Find reflexion points on a a 3d surface

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1 Notations

- $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ is the point of observation
- \bullet B is the point observed
- \bullet $\ \underline{\mathbf{C}}$ is the local coordinate center of the 3d surface
- $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ is the projection of $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ on the 3d surface as seen from $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$
- $\underline{\mathbf{e}}$ is the unit vector such that $\underline{\mathbf{AB}} = \| \underline{\mathbf{AB}} \| \underline{\mathbf{e}} = l \underline{\mathbf{e}}$
- $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ is a point on (AB) parameterized by $\underline{AE} = kl\,\underline{\mathbf{e}}$
- $\underline{\mathbf{n}}(D)$ is the normal vector of the 3d surface at point $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$

Point $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ on the 3d sufarce is the reflexion point connecting A and B. It means that $\underline{\mathbf{n}}(D)$ is in the same plane as (A, D, B).

Point $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ on is the projection, on line (A, B) of point $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ along $\underline{\mathbf{n}}$.

The idea is to look for $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$, which is parameterized by k, and then derive $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ from $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$.

Hence both $\underline{\mathbf{n}}(\underline{\mathbf{D}})$ and $d_E = \|\underline{\mathbf{E}}\underline{\mathbf{D}}\|$ are parametrized by k: $\underline{\mathbf{n}}(k)$ and $d_E(k)$.

2 General equations

2.1 co-planarity

The point \underline{D} on the 3d sufarce is such that $\underline{n}(D)$ is in the same plane as (A, D, B), which is written:

$$(\underline{\mathrm{DA}} \wedge \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \cdot (\underline{\mathrm{DB}} \wedge \underline{\mathrm{n}}) = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} & (\underline{\mathrm{DA}} \wedge \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \wedge (\underline{\mathrm{DB}} \wedge \underline{\mathrm{n}}) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\underline{\mathrm{EA}} \wedge \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \wedge (\underline{\mathrm{EB}} \wedge \underline{\mathrm{n}}) = 0 \\ & ((-kl)\,\underline{\mathrm{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \wedge ((1-k)le \wedge \underline{\mathrm{n}}) = 0 \\ & k(1-k)l^2(\underline{\mathrm{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \wedge (\underline{\mathrm{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathrm{n}}) = 0 \end{array}$$

Which is true by construction of E.

2.2 equal angles

Since it is a specular reflexion, angles (A, D, E) and (B, D, E) are equal, which means \underline{E} is necessarily standing on the bisector of angle (A, D, B).

As such, the distance between \underline{E} and line (A, D) is equal to the distance between \underline{E} and line (B, D), which is written:

$$d_{E,(A,D)} = \frac{\parallel \underline{\mathbf{AD}} \wedge \underline{AE} \parallel}{\parallel \underline{\mathbf{AD}} \parallel} = \frac{\parallel \underline{\mathbf{BD}} \wedge \underline{BE} \parallel}{\parallel \underline{\mathbf{BD}} \parallel} = d_{E,(B,D)}$$

Knowing that:

$$\begin{split} \| \, \underline{\mathbf{A}} \underline{\mathbf{D}} \, \|^2 &= \| \underline{A} \underline{E} + \underline{\mathbf{E}} \underline{\mathbf{D}} \, \|^2 \\ &= k^2 l^2 + d_E^2 + 2 \underline{A} \underline{E} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{E}} \underline{\mathbf{D}} \\ &= k^2 l^2 + d_E^2 + 2 k l \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot (-d_E) \, \underline{\mathbf{n}} \\ &= k^2 l^2 + d_E(k)^2 - 2 k l d_E(k) \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}(k) \end{split}$$

Similarly:

$$\begin{split} \| \, \underline{\mathbf{B}}\underline{\mathbf{D}} \, \|^2 &= \| \underline{B}\underline{E} + \underline{\mathbf{E}}\underline{\mathbf{D}} \, \|^2 \\ &= (1-k)^2 l^2 + d_E^2 + 2 \underline{B}\underline{E} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{E}}\underline{\mathbf{D}} \\ &= (1-k)^2 l^2 + d_E^2 + 2(1-k)l(-\,\underline{\mathbf{e}}) \cdot (-d_E)\,\underline{\mathbf{n}} \\ &= (1-k)^2 l^2 + d_E(k)^2 + 2(1-k)ld_E(k)\,\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}(k) \end{split}$$

And the cross-products:

$$\begin{split} \| \underline{\mathbf{A}} \underline{\mathbf{D}} \wedge \underline{A} \underline{E} \|^2 &= \| \underline{\mathbf{E}} \underline{\mathbf{D}} \wedge \underline{A} \underline{E} \|^2 \\ &= \| (-d_E) \underline{\mathbf{n}} \wedge k l \underline{\mathbf{e}} \|^2 \\ &= k^2 d_E(k)^2 l^2 \| \underline{\mathbf{n}}(k) \wedge \underline{\mathbf{e}} \|^2 \end{split}$$

And:

$$\begin{split} \parallel \underline{\mathrm{BD}} \wedge \underline{BE} \parallel^2 &= \parallel \underline{\mathrm{ED}} \wedge \underline{BE} \parallel^2 \\ &= \parallel (-d_E) \, \underline{\mathrm{n}} \wedge (1-k) l(-\underline{\mathrm{e}}) \parallel^2 \\ &= (1-k)^2 d_E(k)^2 l^2 \parallel \underline{\mathrm{n}}(k) \wedge \underline{\mathrm{e}} \parallel^2 \end{split}$$

So in the end:

$$\begin{split} &d_{E,(A,D)}^2 = d_{E,(B,D)}^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow & & \| \underbrace{\mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}} \wedge \underbrace{AE} \|^2 \| \underbrace{\mathbf{B} \mathbf{D}} \|^2 = \| \underbrace{\mathbf{B} \mathbf{D}} \wedge \underbrace{BE} \|^2 \| \underbrace{\mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}} \|^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow & & k^2 d_E^2 l^2 \| \underbrace{\mathbf{n}} \wedge \underbrace{\mathbf{e}} \|^2 \left[(1-k)^2 l^2 + d_E^2 + 2(1-k) l d_E \underbrace{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} \right] \\ & = (1-k)^2 d_E^2 l^2 \| \underbrace{\mathbf{n}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{e}} \|^2 \left[k^2 l^2 + d_E^2 - 2k l d_E \underbrace{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} \right] \end{split}$$

So assuming that:

$$\begin{cases} \|\underline{\mathbf{n}}(k) \wedge \underline{\mathbf{e}}\| \neq 0 \\ l \neq 0 \\ d_E(k) \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

So in the end:

$$\begin{array}{ll} d_{E,(A,D)}^2 = d_{E,(B,D)}^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow & k^2 \left[(1-k)^2 l^2 + d_E^2 + 2(1-k) l d_E \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} \right] = (1-k)^2 \left[k^2 l^2 + d_E^2 - 2 k l d_E \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} \right] \\ \Leftrightarrow & k^2 \left[d_E^2 + 2(1-k) l d_E \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} \right] = (1-k)^2 \left[d_E^2 - 2 k l d_E \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} \right] \\ \Leftrightarrow & k^2 d_E^2 + 2 k^2 (1-k) l d_E \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} = (1-k)^2 d_E^2 - 2(1-k)^2 k l d_E \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} \\ \Leftrightarrow & 2 k d_E^2 - d_E^2 + 2 k (1-k) l d_E \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} (k+1-k) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & (2k-1) d_E + 2 k (1-k) l \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} = 0 \end{array}$$

Hence:

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow (2k-1)d_E(k) + 2k(1-k)l e \cdot n(k) = 0$$

2.3 equal angles 2

Deriving with a different method to double-check the formula. This time we use the scalar product:

$$(DA \cdot n)^2 ||DB||^2 = (DB \cdot n)^2 ||DA||^2$$

With:

$$\begin{cases} & \underline{\mathbf{D}}\underline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} = d - kl \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} \\ & \underline{\mathbf{D}}\underline{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} = d + (1 - k)l \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} \\ & \| \, \underline{\mathbf{D}}\underline{\mathbf{A}} \, \|^2 = d^2 + k^2l^2 - 2dkl \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} \\ & \| \, \underline{\mathbf{D}}\underline{\mathbf{B}} \, \|^2 = d^2 + (1 - k)^2l^2 + 2d(1 - k)l \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} \end{cases}$$

So:

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\begin{array}{l} (\underline{\mathrm{DA}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}})^2 \| DB \|^2 &= (\underline{\mathrm{DB}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}})^2 \| DA \|^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}})^2 (d^2 + (1-k)^2 l^2 + 2d(1-k) l \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) &= (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} + l \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}})^2 (d^2 + k^2 l^2 - 2dkl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}})^2 ((1-k)^2 l^2 + 2d(1-k) l \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} - k^2 l^2 + 2dkl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) &= (l^2 \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}^2 + 2l l \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}})) (d^2 + k^2 l^2 - 2dkl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}})^2 (l^2 - 2kl^2 + 2dl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) &= l \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} (l \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} + 2(d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}})) (d^2 + k^2 l^2 - 2dkl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \left[ (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) (l^2 - 2kl^2 + 2dl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) - 2l \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} (d^2 + k^2 l^2 - 2dkl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \left[ (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) (l^2 - 2kl^2 + 2dl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) - 2l \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} (d^2 + k^2 l^2 - 2dkl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \left[ (d^2 - 2kl^2 + 2dl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) - 2l \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} (d^2 + k^2 l^2 - 2dkl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \left[ d(l^2 - 2kl^2 - 2kl^2 + 2dl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) - 2k^2 l^3 \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} + 4dkl^2 \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}^2 \right] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \right] d(l^2 - 2kl^2 - kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} (l^2 - 2kl^2 + 2dl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) - 2k^2 l^3 \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} + 4dkl^2 \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}^2 \right] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \right] d(l^2 - 2kl^2 - kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} (l^2 + 2dl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) - 2k^2 l^3 \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} + 4dkl^2 \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}^2 \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \right] d(l^2 - 2kl^2 - kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} + 2dkl^2 \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}^2 \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \right] d(l^2 - 2kl^2 - kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} + 2dkl^2 \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}^2 \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}) \bigg[ d(l^2 - 2kl^2 - kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}} + 2dkl^2 \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{n}}^2 \bigg] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (d-kl \, \underline{\mathrm{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{
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3 Planar

If the 3d surface is a plane, then $\underline{\mathbf{n}}$ is constant and does not depend on k.

The equations become:

$$(2k-1)d_E(k) + 2k(1-k)l\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} = 0$$
(2)

In that case:

$$d_E(k) = \underline{\mathrm{DE}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$= (\underline{\mathrm{DC}} + \underline{\mathrm{CA}} + \underline{AE}) \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$= \underline{\mathrm{CA}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} + kl \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}$$

Which means:

$$\begin{array}{ll} (2) & \Leftrightarrow 2k(\underline{\mathrm{CA}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} + kl\,\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}) - \underline{\mathrm{CA}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} - kl\,\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} + 2k(1-k)l\,\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} = 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow k^2(2l\,\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} - 2l\,\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}) + k(2\,\underline{\mathrm{CA}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} - l\,\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} + 2l\,\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}) - \underline{\mathrm{CA}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} = 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow k(2\,\underline{\mathrm{CA}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} + l\,\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}) - \underline{\mathrm{CA}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} = 0 \end{array}$$

So finally:

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow k = \frac{\underline{\mathbf{C}}\underline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}}{2 \, \underline{\mathbf{C}}\underline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}} + l \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}}$$

4 Cylinder

Consider a cylinder of axes (O, \underline{z}) , with \underline{z} unit vector and radius r. The normal vector associated to any point E (not on the axis) is:

$$\underline{\mathbf{n}}(E) = -\frac{(\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}}{\|(\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}\,\|} = -\frac{(\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}}{\|\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}\,\|}$$

Given that E in on the (A, B) line:

$$OE = OA + kle$$

So:

$$(\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} = (\underline{OA} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} + kl(\underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}$$

Which entails:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}(k) & = -\frac{1}{\|\underline{\mathbf{O}}\underline{\mathbf{E}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}\|} \left[\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot ((\underline{O}\underline{E} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}})\right] \\ & = -\frac{1}{\|\underline{\mathbf{O}}\underline{\mathbf{E}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}\|} \left[\underline{\mathbf{z}} \cdot (\underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge (\underline{O}\underline{E} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}))\right] \end{array}$$

And:

$$d_E = r - \|\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{z}\|$$

So the equation becomes:

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow (2k-1)(r-\|\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{z}\|) + 2k(1-k)l\underline{e} \cdot \underline{n} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2k-1)(r-\|\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{z}\|) \|\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{z}\| - 2k(1-k)l[\underline{z} \cdot (\underline{e} \wedge (\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{z}))] = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2k-1)r\|\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{z}\| - (2k-1) \|\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{z}\|^2 - 2k(1-k)l[(\underline{OE} \wedge \underline{z}) \cdot (\underline{z} \wedge \underline{e})] = 0$$

Observing that:

$$OE \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} = OA \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} + kl \underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}$$

And:

$$\left\| \underline{\mathrm{OE}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} \, \right\|^2 = \left\| \, \underline{\mathrm{OA}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} + kl \, \underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} \, \right\|^2 = \left(\underline{\mathrm{OA}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} \right)^2 + 2kl (\underline{\mathrm{OA}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \cdot \left(\underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} \right) + k^2 l^2 (\underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}})^2$$

So

$$\begin{array}{lll} (2) &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)r \left\| \underline{\mathrm{OE}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} \right\| - (2k-1)(\underline{\mathrm{OA}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}})^2 - (2k-1)2kl(\underline{\mathrm{OA}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \cdot (\underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) - (2k-1)k^2l^2(\underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}})^2 \\ & & -2k(1-k)l(\underline{\mathrm{OA}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \cdot (\underline{\mathbf{z}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{e}}) - 2k^2(1-k)l^2(\underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \cdot (\underline{\mathbf{z}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{e}}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)r \left\| \underline{\mathrm{OE}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} \right\| - (2k-1)(\underline{\mathrm{OA}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}})^2 + 2kl(\underline{\mathrm{OA}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \cdot (\underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}})(1-k-2k+1) + k^2l^2(\underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}})^2(2-2k-2k+1) \\ &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)r \left\| \underline{\mathrm{OE}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}} \right\| - (2k-1)(\underline{\mathrm{OA}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}})^2 + 2kl(\underline{\mathrm{OA}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}}) \cdot (\underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}})(2-3k) + k^2l^2(\underline{\mathbf{e}} \wedge \underline{\mathbf{z}})^2(3-4k) \end{array} \right. = 0$$

5 Sphere

Consider a sphere of center O and radius r. The normal vector associated to any point E (not on O) is:

$$\underline{\mathbf{n}}(E) = -\frac{\underline{OE}}{\|\underline{\mathbf{OE}}\|}$$

Given that E in on the (A, B) line:

$$\begin{cases} \underline{OE} = \underline{OA} + kl \underline{e} \\ \|\underline{OE}\|^2 = \|\underline{OA}\|^2 + k^2l^2 + 2kl \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e} \end{cases}$$

Which entails:

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{n}}(k) = -\frac{1}{\|\mathbf{OE}\|} [\underline{\mathbf{OA}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{e}} + kl]$$

And:

$$d_E = r - \|\underline{OE}\|$$

So the equation becomes:

$$\begin{array}{lll} (2) &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)(r-\|\underline{OE}\|) + 2k(1-k)l \ \underline{e} \cdot \underline{n} = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)(r-\|\underline{OE}\|) \ \|\underline{OE}\| - 2k(1-k)l \ [\underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e} + kl] = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)r \ \|\underline{OE}\| - (2k-1) \ \|\underline{OE}\|^2 - 2k(1-k)l \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e} - 2k^2l^2(1-k) = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)r \ \|\underline{OE}\| - (2k-1) \ \|\underline{OA} \ \|^2 - (2k-1)k^2l^2 - 2(2k-1)kl \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e} - 2k(1-k)l \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e} - 2k^2l^2(1-k) = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)r \ \|\underline{OE}\| - (2k-1) \ \|\underline{OA} \ \|^2 - k^2l^2(2k-1+2-2k) - 2kl \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e}(2k-1+1-k) = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)r \ \|\underline{OE}\| - (2k-1) \ \|\underline{OA} \ \|^2 - k^2l^2 - 2k^2l \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e} = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)^2r^2 \ \|\underline{OE}\|^2 = \left[(2k-1) \ \|\underline{OA} \ \|^2 + k^2(1^2+2l \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e})\right]^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)^2r^2 \ \|\underline{OA} \ \|^2 + (2k-1)^2r^2k^2l^2 + (2k-1)^2r^22kl \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e} \\ &= (2k-1)^2 \ \|\underline{OA} \ \|^4 + 2(2k-1) \ \|\underline{OA} \ \|^2k^2(1^2+2l \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e}) + k^4(1^2+2l \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e})^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow& (2k-1)^2(r^2-\|\underline{OA} \ \|^2) \ \|\underline{OA} \ \|^2 + (2k-1)^2r^2k^2l^2 + (2k-1)^2r^22kl \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e} \\ &= 2(2k-1)l \ \|\underline{OA} \ \|^2k^2(l+2 \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e}) + k^4l^2(l+2 \ \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e})^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow& (4k^2-4k+1)C_0 + (4k^2-4k+1)k^2C_1 + (4k^2-4k+1)kC_2 = (2k-1)k^2C_3 + k^4C_4 \\ &\Leftrightarrow& k^4 \ [4C_1-C_4] + k^3 \ [-4C_1+4C_2-2C_3] + k^2 \ [4C_0+C_1-4C_2+C_3] + k \ [-4C_0+C_2] + C_0 = 0 \end{array}$$

Where:

$$\begin{cases} C_0 = (r^2 - \| \underline{OA} \|^2) \| \underline{OA} \|^2 \\ C_1 = r^2 l^2 \\ C_2 = 2 l r^2 \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e} \\ C_3 = 2 l \| \underline{OA} \|^2 (l + 2 \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e}) \\ C_4 = l^2 (l + 2 \underline{OA} \cdot \underline{e})^2 \end{cases}$$

6 Toroidal