

10.3. We start with the equation

$$\lambda_1 x_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_r x_r^2 + \mu x_{r+1} = 0,$$

where all coefficients are nonzero.

By multiplication by scalars and rearranging positive and negative coefficients, we can bring it to the form

$$\frac{x_1^2}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{x_k^2}{p_k} - \frac{x_{k+1}^2}{p_{k+1}} - \dots - \frac{x_r^2}{p_r} = 2x_{r+1},$$

where $p_i > 0$ ($1 \leq i \leq r$), $1 \leq r \leq n-1$,

$k \geq \frac{r}{2}$ (if r is even), $k \geq \frac{r+1}{2}$ (if r is odd)

- If $r = n-1$, we call the surface (n-1)-dimensional paraboloid.

- If $r < n-1$, we call it cylinder (over the corresponding (r-1)-dimensional paraboloid).

(optional)

- If $k = r = n-1$, we call it (n-1)-dimensional elliptic paraboloid.

- If $k < r = n-1$, we call it (n-1)-dimensional hyperbolic paraboloid.

11. $n=2$.

nondegenerate ~~two-dimensional~~ ^{one-dimensional} quadrics (conics)

are:

• ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

• hyperbola $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

• parabola $x^2 = 2py$

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nondegenerate two-dimensional quadrics are

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

• hyperboloids:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 \quad (\text{of one sheet})$$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 \quad (\text{of two sheets})$$

• paraboloids:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2z \quad (\text{elliptic})$$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2z \quad (\text{hyperbolic})$$