

On the Imbedding of a Projectively Connected Space in a Projective Space

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This paper will be concerned with the dimension of a projective space in which a given projectively connected space with torsion can be imbedded in the sense of O. Galvani.¹⁾ We shall adopt the notations of E. Cartan²⁾ and agree that the repeated indices imply summation.

1. Let P_N be a projective space of dimension $N=n+q$. To avoid confusion we agree to use the following ranges of indices throughout the paper :

$$1 \leq i, j, k \leq n, \quad n+1 \leq \alpha, \beta, \gamma \leq N, \\ 1 \leq \lambda, \mu, \nu \leq N.$$

If an n -plane u and a q -plane v have common with a point M only, the triple $S=(M, u, v)$ will be called bi-plane element S and M, u is denoted by $M(S), u(S)$ respectively. We shall say that a frame (A, A_i, A_α) is order 0 with respect to S if A is an analytic point of M and A_i, A_α are on u, v respectively. Denote it $R_0(S)$. Let $\{y\}$ be the parameters on which S depends. An n -dimensional variety V of bi-plane elements is the set of S whose $\{y\}$ are functions of n independent variables $\{u\}=(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$. Such a variety is called analytic if the parameters $\{z\}$ on which $R_0(S), S \in V$, depends are analytic functions of $\{u\}$, when an $R_0(S)$ is suitably attached to each $S \in V$. If the locus U of origin $M(S)$ of $S \in V$ is n dimensional and any line in $v(S)$ does not tangent to U , then V is said to be ordinary. In the following we shall only deal with analytic ordinary varieties.

Define the Pfaffian forms $\{\omega\}$ according to the equations

$$(1.) \quad dA = \omega A + \omega_\lambda A_\lambda, \quad dA_\lambda = \omega_{\lambda 0} A + \omega_{\lambda \mu} A_\mu,$$

then the fact that V is ordinary equivalents to $[\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n] \neq 0$ on V with respect to the family of $R_0(S)$.³⁾ The structure equations of P_N are

$$(1.2) \quad d\omega = [\omega_\lambda \omega_{\lambda 0}], \quad d\omega_\lambda = [\omega \omega_\lambda] + [\omega_\mu \omega_{\mu \lambda}], \\ d\omega_{\lambda 0} = [\omega_{\lambda 0} \omega] + [\omega_{\lambda \mu} \omega_{\mu 0}], \\ d\omega_{\lambda \mu} = [\omega_{\lambda 0} \omega_\mu] + [\omega_{\lambda \nu} \omega_{\nu \mu}].$$

Now let V be analytic ordinary and S, S' be two infinitely nearby

¹⁾ O. Galvani (6).

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elements in V . Consider the $(q-1)$ -plane Σ in $v(S)$ which q points A_α of $R_0(S)$ generate. Let $\rho(P')$ be the point at which $u(S)$ and the q -plane which contains Σ and a point $P' \in u(S')$ intersect. The 1-1 correspondence ρ in a neighborhood of S defines the induced connection, $(A, A_i) \rightarrow (\rho(A'), \rho(A_i'))$, on V . The induced connection are determined by $\omega_i, \omega_{i0}, \omega_{ij} - \delta_{ij}\omega$.

2. Let P_n be a projectively connected space and the defining Pfaffians be $\{\bar{\omega}\}$. Then the equations

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} d\bar{A} &= \bar{\omega}\bar{A} + \bar{\omega}_i\bar{A}_i, & d\bar{A}_i &= \bar{\omega}_{i0}\bar{A} + \bar{\omega}_{ij}\bar{A}_j, \\ d\bar{\omega} &= [\bar{\omega}_i\bar{\omega}_{i0}] + \Omega, \\ d\bar{\omega}_i &= [\bar{\omega}_i\bar{\omega}_i] + [\bar{\omega}_k\bar{\omega}_{ki}] + \Omega_i, \\ d\bar{\omega}_{i0} &= [\bar{\omega}_{i0}\bar{\omega}] + [\bar{\omega}_{ik}\bar{\omega}_{k0}] + \Omega_{i0}, \\ d\bar{\omega}_{ij} &= [\bar{\omega}_{i0}\bar{\omega}_{0j}] + [\bar{\omega}_{ik}\bar{\omega}_{kj}] + \Omega_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

hold, where

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_i &= \frac{1}{2} T_{ihk} [\bar{\omega}_h \bar{\omega}_k], & \Omega_{i0} &= \frac{1}{2} R_{i0hk} [\bar{\omega}_h \bar{\omega}_k], \\ \Omega_{ij} - \delta_{ij}\Omega &= \frac{1}{2} R_{ijhk} [\bar{\omega}_h \bar{\omega}_k] \end{aligned}$$

and $T_{ihk}, R_{i0hk}, R_{ijhk}$ are skew-symmetric with respect to h and k . In the next, for a given P_n , we shall find the dimension N of a projective space P_N in which the P_n can be imbedded as an ordinary variety of bi-plane elements. But our purpose is the possibility of the existence of the such N . Therefore smaller N may be exist. The problem is reduced to the one that whether N exists or not such as the differential system

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega_i &= \bar{\omega}_i, & \omega_{i0} &= \bar{\omega}_{i0}, \\ \omega_{ij} - \delta_{ij}\omega &= \bar{\omega}_{ij} - \delta_{ij}\bar{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

is in involution. We make it closed by adjoining to it the equation obtained by exterior differentiation. Then we have

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} [\omega_\alpha \omega_{\alpha i}] &= \frac{1}{2} T_{ihk} [\bar{\omega}_h \bar{\omega}_k], \\ [\omega_{i\alpha} \omega_{\alpha 0}] &= \frac{1}{2} R_{i0hk} [\bar{\omega}_h \bar{\omega}_k], \\ [\omega_{i\alpha} \omega_{\alpha j}] - \delta_{ij} [\omega_\alpha \omega_{\alpha 0}] &= \frac{1}{2} R_{ijhk} [\bar{\omega}_h \bar{\omega}_k]. \end{aligned}$$

Let I_n be an irreducible n -integral element of our system,⁴⁾ defined by the following equations:

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega_\alpha &= \pi_{\alpha i} \bar{\omega}_i, & \omega_{\alpha 0} &= \theta_{\alpha i} \bar{\omega}_i, \\ \omega_{i\alpha} &= \pi_{i\alpha j} \bar{\omega}_j, & \omega_{\alpha j} &= \theta_{\alpha j i} \bar{\omega}_i, \end{aligned}$$

⁴⁾ E. Cartan (3).

then the parameters $\{\pi, \theta\}$ on which I_n depends must satisfy the following equations, obtained from (2.3) and (2.4),

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \pi_{\alpha h} \theta_{\alpha i k} - \pi_{\alpha k} \theta_{\alpha i h} &= T_{ihk}, \\ \pi_{i\alpha h} \theta_{\alpha k} - \pi_{i\alpha k} \theta_{\alpha h} &= R_{i\alpha h k}, \\ \pi_{i\alpha h} \theta_{\alpha j k} - \pi_{i\alpha k} \theta_{\alpha j h} - \delta_{ij} (\pi_{\alpha h} \theta_{\alpha k} - \pi_{\alpha k} \theta_{\alpha h}) &= R_{ijhk}. \end{aligned} \quad (h > k),$$

We suppose $\{\pi, \theta\}$ as vectors in an auxiliary $(N-n)$ dimensional Euclid space E and put

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\pi}_h &= \{\pi_{\alpha h}\}, & \vec{\theta}_h &= \{\theta_{\alpha h}\}, \\ \vec{\pi}_{ih} &= \{\pi_{i\alpha h}\}, & \vec{\theta}_{ih} &= \{\theta_{\alpha ih}\}, \end{aligned}$$

then (2.5) can be written in the form of inner product as the following:

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \vec{\pi}_h \cdot \vec{\theta}_{ik} - \vec{\pi}_k \cdot \vec{\theta}_{ih} &= T_{ihk}, \\ \vec{\pi}_{ih} \cdot \vec{\theta}_k - \vec{\pi}_{ik} \cdot \vec{\theta}_h &= R_{i\alpha h k}, \\ \vec{\pi}_{ih} \cdot \vec{\theta}_{jk} - \vec{\pi}_{ik} \cdot \vec{\theta}_{jh} - \delta_{ij} (\vec{\pi}_h \cdot \vec{\theta}_k - \vec{\pi}_k \cdot \vec{\theta}_h) &= R_{ijhk}. \end{aligned} \quad (h > k),$$

Now we assume that $N-n \geq n^2-1$, then in E , it can be chosen such that the vectors $\vec{\pi}_1, \dots, \vec{\pi}_{n-1}, \vec{\pi}_{ih}, i=1, \dots, n; h=1, \dots, n-1$, are linealy independent. For a given $p \leq n-1$, the first member of (2.5) with $h \leq p$ are independent, and we can give $\vec{\pi}_n, \vec{\pi}_{in}$ such as they satisfy (2.5) with $h=n$. Hence the first member of (2.5) are independent, so (2.5) are compatible. Therefore if $N=n^2+n-1$, irreducible n -integral elements I_n exist. Define $I_p \subset I_n, 1 \leq p < n$, by (2.3) and $\bar{\omega}_n=0, h > p$, then the reduced polar system of I_p is given by the equations,

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{\alpha i} \pi_{\alpha h} - \omega_{\alpha} \theta_{\alpha i h} &= 0, \\ \omega_{\alpha 0} \pi_{i\alpha h} - \omega_{i\alpha} \theta_{\alpha h} &= 0, \\ \omega_{\alpha j} \pi_{i\alpha h} - \omega_{i\alpha} \theta_{\alpha j h} - \delta_{ij} (\omega_{\alpha 0} \pi_{\alpha h} - \omega_{\alpha} \theta_{\alpha h}) &= 0, \\ (h=1, \dots, p; i, j=1, \dots, n). \end{aligned}$$

These equations are independent in general, so⁵⁾

$$\sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_p = np(n+2),$$

hence $\sigma_p = n(n+2), 1 \leq p \leq n-1$. On the other hand we have from (2.2), $\sigma_0 = n(n+2)$. As the number of unknown functions is $2N(n+1) - n^2$, we get $\sigma_n = n^3 + n^2 - 2$. The number of independent parameters $\{\pi, \theta\}$ on which I_n depend is $n(n-1)(3n^2+6n+4)/2$, which equals to $\sigma_1 + 2\sigma_2 + \dots + n\sigma_n$. Hence our system is in involution.⁵⁾ Thus we get the following

Theorem. An n -dimensional projectively connected space P_n can be imbedded locally in an (n^2-n+1) -dimensional projective space as an ordinary variety of bi-plane elements.

4. In this section we shall deal with the curvatureless spaces, i.e. spaces in which equations $\Omega_{i0}=0, \Omega_{ij} - \delta_{ij}\Omega=0$ hold.

From the structure equations, we can see that the differential system

⁵⁾ E. Cartan (3).

$$(4.1) \quad \bar{\omega}_{i0}=0, \quad \bar{\omega}_{ij}-\delta_{ij}\bar{\omega}=0$$

is completely integrable. Hence, in the P_n , we can adopt the frame satisfying (4.1). In this case, our object is to demonstrate the existence of N such as the differential system

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega_i &= \bar{\omega}_i, & \omega_{i0} &= 0, \\ \omega_{ij} - \delta_{ij}\omega &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

is in involution. Now we append to (4.2) the additional equations,

$$(4.3) \quad \omega_{i\alpha}=0, \quad \omega_{\alpha 0}=0,$$

and shall deal with the system (4.2) and (4.3). To make it closed, we adjoin the equations

$$(4.4) \quad [\omega_\alpha \omega_{\alpha i}] = \frac{1}{2} T_{ihk} [\bar{\omega}_h \bar{\omega}_k],$$

which are obtained by exterior differentiation of (4.2) and (4.3).

Define irreducible elements I_n by

$$(4.5) \quad \omega_\alpha = \pi_{\alpha h} \bar{\omega}_h, \quad \omega_{\alpha i} = \pi_{\alpha ih} \bar{\omega}_h,$$

so $\{\pi\}$ must satisfy

$$(4.6) \quad \pi_{\alpha k} \pi_{\alpha ih} - \pi_{\alpha h} \pi_{\alpha ik} = T_{ihk}, \quad (h > k),$$

which can be represented in vector form by

$$(4.7) \quad \vec{\pi}_k \cdot \vec{\pi}_{ih} - \vec{\pi}_h \cdot \vec{\pi}_{ik} = T_{ihk}, \quad (h > k),$$

in the auxiliary $N-n$ dimensional Euclid space.

Now we put $N=2n-1$, so it can be chosen such that $\vec{\pi}_1, \dots, \vec{\pi}_{n-1}$ are linearly independent. Then the first member of (4.7) with $p \geq h > k$ for a fixed p , $p < n$, are independent and (4.7) with $h=n$ become the equations giving the projections of $\vec{\pi}_{in}$ on $\vec{\pi}_k$. Hence (4.6) are compatible, so irreducible n -integral elements I_n exist.

Let $I_p \subset I_n$, $1 \leq p < n$, be the elements defined by (4.5) and $\bar{\omega}_h=0$, $h > p$. As the reduced polar system is

$$\omega_\alpha \pi_{\alpha ih} - \omega_{\alpha i} \pi_{\alpha h} = 0, \quad (h=1, \dots, p),$$

we get $\sigma_p = n$, $1 \leq p < n$. On the other hand $\sigma_0 = 2n^2 + 2n - 1$, so $\sigma_n = (\text{number of unknown functions}) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sigma_i = n - 1$. Hence we have $\sigma_1 + 2\sigma_2 + \dots + n\sigma_n = n(n-1)(n-2)/2$, which equals to the number of independent parameters $\{\pi\}$. Thus the system in consideration is in involution.

Theorem. An n -dimensional curvatureless projectively connected space P_n can be imbedded in an $2n-1$ dimensional projective space as an ordinary variety of bi-plane elements.

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