

# GEOMETRY OF FIELD EXTENSIONS

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$K, L$  fields  $K \subset L, K \neq L$

$K$  is not necessarily a part of the centre of  $L$   
(W. BENZ)

$L \oplus L$  vector space over  $\begin{matrix} L \\ K \end{matrix}$

$L$ : projective line over  $L$   
 $K$ -sublines (chains)

$K$ : spread of  $\mathbb{P}_K(L \oplus L)$   
chains

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SEGRE-manifold if  $K \subset Z_L(L)$   
(Geometry of algebras !)

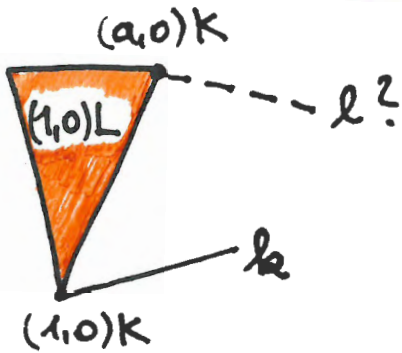
$k \dots$  chain  
 $l \dots$  line

$l$  is called a transversal line of  $k$  if

$k \rightarrow l$   
 $y \mapsto y_{nl}$  is bijective



standard chain  $c \dots \{ (k_0, k_1)L \mid (0,0) \neq (k_0, k_1) \in K \times K \}$   
standard transversal  
line  $l \dots$   $\begin{matrix} \vdots \\ K \end{matrix}$



$l$  is transversal  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\boxed{a^{-1}ka = k} \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left\{ \varphi_a: K \rightarrow K \right. \\ \left. x \mapsto a^{-1}xa \right\} \in \text{Aut}(K)$$

$\alpha: k \rightarrow l$   
 $y_{nk} \mapsto y_{nl}$  } is a bijection ( $\varphi_a$ -semilinear!)

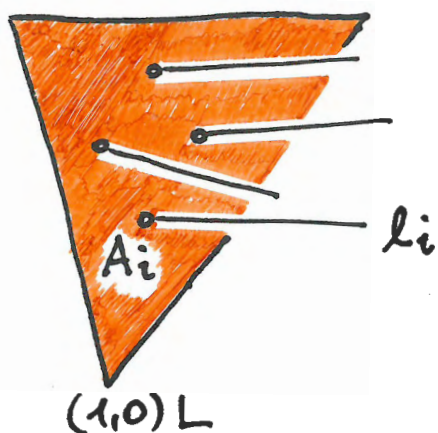
$\varphi_a$  is inner  $\Leftrightarrow \exists u \in K^\times: a^{-1}xa = u^{-1}xu \quad \forall x \in K$

$$\Leftrightarrow au^{-1} \in Z_L(K)^\times \quad (u \in K^\times)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{a \in Z_L(K)^\times \cdot K^\times}$$

$\Leftrightarrow \alpha$  is projective

$\Leftrightarrow: k$  and  $l$  are projectively linked.



- $\{A_i | i \in I\}$  is an  $r$ -frame ( $r \geq 1$ )  $\Rightarrow$   
 $l_i$ 's are projectively linked
- different  $l_i$ 's not projectively linked  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\{A_i | i \in I\}$  is independent and no other point of  
 $\text{span}\{A_i | i \in I\}$  is on a transversal line
- $\{l_i | i \in I\}$  maximal set of pairwise projectively  
linked transversal lines  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\mathcal{T} := \{A_i | i \in I\}$  as a trace space is isomorphic  
to the projective space on  $Z_L(K)$  over  $Z_K(K)$ .

Theorem of CARTAN-BRAUER-HUA

$a^{-1}ka = k \quad \forall a \in L^x \iff K \subset Z_L(L)$

Example :

$L = \mathbb{H} \dots \{1, i, j, k\}$

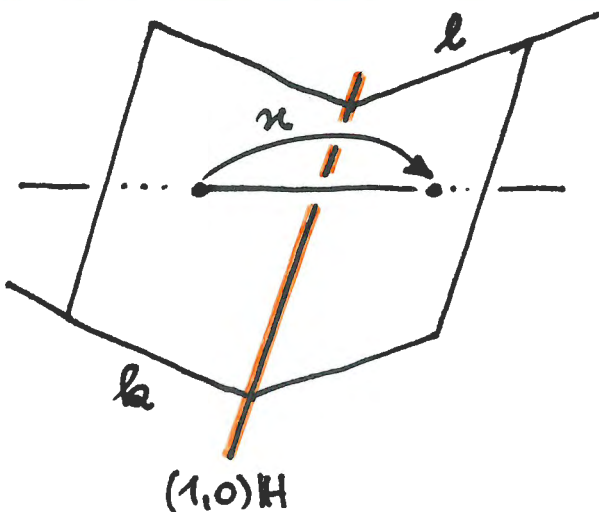
spread of  $PG(3, \mathbb{C})$

$K = \mathbb{C} \dots \{1, i\}$

$j^{-1} \mathbb{C} j = \mathbb{C} \quad (\varphi_j \text{ is conjugation in } \mathbb{C}) \quad \} \Rightarrow$

$j \notin Z_{\mathbb{H}}(\mathbb{C})$

Every chain has exactly two transversal lines (linked by an anti-projectivity).



$\alpha \dots$  non-projective collineation generating the spread