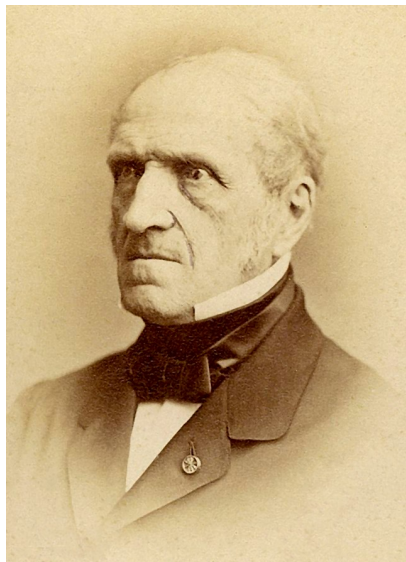


# Synthetic approach to Chasles theorem for timelike ruled surface

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Michel Floréal Chasles  
1793-1880

French mathematician

1841 Professor at the  
École Polytechnique

1846 chair of higher  
geometry at the Sorbonne  
Works

- 1837 *Aperçu historique sur l'origine et le développement des méthodes en géométrie*
- 1852 *Traité de géométrie*
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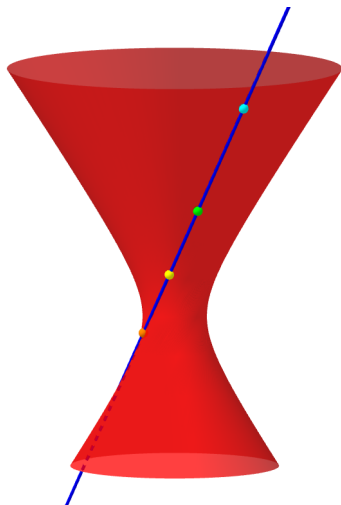
# Chasles theorem (for timelike ruled surface)

Correspondence Mathématique et Physique XI (Bruxelles 1839), p.53

**Donc :**

*Quatre plans tangens à une surface gauche, menés par une même génératrice, ont leur rapport anharmonique égal à celui de leurs quatre points de contact.*

Let  $\Sigma$  be a non-developable timelike ruled surface, and  $l$  be a generatrix of  $\Sigma$ . Then points on  $l$  are in projectivity with tangent planes to  $\Sigma$  in these points.



Through every point of  $\Sigma$  there is a straight line that lies on  $\Sigma$

ruling line = generatrix

finite number of singular (torsal) lines

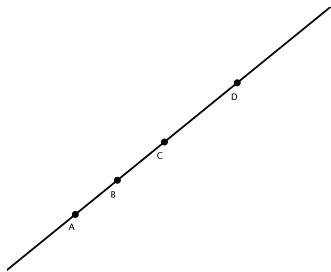
2nd degree surfaces:

hyperboloid

hyperbolic paraboloid



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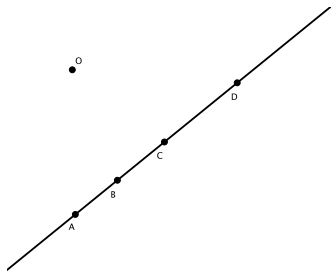


$A, B, C, D$  collinear points

$$(A, B; C, D) = \frac{\frac{AC}{BC}}{\frac{AD}{BD}}$$

oriented („length“ of) line segment

# Cross-ratio

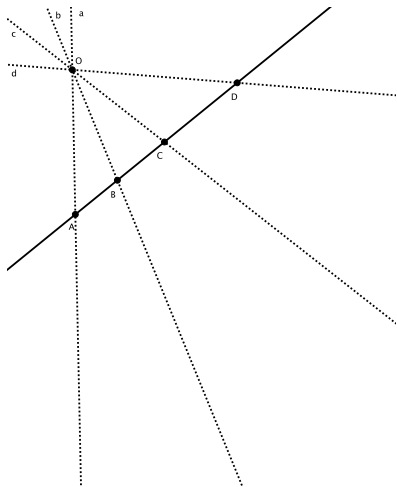


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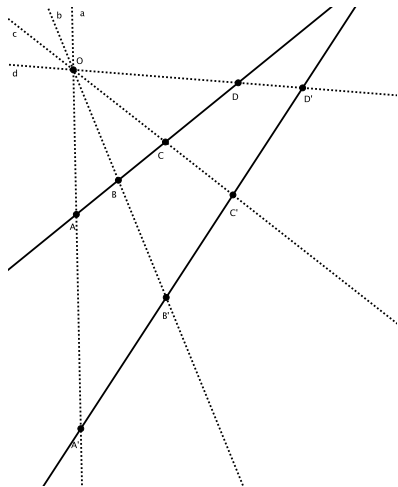


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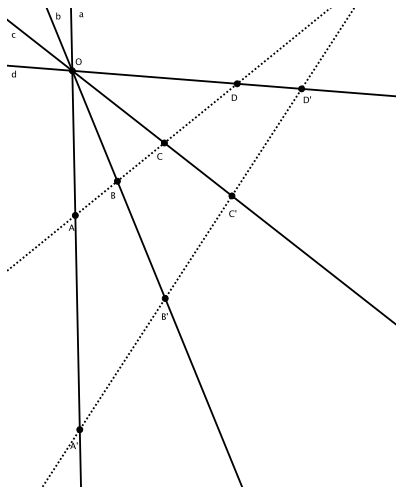
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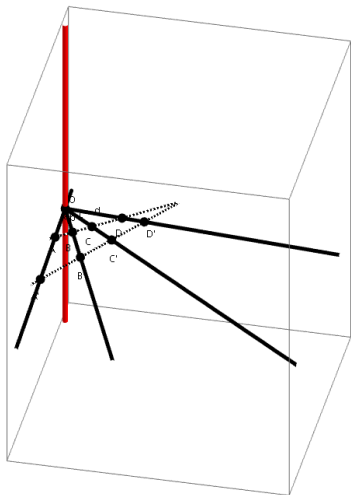
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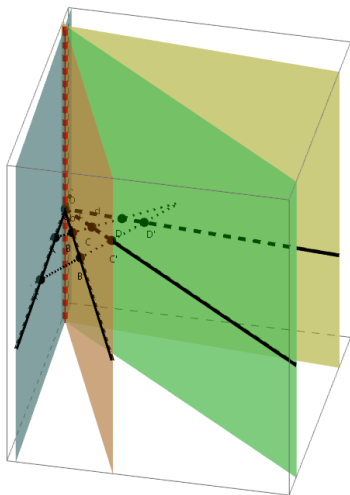
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$AC$  – oriented length

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$$(A, B; C, D) = (a, b; c, d) = (\alpha, \beta; \gamma, \delta)$$

# Pole and polar

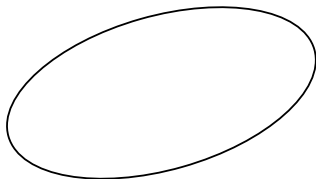
Conic:  $x \cdot Q \cdot x^T =$

$$a_{1,1}x_1^2 + 2a_{1,2}x_1x_2 + a_{2,2}x_2^2 + 2a_{1,0}x_1x_0 + 2a_{2,0}x_2x_0 + a_{0,n}x_0^2 = 0$$

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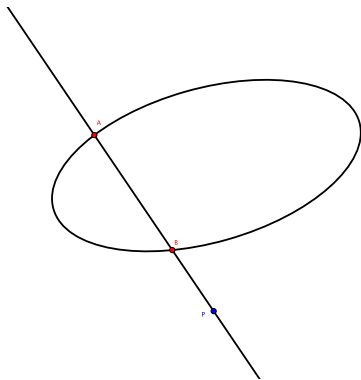
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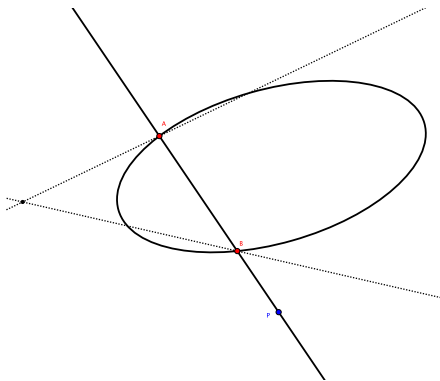
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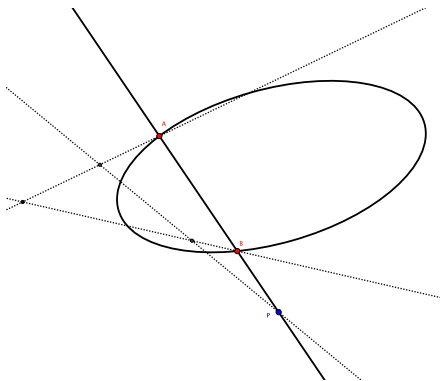
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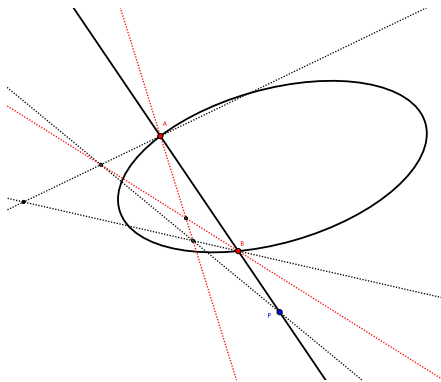
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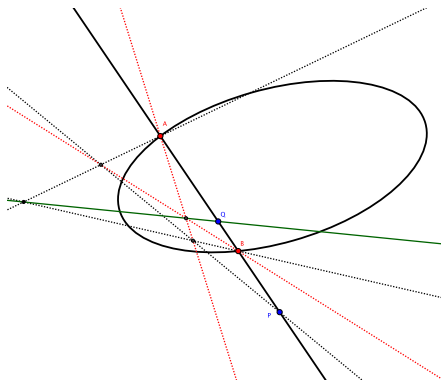
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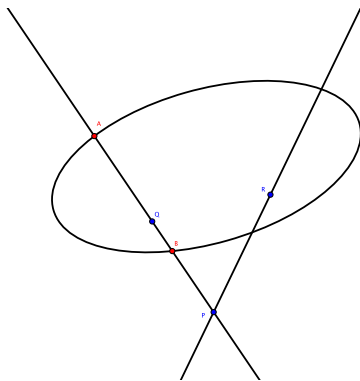
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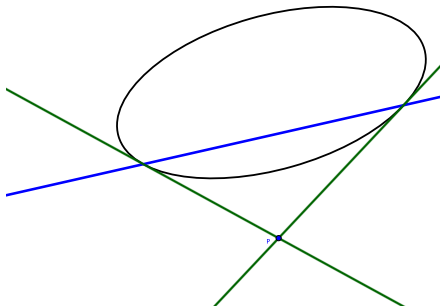


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polar intersects conic in  
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# Pole and polar plane

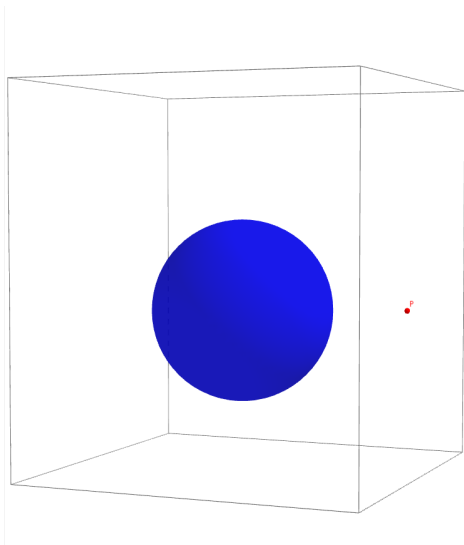
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$$\text{Quadric: } x \cdot Q \cdot x^T = 0$$

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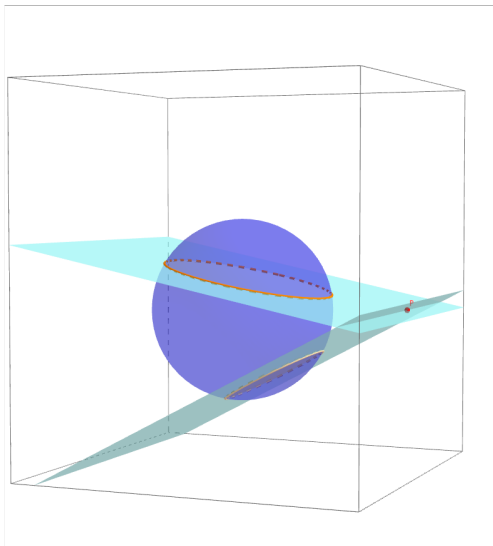
$$\text{Polar plane: } p \cdot Q \cdot x^T = 0$$





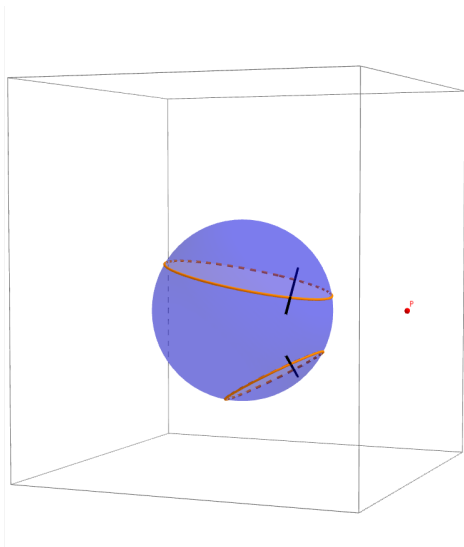
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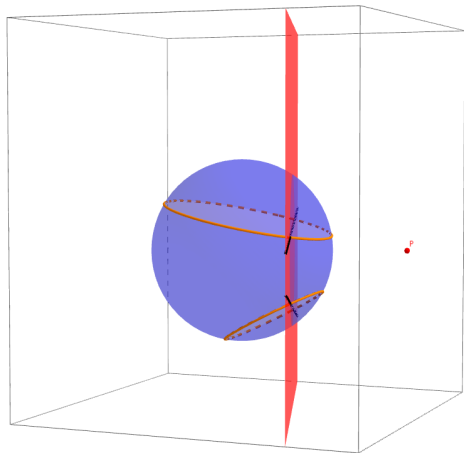
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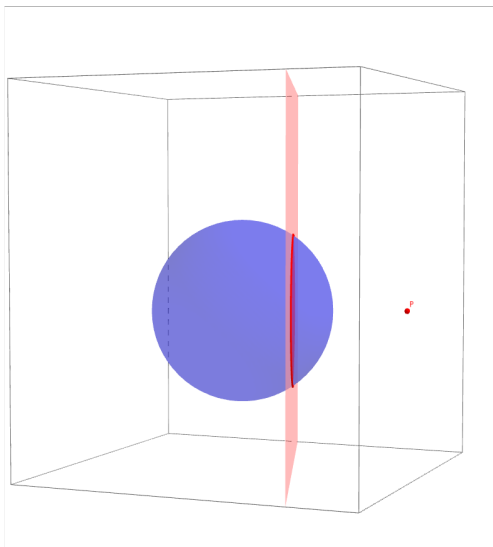


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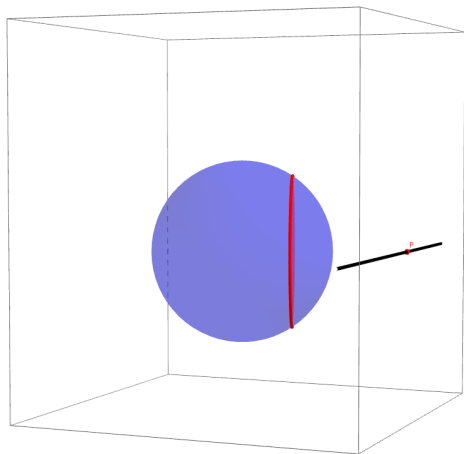
Plane through polars

Polar plane intersects quadric in tangent points



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Polar planes to points on  
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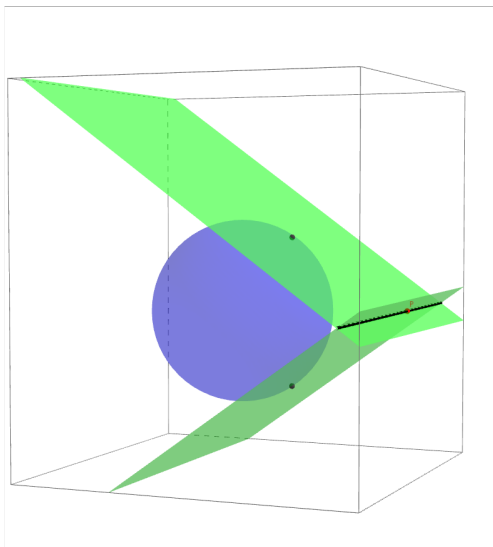


# Surface degree and number of tangent planes

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Tangent planes through  
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Surface of 2nd degree  
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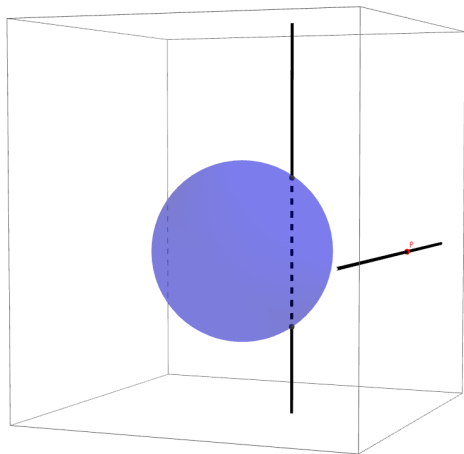


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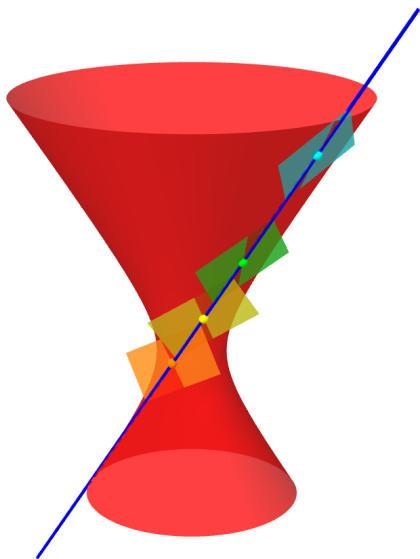
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Polar planes to points  
through given line rotates  
around conjugate polar  
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# Timelike ruled surface of 2nd degree |<sub>GGB</sub>



Polar plane to point on surface is tangent plane

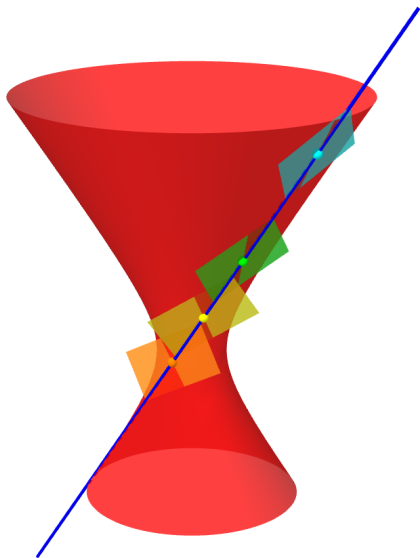
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Chasles theorem for 2nd degree surfaces



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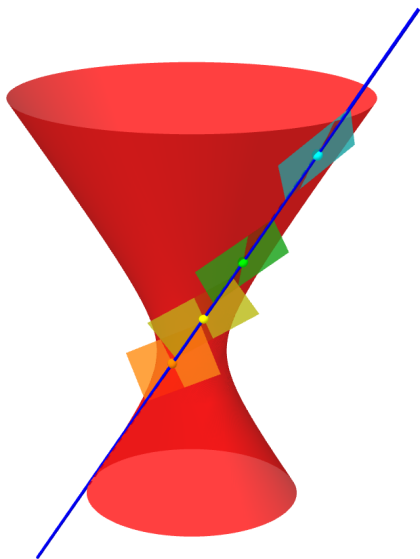
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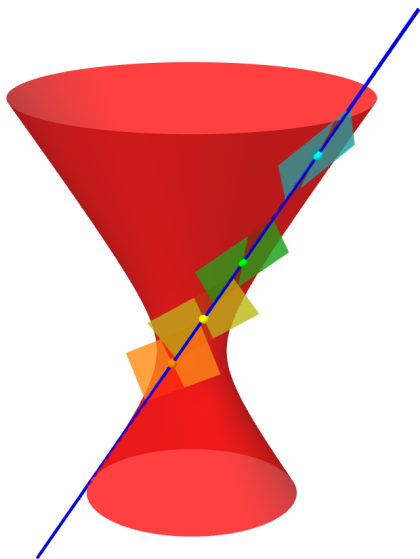
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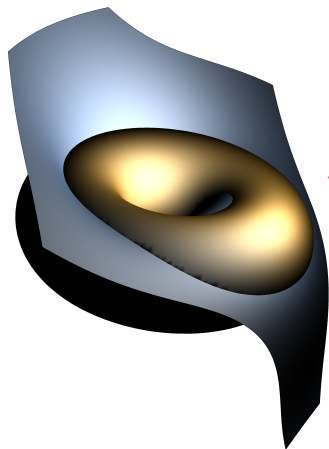
$$f(x) = 0$$

form of  $n$ -th degree

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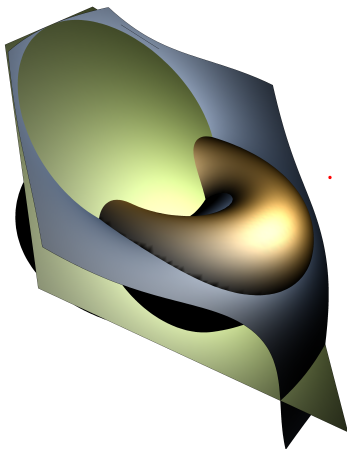
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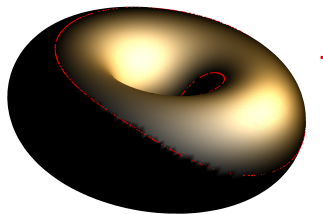
$$\text{1st polar: } \sum_{i=0}^3 \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_i} p_i$$

$$\text{last polar: } \sum_{i=0}^3 \frac{\partial f(p)}{\partial p_i} x_i$$



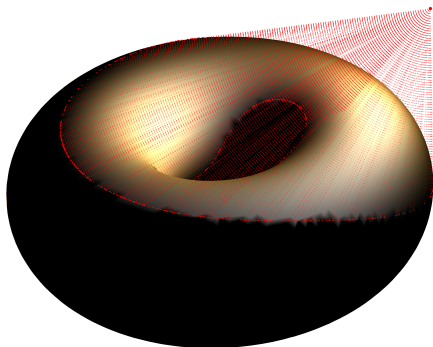
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curve of intersection =  
edge of the shadow







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