# KIPPENHAHN'S THEOREM FOR THE JOINT NUMERICAL 



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

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

of $S(A)$. It is the convex hull of the points $\left(u_{1}, u_{2}\right)$ for which $\left[1, u_{1}, u_{2}\right]$ lies on the dual curve of $V=\{p=0\}$.

The dual curve $V^{*}$ is the closure of the set of points $\left(1, u_{1}, u_{2}\right)$ 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 $f=\operatorname{det}\left(x_{0} I_{d}+x_{1} A_{1}+x_{2} A_{2}\right)$ is hyperbolic with respect to $e=(1,0,0)$, i.e. all roots of $f\left(t, a_{1}, a_{2}\right)$ are real for all $\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$.


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$$
=\frac{1}{16}\left(25 x_{1}^{4}+25 x_{2}^{4}+434 x_{1}^{2} x_{2}^{2}-120 x_{0}^{2} x_{1}^{2}-120 x_{0}^{2} x_{2}^{2}+16 x_{0}^{4}\right)
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## Dual curve is given by

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& +179739600 u_{0}^{2} u_{1}^{6} u_{2}^{4}+429249700 u_{0}^{4} u_{1}^{6} u_{2}^{2}-209547000 u_{0}^{6} u_{1}^{6}+1446000 u_{1}^{4} u_{2}^{8}+179739600 u_{0}^{2} u_{1}^{4} u_{2}^{6}-1058169786 u_{0}^{4} u_{1}^{4} u_{2}^{4} \\
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& +2442311100 u_{0}^{8} u_{1}^{2} u_{2}^{2}-476982000 u_{0}^{10} u_{1}^{2}+250000 u_{2}^{12}-5475000 u_{0}^{2} u_{2}^{10}+47610625 u_{0}^{4} u_{2}^{8}-209547000 u_{0}^{6} u_{2}^{6}+476341350 u_{0}^{8} u_{2}^{4} \\
& -476982000 u_{0}^{10} u_{2}^{2}+82355625 u_{0}^{12}=0
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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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& 12288 u_{1}^{12}+89088 u_{1}^{10} u_{2}^{2}-4096 u_{1}^{10} u_{0}^{2}+248064 u_{1}^{8} u_{2}^{4}-150784 u_{1}^{8} u_{2}^{2} u_{0}^{2}-14976 u_{1}^{8} u_{0}^{4}+340800 u_{1}^{6} u_{2}^{6}-410560 u_{1}^{6} u_{2}^{4} u_{0}^{2} \\
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Examples. For the general determinantal hypersurface $\{\operatorname{det}(X)=0\}$ 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

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 2 x_{1} x_{2} x_{3}-x_{0} x_{1}^{2}-x_{0} x_{2}^{2}-x_{0} x_{3}^{2}+x_{0}^{3} \\
& =\operatorname{det}\left(\begin{array}{lll}
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Steiner's quartic
$u_{1}^{2} u_{2}^{2}-u_{1}^{2} u_{3}^{2}-u_{2}^{2} u_{3}^{2}-2 u_{0} u_{1} u_{2} u_{3}=0$

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$$
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$$

(Chien and Nakazato 2010)

$$
\begin{aligned}
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& =u_{0}^{3}+u_{0}^{2} u_{3}-2 u_{0} u_{1}^{2}-u_{0} u_{2}^{2}-u_{1}^{3}-u_{1}^{2} u_{3}+u_{1} u_{2}^{2}
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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 $\operatorname{det}\left(x_{0} I_{d}+x_{1} A_{1}+\cdots+x_{n} A_{n}\right)$.

