

$Q := \nabla(F) \Leftrightarrow F(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \underline{a}$ is an isotropic vector for Γ

$\underline{a} \in \text{Sing}(Q) \Leftrightarrow \underline{a} \in \ker \Gamma$

Gramm-Schmidt $\Rightarrow \exists$ basis for \mathbb{K}^{n+1} s.t.

$$\Gamma \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots & 0 \\ & & & & \ddots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad F \sim x_0^2 + \dots + x_m^2.$$

so $\ker \Gamma = \langle v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n \rangle$. Hence all non-singular quadrics are equivalent under change of basis.

Consider the space of all quadrics $\mathbb{P}_k^{\binom{n+1}{2}-1}$.

Basis is the symmetric tensors: $e_0^{\otimes 2}, \dots, e_n^{\otimes 2}$,
 $e_i \otimes e_j + e_j \otimes e_i$

Rmk. The veronese map $v_{n,2}: \mathbb{P}_k^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^{\binom{n+1}{2}-1}$

$$\sum a_i e_i \mapsto (\sum a_i e_i) \otimes (\sum a_i e_i)$$

In coordinates,

$$(a_0 : \dots : a_n) \mapsto (a_0^2 : \dots : a_i a_j : \dots : a_n^2)$$

$$i < j$$

Observation: The image of $v_{n,2}$ is an intersection of quadrics in $\mathbb{P}_k^{\binom{n+1}{2}-1}$

$$\text{Ex } (n=1): \quad v_{1,2}: \mathbb{P}_k^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^2$$

$$(a_0 : a_1) \rightarrow (a_0^2 : a_0 a_1 : a_1^2)$$

$y_0 \quad y_1 \quad y_2$
 $\underbrace{\quad \quad \quad}_{\text{the non-singular conic in } \mathbb{P}_k^2}.$

Image is $V(y_1^2 - y_0 y_2)$.

Conversely, if $b_1^2 - b_0 b_2 = 0$, $\frac{b_1}{b_0} = \frac{b_2}{b_0}$.

wLOG, let $b_0 = 1$, $b_1^2 = b_2$. Then let $a_0 = b_0$,
 $a_1 = b_1$.

$$(n=2) \quad v_{2,2}: \mathbb{P}_k^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^5$$

$$(a_0 : a_1 : a_2) \rightarrow (a_0^2 : a_0 a_1 : a_0 a_2 : a_1^2 : a_1 a_2 : a_2^2)$$

$v_{2,2}(\mathbb{P}_k^2)$ = rank one locus of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x_{00} & x_{01} & x_{02} \\ x_{01} & x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{02} & x_{12} & x_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ i.e.}$$

the intersection of all
quadratics given by 2×2
minors.

This is also the locus of "quadratics" in \mathbb{P}_k^2
that are singular along a line

Observation. There are only 5 linearly indep.
 2×2 matrices.

$$\mathbb{P}_k^2 \subset \mathbb{P}_k^5$$

dim=2 dim=5

$X \subset \mathbb{P}_k^n$ has codim m
 and $I(X)$ gen. by m poly's, then
 X is a complete intersection

(\Leftarrow) $V(\det(A))$ is a cubic hypersurface

in \mathbb{P}_k^5 , which parameterizes lines.

And. $\text{Sing}(V(\det A)) = V_{\mathbb{P}^2}(\mathbb{P}_k^2).$

Generalize (λ -uple embeddings)

Fix V a vector space of dim $n+1$.

$$v_{n,d}: \mathbb{P}(V) \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}(\text{Sym}^d V)$$

$$[v] \longrightarrow (\lambda v)^{\otimes d} = \lambda^d (v^{\otimes d})$$

$$(a_0 : \dots : a_n) \longrightarrow (a_0^d : a_0^{d-1} a_1 : \dots)$$

$$\prod a_i^{d_i} \text{ s.t. } \sum d_i = d.$$

Segre embedding V, W vector spaces

$$S(V, W) = \mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(W) \longrightarrow$$

$$(\lambda v, \mu w) \longrightarrow \lambda \mu v \otimes w.$$

For instance

$$s_{1,1} : \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$$

$$(a_0:a_1), (b_0:b_1) \mapsto (x:y:z:w)$$

$$\text{Image} = (xw - yz)$$

Grassmannian.

$$\mathcal{G}(m, V) \subset \mathbb{P}(\Lambda^m V)$$

($\dim V = n > m$)

" $\{\text{decomposable tensors}\}$,

i.e. elements are $\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (-1)^{\sigma(n)} v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ (lin. indep.)

$v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{\sigma(m)}$.

There is a natural bijection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{m-dimensional} \\ \text{subspaces } U \subset V \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{points of} \\ \mathcal{G}(m, V) \end{array} \right\}$$

and $\mathcal{G}(1, V) = \mathbb{P}(V)$

and $\mathcal{G}(n-1, V) = \mathbb{P}(V)$

Grassmannian is an intersection of quadrics
called Plücker quadrics

There is a map

$$V \times \dots \times V \dashrightarrow \mathcal{G}(m, V)$$

$$(v_1, \dots, v_m)$$

$$U$$

$$U = \{ \text{ind. vectors} \}$$

send vectors
to their
span.

key obs., $GL(V)$ acts freely on U with
quotient $\mathcal{G}(m, V)$.

$$\dim U = mn$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 GL(V) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U \\
 \uparrow \dim = m^2 & \downarrow & \\
 G(m, V) & \rightsquigarrow \dim = mn - m^2.
 \end{array}$$

fibration

Ex. $G(2,4) \subset \mathbb{P}^5$, w/ dim 2!, so it is a quadric.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
 0 & x_{01} & x_{02} & x_{03} \\
 -x_{01} & 0 & x_{12} & x_{13} \\
 -x_{02} & -x_{12} & 0 & \\
 -x_{03} & & & 0
 \end{array} \right]$$

$$G(2,4) = V(\text{Pfaffian}(\mathcal{T})).$$