

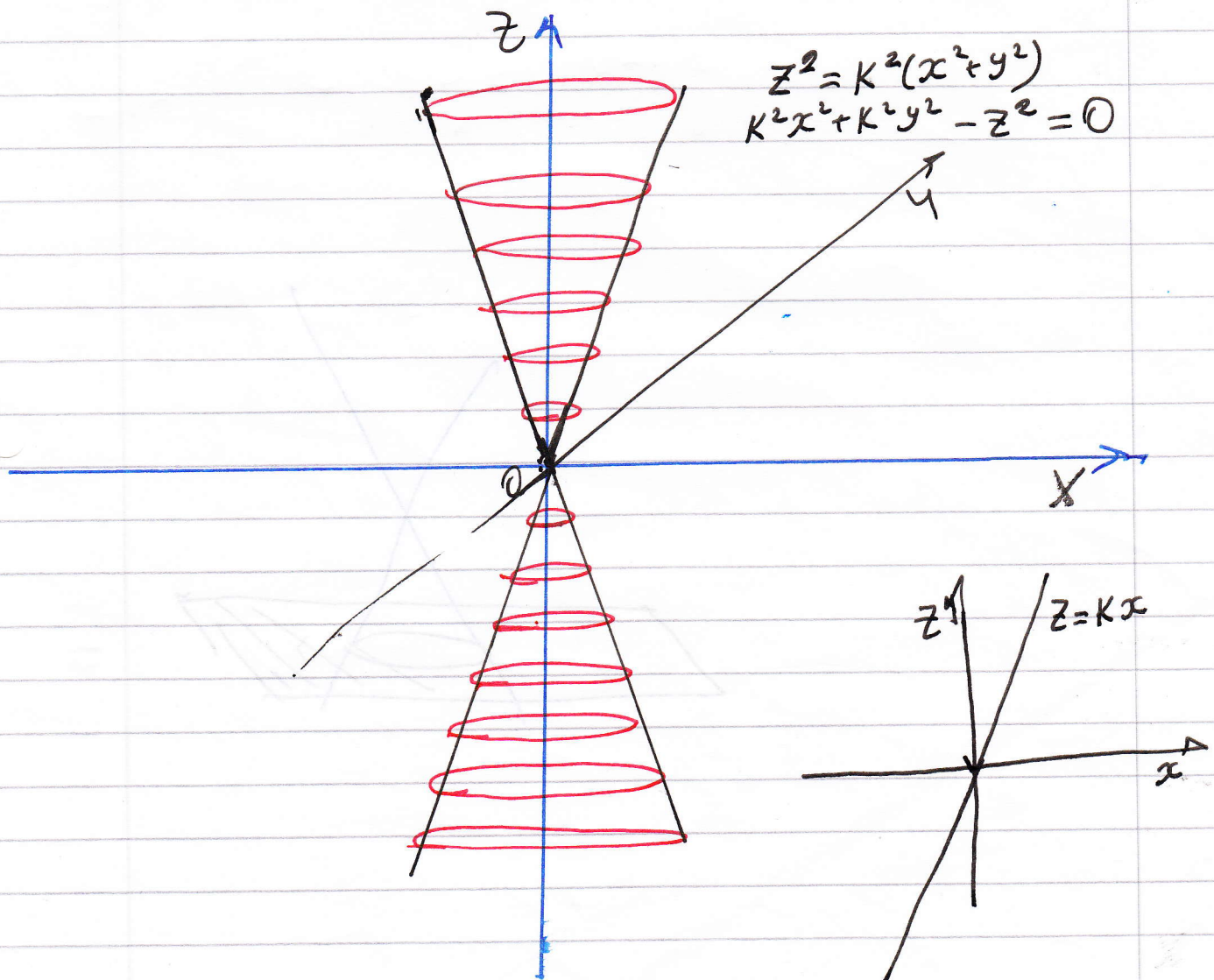
Lecture IV

In this lecture we ~~will~~ consider intersections of planes and surface of cone.

We will show that these intersections are

CONIC SECTIONS

(ie ellipses, or hyperbola or parabola)



Theorem.

Let $\underline{C}$ be a curve which is intersection of a plane with surface of cone.

Let C_{proj} be an orthogonal projection of this curve on the horizontal plane (we suppose that axis of cone is vertical).
Then

a curve C is a conic section¹⁾ (ellipse, ^{or} hyperbole or parabole)

a curve C_{proj} is also a conic section²⁾

(C_{proj} is ellipse, or hyperbole, or parabole if

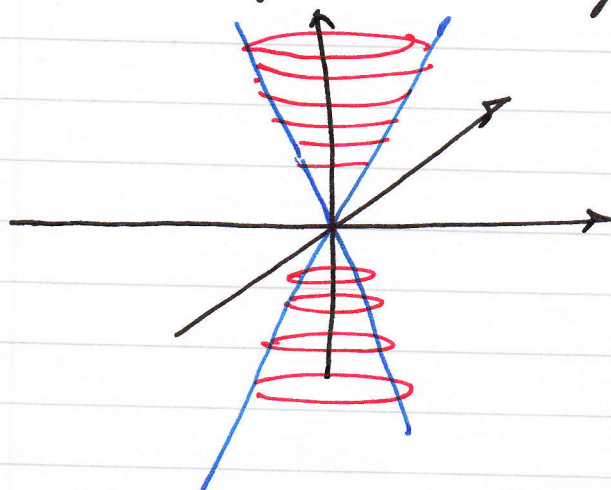
C is ellipse or hyperbole or parabole, respectively)

¹⁾ We do not consider degenerate cases when C can be just point, all two lines

²⁾ The remarkable property of the curve C_{proj} is that apex (vertex) of the cone is one of foci of this conic section. This implies Kepler law.

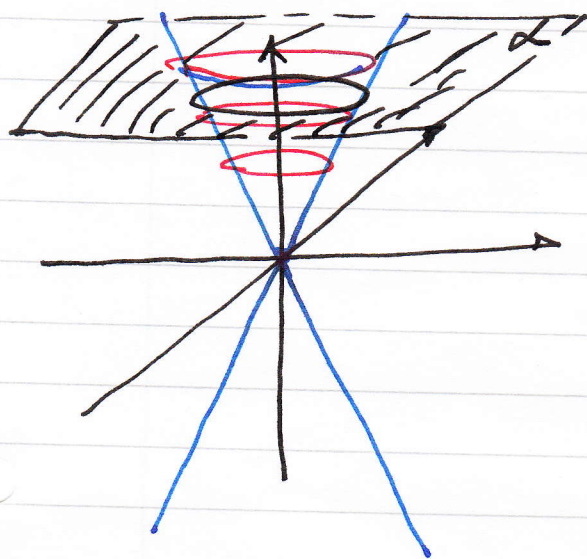
Let conic surface M is given

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



Let α be a plane in $\mathbb{E}^3$

I-st case) plane α is parallel to plane OXY



$$\begin{cases} \alpha: z = H \\ M: K^2x^2 + K^2y^2 - z^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

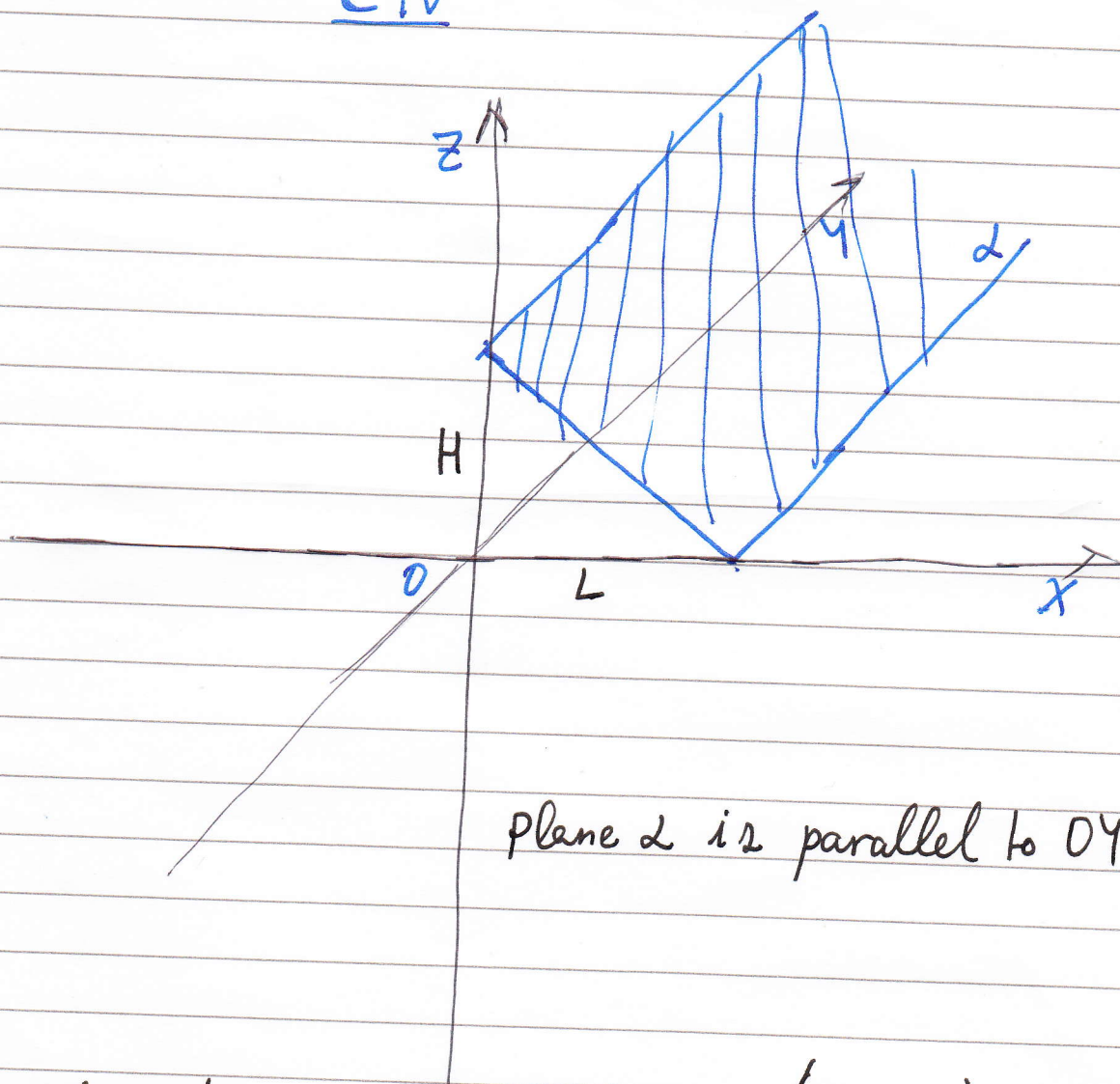
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$$\begin{cases} z = H \\ x^2 + y^2 = \frac{H^2}{K^2} \end{cases}$$

Intersection is the circle of radius $r = \frac{H}{K}$

II-nd case) - plane α is not parallel to the plane OXY

In this case ROTATE the space $\mathbb{E}^3$ with respect to axis OZ such that plane α after rotation will be parallel to axis OY



plane 2 is parallel to OY axis

It intersects axis OZ at the point $(0, 0, H)$ and
it intersects axis OX at the point $(L, 0, 0)$.
(this plane is not parallel to the plane OXY)

Equation of the plane 2: $\boxed{\frac{x}{L} + \frac{z}{H} = 1}$

(if $x = y = 0 \Rightarrow z = H$, if $y = z = 0 \Rightarrow x = L$)

Remark. The case when plane 2 which is not parallel to OXY passes through origin (eg. $ax + bz = 0$) is degenerate case. We do not consider it. [In this case plane 2 intersects with conic by point, apex, or two lines]

Now analyze intersection of plane $\mathcal{L}$ with surface of cone M

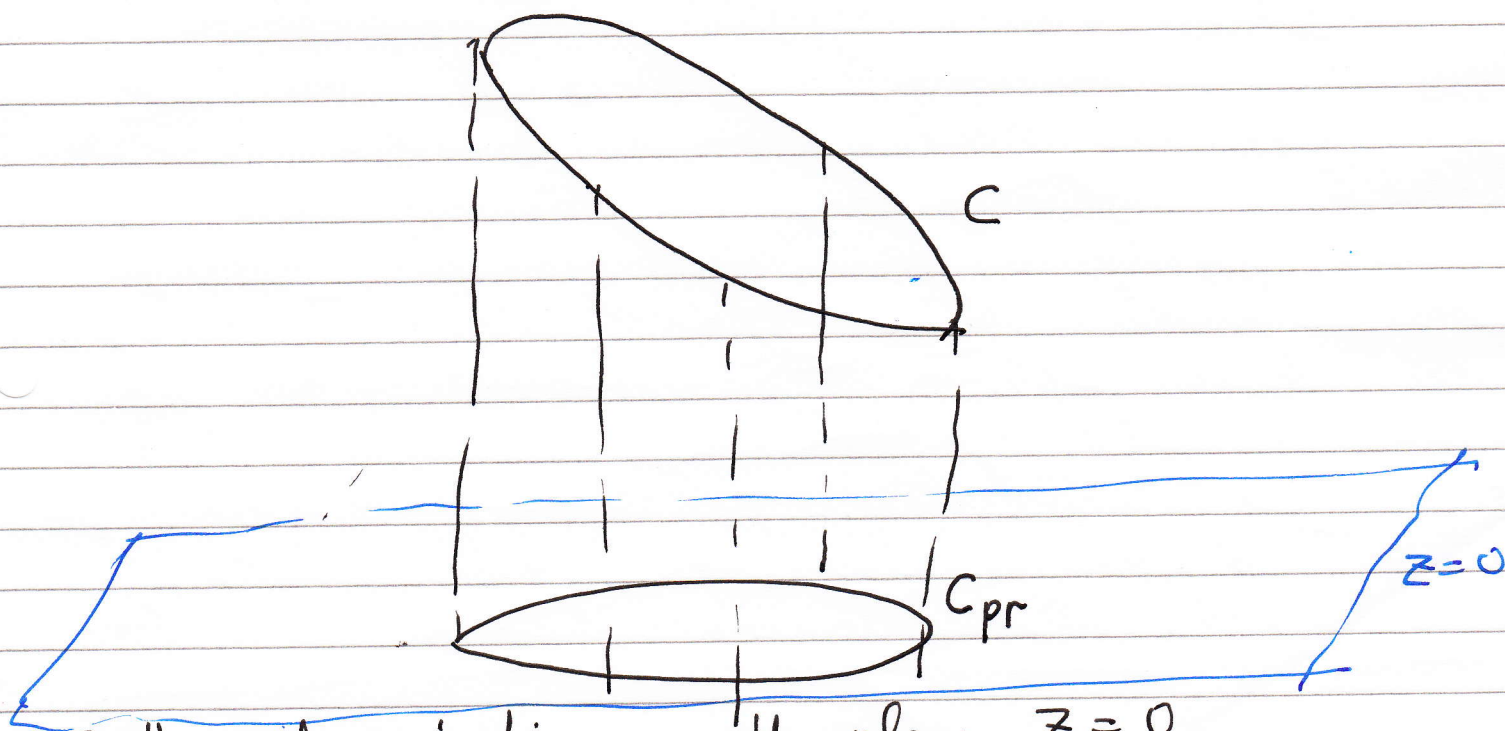
$\mathcal{L} \times M$
intersection of plane $\mathcal{L}$
with cone M

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x}{L} + \frac{z}{H} = 1 \\ K^2 x^2 + K^2 y^2 - z^2 = 0 \end{cases} \iff$$

$$\iff \begin{cases} z = H(1 - \frac{x}{L}) \\ K^2 x^2 + K^2 y^2 - [H(1 - \frac{x}{L})]^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Denote this intersection C .

$$C = \mathcal{L} \times M : \begin{cases} z = H(1 - \frac{x}{L}) \\ K^2 x^2 + K^2 y^2 - [H(1 - \frac{x}{L})]^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$



Orthogonal projection on the plane $z=0$

$$C_{pr}: K^2 x^2 + K^2 y^2 - (H(1 - \frac{x}{L}))^2 = 0.$$

We first prove that projection, curve C_{pr} is conic section, then we will see that C is conic section also

$$C_{pr}: K^2 x^2 + K^2 y^2 - H^2 \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right)^2 = 0.$$

$$\underbrace{\left(K^2 - \frac{H^2}{L^2}\right)}_{\delta = K^2 - \frac{H^2}{L^2}} x^2 + \frac{2H^2}{L} x + K^2 y^2 = H^2$$

$$C_{pr}: \delta x^2 + \frac{2H^2}{L} x + K^2 y^2 = H^2.$$

1) $\delta = 0$, C_{pr} is parabola: $-\frac{2H^2}{L} x + H^2 = K^2 y^2$
 $\frac{2H^2}{L} \left(\frac{L}{2} - x\right) = K^2 y^2.$

2) $\delta \neq 0$ in this case

$$C_{pr}: \delta x^2 + \frac{2H^2}{L} x + K^2 y^2 - H^2 = \delta \left(x + \frac{H^2}{L\delta}\right)^2 + K^2 y^2 - H^2 - \frac{H^4}{L^2\delta}$$

$$C_{pr}: \delta x'^2 + K^2 y^2 = H^2 + \frac{H^4}{L^2\delta}; \quad \boxed{x' = x + \frac{H^2}{L\delta}}$$

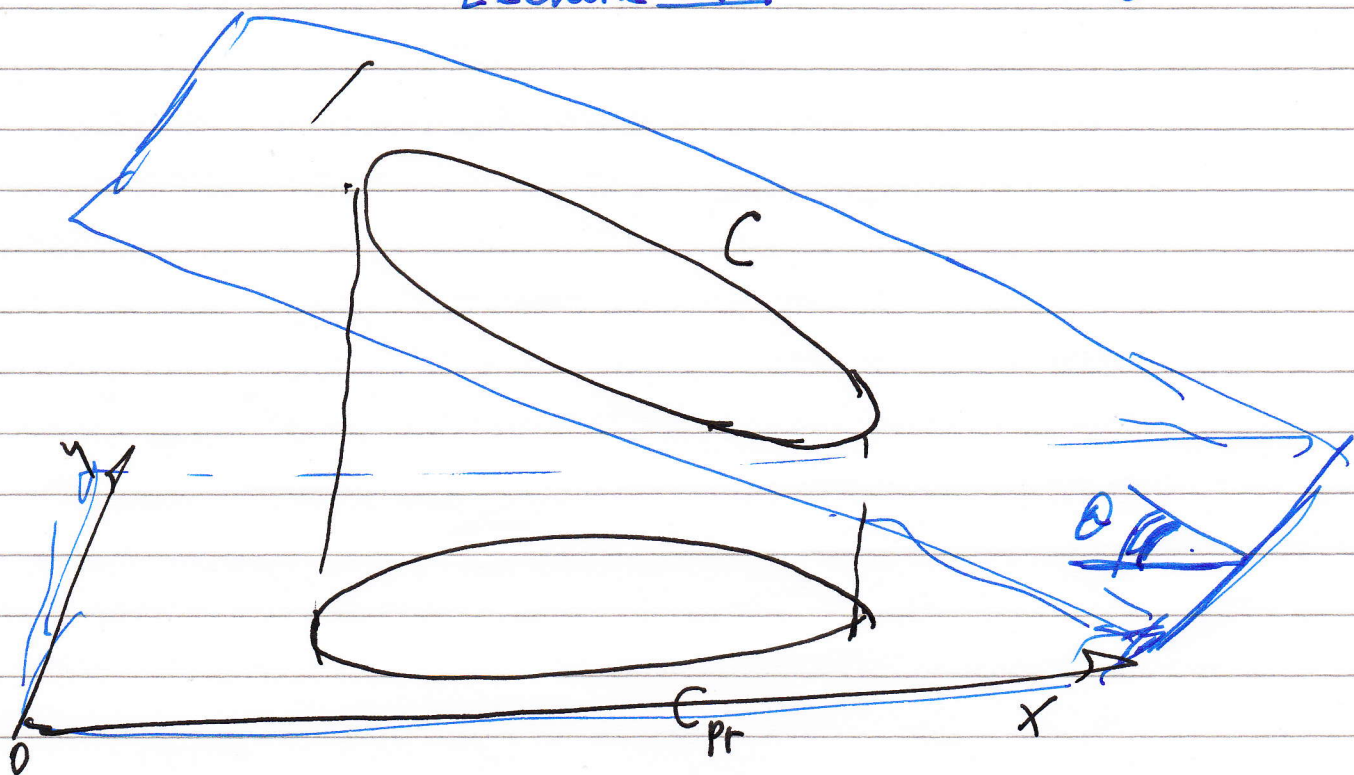
$\delta > 0$ — ellipse

$\delta < 0$ — hyperbola

Thus we proved that the projection C_{pr} of the curve $C = \mathcal{L} \times M$ is conic section.

It remains to prove that curve

C is conic section too.



Curve C belongs to plane α : $\frac{x}{L} + \frac{z}{H} = 1$

(see the page -3-).

The angle between plane α and plane OXY is θ

$$\operatorname{tg} \theta = \frac{H}{L}$$

Thus if (x, y) are Cartesian coordinates on OXY
 one can choose ^(Cartesian) coordinates $(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$ on plane α
 such that

$$\tilde{x} = \frac{x}{\cos \theta}, \quad \tilde{y} = y.$$

Then equation for projection

$$C_{pr}: 8x^2 + \frac{2H^2}{L}x + K^2y^2 = H^2$$

will transform to equation

$$C: 8(\tilde{x} \cos \theta)^2 + \frac{2H^2}{L}(\tilde{x} \cos \theta) + K^2\tilde{y}^2 = H^2$$

Compering these equations we see that curves C and C_{pr} both are parabolas if $\delta = 0$, ellipses if $\delta > 0$ and hyperbolas if $\delta < 0$;

1) $\delta = 0$

$$\begin{array}{l} C_{pr}: \frac{2H^2}{L}x + K^2y^2 = H^2 \\ C: \frac{2H^2}{L}\tilde{x}\cos\theta + K^2\tilde{y}^2 = H^2 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{parabola} \\ \text{parabole.} \end{array} \right.$$

2) $\delta > 0$

$$\begin{array}{l} C_{pr}: \delta \left(x + \frac{H^2}{L\delta}\right)^2 + K^2y^2 = H^2 + \frac{H^4}{L^2\delta} \\ C: \delta \cos^2\theta \left(\tilde{x} + \frac{H^2}{L\delta\cos\theta}\right)^2 + K^2\tilde{y}^2 = H^2 + \frac{H^4}{L^2\delta} \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ellipse} \\ \text{ellipse} \end{array} \right\}$$

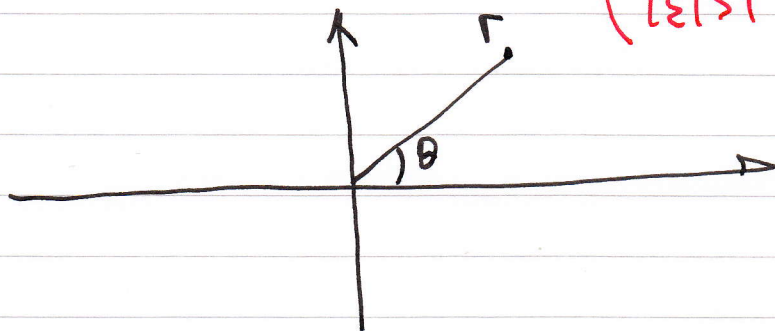
both curves are ellipses

3) $\delta < 0$ both curves are hyperbolas.

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[The end of the lecture is not compulsory].

One can show that conic section in polar coordinates is given by equation

$$r(1 + \varepsilon \cos \theta) = C \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \varepsilon = 1 - \text{parabola} \\ |\varepsilon| < 1 - \text{ellipse} \\ |\varepsilon| > 1 - \text{hyperbola} \end{array} \right)$$



Based on this formula one can prove the Theorem, and in particular the fact that apex of the cone is one of foci of C_{proj} .
Indeed

Let $\alpha: ax + by + cz = 1$.

In cylindrical coordinates

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \\ z = h \end{cases}$$

equation of plane α will be

$$\alpha: a r \cos \theta + b r \sin \theta + c h = 1.$$

equation of surface of cone — $Kr = h$
hence

$$C_{pr}: \begin{cases} a r \cos \theta + b r \sin \theta + c h = 1 \\ h = K r \end{cases} \implies$$

$$C_{proj} \quad r(a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta + cK) = 1.$$

$$r(\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cos(\theta + \delta) + cK) = 1.$$

We see that C_{proj} is conic section with $F = (0, 0)$

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