KIPPENHAHN'S THEOREM FOR THE JOINT NUMERICAL

RANGE

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

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Theorem. (*Kippenhahn* 1951) The numerical range W(A) is the convex dual

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

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).

Hyperbolic Curves

For any hermitian matrices A_1, A_2 , the polynomial $f = det(x_0I_d + x_1A_1 + x_2A_2)$ is hyperbolic with respect to e = (1, 0, 0), i.e. all roots of $f(t, a_1, a_2)$ are real for all $(a_1, a_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.



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$$p = \det(x_0 I_4 + x_1 \operatorname{Re}(A) + x_2 \operatorname{Im}(A))$$

= $\frac{1}{16} \left(25x_1^4 + 25x_2^4 + 434x_1^2x_2^2 - 120x_0^2x_1^2 - 120x_0^2x_2^2 + 16x_0^4 \right)$



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Dual curve is given by

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Duality for plane curves

Let $V = \{p = 0\}$ be a plane curve of degree d.

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

If V is generic (and smooth), then V^* has two types of singularities:

- The **bitangent lines** of V correspond to **nodes** of V^* .
- The inflection lines of V correspond to cusps of V^* .



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

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 $x_1^4 + x_2^4 + \frac{7}{4}x_1^2x_2^2 - 4x_0^2x_1^2 - 4x_0^2x_2^2 + 3x_0^4 = 0$

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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 $2x_1x_2x_3 - x_0x_1^2 - x_0x_2^2 - x_0x_3^2 + x_0^3$ $= det \begin{pmatrix} x_0 & x_1 & x_2 \\ x_1 & x_0 & x_3 \\ x_2 & x_3 & x_0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$

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$$A_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad A_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad A_{3} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(Chien and Nakazato 2010)

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Corollary. (PSW 2019) The convex hull of the joint numerical range of Hermitian $d \times d$ matrices A_1, \ldots, A_n is the closure of the convex hull of the real non-singular part of the dual variety of the hyperbolic hypersurface det $(x_0I_d + x_1A_1 + \cdots + x_nA_n)$.