

# KIPPENHAHN'S THEOREM IN HIGHER DIMENSIONS

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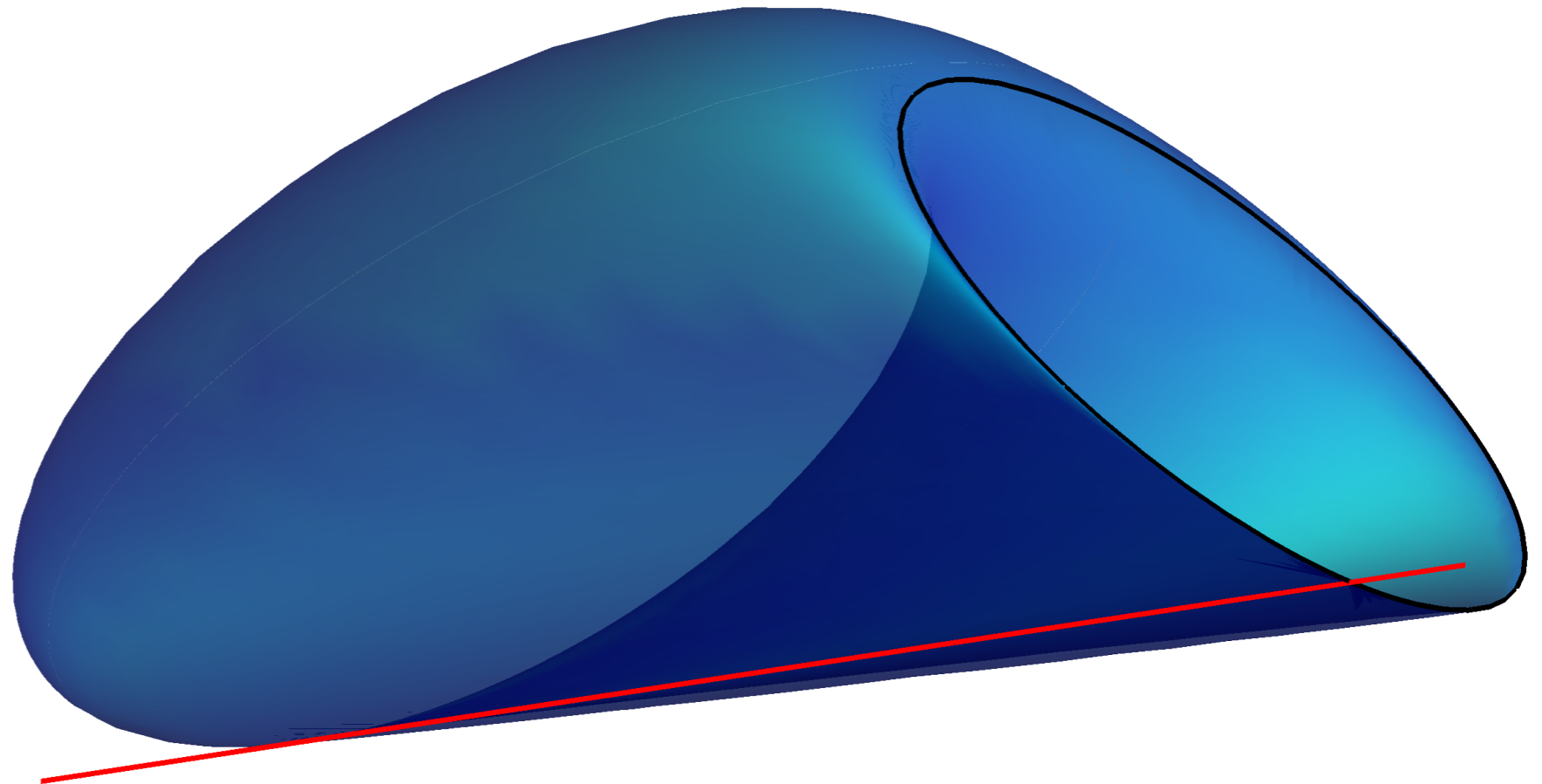
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# The numerical range

Let  $A$  be a complex  $d \times d$ -matrix.

The **numerical range** of  $A$  is the set

$$W(A) = \left\{ \overline{x^T} Ax \mid x \in \mathbb{C}^d \text{ with } \|x\| = 1 \right\} \subset \mathbb{C}$$

## Toeplitz-Hausdorff Theorem (1919).

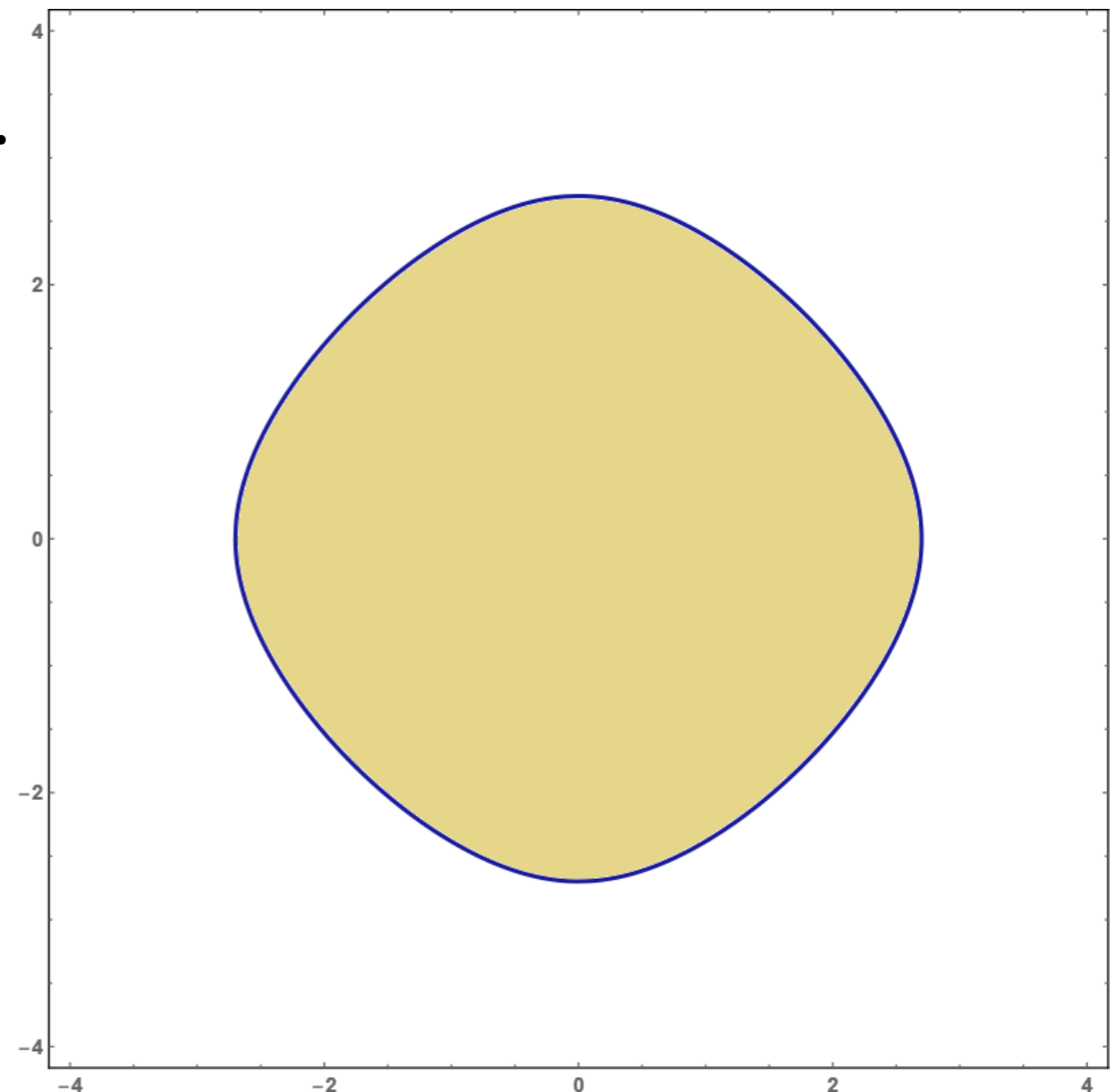
The set  $W(A)$  is a convex subset of  $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Examples.** (1)  $A$  is Hermitian if and only if  $W(A)$  is a real line segment.

(2) If  $A$  is normal, then  $W(A)$  is the convex hull of the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

(3) Running example:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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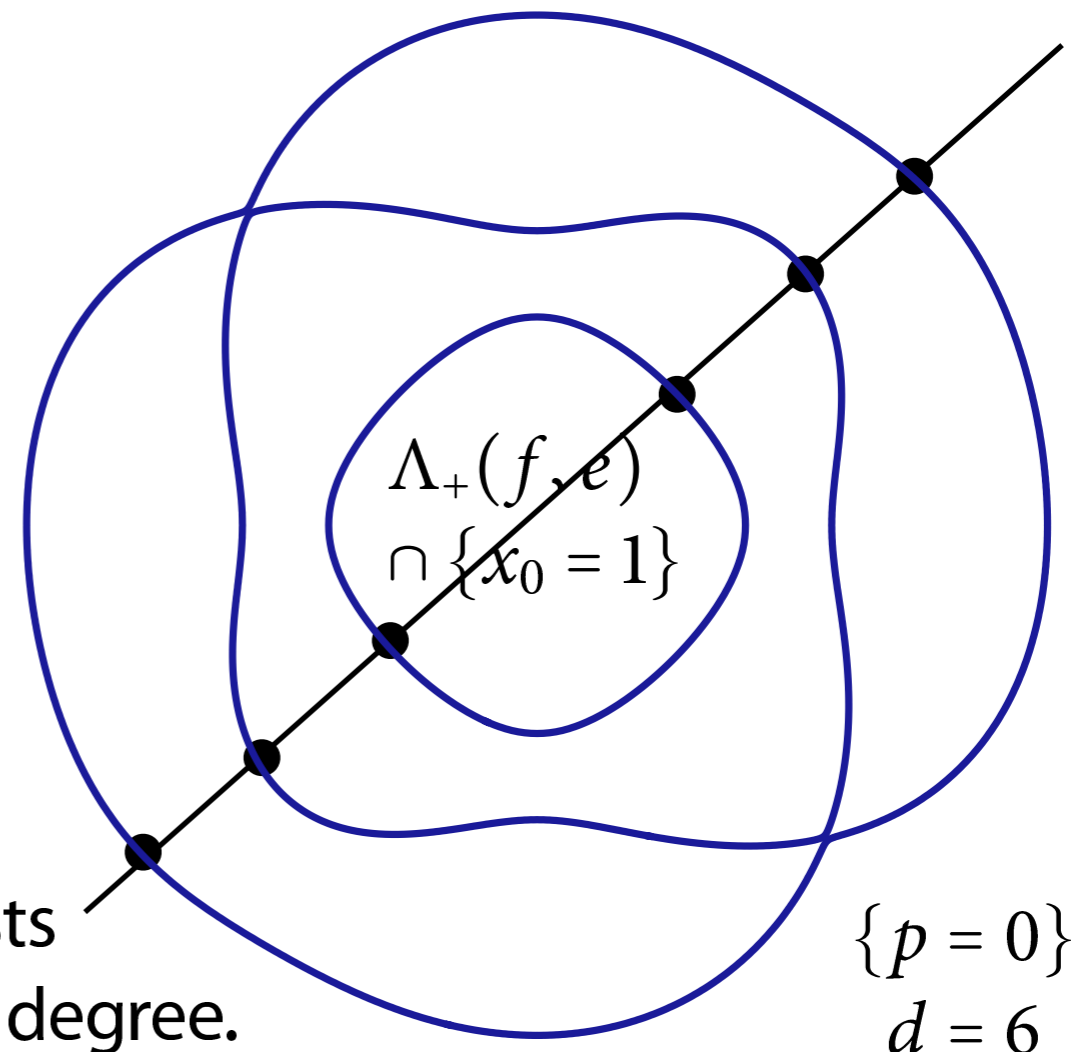
$$p = \det(x_0 I_d + x_1 \operatorname{Re}(A) + x_2 \operatorname{Im}(A)).$$

is **hyperbolic** with respect to the point  $e = (1, 0, 0)$ , i.e. all roots of

$$p(t, a_1, a_2)$$

are real for all  $(a_1, a_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

In the real projective plane,  $\{p = 0\}$  consists of **nested ovals**, if  $p$  is irreducible of even degree.



# Kippenhahn's Theorem

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$$p = \det(x_0 I_d + x_1 \operatorname{Re}(A) + x_2 \operatorname{Im}(A))$$

with spectrahedron

$$S(A) = \left\{ (a_1, a_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid I_d + a_1 \operatorname{Re}(A) + a_2 \operatorname{Im}(A) \geq 0 \right\}$$

**Theorem.** (Kippenhahn 1951)

The numerical range  $W(A)$  is the convex dual

$$S(A)^\circ = \left\{ (u_1, u_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \langle u, a \rangle \geq -1 \text{ for all } a \in S(A) \right\}$$

of  $S(A)$ . It is the convex hull of the points  $(u_1, u_2)$  for which  $[1, u_1, u_2]$  lies on the **dual curve** of  $V = \{p = 0\}$ .

The dual curve  $V^*$  is the closure of the set of points  $(1, u_1, u_2)$  for which the line

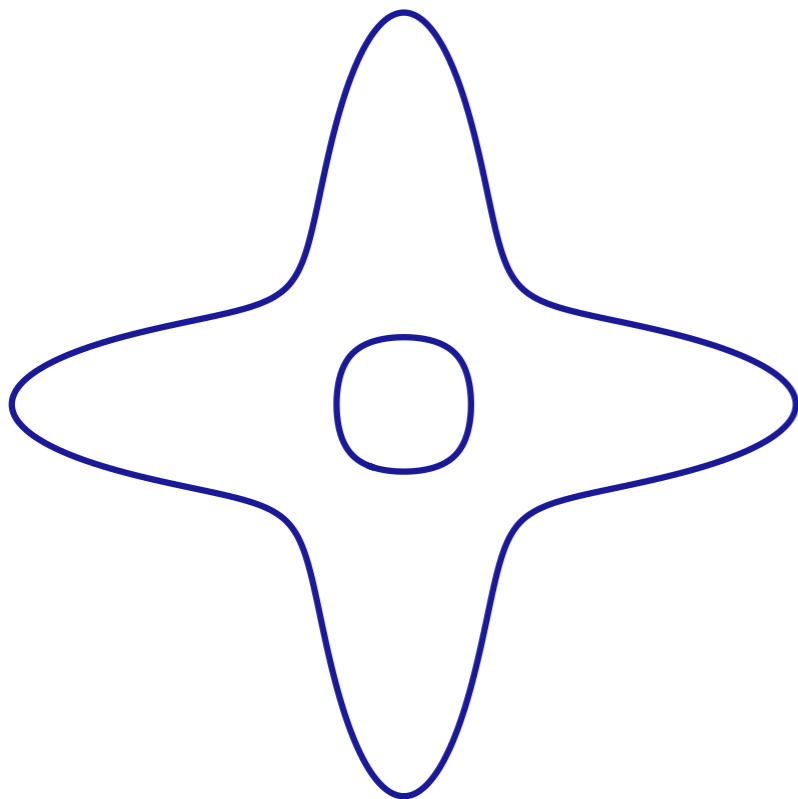
$$x_0 + u_1 x_1 + u_2 x_2 = 0$$

is tangent to  $V$  (at some regular point).

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$$\begin{aligned} p &= \det(x_0 I_4 + x_1 \operatorname{Re}(A) + x_2 \operatorname{Im}(A)) \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \left( 25x_1^4 + 25x_2^4 + 434x_1^2x_2^2 - 120x_0^2x_1^2 - 120x_0^2x_2^2 + 16x_0^4 \right) \end{aligned}$$

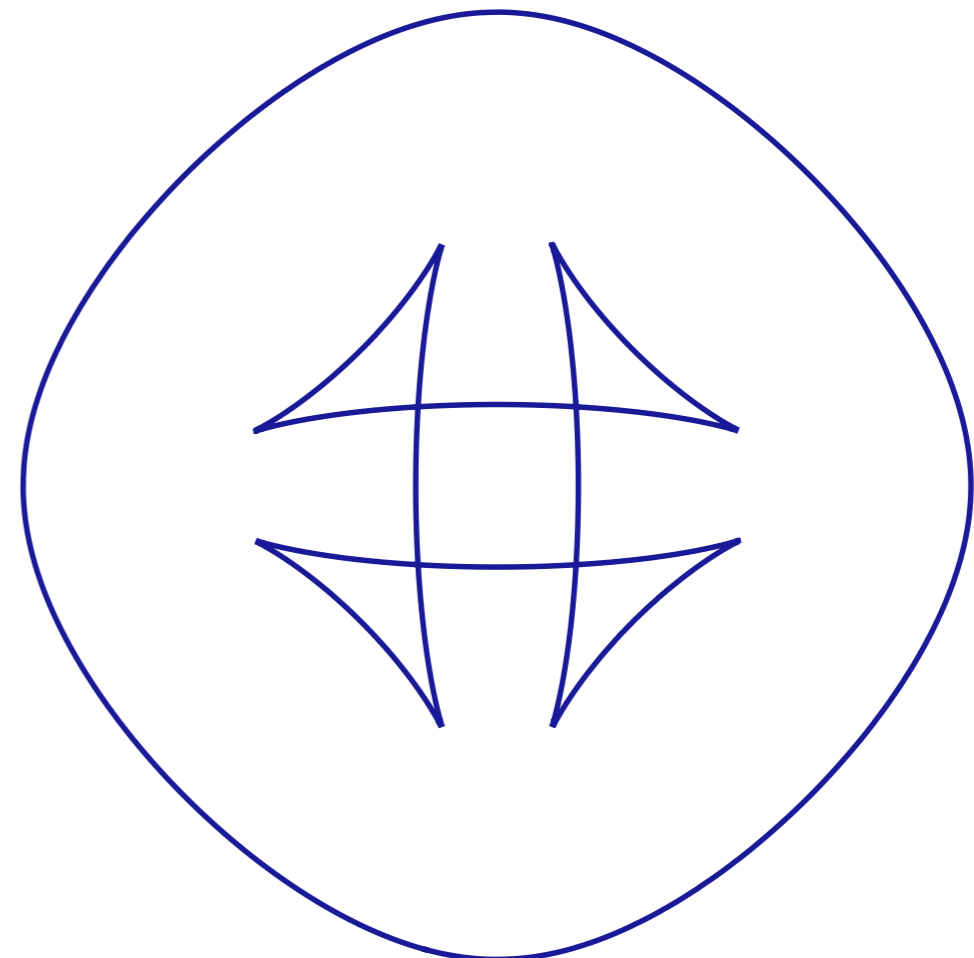
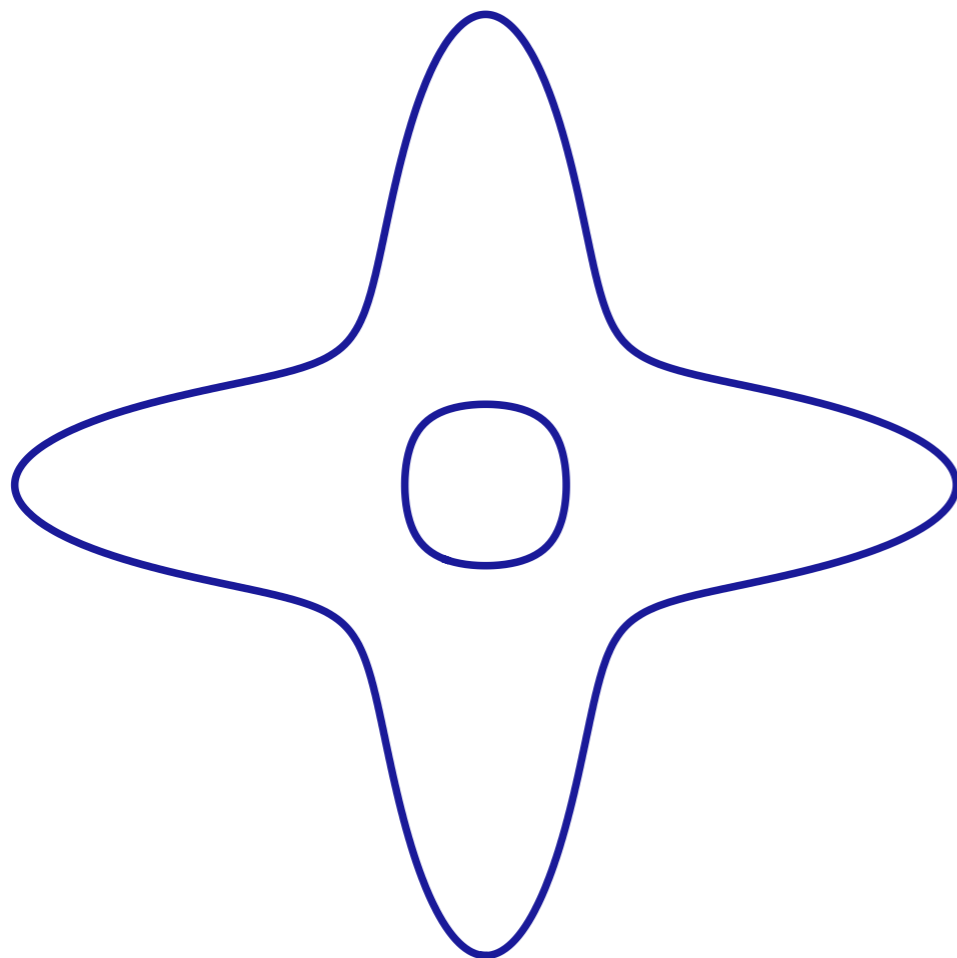


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Dual curve is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & 250000u_1^{12} + 4380000u_1^{10}u_2^2 - 5475000u_0^2u_1^{10} + 1446000u_1^8u_2^4 - 68559000u_0^2u_1^8u_2^2 + 47610625u_0^4u_1^8 + 8787776u_1^6u_2^6 \\ & + 179739600u_0^2u_1^6u_2^4 + 429249700u_0^4u_1^6u_2^2 - 209547000u_0^6u_1^6 + 1446000u_1^4u_2^8 + 179739600u_0^2u_1^4u_2^6 - 1058169786u_0^4u_1^4u_2^4 \\ & - 1493997480u_0^6u_1^4u_2^2 + 476341350u_0^8u_1^4 + 4380000u_1^2u_2^{10} - 68559000u_0^2u_1^2u_2^8 + 429249700u_0^4u_1^2u_2^6 - 1493997480u_0^6u_1^2u_2^4 \\ & + 2442311100u_0^8u_1^2u_2^2 - 476982000u_0^{10}u_1^2 + 250000u_2^{12} - 5475000u_0^2u_2^{10} + 47610625u_0^4u_2^8 - 209547000u_0^6u_2^6 + 476341350u_0^8u_2^4 \\ & - 476982000u_0^{10}u_2^2 + 82355625u_0^{12} = 0 \end{aligned}$$



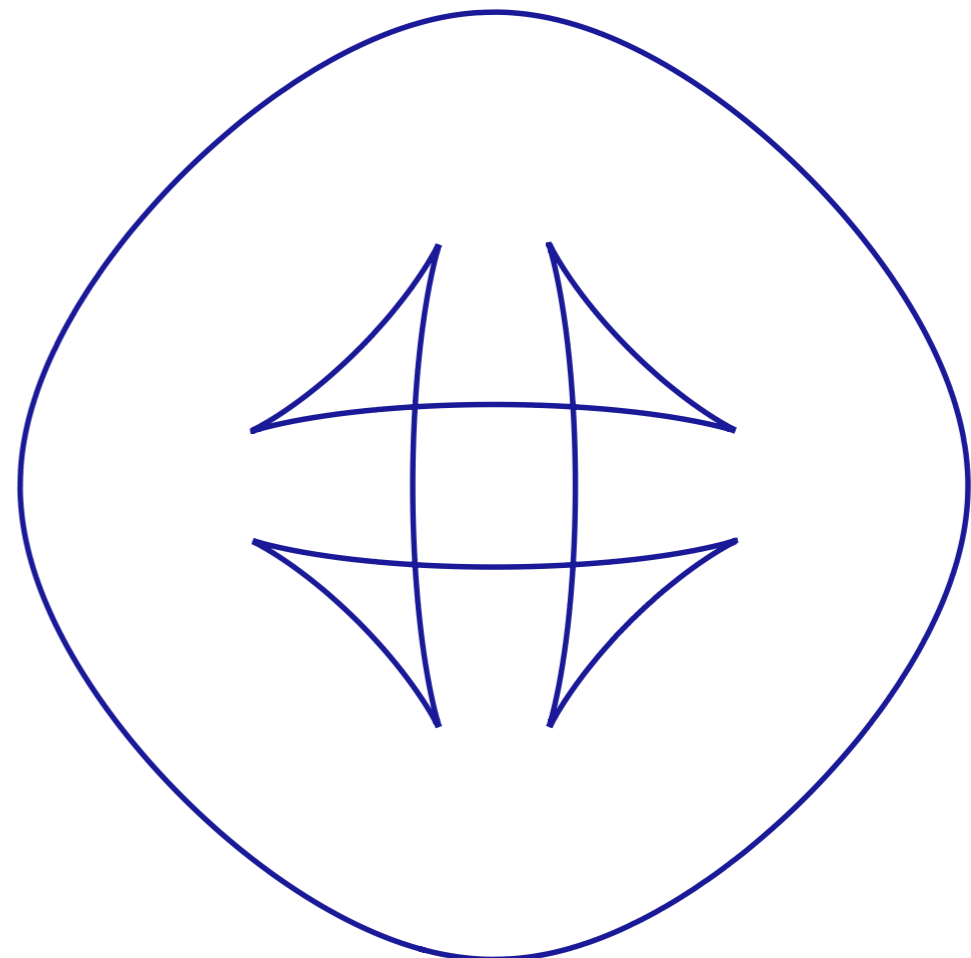
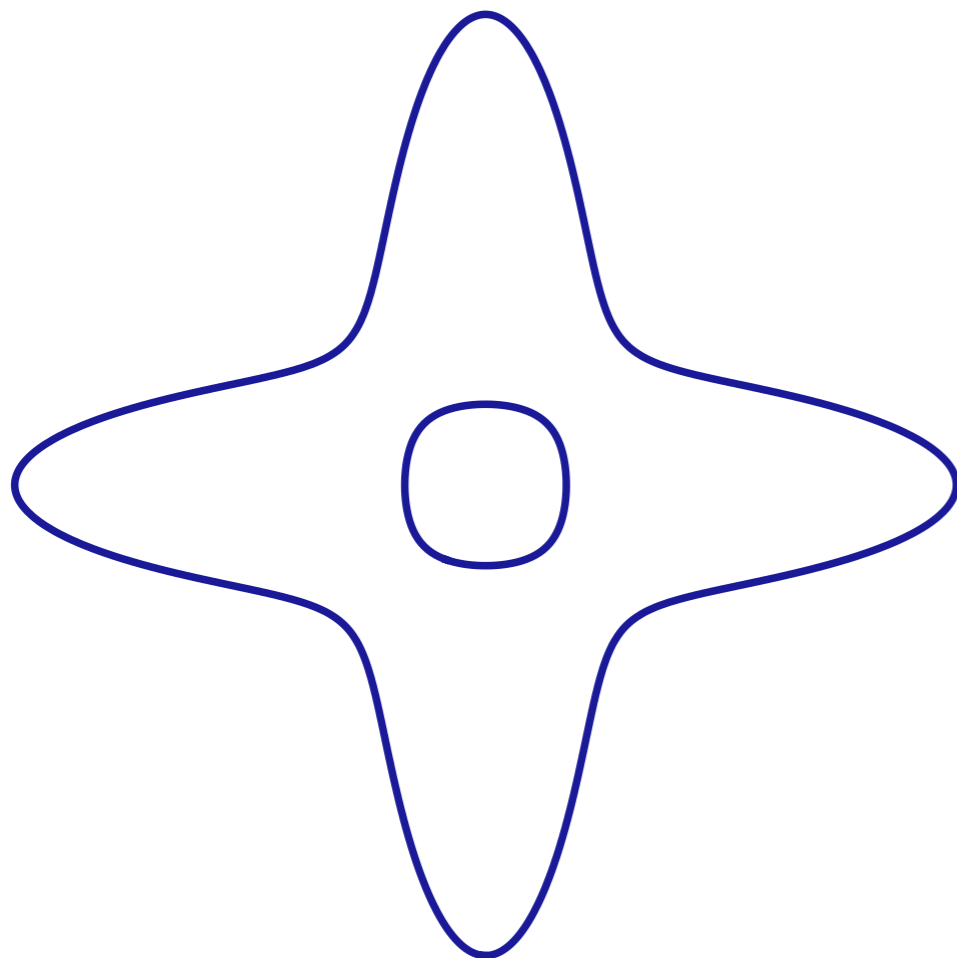
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If  $V$  is smooth, the dual curve  $V^*$  is irreducible of degree  $d(d - 1)$ .

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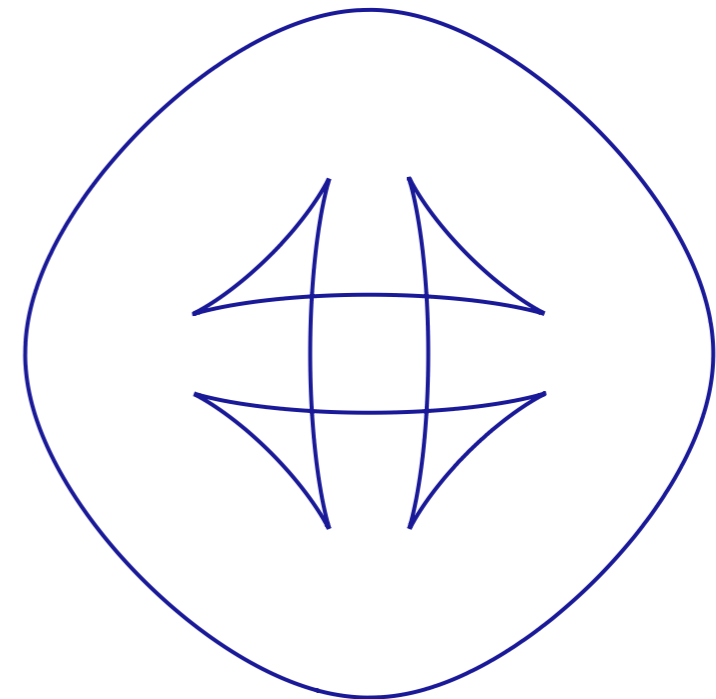
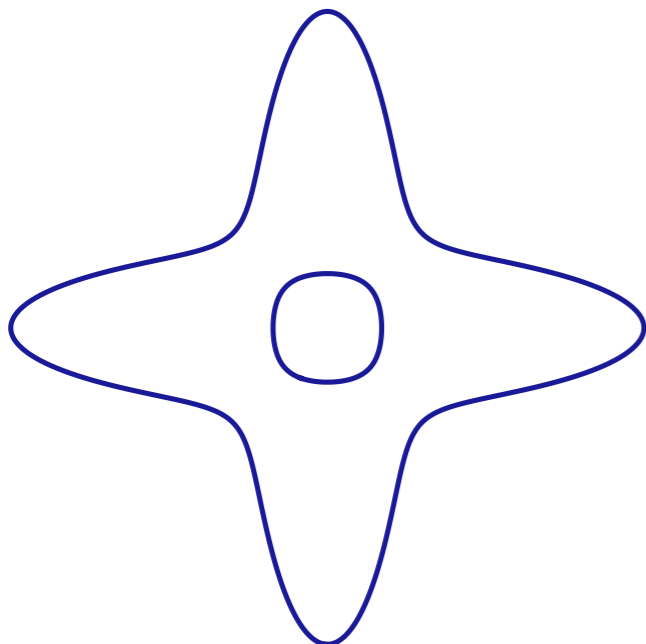
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For generic  $V$ , numbers over  $\mathbb{C}$  are given by the **Plücker formulas**:

Nodes of  $V^*$ /bitangents of  $V$ :  $\frac{1}{2}d(d - 2)(d - 3)(d + 3)$

Cusps of  $V^*$ /inflection lines of  $V$ :  $3d(d - 2)$

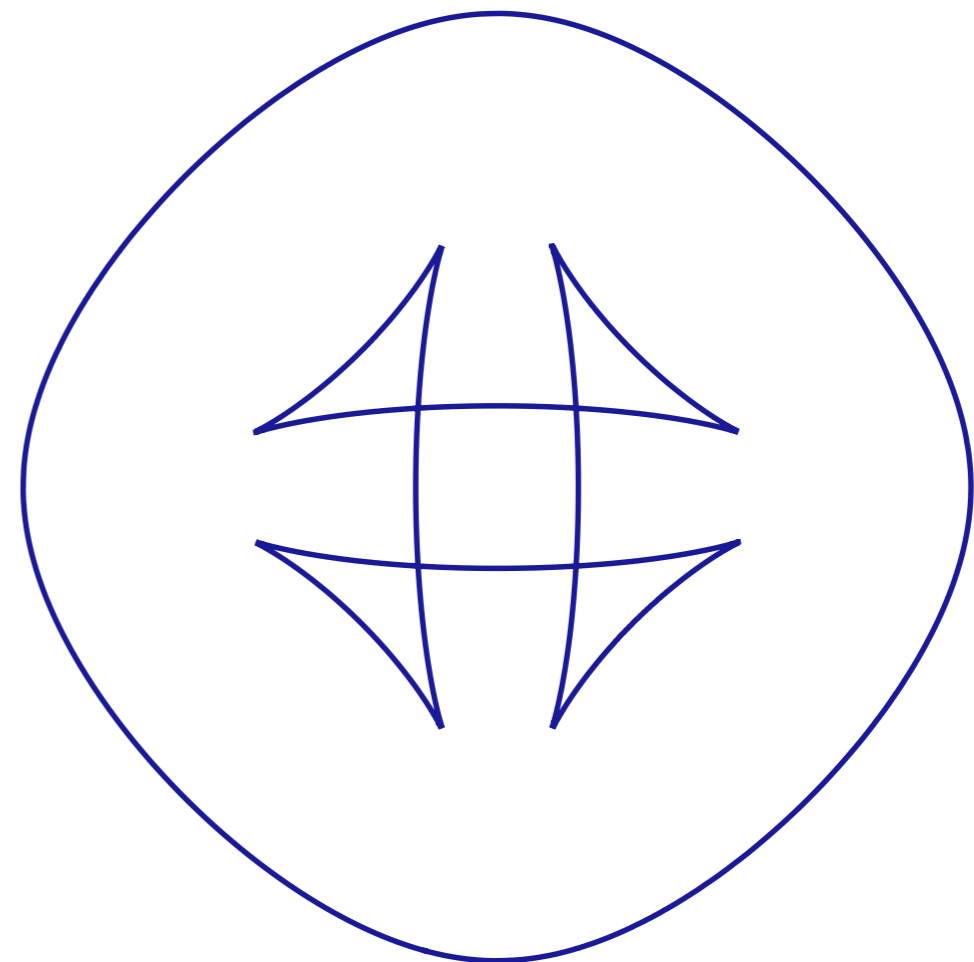
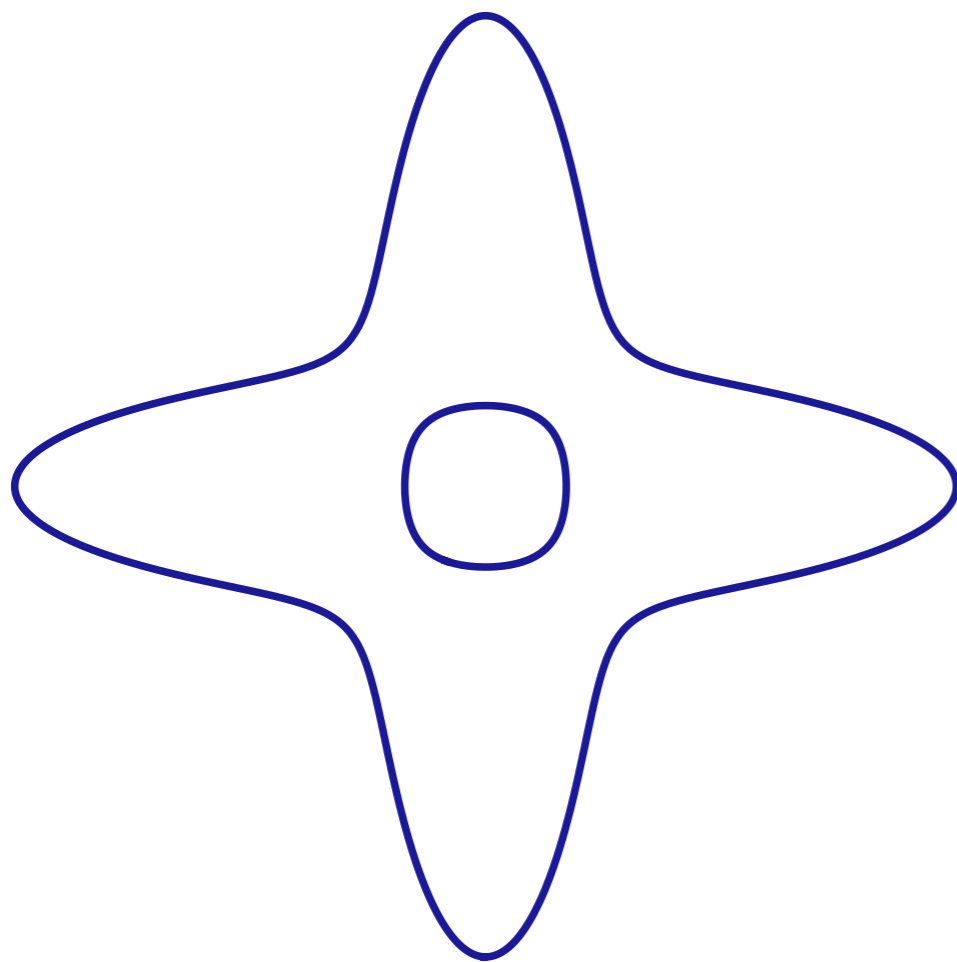


# Duality for hyperbolic curves

**Theorem.** (Kippenhahn for hyperbolic curves)

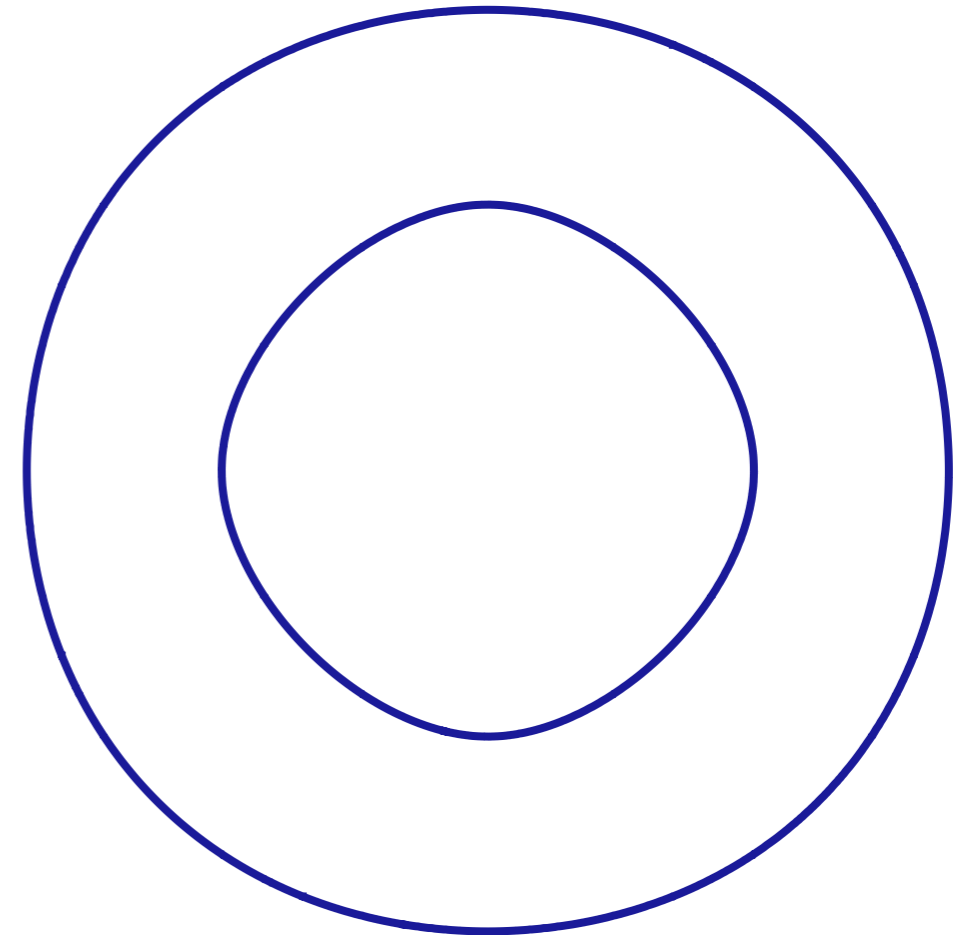
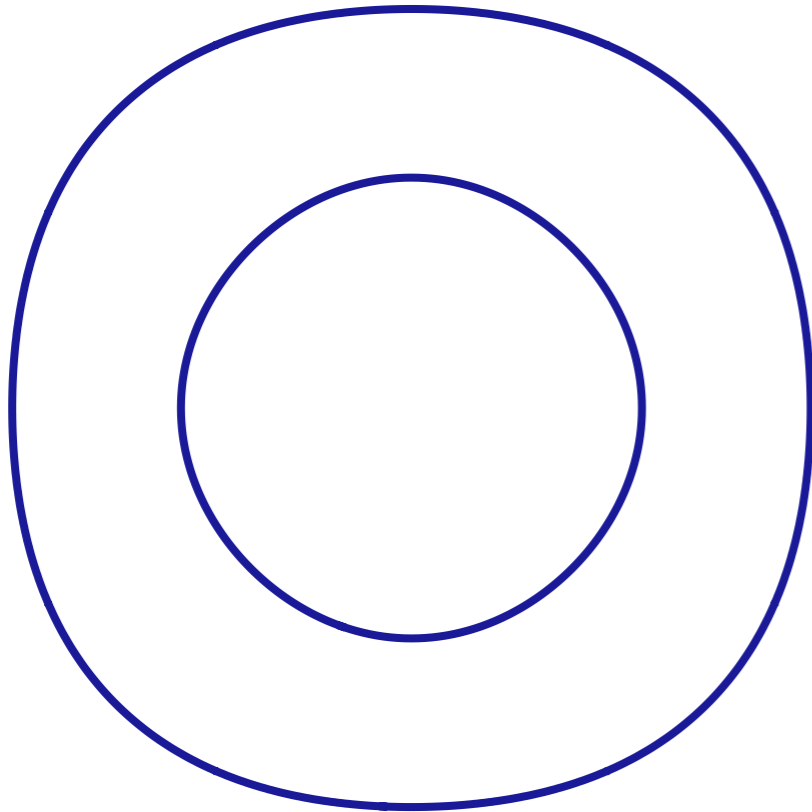
Let  $p \in \mathbb{R}[x_0, x_1, x_2]$  be hyperbolic with respect to  $e = (1, 0, 0)$ .

The convex dual of the hyperbolicity region  $\Lambda_+(f, e) \cap \{x_0 = 1\}$  is the convex hull of the dual curve of  $\{f = 0\}$  in the dual plane  $\{u_0 = 1\}$ .



**Problem:** What about isolated real points (nodes) of the dual curve?

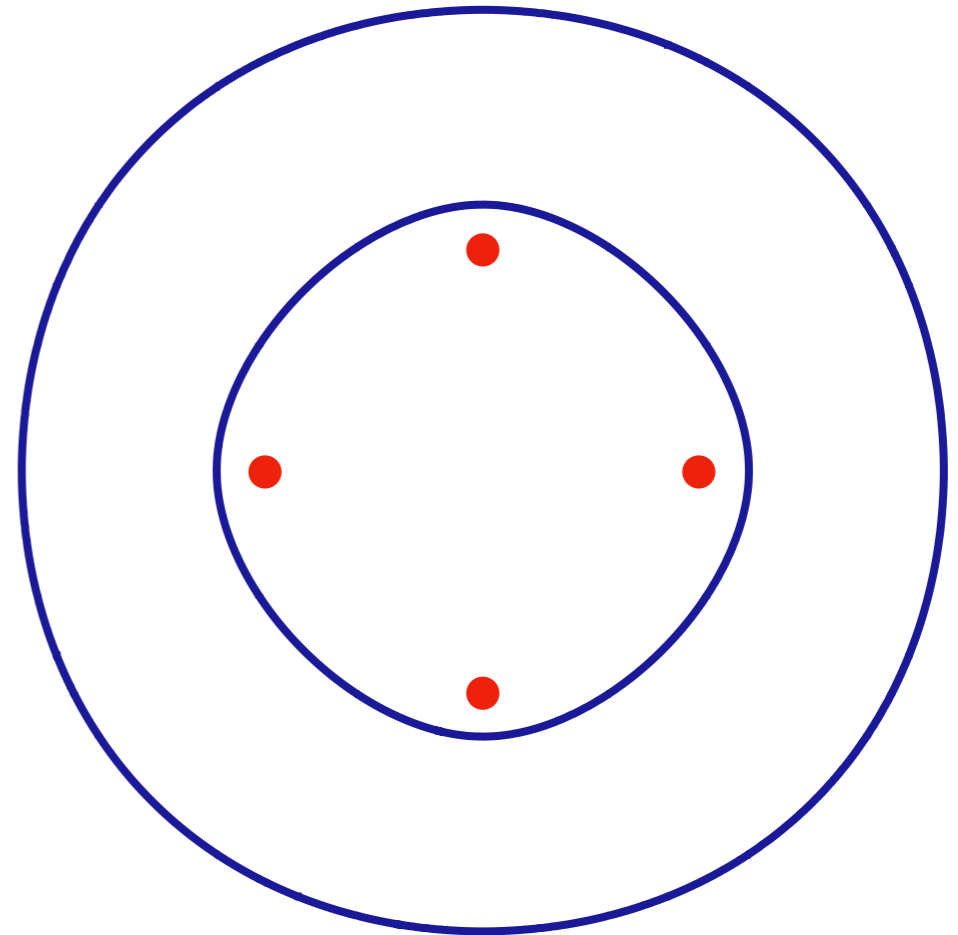
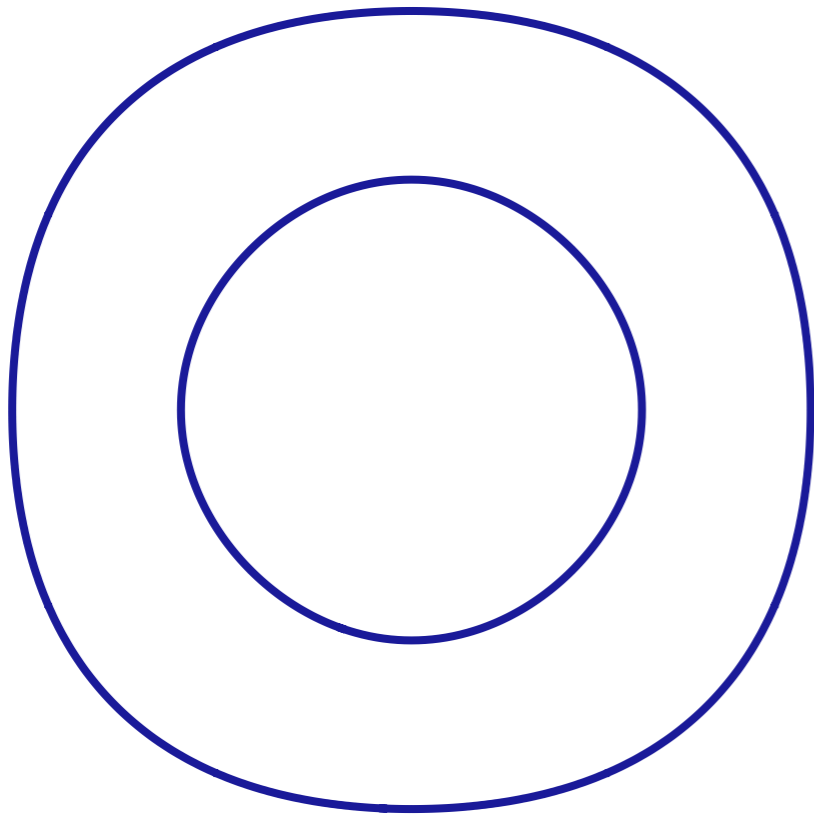
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# The joint numerical range

Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  be Hermitian  $d \times d$ -matrices.

The **joint numerical range** of  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  is the set

$$W(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \left\{ (\bar{x}^T A_1 x, \dots, \bar{x}^T A_n x) \mid x \in \mathbb{C}^n \text{ with } \|x\| = 1 \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

The joint numerical range is **not convex** in general (studied by Li&Poon 2000).

The convex hull can be described as

$$\text{conv} W(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \left\{ (\langle A_1, X \rangle, \dots, \langle A_n, X \rangle) \mid X \geq 0, \text{trace}(X) = 1 \right\}$$

where  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{trace}(A\overline{B}^T)$  and  $X \geq 0$  means that  $X$  is Hermitian and positive semidefinite.

The set  $\text{conv} W(A_1, \dots, A_n)$  is again the convex dual of the spectrahedron

$$\left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid I_d + x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n \geq 0 \right\}$$

# Projective duality in higher dimensions

Let  $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  be a projective variety. The **dual variety** of  $V$  (over  $\mathbb{C}$ ) is

$$V^* = \overline{\left\{ u \in (\mathbb{P}^n)^* \mid \exists p \in V_{\text{reg}}: T_p(V) \subset \left\{ \sum u_i x_i = 0 \right\} \right\}}.$$

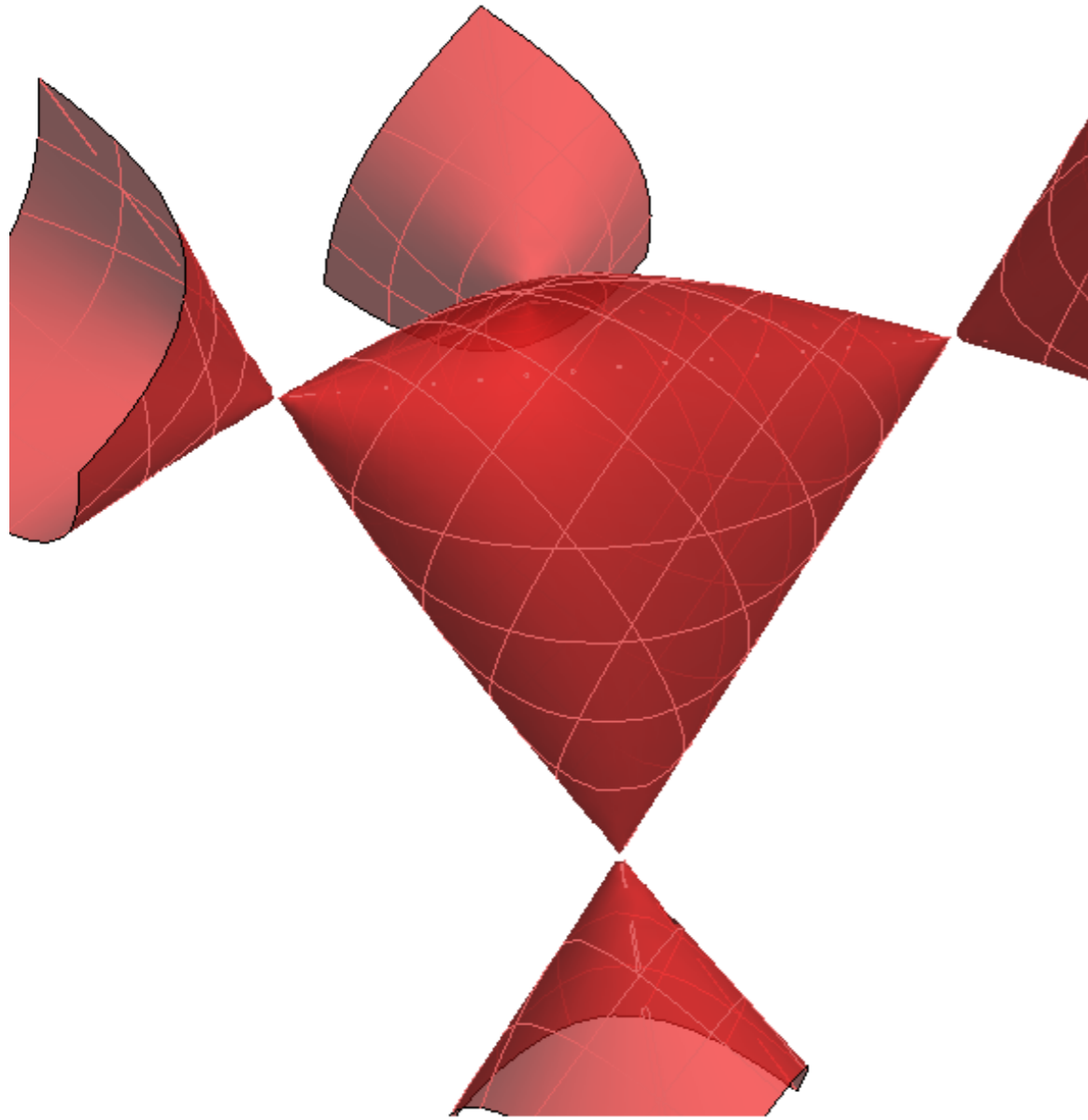
In words:  $V^*$  parametrizes all hyperplanes tangent to  $V$  at regular points.

## Facts:

- (1) If  $V$  is irreducible, then **biduality** holds:  $(V^*)^* = V$ .
- (2) If  $V = \{f = 0\}$  is a **generic** hypersurface of degree  $d$ , then  $V^*$  is a hypersurface of degree  $d(d-1)^{n-1}$ .
- (3) Determinantal hypersurfaces are **not generic** in this sense, for  $n \geq 3$ :  
The variety  $V^*$  is usually **not** a hypersurface.

**Examples.** For the general determinantal hypersurface  $\{\det(X) = 0\}$  in the space  $\mathbb{P}^{\binom{d+1}{2}}$  of all symmetric  $d \times d$ -matrices, the dual variety is the set of all symmetric matrices of rank 1 (the **Veronese variety**).

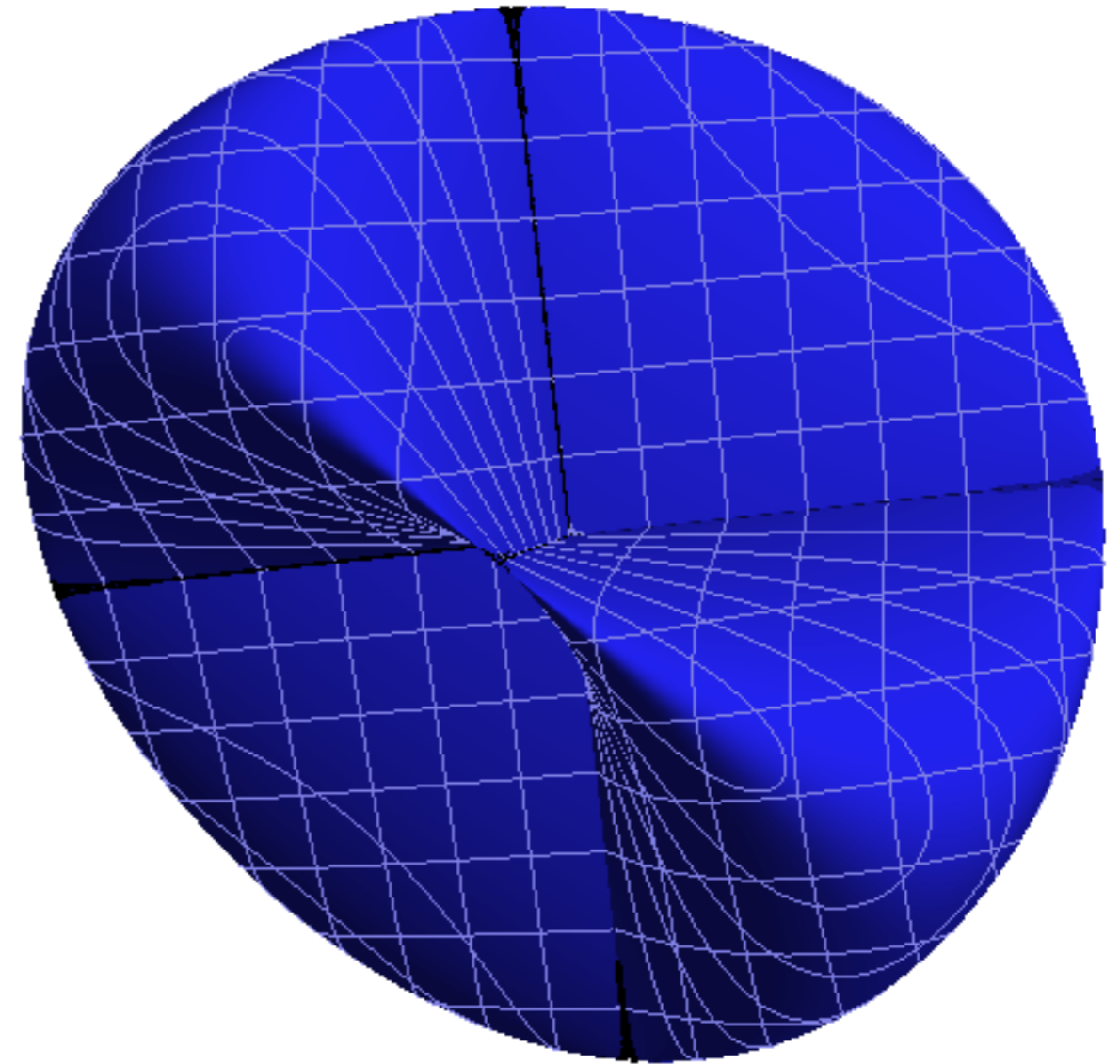
# Famous example



Cayley's cubic

$$2x_1x_2x_3 - x_0x_1^2 - x_0x_2^2 - x_0x_3^2 + x_0^3$$

$$= \det \begin{pmatrix} x_0 & x_1 & x_2 \\ x_1 & x_0 & x_3 \\ x_2 & x_3 & x_0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$



Steiner's quartic

$$u_1^2u_2^2 - u_1^2u_3^2 - u_2^2u_3^2 - 2u_0u_1u_2u_3 = 0$$

# Example

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(Chien and Nakazato 2010)

$$\begin{aligned} p(u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3) &= \det(u_0 \text{id} + u_1 A_1 + u_2 A_2 + u_3 A_3) \\ &= u_0^3 + u_0^2 u_3 - 2u_0 u_1^2 - u_0 u_2^2 - u_1^3 - u_1^2 u_3 + u_1 u_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

The projective dual is a surface defined by

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) &= 4x_0^2 x_3^2 + 8x_0 x_1 x_3^2 - 4x_0 x_2^2 x_3 - 24x_0 x_3^3 + 4x_1^2 x_3^2 \\ &\quad - 4x_1 x_2^2 x_3 - 8x_1 x_3^3 + x_2^4 + 8x_2^2 x_3^2 + 20x_3^4. \end{aligned}$$

Its singular locus is  $\{(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{P}^3 : x_2 = x_3 = 0\}$

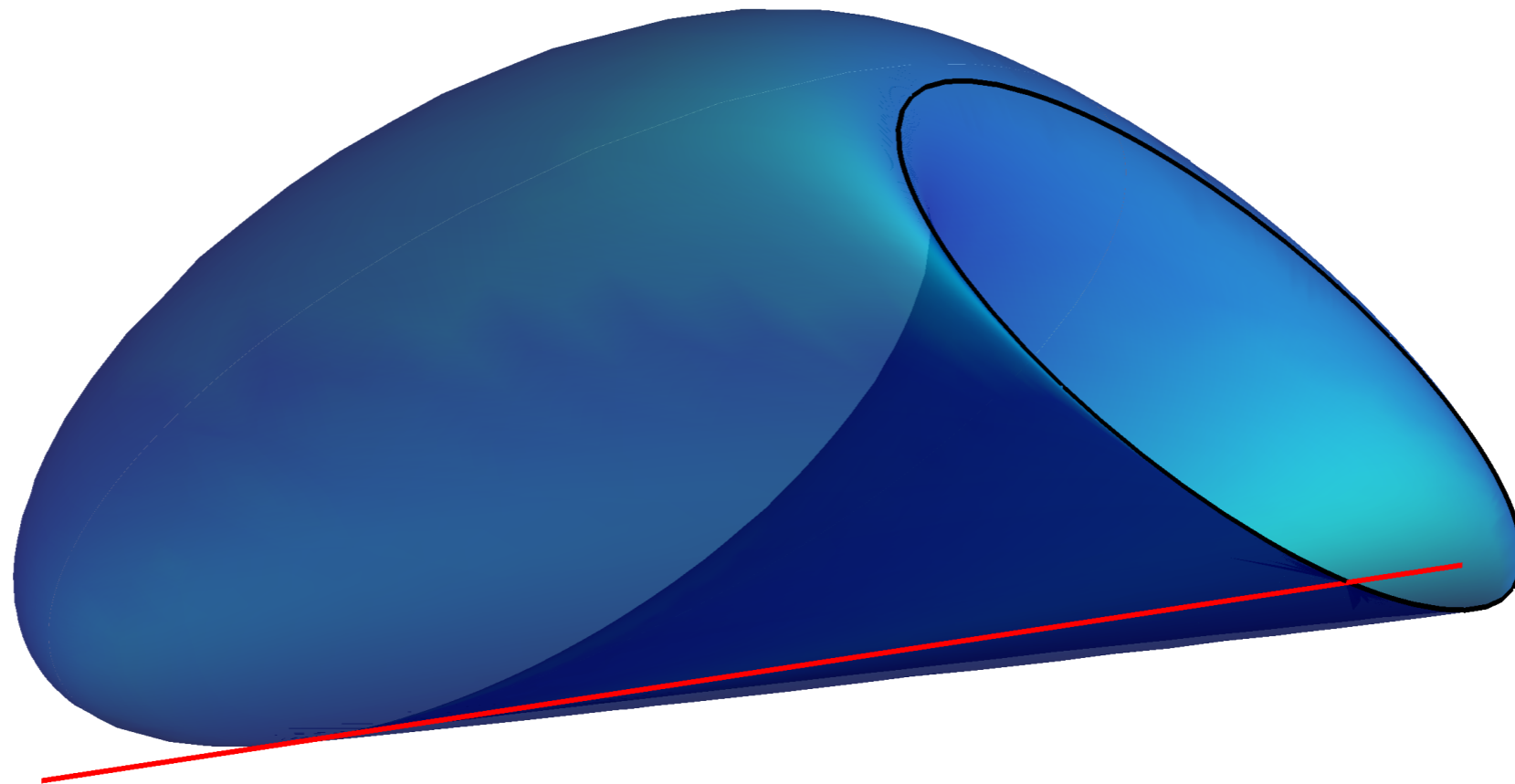


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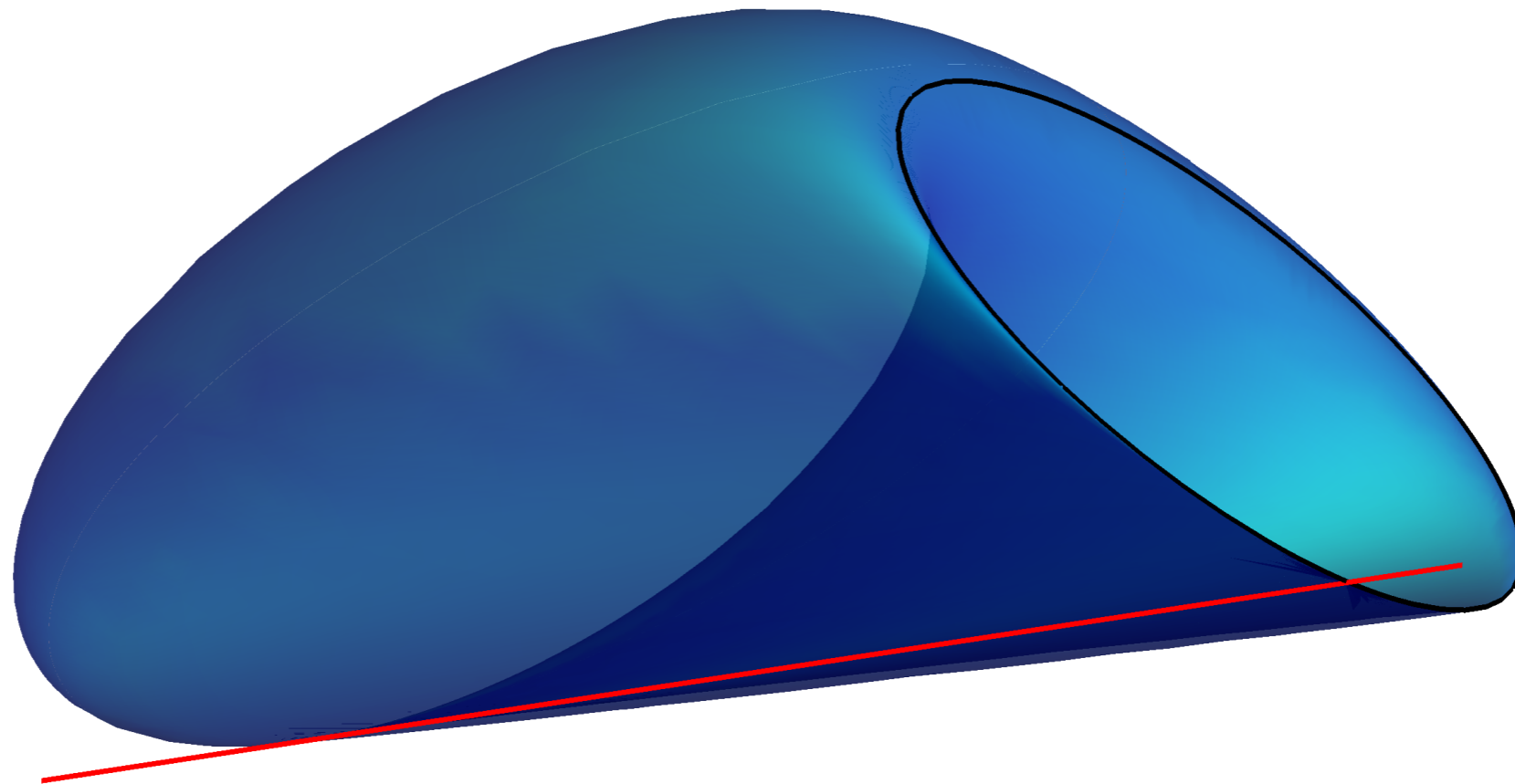
# How to fix it

**Theorem.** (Sinn 2015/P-Sinn-Weis 2019)

Let  $p \in \mathbb{R}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  be irreducible and hyperbolic with respect to  $e = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

Let  $V = \{p = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  and let  $V^*$  be the dual projective variety.

The convex dual of the hyperbolicity region  $C(p, e) \cap \{x_0 = 1\}$  is the closure of the convex hull of  $V_{\text{reg}}^*(\mathbb{R}) \cap \{u_0 = 1\}$ , where  $V_{\text{reg}}(\mathbb{R})$  is the set of regular real points of  $V^*$ .



**Corollary.** (PSW 2019) The convex hull of the joint numerical range of Hermitian  $d \times d$  matrices  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  is the closure of the convex hull of the real non-singular part of the dual variety of the hyperbolic hypersurface  $\det(x_0 I_d + x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n)$ .