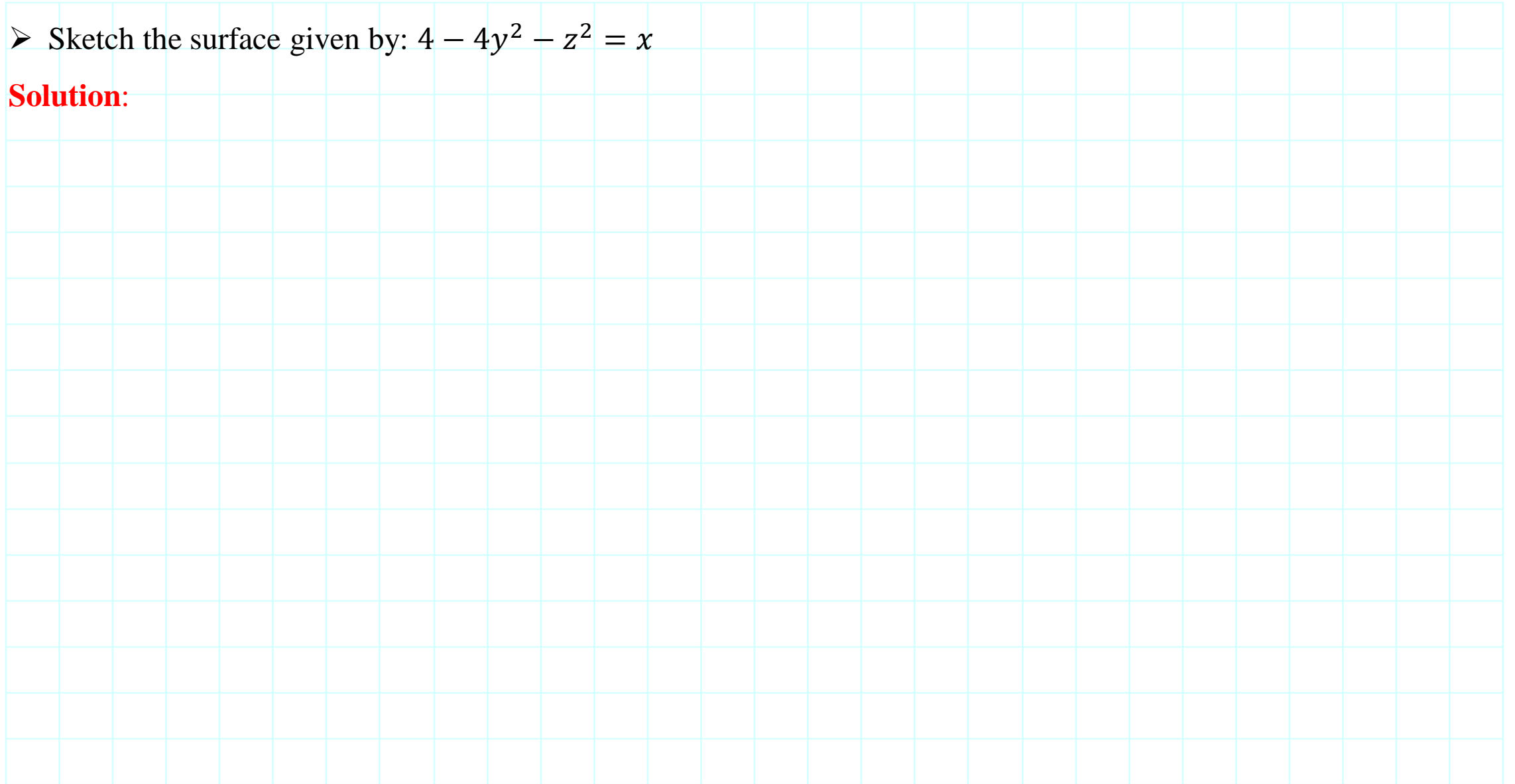
**Solution:**



## Example 2

➤ Sketch the surface given by:  $4 - 4y^2 - z^2 = x$

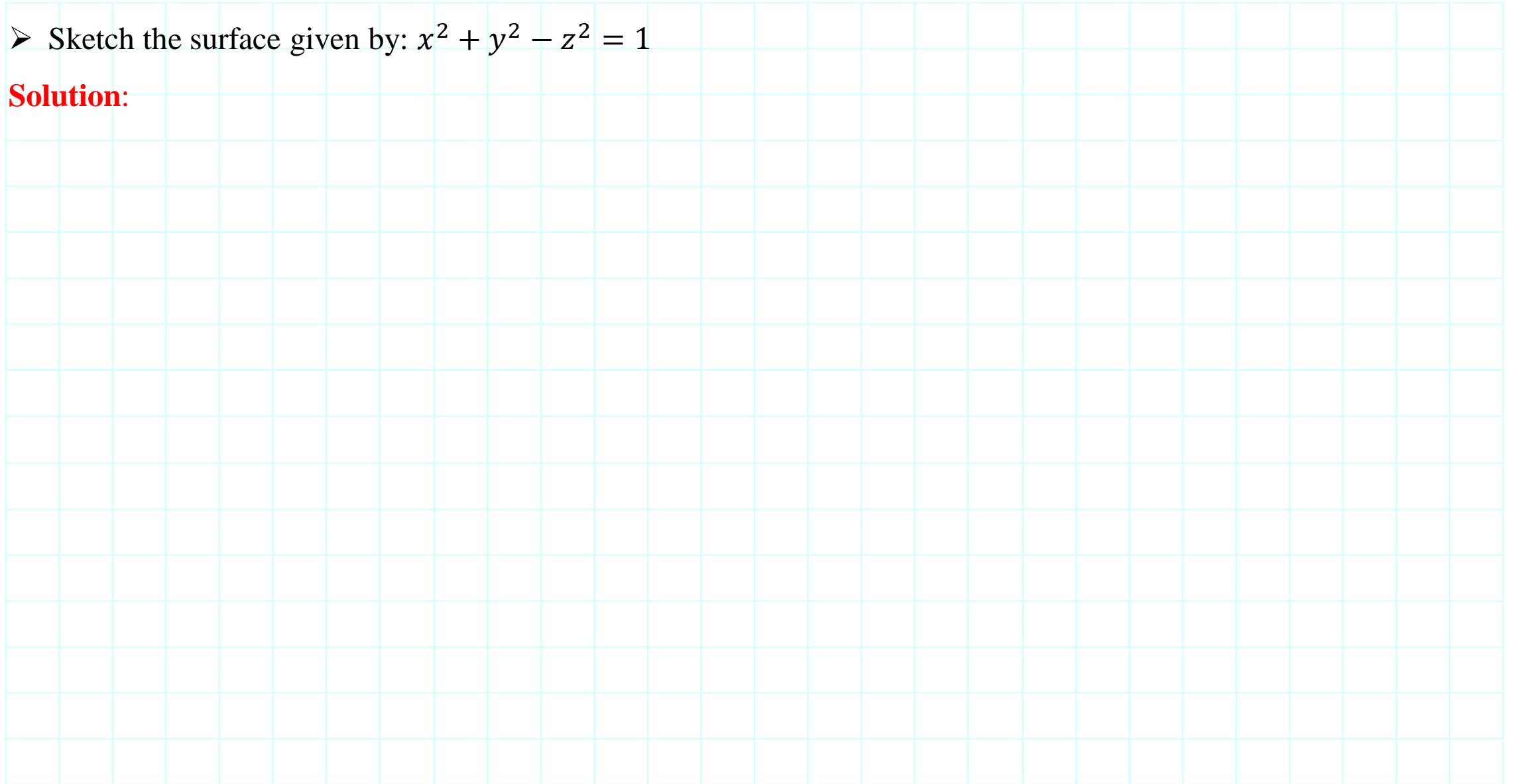
**Solution:**



## Example 3

➤ Sketch the surface given by:  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$

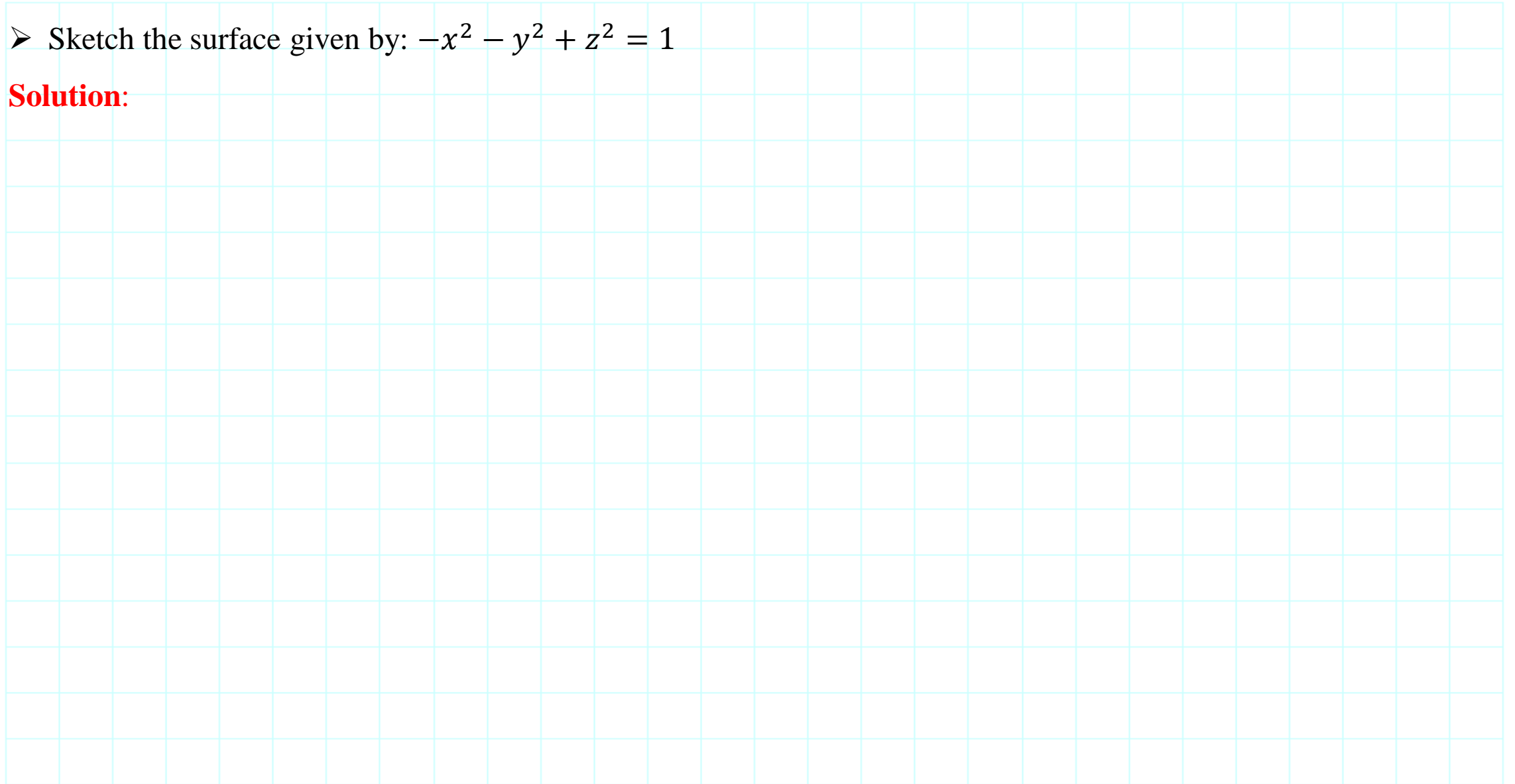
**Solution:**



## Example 4

➤ Sketch the surface given by:  $-x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = 1$

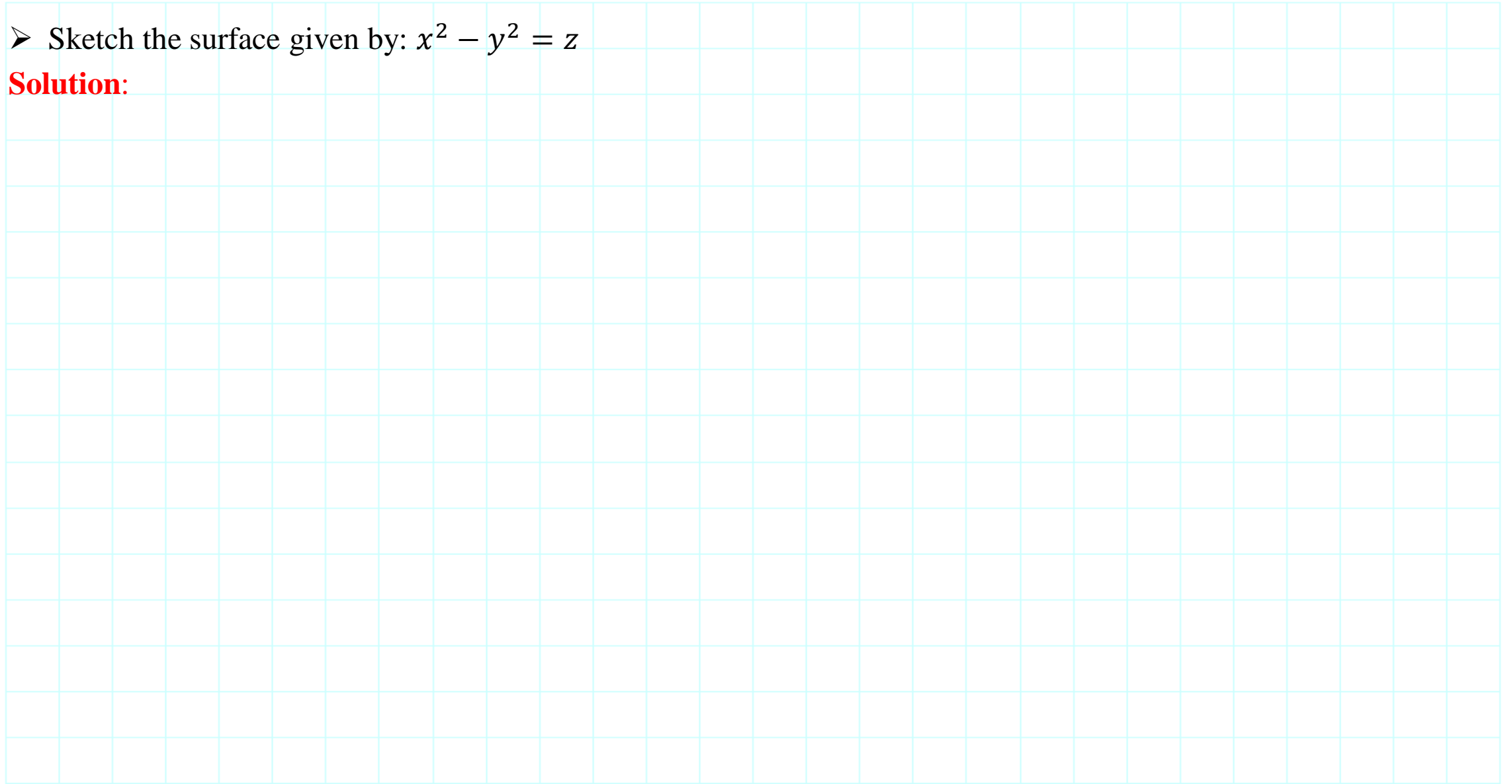
**Solution:**



## Example 5

➤ Sketch the surface given by:  $x^2 - y^2 = z$

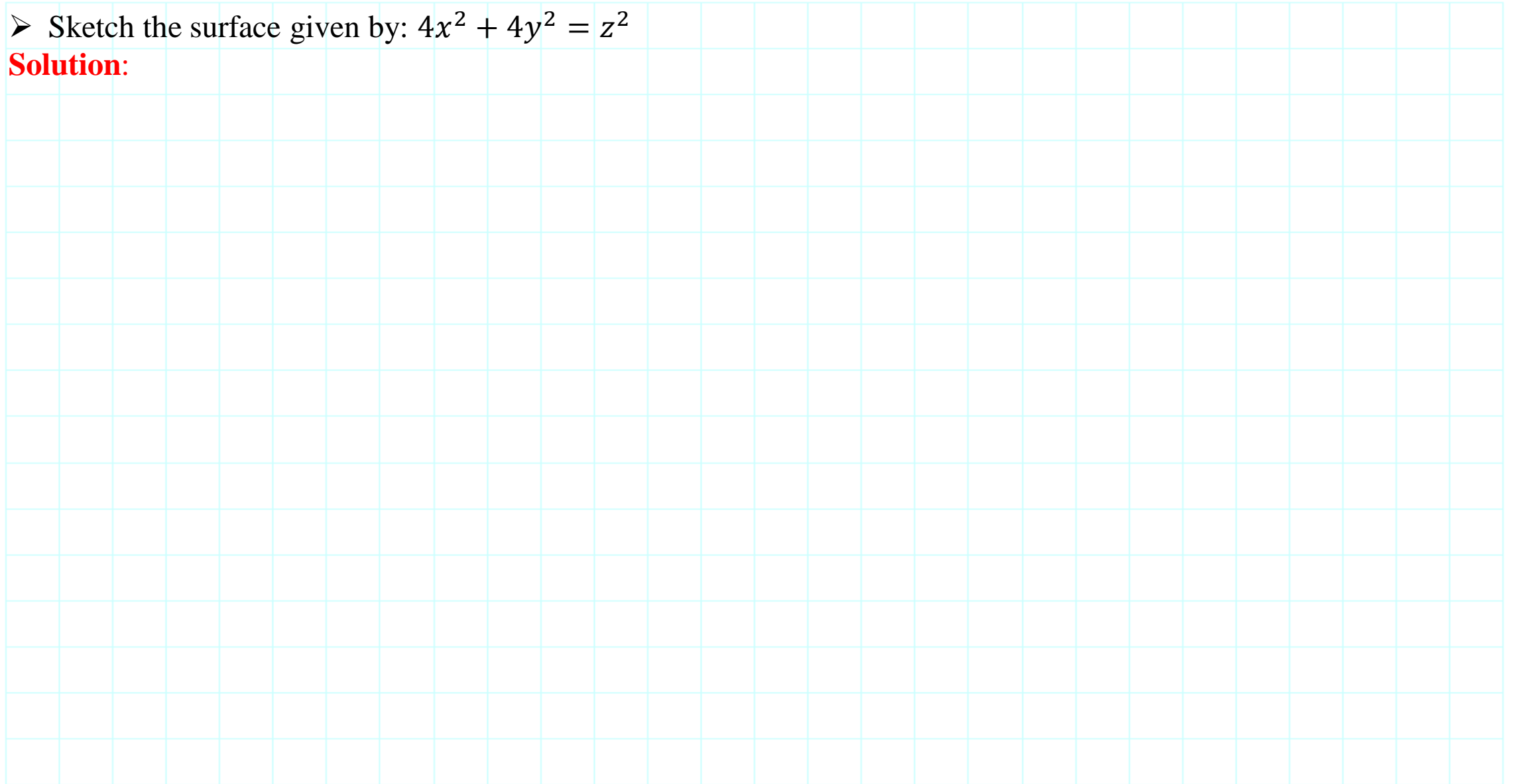
**Solution:**



## Example 6

➤ Sketch the surface given by:  $4x^2 + 4y^2 = z^2$

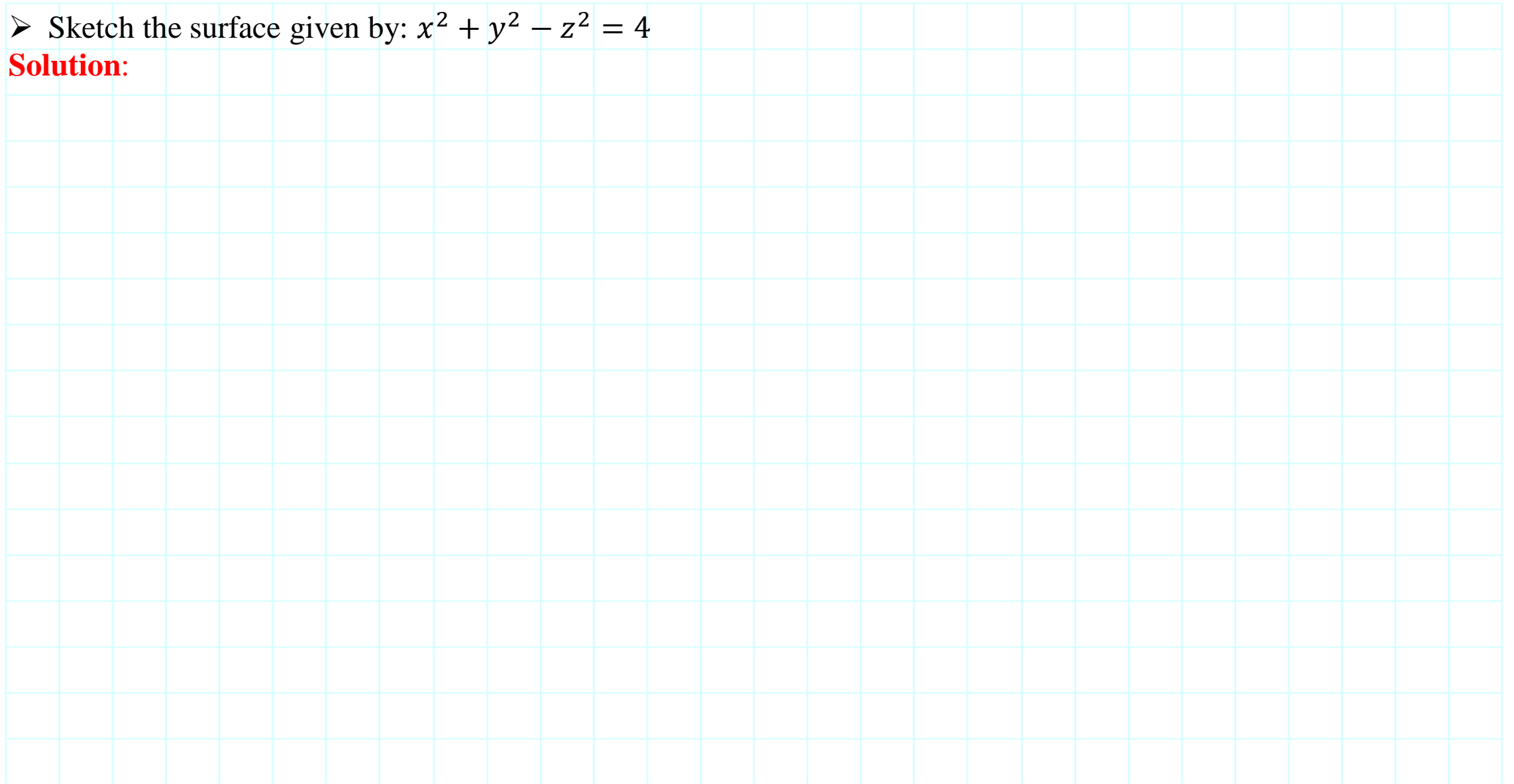
**Solution:**



## Example 7

➤ Sketch the surface given by:  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 4$

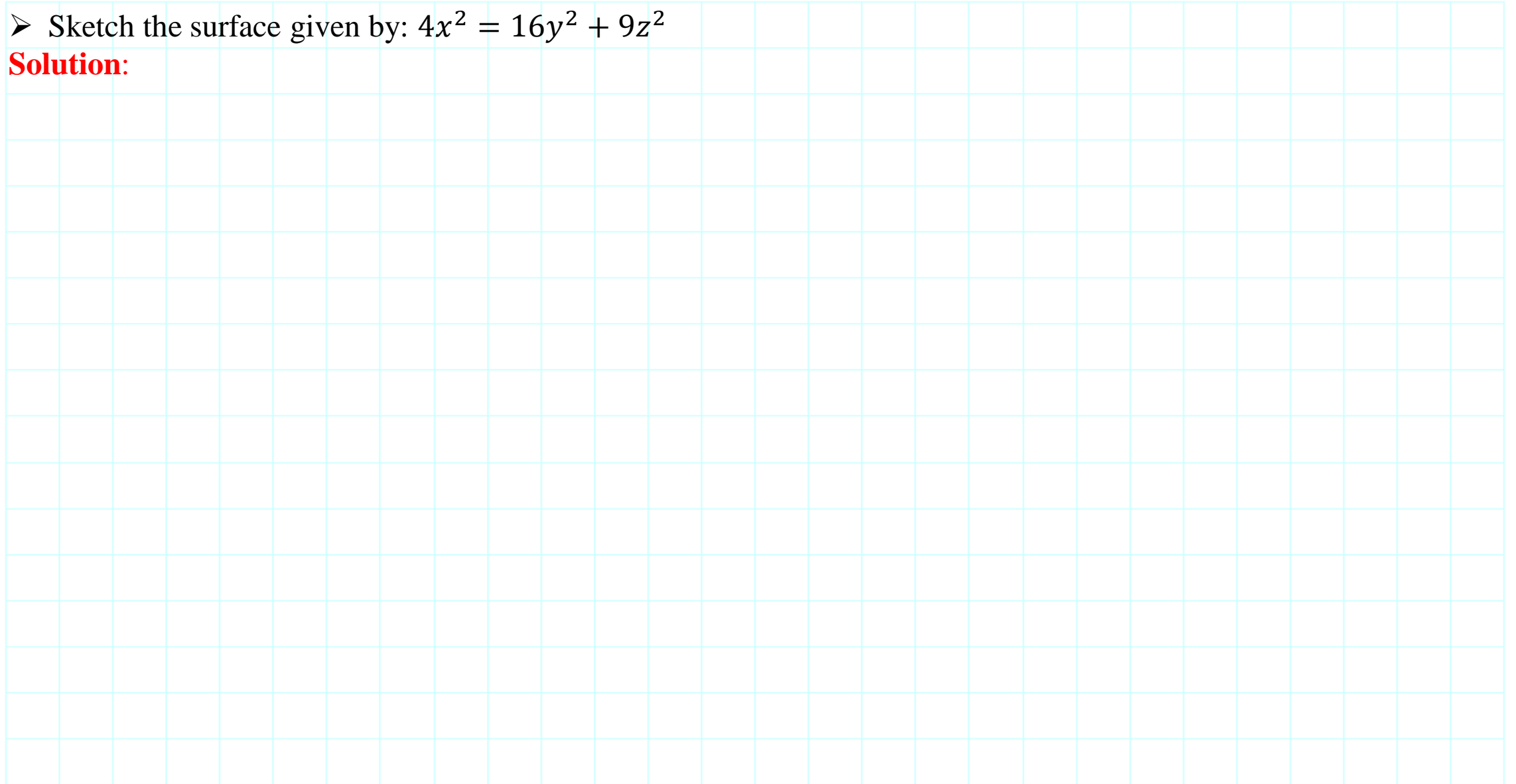
**Solution:**



## Example 8

➤ Sketch the surface given by:  $4x^2 = 16y^2 + 9z^2$

**Solution:**

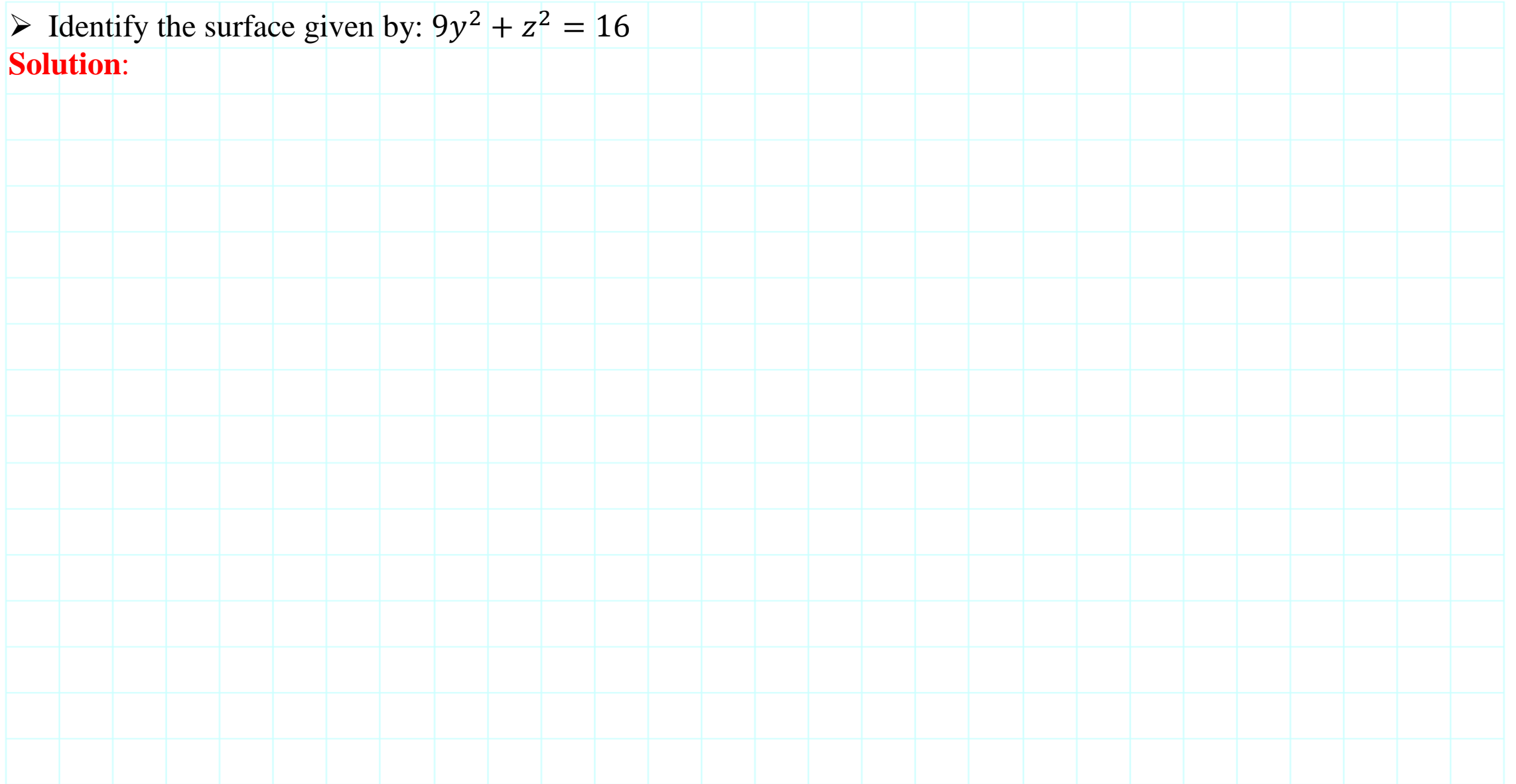




## Example 9

➤ Identify the surface given by:  $9y^2 + z^2 = 16$

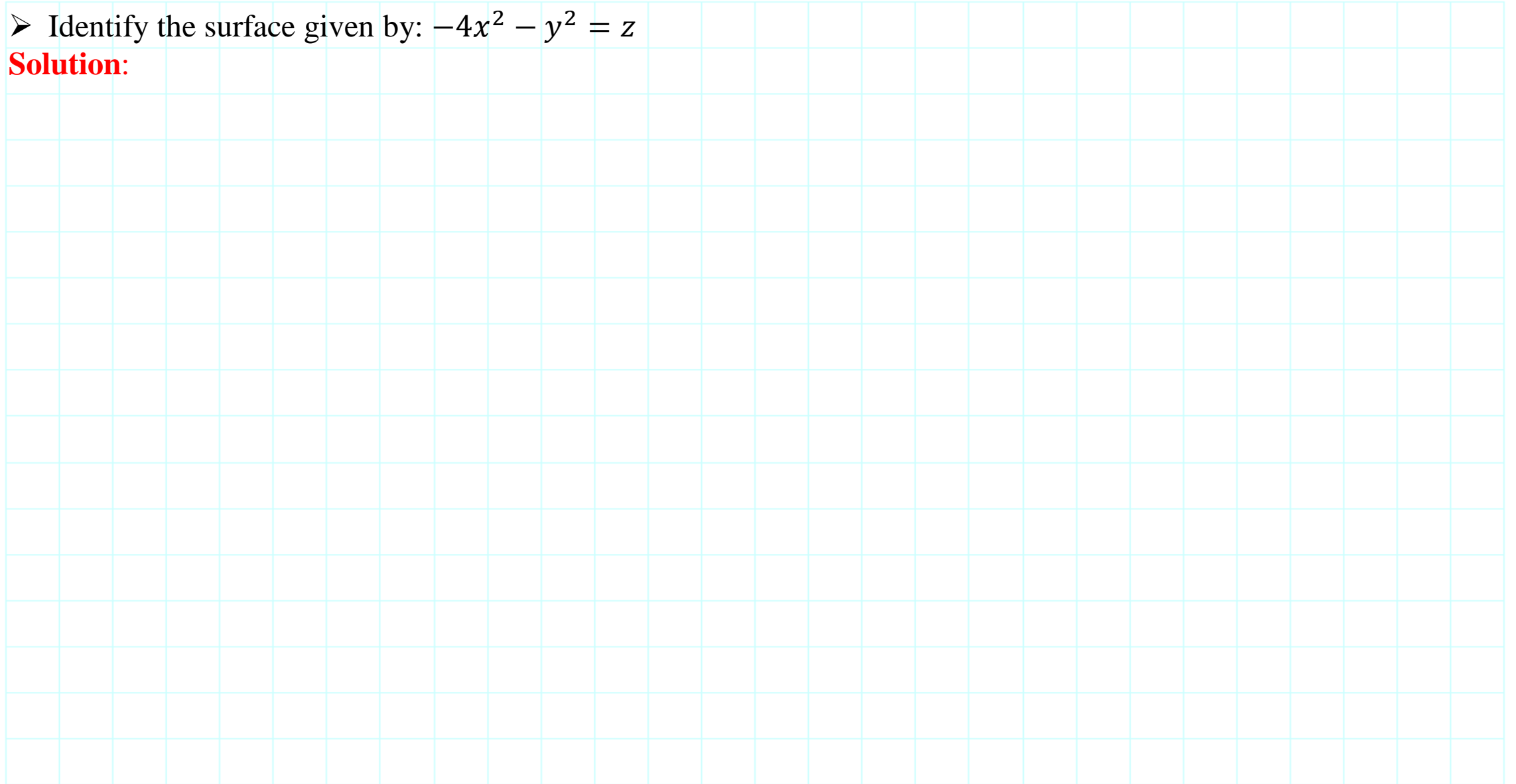
**Solution:**



## Example 10

➤ Identify the surface given by:  $-4x^2 - y^2 = z$

**Solution:**



## Example 11

➤ Identify the surface given by:  $x^2 + 4z^2 = y^2$

**Solution:**

