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“Calculus 3”

Multi-Variable Calculus

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Day 3

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- Class ends at 3:15.
- Slides are being posted on GitHub!  
<https://github.com/alozanoroble/MATH-2110Q-Spring-2026>
- Videos will be posted on YouTube... but they may lag!
- All requests for make-up quizzes need to go to your TA
- Second quiz (Friday) will be on previous week's material

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## Today – Lines and Planes!

- Lines
  - Parametric equations of a line
  - Symmetric equation
  - Line segments
- Planes
  - Vector equation
  - Scalar equation
  - Distance to a plane

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Questions?

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# “Calculus 3”

## Multi-Variable Calculus

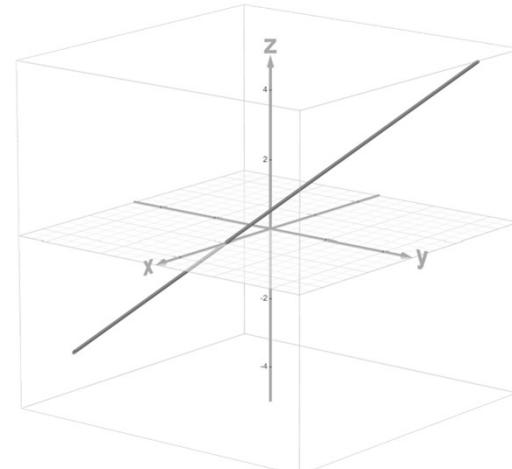
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### Equations of Lines

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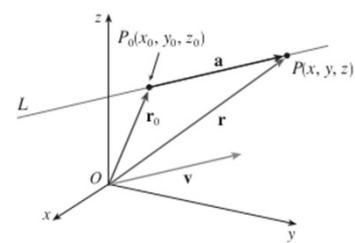
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## How to describe lines in 3D space?

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### Vector and Parametric Equation of a Line

The equation of a line  $L$  that passes through  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and in the direction of the vector  $v = (a, b, c)$ .



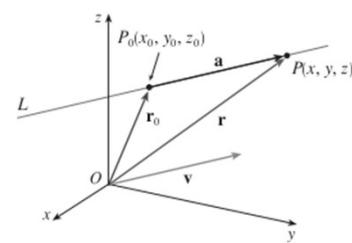
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Example: Find the parametric equation of a line that passes through  $P = (1, 2, 3)$  in the direction of  $v = (-1, 0, 2)$ .

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## From Parametric Equations to Symmetric

The equation of a line that passes through  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and in the direction of the vector  $v = (a, b, c)$ .



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Example: Find the symmetric equation of a line that passes through  $P = (1, 2, 3)$  in the direction of  $v = (-1, 0, 2)$ .

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Example: Find the parametric and symmetric equation of a line that passes through  $P = (2, 4, -3)$  and  $Q = (3, -1, 1)$ .

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## Relative Position of Two Lines in Space

Parallel, Intersecting, and Skew Lines

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Example: Show that the lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  intersect, and find the point of intersection. [Desmos]

$$L_1 : x = -2+t, y = 2-2t, z = -1+3t \quad \text{and} \quad L_2 : x = -2-s, y = 1+s, z = -2s.$$

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Example: Show that the lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  given below are skew lines, that is, they are not parallel and they do not intersect. [Desmos]

$$L_1 : x = 1+t, y = -2+3t, z = 4-t \quad \text{and} \quad L_2 : x = 2s, y = 3+s, z = -3+4s.$$

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**The lines  $(1+t, -2t, -1+3t)$  and  $(2+t, -2-2t, 2+3t)$  are...**

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Example: Investigate the relative position of the lines  
 $L_1 : (1+t, -2t, -1+3t)$  and  $L_2 : (2+t, -2-2t, 2+3t)$ .

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## A Line Segment from P to Q

The equation of a line segment from  $P=(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  to  $Q=(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ .

$L : (1-t) \cdot P + t \cdot Q$  with  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

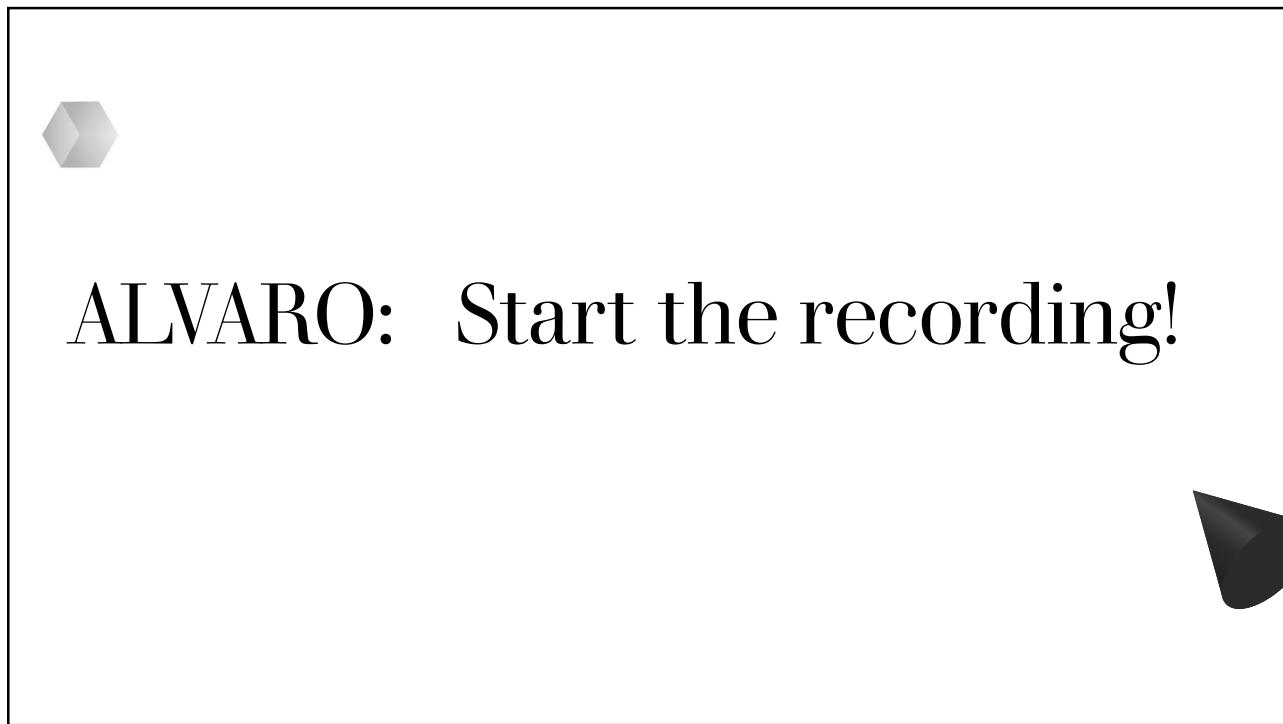
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Example: Find the parametric equation for the segment that goes from  $P = (1, 0, 0)$  to  $Q = (0, 1, 1)$ . [Desmos]

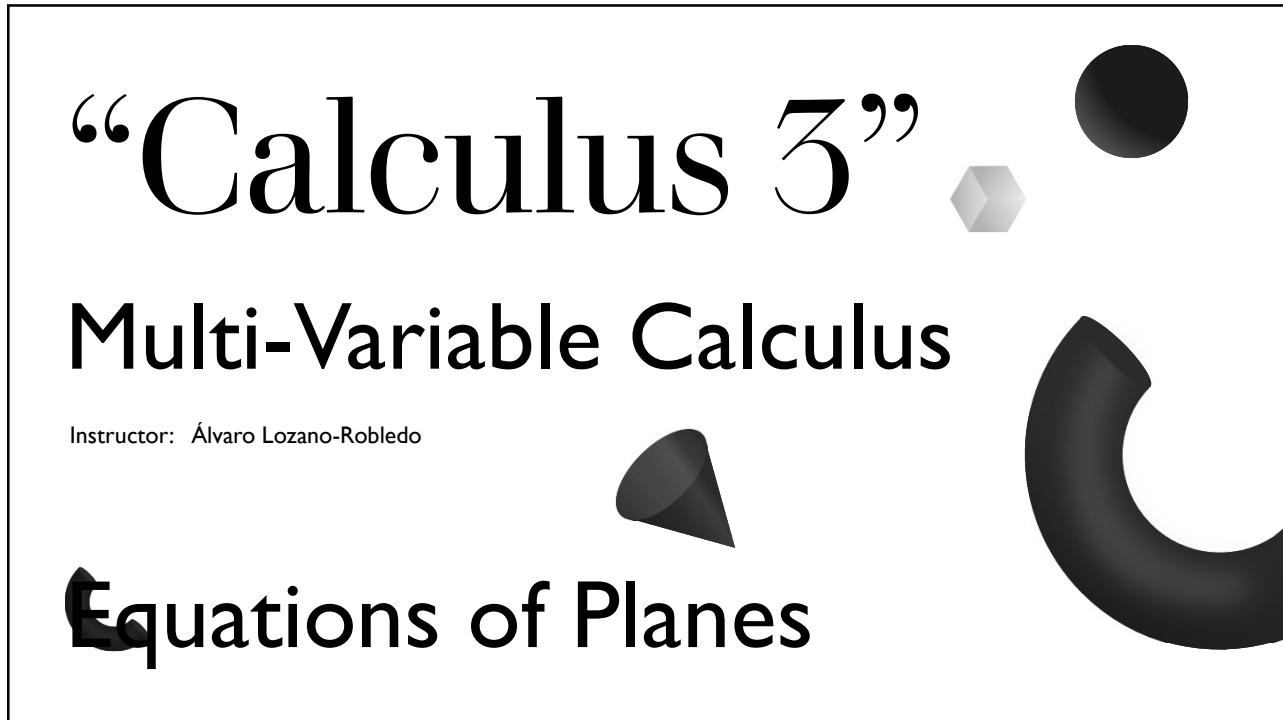
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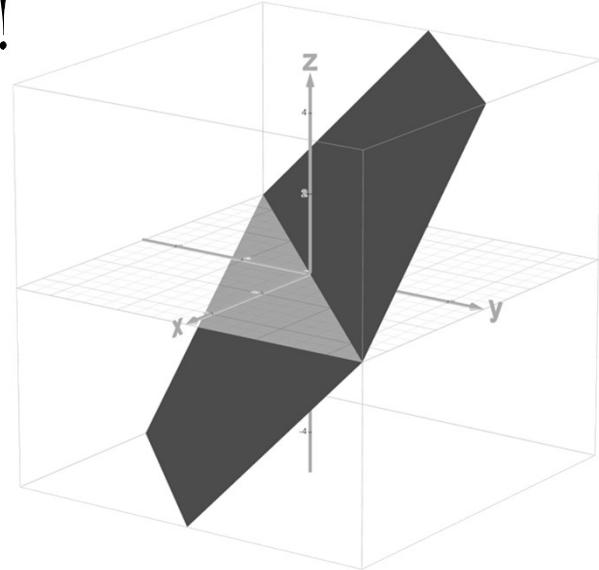
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# Today –Planes!

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How to describe planes in 3D space?

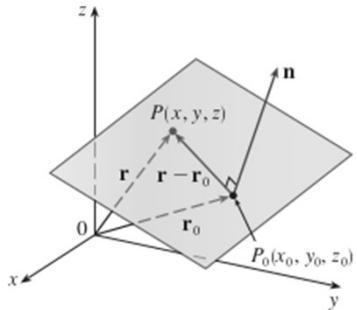


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## Vector and Scalar Equation of a Plane



The equation of a plane  $M$  that passes through  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and is perpendicular to the direction of the vector  $n = (a, b, c)$ .



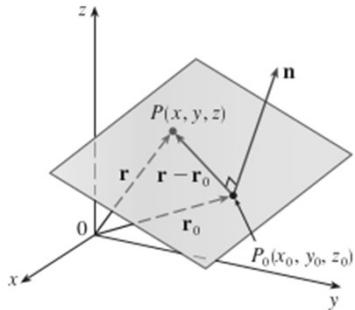
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Example: Find the scalar equation of a plane that goes through  $P = (1, 0, 0)$  and it is perpendicular to  $n = (0, 1, -1)$ . [\[Desmos\]](#)

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## Vector, Scalar, and Linear Equation of a Plane

The equation of a plane  $M$  that passes through  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and is perpendicular to the direction of the vector  $n = (a, b, c)$ .



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Example: Find the linear equation of a plane that goes through  $P = (2, 4, -1)$  and it is perpendicular to  $n = (2, 3, 4)$ . [\[Desmos\]](#)

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**Example:** Find the equation of the plane that passes through the points  $(1,0,0)$ ,  $(0,1,0)$ , and  $(0,0,1)$ .

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**Example:** Find the equation of the plane that passes through the points  $(2,0,1)$ ,  $(0,-1,1)$ , and  $(0,0,-1)$ .

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Relative position of two planes



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Parallel planes



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The planes  $x-z = 2$  and  $2x-2z = 5$  are...

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The planes  $x-z = 2$  and  $2x-2y = 5$  are...

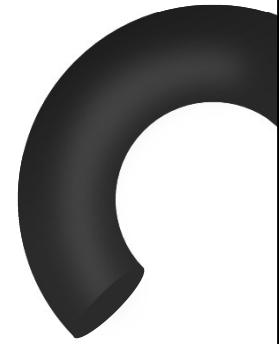
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**Example:** Investigate the relative positions of the planes  
 $x - z = 2$ ,  $2x - 2z = 5$ , and  $2x - 2y = 5$ .



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Angle between two planes

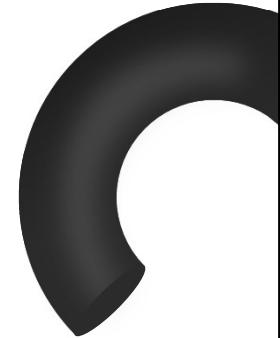


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**Example:** Find the angle between the planes

$$x + y + z = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x - z = 3.$$

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**Example:** Find the line of intersection between the planes

$$x + y + z = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x - z = 3.$$

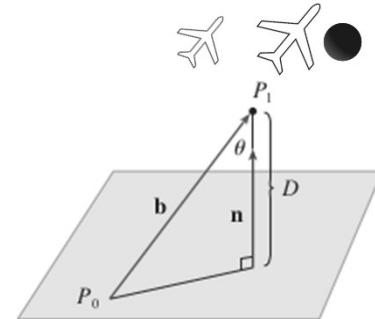


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**Example:** Find the angle and the line of intersection between the planes  $x + z = 2$  and  $x - y = 3$ .

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## Distance from a point to a plane



The distance  $D$  from the point  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  to the plane  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$  is

$$D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

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**Example:** Find the distance from the point  $P = (1, 2, 3)$  to the plane  $x + z = 2$ .

$$D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

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**Example:** Find the distance between the parallel planes  $x + z = 2$  and  $2x + 2y = 5$ .

$$D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

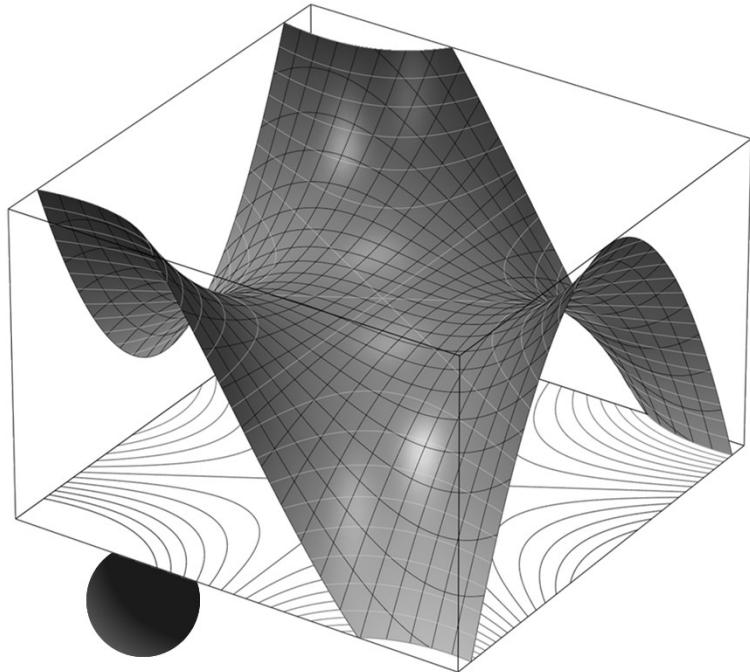
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Until next time.



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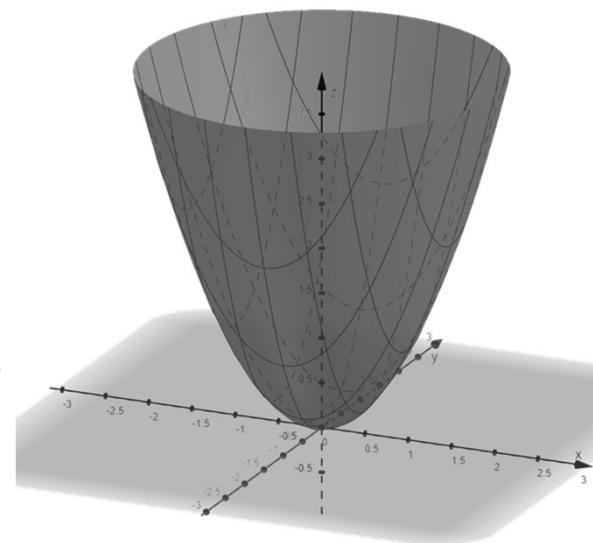
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### Cylinders and Quadrics

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## Today – Quadrics!

- Cylinders
- Quadric Surfaces
- Ellipsoids, Paraboloids, Hyperboloids.
- Sketching a Quadric Surface



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## “Cylinders”

A “cylinder” is a surface that consists of all lines (called “rulings”) that are parallel to a given line and pass through a given plane curve.



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Recall: Circles, Ellipses, Parabolas  
and Hyperbolas (Conic Sections)



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**Example:** Sketch the surfaces  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  and  $x^2 + z^2 = 1$ .



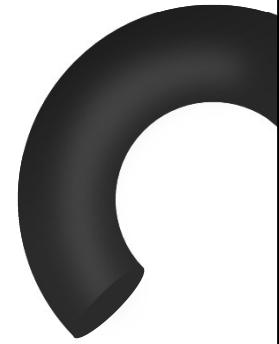
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**Example:** Sketch the surfaces  $y + x^2 = 1$  and  $z - y^2 = -1$ .



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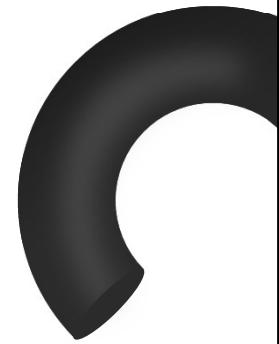
**Example:** Sketch the surfaces  $x^2 - y^2 = 1$ .



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**Example:** Sketch the surface

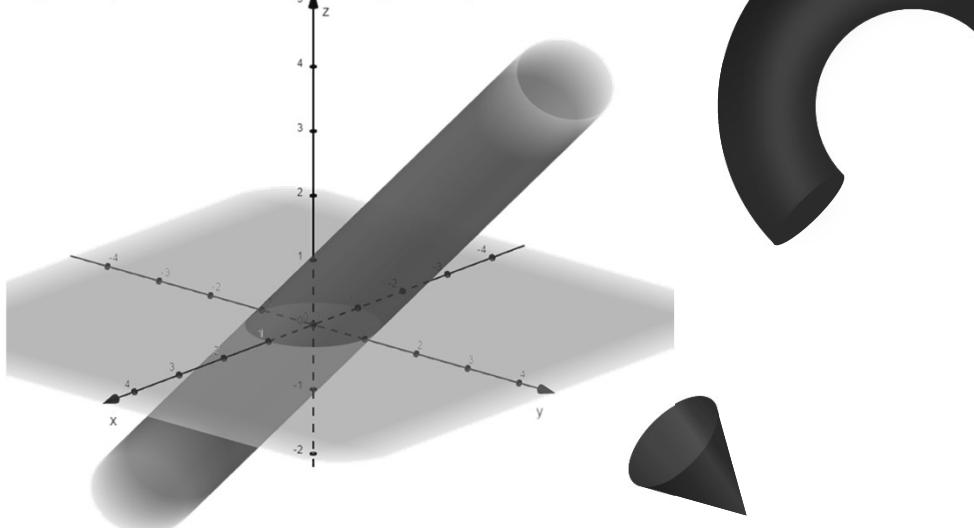
$$x^2 + (y - z)^2 = 1, \text{ i.e., } x^2 + y^2 - 2yz + z^2 = 1.$$



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**Example:** Sketch the surface

$$x^2 + (y - z)^2 = 1, \text{ i.e., } x^2 + y^2 - 2yz + z^2 = 1.$$



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## Quadric Surfaces

A **quadric surface** is the graph of a second-degree equation in three variables  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ . The most general such equation is

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + Dxy + Eyz + Fxz + Gx + Hy + Iz + J = 0$$

where  $A, B, C, \dots, J$  are constants, but by translation and rotation it can be brought into one of the two *standard forms*

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + J = 0$$

or

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Iz = 0$$

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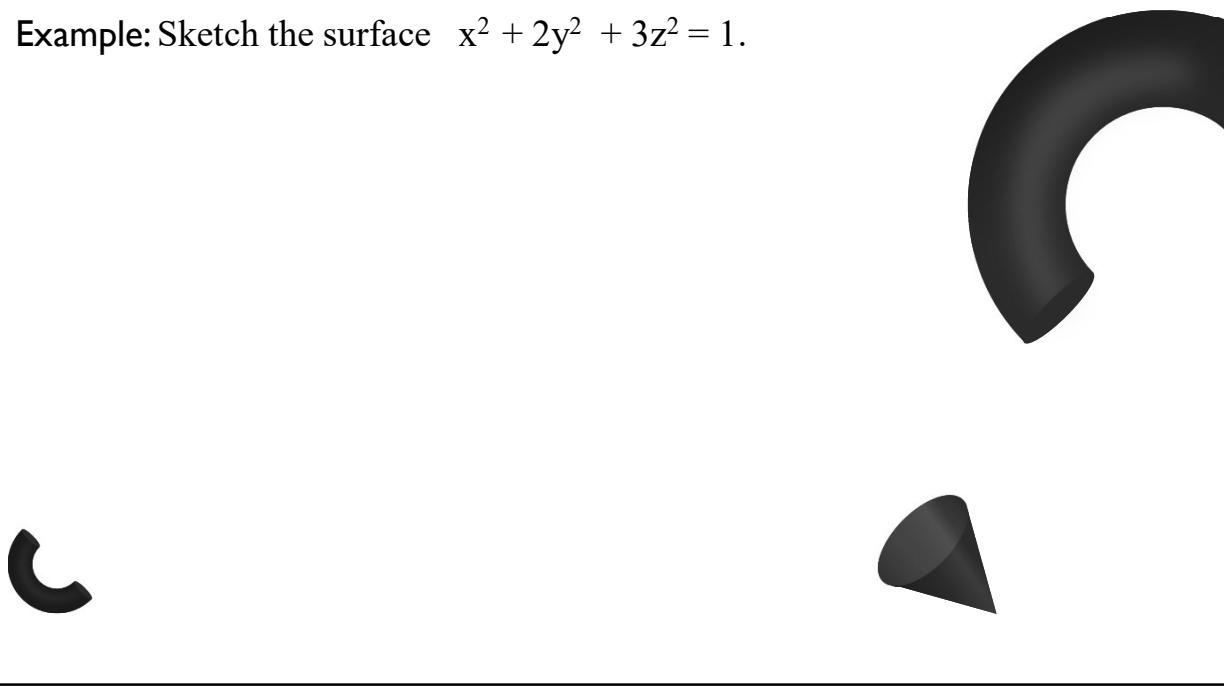
# How to sketch a quadric surface?

Traces or Cross Sections of a Surface



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Example: Sketch the surface  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 = 1$ .



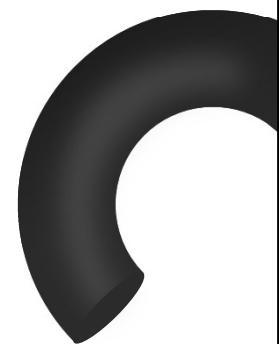
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**Example:** Sketch the surface  $z = 4x^2 + y^2$ .



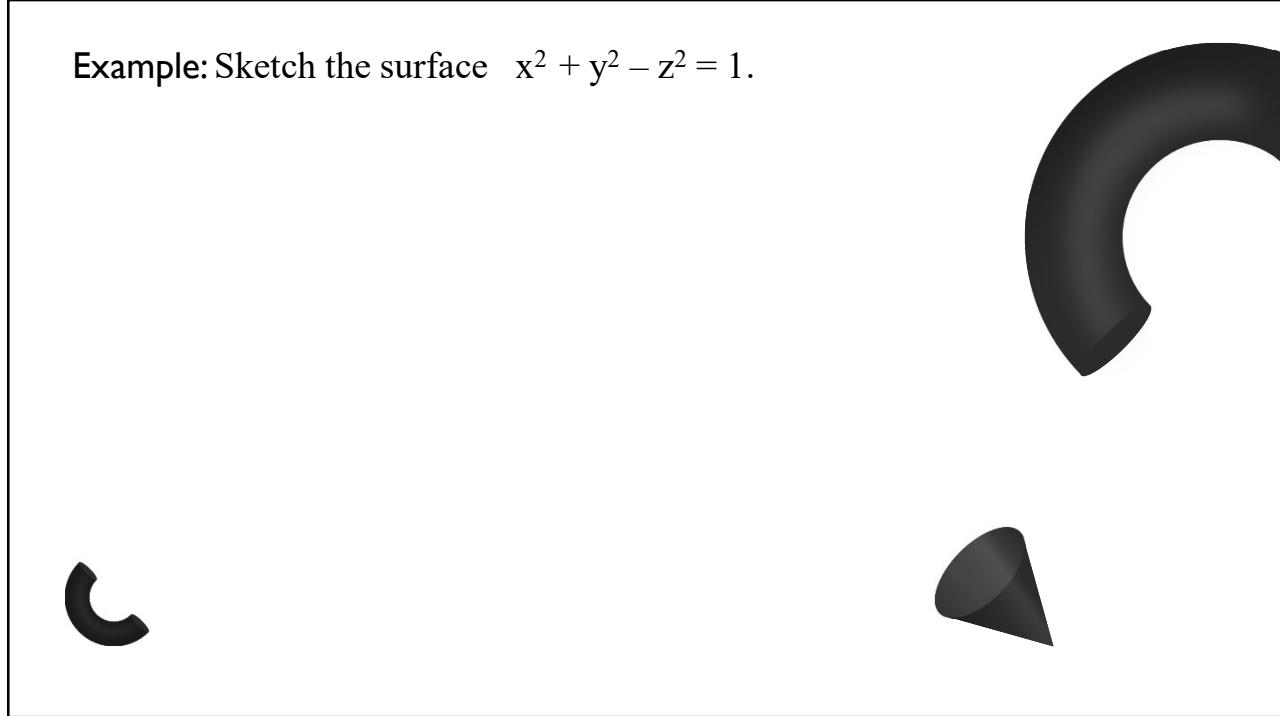
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**Example:** Sketch the surface  $z = x^2 - y^2$ .



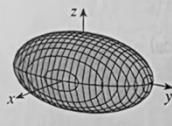
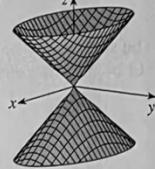
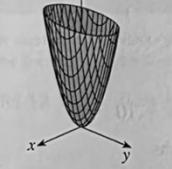
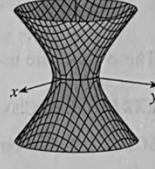
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**Example:** Sketch the surface  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$ .



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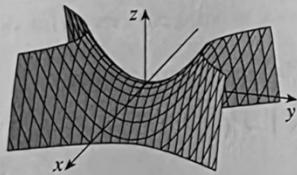
## Types of Quadrics (1)

Surface	Equation	Surface	Equation
<b>Ellipsoid</b> 	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ All traces are ellipses. If $a = b = c$ , the ellipsoid is a sphere.	<b>Cone</b> 	$\frac{z^2}{c^2} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$ Horizontal traces are ellipses. Vertical traces in the planes $x = k$ and $y = k$ are hyperbolas if $k \neq 0$ but are pairs of lines if $k = 0$ .
<b>Elliptic Paraboloid</b> 	$\frac{z}{c} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$ Horizontal traces are ellipses. Vertical traces are parabolas. The variable raised to the first power indicates the axis of the paraboloid.	<b>Hyperboloid of One Sheet</b> 	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ Horizontal traces are ellipses. Vertical traces are hyperbolas. The axis of symmetry corresponds to the variable whose coefficient is negative.

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## Types of Quadrics (2)

**Hyperbolic Paraboloid**



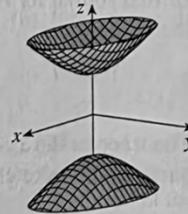
$$\frac{z}{c} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}$$

Horizontal traces are hyperbolas.

Vertical traces are parabolas.

The case where  $c < 0$  is illustrated.

**Hyperboloid of Two Sheets**



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

Horizontal traces in  $z = k$  are ellipses if  $k > c$  or  $k < -c$ .

Vertical traces are hyperbolas.

The two minus signs indicate two sheets.

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**Example:** Sketch the surface  $x^2 + 2z^2 - 6x - y + 10 = 0$ .

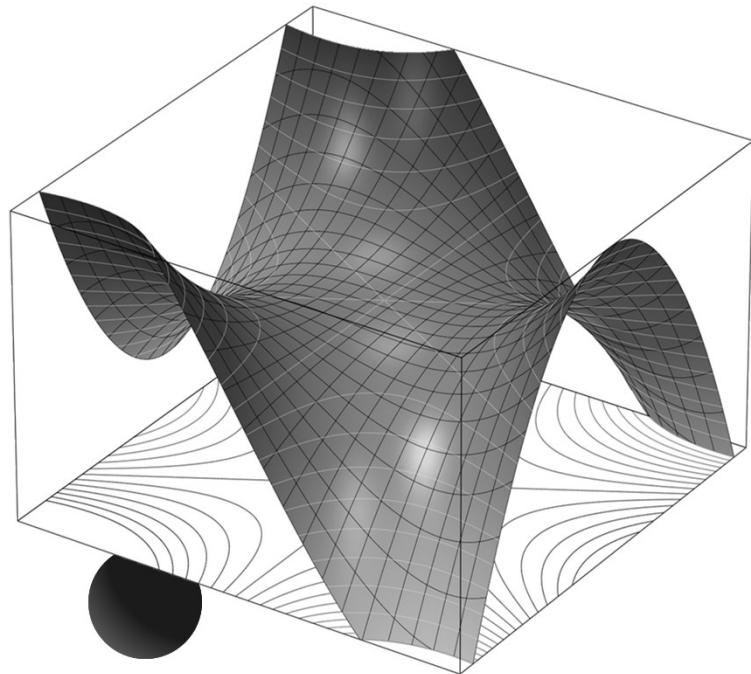
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