



Who will win the Superbowl LX?

“Calculus 3”

Multi-Variable Calculus

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Day 3



Any Reminders? Any Questions?

- 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



Today – Lines and Planes!

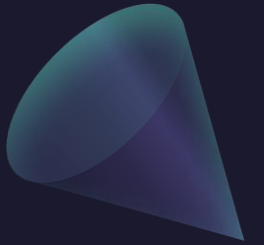
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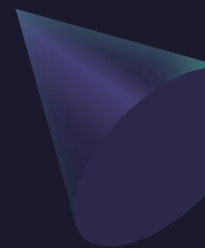
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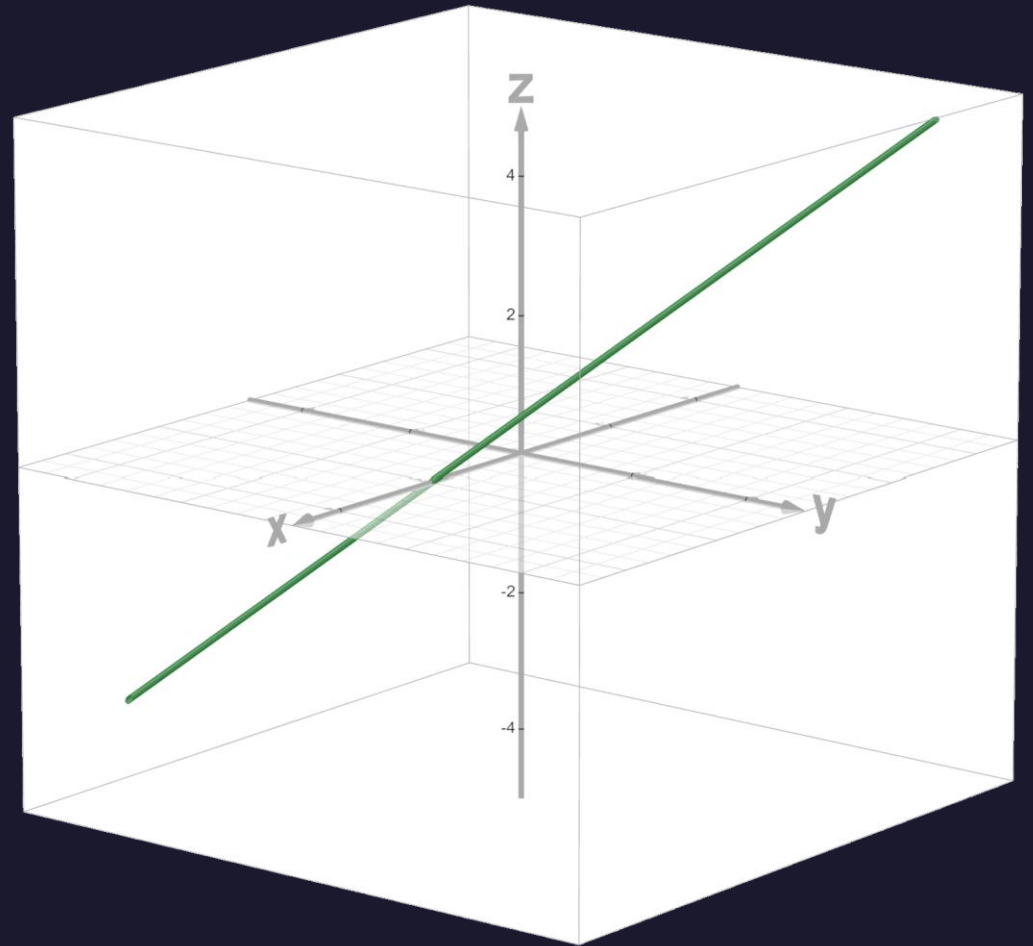
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Equations of Lines

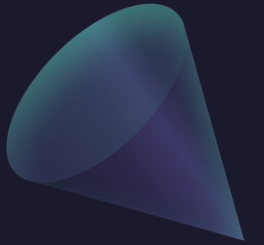


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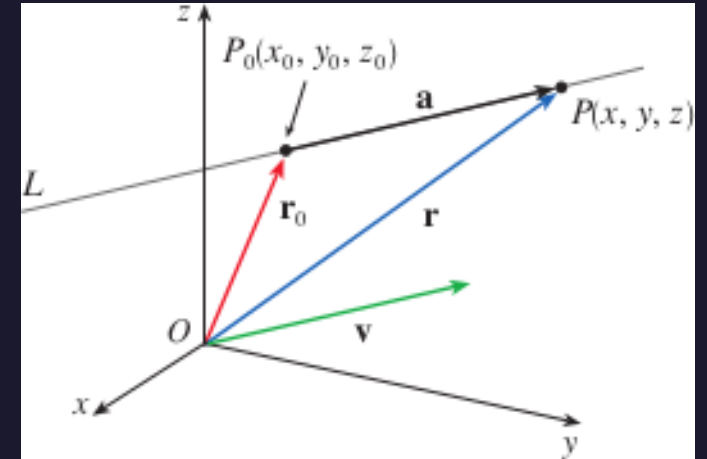


How to describe lines in 3D space?



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 $\mathbf{v} = (a, b, c)$.



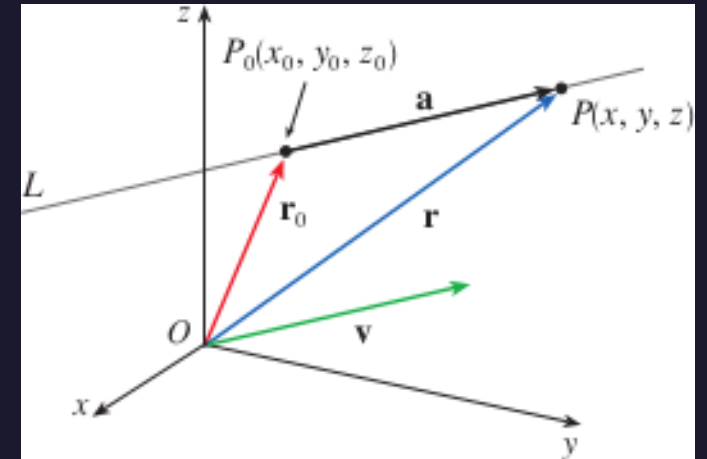


Example: Find the parametric equation of a line that passes through $P = (1, 2, 3)$ in the direction of $\mathbf{v} = (-1, 0, 2)$.



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 $\mathbf{v} = (a, b, c)$.





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



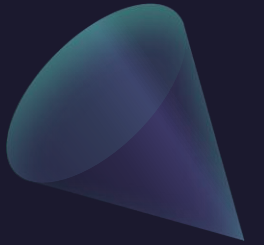



Example: Find the parametric and symmetric equation of a line that passes through $P = (2, 4, -3)$ and $Q = (3, -1, 1)$.



Relative Position of Two Lines in Space

Parallel, Intersecting, and Skew Lines






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

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






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](#)]

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





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




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



A Line Segment from P to Q

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

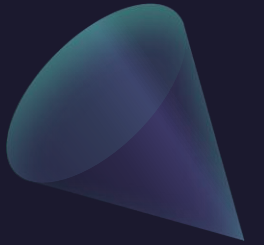
$L : (1-t) \cdot P + t \cdot Q$ with $0 \leq t \leq 1$.



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

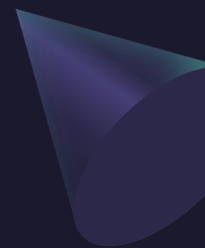


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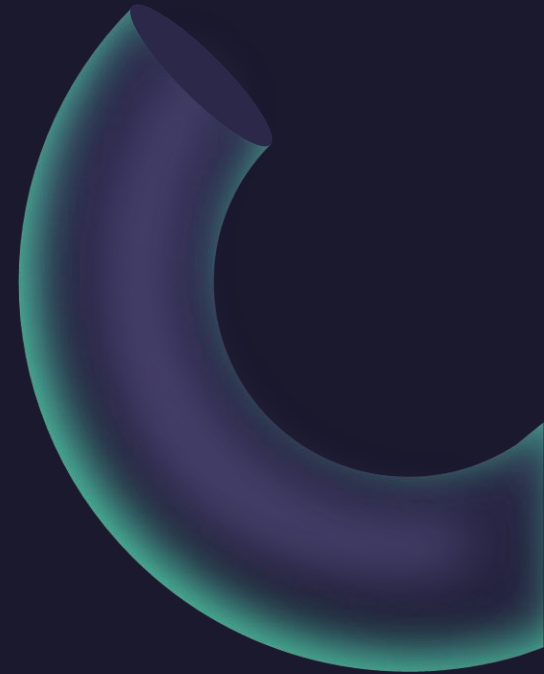
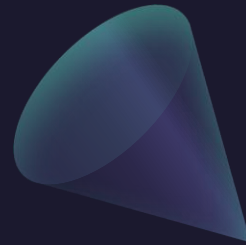
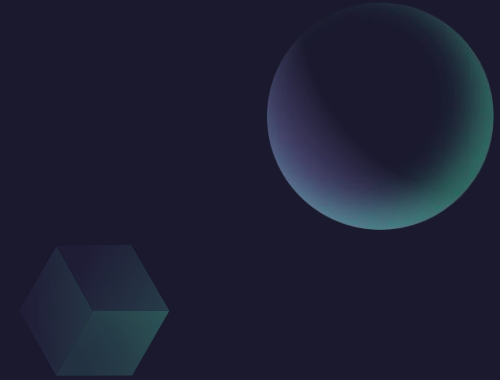


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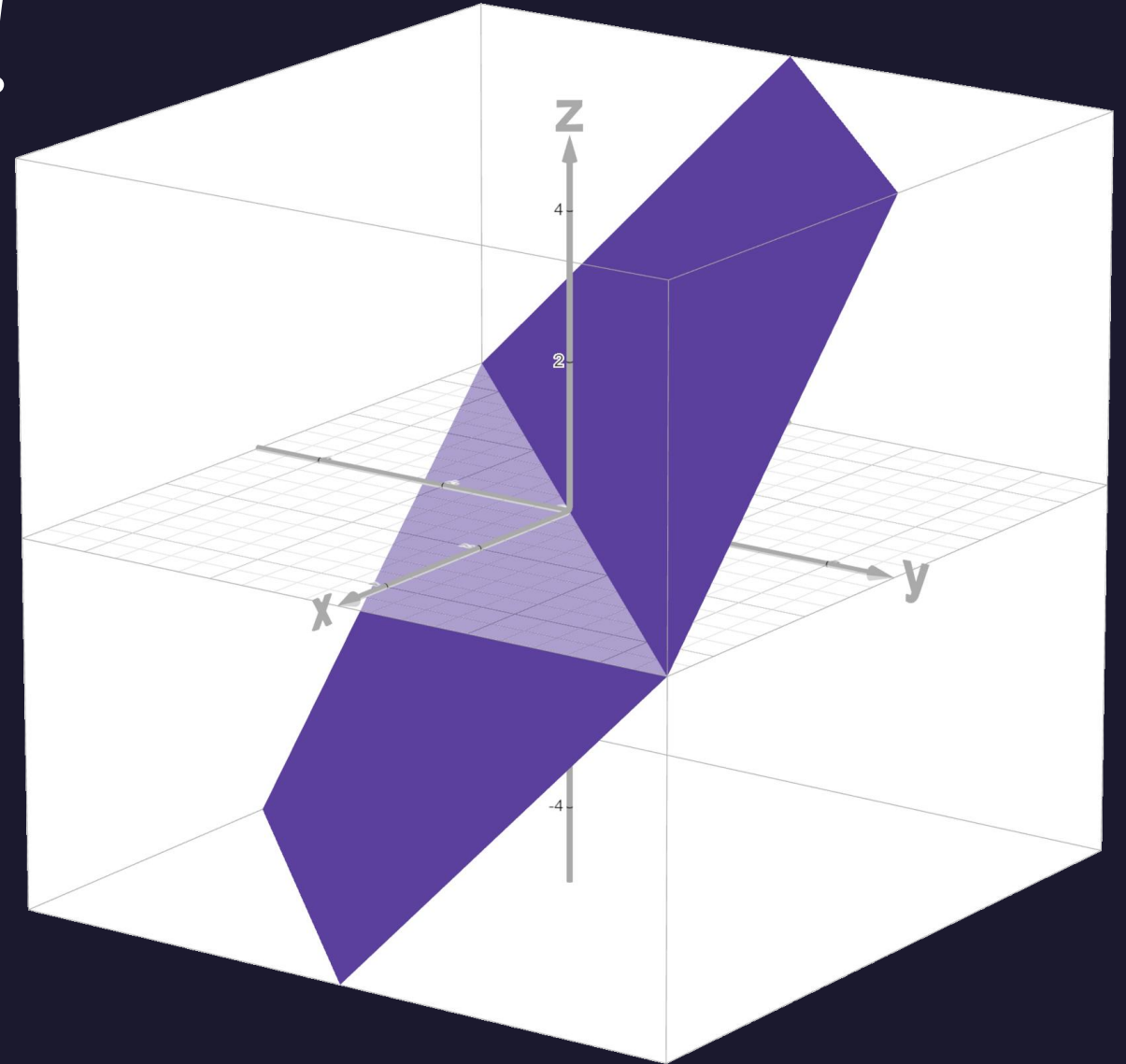
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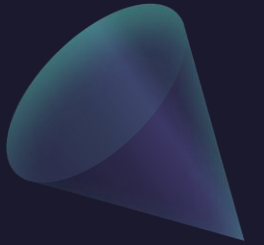


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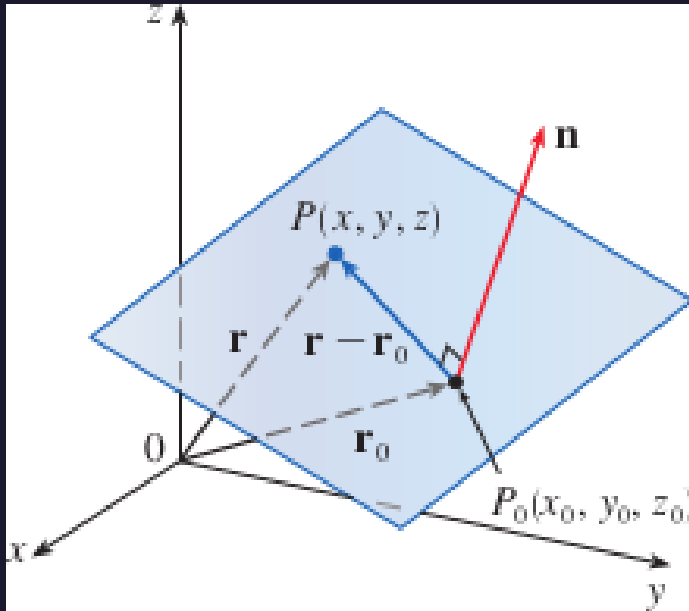
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Vector and Scalar Equation of a Plane



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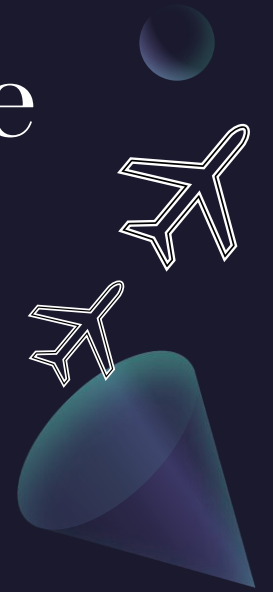
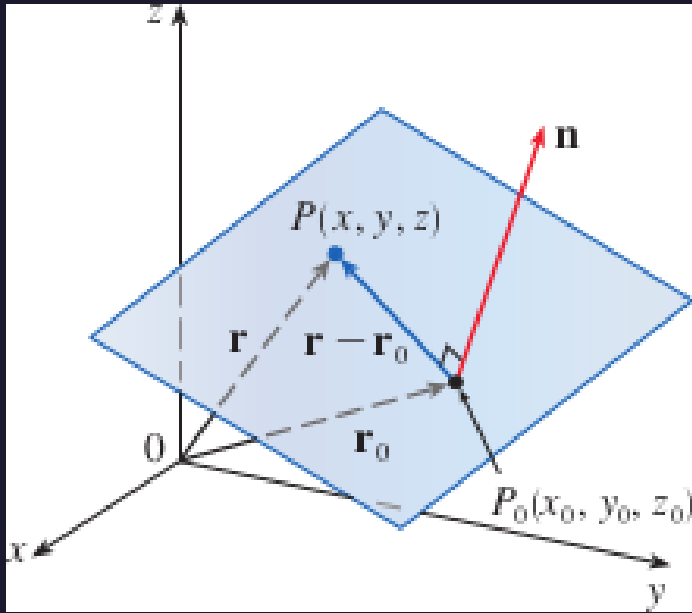



Example: Find the scalar equation of a plane that goes through $P = (1, 0, 0)$ and it is perpendicular to $n = (0, 1, -1)$. [[Desmos](#)]



Vector, Scalar, and Linear Equation of a Plane

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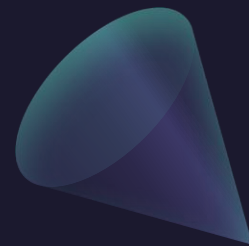
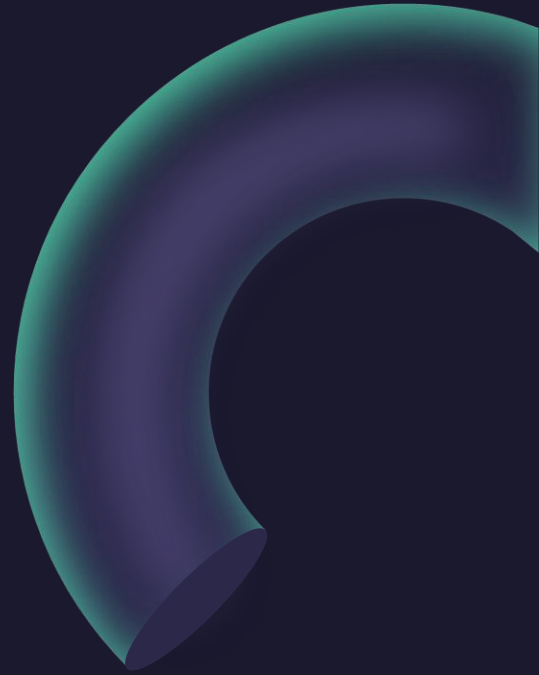




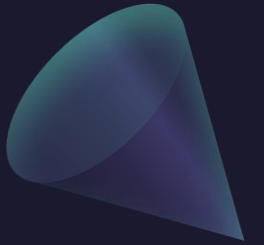
Example: Find the linear equation of a plane that goes through $P = (2, 4, -1)$ and it is perpendicular to $n = (2, 3, 4)$. [[Desmos](#)]



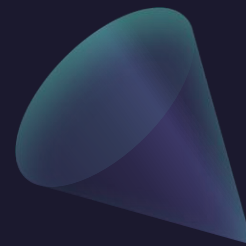
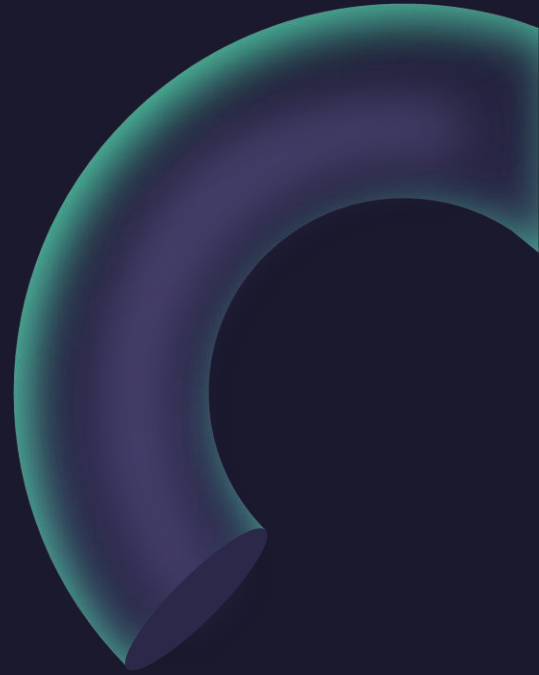
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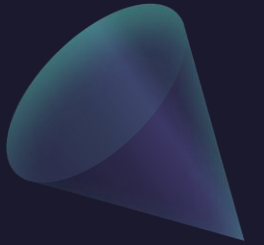
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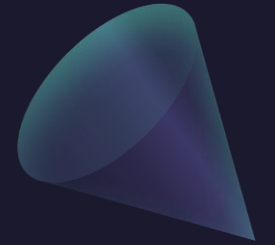
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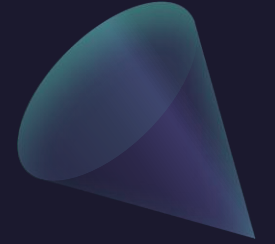
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Relative position of two planes



Parallel planes



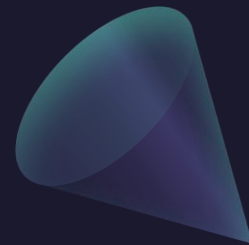
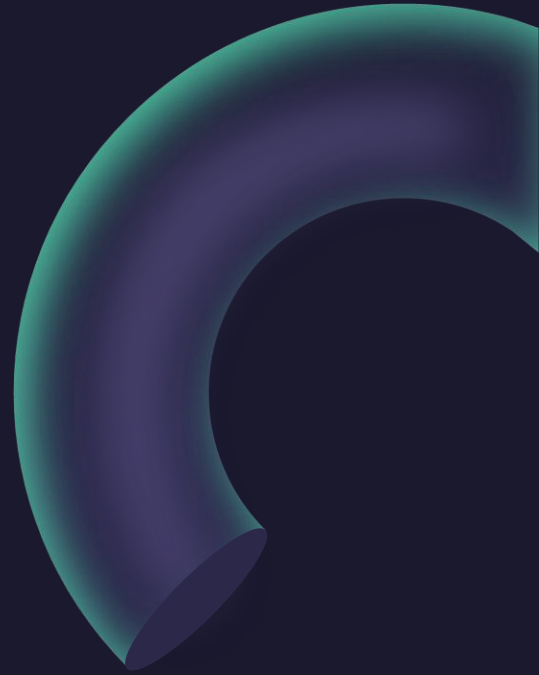


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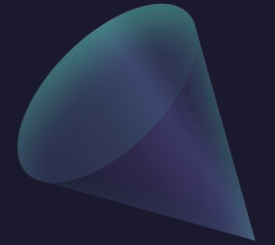


**The planes $x-z = 2$ and $2x-2y = 5$
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Example: Investigate the relative positions of the planes
 $x - z = 2$, $2x - 2z = 5$, and $2x - 2y = 5$.

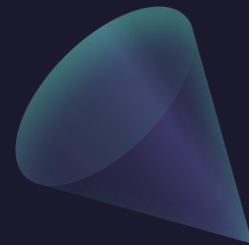
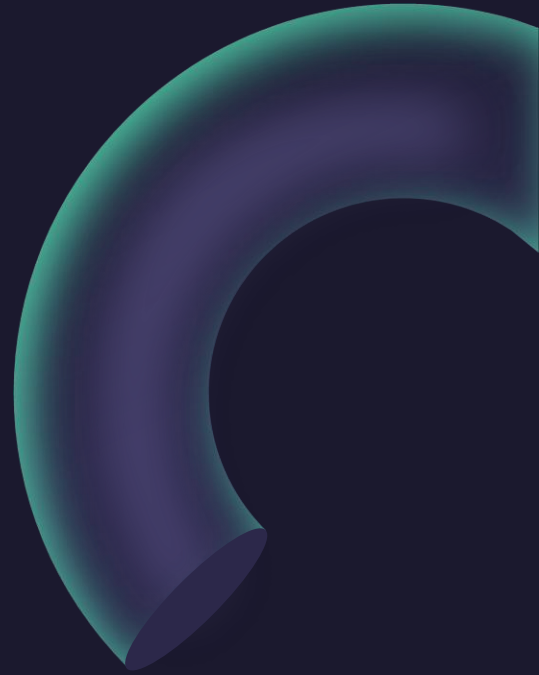


Angle between two planes

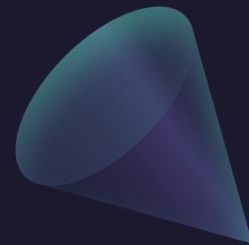
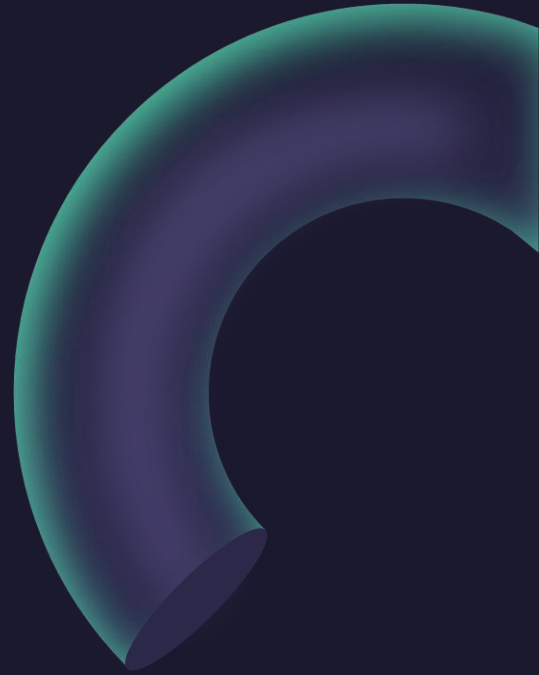


Example: Find the angle between the planes
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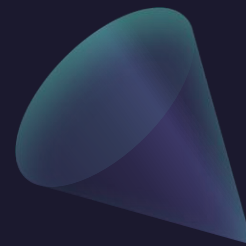
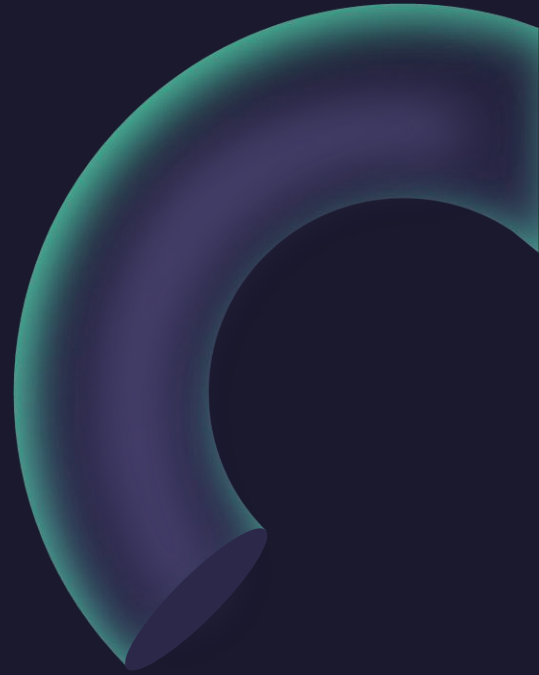
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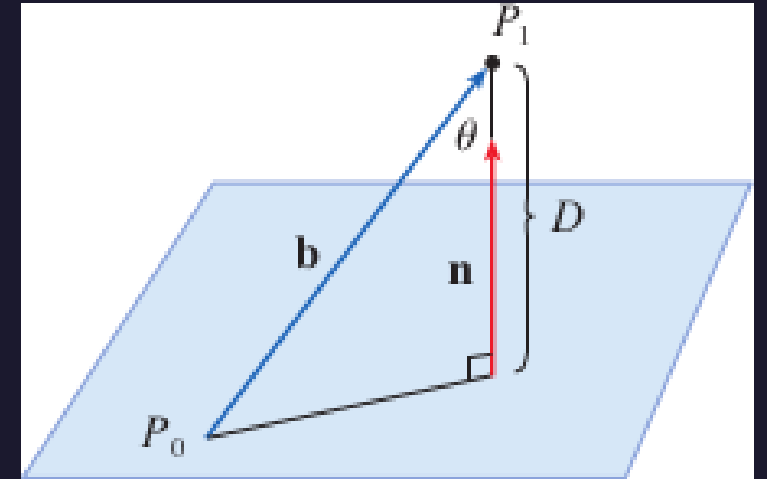
Example: Find the line of intersection between the planes
 $x + y + z = 1$ and $x - z = 3$.



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



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

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

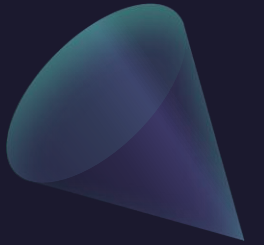
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 $P = (1, 2, 3)$ to the plane $x + z = 2$.

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

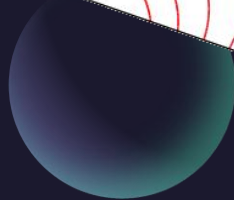
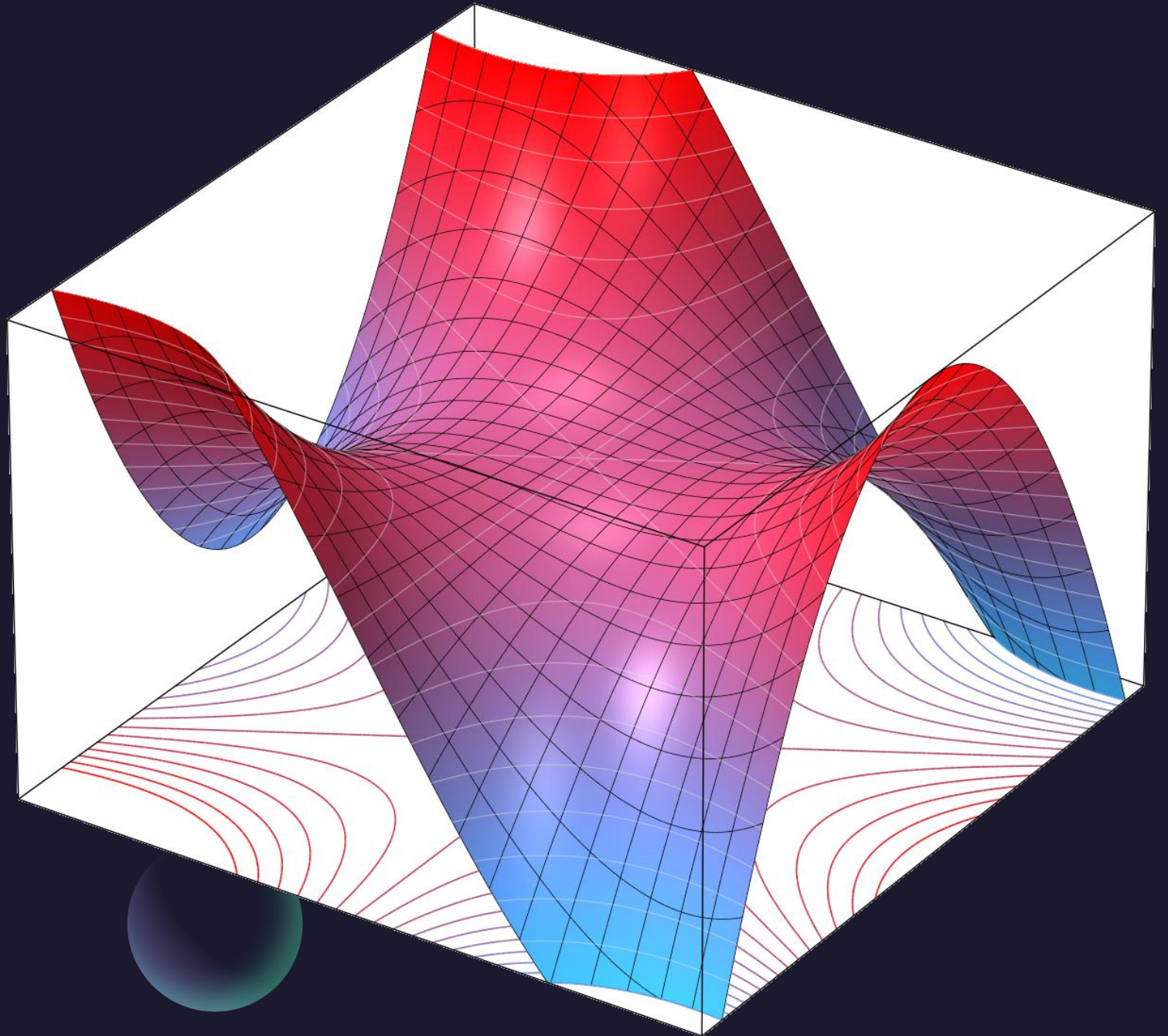
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Thank you

Until next time.



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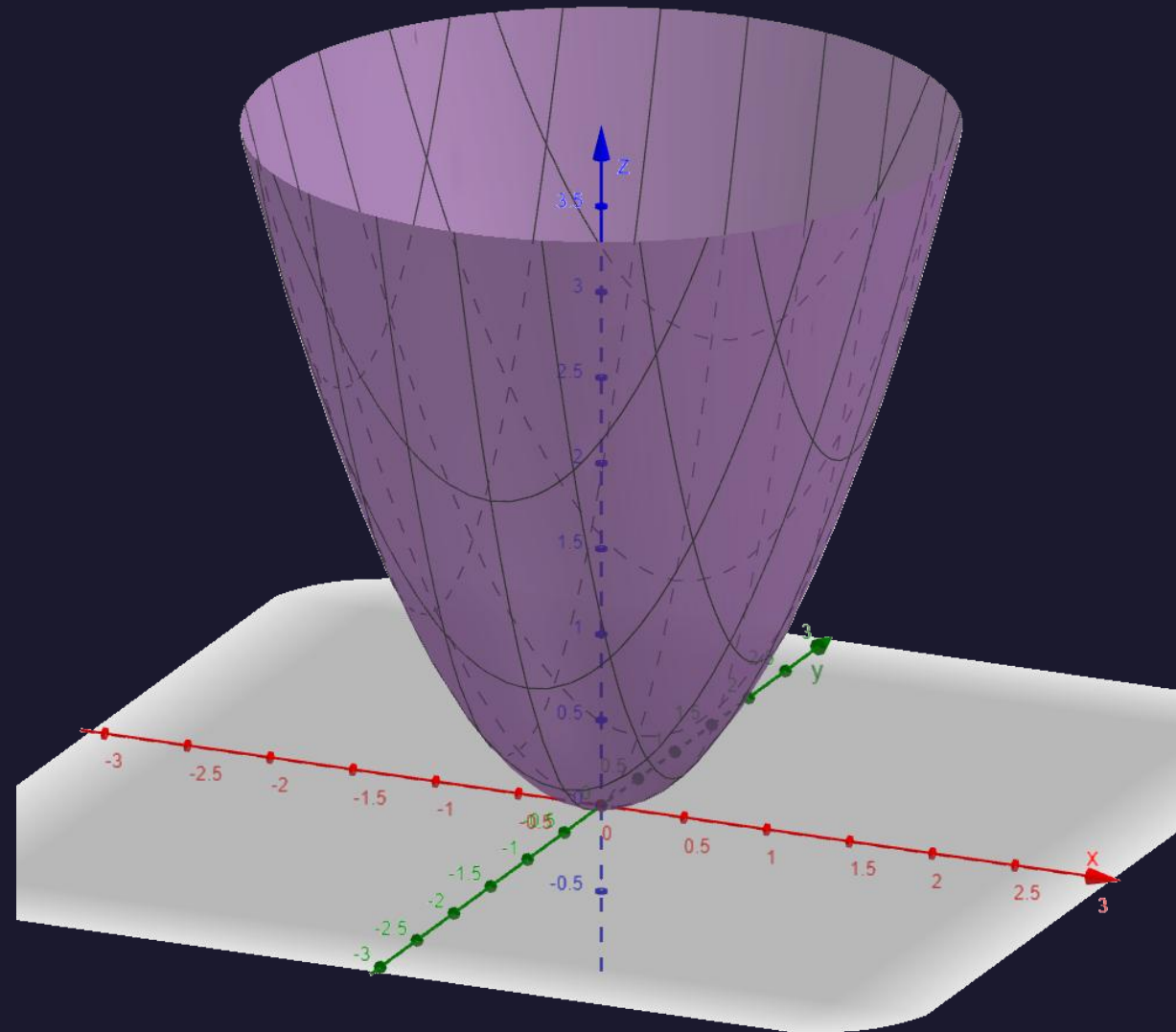
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Cylinders and Quadrics



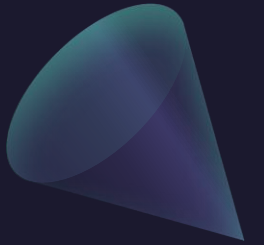
Today – Quadrics!

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

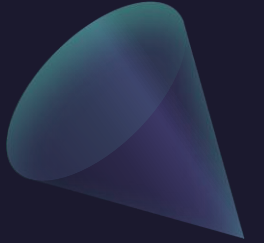


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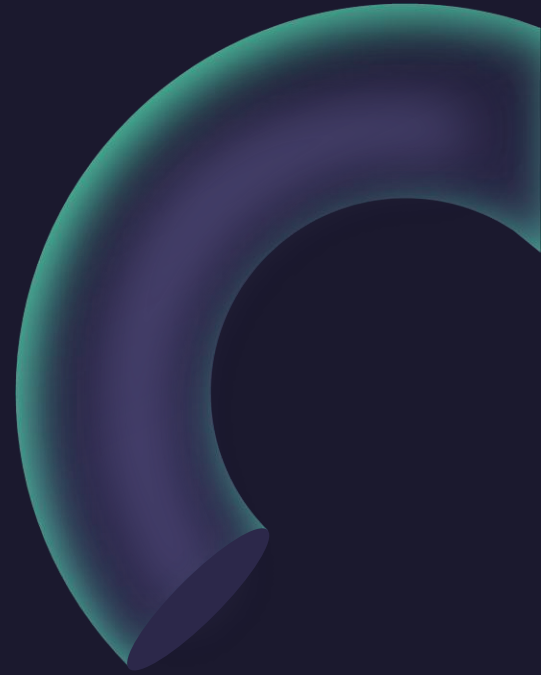
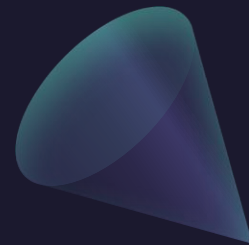
A “cylinder” is a surface that consists of all lines (called “rulings”) that are parallel to a given line and pass through a given plane curve.



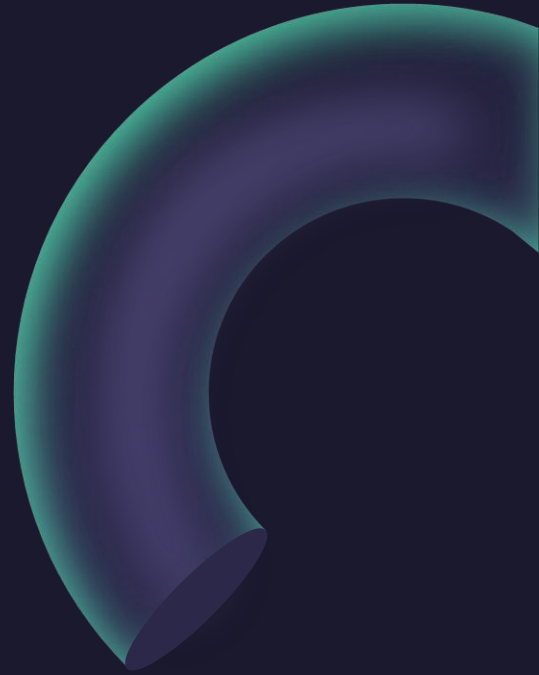
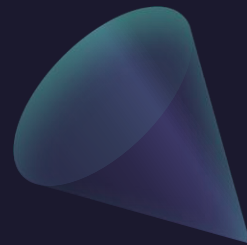
Recall: Circles, Ellipses, Parabolas and Hyperbolas (Conic Sections)



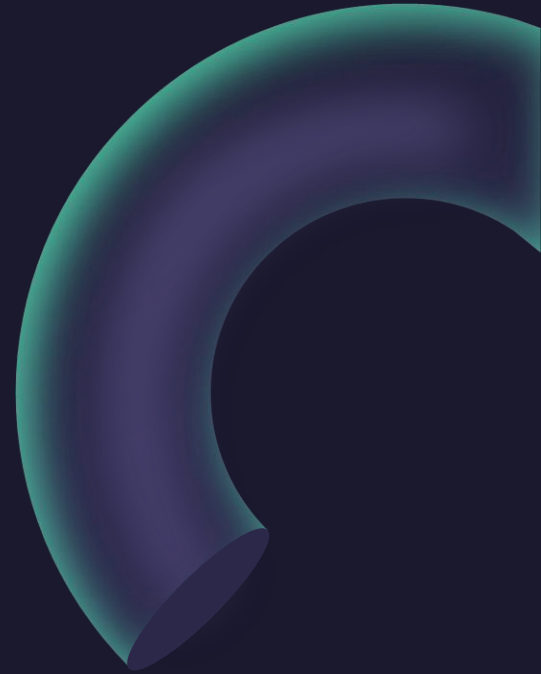
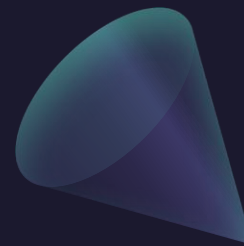
Example: Sketch the surfaces $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + z^2 = 1$.



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

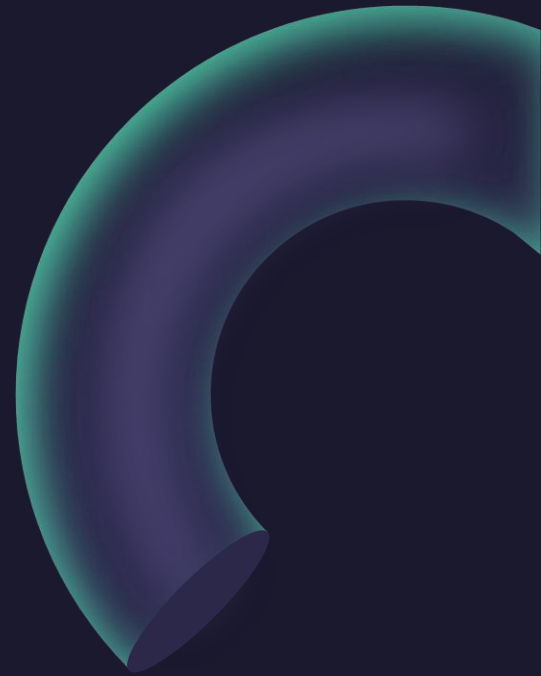
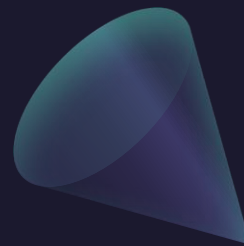


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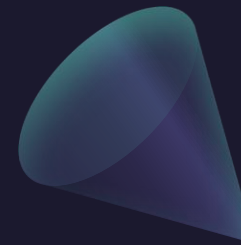
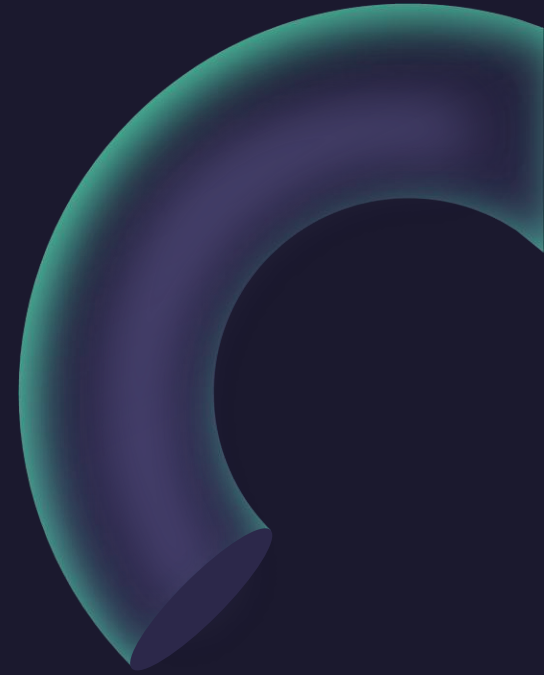
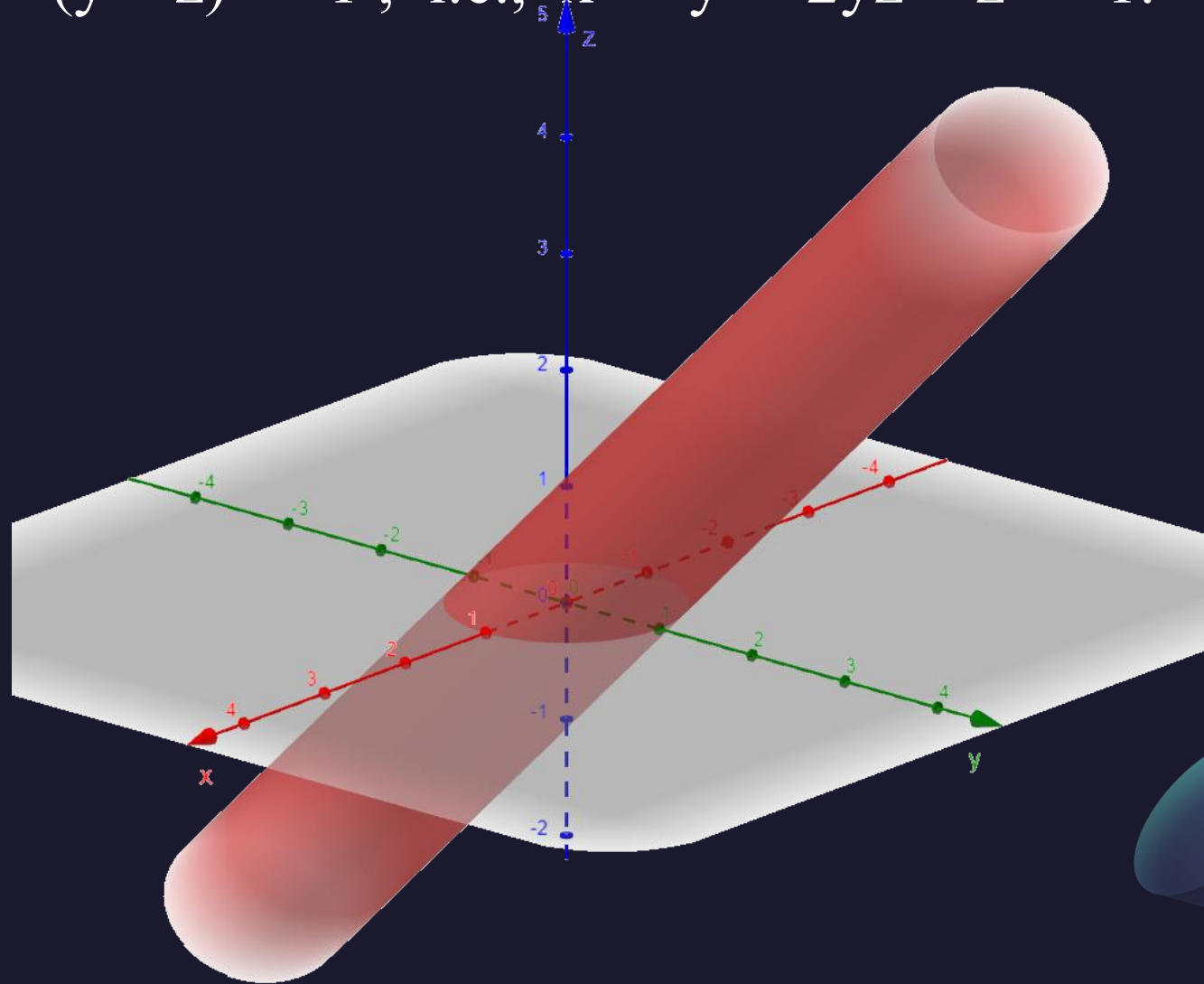
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Quadric Surfaces

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

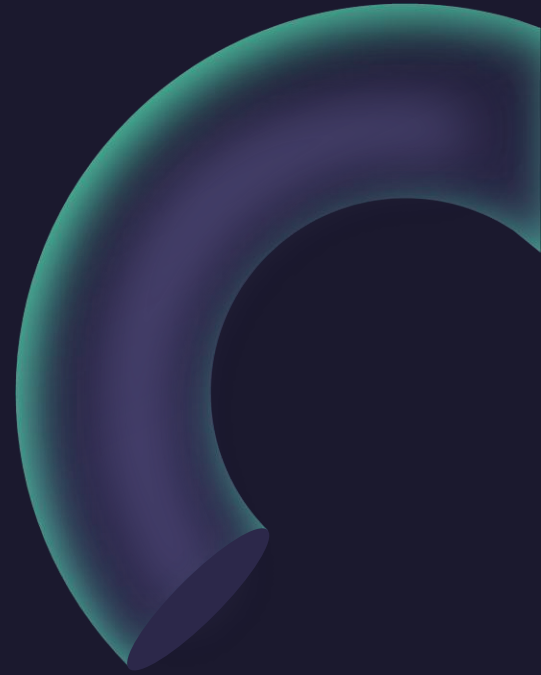
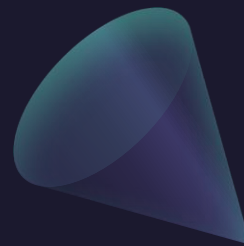
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How to sketch a quadric surface?

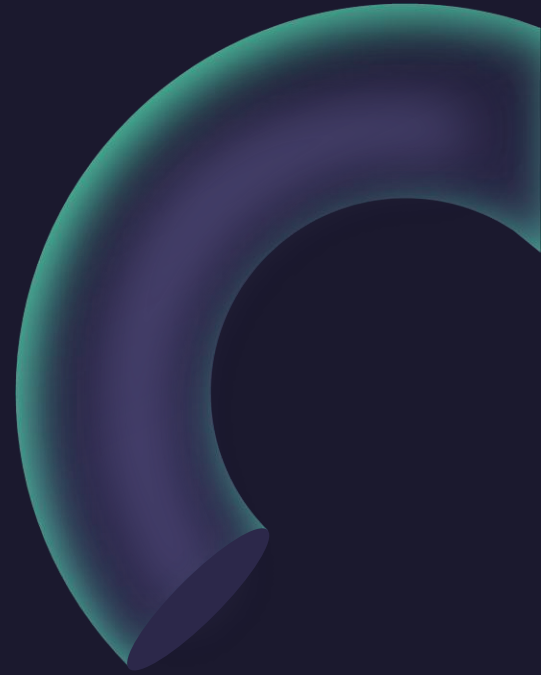
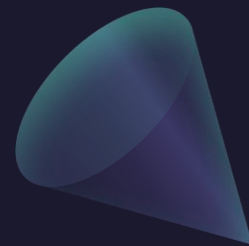
Traces or Cross Sections of a Surface



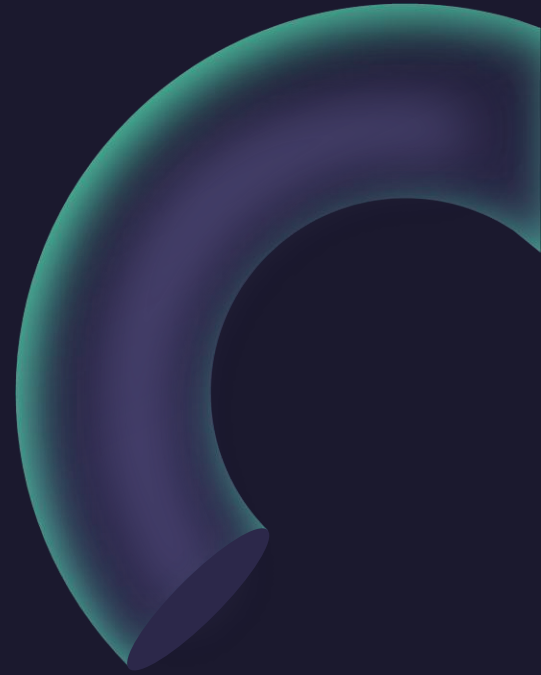
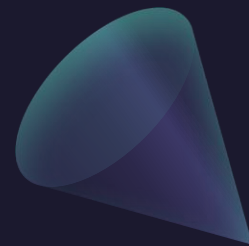
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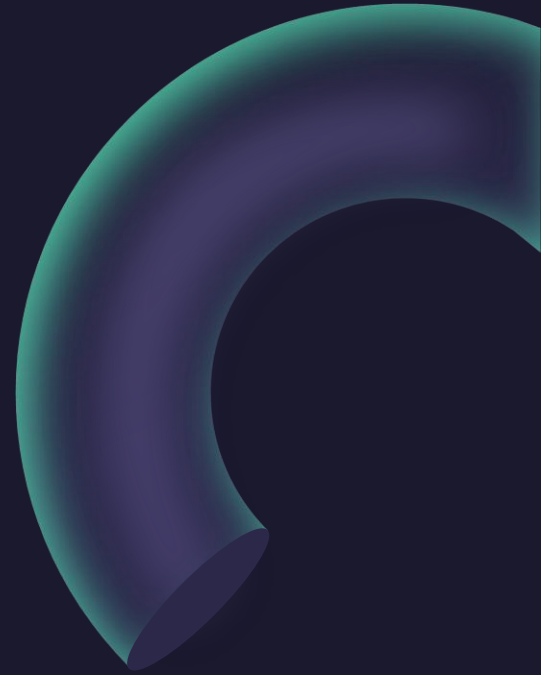
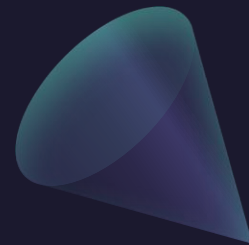
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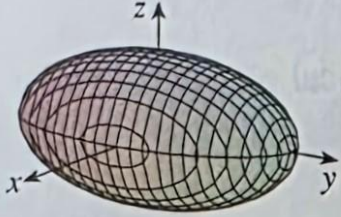
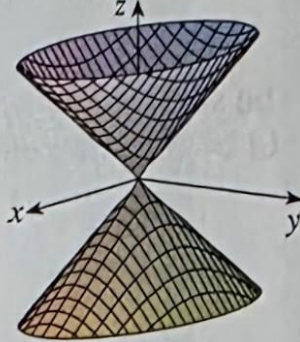
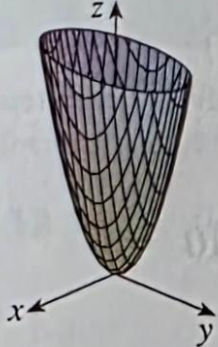
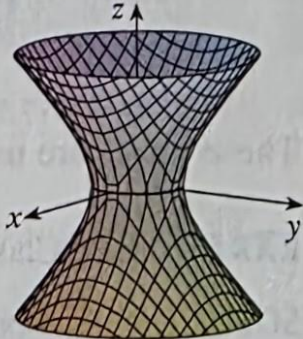
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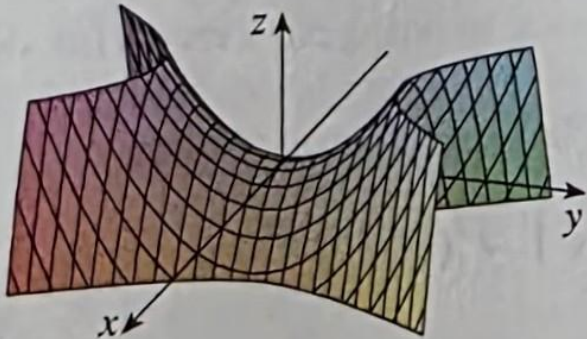


Types of Quadrics (I)

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

Types of Quadrics (2)

Hyperbolic Paraboloid



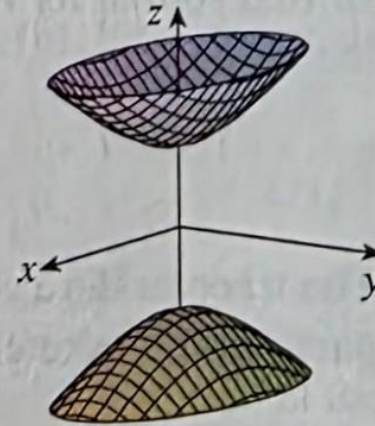
$$\frac{z}{c} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}$$

Horizontal traces are hyperbolas.

Vertical traces are parabolas.

The case where $c < 0$ is illustrated.

Hyperboloid of Two Sheets



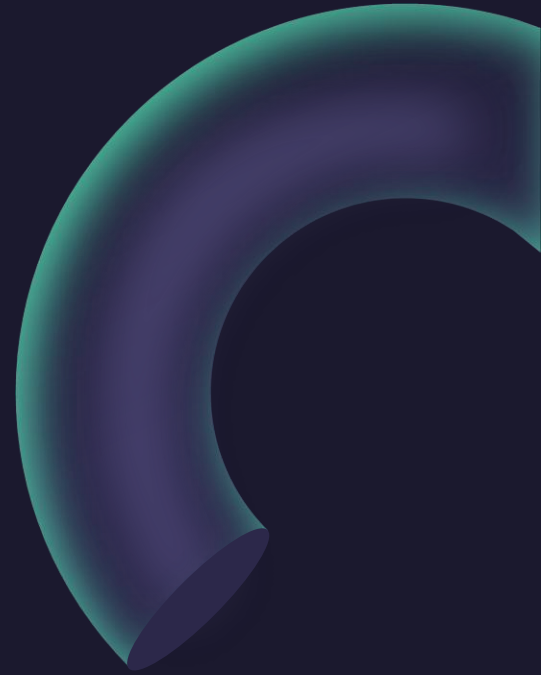
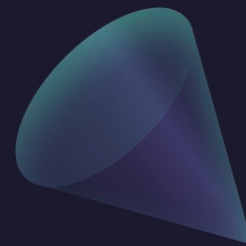
$$-\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

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

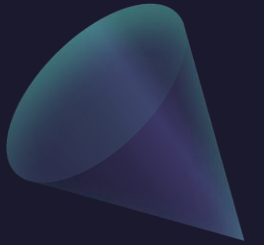
Vertical traces are hyperbolas.

The two minus signs indicate two sheets.

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



Questions?



Thank you

Until next time.

