Background for these notes is: Chris van Tienhoven: Encyclopedia of Quadri-Figures and Poly Geometry <u>http://www.chrisvantienhoven.nl/</u>

Example for a Conic Transformation

A conic transformation Co-Tf is only determined by a conic Co. Here a simple example shall be researched, mapping a point to the pedal point on its polar wrt a reference conic Co.



Definition: Co-Tf is the transformation, which maps a point P to the pedal point of P on its polar wrt the conic Co.

• Points on the conic *Co* are fixed points of *Co-Tf*.

Used points for mapping a line L:

- F_i foci of the reference conic *Co*
- *M* center of *Co*,
- X pole of L wrt Co,
- *S* intersection of *L* and *MX*,
- Y_i intersections of the *Co*-axes and *L*,
- Z_i 4th harmonic points of Y_i ...wrt the intersections of *Co* and its axes.
 - Lines *L* are mapped by *Co-Tf* to strophoids:
 - ... fixed point of the strophoid is *X*,
 - ... line of the strophoid is MX,
 - ... pole of the strophoid is the intersection
 - $\ldots Z_1Z_2 \cap Co-Tf(X).Co-Tf(S).$

- The strophoid *Co-Tf(L)* bears
 - ... beside pole and fixed point
 - ... the foci F_i of Co,
 - ... the points Z_i
 - ... and Co-Tf(S) and Co-Tf(X).
- The strophoid *Co-Tf(L)* degenerates:
 - ... For lines through the center of Co
 - to orthogonal hyperbolas
 - centered in the center of Co,
 - through the foci of Co
 - and the intersections of L and Co.
 - ... For lines parallel to the main axis of Co
 - to circles through the foci and the *Co*-pole of *L*.
 - ... For lines orthogonal to the main axis of Co
 - to circles with diameter XU
 - and U 4th harmonic point of X wrt the foci.
- The strophoid Co-Tf(L) of a tangent at Co in Q = X = S:
 - ... The lines *P.Co-Tf(P)* envelope a parabola *Pb*
 - ... tangent to the axes of *Co*
 - \dots and to the tangent and normal in Q,
 - with directrix *MQ*
 - \dots and focus *F* in the reflection of *Q* in the pole.



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