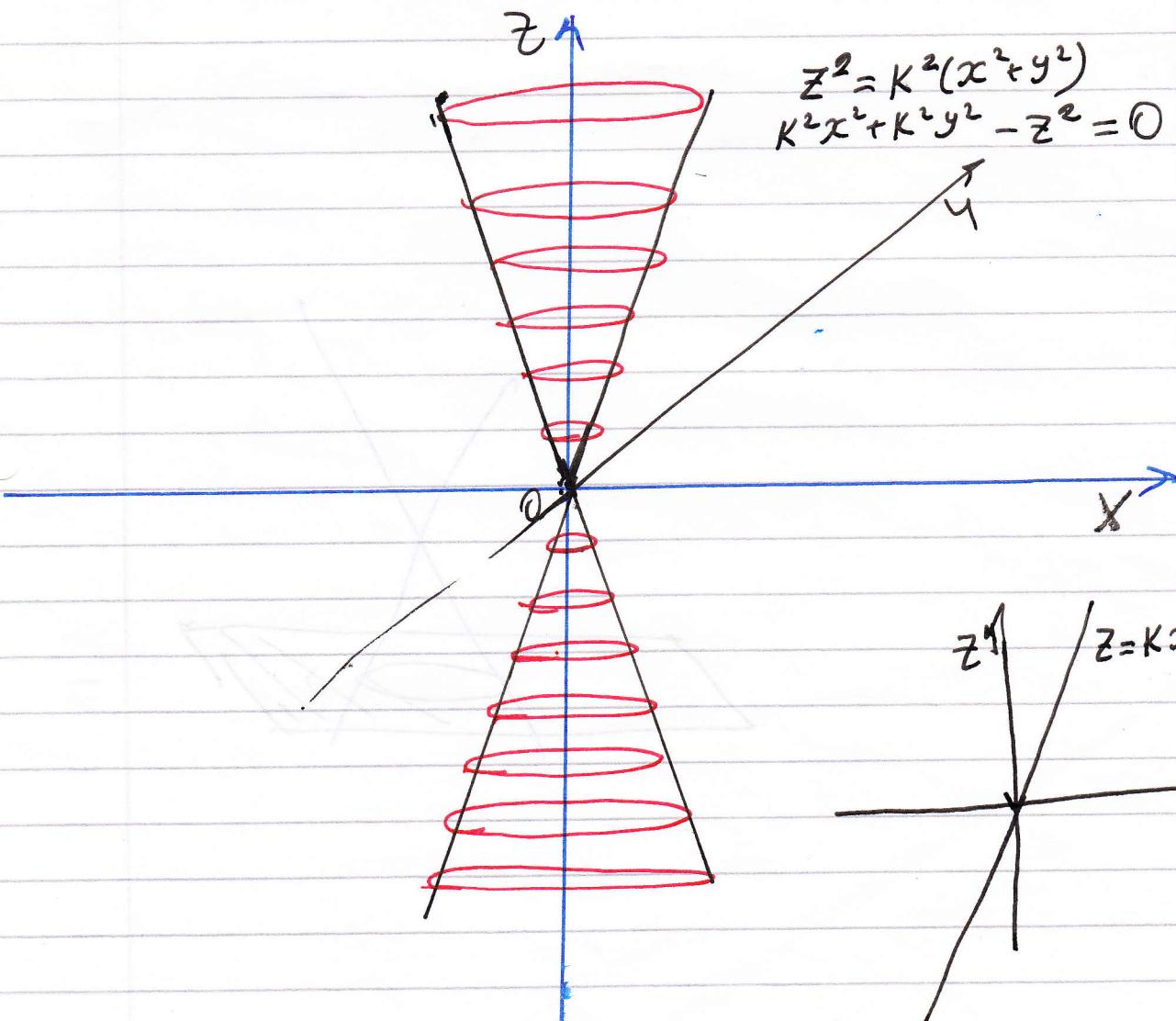


Lecture IV

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 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, hyperbole or parabola)

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

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

C is ellipse or hyperbole or parabola respectively)

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

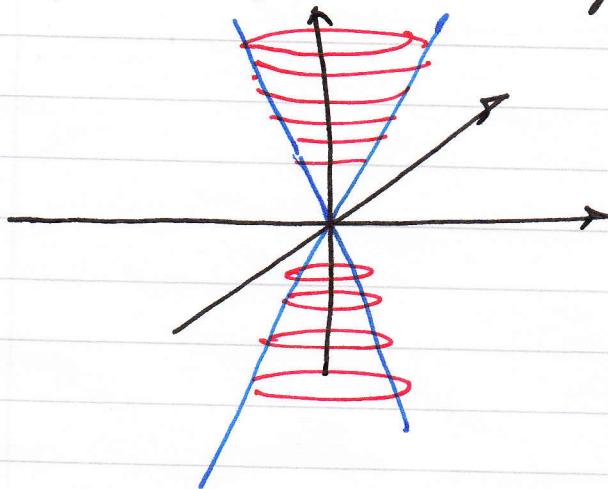
²⁾ The remarkable property of the curve C_{proj} is that apex (vertex) of the cone is one of foci of this conic section. This implies Kepler law.

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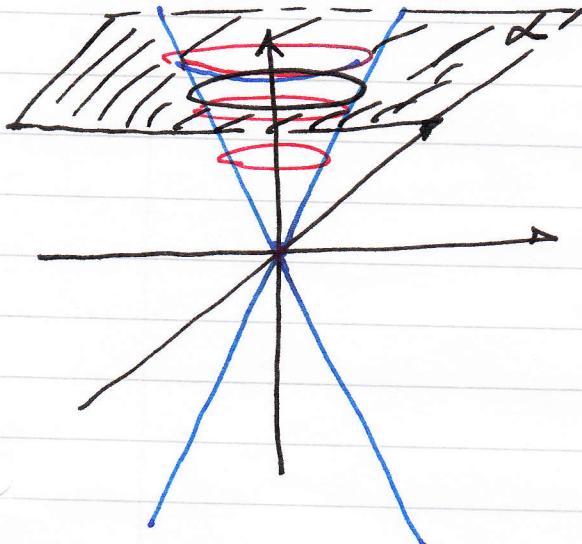
Let conic surface M is given

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



Let α be a plane in E^3

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



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha: z = H \\ M: K^2x^2 + K^2y^2 - z^2 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

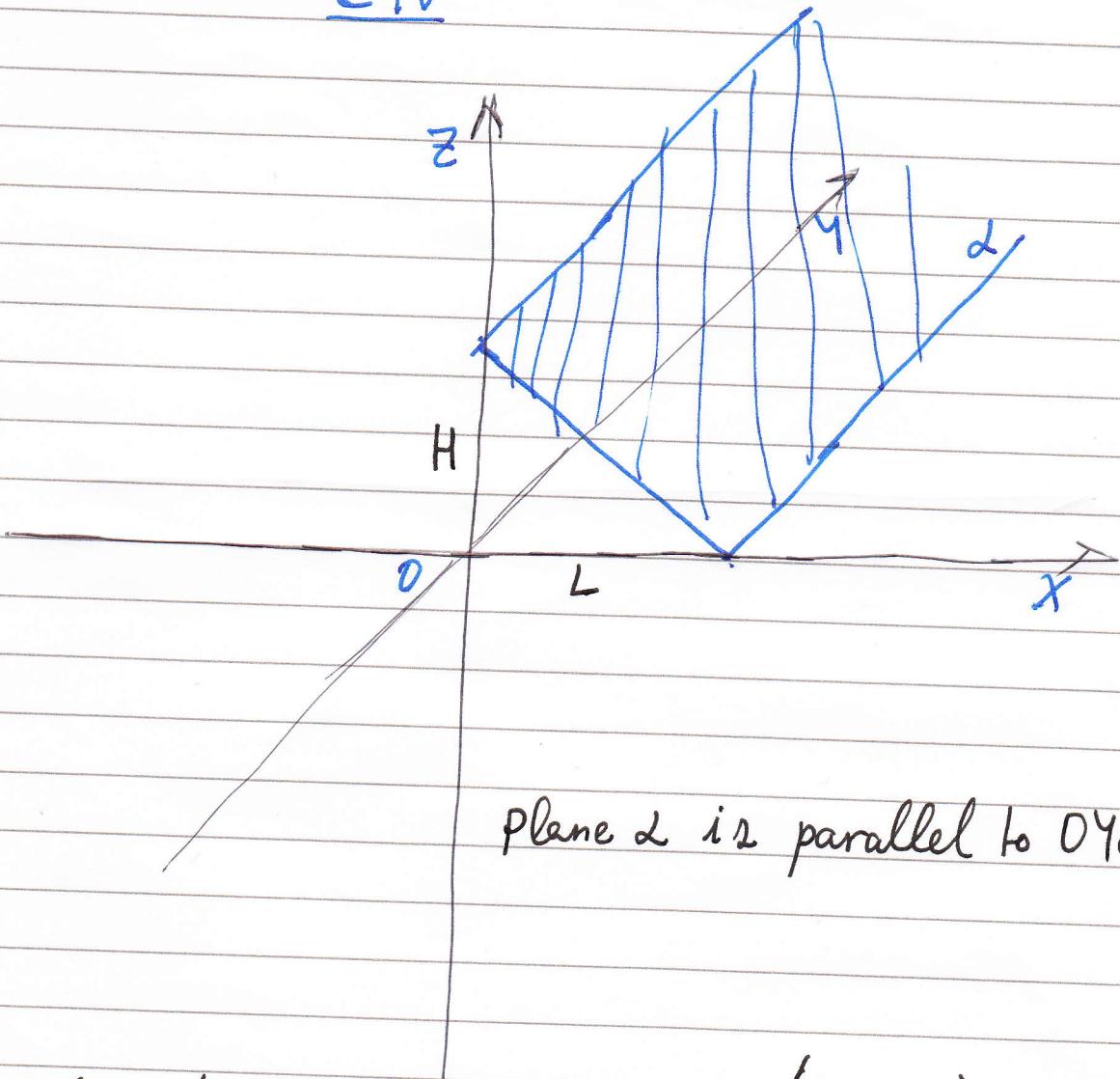
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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} z = H \\ x^2 + y^2 = \frac{H^2}{K^2} \end{array} \right.$$

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 E^3 with respect to axis OZ such that plane α after rotation will be parallel to axis OY



Plane α 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 α :
$$\frac{x}{L} + \frac{z}{H} = 1$$

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

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

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

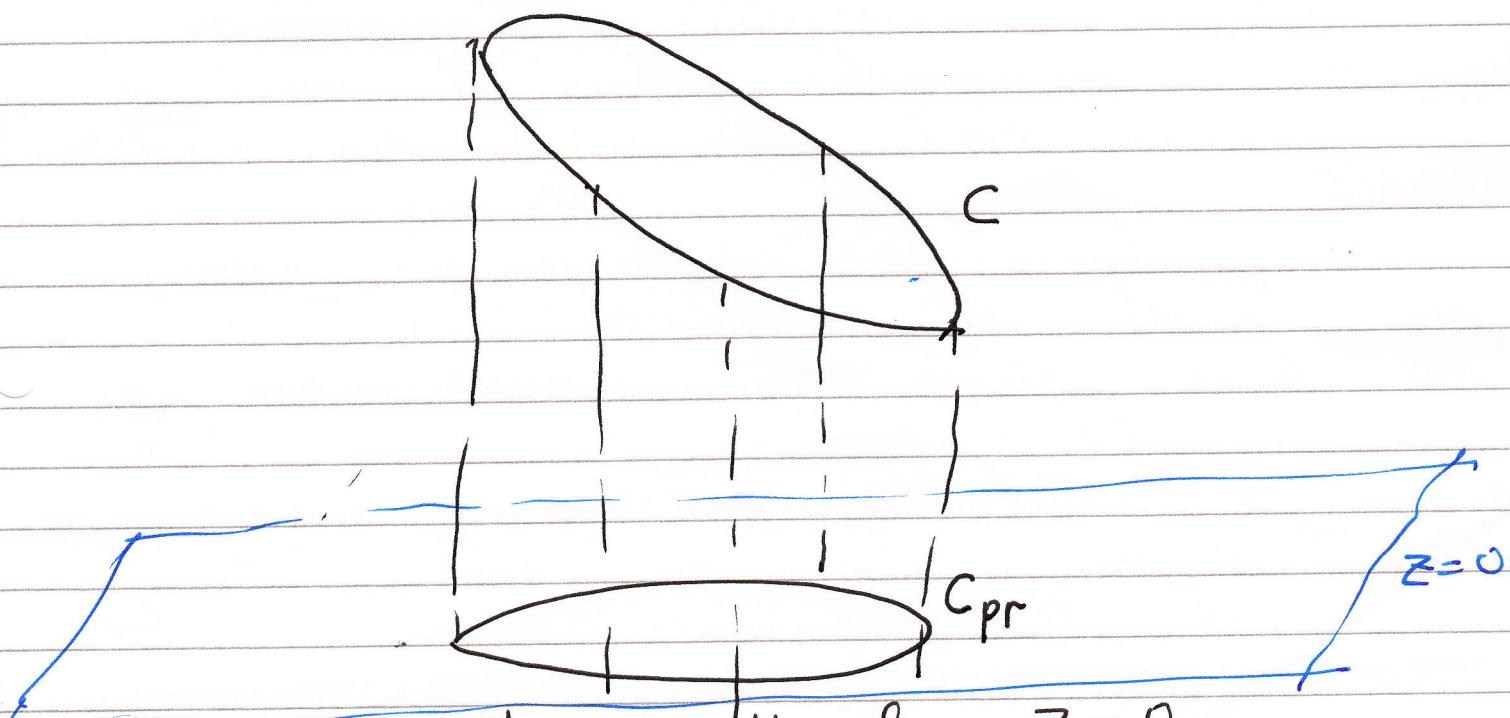
$$\mathcal{L} \times M : \begin{cases} \frac{x}{L} + \frac{z}{H} = 1 \\ K^2 x^2 + K^2 y^2 - z^2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \longleftrightarrow$$

intersection of plane \mathcal{L} with cone M

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

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 $z = 0$

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

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

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

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

$\underbrace{S = K^2 - \frac{H^2}{L^2}}$

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

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

$$\frac{2H^2}{L}\left(\frac{L}{2} - x\right) = K^2y^2.$$

2) $S \neq 0$ in this case

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

$$C_{pr}: Sx'^2 + Ky^2 = H^2 + \frac{H^4}{L^2S}; \boxed{x' = x + \frac{H^2}{LS}}$$

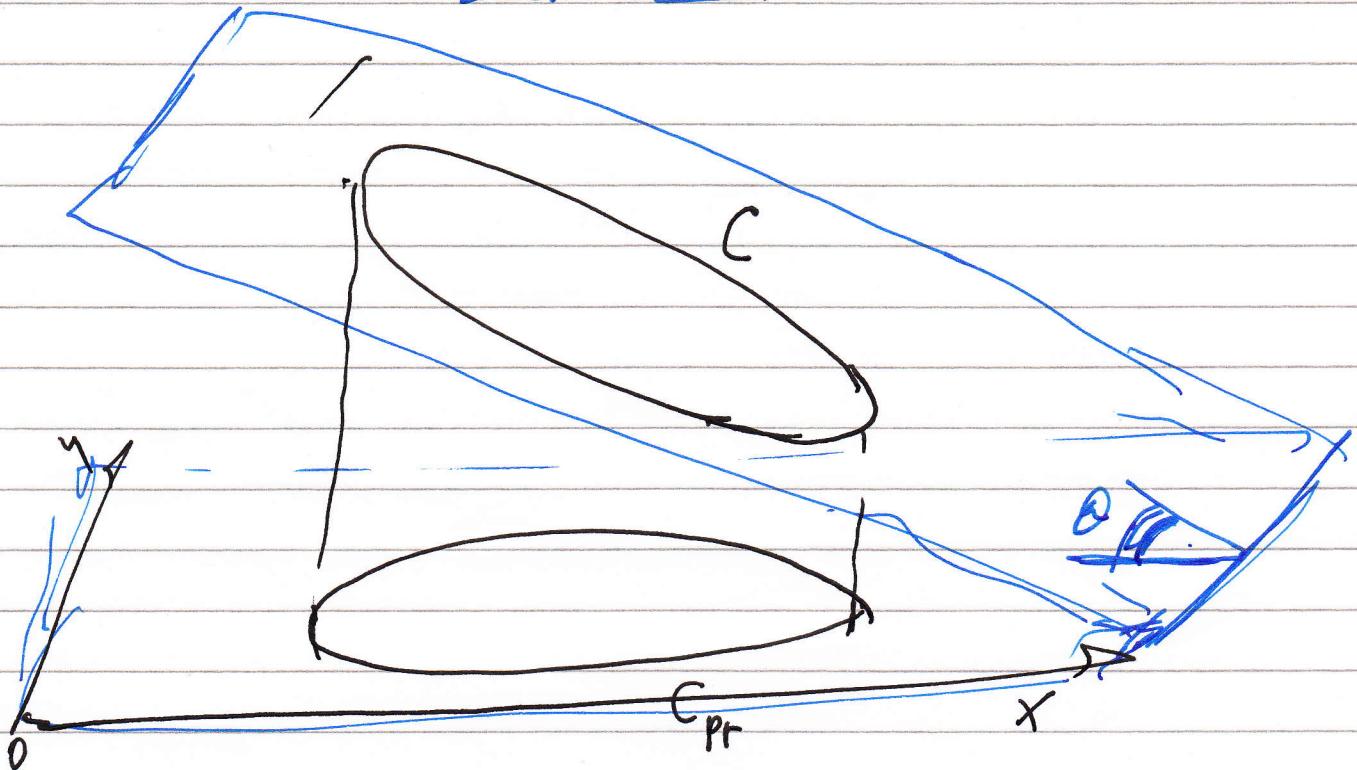
$S > 0$ — ellipse

$S < 0$ — hyperbola

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

It remains to prove that curve

C is conic section too.



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

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The angle between plane Σ and plane OXY is $\underline{\theta}$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{H}{L}$$

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

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

Then equation for projection

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

will transform to equation

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

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Comparing these equations we see that curves C_{pr} and C_p both are parabolae if $\delta = 0$, ellipses if $\delta > 0$ and hyperbolae if $\delta < 0$;

1) $\delta = 0$

$$C_{pr} : \frac{2H^2}{L}x + K^2y^2 = H^2 \quad | \text{parabola}$$

$$C : \frac{2H^2}{L}\tilde{x}\cos\theta + K^2\tilde{y}^2 = H^2 \quad | \text{parabola.}$$

2) $\delta > 0$

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

$$C : \delta \left(\tilde{x}\cos\theta + \frac{H^2}{L\delta\cos\theta} \right)^2 + K^2\tilde{y}^2 = H^2 + \frac{H^4}{L^2\delta} \quad \} \text{ellipse}$$

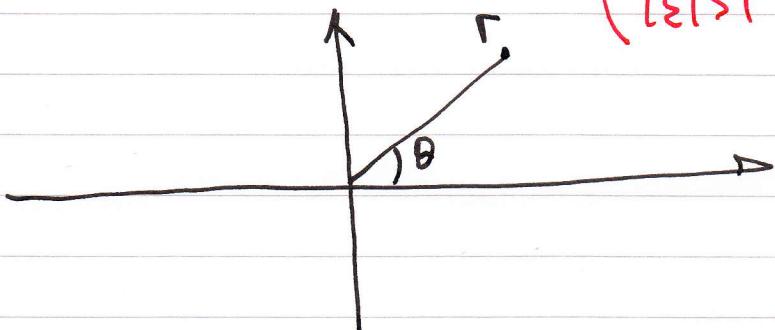
both curves are ellipses

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

Not compulsory
[The end of the lecture is not compulsory].

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

$$r(1 + \varepsilon \cos \theta) = C \quad \begin{cases} \varepsilon = 1 - \text{parabola} \\ |\varepsilon| < 1 - \text{ellipse} \\ |\varepsilon| > 1 - \text{hyperbole} \end{cases}$$



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

Indeed

Let $\alpha x + by + cz = 1$.
In cylindrical coordinates $\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \\ z = h \end{cases}$
equation of plane α will be

$$\alpha r \cos \theta + b r \sin \theta + ch = 1.$$

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

$$C_{\text{proj}}: \begin{cases} \alpha r \cos \theta + b r \sin \theta + ch = 1 \\ h = Kr \end{cases} \implies$$

$$C_{\text{proj}} \quad r(\alpha \cos \theta + b \sin \theta + ck) = 1.$$

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

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