

Towards Morse theory for dispersion relations:

generic case

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$\text{Sym}_n \equiv$ space of $n \times n$ real symmetric or
Hermitian matrices

$$\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_3 \dots \leq \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$$

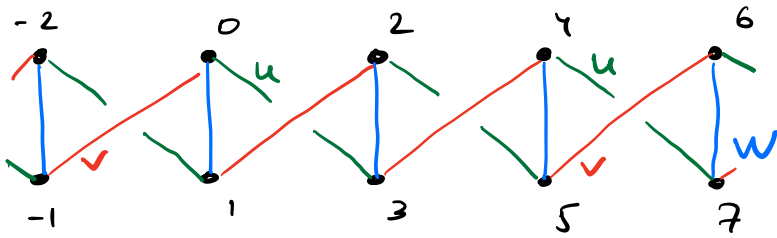
\mathcal{M} - smooth cpt manifold. $\dim \mathcal{M} = d$

$F: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Sym}_n$ smooth

↑ params
family of operators

Want: Morse theory for $\lambda_k: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Example: Gener. SSH model



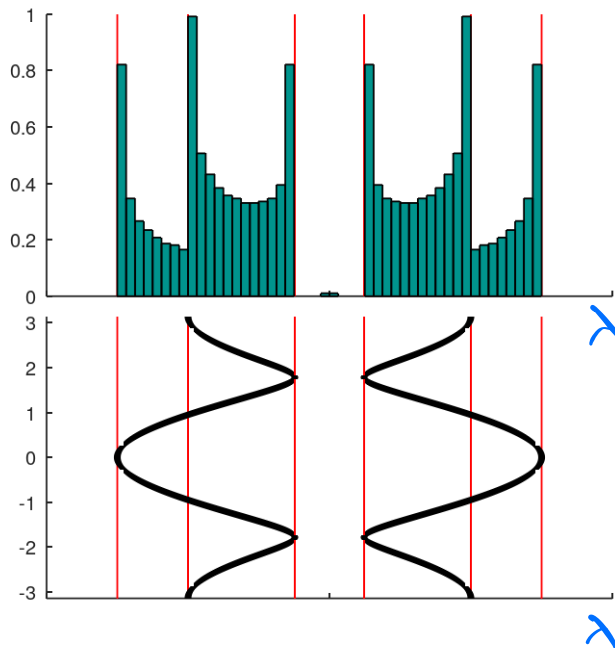
Infinite periodic graph:

$$H: \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$H_{2j-1, 2j} = H_{2j, 2j-1} = v, \quad H_{2j, 2j+1} = H_{2j+1, 2j} = w, \quad H_{2j, 2j+3} = H_{2j+3, 2j} = u$$

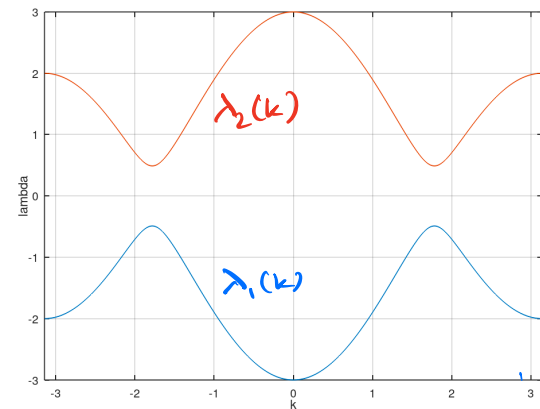
Floquet - Bloch: $\text{spec}(H) = \bigcup_{k \in [-\pi, \pi]} \text{spec}(H(k))$

van Hove



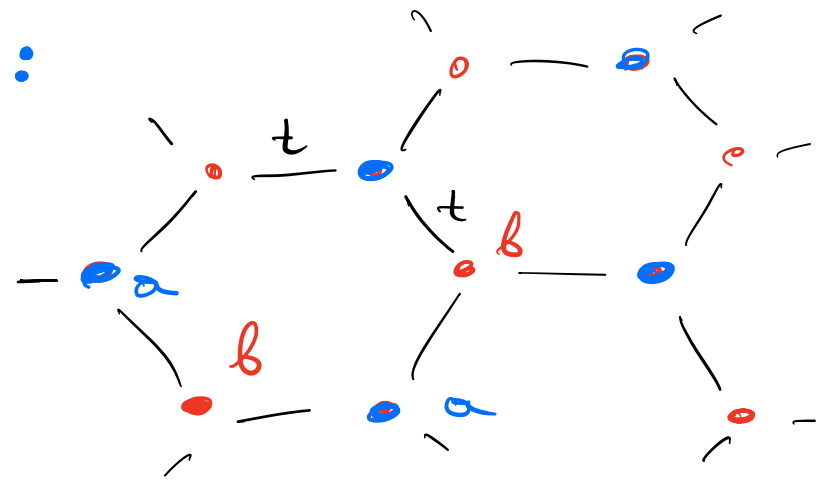
eig. density

$$H(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & w + ue^{ik} + ve^{-ik} \\ w + ue^{-ik} + ve^{ik} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

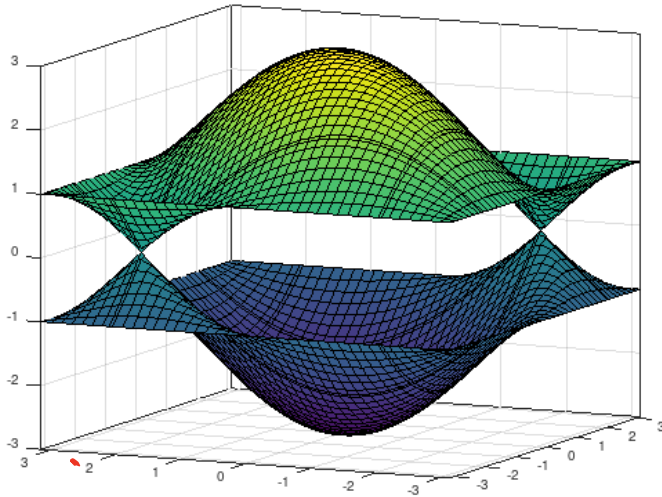


Example (Tight-binding graphene):

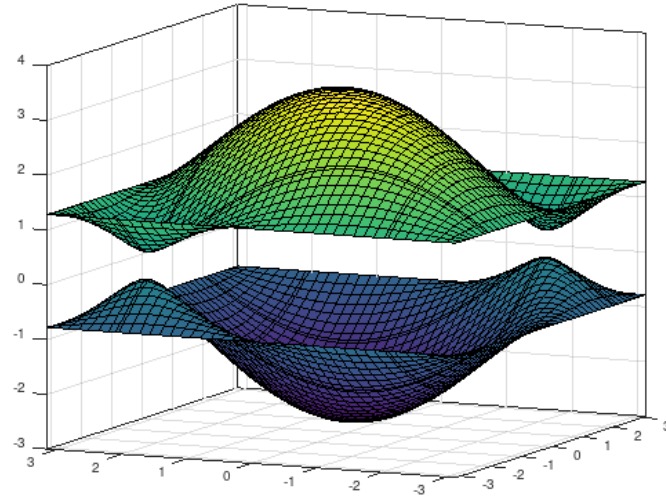
$$\vec{f}(\vec{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} a & -t(1+e^{-ik_1}+e^{-ik_2}) \\ -t(1+e^{ik_1}+e^{ik_2}) & b \end{pmatrix}$$



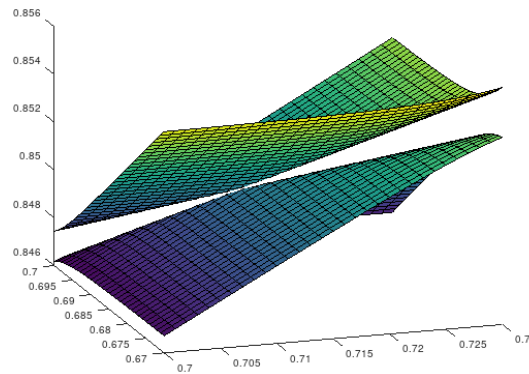
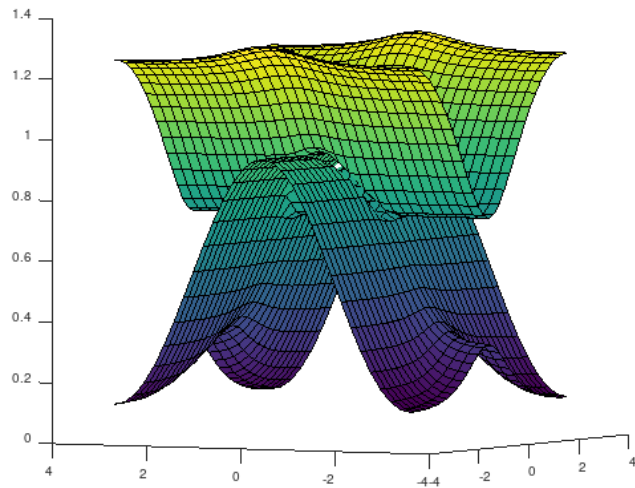
$t=1$ $a=0$ $b=0$



$t=1$ $a=0.5$ $b=0$



Motivation II: Nodal Statistics



Motivation III: Minimal Spectral Partitions
Terracini, Helffer, Hoffmann-Ostenhof, ...

\mathcal{M} - very complicated

Motivation IV: Quantum Chemistry
Potential Energy Surfaces (Born-Oppenheimer)

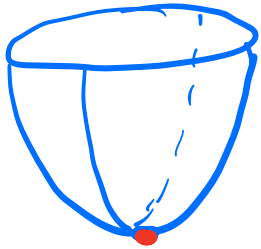
$F(x)$ - electronic Schrödinger

$x \in \mathcal{M}$ - molecular configurations

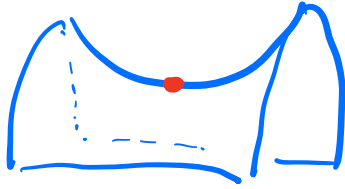


What is Morse theory?

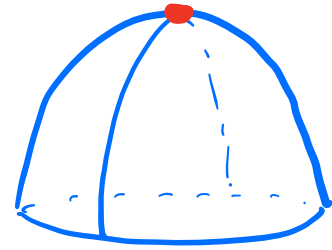
Let $F: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be C^2 (1d \mathcal{M} -surface)



C.P. $\mu=0$



C.P. $\mu=1$



C.P. $\mu=2$

$$CP(F) := \{x \in \mathcal{M} : \nabla F(x) = 0\}$$

$$\text{Morse index } \mu(x) = \#\{\lambda \in \text{spec}(\text{Hess}_x F) : \lambda < 0\}$$

$$C_\mu := \# \text{ C.P. of index } \mu$$

THM (Morse Ineq.): $\beta_\mu := \text{rank } H_\mu(\mathcal{M}, \mathbb{Z})$

$$\exists \Gamma_q \geq 0 \text{ s.t.}$$

$$C_0 = \beta_0 + \Gamma_0$$

$$C_1 = \beta_1 + \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_0$$

$$C_2 = \beta_2 + \Gamma_2 + \Gamma_1$$

$$\dots$$
$$C_d = \beta_d + \Gamma_{d-1}$$

Using generating functions

$$P_F(t) := \sum_{x \in \text{CP}(F)} t^{M(x)}$$

$$P_{\mathcal{U}} := \sum \beta_{\mu} t^{\mu}$$

THM (Morse Ineq.):

$$P_F(t) - P_{\mathcal{U}}(t) = (1+t) R(t)$$

where $R(t) = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 t + \dots + \gamma_{d-1} t^{d-1}$, $\gamma_q \geq 0$

Examples:

$$\mathcal{U} = \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow P_{\mathcal{U}}(t) = (1+t)^2$$

$$\beta_0 = 1 \quad \beta_1 = 2 \quad \beta_2 = 1$$

$$C_0 = \beta_0 = 1$$

$$C_1 = \beta_1 = 2$$

$$C_2 = \beta_2 = 1$$

$$P_F - P_{\mathcal{U}} = 0$$

$$C_0 = \beta_0$$

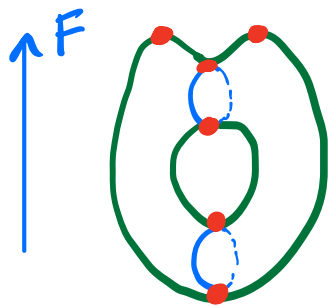
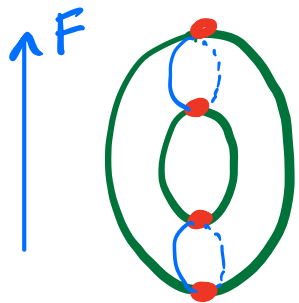
$$C_1 = \beta_1 + 1$$

$$C_2 = \beta_2 + 1$$

$$P_F = 1 + 3t + 2t^2$$

$$P_F - P_{\mathcal{U}} = t + t^2$$

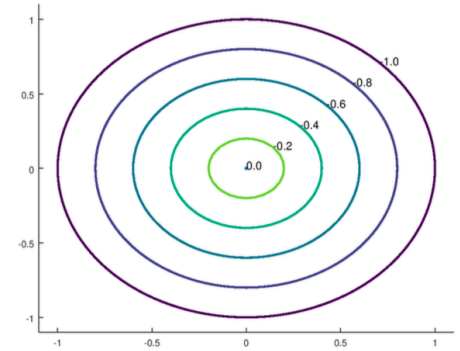
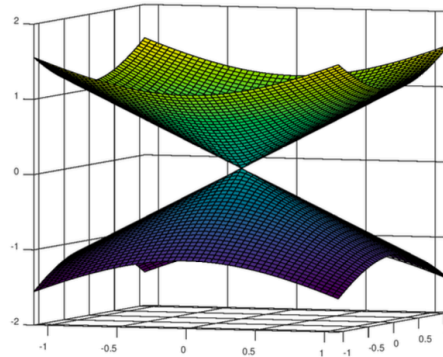
$$= (1+t)t$$



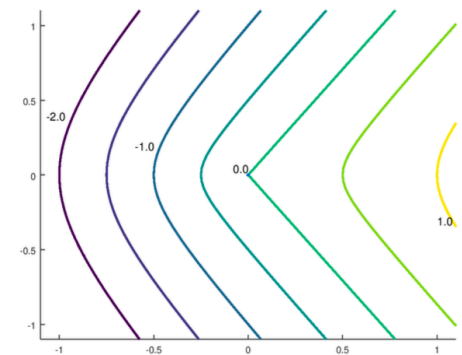
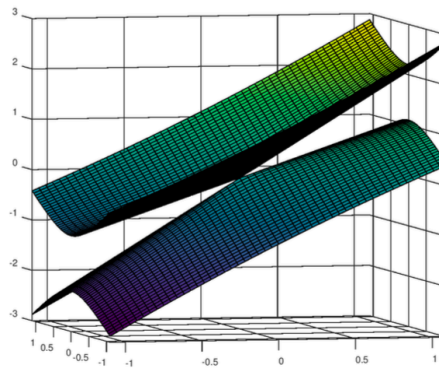
Difficulty: Lack of smoothness of $\lambda_k(\mathcal{F}(x))$
around points of multiplicity

Example:

$$\mathcal{F}_1(\vec{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & -x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\mathcal{F}_2(\vec{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & 2x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



How to distinguish looking at \mathcal{F} ?

Main Results

$\text{Sym}_v^{++} :=$ positive def. matrices in Sym_v

Let $x \in \mathcal{M}$, λ_k of $\tilde{F}(x) \in \text{Sym}_n$ have mult. v

U - $n \times v$ matrix of eigenvectors of λ_k $U: \mathbb{R}^v \rightarrow E_{\lambda_k}$

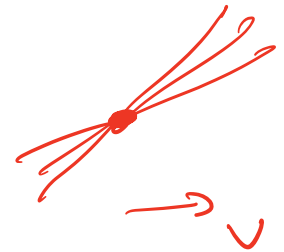
$\mathcal{H}_x: T_x \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Sym}_v$ $\vec{v} \mapsto U^* (D_{\vec{v}} \tilde{F}(x)) U$

$$v=1 \quad \dot{\lambda}_k = (\psi_k, \ddot{F} \psi_k)$$

Thm I (First derivative test):

* If $\exists B \in \text{Sym}_v^{++}$ $B \in \text{Ran } \mathcal{H}_x$

then x is a regular point.



* If $\exists B \in \text{Sym}_v^{++}$

$$(\text{Ran } \mathcal{H}_x)^\perp = \text{span}(B)$$

then x is a critical point.

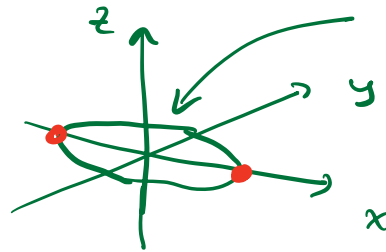
Example:

$$\tilde{F}_c(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} x+z & \frac{1}{c}(x^2+y^2-1) \\ \frac{1}{c}(x^2+y^2-1) & x-z \end{pmatrix}$$

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look for $v=2$ C.P.

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{F}_c = \lambda I \Rightarrow \{x^2+y^2=1, z=0\}$$



multiplicity 2
submanif.

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{2}{c}x \\ \frac{2}{c}x & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{2}{c}y \\ \frac{2}{c}y & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial z} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\dim \text{span} \left\{ \frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial z} \right\} = 3$ unless $y=0$:
possible C.P.

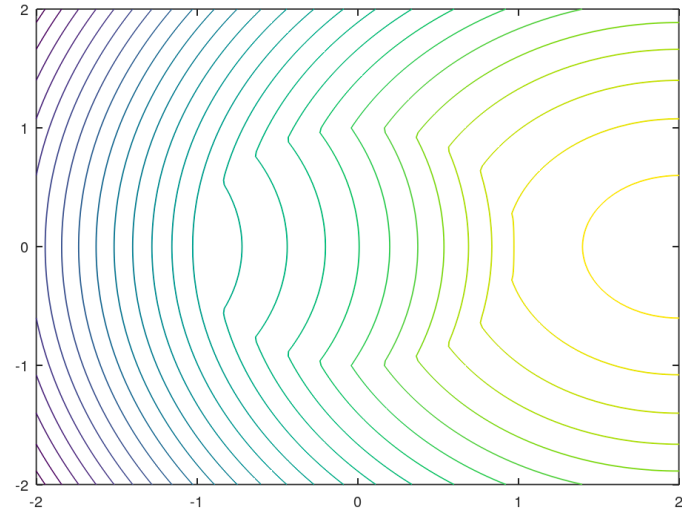
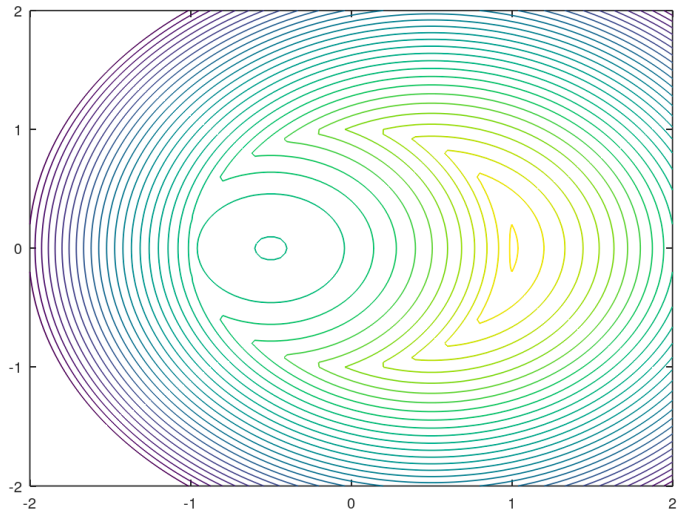
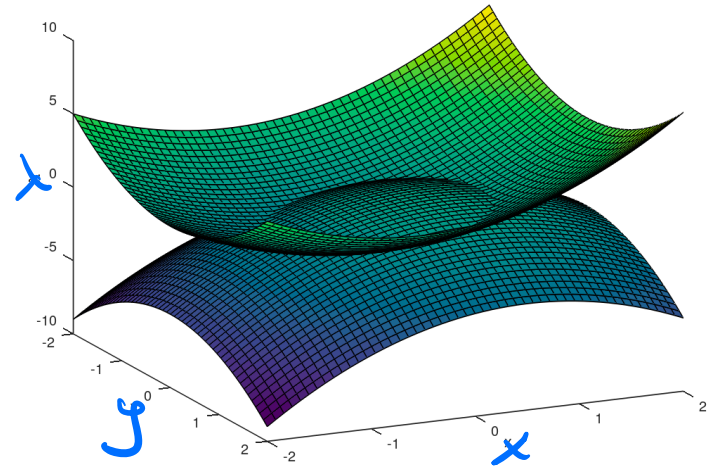
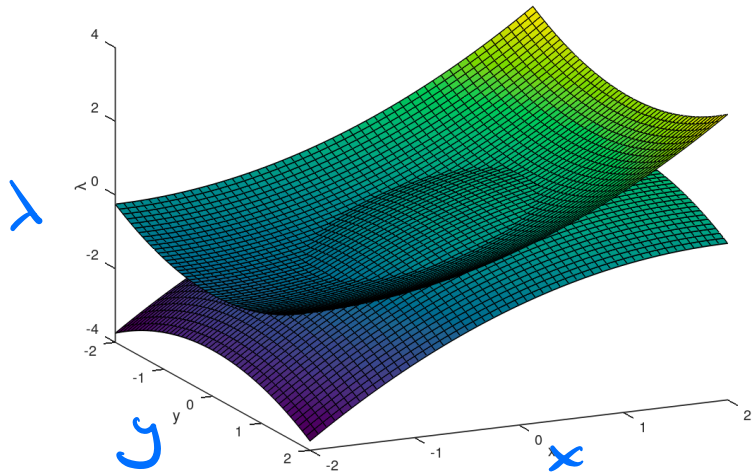
$$\text{If } y=0 \quad (\text{Ran } \mathcal{H})^\perp = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{2}{c}x \\ \frac{2}{c}x & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}^\perp$$

$$x = \pm 1 \quad = \begin{pmatrix} 2x/c & -1 \\ -1 & 2x/c \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Sym}_2^{++} \quad \text{if } c < 2$$

$$c = 1$$

$$z = 0$$

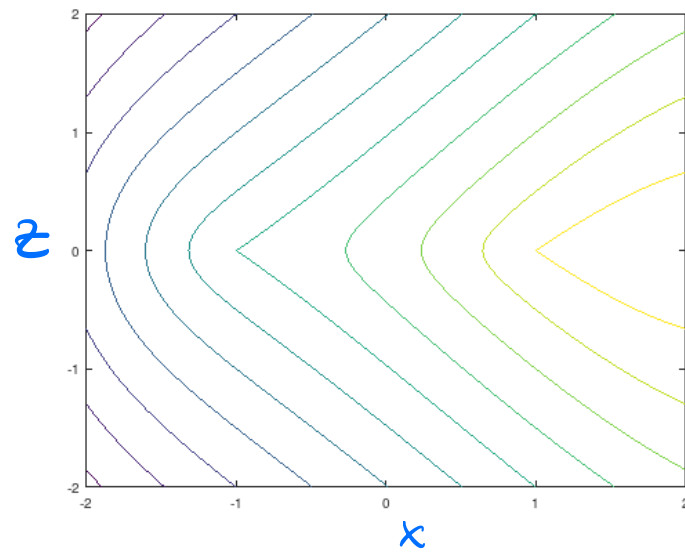
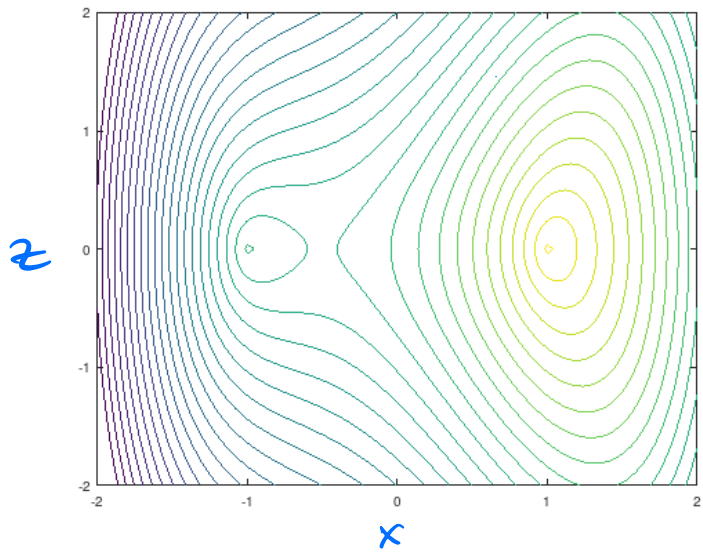
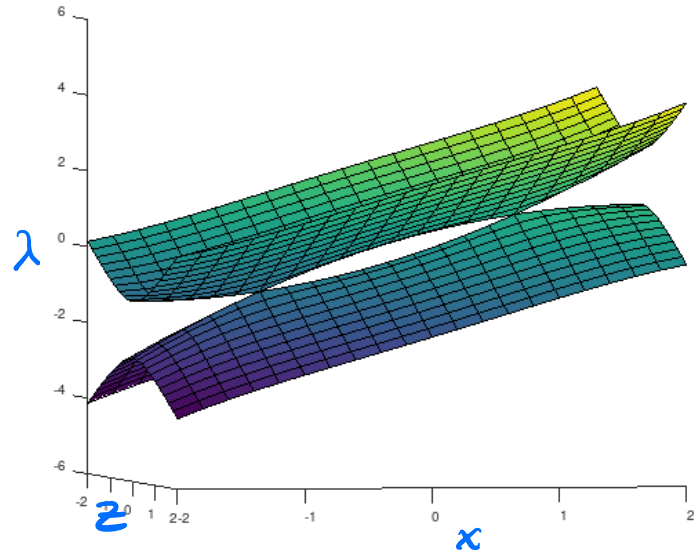
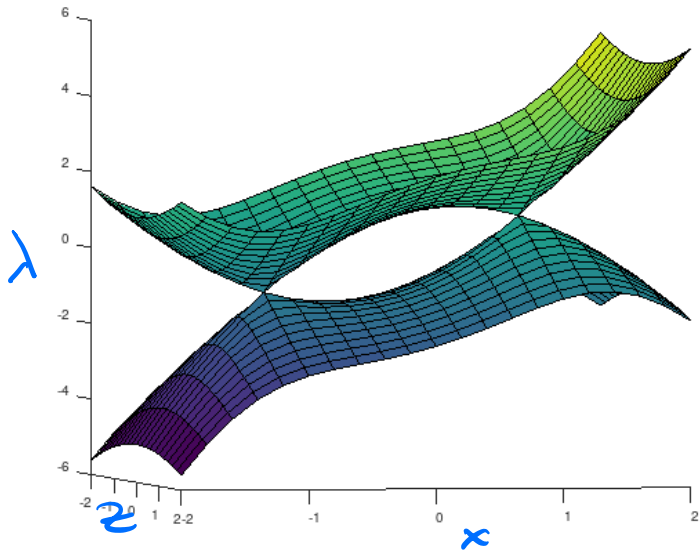
$$c = 4$$



$$c = 1$$

$$y = 0$$

$$c = 4$$

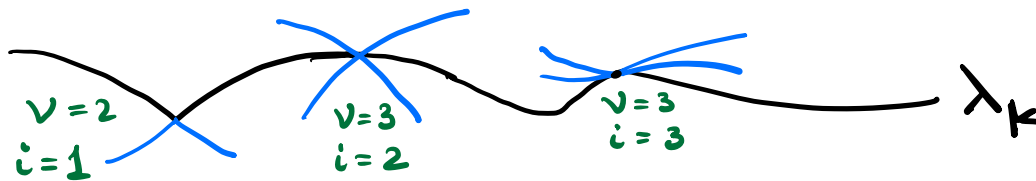


Morse Inequalities

Contribution of a Critical Point of Multiplicity

$v = v(x, k) =$ multiplicity of λ_k at x

$i = i(x, k) =$ relative index of λ_k at x



$$S(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} i(i+1) - 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{R} \\ i^2 - 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$$

"codimension of matrices with an i -deg. eigenvalue"
 $\text{codim}_{\mathcal{M}} S_x = \mathcal{L}(v)$

$$\binom{n}{k}_q := \frac{(1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^n)}{(1-q) \cdots (1-q^k) (1-q) \cdots (1-q^{n-k})}$$

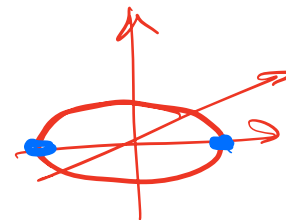
Thm II ("second deriv. test")

Morse inequalities remain valid with

$$P_{\mathcal{F}}(t) = \sum_{x \in \text{C.P.}} P(t; x)$$

with the inequalities remain

$$P(t; x) = t^{n + s(x)} \begin{cases} \binom{\lfloor (v-1)/2 \rfloor}{(i-1)/2} t^4 & \mathbb{R}, i \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \mathbb{R}, i \text{ even } v \text{ odd} \\ t^{v-i} \binom{v/2 - 1}{i/2 - 1} t^4 & \mathbb{R}, i, v \text{ even} \\ \binom{v-1}{i-1} t^2 & \mathbb{A} \end{cases}$$



\mathbb{R}	$v=2$	$v=3$	$v=4$	$v=5$		
$i=1$	1	1	1	1	← min	top eig is at a min
$i=2$	t^2	0	t^4	0		
$i=3$		t^5	t^5	t^5+t^9		
$i=4$			t^9	0		
$i=5$				t^{14}	← max (in dim flow)	bottom eig is at a max

* the above is for "generic" \mathbb{F} only.
 non-generic? generic + symmetry?
 10-fold way?

* "0" are not "completely" 0

$P(t; x)$ is the generating function of the torsion-free part of $H_r(\dots, \dots)$

More complete info is $+T(s; x)$,
generating function of the \mathbb{Z}_2 (torsion) subgroup

\mathbb{R}	$v=2$	$v=3$	$v=4$	$v=5$
$i=1$	1	1	1	1
$i=2$	t^2	$0 + s^2$	$t^4 + s^2$	$0 + s^2 + s^4$
$i=3$		t^5	$t^5 + s^6$	$t^5 + t^9 + s^6 + s^7$
$i=4$			t^9	$0 + s^9 + s^{11}$
$i=5$				t^{14}

Idea: torsion = traces of merged C.P.s

