

# SOLID ANALYTIC GEOMETRY: QUADRIC SURFACES [SST 9.7]

- **GENERAL FORM:**  $Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + Dxy + Exz + Fyz + Gx + Hy + Iz + J = 0$ , where  $A, B, \dots, I, J \in \mathbb{R}$

– The general form is much too general! Henceforth, focus only on the canonical forms below.

QUADRIC SURFACE	CANONICAL FORM(S)	KEY PROPERTIES
Sphere	$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$	Radius: $r$
Ellipsoid	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Axial Radii: $a, b, c$
Parabolic Cylinder	$y = ax^2$ OR $x = by^2$ $z = by^2$ OR $y = cz^2$ $z = ax^2$ OR $x = cz^2$	Axis of Generation: Axis of omitted variable
Elliptic Cylinder	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ $\frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Axis of Generation: Axis of omitted variable
Hyperbolic Cylinder	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ OR $\frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{x^2}{a^2} = 1$ $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ OR $\frac{z^2}{c^2} - \frac{x^2}{a^2} = 1$ $\frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ OR $\frac{z^2}{c^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$	Axis of Generation: Axis of omitted variable
Elliptic Paraboloid	$z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$ $y = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2}$ $x = \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2}$	Axis of Revolution: Linear term
Elliptic Cone	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0$ $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0$ $-\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0$	Axis of Revolution: Negative Square term
Hyperboloid of One Sheet	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ $-\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Axis of Revolution: Negative Square term
Hyperboloid of Two Sheets	$-\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ $-\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Axis of Revolution: Positive Square term
Hyperbolic Paraboloid	$z = \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{x^2}{a^2}$ OR $z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}$ $y = \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2}$ OR $y = \frac{z^2}{c^2} - \frac{x^2}{a^2}$ $x = \frac{z^2}{c^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}$ OR $x = \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2}$	

REMARK: All quadric surfaces tabulated above are centered at the origin  $(0, 0, 0)$ .

- **QUADRIC SURFACE IDENTIFICATION → HEURISTICS:**

- Collect & isolate the squared-variable terms, then produce the **canonical form**.
- **missing variable**  $\xrightarrow{\text{THINK}}$  "cylinder".
- **linear term**  $\xrightarrow{\text{THINK}}$  "parabolic" or "paraboloid".
- **all positive squared-variables**  $\xrightarrow{\text{THINK}}$  "elliptic" or "ellipsoid".
- **any negative squared-variables**  $\xrightarrow{\text{THINK}}$  "hyperbolic" or "hyperboloid".

**EX 9.7.1:** Identify & characterize quadric surface:  $x - 12z^2 = 0$

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**EX 9.7.2:** Identify & characterize quadric surface:  $x^2 + y^2 = 64 - z^2$

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**EX 9.7.3:** Identify & characterize quadric surface:  $45x^2 + 36y^2 + 20z^2 - 180 = 0$

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**EX 9.7.4:** Identify & characterize quadric surface:  $99z - 11x^2 - 9y^2 = 0$

**EX 9.7.5:** Identify & characterize quadric surface:  $7y^2 - \frac{9}{16}x^2 - \frac{63}{16} = 0$

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**EX 9.7.6:** Identify & characterize quadric surface:  $3y^2 + 25z^2 - 75 = 0$

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**EX 9.7.7:** Identify & characterize quadric surface:  $\frac{9}{4}x^2 - 18y^2 + 8z^2 = 0$

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**EX 9.7.8:** Identify & characterize quadric surface:  $\pi\sqrt{5}x^2 + 4\sqrt{5}y^2 - 4\pi z^2 - 4\pi\sqrt{5} = 0$

**EX 9.7.9:** Identify & characterize quadric surface:  $\pi^{8/5}x^2 - \pi^3z^2 - \pi^{23/5}y = 0$

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**EX 9.7.10:** Identify & characterize quadric surface:  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{10}}{5}x^2 - (\sqrt[3]{10})Qy^2 - \frac{Q}{5}z^2 - \frac{\sqrt[3]{10}}{5}Q = 0$ , where  $Q > 0$

**EX 9.7.11:** Given the quadric surface  $x = 2z^2$ ,

(a) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $z = 3$

(b) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $y = -1$

(c) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $x = -2$

(d) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $x = 0$

(e) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $x = 2$

**EX 9.7.12:** Given the quadric surface  $\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{3} - \frac{z^2}{4} = 1$ ,

(a) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $x = 0$

(b) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $x = \sqrt{2}$

(c) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $x = 4$

(d) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $z = 1$

(e) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $y = -\sqrt{3}$

**EX 9.7.13:** Given the quadric surface  $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} - \frac{z^2}{16} = 0$ ,

(a) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $z = 8$

(b) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $z = 0$

(c) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $y = -3$

(d) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $y = 0$

(e) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $x = 0$

(f) Find the intersection of the quadric surface with the plane  $x = -2$