

Ch-4 Reduction of General equation of Second degree.

* General eqⁿ of 2nd degree in x, y, z

$$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2fyz + 2gz + 2hxy + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$$

This equation can be written as

$$f(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z) + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$$

$$\text{where } f(x, y, z) = ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2fyz + 2gzx + 2hxy$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2(ax + hy + gz + u)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2(hx + by + fz + v)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 2(gx + fy + cz + w)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2(ax + hy + gz)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2(hx + by + fz)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 2(gx + fy + cz)$$

* points of intersection of a line and a conicoid.

Find the points of intersection of the line

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{z-\gamma}{n} \text{ and the surface } f(x, y, z) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ The given line is

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{z-\gamma}{n} = r \text{ (say)} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

and the given surface is $f(x, y, z) = 0$ --- ②

any point on ① is

$$P = (x, y, z) = (\alpha + lr, \beta + mr, \gamma + nr)$$

It lies on line ②

$$\begin{aligned} & a(\alpha + lr)^2 + b(\beta + mr)^2 + c(\gamma + nr)^2 + 2f(\beta + mr)(\gamma + nr) \\ & + 2g(\gamma + nr)(\alpha + lr) + 2h(\alpha + lr)(\beta + mr) + 2u(\alpha + lr) \\ & + 2v(\beta + mr) + 2w(\gamma + nr) + d = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$r^2(a l^2 + b m^2 + c n^2 + 2f m n + 2g n l + 2h l m)$$

$$+ 2r(l(\alpha a + h\beta + g\gamma + u) + m(h\alpha + b\beta + f\gamma + v) + n(g\alpha + f\beta + c\gamma + w) + f(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)) + d = 0$$

$$+ f(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 f(l, m, n) + \lambda \left[l \frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha} + m \frac{\partial f}{\partial \beta} + n \frac{\partial f}{\partial \gamma} \right] + F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = 0$$

$\therefore$ It is quadratic in x .

* locus of chords Bisected at Given point

find the equation of the plane of the section of the surface $f(x, y, z) = 0$ whose centre is (α, β, γ)

→ Let (α, β, γ) be the middle point of the chord of the conicoid $f(x, y, z) = 0$.

The eqn of chord are

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{z-\gamma}{n} = r, \text{ say } \quad \text{--- ①}$$

This chord meets the conicoid, where

$$\hbar^2 f(l, m, n) + \hbar \left(l \frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha} + m \frac{\partial f}{\partial \beta} + n \frac{\partial f}{\partial \gamma} \right) + f(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$\therefore (a, b, c)$ is the middle point of the chord

$\therefore$ ② has two roots equal in magnitude but opposite in sign i.e. Sum of roots of ② is zero.

$$l \frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha} + m \frac{\partial f}{\partial \beta} + n \frac{\partial f}{\partial \gamma} = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

eliminating l, m, n between (1) and (3), the locus of all chords of conicoid which are bisected at (α, β, γ) is

$$(x-\alpha) \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + (y-\beta) \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + (z-\gamma) \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0$$

eqn of plane of section of conicoid whose centre is (α, β, γ) .

* Diametral plane

The locus of mid points of all chords parallel to a fixed line $\frac{x}{l} = \frac{y}{m} = \frac{z}{n}$ is called diametral

plane of the line $\frac{x}{l} = \frac{y}{m} = \frac{z}{n}$

* Find the equation of the diametral plane of the conicoid $F(x, y, z) = 0$ which bisects chords parallel to the line $\frac{x}{l} = \frac{y}{m} = \frac{z}{n}$

$\Rightarrow$ Let (α, β, γ) be middle point of the chord.

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{z-\gamma}{n} \text{ of the conicoid}$$

$$F(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$l \frac{\partial F}{\partial \alpha} + m \frac{\partial F}{\partial \beta} + n \frac{\partial F}{\partial \gamma} = 0$$

$\therefore$ locus of (α, β, γ) is.

$$= l \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + m \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + n \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$= l(ax + by + gz + u) + m(hx + by + fz + v) + n(gx + fy + cz + w) = 0$$

$$= x(al + hm + gn) + y(bl + bm + fn) + z(gl + fm + cn) + (ul + vm + wn) = 0$$