

Algebraic and geometric properties of minimal tensor rank decompositions

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Ranks and zero-dimensional schemes

$X \subset \mathbb{P}^N$: projective irreducible variety

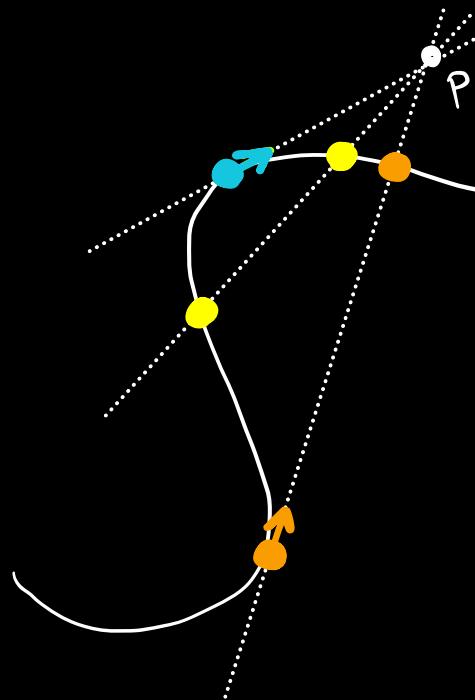
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X-Rank

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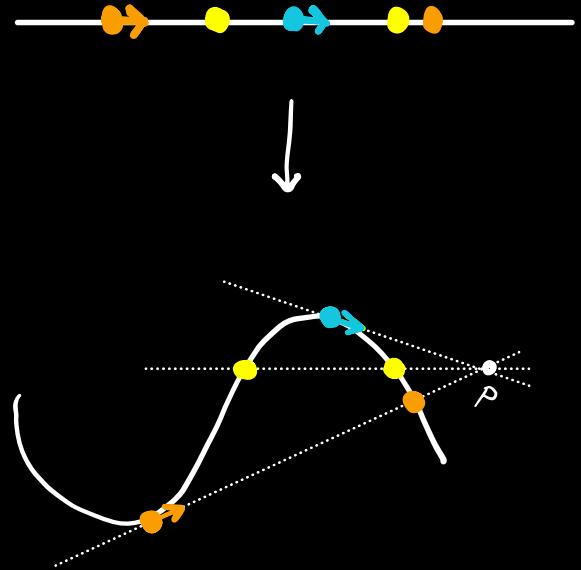
$Y \subset \mathbb{P}^n$: projective irreducible variety \mathcal{L} : line bundle
 $\phi_{\mathcal{L}} : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(H^0(Y, \mathcal{L})^{\vee}) = \mathbb{P}^N$ $X = \phi_{\mathcal{L}}(Y) \subset \mathbb{P}^N$

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Ranks and zero-dimensional schemes

$\nu_d(\mathbb{P}^n)$: degree- d Veronese variety

$$\nu_d : \mathbb{P}(\text{Sym}^1 \mathbb{C}^{n+1}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\text{Sym}^d \mathbb{C}^{n+1}), \quad [L] \mapsto [L^d]$$

Rank

$$\text{rk}(F) = \min_r \{F \in \langle L_1^d, \dots, L_r^d \rangle \ : \ L_i \in \text{Sym}^1 \mathbb{C}^{n+1}\}$$

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Ranks and zero-dimensional schemes

$\underline{\nu}_1(\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^{\underline{n}}))$: Segre variety $\underline{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_d)$

$\underline{\nu}_1 : \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^{\underline{n}}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^{\otimes \underline{n}}), \quad ([v_1], \dots, [v_d]) \mapsto [v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_d]$

Rank

$\text{rk}(T) = \min_r \{F \in \langle \underline{\nu}_1(A_1), \dots, \underline{\nu}_1(A_r) \rangle \ : \ A_i = (v_{i,1}, \dots, v_{i,d}) \in \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^{\underline{n}})\}$

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Ranks and zero-dimensional schemes

$$F \in \text{Sym}^d \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$$

◦ = action by derivation

$$\text{Ann}(F) = \{G : G \circ F = 0\}$$

A polarity Lemma

[Iarrobino-Kanev, Gallet-Ranestad-Villamizar, Gałazka]

The following are equivalent:

- i. $F \in \langle \nu_d(Z) \rangle$
- ii. $I(Z) \subset \text{Ann}(F)$

If so, we say that Z is **apolar** to F

**We study rank / cactus rank / additive decompositions of F
by looking at 0-dimensional schemes apolar to F**



Ranks and zero-dimensional schemes

$$F \in \text{Sym}^d \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$$

Questions

- What is the rank / cactus rank of F ?
- Can we exhibit a minimal decomposition of F ?
- **How do minimal decompositions looks like?
I.e., how do minimal apolar schemes look like?**



Global properties: Varieties of Sums of Powers

$$F \in \text{Sym}^d \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \quad r \in \mathbb{N}$$

[Ranestad-Schreyer]

$$\text{VSP}_r(F) = \overline{\{ \{[L_1], \dots, [L_r]\} : F \in \langle L_1^d, \dots, L_r^d \rangle \}} \subset \text{Hilb}_r(\mathbb{P}^n)$$

Examples

Considering generic forms:

- For $n = 2$, $\text{VSP}_6(F)$ is a smooth Fano 3-fold of degree 22 [Mukai]
- For $n = 4$, $\text{VSP}_8(F)$ is a smooth Fano 5-fold of degree 660 [Ranestad-Schreyer]

Note: cases corresponding to defective Veronese varieties



Global properties: Regularity and Hilbert Function

$F \in \text{Sym}^d \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$

Question

How do **Hilbert functions** of apolar sets of points of minimal cardinality look like?

Which **regularities** can be attained?

Bernard ones asked

Can you provide an explicit example of F with apolar sets of points of minimal cardinality with different Hilbert functions and different regularities?



Global properties: Regularity and Hilbert Function

Binary Forms

[Sylvester]

$F \in \text{Sym}^d \mathbb{C}^2$. Then, $\text{Ann}(F) = (G_1, G_2)$

with $\deg(G_1) \leq \deg(G_2)$ and $\deg(G_1) + \deg(G_2) = \deg(F) + 2$

- If G_1 is square-free: $\text{rk}(F) = \deg(G_1)$ and minimal decompositions are given by roots of G_1
- Otherwise, $\text{rk}(F) = \deg(G_2)$ and minimal decompositions are given by roots of square-free forms $HG_1 + \lambda G_2$

$$\deg(H) = \deg(G_2) - \deg(G_1), \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$



Global properties: Regularity and Hilbert Function

Monomials

[Carlini-Catalisano-Geramita, Buczynska-Buczynski-Teitler]

$M = x_0^{a_0} \cdots x_n^{a_n}$, $a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \cdots \leq a_n$. Then, $\text{Ann}(M) = (x_0^{a_0+1}, \dots, x_n^{a_n+1})$.

$$\text{rk}(M) = \frac{1}{a_0 + 1} \prod_{i=1}^n (a_i + 1)$$

and

all minimal decompositions are complete intersections of degrees $(a_1 + 1, \dots, a_n + 1)$

Abuse of notation: $\text{Ann}(M)$ and M lives in different polynomial rings which are “dual” with respect to the apolar action



Global properties: Regularity and Hilbert Function

Examples

[Angelini-Chiantini-Oneto]

We construct

- Ternary form of degree 10 and rank 22 which admits different decompositions with different Hilbert function
Note: 22 is the generic rank
- Ternary form of degree 13 and rank 30 which admits different decompositions with different regularity
Note: 30 is subgeneric rank

Tools

[Angelini-Chiantini, Angelini-Chiantini-Vannieuwenhoven]

Liaison Theory and Cayley-Bacharach properties

They provide identifiability criteria for specific tensors

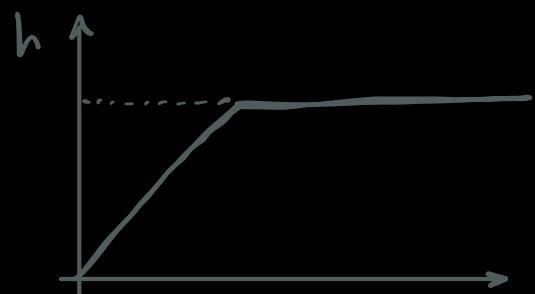


Global properties: Regularity and Hilbert Function

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[Angelini-Chiantini-Oneto]

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0 1 2 3 4 5

$$h_A : \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 6 \quad 9 \quad 12 \quad 12 \quad \dots$$

$$\Delta h_A : \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad -$$



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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Δh_X :	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	5	4	3	2	1
Δh_A :								3	3	3	2	1
Δh_{Z_1} :	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	2	1			



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$\Delta h_{Z_1} :$							1	2	6	6	5	4	3	2	1
$\Delta h_{Z_2} :$	1	2	3	4	5	6	5	4							

Global properties: Regularity and Hilbert Function

[Angelini-Chiantini]

Example 1

$$\dim \langle \nu_d(Z_1) \rangle \cap \langle \nu_d(Z_2) \rangle = \text{len}(Z_1 \cap Z_2) - 1 + h_{Z_1 \cup Z_2}^1(d)$$

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$$h_Z^1(d) = \text{len}(Z) - h_Z(d) = \sum_{j=d+1}^{\infty} \Delta h_Z(i)$$

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4. There exists a degree-13 polynomial $[F] \in \langle \nu_{13}(Z_1) \rangle \cap \langle \nu_{13}(Z_2) \rangle$

We need to show that it has indeed rank equal to 30

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Up to degree 5, we have maximal growth; i.e., $\sum_{i=0}^5 \Delta h_{Z \cup Z_1}(i) \geq \sum_{i=0}^5 \Delta h_{Z_1}(i) = 21$

$$\Delta h_{Z \cup Z_1} : \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6$$

$$\Delta h_{Z_1} : \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 6 \quad 2 \quad 1$$

$$\Delta h_Z :$$

Cayley-Bacharach property $CB(d) : \forall p \in Z \forall F \in I(Z \setminus p)_d \Rightarrow F \in I(Z)_d$

Global properties: Regularity and Hilbert Function

Proposition

[Angelini-Chiantini]

If A non-redundant and apolar to $F \in \text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$

and B apolar to F such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then $Z = A \cup B$ satisfies $CB(d)$. [Angelini-Chiantini-Oneto]

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$$CB(d) \Rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^i \Delta h_{Z'}(j) \geq \sum_{j=0}^i \Delta h_Z(d+1-j)$$



Z' satisfies Cayley-Bacharach property $CB(13)$

[Angelini-Chiantini]

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
$\Delta h_{Z \cup Z_1}$:	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	2	1					≥ 1

Δh_{Z_1} :	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	2	1
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Δh_Z :



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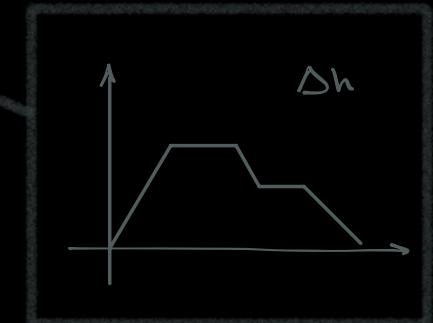
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We cannot have plateau below 6

[Davis]



$$\Delta h_{Z \cup Z_1} : \begin{array}{ccccccccccccccccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & \geq 5 & \geq 4 & \geq 3 & \geq 2 & \geq 1 \end{array}$$

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Contradiction: $\text{len}(Z') \geq 30$

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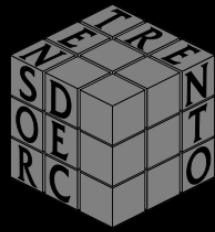
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If $Z' \cap Z_1 \neq \emptyset$, then we can reduce to the previous case:

$$Z_1 = \{L_1, \dots, L_{30}\} \quad Z' = \{L_1, \dots, L_k, M_{k+1}, \dots, M_{30}\}$$

$$F = \sum_{i=1}^{30} a_i L_i^{13} = \sum_{i=1}^k b_i L_i^{13} + \sum_{i=k+1}^{30} c_i M_i^{13}$$

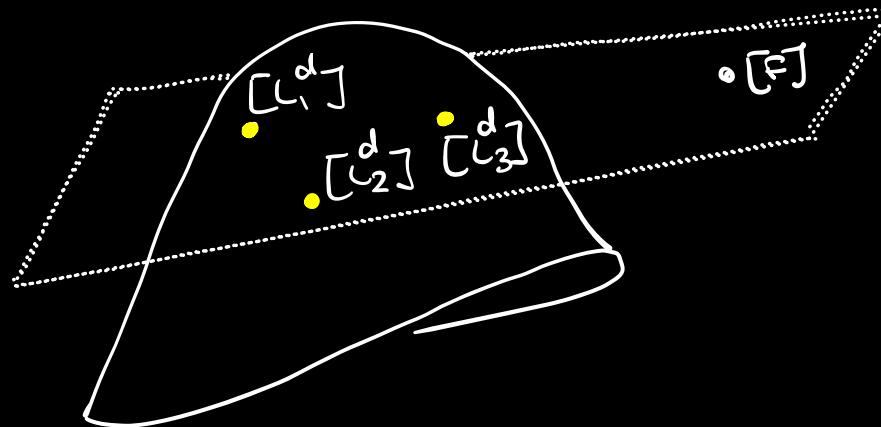
Then, we can replace Z' with $Z' \setminus (Z_1 \cap Z')$



Global properties: Regularity and Hilbert Function

Trivial Remark

If Z is a *minimal* set of reduced points spanning $F \in \text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$,
then it is regular in degree d



(affine dimension)

$$\dim \langle \nu_d(Z) \rangle = h_Z(d)$$

If Z is not d -regular, then $\{[L_1^d], \dots, [L_r^d]\}$ are linearly independent



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Question

[Bernardi-Taufer, Bernardi-Oneto-Taufer]

Given $F \in \text{Sym}^d \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$, can we bound the regularity of any *minimal* apolar schemes?

In particular, **can we prove that it is smaller than the degree d of the polynomial?**

note: this question is relevant to understand the complexity of decomposition algorithms

Remark

Irredundant (i.e., minimal by inclusion) instead of *minimal length* is not enough!



Global properties: Regularity and Hilbert Function

Example

[Bernardi-Oneto-Taufer]

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Given $F = L^{d-k}G$ we consider the scheme defined by $\text{Ann}(g)$ where $g = G|_{L=1}$

regarded as a projective 0-dimensional scheme supported at $[L]$. **This scheme is apolar to F**

Given $F = \sum_{i=1}^r L_i^{d-k_i}G_i$ we construct an **apolar scheme** summand by summand



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$$\text{but then, } X_0(G_1 - Q_1) = X_1(G_2 - Q_2)$$



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- All such decompositions are evinced by the same 0-dimensional scheme



Local properties: Decomposition Loci

Question

Given $F \in \text{Sym}^d \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$, **which linear forms may appear in a minimal decomposition?**

Given $T \in \mathbb{C}^n$, **which rank-one tensors may appear in a minimal decomposition?**

TensorGame - a reinforcement learning approach

[Fawzi et al.]

- Start with $T_0 := T$
- At each step t , the player takes a rank-one tensor $v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_d$ and substitutes
$$T_t := T_{t-1} - v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_d$$
- The game ends when $T_t = 0$.

Challenge. Find the optimal way, i.e., conclude in a number of steps equal to $\text{rk}(T)$



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[Carlini-Catalisano-Oneto]

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The **forbidden locus** of F is the complement of the decomposition locus

$$\mathcal{F}(F) = \mathbb{P}(\text{Sym}^1(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})) \setminus \mathcal{D}(F)$$

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[Mourrain-Oneto]

We perform the TensorGame for homogeneous polynomials of rank at most 5
In particular, we get a classification of homogeneous polynomials of rank at most 5
in terms of algebraic properties of apolar ideals
and we describe how to construct a minimal decomposition



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- $\text{rk}(F) > \lceil (d+1)/2 \rceil$ then $\mathcal{F}(F) =$ set of roots of G_1
- $\text{rk}(F) = \lceil (d+1)/2 \rceil$ and d is odd: then $\mathcal{D}(F) =$ set of roots of G_1
- $\text{rk}(F) = \lceil (d+1)/2 \rceil$ and d is even: then $\mathcal{F}(F) =$ non-empty finite set of points



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This is the case G_1 is square-free and it is the only generator of its degree



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In this case, G_1 is not square-free. Let L be any factor of G_1 .

G_1, G_2 have no common factors because $\text{Ann}(F)$ is Gorenstein in codimension 2

hence, all polynomials of $\text{Ann}(F)$ divisible by L are multiples of G_1 and then not square-free



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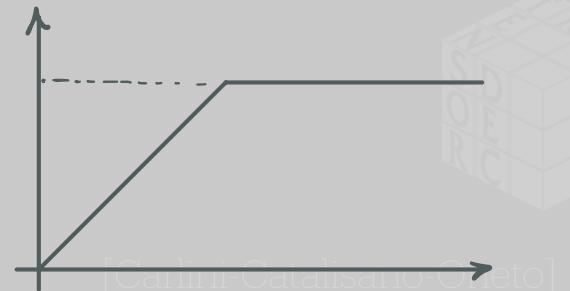
$$\text{rk}(M) = \frac{1}{a_0 + 1} \prod_{i=1}^n (a_i + 1)$$

Idea of proof. Assume Z apolar and minimal (i.e., computes the rank) for M .

Consider $Z' := Z \setminus (Z \cap \{x_0 = 0\})$. Then, x_0 is a non-zero divisor for $I(Z)$.

$$I(Z') + (x_0) = I(Z) : (x_0) + (x_0) \subset \text{Ann}(M) : (x_0) + (x_0) = (x_0, x_1^{a_1+1}, \dots, x_n^{a_n+1})$$

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the Hilbert function is strictly increasing until it reaches $\text{len}(Z)$



Monomials

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the first difference of the Hilbert function of Z is equal to the Hilbert function of the quotient of $I(Z) + (L)$

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Local properties: Decomposition Loci

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[Carlini-Catalisano-Geramita]

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[Bernardi-Oneto-Santarsiero]

We compute the decomposition / forbidden loci of:

- matrices
- tangential tensors
- tensors which are in $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$ by explicit computations from the 26 normal forms
(finite number of orbits wrt $\mathbf{GL} \times \mathbf{GL} \times \mathbf{GL}$)



Local properties: Decomposition Loci

Tangential Tensors

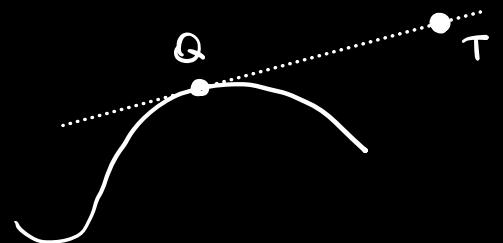
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$$T = v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_d + \dots + v_1 \otimes w_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_d + w_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_d$$

is a tensor lying on the tangent space to the Segre variety at $Q = [v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_d]$.

Then,

$$\mathcal{F}(T) = \{[Q]\}$$



Note: for the symmetric case, this follows from the previous examples since

$T = xy^{d-1}$ belongs to the tangent to the Veronese variety at $Q = [y^d]$

and indeed the forbidden locus is given by $\{x = 0\}$



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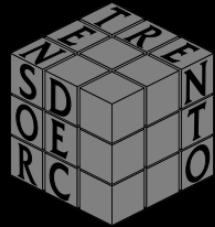
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Step 1. $[Q] \in \mathcal{F}(T)$.

$T - \lambda Q$ is still tangential and concise for all $\lambda \neq 0$, hence it has the same rank.



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Step 2. The result holds for $d = 3$.

T has rank equal to 4.

The variety of rank-3 tensors in $(\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes 3}$ is defined by the Cayley hyperdeterminant.



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Without loss of generalities: $v_i = (1 : 0)$ and $p_i = (p_i : 1)$

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It is a degree- d Rational Normal Curve passing through Q whose tangent line at Q contains T and passing through P . We conclude by the previous results on binary forms or monomials.



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If $d - m \geq 3$:

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If $d - m < 3$:

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An aerial photograph of the city of Nice, France, during the day. The image captures the long, sandy beach of the Promenade des Anglais running parallel to the bright blue Mediterranean Sea. The city's dense urban sprawl is visible behind the beach, featuring numerous buildings with red-tiled roofs. In the distance, the silhouette of the Alpes-Maritimes mountains is visible under a clear sky.

Thank you for the attention

**Merci Bernard
et bon anniversaire!**