

1. Introduction

W_K
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($n+1$)-dimensional right
 K -vector space

$\{v_0, \dots, v_n\}$
 \vdots
basis

α
 \vdots
 $\in W_K \setminus \{0\}$

$\mathcal{P}(W_K)$... projective space on W_K

$\mathcal{F} = \{v_0 K, \dots, v_n K, (\sum_{j=0}^n v_j) K\}$... frame

$P = \alpha K$

ϕ ... group of all projective collineations
which leave \mathcal{F} elementwise invariant

$P\phi$... orbit of P under the group ϕ

Every $\varphi \in \phi$ is induced by a linear automorphism
of W_K such that

$$(*) \quad v_j \mapsto v_j x, \quad x \in K^\times$$

and conversely every $x \in K^\times$ yields a map $\in \phi$.

$$\phi \cong K^\times / Z(K)^\times \quad Z(K) \dots \text{centre of } K.$$

$$\phi = \{\text{id}\} \iff \mathcal{P}(W_K) \text{ pappian.}$$

Representation of $(*)$ in coordinates

$u \dots (a_0, \dots, a_n)$

$\downarrow \dots \text{diag}(x, \dots, x)$

$xu \dots (xa_0, \dots, xa_n)$



This left multiplication depends on the basis $\{v_0, \dots, v_n\}$.

2. A dimension formula

$$\dim_{\mathcal{P}(W_K)} [P\phi] ?$$

Equivalent problem

$$\dim_{W_K} [K^x u] = \dim_{W_K} [\{x u \mid x \in K^x\}]$$

LEMMA 1. If U is a sub-semigroup of $(K^x; \cdot)$ and $Z(U)$ denotes the centralizer of U in K , then

$$\dim_{W_K} [U u] = \dim_{Z(U)K} [\{a_0, \dots, a_n\}]$$

THEOREM 1. The subspace of $\mathcal{P}(W_K)$ spanned by the orbit of $P = \alpha K$ under ϕ has dimension equal to

$$\dim_{Z(K)K} [\{a_0, \dots, a_n\}] - 1.$$

3. The "internal structure" of $P\phi$

$\mathcal{U} \dots (a_0, \dots, a_n)$

Without loss of generality $a_0 = 1$

$A = \{a_0 = 1, a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ $Z(A) \dots$ centralizer of A
in K

If we fix the basis $\{v_0, \dots, v_n\}$ then $Z(A)$ is determined by $P\phi$ up to transformation under inner automorphisms of K .

This result remains true if we restrict ourselves to those bases of W_K which determine a frame of ϕ -invariant points.

$$\begin{aligned} K\mathcal{U} : \quad & x_0\mathcal{U} + x_1\mathcal{U} = (x_0 + x_1)\mathcal{U} \\ & (x\mathcal{U})S = (xS)\mathcal{U} \quad \forall S \in Z(A) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $K\mathcal{U}$ is a $Z(A)$ -right vector space.

The map $x \mapsto x\mathcal{U}$ is an isomorphism
 $K_{Z(A)} \rightarrow (K\mathcal{U})_{Z(A)}$

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In projective terms we get a surjective map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \iota: \mathbb{P}(K_{Z(A)}) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{P}\Phi \\ xZ(A) & \longmapsto & (x\iota)K \end{array}$$

Is ι an injective map?

How "good" is the embedding ι ?

Every line of $\mathbb{P}(K_{Z(A)})$ is mapped into a line of $\mathbb{P}(W_K)$, but different lines of $\mathbb{P}(K_{Z(A)})$ may have images within the same line of $\mathbb{P}(W_K)$.

If $\{x_i u \mid x_i \in K^x, i=0, \dots, m\}$ is linearly independent in W_K , then this family is also linearly independent in $(Ku)_{Z(A)}$ and hence

$\{x_i \mid i=0, \dots, m\}$ is linearly independent in $K_{Z(A)}$.

Conversely, if $\dim [Ku] = d+1$ then there are linearly independent elements $\bar{x}_i \in K_{Z(A)}$ such that $\{\bar{x}_i u \mid i=0, \dots, d\}$ is a basis of $[Ku]$.

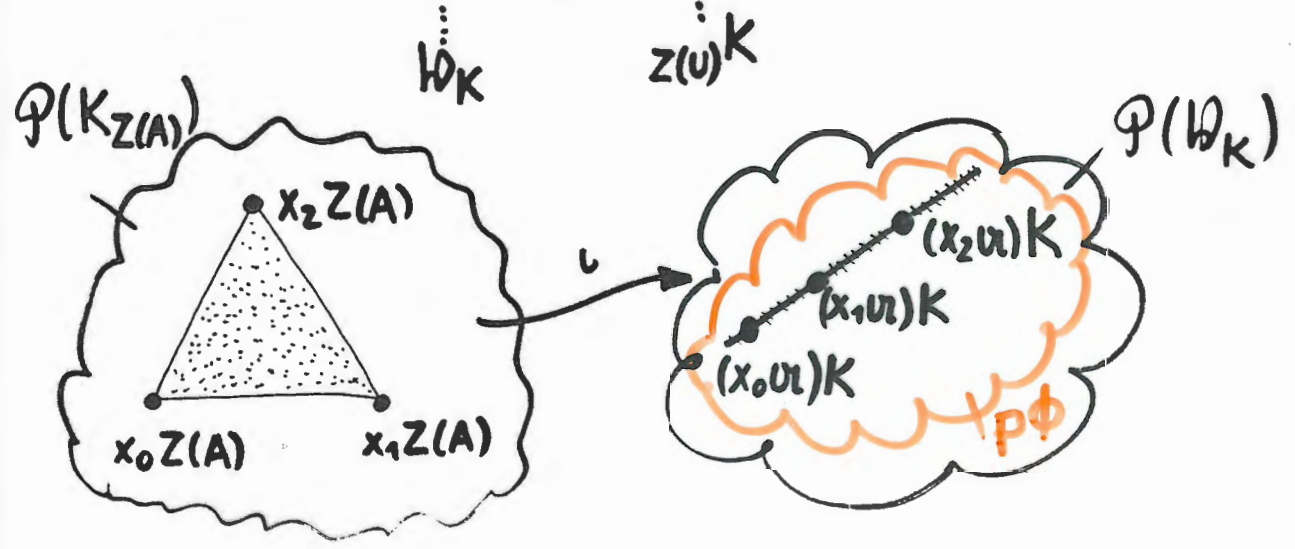
But not every family of $d+1$ (or even less) linearly independent elements of $K_{Z(A)}$ yields necessarily an independent family in W_K .

Example: K ... skew field, $|K:Z(K)|=9$
 $a_1, a_2 \in K$ such that $a_1 a_2 \neq a_2 a_1$

(a_0, a_1, a_2) with $a_0=1 \Rightarrow Z(A) = Z(K)$

$x_0=1, x_1=a_1, x_2=a_1^2$; $U = \langle a_1 \rangle \Rightarrow Z(U) \neq Z(K)$

By Lemma 1: $\dim [Uu] = \dim [\{1, a_1, a_2\}] = 2 \neq 3$



4. Lifting

Let $B = \{b_0=1, \dots, b_l\} \subset K^x$ such that $Z(B) \subset Z(A)$.

$$\underline{W_K} \xrightarrow{B} \underline{(W_1)_K} = \underbrace{W \oplus \dots \oplus W}_{(l+1)\text{ times}}$$

$$\underline{\{v_j \mid j=0, \dots, n\}} \xrightarrow{B} \underline{\{v_j \delta_{0r} \oplus \dots \oplus v_j \delta_{rl} \mid j=0, \dots, n; r=0, \dots, l\}}$$

$$\underline{v_l} \xrightarrow{B} \underline{v_{l1} = v_l b_0 \oplus \dots \oplus v_l b_l}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(W_K), P, \phi, \dots \xrightarrow{B} \mathcal{P}((W_1)_K), P_1, \phi_1, \dots$$

$$Z(A) \xrightarrow{B} Z(B)$$

„B-lifting of $(W_K, \{v_j \mid j=0, \dots, n\}, v_l)$ “

Lemma 2: If $\{x_i v_l \mid i=0, \dots, m-1\}$ is lin. ind. in W_K and $\{x_i \mid i=0, \dots, m\}$ is lin. ind. in $K_{Z(B)}$ then

$$\{x_i v_{l1} \mid i=0, \dots, m\}$$

is linearly independent in $(W_1)_K$.

Application:

$$K_K \xrightarrow{A} K_K^{n+1}$$

$$\{1\} \xrightarrow{A} \text{canonical basis}$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{A} (a_0, \dots, a_n)$$

$$\{x_0, x_1\} \text{ lin. ind. in } K_{Z(A)} \implies x_0 v_l, x_1 v_l \text{ lin. ind. in } W_K$$

Corollary: The map $\iota: \mathcal{P}(K_{Z(A)}) \rightarrow P\Phi$ is injective.

Theorem 2. If $W_K, \{w_j \mid j=0, \dots, n\}$, ν can be written as an h -fold lifting ($h \geq 1$) then any $h+1$ independent points of $\mathcal{P}(K_{Z(A)})$ are mapped under ν into $h+1$ independent points.

If $h \geq 2$ then $\nu: \mathcal{P}(K_{Z(A)}) \rightarrow P\Phi$ is a collineation of the projective space on $K_{Z(A)}$ onto the trace space of $\mathcal{P}(W_K)$ determined by $P\Phi$.

5. Final remarks

$\alpha \dots (1, a, a^2, \dots, a^n) \Rightarrow n\text{-fold lifting}$
of $K_K, \{1\}, 1$

$P\phi \dots$ subset of a normal curve of $\mathcal{P}(W_K)$
 \hookrightarrow conjugacy class (H.H. 1984)

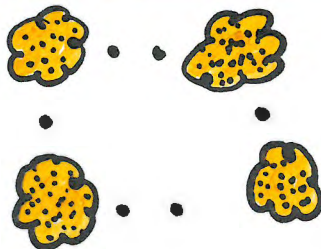
e.g. $n=2$

K commutative



a conic is a union
of points
($P\phi = \{p\}$)

K non-commutative



a conic is a union
of projective spaces
some of which are
single points.

(L. Vogt, 1986)

$\varphi \in \phi$ and suppose $|P\phi| > 1$. If $\varphi|_{P\phi} = \text{id}_{P\phi}$,
then $\varphi = \text{id}_{\mathcal{P}(W_K)}$.