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In case of the unit sphere S_k in the coordinate (k + 1) - plane $(x^1, \ldots, x^{k+1}, 0, \ldots, 0)$ the function measuring the average distance is

$$A_{k}(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{1}{\text{Vol } S_{k}} \int_{S_{k}} \|\mathbf{x} - \gamma\| \, d\gamma = \frac{1}{\text{Vol } S_{k}} \int_{S_{k-1}} \left(\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{D(\mathbf{x}, \gamma, v)} \cos^{k-1}(v) \, dv \right) d\gamma, \text{ where}$$
$$D(\mathbf{x}, \gamma, v) := \sum_{i=1}^{k} (x^{i} - \gamma^{i} \cos(v))^{2} + (x^{k+1} - \sin(v))^{2} + (x^{k+2})^{2} + \dots + (x^{n})^{2}.$$

The intersections of conics of the form $A_k(\mathbf{x}) = \text{const.}$ with the plane $x^1 = \ldots = x^k = 0$ and $x^{k+3} = \ldots = x^n = 0$ are the levels of the function

$$f_k(y,z) = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{1 + y^2 + z^2 - 2y\sin t} \cos^{k-1} t \, dt$$

with variables $y := x^{k+1}$ and $z := x^{k+2}$, respectively. It can be considered as a correction of the variables in [1], p. 820.

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