

# Math21a Review

for first hourly

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**Multivariable calculus!**

**I wanted first to theme  
this review on a recent  
movie:**



number two

which contains a lot of  
**Multivariable calculus:**









but often stretches  
the limit of good taste:





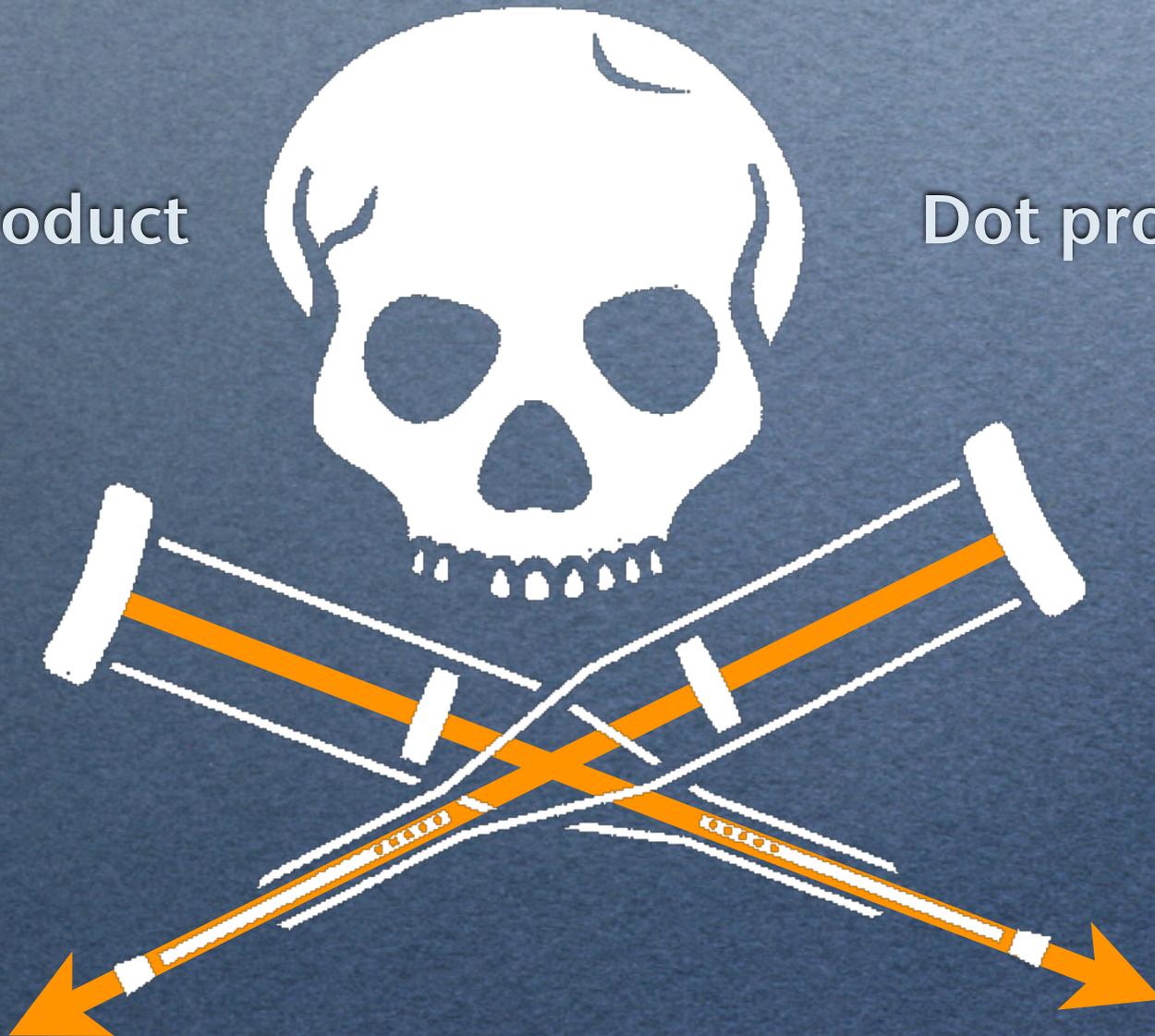
So, after visiting  
the cirque soleil  
yesterday, here is an  
other theme.



# First some geometry

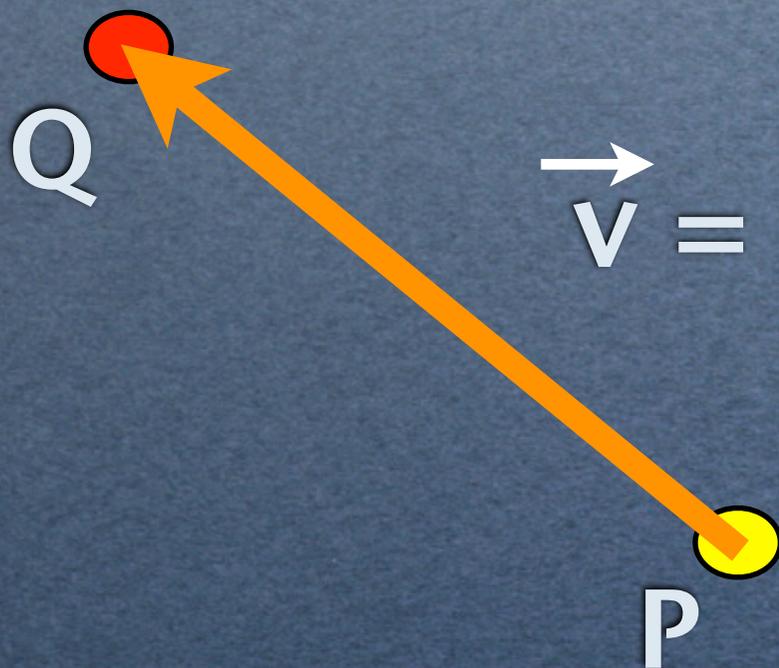
Cross product

Dot product



# Points - Vectors

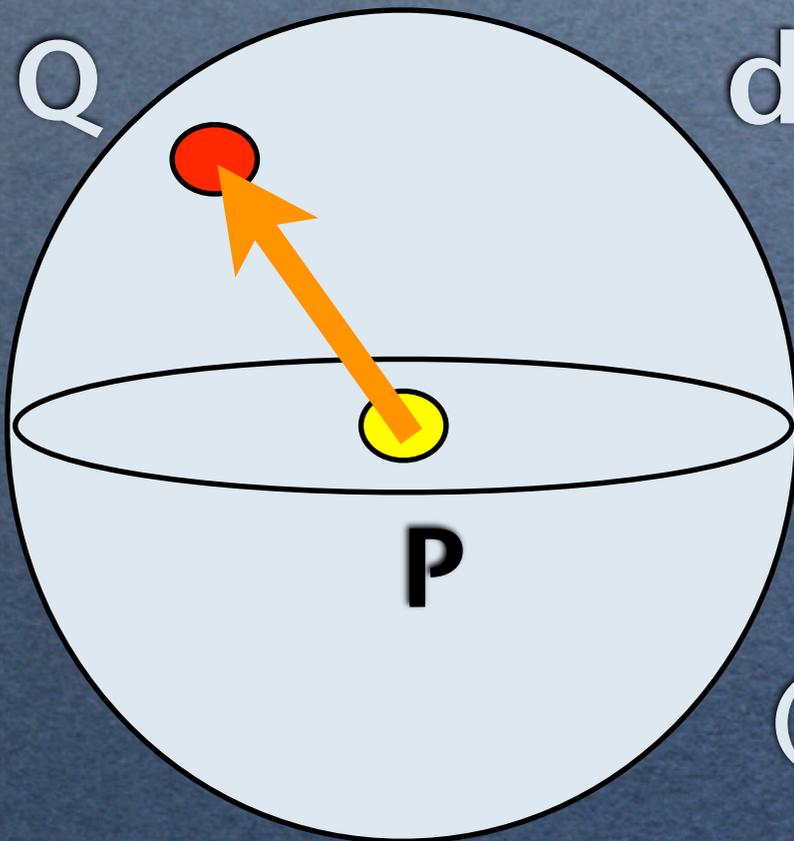
$$P = (3, 4, 6), Q = (5, 4, 7)$$



$$\vec{v} = \langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle = \vec{PQ}$$

# Distances-Spheres

$$P = (3, 4, 6), Q = (5, 4, 7)$$

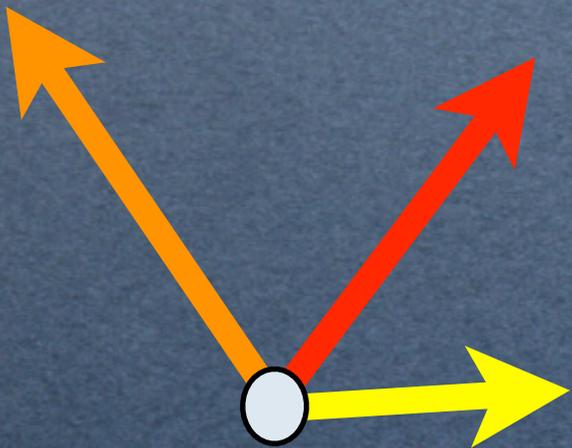


$$d(P, Q) = |\vec{PQ}|$$
$$= (4 + 0 + 1)^{1/2}$$

$$(x-3)^2 + (y-4)^2 + (z-6)^2 = 5$$

# Dot -Cross Products

$$\vec{v} = \langle 3, 4, 6 \rangle, \vec{w} = \langle 5, 4, 7 \rangle$$



$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 73$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \langle 4, 9, -8 \rangle$$

# Formulas

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = |\vec{v}| |\vec{w}| \cos(\alpha)$$

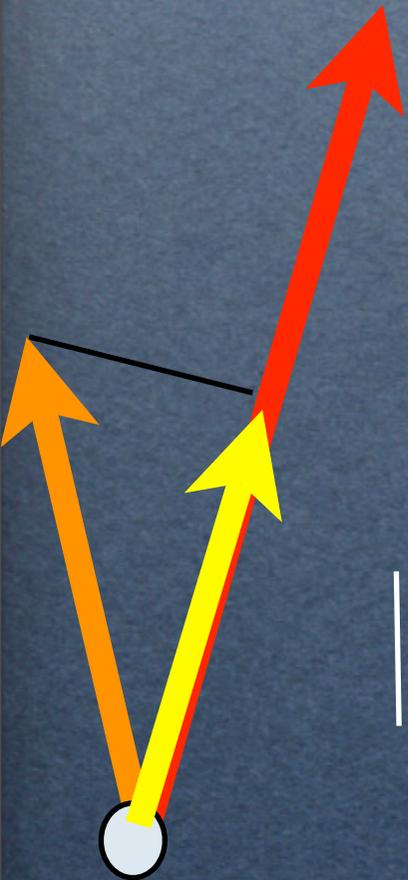
$$|\vec{v} \times \vec{w}| = |\vec{v}| |\vec{w}| \sin(\alpha)$$

# Projection

$$\vec{v} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle, \vec{w} = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle$$

$$P_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v}) = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{|\vec{w}|^2} \vec{w} = \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle$$

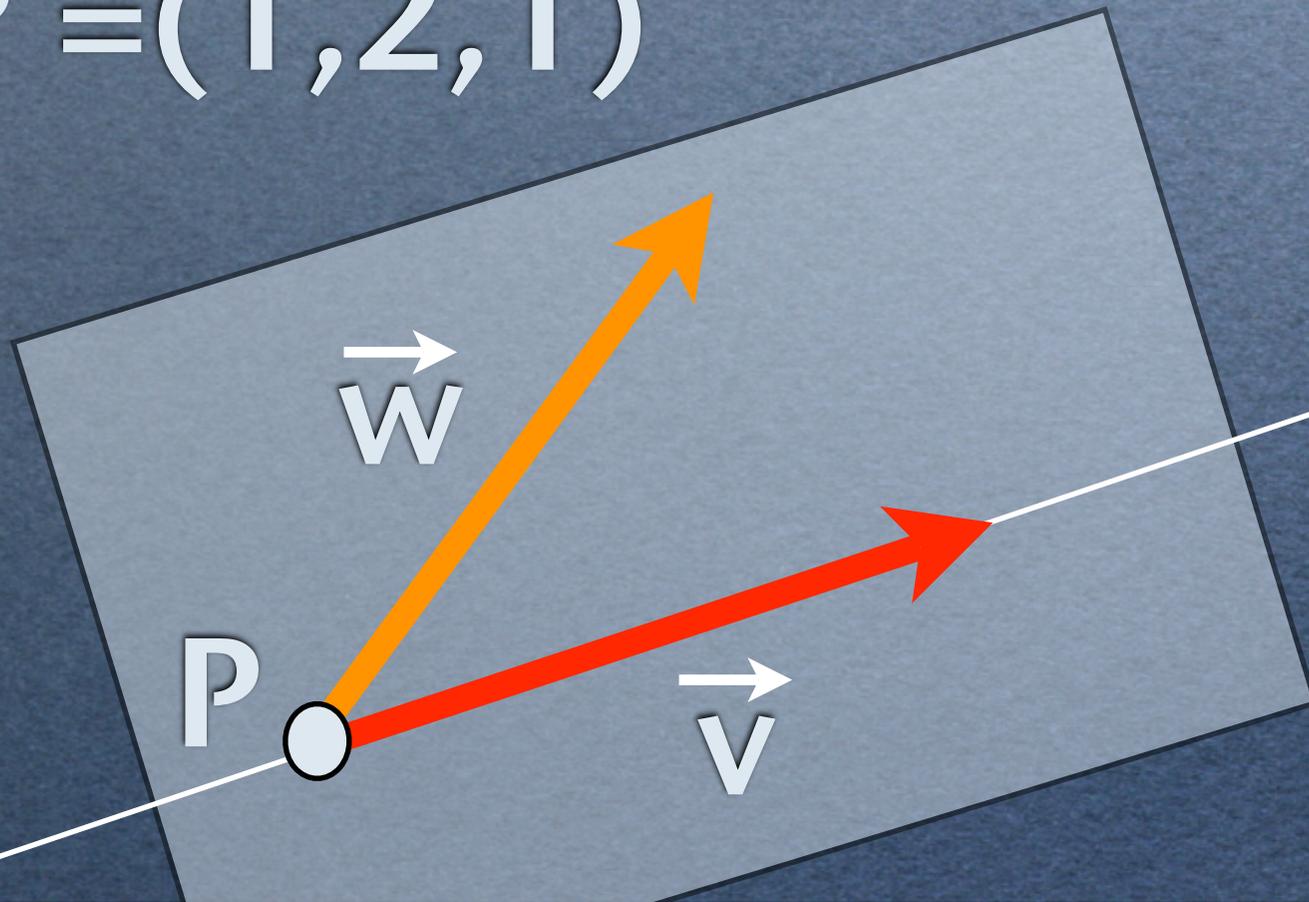
$$|P_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v})| = \frac{|\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}|}{|\vec{w}|} = \sqrt{2}$$



# Lines and Planes

$$\vec{v} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle, \vec{w} = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle$$

$$P = (1, 2, 1)$$



# Lines

$$\vec{v} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \quad P = (1, 2, 1)$$

$$\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z-1}{3}$$

P

$\vec{v}$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 1+t, 2+2t, 1+3t \rangle = \langle x, y, z \rangle$$

# Planes

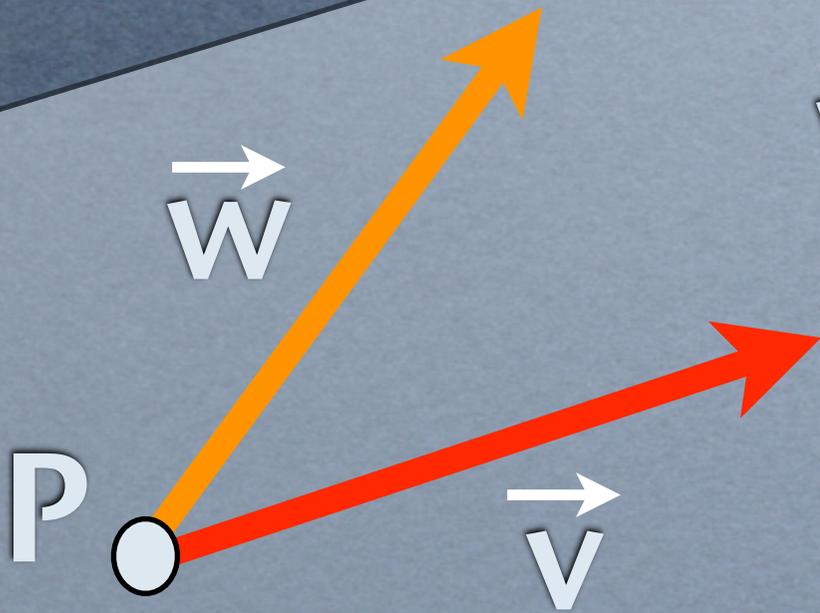
$$\vec{v} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle, \vec{w} = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle$$

$$P = (1, 2, 1)$$

$$P + t\vec{v} + s\vec{w} = \vec{r}(t, s)$$

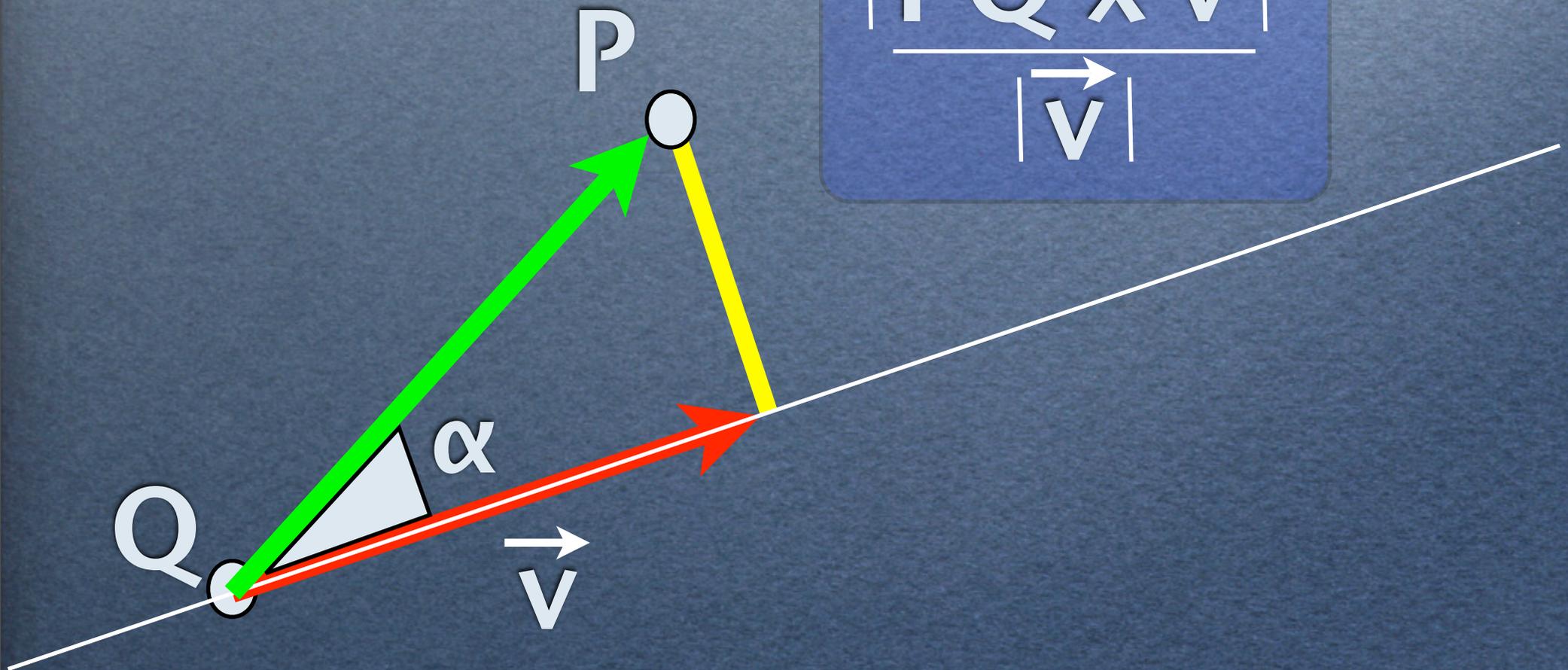
$$\begin{aligned}\vec{w} \times \vec{v} &= \langle a, b, c \rangle \\ &= \langle -2, 4, -2 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$-2x + 4y - 2z = 4$$



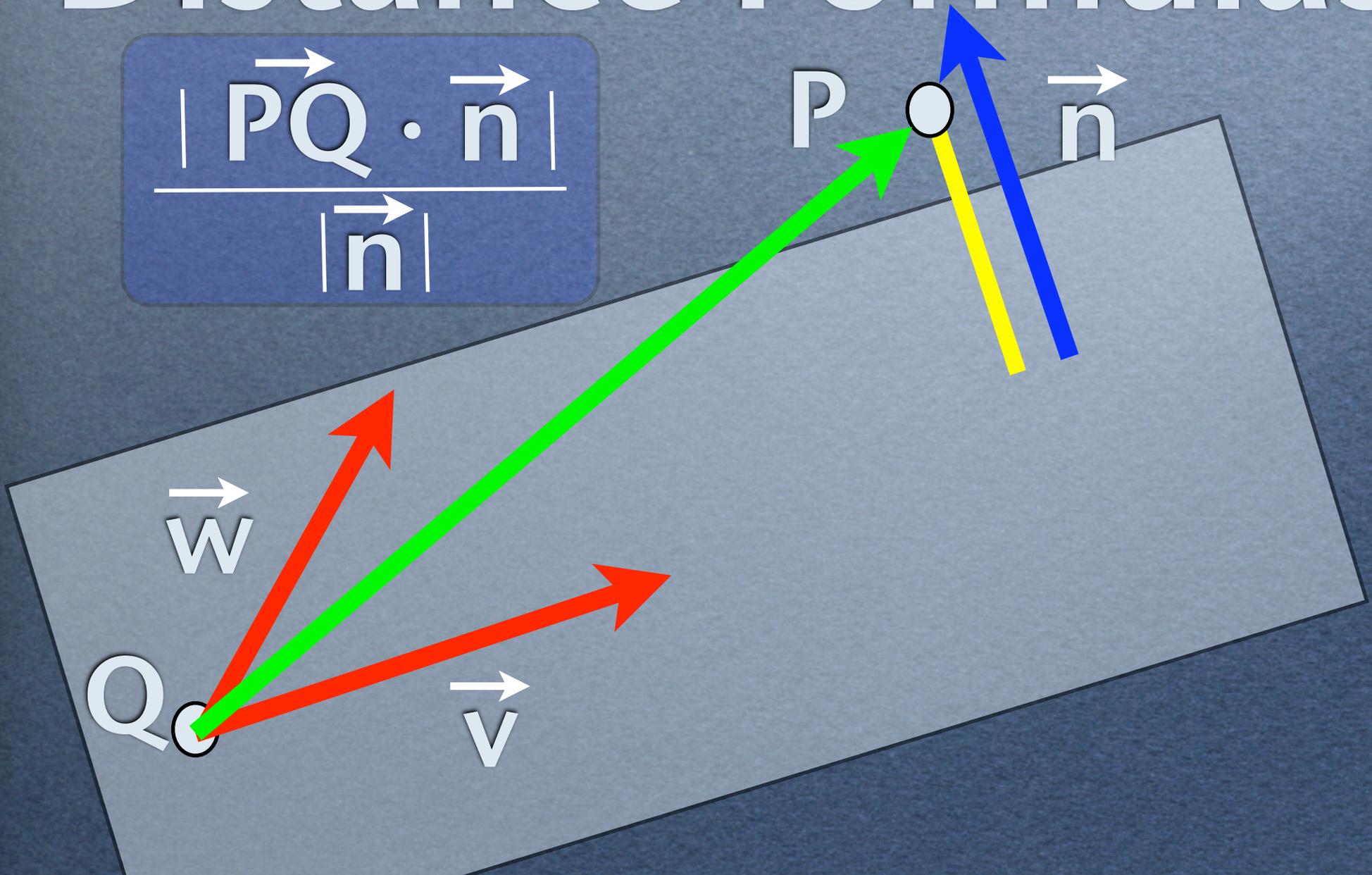
# Distance Formulas

$$\frac{|\vec{PQ} \times \vec{v}|}{|\vec{v}|}$$

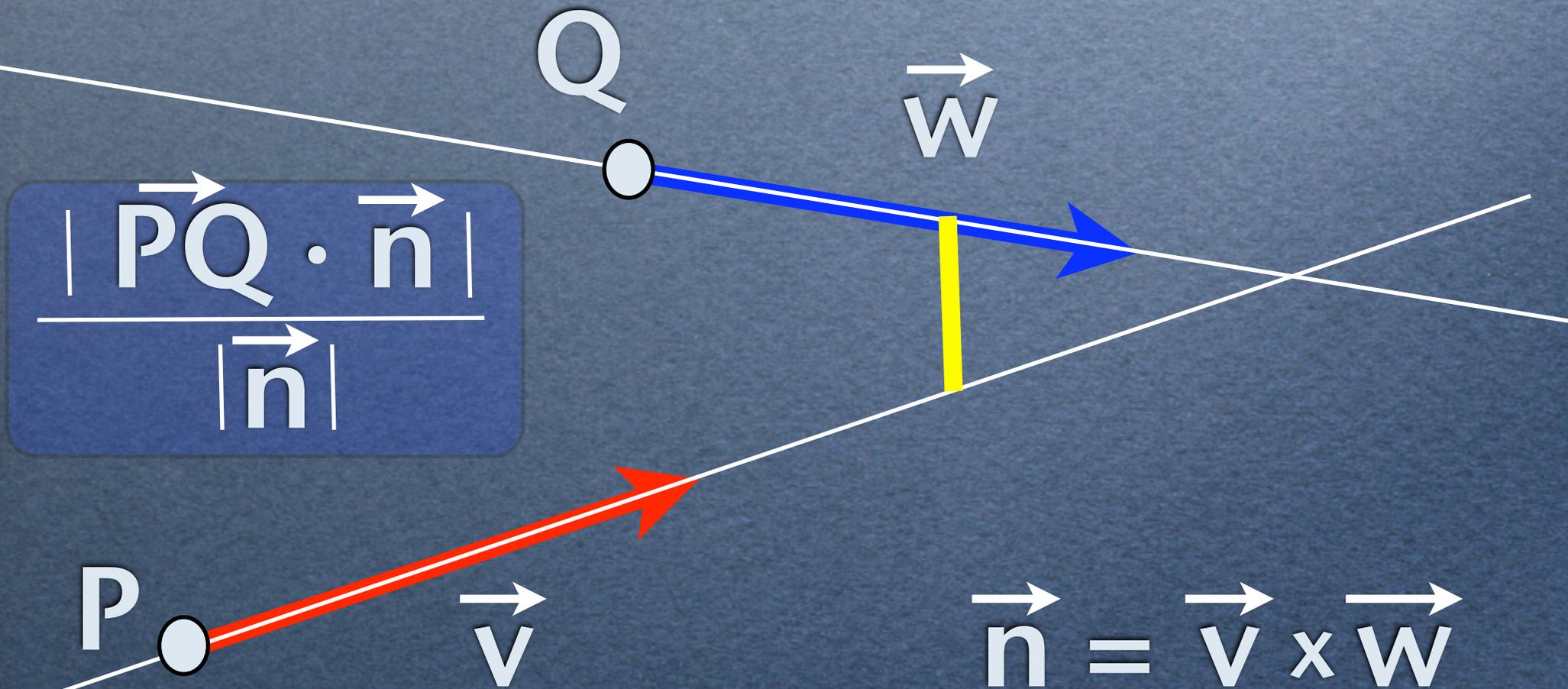


# Distance Formulas

$$\frac{|\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{n}|}{|\vec{n}|}$$



# Distance Formulas



# Problem 1

*Done on blackboard*

Given the points

$A=(2,3,4), B=(3,4,5), C=(1,2,1), D=(3,2,1)$

Find the distance between the line through A,B and the line through C,D.

# You might think now:

Since Knill used this example, it will not appear in the test. However, remember that I know this too. To make a surprise, we could have put this example in the test. But because I mentioned this now, it most likely will not. But then again, it would be a surprise if it would appear...

# By the way:

Harvard does not do “Surprise exams”, because surprise exams promised on a fixed time interval do not exist:

Proof. Assume we would announce now that there will be a surprise exam between now and October 31 and that it has to be a surprise.



foto: frank calegari

October 31  
can not  
be an exam date:

Proof. If it were on 31 October then in the night of 30-31 October, all of you would know that the exam would be the next day. It would not be a surprise exam.

# October 30 is out:

Proof. If it were on 30 October then in the night of 29-30 October, all of you would know that the exam has to be the next day because we have already seen that it can not be on 31 March. It would not be a surprise exam.

etc. etc.

**Clear?**



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Kuribajashi**



# Area and Volume

$$\vec{u} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle, \vec{v} = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle$$

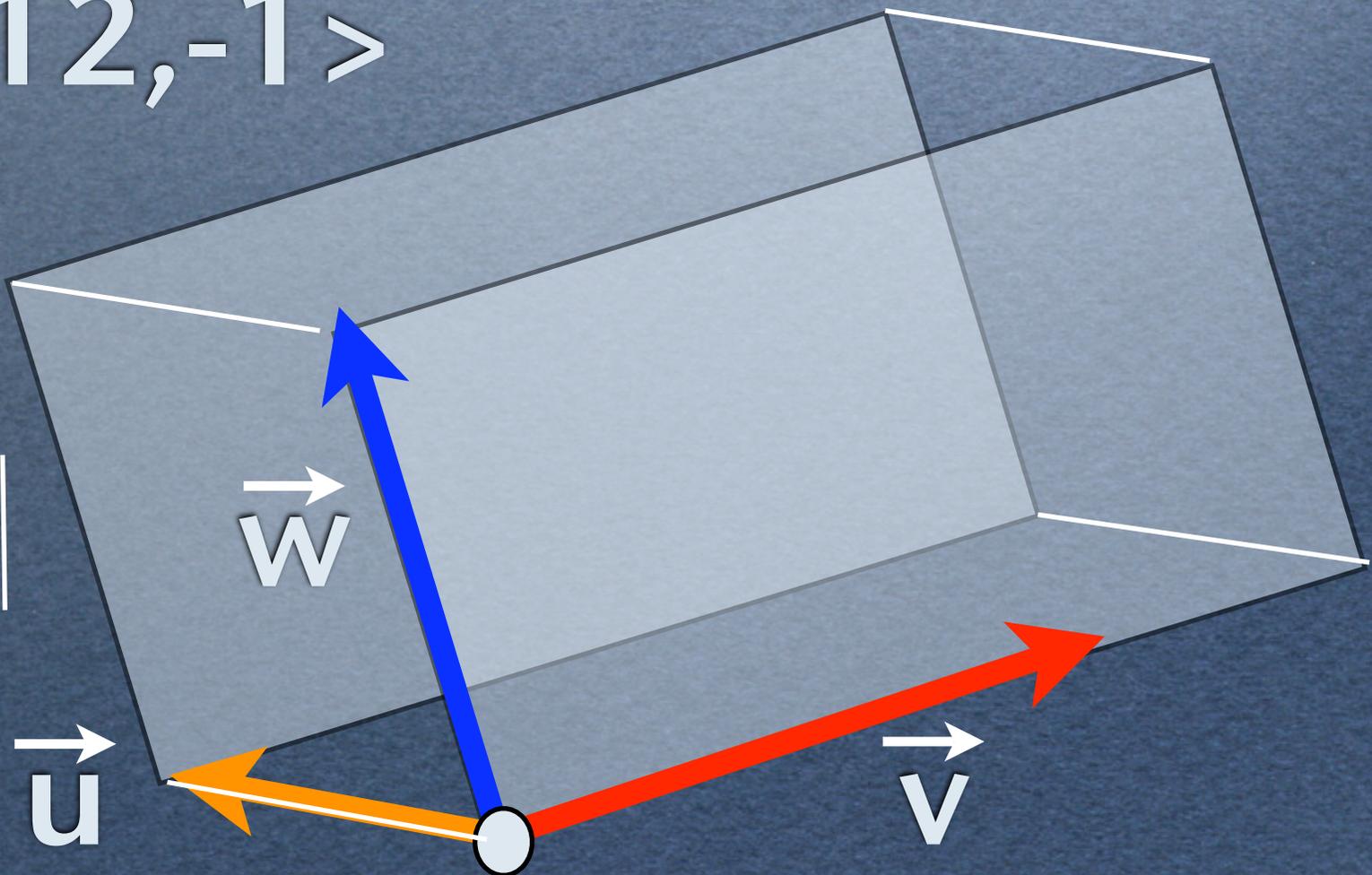
$$\vec{w} = \langle -1, 2, -1 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|$$

area

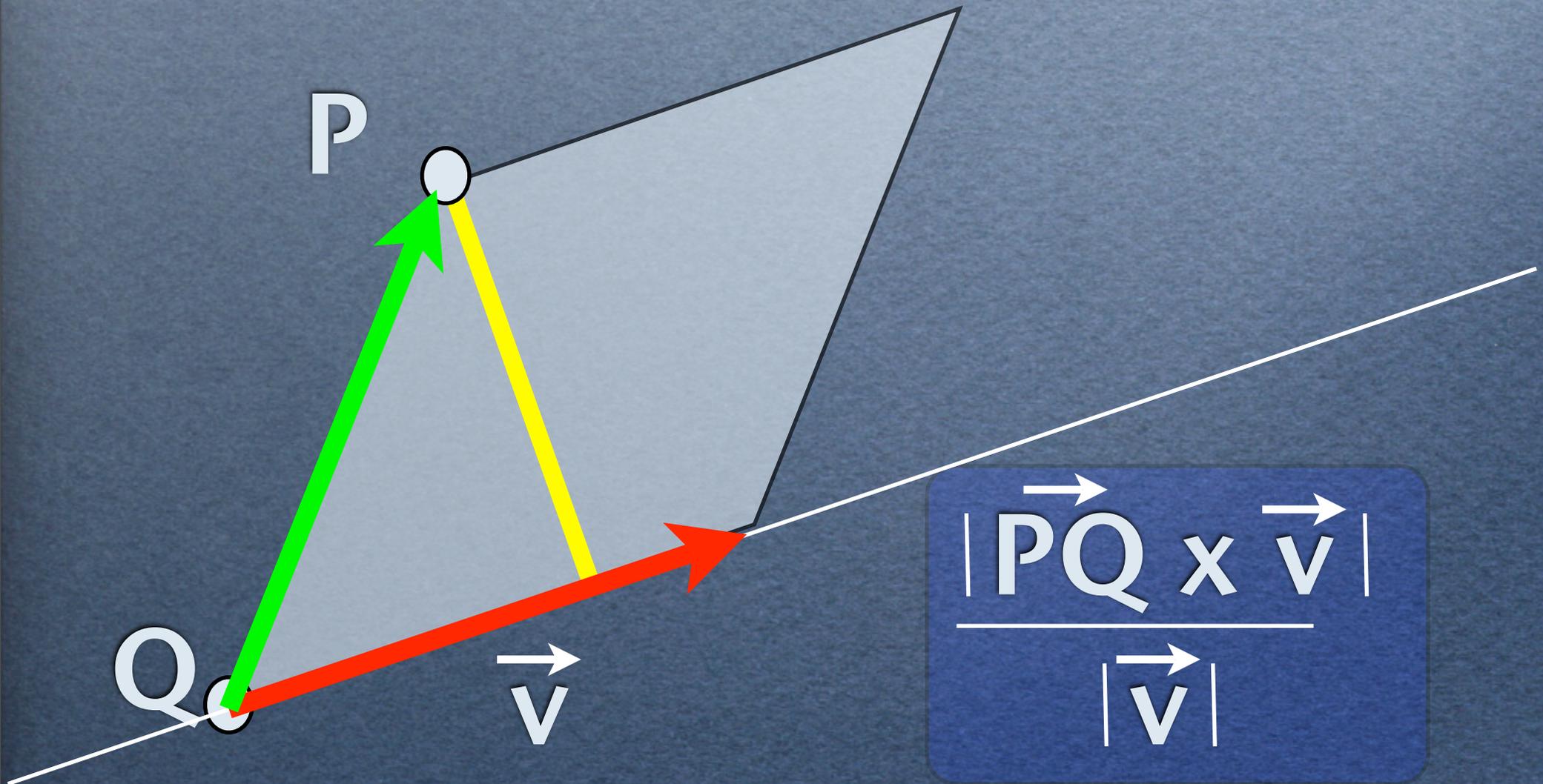
$$|\vec{w} \cdot \vec{u} \times \vec{v}|$$

volume



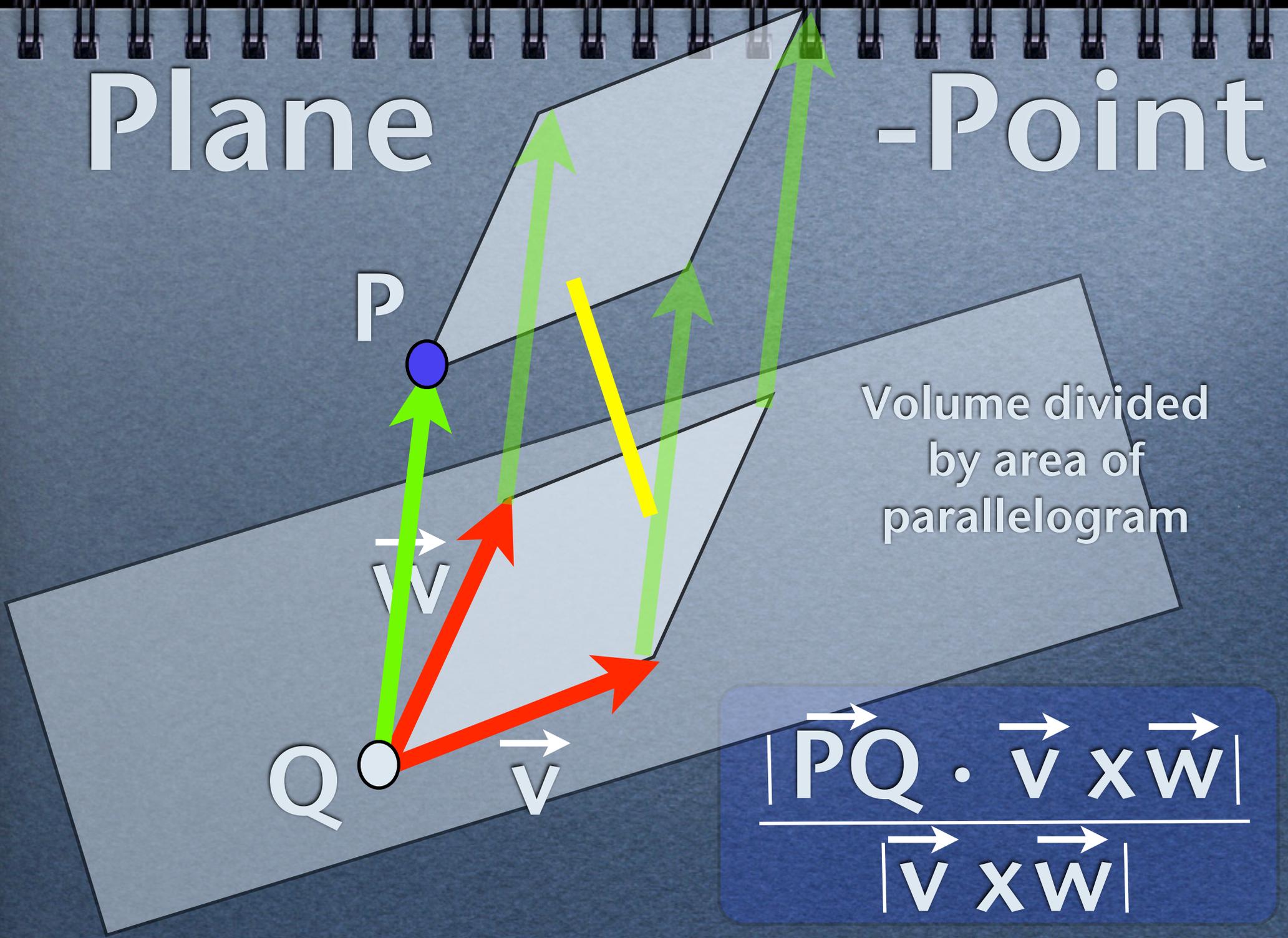
**Distance formulas  
derived from  
area and volume:**

# Distance Line-Point



# Plane

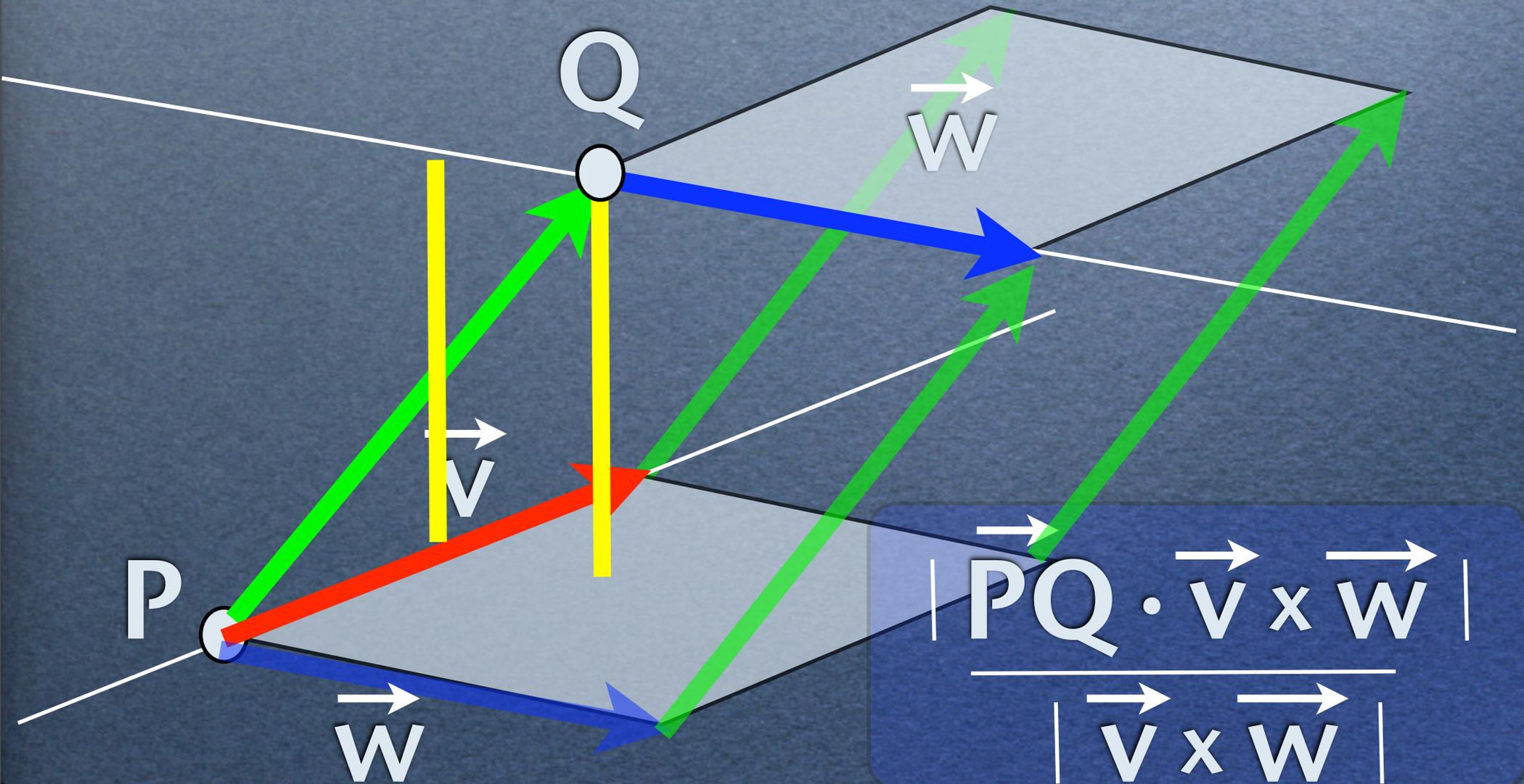
# -Point



Volume divided  
by area of  
parallelogram

$$\frac{|\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{v} \times \vec{w}|}{|\vec{v} \times \vec{w}|}$$

# Line - Line



# Problem 2

*Done on blackboard*

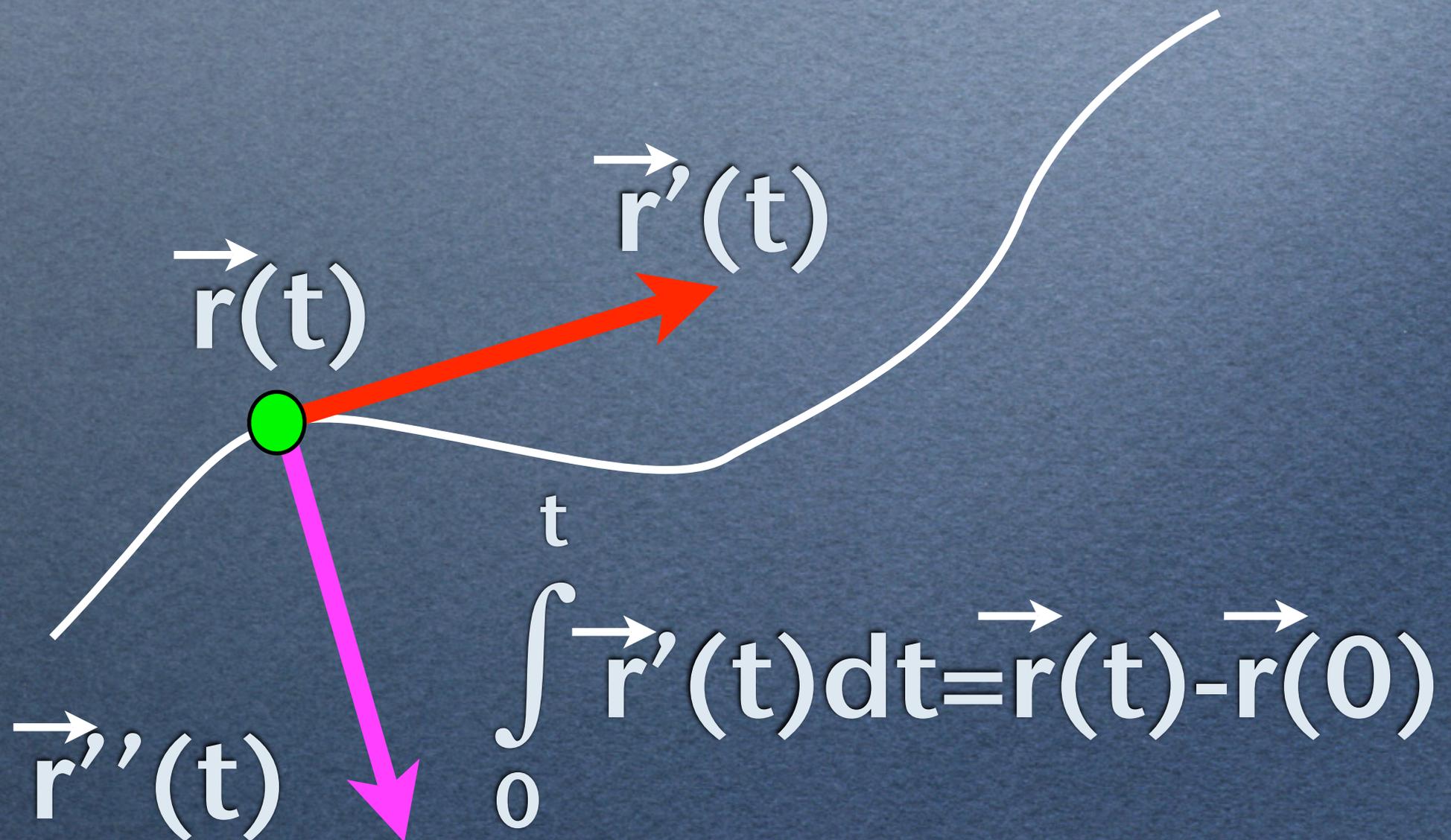
Find the line which is the reflection of

$$\vec{r}(t) = (1, 1, 5) + t(3, 4, 5)$$

at the  $xy$ -plane.



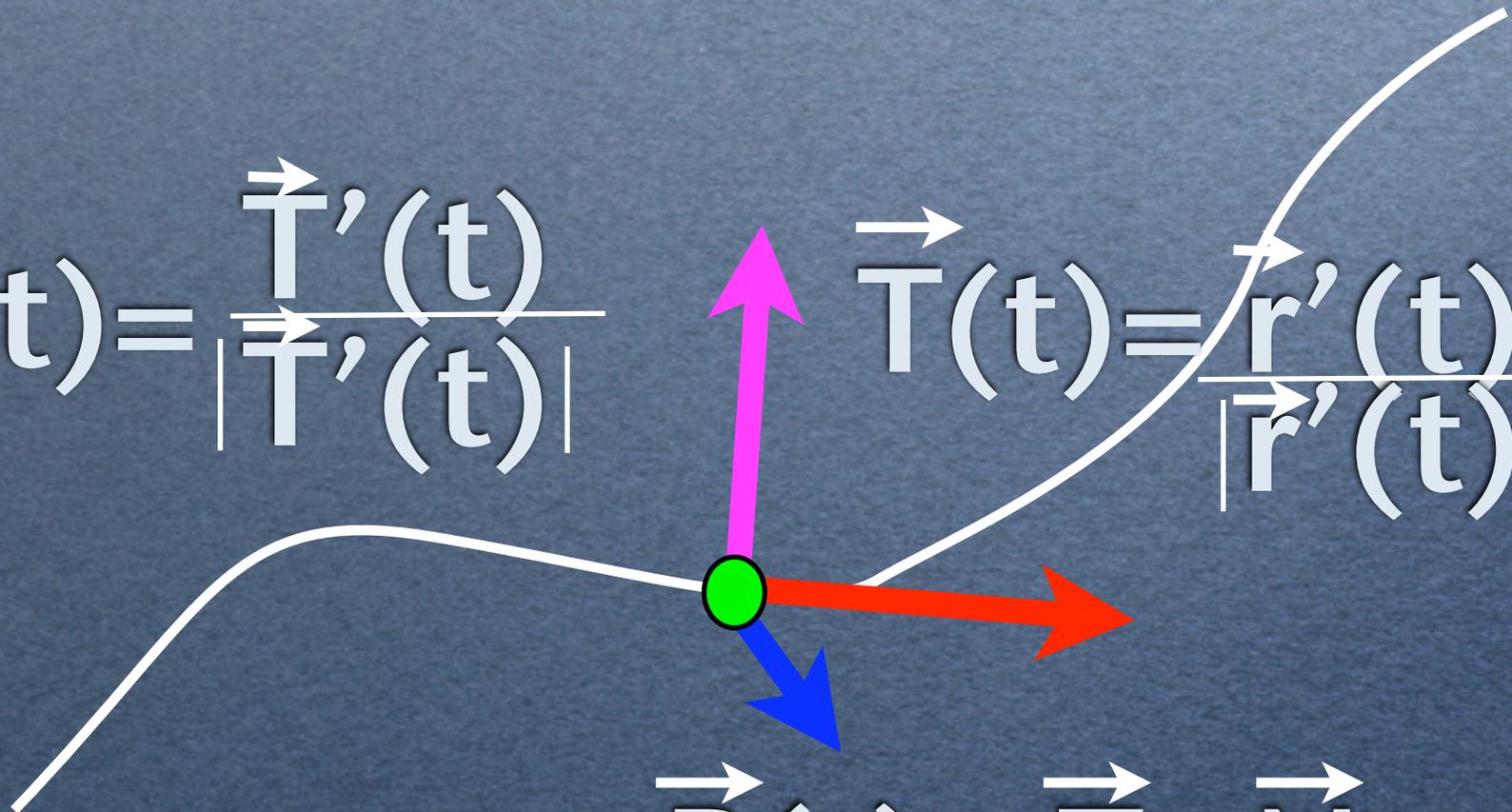
# Velocity-Acceleration



# TNB- Frame

$$\vec{N}(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{|\vec{T}'(t)|}$$

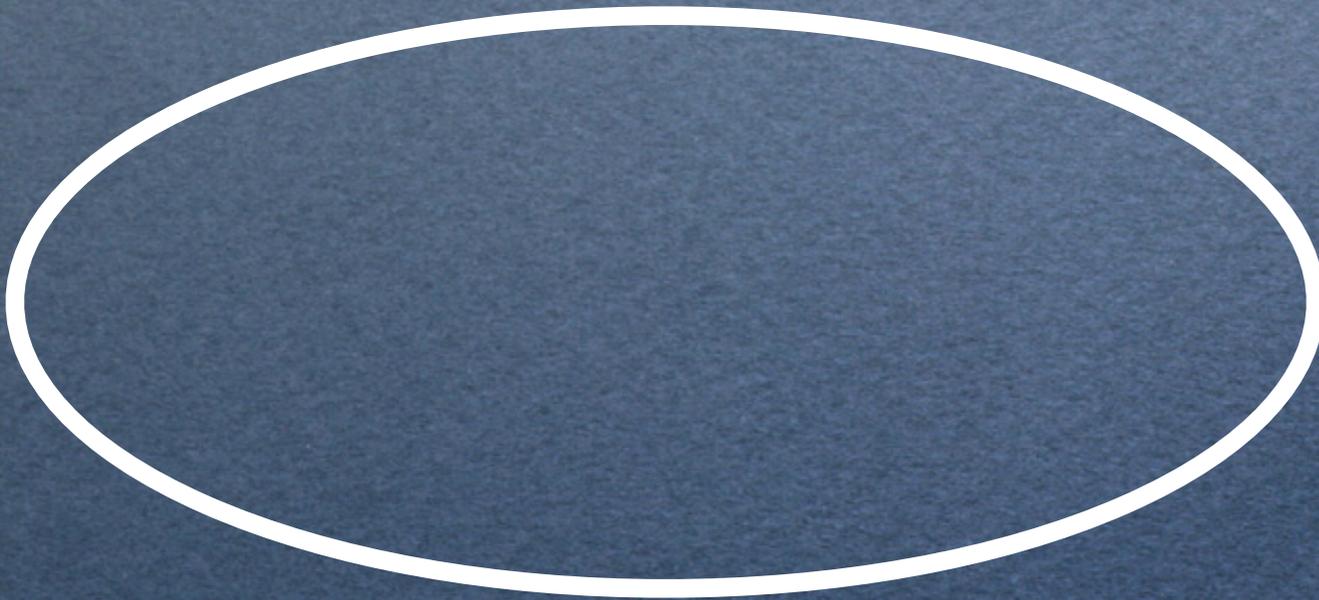
$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$$



$$\vec{B}(t) = \vec{T} \times \vec{N}$$

# Important Example

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle a \cos(t), b \sin(t) \rangle$$



# Arc length/curvature

$$L = \int_a^b |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$$

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|^3}$$

Independent of parametrization

# Large or Small Curvature ?





# Problem 3

*Done on blackboard*

The wheel acrobat moves on a curve  
 $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2\cos(t), \sin(2t) \rangle$ . Find the  
speed when she drives through the  
origin at  $t = \pi/2$

Now to  
something  
really  
scary:



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para-  
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# Arc Length Parametrization

$$\sigma(t) = \int_0^t |\vec{r}'(u)| du$$



$$\vec{p}(s) = \vec{r}(\sigma^{-1}(s))$$

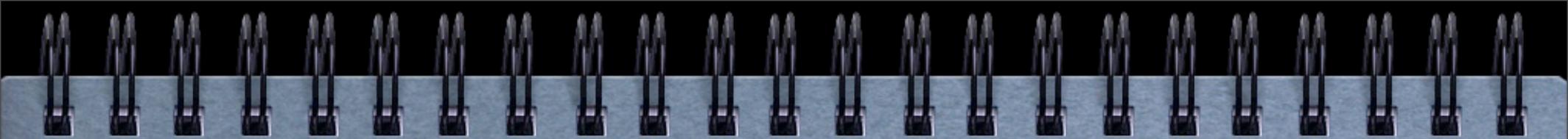


Illustration:



A blue spiral-bound notebook with the word "Reparametrized" written in white in the center. The spiral binding is visible at the top edge.

Reparametrized



# Problem 4

*Done on blackboard*

Find the arc length integral  
of the intersection of  
 $x^2 + 4z^2 = 4$  and  $y - xz = 8$

# Free Fall





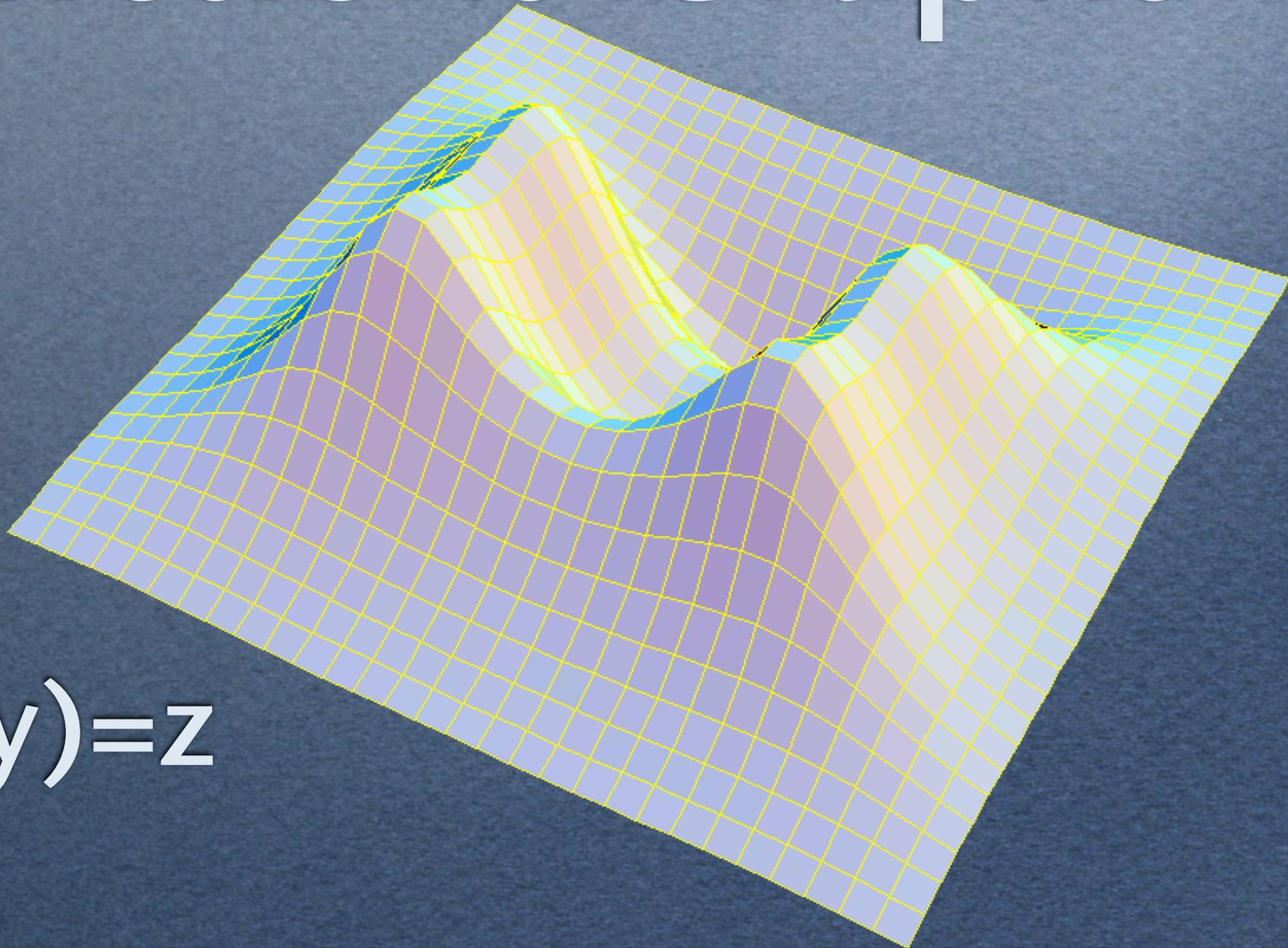


# Problem 5

*Done on blackboard*

The little person on the balloon experiences a gravitational force of  $(0,0,-2)$  and is thrown with an initial velocity  $(2,3,4)$  starting at  $(10,10,0)$ . How high will it fly?

# Functions-Graphs



$$f(x, y) = z$$

# How to analyze ?

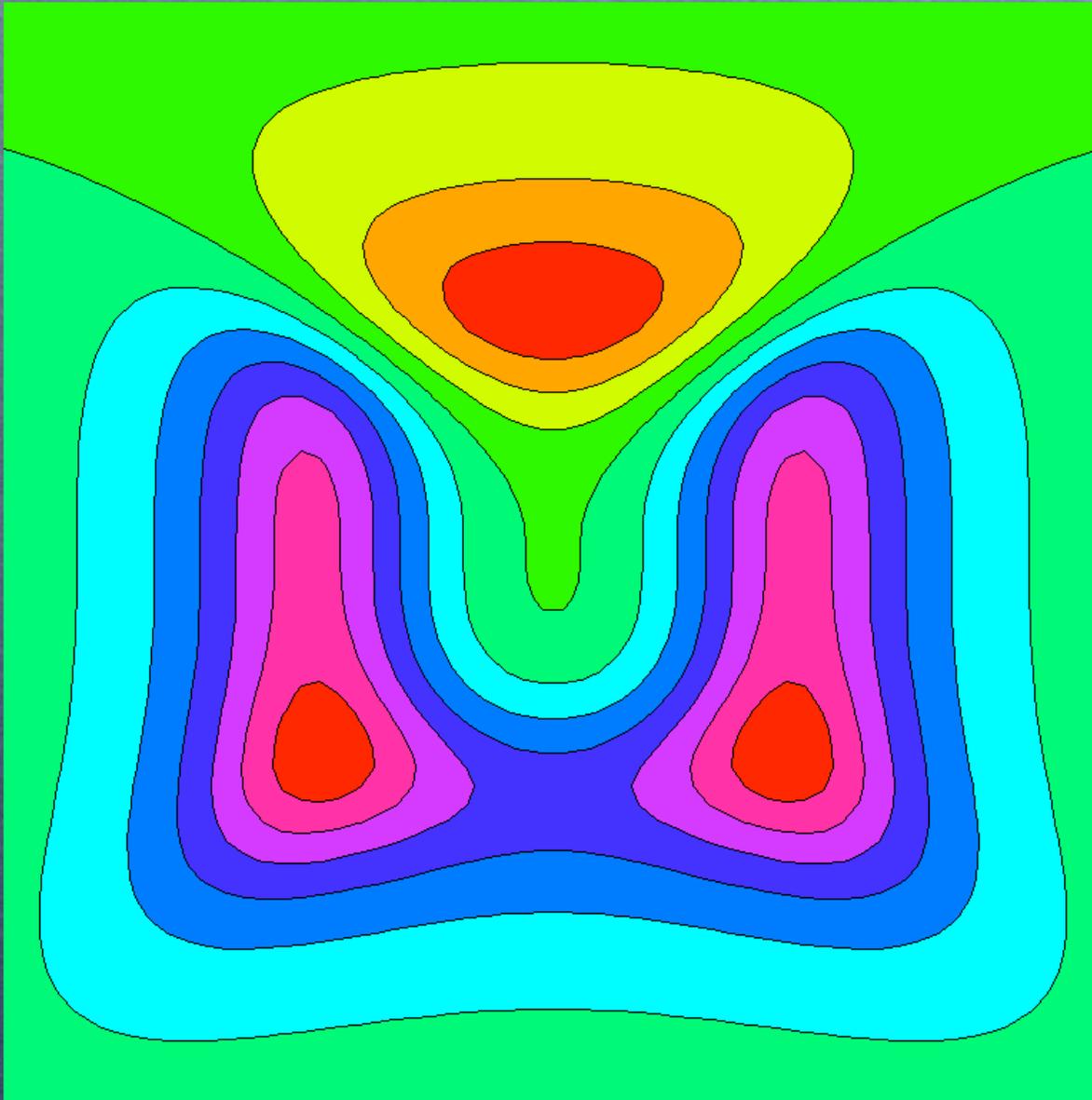
Traces

Contour lines

Symmetries

Asymptotic behavior

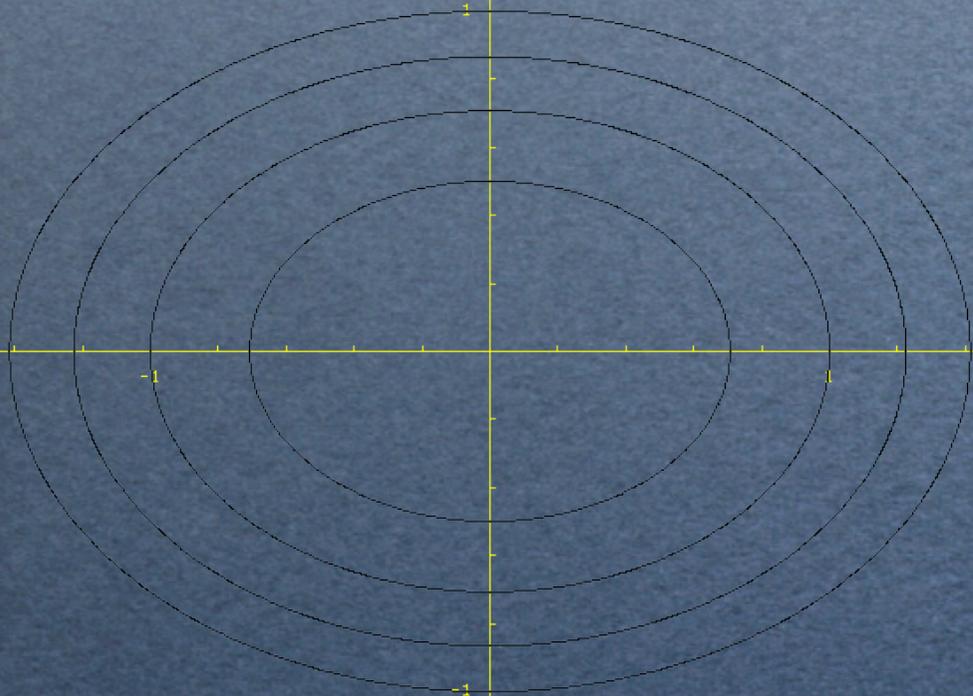
# Contour Lines



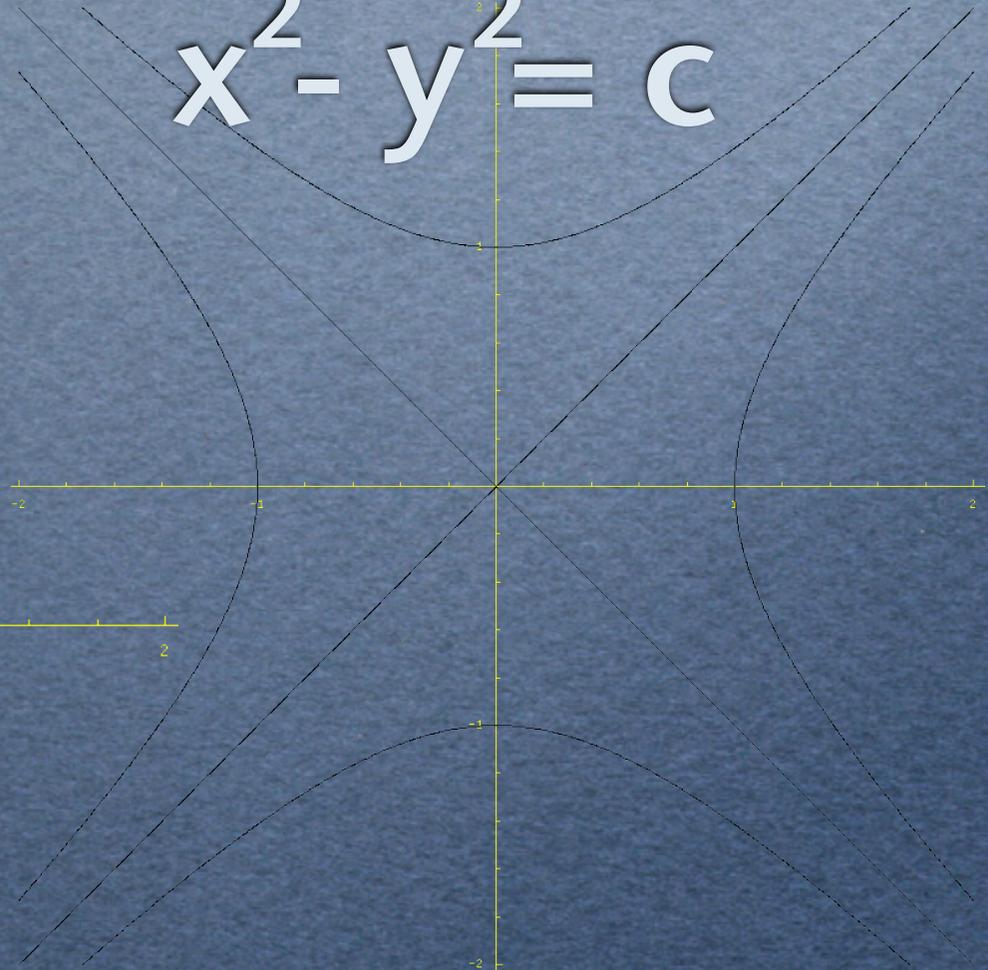
$$f(x,y)=c$$

# Ellipse and Hyperbola

$$x^2 + y^2 = c$$



$$x^2 - y^2 = c$$



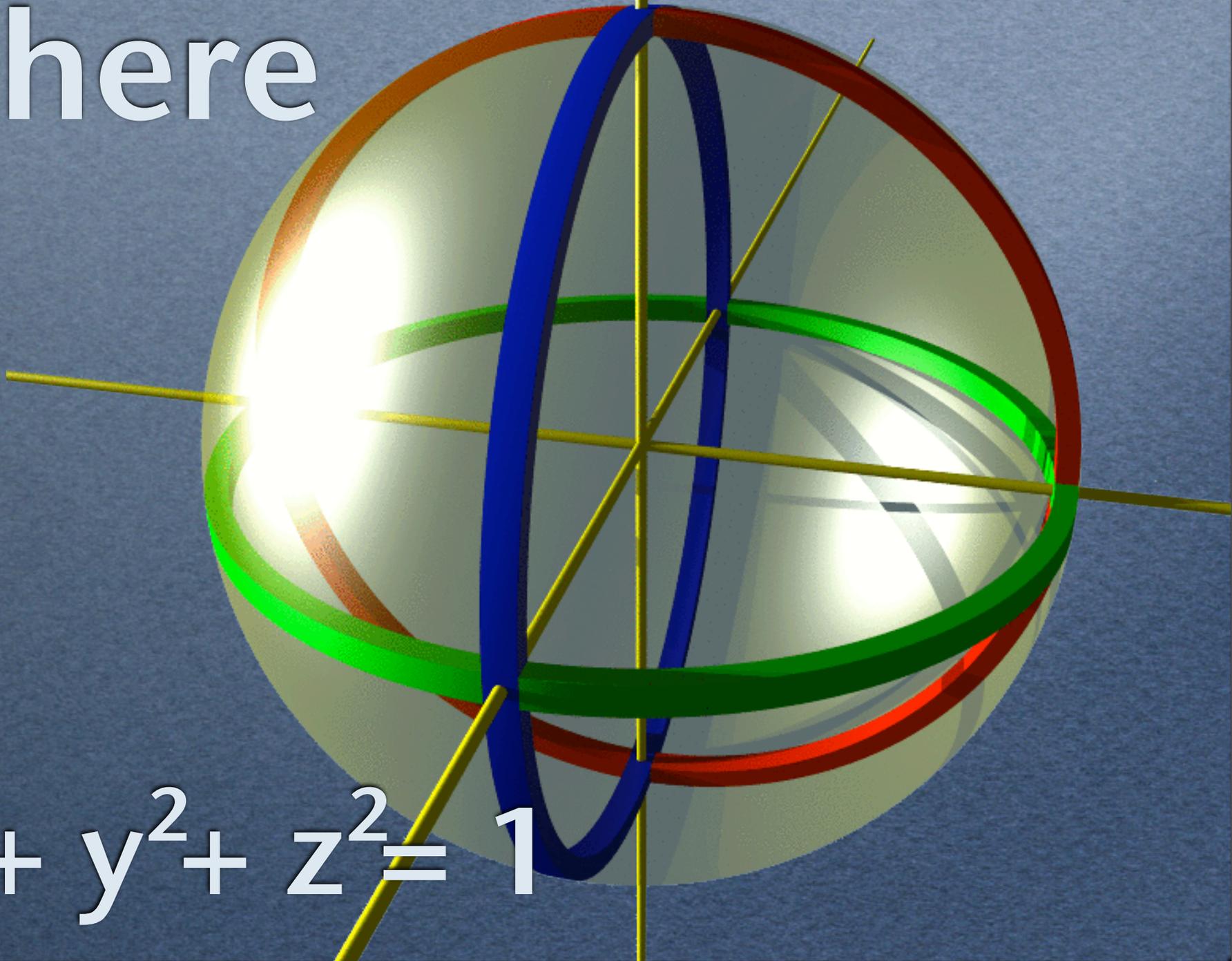
**Absolute must !**

# Contour Surfaces



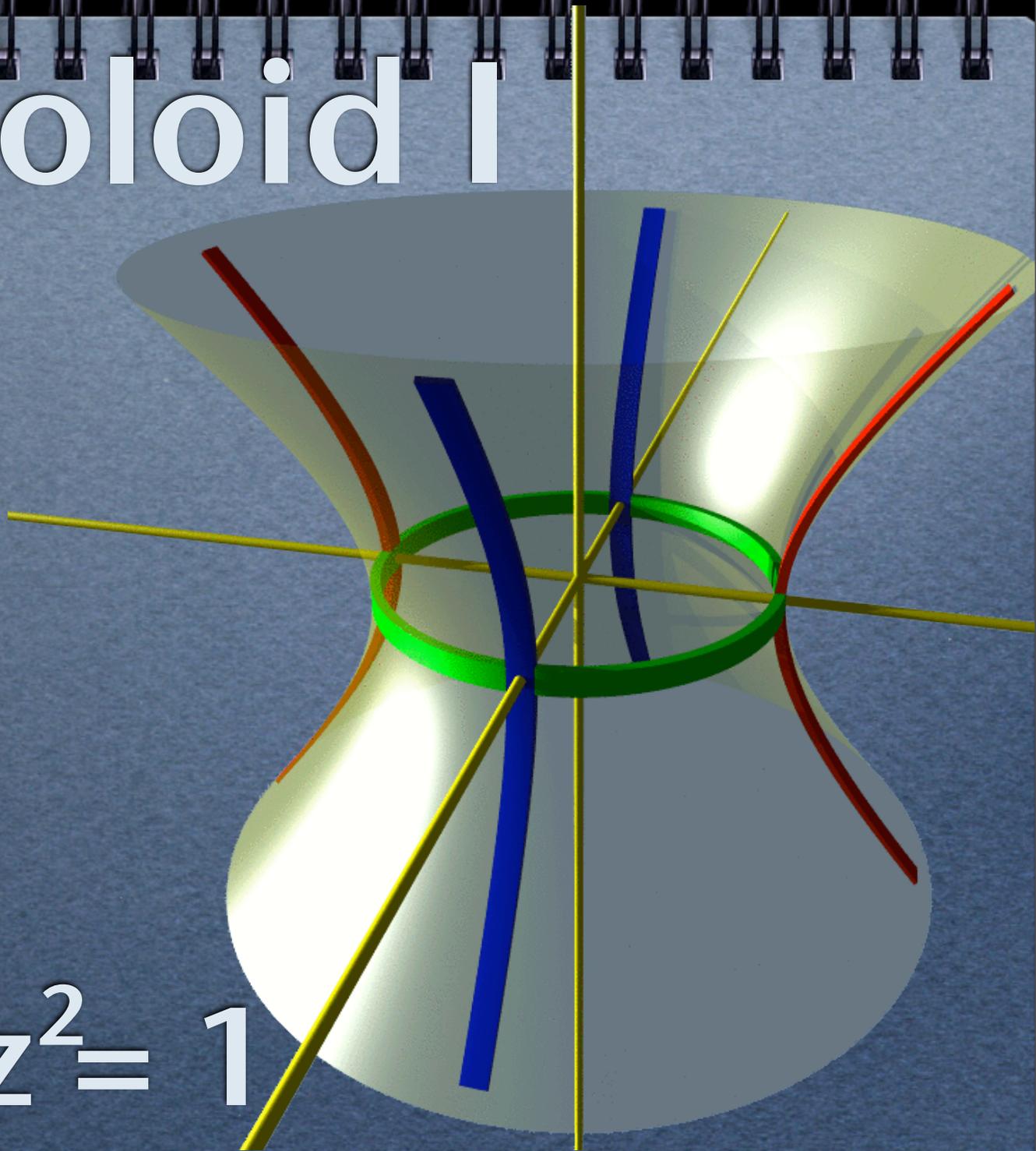
$$f(x,y,z)=c$$

# Sphere



$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$

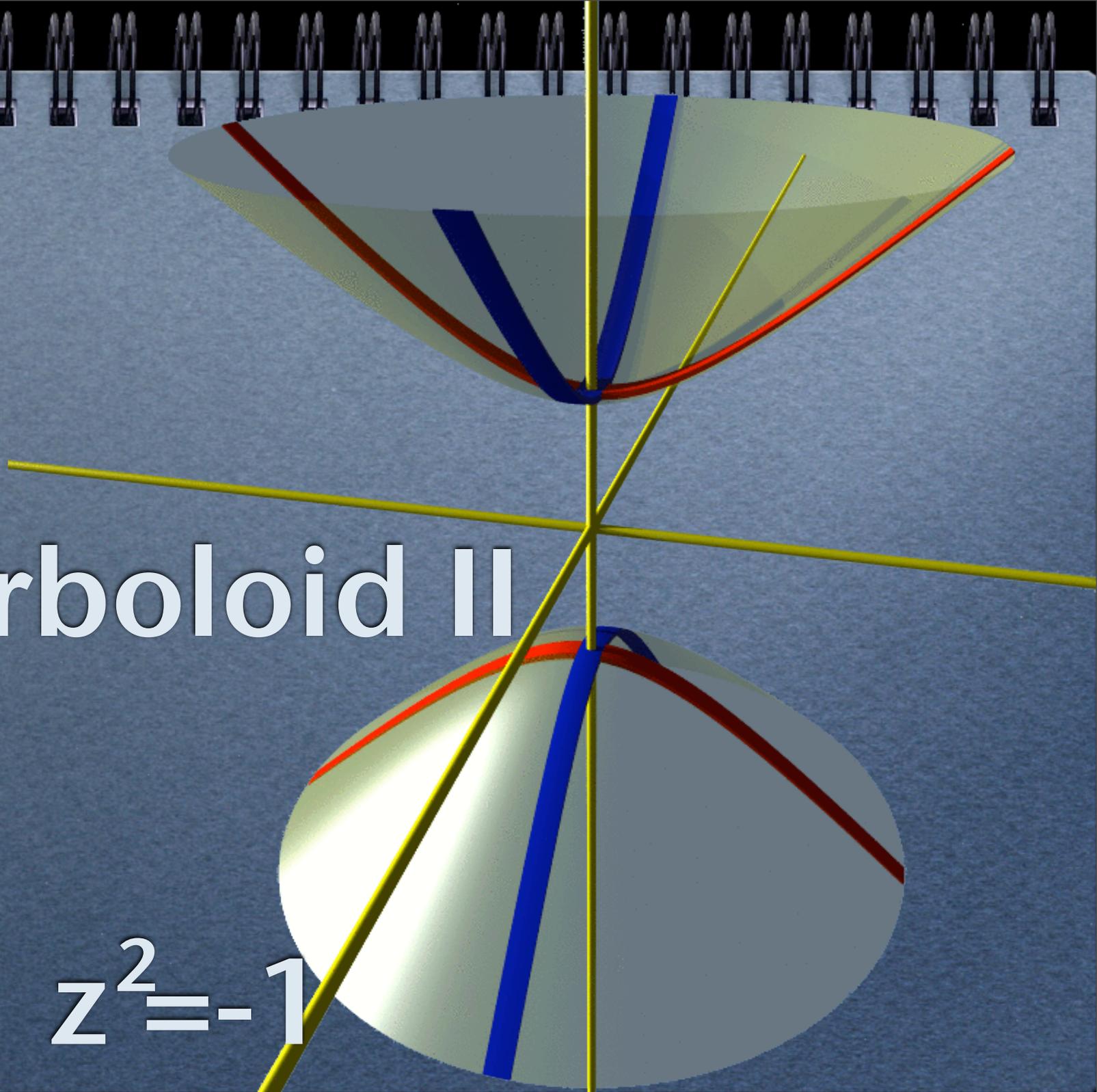
# Hyperboloid I



$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$$

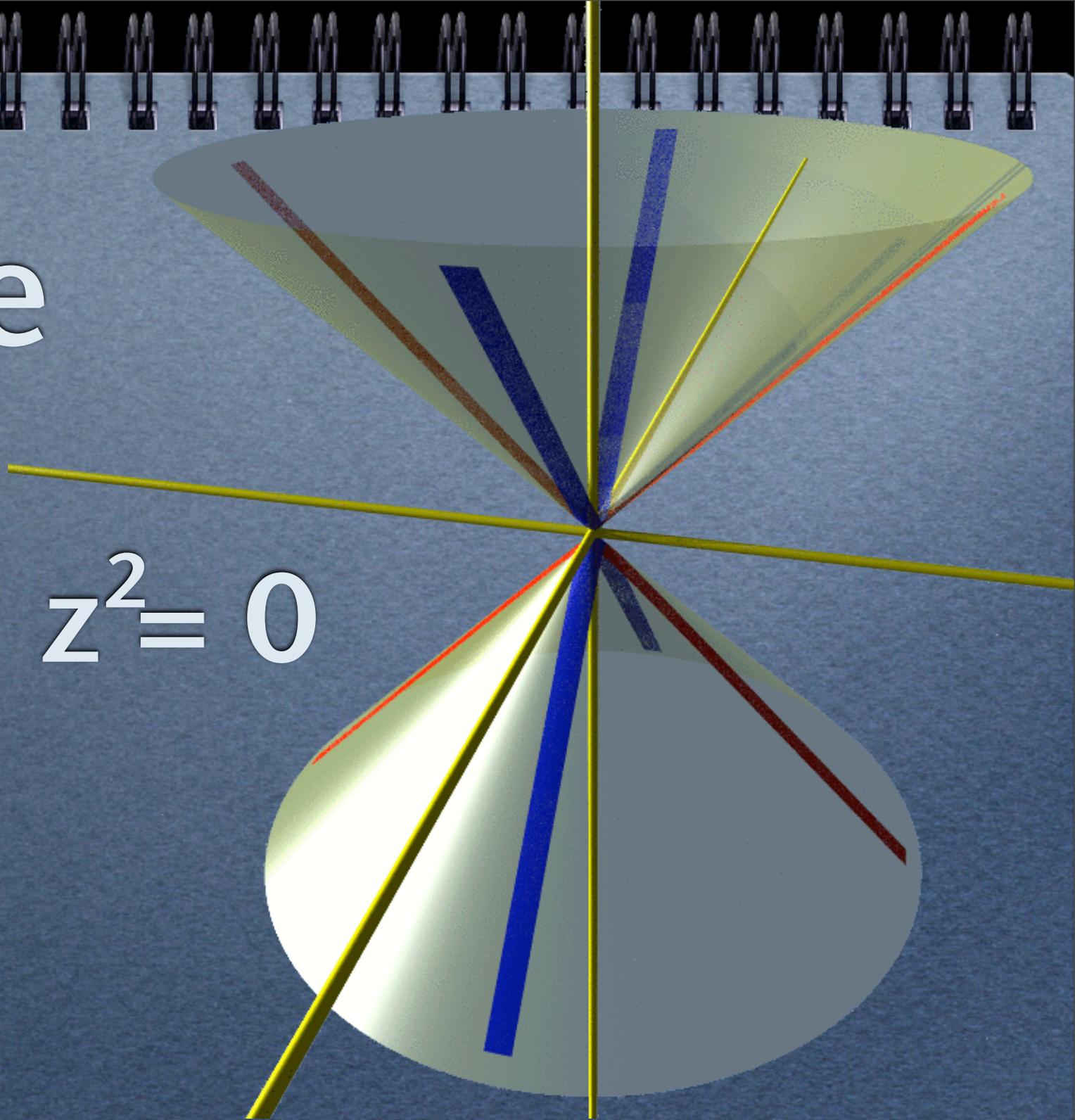
# Hyperboloid II

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = -1$$

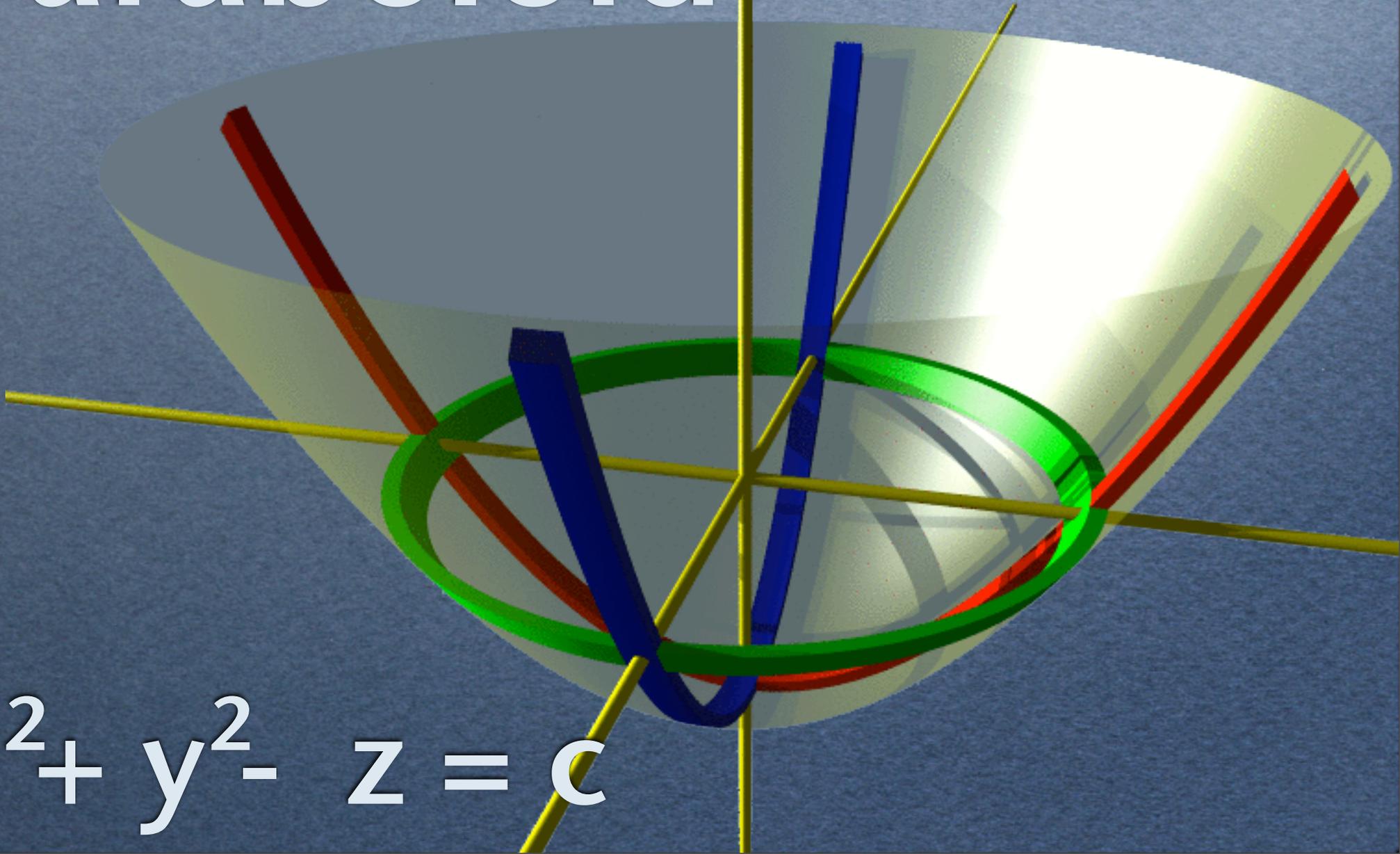


# Cone

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0$$

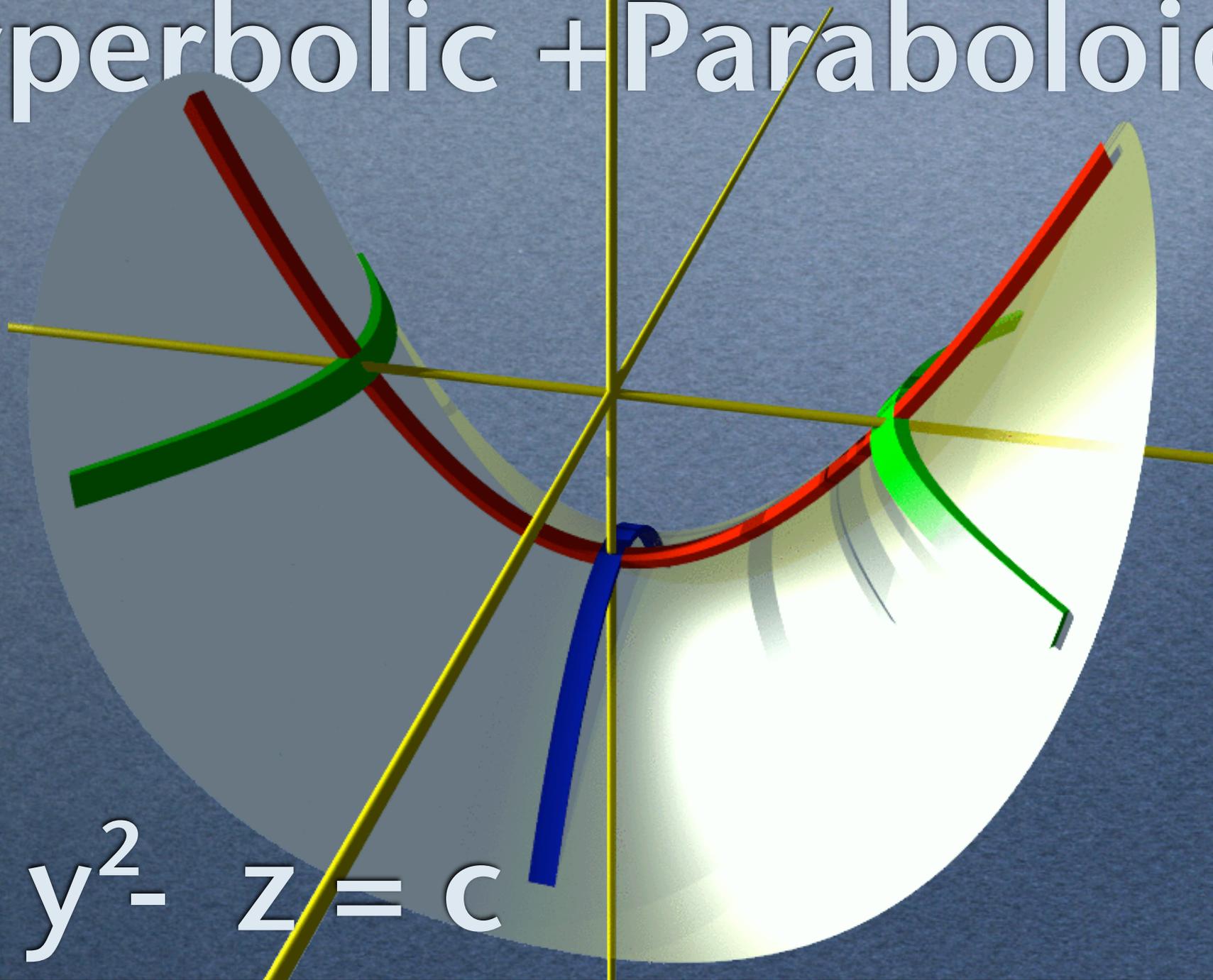


# Paraboloid



$$x^2 + y^2 - z = c$$

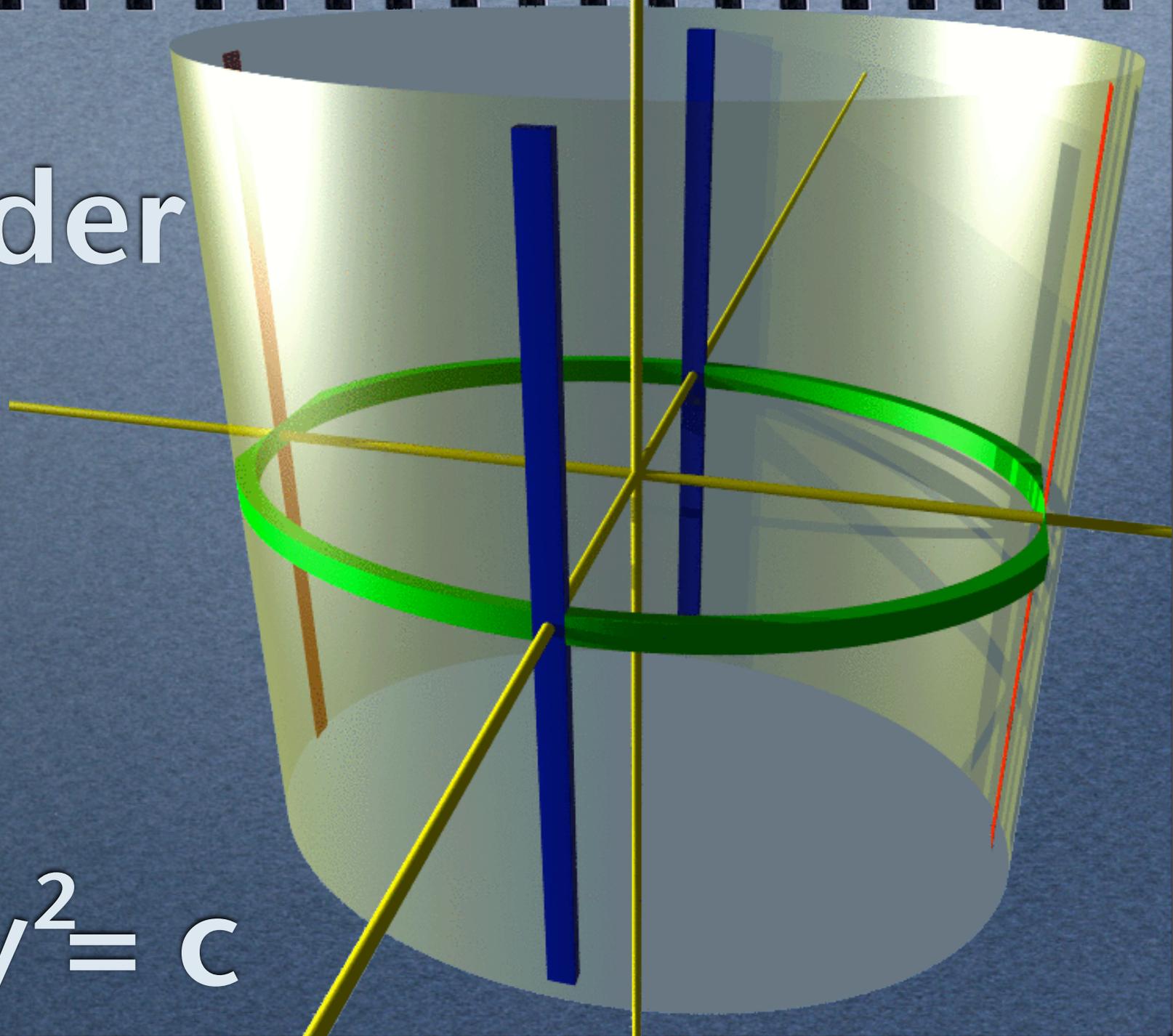
# Hyperbolic + Paraboloid



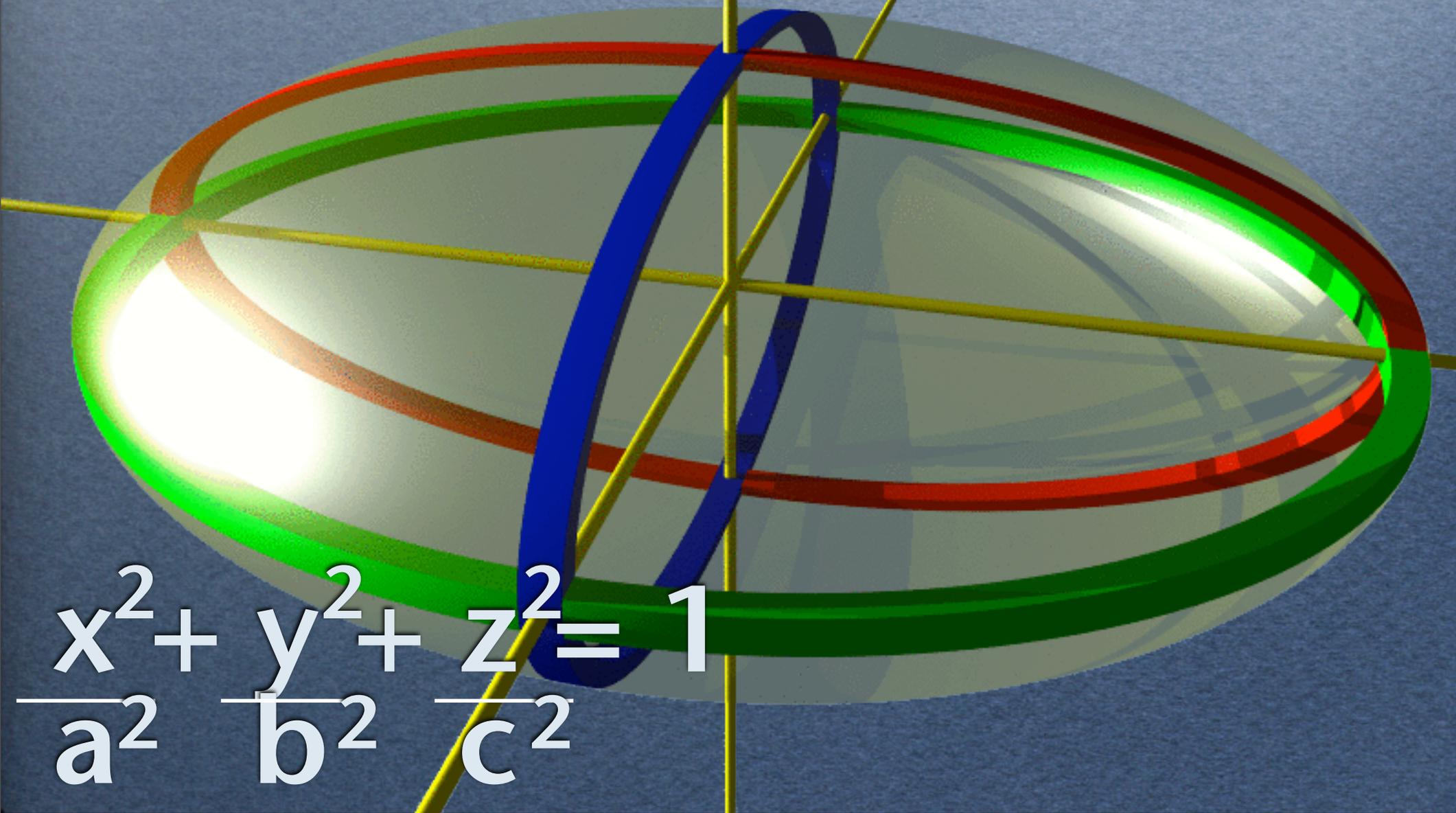
$$x^2 - y^2 - z = c$$

# Cylinder

$$x^2 + y^2 = c$$



# Ellipsoid



# How to analyze ?

Traces

Check with known  
surfaces

# What surface is:

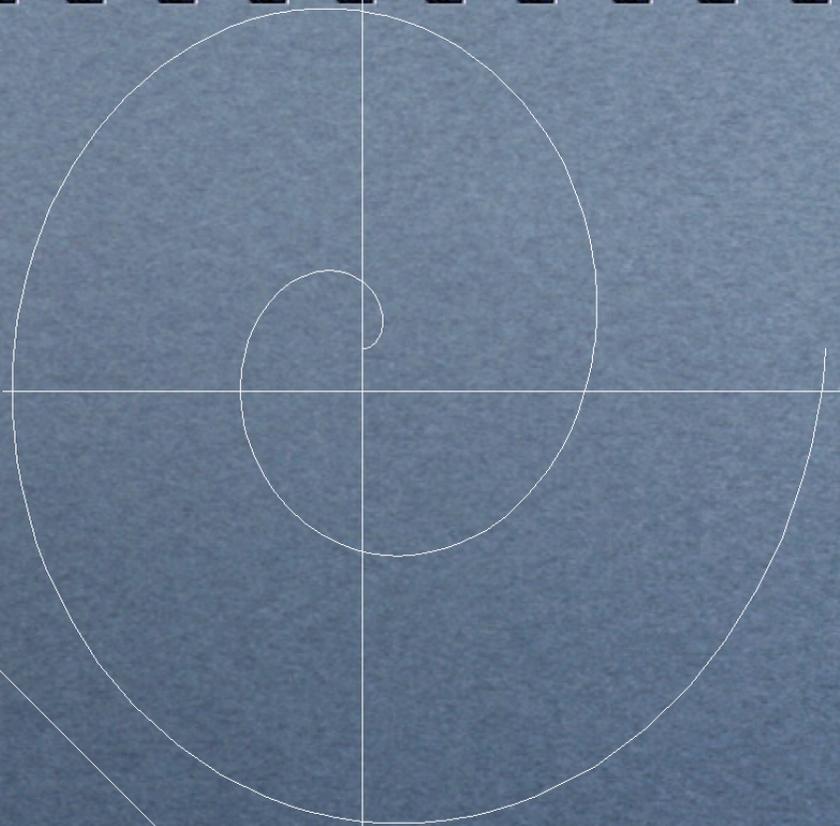
$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 2z$$

# Matching problems

Eliminate easy ones.

Symmetries.

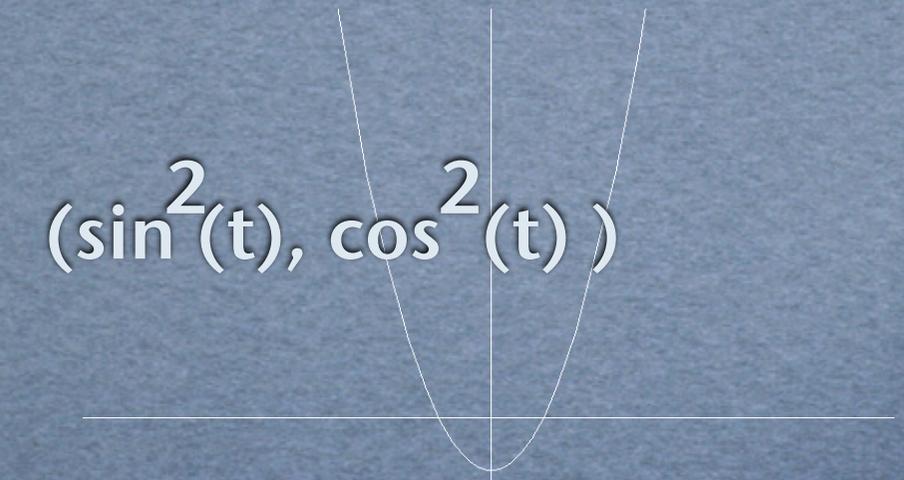
Relations.



$$(t^3, t^6 - 1)$$

$$(1 + \cos(t), \sin(t))$$

$$(\sin^2(t), \cos^2(t))$$



$$(\sin(1/t), \cos(t))$$

# A last remark:

We were often asked questions like: What topics will be covered most in the exam.

I can say so much:

The exam will not look as the following exam, which had once given at the Math department by David Mumford:

**1: Write an exam  
for this course**

**2: Take it**

Steven Krantz mentions in one of his Apocrypha books the rumor that the Harvard philosophy department had once a similar exam, but with a third question:

**3:Grade it**

So:

While we certainly would love to do that too, let me assure you that this is not the type of exams, you will encounter next Wednesday.

# Questions?

I will take first a few questions  
in plenum, then stay  
available for individual  
questions.

ARTISTS

CHARACTERS

*Dead Clown*

*Mauro Mozzani*

*White Clown*

*Igor Issakov*

*Loyal Whistler*

The end

CLOWNESSES

*Valentyna Pahlevanyan*

LITTLE CLOWN

*Grigor Pahlevanyan*

THE GIANT

*Victorino Antonio Lujan*

SINGERS

*Paul Riccon*

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 $\rightarrow$     $\kappa$     $\theta$     $\Sigma$     $\varepsilon$     $\nabla$   
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