

# UPSC Civil Services Main 1999 - Mathematics

## Linear Algebra

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**Question 1(a)** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the vector space of functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $f, g, h \in \mathcal{V}$  are linearly independent where  $f(t) = e^{2t}$ ,  $g(t) = t^2$  and  $h(t) = t$ .

**Solution.** Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $ae^{2t} + bt^2 + ct = 0$  for all  $t$ . Setting  $t = 0$  shows that  $a = 0$ . From  $t = 1$  we get  $b + c = 0$ , and  $t = -1$  gives  $b - c = 0$ , hence  $b = c = 0$ . Thus  $f, g, h$  are linearly independent. ■

**Question 1(b)** If the matrix of the linear transformation  $\mathbf{T}$  on  $\mathcal{V}_2(\mathbb{R})$  with respect to the basis  $B = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then what is the matrix of  $\mathbf{T}$  with respect to the ordered basis  $B_1 = \{(1, 1), (1, -1)\}$ .

**Solution.**  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{e}_1) = \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{e}_2) = \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2$ . Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 1) = \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, -1) = \mathbf{e}_1 - \mathbf{e}_2$ . Then  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{v}_1) = \mathbf{T}((1, 1)) = (2, 2) = 2\mathbf{e}_1 + 2\mathbf{e}_2 = 2\mathbf{v}_1$ .  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{v}_2) = \mathbf{T}((1, -1)) = (0, 0) = \mathbf{0}$ . Thus the matrix of  $\mathbf{T}$  with respect to the ordered basis  $B_1 = \{(1, 1), (1, -1)\}$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . ■

**Question 1(c)** Diagonalize the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Solution.** The characteristic equation is

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \begin{vmatrix} 4-x & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4-x & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4-x \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= (4-x)((4-x)^2 - 4) + 2(4-8+2x) - 2(8-2x-4) \\
 &= (4-x)(12-8x+x^2) - 8 + 4x - 8 + 4x \\
 &= 48 - 32x + 4x^2 - 12x + 8x^2 - x^3 - 16 + 8x \\
 &= -(x^3 - 12x^2 + 36x - 32) \\
 &= -(x-2)(x^2 - 10x + 16) \quad \because 2 \text{ is a root} \\
 &= -(x-2)(x-2)(x-8)
 \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic roots are 2, 2, 8.

If  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  is an eigenvector for  $\lambda = 8$ , then

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3$ , so  $(1, 1, 1)$  is an eigenvector for  $\lambda = 8$ .

Similarly for  $\lambda = 2$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$ . Take  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0$ , so  $(1, 0, -1)$  is an eigenvector. Take  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1$ , so  $(0, 1, -1)$  is an eigenvector for  $\lambda = 2$ . These eigenvectors are linearly independent.

Thus if  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

To check, verify that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  ■

**Question 2(a)** Test for congruency the matrices  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{A}^{2m} = \mathbf{B}^{2m} = \mathbf{I}$  where  $m, n$  are positive integers.

**Solution.**  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are not congruent, because  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric and  $\mathbf{B}$  is not. If  $\mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{B}$  then  $\exists \mathbf{P}$  non-singular such that  $\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{B}$  which implies that  $\mathbf{B}$  should be symmetric.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{A}^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \mathbf{B}^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathbf{A}^{2n} = (\mathbf{A}^2)^n = \mathbf{I}$ , and  $\mathbf{B}^{2m} = (\mathbf{B}^2)^m = \mathbf{I}$ . ■

**Question 2(b)** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a skew symmetric matrix of order  $n$  then prove that  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A})^{-1}$  is orthogonal.

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{O} &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A})^{-1} \\
 \mathbf{O}\mathbf{O}' &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A})^{-1}((\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A})^{-1})'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})' \\
 &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A})^{-1}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}) \quad \text{as } \mathbf{A}' = -\mathbf{A} \\
 &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})[(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A})]^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}) \\
 &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^2]^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}) \\
 &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})[(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A})(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})]^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}) \\
 &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A})^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}) \\
 &= \mathbf{I}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly it can be shown that  $\mathbf{O}'\mathbf{O} = \mathbf{I}$ . Hence  $\mathbf{O}$  is orthogonal. ■

**Question 2(c)** Test for positive definiteness the quadratic form  $2x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 + 2xy - 2zx$ .

**Solution.** The given form is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{2}(4x^2 + 3y^2 + 4z^2 + 4xy - 4zx) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}((2x + y - z)^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 2yz) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}((2x + y - z)^2 + (y + z)^2 + 2z^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now  $2x + y - z = 0, y + z = 0, z = 0$  implies  $x = y = z = 0$ . Hence the form is positive definite. ■

**Question 2(d)** Reduce the equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2yz + 2zx + x - y - 2z + 6 = 0$$

into canonical form and determine the nature of the quadric.

**Solution.** Consider  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2yz + 2zx$ . Its matrix is

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Its characteristic equation is

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 - \lambda & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

or  $\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 = 0$ . Thus  $\lambda = 0, 0, 3$ .

We next determine the characteristic vectors. For  $\lambda = 0$ , we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus  $x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0$ . Take  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $(-1, 1, 2)$  as orthogonal characteristic vectors corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$ .

For  $\lambda = 3$ , we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This yields  $x_1 = -x_2 = x_3$ . Take  $(1, -1, 1)$  as the characteristic vector for  $\lambda = 3$ .

Thus if

$$\mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\mathbf{O}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Let

$$\mathbf{O} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{X}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{Y}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{Z}{\sqrt{6}} \\ y &= -\frac{X}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{Y}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{Z}{\sqrt{6}} \\ z &= \frac{X}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{2Z}{\sqrt{6}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the given equation can be transformed to

$$\begin{aligned} 3X^2 + \frac{X}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{Y}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{Z}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{X}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{Y}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{Z}{\sqrt{6}} - \frac{2X}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{4Z}{\sqrt{6}} + 6 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 3X^2 - Z\sqrt{6} + 6 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}X^2 &= Z - \sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

Shifting the origin to  $(0, 0, \sqrt{6})$ , we get  $X^2 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}Z$ , showing that the equation is a parabolic cylinder. ■

# 1 Reduction of Quadrics

For the sake of completeness, we give the complete theoretical discussion for the above question.

Let

$$F(x, y, z) = ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2fyz + 2gzx + 2hxy + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$$

It can be expressed in matrix form as

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y & z & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & h & g & u \\ h & b & f & v \\ g & f & c & w \\ u & v & w & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Let the  $4 \times 4$  matrix be  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

**Step I.** Consider

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{S} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Find the characteristic roots of  $\mathbf{S}$  —  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ .
2. Find characteristic vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  which are orthogonal. These on normalization give us

$$\mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|} & \frac{\mathbf{v}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_2\|} & \frac{\mathbf{v}_3}{\|\mathbf{v}_3\|} \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus we get  $\mathbf{O}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{O} = \text{diagonal}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ . Let

$$\mathbf{O} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

This gives us three equations expressing  $x, y, z$  in term of  $X, Y, Z$ . Substituting in  $F$ , we get

$$F(X, Y, Z) = \lambda_1 X^2 + \lambda_2 Y^2 + \lambda_3 Z^2 + 2UX + 2VY + 2WZ + d = 0$$

(Note that  $d$  is unaffected.)

**Note 1** Since  $\mathbf{O}$  is orthogonal, the transformation  $\mathbf{O} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$  is just a rotation of the axes, and therefore the nature of the quadric is unaffected.

**Step II.** We now consider 3 possibilities ( $\rho$  is rank of the matrix):

1.  $\rho(\mathbf{S}) = 3 \Rightarrow \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3 \neq 0$ . Shift the origin to  $(-\frac{U}{\lambda_1}, -\frac{V}{\lambda_2}, -\frac{W}{\lambda_3})$ , i.e.  $x = X + \frac{U}{\lambda_1}, y = Y + \frac{V}{\lambda_2}, z = Z + \frac{W}{\lambda_3}$ . (Actually we are just completing the squares.)  $F$  gets transformed to

$$\lambda_1x^2 + \lambda_2y^2 + \lambda_3z^2 + d_2 = 0$$

2.  $\rho(\mathbf{S}) = 2$ . One characteristic root, say  $\lambda_3 = 0$ . Shift the origin to  $(-\frac{U}{\lambda_1}, -\frac{V}{\lambda_2}, 0)$ , and  $F$  gets transformed to

$$\lambda_1x^2 + \lambda_2y^2 + 2w_2z + d_2 = 0$$

3.  $\rho(\mathbf{S}) = 1$ . Two characteristic roots, say  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$ . Shift the origin to  $(-\frac{U}{\lambda_1}, 0, 0)$ , and  $F$  gets transformed to

$$\lambda_1x^2 + 2v_2y + 2w_2z + d_2 = 0$$

Note that  $\rho(\mathbf{S}) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$ . Then  $F(x, y, z)$  is no longer a quadric, it is a plane.

**Step III.** Observe that  $\rho(\mathbf{S}) \leq \rho(\mathbf{Q}) \leq 4, \rho(\mathbf{S}) \leq 3$ .

1. Let  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 4, \rho(\mathbf{S}) = 3$ . As shown above,  $F(x, y, z) = 0$  is transformed to

$$\lambda_1x^2 + \lambda_2y^2 + \lambda_3z^2 + d_2 = 0$$

$|\mathbf{Q}| = \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3d_2 \Rightarrow d_2 = \frac{|\mathbf{Q}|}{|\mathbf{S}|}$ . Thus the quadric is  $\lambda_1x^2 + \lambda_2y^2 + \lambda_3z^2 = -\frac{|\mathbf{Q}|}{|\mathbf{S}|}$ , which is a central quadric i.e. a quadric surface with a center, e.g., a sphere, ellipsoid, or hyperboloid, depending upon the signs and magnitudes of the eigenvalues. If the right hand side has positive sign (maybe by multiplying the equation with -1), then look at the signs of the coefficients of the l.h.s. If all are positive, it is an ellipsoid, further if all are equal, it is a sphere. If 1 or 2 are negative, it is a hyperboloid. If all 3 are negative, the surface is the empty set.

2.  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 3, \rho(\mathbf{S}) = 3$ .  $|\mathbf{Q}| = \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3d_2 = 0 \Rightarrow d_2 = 0$ , because  $\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3 \neq 0$ . Thus the quadric becomes  $\lambda_1x^2 + \lambda_2y^2 + \lambda_3z^2 = 0$ , which is a cone.

3.  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 4, \rho(\mathbf{S}) = 2$

$$F(x, y, z) = \lambda_1x^2 + \lambda_2y^2 + 2w_2z + d_2 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & w_2 \\ 0 & 0 & w_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$|\mathbf{Q}| = -\lambda_1\lambda_2w_2^2$ . Since  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 4, w_2 \neq 0$ . Shifting the origin to  $(0, 0, -\frac{d_2}{2w_2})$  we get

$$F(x, y, z) = \lambda_1x^2 + \lambda_2y^2 + 2w_2z = 0$$

where  $w_2^2 = -|\mathbf{Q}|/\lambda_1\lambda_2$ . The surface is a paraboloid.

4.  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 3, \rho(\mathbf{S}) = 2$

$$F(x, y, z) = \lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2 + 2w_2 z + d_2 = 0$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 3 \Rightarrow |\mathbf{Q}| = -\lambda_1 \lambda_2 w_2^2 \Rightarrow w_2 = 0. \text{ Since}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 3, d_2 \neq 0$ . Thus

$$F(x, y, z) = \lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2 + d_2 = 0$$

The quadric is a hyperbolic or elliptic cylinder.

5.  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 2, \rho(\mathbf{S}) = 2$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 2 \Rightarrow d_2 = 0$ , and  $F(x, y, z) = \lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2 = 0$ . The quadric is a pair of distinct planes or a point, if  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \neq 0$ .

6.  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 4, \rho(\mathbf{S}) = 1$

$$F(x, y, z) = \lambda_1 x^2 + 2v_2 y + 2w_2 z + d_2 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & v_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & w_2 \\ 0 & v_2 & w_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which shows that  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 4$  is not possible.

7.  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 3, \rho(\mathbf{S}) = 1$

$$F(x, y, z) = \lambda_1 x^2 + 2v_2 y + 2w_2 z + d_2 = 0$$

$\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 3 \Rightarrow$  both  $v_2$  and  $w_2$  cannot be 0. Suppose  $v_2 \neq 0$ . Shift the origin to  $(0, -\frac{d_2}{2v_2}, 0)$ .

$$F(x, y, z) = \lambda_1 x^2 + 2v_2 y + 2w_2 z = 0$$

Rotate the axes by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= X \\ y &= \frac{v_2}{\sqrt{v_2^2 + w_2^2}}Y - \frac{w_2}{\sqrt{v_2^2 + w_2^2}}Z \\ z &= \frac{w_2}{\sqrt{v_2^2 + w_2^2}}Y + \frac{v_2}{\sqrt{v_2^2 + w_2^2}}Z \end{aligned}$$

$$F(x, y, z) = \lambda_1 X^2 + 2v_3 Y = 0 \quad v_3 = \sqrt{v_2^2 + w_2^2}$$

Thus the quadric is a parabolic cylinder.

8.  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 2, \rho(\mathbf{S}) = 1 \quad \rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 2 \Rightarrow v_2 = w_2 = 0, d_2 \neq 0.$

$$F(x, y, z) = \lambda_1 X^2 + d_2 = 0$$

The quadric is two parallel planes.

9.  $\rho(\mathbf{Q}) = 1, \rho(\mathbf{S}) = 1$  The quadric immediately reduces to  $F(x, y, z) = \lambda_1 X^2 = 0$ , so it represents two coincident planes  $x = 0$ .

$\rho(\mathbf{Q})$	$\rho(\mathbf{S})$	Surface	Canonical form
4	3	central quadric	$\lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2 + \lambda_3 z^2 = -\frac{ \mathbf{Q} }{ \mathbf{S} }$
3	3	cone	$\lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2 + \lambda_3 z^2 = 0$
4	2	paraboloid	$\lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2 + 2w_2 z = 0, w_2^2 = -\frac{ \mathbf{Q} }{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}$
3	2	elliptic or hyperbolic cylinder	$\lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2 + d_2 = 0$
2	2	pair of distinct planes if $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 < 0$ point if $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 > 0$	$\lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2 = 0$
4	1	Not possible	
3	1	parabolic cylinder	$\lambda_1 X^2 + 2v_3 Y = 0, v_3 = \sqrt{v_2^2 + w_2^2}$
2	1	pair of parallel planes	$\lambda_1 X^2 + d_2 = 0$
1	1	Two coincident planes	$\lambda_1 X^2 = 0$