

# Connectedness of Fano schemes of matrices of bounded rank

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## Example (symmetric/alternating case)

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## Example of a non-compression space

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -a & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -b & -c & 0 \\ 0 & -a & -b & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & -c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b & c & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{6 \times 6}$$

$a, b, c$  range over  $\mathbb{K}$

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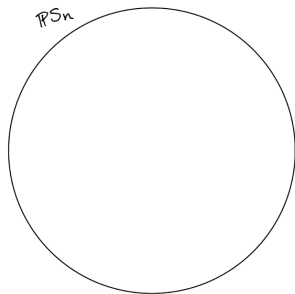
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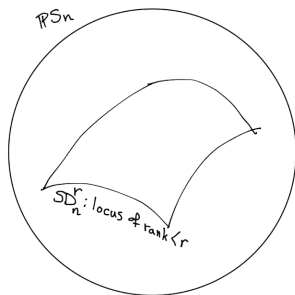


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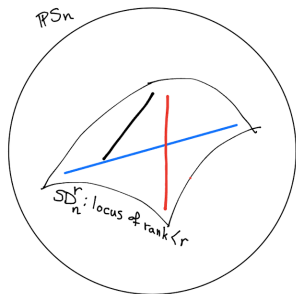


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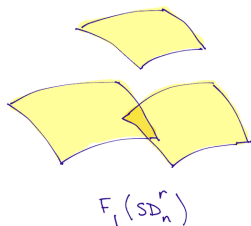
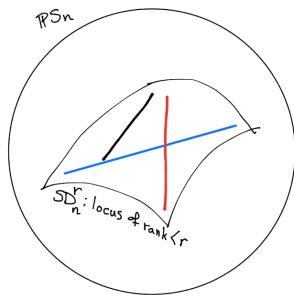


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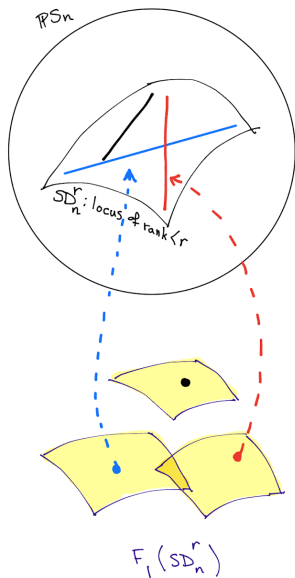


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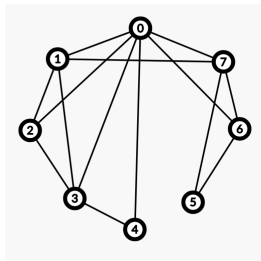
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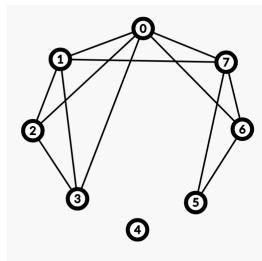
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