

Problem 2.

$x(\lambda)$ intersects a quadric Q . $X = \lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2$.

$$\therefore X^T Q X = 0$$

$$= (\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2)^T Q (\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2)$$

$$= \lambda^2 x_1^T Q x_1 + (\lambda x_1^T Q (1-\lambda)x_2) + (1-\lambda)x_2^T Q \lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2^T Q (1-\lambda)x_2.$$

$$= (x_1^T Q x_1 + x_2^T Q x_2 - x_1^T Q x_2 - x_2^T Q x_1) \lambda^2 + (x_1^T Q x_2 + x_2^T Q x_1 - 2x_2^T Q x_2) \lambda + x_2^T Q x_2.$$

x_1 : 4×1 matrix Q : 4×4 (symmetric matrix) x_2 : 4×1 .

Let $x_1^T Q x_2 = a$ where a is a scalar. $\xrightarrow{\text{transpose.}} x_2^T Q^T x_1 = a.$

$$x_2^T Q x_1 = b$$

$\because Q$ is symm $\therefore Q = Q^T$

$$\therefore x_2^T Q x_1 = a = b$$

$$\therefore x_1^T Q x_2 = x_2^T Q x_1$$

$$\therefore X^T Q X = (x_1^T Q x_1 - 2x_1^T Q x_2 + x_2^T Q x_2) \lambda^2 + 2(x_1^T Q x_2 - x_2^T Q x_2) \lambda + x_2^T Q x_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore C_2 = x_1^T Q x_1 - 2x_1^T Q x_2 + x_2^T Q x_2$$

$$C_1 = 2(x_1^T Q x_2 - x_2^T Q x_2)$$

$$C_0 = x_2^T Q x_2.$$