

# Splitting lines in $\mathbb{R}^3$

## Notation

- $B_r(p)$  is the (closed) ball centered in  $p$  of radius  $r$ .
- $X := S^3 \times S^3 \times S^3$  as a subset of polynomials  $\mathbb{R}[t_1, t_2, t_3]$  (product of three affine polynomials).
- $X$  is a metric space with the distance:

$$d(x, y) = \max_{i \in I} |x_i - y_i|$$

i.e. the distance between two polynomials is the biggest difference in their coefficients (it is always finite since the set of possible multi-indices is finite).

- Given  $x \in X$ ,  $Z(x) := \{p \in \mathbb{R}^3 | x(p) = 0\}$  is the plane configuration induced by  $x$
- Given  $x \in X$  and  $\omega \in G$ , the orthant  $\mathcal{O}(x, \omega)$  is the (potentially empty) open set in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus Z(x)$  defined as:

$$\mathcal{O}(x, \omega) := \{p \in \mathbb{R}^3 | (-1)^{\omega_i} x_i(p) > 0 \ \forall i\}$$

- The degenerate set in  $X$  is  $A := \{x \in X | \text{at least one orthant is empty}\}$
- $G_{\pm} := (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes \mathbb{S}_3$  where  $\mathbb{S}_3$  is the permutation group on three elements
- $G := \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
- $\Gamma$  is a collection of  $n$  different (affine) lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the cut-off function  $\eta_{\varepsilon} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is:

$$\eta_{\varepsilon}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq \varepsilon \\ \frac{1}{\varepsilon}x - 1 & \text{if } \varepsilon \leq x \leq 2\varepsilon \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 2\varepsilon \end{cases}$$

## 1 Preamble: $G_{\pm}$ -representations

Before starting it is useful to clarify how  $G_{\pm}$  acts on the target space (either  $\mathbb{R}^G$  or  $\mathbb{R}^{G \setminus 0}$ ).

The group acts on the two vector spaces differently. On the first space  $V := \mathbb{R}^G$ , the action is a permutation of the coordinates according to the following rule:

$$((\alpha \rtimes \sigma) \cdot v)_{\omega} = v_{\alpha + \sigma^{-1} \cdot \omega}$$

On the other end, the action on the space  $W := \mathbb{R}^{G \setminus 0}$  is given by:

$$((\alpha \rtimes \sigma) \cdot v)_{\omega} = (-1)^{(\alpha | \sigma^{-1} \cdot \omega)} v_{\sigma^{-1} \cdot \omega}$$

There is a  $G_{\pm}$ -linear map between the two representations, the alternate sum map,  $T : V \rightarrow W$  defined as:

$$(Tv)_{\omega} = \sum_{\alpha \in G} (-1)^{(\alpha | \omega)} v_{\alpha}$$

It is an easy computation to see that  $\ker(T)$  is the linear space generated by  $\mathbb{1}$  (the vector of all 1s).

## 2 Proof

The goal of this notes is to prove the following fact:

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose  $\Gamma$  is not degenerate (i.e.  $\nexists x \in X$  such that  $\bigcup \Gamma \subseteq Z(x)$ ). Then  $\exists x \in X$  such that every orthant intersect at most  $\frac{n}{2}$  lines in  $\Gamma$ .*

Recall that the Guth function of parameter  $\delta > 0$  is defined as  $I_{\delta} : X \rightarrow V$ :

$$(I_{\delta}(x))_{\omega} = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \eta_{\varepsilon} \left( \int_{N_{\delta} \gamma \cap \mathcal{O}(x, \omega) \cap B_R} \eta_{\varepsilon}(|x(p)|) \delta^{-3} dp \right)$$

Where  $\varepsilon := \varepsilon(\delta)$  and  $R := R(\delta)$  are suitable functions (see [GUT15]). Since the Guth functions point-wise converge to the counting function for intersections, if we show that, for all sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$ ,  $T \circ I_{\delta}$  has a zero we obtain that  $\exists x \in X$  for which the counting function is multiple (up to integer rounding) of  $\mathbb{1}$ ; by intersection counting the correct multiple is  $\frac{n}{2}$ .

The first part of the proof will be dedicated to show that for a small enough  $\delta$  the Guth function  $I_{\delta}$  is  $G_{\pm}$ -homotopic to the induced function  $f$  for a measure, hence  $TI_{\delta}$  and  $Tf$  are  $G_{\pm}$ -homotopic. What is more, we will show that this holds on a manifold with boundary  $E \subseteq X \setminus A$  of dimension 7; since  $E$  avoids  $A$ , the action of  $G_{\pm}$  is free on  $E$ .

The zero set of the homotopy is going to be a free  $G_{\pm}$ -manifold of dimension 1 with (non-empty) boundary in  $E \times I$  and we will show that it has to avoid  $\partial E \times I$ . By choosing a clever measure we get that there has to be exactly one orbit of zeros on the final level of the homotopy. By the fact that  $G_{\pm}$ -homotopies can change the number of zeros only by multiples of  $|G_{\pm}|$ , the function  $TI_{\delta}$  has to have at least one zero on  $E$  as desired.

## 2.1 Find the $\delta$

The goal of this section is to find the suitable  $\delta > 0$  as previously mentioned.

**Definition 1.** Given  $x \in X$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $\delta > 0$  is acceptable for  $x$  with witness  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$  if:

- $p \in \gamma$  and  $(1 + \delta)\|p\| < R(\delta)$  (i.e.  $B_{\delta}(p) \subseteq \text{int}(B_R)$ )
- $\min_{q \in B_{\delta}(p)} |x(q)| > 2\varepsilon$

The first useful remark is that  $\forall x \in X$  there is  $\delta_x > 0$  admissible. In fact, fix  $x \in X$ , then there is  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  such that  $\gamma$  is not contained in  $Z(x)$  thus it is possible to pick  $p \in \gamma \setminus Z(x)$ . Since  $R \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  and  $\min_{q \in B_{\delta}(p)} |x(q)| \rightarrow |x(p)| > 0$  with  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  eventually there will be a  $\delta_x > 0$  for which all the conditions will be satisfied simultaneously  $\Rightarrow \delta_x$  is acceptable.

**Lemma 1.** There is  $\tilde{\delta} > 0$  such that  $\tilde{\delta}$  is acceptable  $\forall x \in X$ .

*Proof.*  $\forall \delta > 0$  define  $U(\delta) := \{x \in X \mid \delta \text{ is acceptable for } x\}$ . Since  $X = \bigcup_{\delta > 0} U_{\delta}$  and  $U_{\alpha} \subseteq U_{\beta}$  whenever  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , in order to obtain the thesis it is sufficient by compactness to show that  $U_{\delta}$  is open  $\forall \delta$ .

Fix  $x \in U_{\delta}$  and  $p$  a witness. Then it is enough to show:

**Claim:** If  $y$  is close enough to  $x$ ,  $\delta$  is acceptable for  $y$  with witness  $p$ .

**Proof:** The only condition we need to verify is that  $\min_{q \in B_{\delta}(p)} |y(q)| > 2\varepsilon$ .

$\forall q \in B_{\delta}(p)$ , we have that:

$$|y(q)| \geq |x(q)| - |x(q) - y(q)|$$

Since  $m : y \mapsto \max_{q \in B_{\delta}(p)} |x(q) - y(q)|$  is continuous (lemma 3), it is possible to pick  $y$  close enough to  $x$  so that  $m(y) < \frac{1}{2} (\max_{q \in B_{\delta}(p)} |x(q)| - 2\varepsilon)$ ; thus  $|y(q)| > 2\varepsilon \quad \forall q \in B_{\delta}(p)$  as desired.  $\square$

From now on, fix  $\delta$  to be a value  $\tilde{\delta} \geq \delta > 0$ .

## 2.2 Find the homotopy

Since the space of bounded Borel measures on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is convex, the convex combination of any two measure gives a  $G_{\pm}$ -homotopy between the two induced functions. What is more, such an homotopy is never 0 on the degenerate set  $A$  by construction; hence, if we can construct an homotopy between the Guth

function and a measure avoiding zeros on  $A$  then we can do the same with any other measure.

The key observation is that the Guth function is already almost an induced function of a measure, the only difference is the cut-off function wrapping the integral and the function under the integral sign; hence the strategy is to construct homotopy for these two functions that respect the properties we are interested in at all times.

Define thus the two homotopies:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_t(x) &= t + (1-t)\eta_\varepsilon(x) \\ \beta_t(x) &= tx + (1-t)\eta_\varepsilon(x)\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we can define the combined homotopy; that is, on the coordinate  $\omega$ :

$$(H_t(x))_\omega := \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \beta_t \left( \int_{N_\delta \gamma \cap \mathcal{O}(x, \omega) \cap B_R} \alpha_t(|x(p)|) \delta^{-3} dp \right)$$

This is clearly  $G_\pm$ -equivariant,  $H_0 \equiv I_\delta$ ,  $H_1 \equiv \int_{N_\delta \Gamma \cap \mathcal{O}(x, \omega) \cap B_R} \delta^{-3} dp$  (the induced function for the measure supported on  $N_\delta \Gamma \cap B_R$ ); the only property left to check is that it is never a multiple of the  $\mathbb{1}$  vector on degenerate configurations.

Fix  $x \in A$ . Then, there is  $\omega_x \in G$  such that  $\mathcal{O}(x, \omega_x)$  is empty  $\Rightarrow H_t(x)_{\omega_x} \equiv 0$  at every  $t$ .

**Claim:** There is an element  $\xi$  and  $\epsilon$  such that  $H_t(x)_\xi \geq \epsilon > 0$  at all times.

Since the argument of  $\beta_t$  is always positive,  $H_t$  is a sum of positive functions hence it is enough to prove that  $\exists \gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $\xi \in G$  such that

$$\beta_t \left( \int_{N_\delta \gamma \cap \mathcal{O}(x, \xi) \cap B_R} \alpha_t(|x(p)|) \delta^{-3} dp \right) \geq \epsilon > 0$$

Let  $\tilde{p} \in \gamma$  ( $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ) be a witness for the acceptability of  $\delta$  and let  $\xi$  be the index of the orthant containing  $\tilde{p}$ . Then,  $\forall t \in [0, 1]$ :

$$\min_{p \in B_\delta(\tilde{p})} |x(p)| > 2\varepsilon \Rightarrow \alpha_t(|x(p)|) = 1$$

Hence:

$$\int_{N_\delta \gamma \cap \mathcal{O}(x, \xi) \cap B_R} \alpha_t(|x(p)|) \delta^{-3} dp \geq \int_{B_\delta(\tilde{p})} \delta^{-3} dp = \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

Since  $\beta_t(x)$  is monotone increasing in  $t$  if  $x \geq 1$

$$\beta_t \left( \int_{N_\delta \gamma \cap \mathcal{O}(x, \xi) \cap B_R} \alpha_t(|x(p)|) \delta^{-3} dp \right) \geq \eta_\varepsilon \left( \frac{4\pi}{3} \right) = 1$$

As a result, the map  $T \circ H_t$  is a  $G_\pm$ -homotopy between the test maps that doesn't have any zeros on  $A$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that  $T \circ H_t$  is an homotopy between  $I_\delta$  and the induced function of the target measure defined in lemma 4.

### 2.3 Find $E$ - Conclusion

By compactness of  $X \times I$ , there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\forall \alpha \in G \setminus 0$ ,  $(T \circ H_t|_A)_\alpha > \varepsilon$ . It is thus possible to choose a small  $G_\pm$ -invariant tubular neighborhood  $N_A$  such that  $(T \circ H_t|_{N_A})_\alpha > \frac{2\varepsilon}{3}$ . For convenience, choose  $N_A$  to be closed and denote by  $U_A$  its interior.

Let  $P := \{x \in X \mid \text{one of the planes is parallel to the plane } t_1 = 0\}$ . By construction  $P = (S^1 \times S^3 \times S^3) \times (S^3 \times S^1 \times S^3) \times (S^3 \times S^3 \times S^1)$  and thus it is not a manifold.

The corner points are contained in  $A$ , hence  $E = P \setminus U_A$  is a 7-dimensional manifold with boundary on which the action of  $G_\pm$  is free.

By choosing suitable small compatible  $G_\pm$ -triangulations for  $X$ ,  $N_A$ ,  $[0, 1]$  and  $E$ , we there is a  $G_\pm$ -map  $f : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow W$  that is:

- $f$  is affine on every simplex of  $X \times [0, 1]$
- $G_\pm$ -homotopic to  $T \circ H$
- very close to  $T \circ H$  (e.g.  $\max_{x \in X, t \in I} \|f(x, t) - TH_t(x)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ )
- There is a unique orbit  $G_\pm x$  in  $X$  such that  $f(x, 1) = 0$  and  $x \neq A$
- $f|_E$  is generic (i.e.  $f^{-1}(0)$  intersect only faces of dimension at least  $7 = |G| - 1$ )
- $\|f|_{\partial E}\| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$

(see lemma 5 for a proof).

As a result,  $Z := f^{-1}(0) \cap E \times I$  is a 1-dimensional PL-manifold with boundary that is  $G_\pm$  invariant.

If we choose a connected component starting from one of the point in  $Z \cap E \times \{1\}$ , this is an interval with exactly one endpoint on  $E \times \{1\}$  and does not intersect  $\partial E \times I$ . It follows that the other endpoint has to be on  $E \times \{0\}$  and thus we showed that  $|Z \cap E \times \{0\}| = 1 \pmod{|G_\pm|}$ , hence non zero. Since this quantity is preserved under  $G_\pm$ -homotopies, the same has to be true for  $T \circ H_0 = T \circ I_\delta$  as desired.

## 3 Technical Lemmas

**Lemma 2** (convergence in  $X$  implies global ptwise convergence). *Let  $x_n \rightarrow x_\infty$  a converging sequence in  $X$  with the distance previously defined. Then  $\forall p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $x_n(p) \rightarrow x_\infty(p)$ .*

*Proof.* Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and denote by  $y^i$  the homogeneous component of degree  $i$  of a polynomial  $y \in X$ . If  $p = 0$  then, for  $n$  big enough:

$$|x_n(0) - x_\infty(0)| = |x_n^0 - x_\infty^0| \leq d(x_n, x_\infty) \leq \varepsilon$$

Thus we can assume  $\|p\| \neq 0$  and denote by  $\hat{p} := \frac{p}{\|p\|}$ .

If  $0 < \|p\| \leq 1$ ; for  $n$  big enough we have:

$$|x_n(p) - x_\infty(p)| \leq \sum_{i=0}^3 \|p\|^i |x_n^i(\hat{p}) - x_\infty^i(\hat{p})| \leq \sum_{i=0}^3 c_i d(x_n, x_\infty) \leq C d(x_n, x_\infty) \leq \varepsilon$$

for some constants  $c_i, C$ .

Analogously, if  $1 \leq \|p\|$ , then:

$$|x_n(p) - x_\infty(p)| \leq \sum_{i=0}^3 \|p\|^i |x_n^i(\hat{p}) - x_\infty^i(\hat{p})| \leq \sum_{i=0}^3 \|p\|^i c_i d(x_n, x_\infty) \leq \|p\|^3 C d(x_n, x_\infty)$$

However, since  $p$  is fixed, we can choose  $n$  big enough such that

$$d(x_n, x_\infty) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\|p\|^3 C}$$

hence the sequence  $x_n(p)$  converges to  $x_\infty(p)$  as desired.  $\square$

**Lemma 3** (max function is continuous). *Fix  $x \in X$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , then the function  $m : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $m(y) = \max_{q \in B_\delta(p)} |y(q) - x(q)|$  is continuous.*

*Proof.* It is enough to prove sequential continuity. Let  $y_n \rightarrow y_\infty$  be a converging sequence in  $X \Rightarrow y_n(p) \rightarrow y_\infty(p)$  (lemma 2).

Let  $q_n$  be a point that realizes  $m(y_n)$  (i.e.  $m(y_n) = |y_n(q_n) - x(q_n)|$ ), up to taking a sub-sequence we can assume  $q_n$  converges to some point  $q_\infty \in B_\delta(p)$ .

What is more, the family  $\{y_n\}$  is equicontinuous as functions  $y_n : B_\delta(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (they are differentiable and have bounded derivative) and thus they converge uniformly on  $B_\delta(p)$ .

**CLAIM:**  $q_\infty$  realizes  $m(y_\infty)$ .

Assuming the claim, we get that for  $n$  big enough:

$$\begin{aligned} |m(y_n) - m(y_\infty)| &= |y_n(q_n) - x(q_n) - y_\infty(q_\infty) + x(q_\infty)| \\ &\leq |y_n(q_n) - y_n(q_\infty)| + |y_n(q_\infty) - y_\infty(q_\infty)| + |x(q_\infty) - x(q_n)| \\ &\leq \varepsilon + \varepsilon + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality holds by equicontinuity (first term), pointwise convergence (second term) and continuity of  $x$  (third term).

The only thing left to prove is the claim.  $\square$

**Lemma 4** (Target Measure). *Let  $\mu$  the probability measure with support on  $S = \{(t, t^2, t^3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | t \in [-1, 1]\}$  and uniform density. Then there is a unique  $G_\pm$ -orbit of points in  $P$  that equipartitions  $\mu$ .*

Equivalently, up to order and signs there is a unique triple of planes such that every orthant has the same measure and the first one is parallel to the horizontal plane  $\{p \in \mathbb{R}^3 | p_1 = 0\}$ .

**Lemma 5** (Generic Homotopy). *Let  $TH_t : X \rightarrow W$  the homotopy constructed in section 2.2 and  $\varepsilon > 0$  small enough. Then there are compatible  $G_\pm$ -triangulation for  $X$ ,  $E$ ,  $I := [0, 1]$ ,  $X \times I$  and a  $G_\pm$ -function  $f : X \times I \rightarrow W$  with the following properties:*

1.  $\max_{(x,t) \in X \times I} \|f(x,t) - TH_t(x)\| < \varepsilon$
2.  $f$  is  $G_\pm$ -homotopic to  $TH$
3.  $f$  is affine on every simplex in  $X \times I$
4.  $f$  is generic: i.e.  $f^{-1}(0)$  intersects only simplices of dimension at least  $7 = \dim W$
5.  $f(x, 1) = 0$  on exactly one orbit in  $E$

*Proof.* By equivariant simplicial approximation we can find small enough triangulations for the spaces and an affine map  $g$  that is  $G_\pm$ -homotopic to  $TH$  and  $\max_{(x,t) \in X \times I} \|f(x,t) - TH_t(x)\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . By lemma 6, the property of having exactly one orbit of zeros is preserved under perturbations small enough (since 0 is a regular value of the function on  $E$ ) hence the only condition we need to show is that we can find a perturbation that is generic.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** *Fix  $\mu$  the measure defined in lemma 4 and denote by  $g : X \rightarrow V$  the function  $g(x)_\omega = \int_{\mathcal{O}(x,\omega)} \mu$ , then  $g$  is smooth and its critical values are away from the diagonal of  $V$  (i.e. 0 is a regular value for  $Tg$ ).*

*Proof.* [Sketch / find a less convoluted proof for last point in lemma 5]

Smoothness is clear by the definition. The hard part is proving the regularity of the zeros.

By lemma 4,  $(Tg)^{-1}(0) = G_\pm \bar{x}$  where (up to normalization)

$$\bar{x} = \left( (1, 0, 0, 0), \left(-\frac{5}{16}, \frac{1}{2}, 1, -\frac{3}{32}\right), \left(-\frac{5}{16}, -\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{32}\right) \right)$$

Since  $G_\pm$  acts on the differential as multiplication with an invertible matrix, 0 is a regular value for  $Tg$  if and only if  $D(Tg)_{\bar{x}}$  is full rank.

The 0-set of the function  $E \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as

$$\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3, t) = x_1(t, t^2, t^3) x_2(t, t^2, t^3) x_3(t, t^2, t^3)$$

gives a parametrization of the intersections of (the zero sets of) points of  $E$  with the moment curve in a small neighborhood of  $\bar{x}$  by the implicit function theorem. Denote by  $z_i$  the implicit functions defined by  $\phi$  in a neighborhood of  $(\bar{x}, t_i := \frac{i}{4})$  for  $|i| \leq 3$  integer.

By definition of the target measure, we have that (in a small neighborhood of  $\bar{x}$ )  $g$  can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{(0,0,0)}(x) &= 1 - z_3(x) \\
g_{(0,0,1)}(x) &= z_1(x) - z_0(x) \\
g_{(0,1,0)}(x) &= z_3(x) - z_2(x) \\
g_{(0,1,1)}(x) &= z_2(x) - z_1(x) \\
g_{(1,0,0)}(x) &= z_{-1}(x) - z_{-2}(x) \\
g_{(1,0,1)}(x) &= z_0(x) - z_{-1}(x) \\
g_{(1,1,0)}(x) &= z_{-2}(x) - z_{-3}(x) \\
g_{(1,1,1)}(x) &= z_{-3}(x) + 1
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $(\partial_t \phi)(\bar{x}, t_i) \neq 0$  for all  $i$ , we can explicitly write the differential of  $g$  around  $\bar{x}$  using the partial derivatives of the functions  $t_i$ .

Fix  $\psi : (-\pi, \pi) \times B_1(0) \times B_1(0) \rightarrow \{x_1 > 0\} \times \{x_4 < 0\} \times \{x_4 > 0\}$  chart in  $E$  around  $\bar{x}$  with parametrization:

$$\left( \theta, \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} \right) \mapsto \left( \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \sin(\theta) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ -\sqrt{1 - \|x\|^2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \sqrt{1 - \|y\|^2} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

All the relevant derivatives are (in the chart around  $\bar{x}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
d_0 := \partial_t \phi &= \cos \theta \left( x_1 t + x_2 t^2 + x_3 t^3 - \sqrt{1 - \|x\|^2} \right) \left( y_1 t + y_2 t^2 + y_3 t^3 + \sqrt{1 - \|y\|^2} \right) \\
&\quad + (t \cos \theta + \sin \theta) \left( x_1 + 2x_2 t + 3x_3 t^2 \right) \left( y_1 t + y_2 t^2 + y_3 t^3 + \sqrt{1 - \|y\|^2} \right) \\
&\quad + (t \cos \theta + \sin \theta) \left( x_1 t + x_2 t^2 + x_3 t^3 - \sqrt{1 - \|x\|^2} \right) \left( y_1 + 2y_2 t + 3y_3 t^2 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$d_1 := \partial_\theta \phi = (-t \sin \theta + \cos \theta) \left( x_1 t + x_2 t^2 + x_3 t^3 - \sqrt{1 - \|x\|^2} \right) \left( y_1 t + y_2 t^2 + y_3 t^3 + \sqrt{1 - \|y\|^2} \right)$$

$$d_{1+i} := \partial_{x_i} \phi = (t \cos \theta + \sin \theta) \left( t^i + \frac{x_i}{\sqrt{1 - \|x\|^2}} \right) \left( y_1 t + y_2 t^2 + y_3 t^3 + \sqrt{1 - \|y\|^2} \right)$$

$$d_{4+i} := \partial_{y_i} \phi = (t \cos \theta + \sin \theta) \left( x_1 t + x_2 t^2 + x_3 t^3 - \sqrt{1 - \|x\|^2} \right) \left( t^i - \frac{y_i}{\sqrt{1 - \|y\|^2}} \right)$$

Thus by implicit function theorem it is sufficient to evaluate the derivatives on the zero points  $(z_i, t_i)$ .

Here there is the full matrix  $(M_{i,j} = d_{i-1}(t_{4+j}))$  with the needed values:



$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{45}{463} & \frac{5}{463} & -\frac{1}{463} & -\frac{3}{463} & \frac{1}{463} & -\frac{5}{463} & \frac{45}{463} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{248}{463} & 0 & -\frac{296}{4167} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{368}{4167} & 0 \\ -\frac{463}{458} & 0 & \frac{506}{4167} & 0 & 0 & \frac{488}{4167} & 0 \\ -\frac{463}{2129} & 0 & \frac{4167}{2051} & 0 & 0 & \frac{4167}{1012} & 0 \\ -\frac{926}{926} & 0 & \frac{8334}{8334} & 0 & 0 & \frac{4167}{4167} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{272}{4167} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{344}{4167} & 0 & \frac{392}{463} \\ 0 & -\frac{536}{4167} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{518}{4167} & 0 & \frac{566}{463} \\ 0 & -\frac{4167}{1036} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{4167}{2045} & 0 & \frac{463}{1967} \\ 0 & \frac{1036}{4167} & 0 & 0 & \frac{2045}{8334} & 0 & -\frac{1967}{926} \end{bmatrix}$$

A direct computation shows that the Jacobian matrix is:

$$D(Tg)_{\bar{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{544}{9} & -\frac{1000}{9} & -\frac{2072}{9} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{640}{9} & \frac{1024}{9} & \frac{2030}{9} & -\frac{640}{9} & -\frac{1024}{9} & \frac{2066}{9} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{736}{9} & -\frac{1048}{9} & \frac{2024}{9} \\ 2 & \frac{1232}{45} & -\frac{1892}{45} & -\frac{4153}{45} & \frac{688}{9} & \frac{1036}{9} & -\frac{2045}{9} \\ 2 & -\frac{592}{45} & \frac{1012}{45} & \frac{2051}{45} & \frac{688}{9} & \frac{1036}{9} & -\frac{2045}{9} \\ -2 & \frac{592}{45} & -\frac{1012}{45} & -\frac{2051}{45} & \frac{1328}{9} & \frac{2204}{9} & -\frac{4039}{9} \\ -2 & \frac{1232}{45} & -\frac{1892}{45} & -\frac{4153}{45} & -\frac{1328}{45} & -\frac{2204}{45} & \frac{4039}{45} \end{bmatrix}$$

that is invertible, with inverse (reported just as a sanity check):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{4465}{29248} & -\frac{3}{7312} & -\frac{3}{7312} & \frac{3197}{29248} & -\frac{3221}{29248} & -\frac{3}{7312} & -\frac{3}{7312} \\ -\frac{499}{7312} & \frac{457}{89} & \frac{457}{89} & \frac{7312}{91} & \frac{7312}{87} & \frac{457}{89} & \frac{457}{89} \\ -\frac{1828}{3} & -\frac{1828}{3} & -\frac{1828}{3} & -\frac{1828}{3} & -\frac{1828}{3} & -\frac{1828}{3} & -\frac{1828}{3} \\ \frac{7408}{46} & -\frac{7408}{46} & -\frac{29632}{517} & -\frac{7408}{46} & -\frac{29632}{517} & -\frac{29632}{1219} & \frac{7408}{46} \\ -\frac{463}{95} & \frac{463}{95} & \frac{7408}{27} & \frac{463}{95} & -\frac{7408}{105} & \frac{7408}{85} & -\frac{463}{95} \\ -\frac{1852}{1852} & \frac{1852}{1852} & -\frac{1852}{1852} & \frac{1852}{1852} & -\frac{1852}{1852} & \frac{1852}{1852} & -\frac{1852}{1852} \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence 0 is a regular value for  $Tg$  as desired.  $\square$

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