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# Introduction

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# Chapter 1

## Surface triangulation and its application



# Chapter 2

## Theoretical background

### 2.1 Implicit surfaces

Implicit functions are a tool for surface representation and manipulation. In computer graphics, they can be used for modelling of complex surfaces using boolean operations, realistic animations, rendering and other.

Implicit functions do not define the boundary explicitly, instead the surface is defined as a zero set of a function.

**Definition 1** *Given a function  $F : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , one can define an implicit surface as a set of points that fullfil  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ .*

Some examples of implicit surfaces and their equations can be seen on image 2.1.

Normal vector of the implicit surface in point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is normalized gradient of the implicit function in that point.

**Definition 2** *Gradient vector of an implicit function  $F : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined as*

$$\nabla F(x, y, z) = \left( \frac{\partial F(x, y, z)}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F(x, y, z)}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial F(x, y, z)}{\partial z} \right).$$

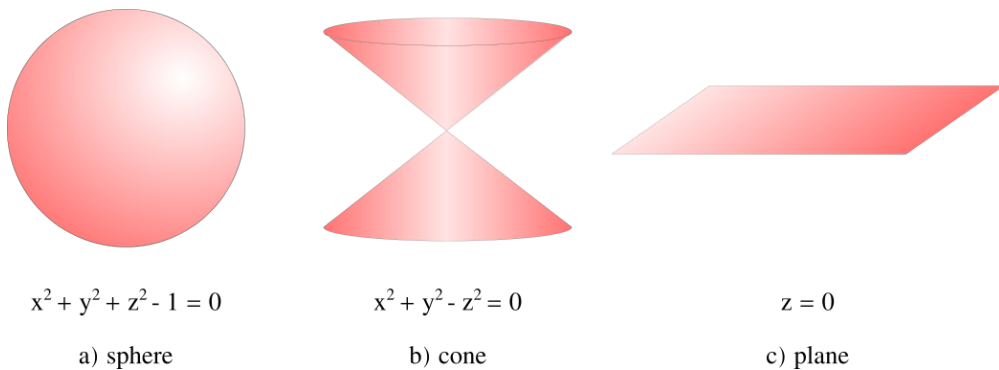


Figure 2.1: Implicit surfaces with corresponding equations.

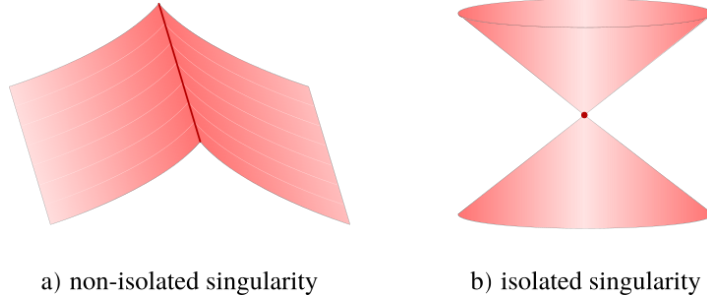


Figure 2.2: Isolated and non-isolated singularity.

If  $\nabla F(x, y, z) \neq 0$ , we can define normal vector of  $F$  as a normalized gradient vector

$$N(F(x, y, z)) = \frac{\nabla F(x, y, z)}{\|\nabla F(x, y, z)\|} \quad \text{for } \nabla F(x, y, z) \neq 0.$$

Points lying on the implicit surface can be classified as regular or singular based on the value of the gradient vector in that point.

**Definition 3** Point  $P = (x, y, z)$  lying on the implicit surface is said to be regular, if  $\nabla F(x, y, z) \neq 0$ . On the contrary, point  $P$  is said to be singular, if  $\nabla F(x, y, z) = 0$ .

Singular points can be further classified as isolated or non-isolated based on their surroundings.

**Definition 4** Singular point  $P$  is said to be isolated, if there exists an open ball  $B_\epsilon(P)$ , which does not contain any other singular point. Singular point  $P$  is said to be non-isolated if it is not isolated.

On the image 2.2 we can see example of isolated and non-isolated singularities.

## 2.2 ADE singularities

ADE singularities, also referred to as du Val singularities are a specific class of simple, isolated surface singularities. They were first TODO.

### ADE classification and simply laced Dynkin diagrams

**Definition 5** [3] A vector space  $L$  over field  $F$ , with an operation  $L \times L \rightarrow L$ , denoted  $(x, y) = [xy]$  and called the bracket or commutator of  $x$  and  $y$ , is called Lie algebra over  $F$  if the following axioms are satisfied:

- *The bracket operation is bilinear.*
- $[xx] = 0$  for all  $x$  in  $L$ .
- $[x[yz]] + [y[zx]] + [z[xy]] = 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in L$ .

*Simple Lie algebra is non-abelian Lie algebra, which contains no nonzero proper ideals.*

*Semisimple Lie algebra is a direct sum of simple Lie algebras.*

There is a one-to-one Correspondence between Lie algebras and Lie groups.

Dynkin diagrams are graphs which classify semisimple Lie algebras (or equivalently semisimple Lie groups). Simply laced Dynkin diagrams are undirected diagrams with no multiple edges. Lie algebras which correspond to simply laced Dynkin diagrams are called simply laced Lie algebras.

ADE in ADE singularities refers to ADE classification, which is used when some objects have a pattern that corresponds to simply laced Dynkin diagrams.

Simple Lie algebras over algebraically closed field (and their corresponding Lie groups) are classified based on their Dynkin diagrams as

- $A_n \quad n \geq 1,$
- $B_n \quad n \geq 2,$
- $C_n \quad n \geq 3,$
- $D_n \quad n \geq 4,$
- $E_6, E_7, E_8, F_4, G_2.$

The corresponding Dynkin diagrams can be seen on image 2.3.

Simply laced Dynkin diagrams are simple Dynkin diagrams with no directed and no multiple edges.  $A_n, D_n, E_6, E_7$  and  $E_8$  are therefore all simply laced Dynkin diagrams.

ADE singularities are in correspondence with simply laced Dynkin diagrams, each ADE singularity has its corresponding simply laced Dynkin diagram and equivalently, each simply laced Dynkin diagram corresponds to an ADE singularity. These singularities are denoted based on their corresponding Dynkin diagram.

The ADE surface singularities were classified by Arnold's [2] and they are specified by their normal forms. When working in complex space, each singularity has a single normal form:

- $A_n \quad F(x, y, z) = x^{n+1} + y^2 + z^2,$
- $D_n \quad F(x, y, z) = yx^2 + y^{n-1} + z^2,$

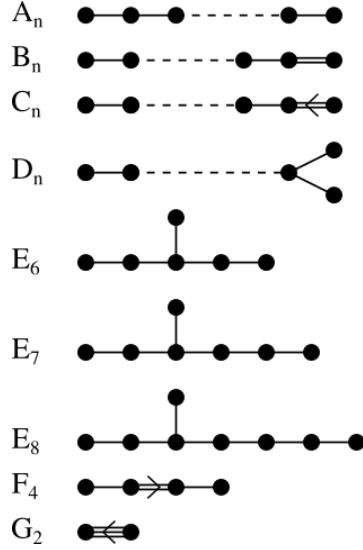


Figure 2.3: Finite Dynkin diagrams[1].

- $E_6$       $F(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^4 + z^2,$
- $E_7$       $F(x, y, z) = x^3 + xy^3 + z^2,$
- $E_8$       $F(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^5 + z^2.$

Each ADE singularity on a surface can be locally expressed by their normal form.

In the real case, changing the signs in these equations produces different surfaces and therefore, ADE singularities can be further classified by their signature.

**Definition 6** *Let's mark real surface singularities based on their signature as follows:*

- $A_{n\pm\pm}$       $F(x, y, z) = x^{n+1} \pm y^2 \pm z^2,$
- $D_{n\pm\pm}$       $F(x, y, z) = yx^2 \pm y^{n-1} \pm z^2,$
- $E_{6\pm\pm}$       $F(x, y, z) = x^3 \pm y^4 \pm z^2,$
- $E_{7\pm\pm}$       $F(x, y, z) = x^3 \pm xy^3 \pm z^2,$
- $E_{8\pm\pm}$       $F(x, y, z) = x^3 \pm y^5 \pm z^2.$

The most common example of a surface with ADE singularity is an ordinary cone. Given as the zero set of the function  $F(x, y, z) = x^2 - y^2 - z^2$ , cone has a singular point  $P = (0, 0, 0)$ . This singular point is an example of  $A_{1--}$  singularity.



### Correspondence between $SO(3, \mathbb{R})$ group and ADE singularities

$SO(3, \mathbb{R})$  is special orthogonal group over the field of real numbers in three dimensions. It is also called 3D rotation group, as it is a group of all rotations about the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Definition 7**  $SO(3, \mathbb{R})$  is a group of  $3 \times 3$  orthogonal matrices of real numbers with determinant 1.

$$SO(3, \mathbb{R}) = \left\{ A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \mid AA^T = I, \det(A) = 1 \right\}.$$

Simply laced Dynkin diagrams correspond to all finite subgroups of  $SO(3, \mathbb{R})$ . Finite subgroups of  $SO(3, \mathbb{R})$  are the rotational symmetry groups of

- pyramid with  $n$  vertices (cyclic subgroup  $\overline{C}_n$ ),
- double pyramid with  $n$  vertices (dihedral subgroup  $\overline{D}_n$ ),
- platonic solids
  - tetrahedron (tetrahedral subgroup  $\overline{T}$ )
  - octahedron (octahedral subgroup  $\overline{O}$ )
  - icosahedron (icosahedral subgroup  $\overline{I}$ )

These correspond to simply laced Dynkin diagrams:

- $A_n \iff \overline{C}_{n+1}$ ,
- $D_n \iff \overline{D}_{n+2}$ ,
- $E_6 \iff \overline{T}$ ,
- $E_7 \iff \overline{O}$ ,
- $E_8 \iff \overline{I}$ .

The conclusion is that ADE singularities correspond to finite subgroups of  $SO(3, \mathbb{R})$ , which represent certain types of symmetries in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## 2.3 Non-isolated translation surface singularities

## 2.4 Tringulation of regular implicit srufaces

## 2.5 Data structures for triangulation algorithm



# Chapter 3

## Our contributions

### 3.1 Triangulation adaptive to the local curvature

### 3.2 Triangulation of ADE singularities

#### Analysis of the geometry of ADE singularities

ADE singularities are simple, isolated surface singularities, which can be expressed by corresponding implicit equations.

We already know, that  $A_{1--}$  singularity is locally represented as a cone. In this section we will discuss geometric structure of other ADE surface singularities.

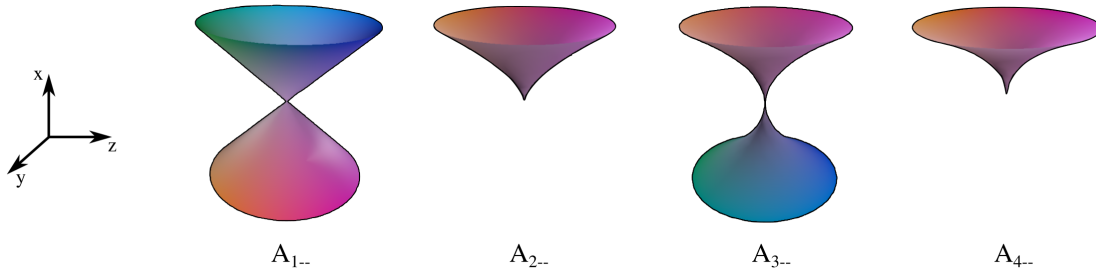
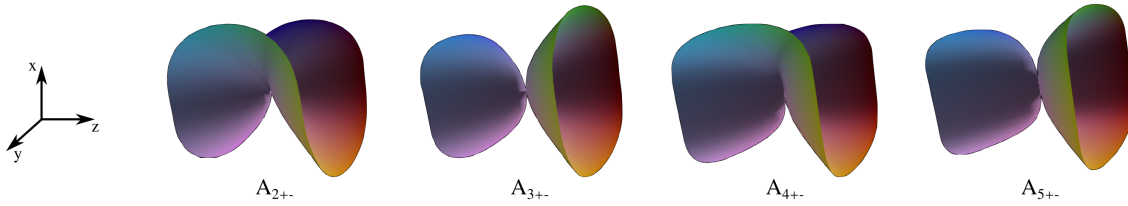
**Definition 8** (*TODO rewrite*) *Let's define branch of ADE singularity as the part of the surface, which is connected to the rest only by the singular point.*

For our needs, we will pick one triangulation vector for each branch of each ADE singularity. This triangulation vector is normalized vector either in the direction of rotation symmetry axis or an intersection of reflection symmetry planes of the corresponding branch. If the branch has only one reflection symmetry plane, the triangulation vector will be picked to lie in the reflection symmetry plane.

In the general case, triangulation vectors will serve us as a partial information about the orientation of a singularity with respect to its normal form.

#### $A_n$ singularities

As we can see from the equations  $F(x, y, z) = x^{n+1} \pm y^2 \pm z^2$ ,  $A_{n-+}$  singularities are just rotated  $A_{n+-}$  singularities and  $A_{n++}$  singularities are a single point if  $n$  is odd and reflected  $A_{n--}$  singularities if  $n$  is even. We will therefore only discuss geometry of  $A_{n--}$  and  $A_{n+-}$  singularities.

Figure 3.1:  $A_{n--}$  singularities. [4]Figure 3.2:  $A_{n+-}$  singularities. [4]

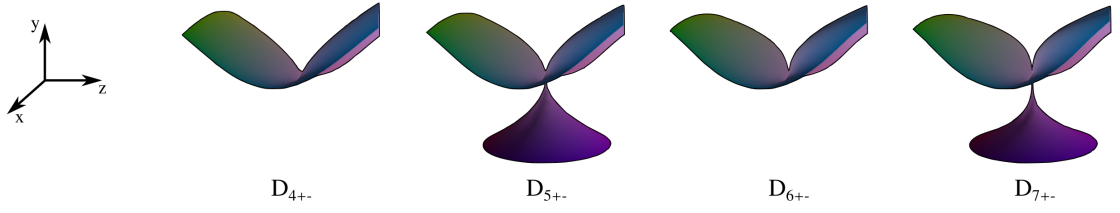
$A_{n--}$  singularities are topologically equivalent to a cone if  $n$  is odd, therefore they have two branches. If  $n$  is even, they are topologically equivalent to a half cone or a plane, therefore they have a single branch. As  $n$  gets bigger, the tip of the cone gets sharper. As  $A_{n--}$  singularities are rotationally symmetrical, we will pick the direction of axis of symmetry as triangulation vector. For a normal form, the triangulation vectors are  $(1, 0, 0)$  (and  $(-1, 0, 0)$  if  $n$  is odd). First four  $A_{n--}$  singularities can be seen on image 3.1.

$A_{n+-}$  singularities are topologically equivalent to a cone if  $n$  is odd, therefore they have two branches. In the contrary with the previous singularities, as  $n$  gets bigger, the tip of the cone gets less sharp and flatter. Branches of these singularities have reflection symmetry planes  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ , therefore we will pick the vectors  $(0, 0, 1)$  and  $(0, 0, -1)$  as the triangulation vectors.

If  $n$  is even,  $A_{n+-}$  singularities are topologically equivalent to a plane with shape similar to hyperbolic paraboloid, therefore they have a single branch. First four  $A_{n+-}$  singularities can be seen on image 3.2. For this case, we will pick the vector  $(1, 0, 0)$  as a triangulation vector as these singularities have reflection symmetry planes  $y = 0$  and  $z = 0$ .

### $D_n$ singularities

Given by equations  $F(x, y, z) = yx^2 \pm y^{n-1} \pm z^2$ , we will consider 8 categories. For given sign combination and parity of  $n$ , the singularities are topologically equivalent, with sharper(or flatter) features around the singularities for increasing value of  $n$  similar to

Figure 3.3:  $D_{n+-}$  singularities. [4]

$A_n$  singularities.

We can therefore say that  $D_n$  singularities can be classified into 8 categories locally represented by the following equations:

- $D_{4++} \quad yx^2 + y^3 + z^2$
- $D_{5++} \quad yx^2 + y^4 + z^2$
- $D_{4+-} \quad yx^2 + y^3 - z^2$
- $D_{5+-} \quad yx^2 + y^4 - z^2$
- $D_{4-+} \quad yx^2 - y^3 + z^2$
- $D_{5-+} \quad yx^2 - y^4 + z^2$
- $D_{4--} \quad yx^2 - y^3 - z^2$
- $D_{5--} \quad yx^2 - y^4 - z^2.$

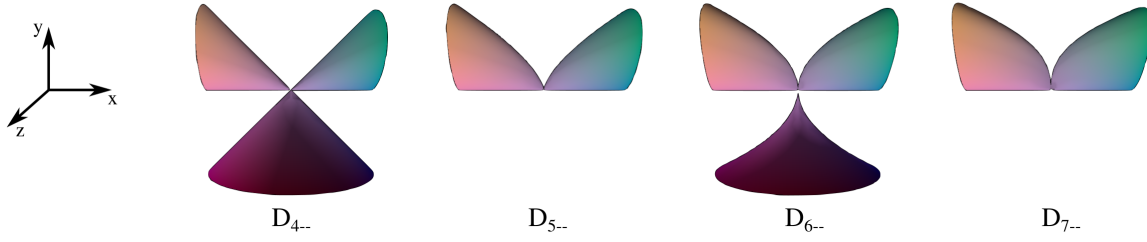
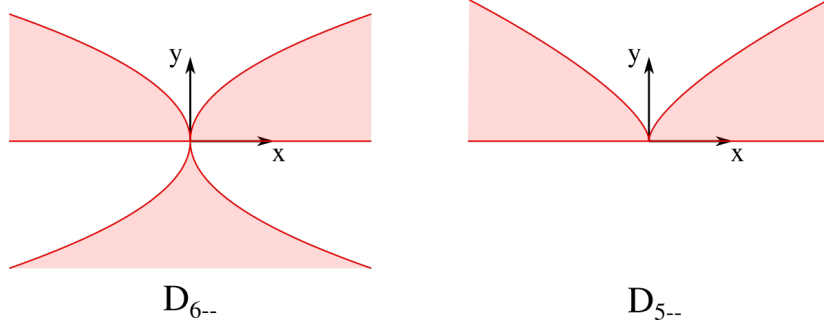
Now we will look at some equivalences between these 8 categories.  $D_{4++}$  singularity is reflected  $D_{4+-}$  singularity.  $D_{5++}$  singularity is reflected  $D_{5--}$  singularity.  $D_{5-+}$  singularity is reflected  $D_{5+-}$  singularity.  $D_{4-+}$  singularity is reflected  $D_{4--}$  singularity.

We will therefore only analyze geometry of  $D_{n+-}$  singularities and  $D_{n--}$  singularities.

$D_{n+-}$  singularities are topologically equivalent to a plane when  $n$  is even and to a cone when  $n$  is odd. Again, as  $n$  gets bigger, the features around singularities get sharper. Symmetry planes of these singularities are  $x = 0$  and  $z = 0$ , therefore we pick  $(0, 1, 0)$  (and  $(0, -1, 0)$  when  $n$  is odd) as triangulation vectors. First four  $D_{n+-}$  singularities can be seen on image 3.3.

$D_{n--}$  singularities are topologically equivalent to a cone when  $n$  is odd and to a 3 halfcones connected in the singular point when  $n$  is even. First four  $D_{n--}$  singularities can be seen on image 3.4.

Symmetry plane for all branches of these singularities is  $z = 0$ . the intersection of the surface and plane  $z = 0$  is displayed on image 3.5.

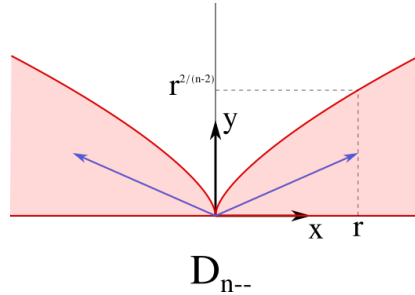
Figure 3.4:  $D_{n--}$  singularities. [4]Figure 3.5: Intersection of  $D_{n--}$  singularities with plane  $z = 0$ .

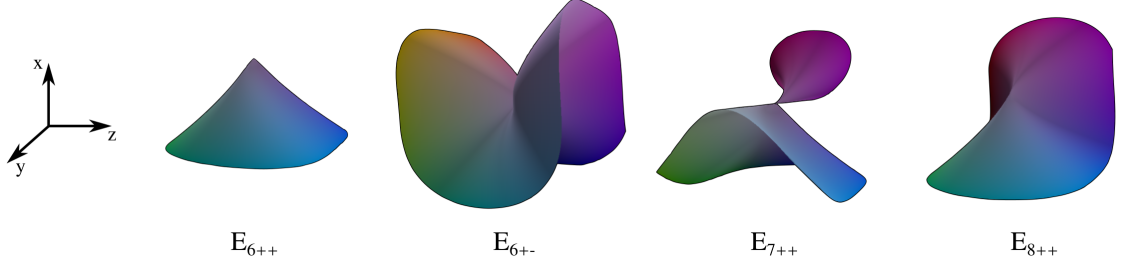
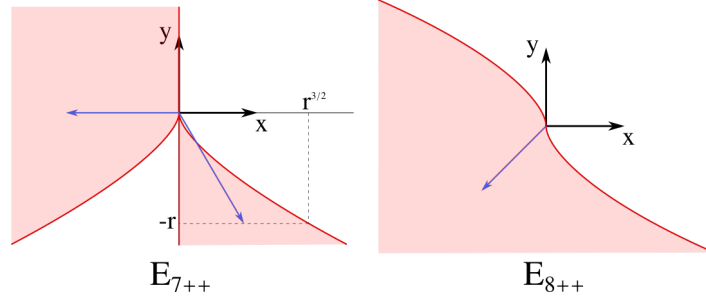
For  $D_{n--}$  singularity, the intersections of the two branches where  $y \geq 0$  are bounded by curves  $y = 0$  and  $x^2 = y^{n-2}$ . For given  $r$ , we will pick the triangulation vectors as  $(r, \frac{1}{2}r^{\frac{2}{n-2}}, 0)$  and  $(-r, \frac{1}{2}r^{\frac{2}{n-2}}, 0)$ . The resulting vectors are displayed on image 3.6 by blue arrow. Parameter  $r$  is changed based on the length of the edge of triangulation triangle.

The third branch where  $y \leq 0$  has another plane of symmetry  $x = 0$ , therefore triangulation vector for this branch is chosen as  $(0, -1, 0)$ .

### $E_6, E_7$ and $E_8$ singularities

Given by equations  $F(x, y, z) = x^3 \pm y^4 \pm z^2$ ,  $F(x, y, z) = x^3 \pm xy^3 \pm z^2$  and  $F(x, y, z) = x^3 \pm y^5 \pm z^2$ , we can see the following equivalences:  $E_{6++}$  singularity is reflected  $E_{6--}$  singularity.  $E_{6+-}$  singularity is reflected  $E_{6-+}$  singularity.  $E_{7+-}, E_{7-+}$  and  $E_{7--}$  are

Figure 3.6: Triangulation vectors for two branches of  $D_{n--}$  singularities.

Figure 3.7:  $E_n$  singularities. [4]Figure 3.8: Intersection of  $E_{7++}$  and  $E_{8++}$  singularities with plane  $z = 0$ .

all reflected  $E_{7++}$  singularity.  $E_{8+-}$ ,  $E_{8-+}$  and  $E_{8--}$  are all reflected  $E_{8++}$  singularity.

We will only analyze geometry of  $E_{6++}$ ,  $E_{6+-}$ ,  $E_{7++}$  and  $E_{8++}$  singularities. These singularities are displayed on the image 3.7.

Both  $E_{6++}$  and  $E_{6+-}$  are topologically equivalent to a plane, thus they each have only one branch. The planes of symmetry of both of these branches are  $y = 0$  and  $z = 0$ , therefore we pick  $(-1, 0, 0)$  as the triangulation vector.

$E_{7++}$  singularity is topologically equivalent to a cone, therefore it has two branches. The plane of symmetry of this singularity is  $z = 0$ .

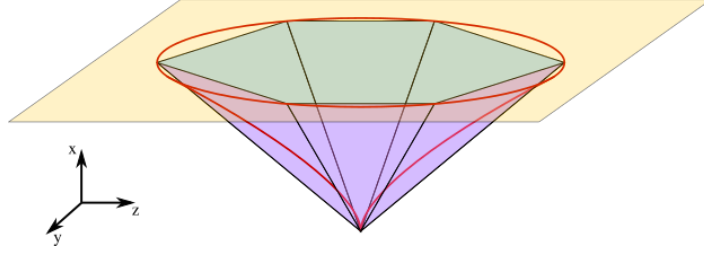
$E_{8++}$  singularity is also topologically equivalent to a plane, therefore it has only one branch. This branch has only one plane of symmetry  $z = 0$ .

We will again look at the intersection of the surfaces with the plane of symmetry, this is displayed on image 3.8.

For  $E_{7++}$  singularity, we will pick  $(-1, 0, 0)$  and  $(\frac{1}{2}r^{\frac{3}{2}}, -r, 0)$  as triangulation vectors. For  $E_{8++}$  singularity, we will pick  $(-1, -1, 0)$  as a triangulation vector. These vectors are displayed on the image 3.8 as blue arrows.

## Analytical calculation of local triangulation of some ADE singularities

For given edge size  $e$ , we want to calculate the local triangulation of ADE singularities, such that edges on the border of the local triangulation have length  $e$ .

Figure 3.9: Triangulation of  $A_{n--}$  singularity.

### $A_{n--}$ singularities

For  $A_{n--}$  singularities, we create a disc of 6 isosceles triangles with vertex in the singular point. The bases of these triangles create regular hexagon in the plane  $P$  parallel to the plane  $x = 0$ , as showed on the image 3.9. Given by equation  $x^{n+1} - y^2 - z^2 = 0$ , we will find the distance of the plane  $P$  from the plane  $x = 0$  for the given length  $e$  of the sides of the hexagon.

Let  $e$  be the length of the side of the hexagon, then the circumscribed circle has radius  $e$ . This circle is identical with the intersection of the surface and the plane  $x = h$ . The equation of the intersecting circle is  $y^2 + z^2 = h^{n+1}$  therefore, the radius can be also expressed as  $r = h^{\frac{n+1}{2}}$ , which emerges  $h = e^{\frac{2}{n+1}}$ . Knowing the distance of the plane, one can easily calculate the length of the arms of the triangles using Pythagorean theorem:

$$a^2 = h^2 + e^2 \implies a = \sqrt{e^{\frac{4}{n+1}} + e^2}$$

### $D_n$ singularities

Some  $D_n$  singularities have branches with elliptical intersection with a plane parallel to the plane  $y = 0$ . As ellipses have 2 axes of symmetry, we will create 8 triangles for these branches.

Let's have an ellipse  $E$  with semi-major axis  $a$  and semi-minor axis  $b$ . We'll create eight triangles with apex in the singular point. The other points of the triangles lie on the ellipse and they have the same length of the base.

As displayed on image 3.10, we pick the leftmost, the rightmost, the top and the bottom points. Then we can calculate the point  $P$  on ellipse equidistant from points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(a, b) + \frac{t}{2}(b, a) \in E &\implies \frac{(a + tb)^2}{4a^2} + \frac{(b + ta)^2}{4b^2} = 1 \\ 4b^2(a^2 + 2atb + t^2b^2) + 4a^2(b^2 + 2atb + t^2a^2) - a^2b^2 &= 0 \\ 4(b^4 + a^4)t^2 + 8ab(b^2 + a^2)t + 7a^2b^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



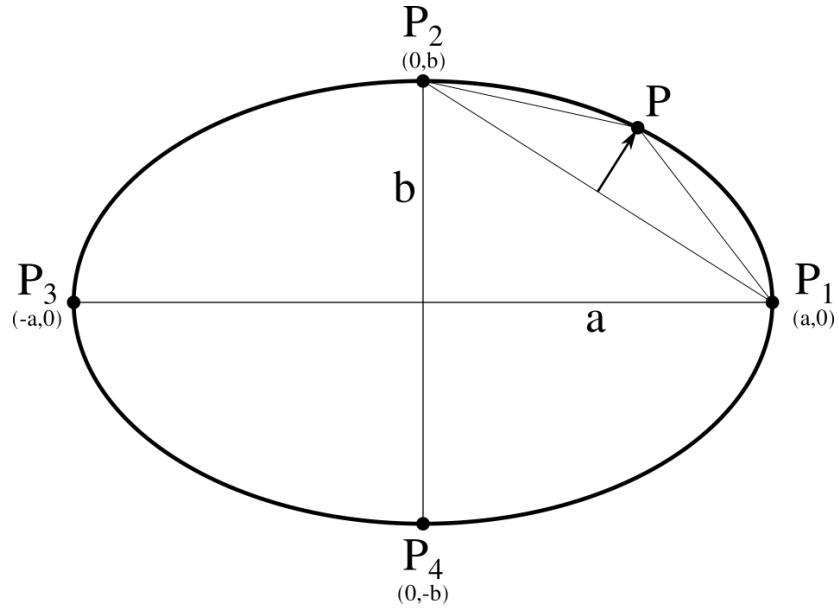


Figure 3.10: Equidistant points on ellipse.

$$t = \frac{ab(\sqrt{3a^4 + 2a^2b^2 + 3b^4} - a^2 - b^2)}{a^4 + b^4}$$

$E_6, E_7$  and  $E_8$  singularities

Numerical calculation of local triangulation of ADE singularities

### 3.3 Triangulation of non-isolated singularities of translation surfaces



# Chapter 4

## Results

### 4.1 Quality criteria

### 4.2 Comparison with TODO



## Chapter 5

### Future work



# Conclusion

TODO Conclusion





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# Appendix A



# Appendix B