

# Quadratic Forms

If  $Q(x)$  is a function, then,

$$Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$$

$A$  is [symmetric](#)

## Examples

Find  $Q$

$$Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}, A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 4x^2 + 2xy - 3y^2$$