

# CLASSIFICATION OF QUADRICS

## ▼ Quadrics with proper center. $\det(A_{00}) \neq 0$

In an appropriate coordinate system the matrix of the quadric is:

```
> restart:with(linalg):
```

```
> A:=matrix(4,4,[d0,0,0,0,0,lambda[1],0,0,0,0,lambda[2],0,0,0,0,lambda[3]]);
```

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} d0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.1)$$

```
> A00:=submatrix(A,2..4,2..4);
```

$$A_{00} := \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.2)$$

```
> det(A00);
```

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \quad (1.3)$$

```
> det(A);
```

$$d0 \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \quad (1.4)$$

```
> X:=matrix(1,4,[x0,x1,x2,x3]):
```

```
> red_equ:=simplify(evalm(X*A*transpose(X)))[1,1];
```

$$\text{red\_equ} := x0^2 d0 + x1^2 \lambda_1 + x2^2 \lambda_2 + x3^2 \lambda_3 \quad (1.5)$$

NON DEGENERATE,  $\text{rank}(A)=4$

## ▼ Ellipsoids. $\text{Sig}(A_{00})=3$

Example of an IMAGINARY ELLIPSOID.  $\det(A)>0$

```
> lambda[1]:=1/4;lambda[2]:=1/9;lambda[3]:=1/25;
```

$$\lambda_1 := \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\lambda_2 := \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\lambda_3 := \frac{1}{25} \quad (1.1.1)$$

```
> d0:=4;
```

$$d0 := 4 \quad (1.1.2)$$

```
> red_equ;
```

$$4x^0 + \frac{1}{4}x1^2 + \frac{1}{9}x2^2 + \frac{1}{25}x3^2 \quad (1.1.3)$$

```
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
```

$$red\_equ\_aff := 4 + \frac{1}{4}x1^2 + \frac{1}{9}x2^2 + \frac{1}{25}x3^2 \quad (1.1.4)$$

It is an imaginary quadric, there are no real points.

```
> with(plots):
```

```
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-5..5,x2=-5..5,x3=-5..5);
```

Example of a REAL ELLIPSOID.  $\det(A) < 0$

```
> d0:=-1;
```

$$d0 := -1 \quad (1.1.5)$$

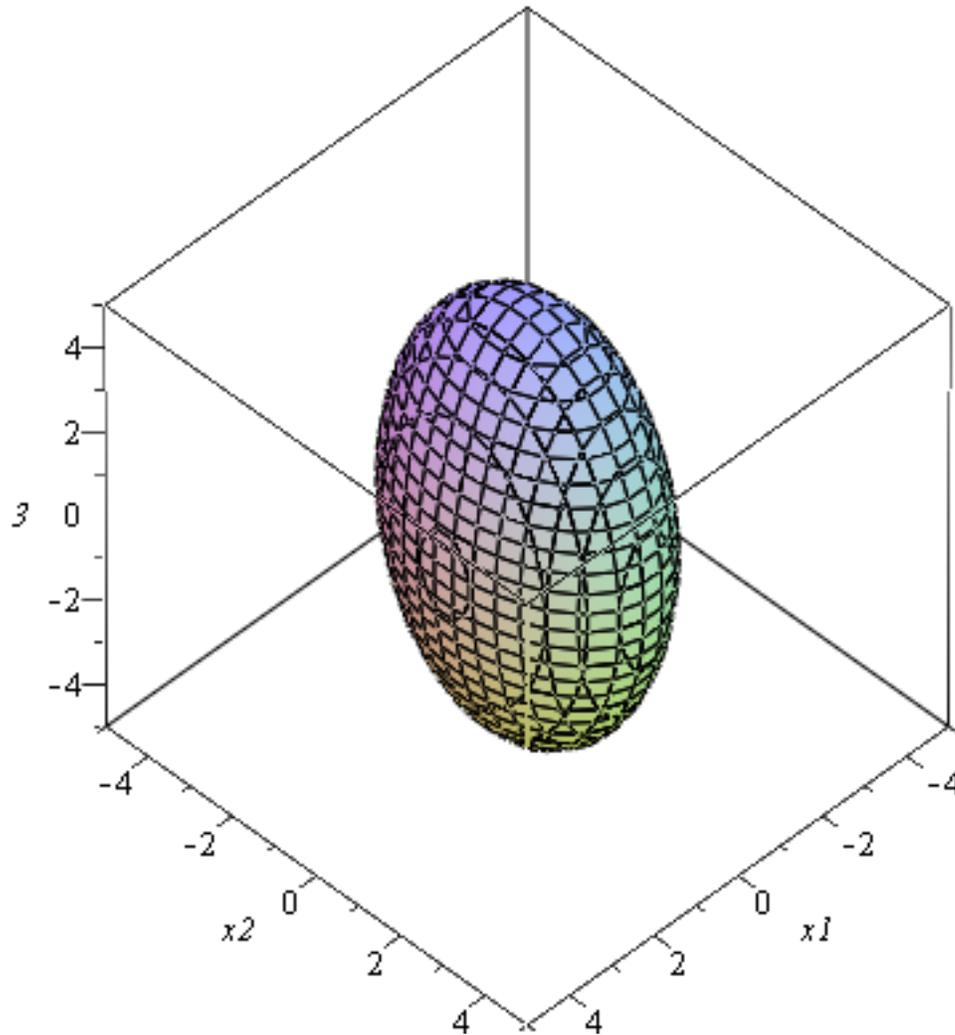
```
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
```

$$red\_equ\_aff := -1 + \frac{1}{4} x1^2 + \frac{1}{9} x2^2 + \frac{1}{25} x3^2$$

(1.1.6)

```
> with(plots):
```

```
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-5..5,x2=-5..5,x3=-5..5,  
numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);
```



### ▼ Hyperboloids. $\text{Sig}(A_{00})=1$

Example of a HYPERBOLIC HYPERBOLOID.  $\det(A)>0$

```
> lambda[1]:=-1/4;lambda[2]:=1/9;lambda[3]:=1/25;
```

$$\lambda_1 := -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\lambda_2 := \frac{1}{9}$$

(1.2.1)

$$\lambda_3 := \frac{1}{25} \quad (1.2.1)$$

```
> d0:=-1;
```

$$d0 := -1 \quad (1.2.2)$$

```
> red_equ;
```

$$-x^2 - \frac{1}{4} x1^2 + \frac{1}{9} x2^2 + \frac{1}{25} x3^2 \quad (1.2.3)$$

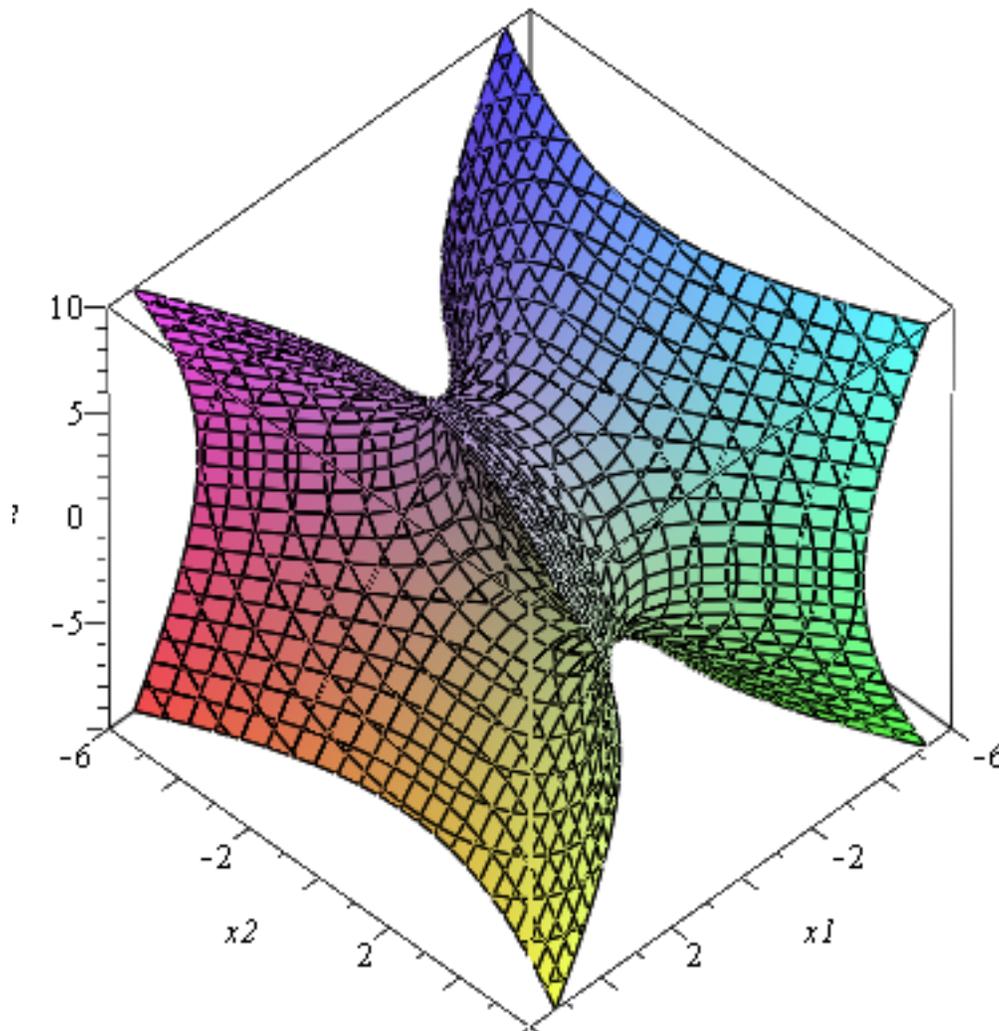
```
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
```

$$red\_equ\_aff := -1 - \frac{1}{4} x1^2 + \frac{1}{9} x2^2 + \frac{1}{25} x3^2 \quad (1.2.4)$$

It contains lines, it is a ruled surface.

```
> with(plots):
```

```
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-6..6,x2=-6..6,x3=-10..10,
numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);
```



Example of ELLIPTIC HYPERBOLOID.  $\det(A) < 0$

```
> lambda[1]:=-1/4;lambda[2]:=1/9;lambda[3]:=1/25;
```

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 &:= -\frac{1}{4} \\ \lambda_2 &:= \frac{1}{9} \\ \lambda_3 &:= \frac{1}{25}\end{aligned}\tag{1.2.5}$$

```
> d0:=1;
```

$$d0 := 1\tag{1.2.6}$$

```
> red_equ;
```

$$x0^2 - \frac{1}{4} x1^2 + \frac{1}{9} x2^2 + \frac{1}{25} x3^2\tag{1.2.7}$$

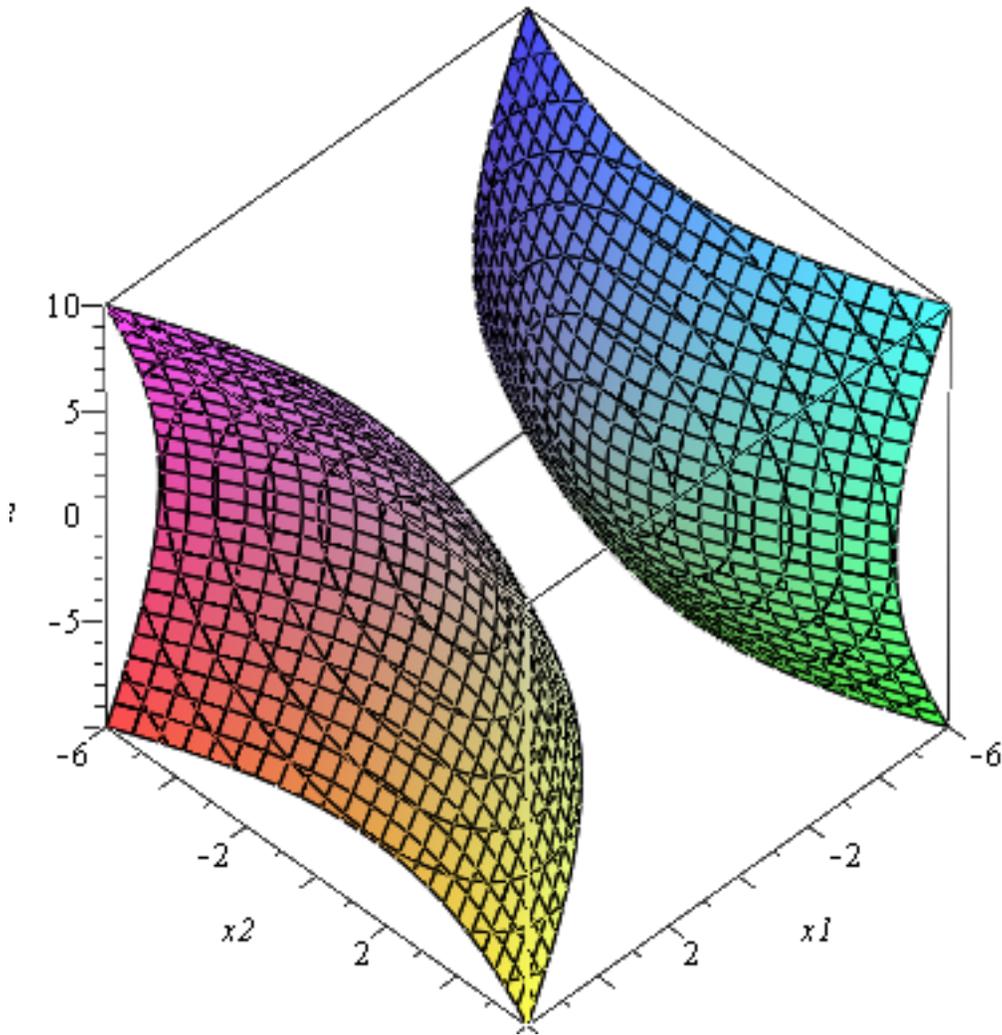
```
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
```

$$red\_equ\_aff := 1 - \frac{1}{4} x1^2 + \frac{1}{9} x2^2 + \frac{1}{25} x3^2\tag{1.2.8}$$

It does not contain lines, it is not a ruled surface.

```
> with(plots):
```

```
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-6..6,x2=-6..6,x3=-10..10,
  numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);
```



DEGENERATE, rank(A)=3

### ▼ Cones

Example of IMAGINARY CONE with one real point (the singular point). Sig(A00)=3

```
> lambda[1]:=1/4;lambda[2]:=1/9;lambda[3]:=1/25;
```

$$\lambda_1 := \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\lambda_2 := \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\lambda_3 := \frac{1}{25}$$

(1.3.1)

```
> d0:=0;
```

$$d0 := 0$$

(1.3.2)

```
> red_equ;
```

(1.3.3)

$$\frac{1}{4} x_1^2 + \frac{1}{9} x_2^2 + \frac{1}{25} x_3^2 \quad (1.3.3)$$

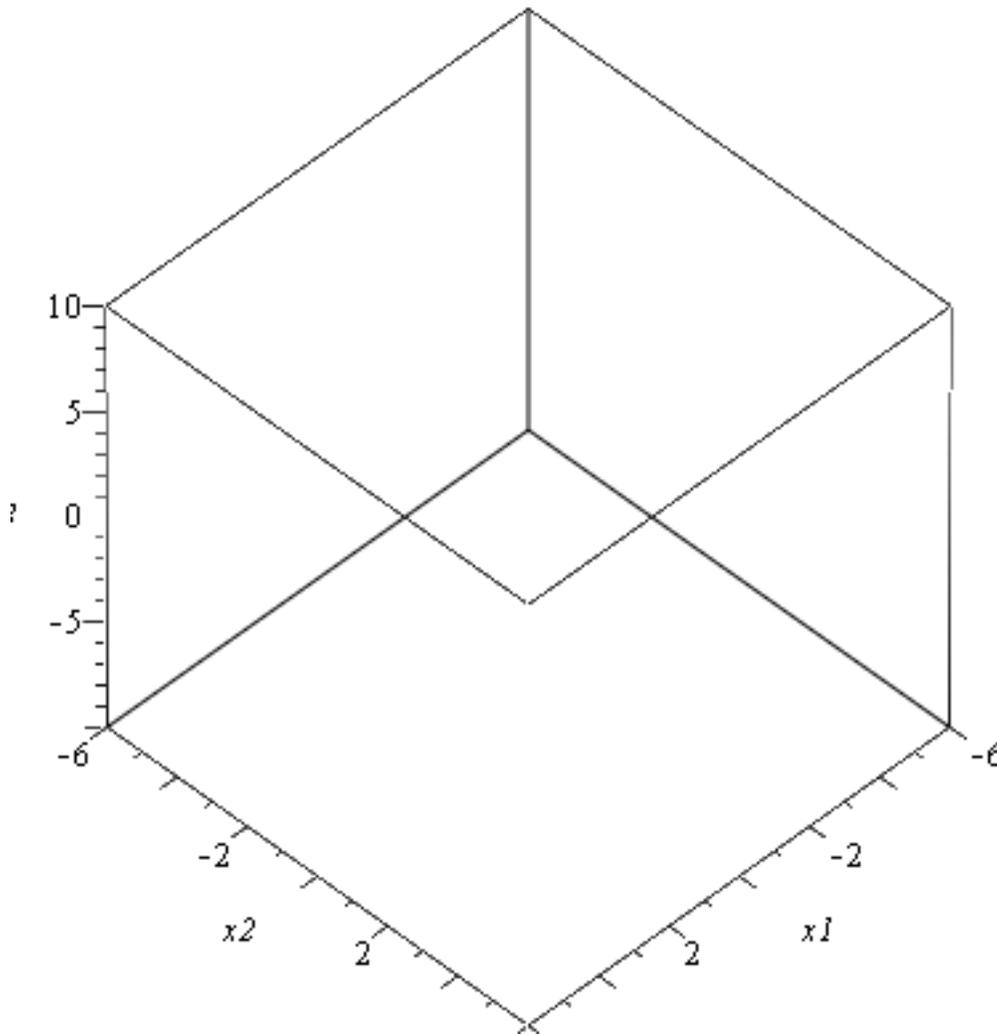
```
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
```

$$red\_equ\_aff := \frac{1}{4} x_1^2 + \frac{1}{9} x_2^2 + \frac{1}{25} x_3^2 \quad (1.3.4)$$

In a graph with implicitplot3d we would not see the real point.

```
> with(plots):
```

```
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-6..6,x2=-6..6,x3=-10..10,
numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);
```



Example of a REAL CONE. Sig(A00)=1.

```
> lambda[1]:=-1/9;lambda[2]:=1/9;lambda[3]:=1/9;
```

$$\lambda_1 := -\frac{1}{9}$$

$$\lambda_2 := \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\lambda_3 := \frac{1}{9}$$

(1.3.5)

```
> d0:=0;
```

$$d0 := 0$$

(1.3.6)

```
> red_equ;
```

$$-\frac{1}{9} x1^2 + \frac{1}{9} x2^2 + \frac{1}{9} x3^2$$

(1.3.7)

```
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
```

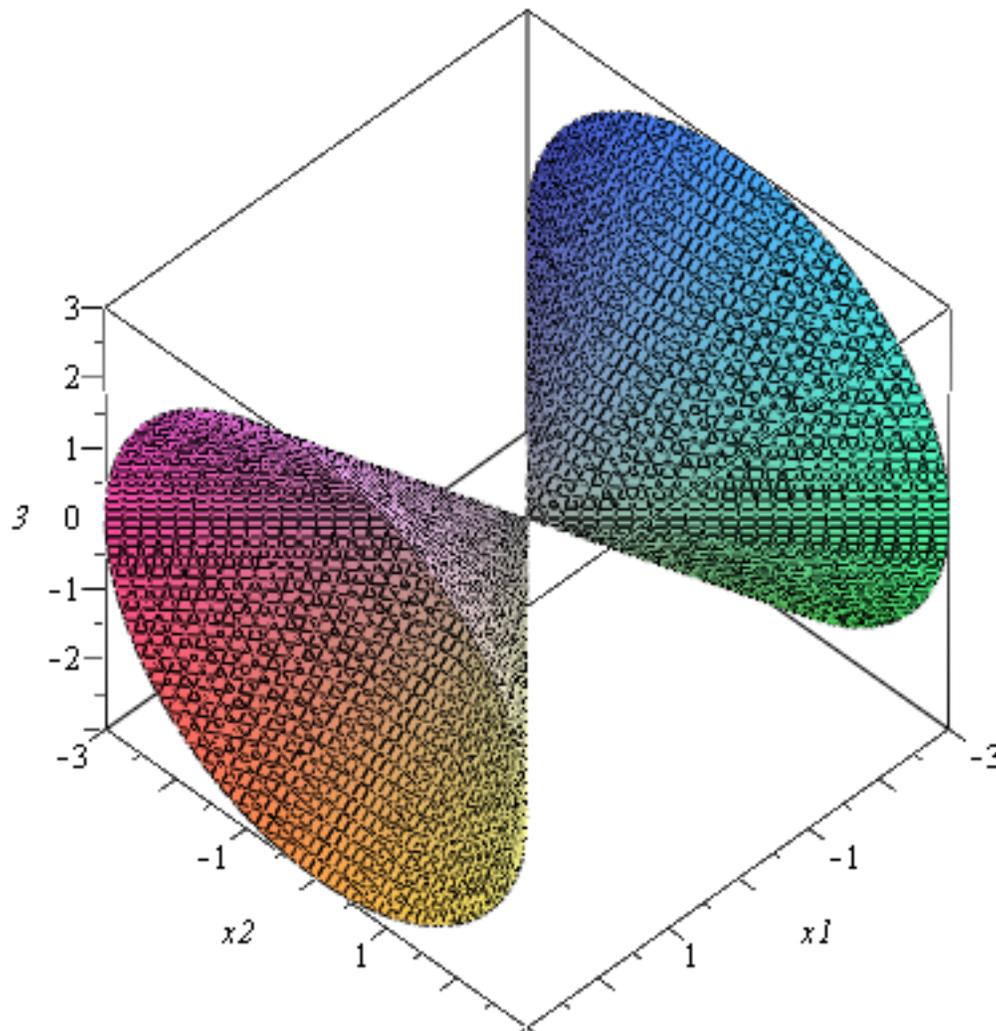
$$red\_equ\_aff := -\frac{1}{9} x1^2 + \frac{1}{9} x2^2 + \frac{1}{9} x3^2$$

(1.3.8)

It contains lines, it is a ruled surface.

```
> with(plots):
```

```
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-3..3,x2=-3..3,x3=-3..3,  
numpoints=100000,axes=boxed);
```



## ▼ Quadrics with improper center. $\det(A_{00})=0$

In an appropriate coordinate system the matrix of the quadric is:

```
> restart:with(linalg):
```

```
> A:=matrix(4,4,[0,0,0,b03,0,b11,0,0,0,0,b22,0,b03,0,0,0]);
```



$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & b_{03} \\ 0 & b_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_{22} & 0 \\ b_{03} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1)$$

```
> A00:=submatrix(A,2..4,2..4);
```

$$A_{00} := \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.2)$$

```
> det(A00)=b11*b22*0:
```

```
> det(A);
```

$$-b_{03}^2 b_{11} b_{22} \quad (2.3)$$

```
> X:=matrix(1,4,[x0,x1,x2,x3]):
```

```
> red_equ:=simplify(evalm(X*A&*transpose(X)))[1,1];
```

$$\text{red\_equ} := 2 x_3 b_{03} x_0 + x_1^2 b_{11} + x_2^2 b_{22} \quad (2.4)$$

```
> J=b11*b22:
```

## NON DEGENERATE

### ▼ Paraboloids. rank(A)=4

Example of ELLIPTIC PARABOLOID,  $J > 0$

```
> b11:=-1/4:b22:=-1/3:
```

```
> b03:=1:
```

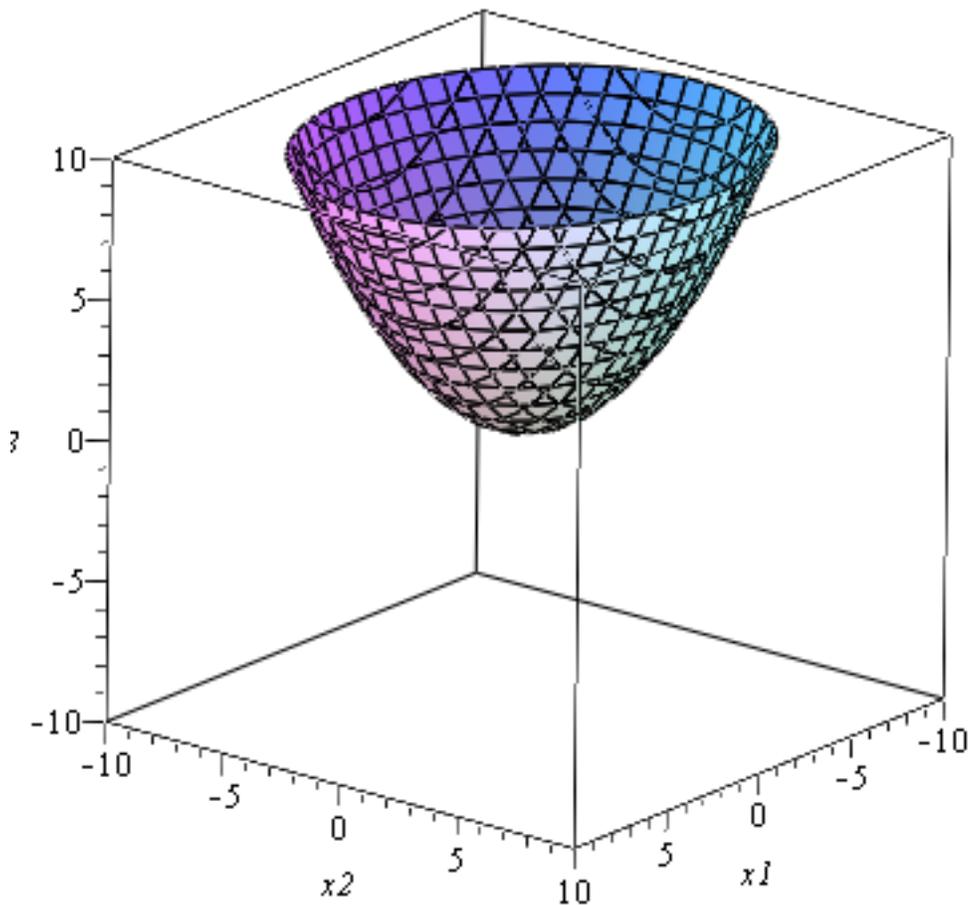
```
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
```

$$\text{red\_equ\_aff} := 2 x_3 - \frac{1}{4} x_1^2 - \frac{1}{3} x_2^2 \quad (2.1.1)$$

It does not contain lines, it is not a ruled surface.

```
> with(plots):
```

```
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-10..10,x2=-10..10,x3=-10..10,
  numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);
```



Example of HYPERBOLIC PARABOLOID,  $J < 0$

```
> b11:=1/4:b22:=-1/3:
```

```
> b03:=1:
```

```
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
```

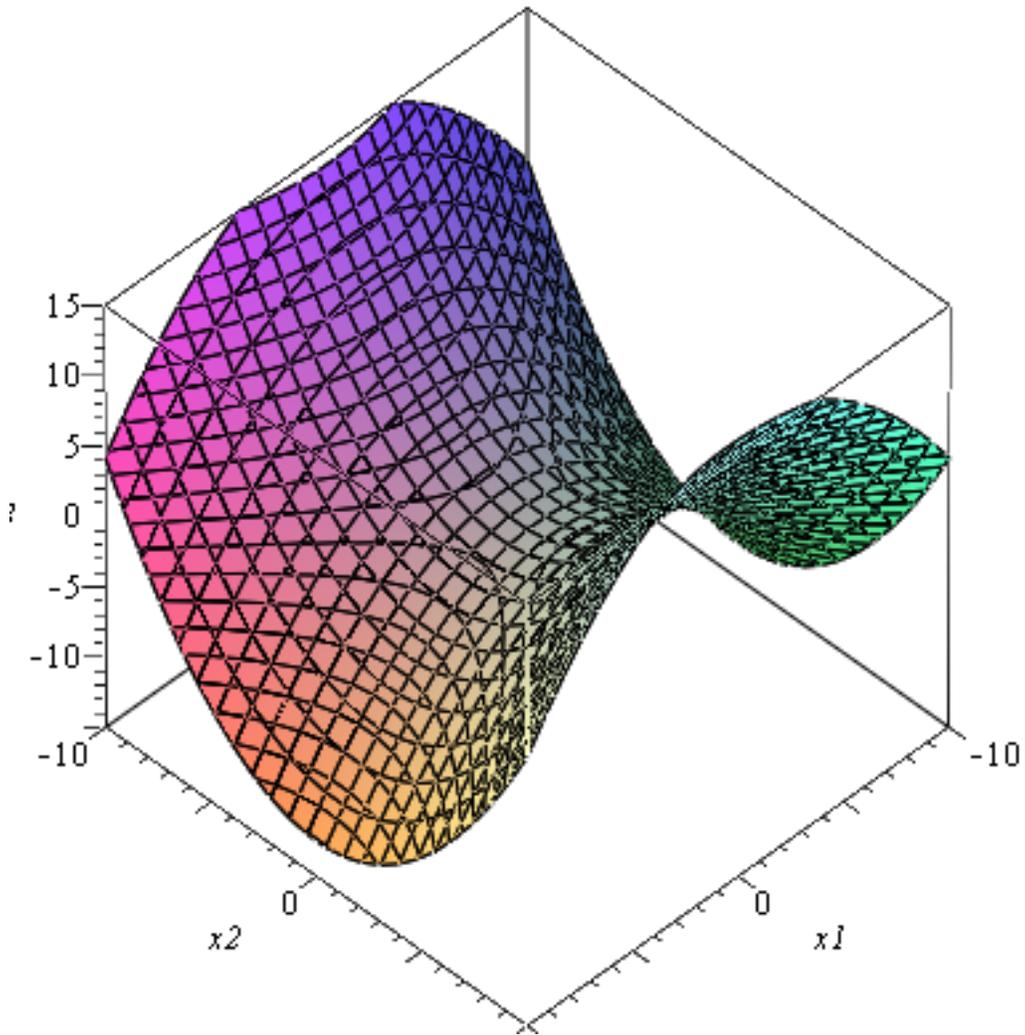
$$red\_equ\_aff := 2x_3 + \frac{1}{4}x_1^2 - \frac{1}{3}x_2^2$$

(2.1.2)

It does contain lines, it is a ruled surface.

```
> with(plots):
```

```
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-10..10,x2=-10..10,x3=-15..15,
  numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);
```



DEGENERATE

```
[> restart:with(linalg):
```

```
[> J=b11*b22:
```

▼ **Cylinders. rank(A)=3**

```
[> A:=matrix(4,4,[p0,0,0,0,0,b11,0,0,0,0,b22,0,0,0,0,0]);
```

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} p0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b11 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b22 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2.2.1)

```
[> A00:=submatrix(A,2..4,2..4);
```

$$A00 := \begin{bmatrix} b11 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b22 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.2.2)$$

```
> det(A00)=b11*b22*0:
> det(A);
0
```

(2.2.3)

```
> X:=matrix(1,4,[x0,x1,x2,x3]):
> red_equ:=simplify(evalm(X*A*transpose(X)))[1,1];
red_equ := x0^2 p0 + x1^2 b11 + x2^2 b22
```

(2.2.4)

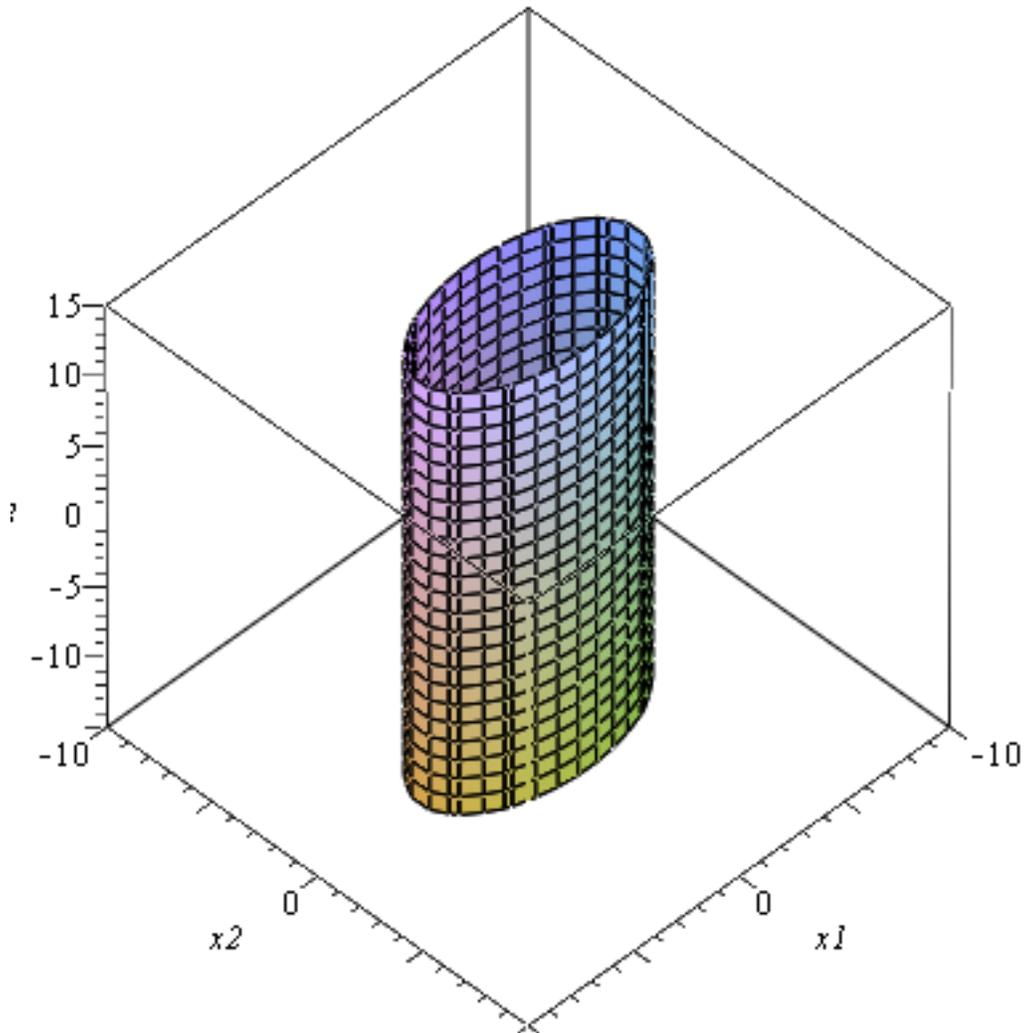
Example of real ELLIPTIC CYLINDER, J>0  
(if p0,b11 and b22 have the same sign then it is imaginary)

```
> b11:=1/27:b22:=1/8:
> p0:=-1:
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
red_equ_aff := -1 + 1/27 x1^2 + 1/8 x2^2
```

(2.2.5)

It does contain lines, it is a ruled surface.

```
> with(plots):
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-10..10,x2=-10..10,x3=-15..15,
numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);
```



Example of HYPERBOLIC CYLINDER,  $J < 0$

```
> b11:=1/27:b22:=-1/8:
```

```
> p0:=-1:
```

```
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
```

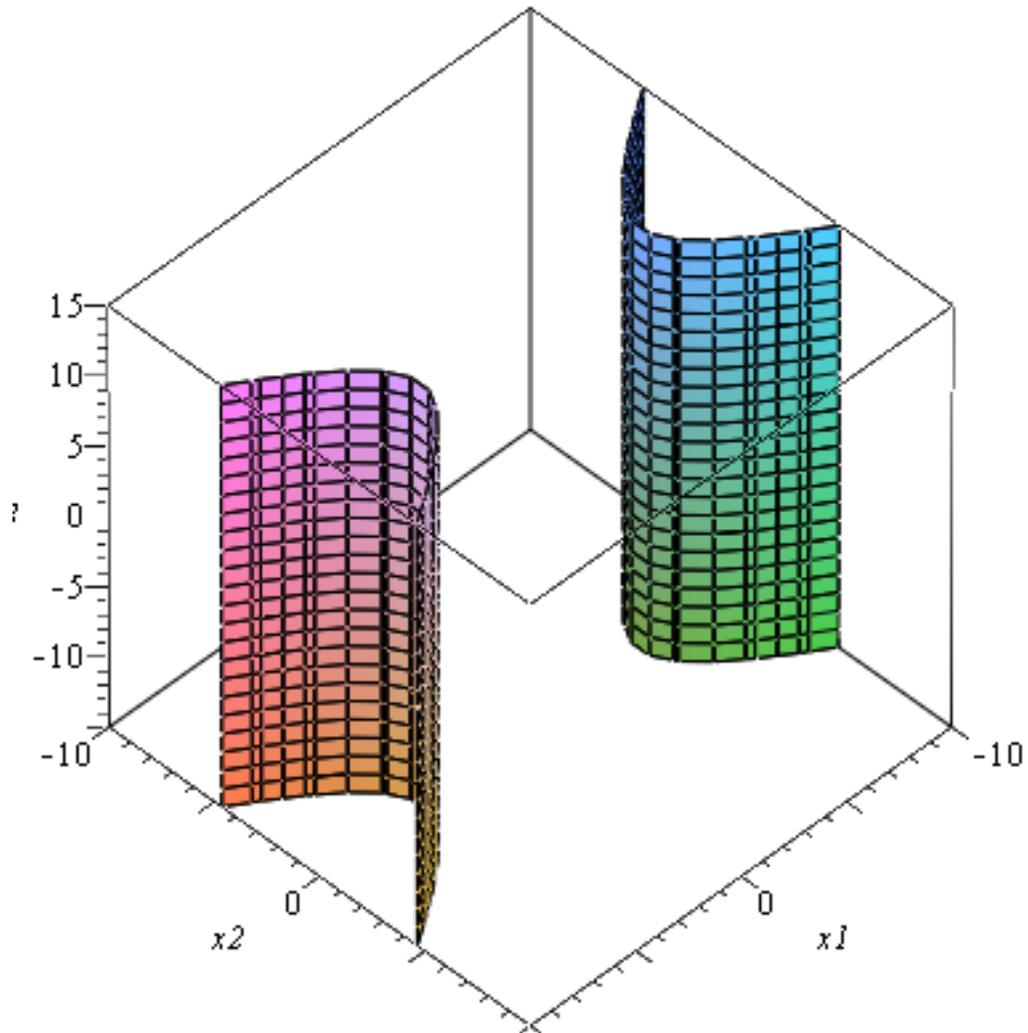
$$red\_equ\_aff := -1 + \frac{1}{27} x1^2 - \frac{1}{8} x2^2$$

(2.2.6)

It does contain lines, it is a ruled surface.

```
> with(plots):
```

```
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-10..10,x2=-10..10,x3=-15..15,
  numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);
```



Example of PARABOLIC CYLINDER,  $J=0$

```
> b11:=1/4:b22:=0:
```

```
> red_equ := 2*x3*b03*x0+x1^2*b11+x2^2*b22:
```

```
> b03:=-1:
```

```
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
```

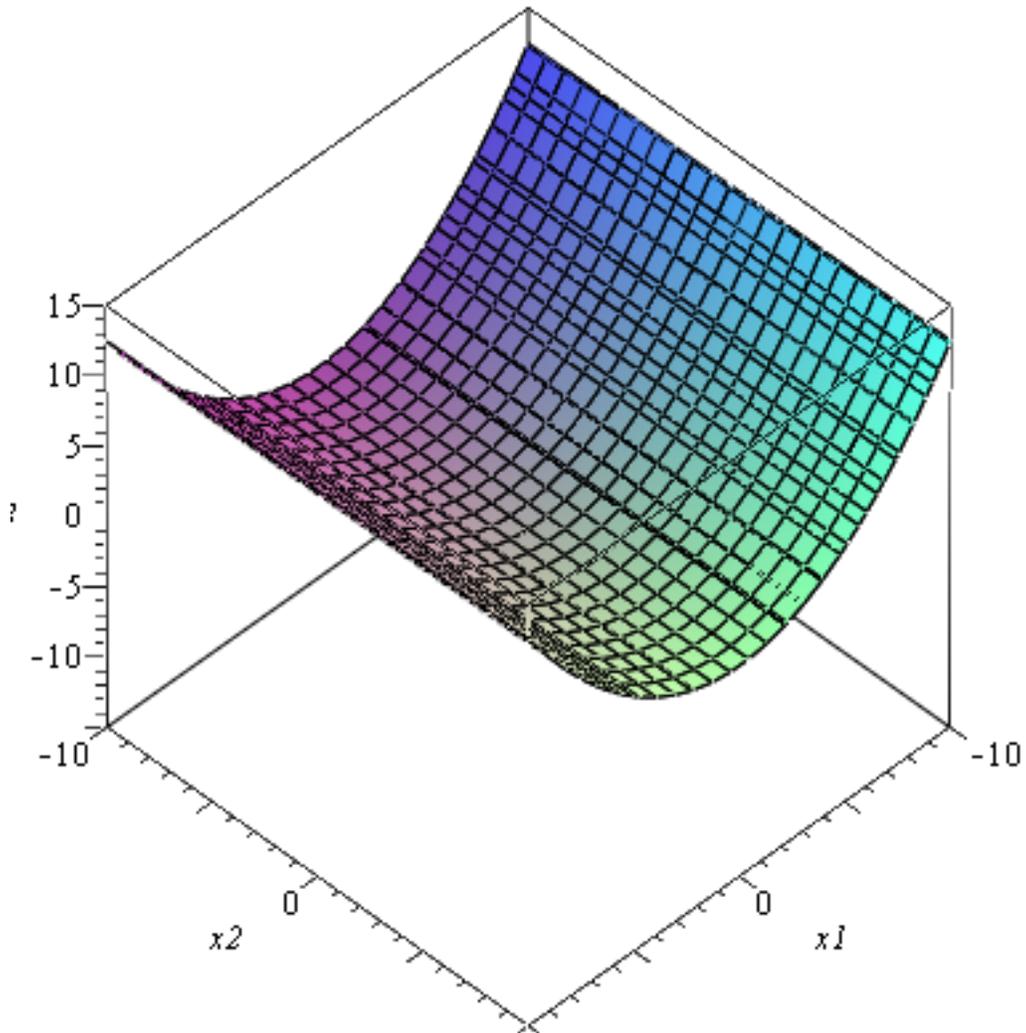
$$red\_equ\_aff := -2x_3 + \frac{1}{4}x_1^2$$

(2.2.7)

It does contain lines, it is a ruled surface.

```
> with(plots):
```

```
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-10..10,x2=-10..10,x3=-15..15,
  numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);
```



### ▼ Pair of plains. rank(A)=2

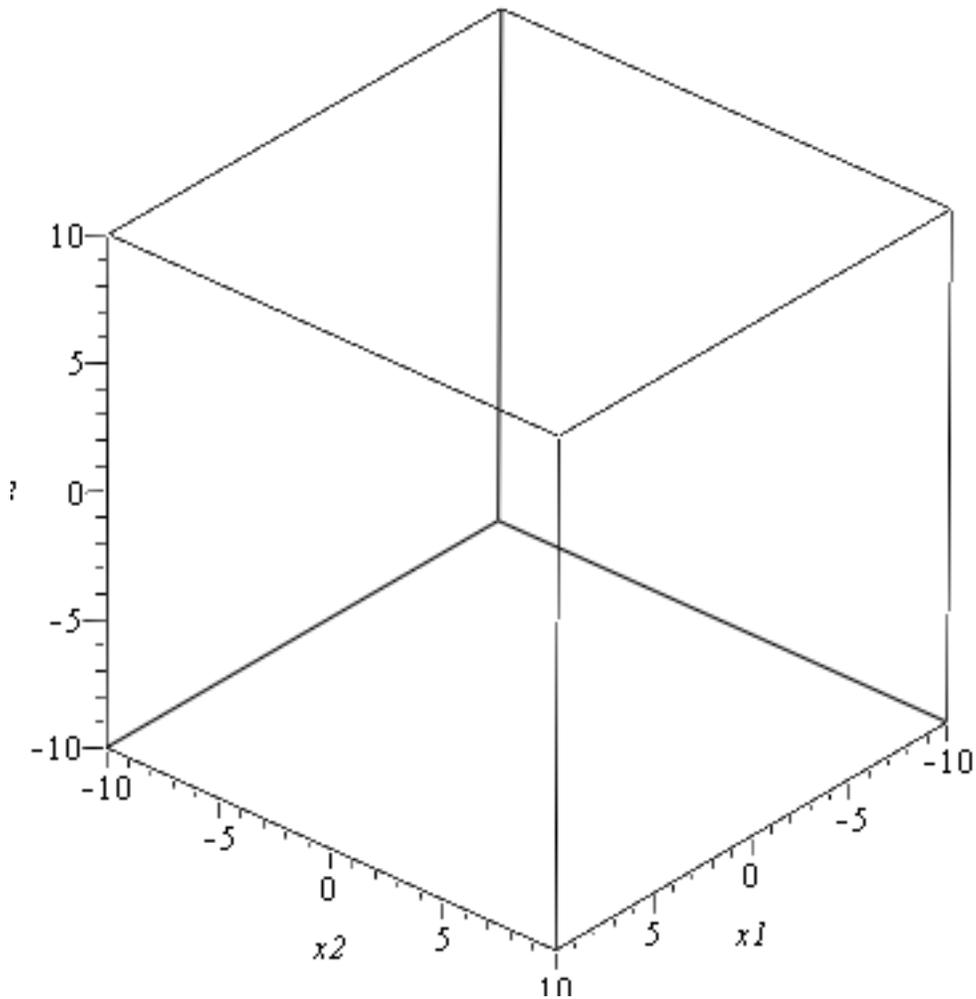
Example of PAIR OF IMAGINARY PLANES (secant in a line).  $J>0$

```

> b11:=1/4:b22:=1/3:
> red_equ:=b11*x1^2+b22*x2^2:
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
      
$$red\_equ\_aff := \frac{1}{4} x1^2 + \frac{1}{3} x2^2 \tag{2.3.1}$$

> with(plots):
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-10..10,x2=-10..10,x3=-10..10,
  numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);

```



>

Example of PAIR OF SECANT REAL PLANES.  $J < 0$

> `b11:=1/4:b22:=-1/3:`

> `red_equ:=b11*x1^2+b22*x2^2:`

> `red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);`

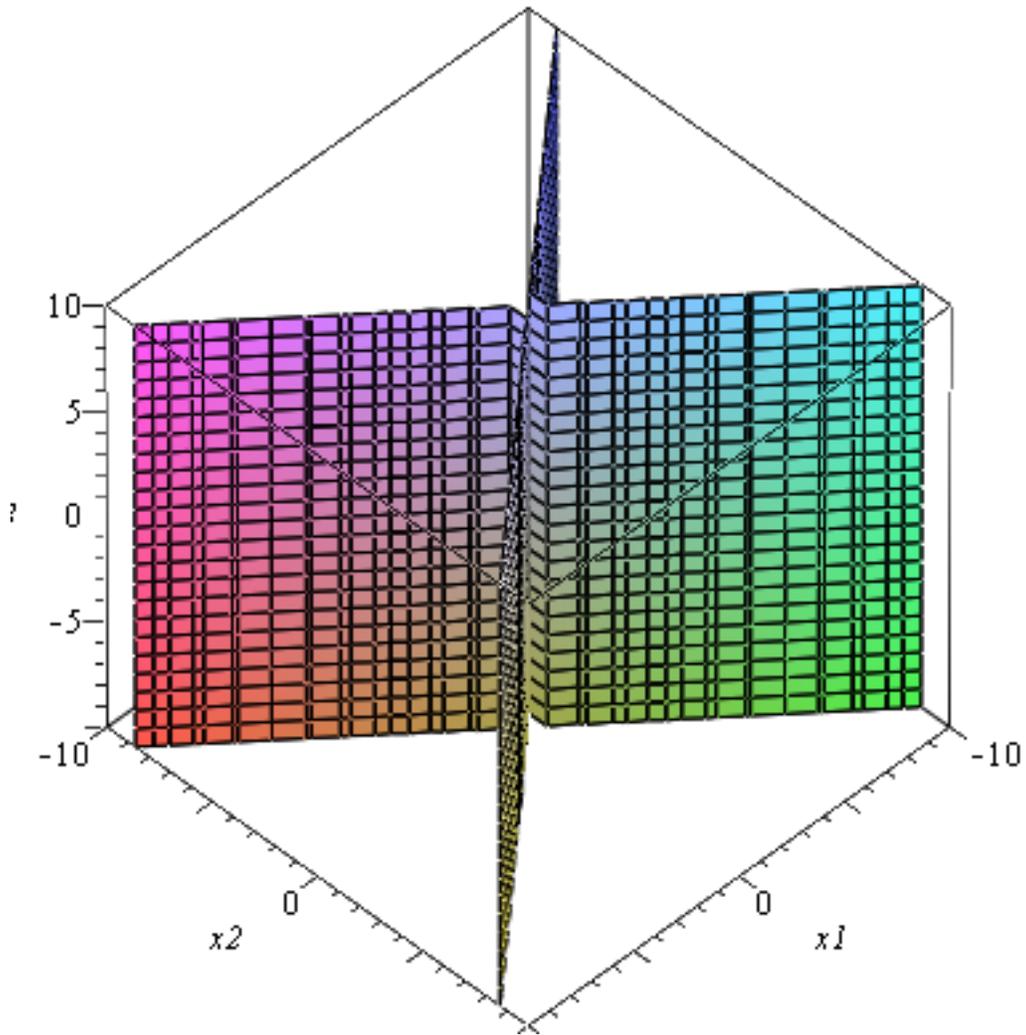
$$red\_equ\_aff := \frac{1}{4} x1^2 - \frac{1}{3} x2^2$$

(2.3.2)

> `with(plots):`

> `implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-10..10,x2=-10..10,x3=-10..10,  
numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);`





Example of PAIR OF PARALLEL PLANES.  $J=0$

```
> b11:=1/4:b22:=0:
```

```
> red_equ:=p0*x0^2+b11*x1^2:
```

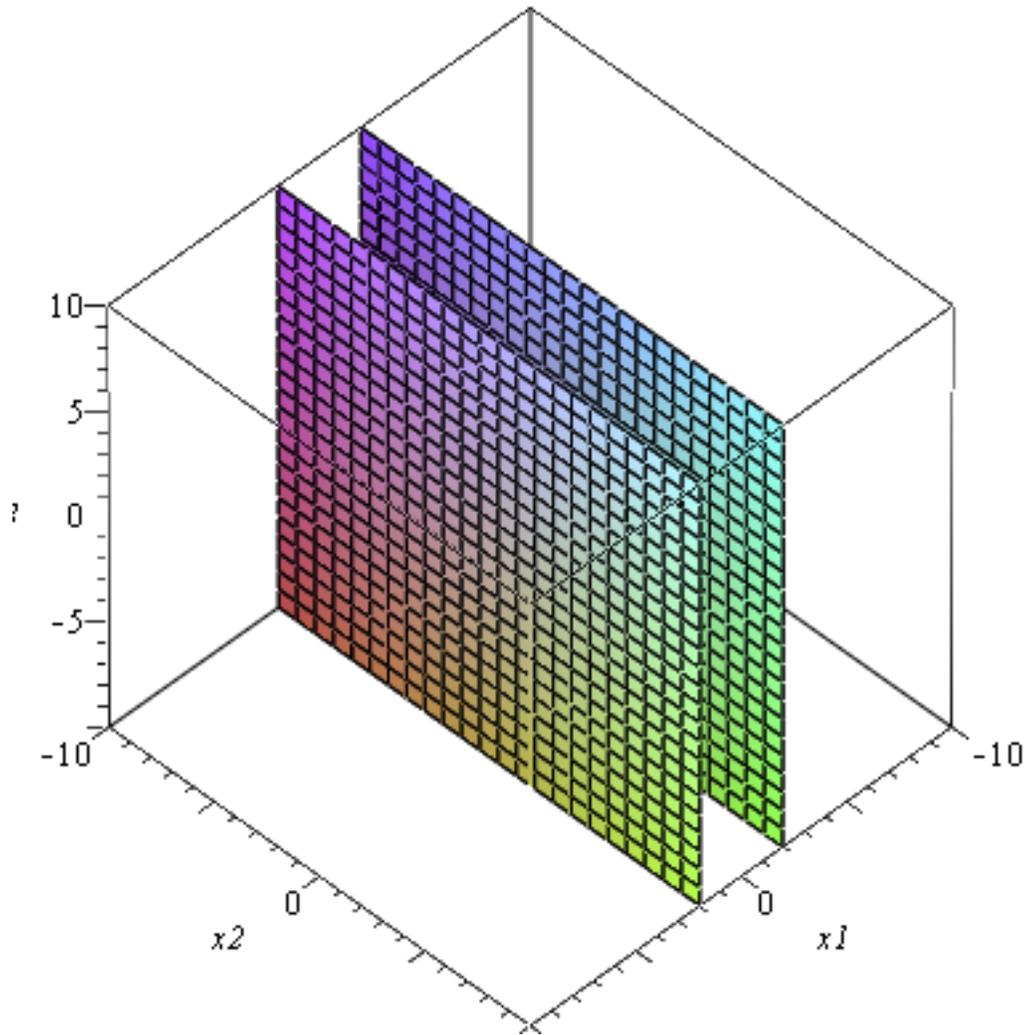
```
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
```

$$red\_equ\_aff := -1 + \frac{1}{4} x1^2$$

(2.3.3)

```
> with(plots):
```

```
> implicitplot3d(red_equ_aff,x1=-10..10,x2=-10..10,x3=-10..10,
numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);
```



▼ Double plane.  $\text{rank}(A)=1$

```

> b11:=1/4:b22:=0:
> red_equ:=b11*x1^2+b22*x2^2:
> red_equ_aff:=subs(x0=1,red_equ);
                                 $red\_equ\_aff:=\frac{1}{4}x1^2$ 
(2.4.1)
> with(plots):
> implicitplot3d(x1=0,x1=-10..10,x2=-10..10,x3=-10..10,
numpoints=10000,axes=boxed);

```

