

Afinizacja produktu Segre zanurzalnych przestrzeni Grassmanna: zastosowania i przykłady

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Motivations and objectives

- The goal is to give examples and show applications of the theory developed in



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- We focus on the Segre product which factors are Grassmann spaces embeddable into projective spaces.

Grassmann spaces

- V – a vector space
- $\text{Sub}_k(V)$ – the set of all k -dimensional subspaces of V
- We assume that $0 < k < \dim(V)$

For $H \in \text{Sub}_{k-1}(V)$, $B \in \text{Sub}_{k+1}(V)$ with $H \subset B$ a *k -pencil* is a set of the form

$$\mathbf{p}(H, B) := \{U \in \text{Sub}_k(V) : H \subset U \subset B\}.$$

The point-line structure

$$\mathbf{P}_k(V) = \langle \text{Sub}_k(V), \mathcal{P}_k(V) \rangle,$$

where $\mathcal{P}_V(k)$ is the family of all k -pencils, is a *Grassmann space*.

- $\mathbf{P}_k(V)$ is a *partial linear space*.
- If $k = 1$ or $k = \dim(V) - 1$ (when $\dim(V) < \infty$), then $\mathbf{P}_k(V)$ is a *projective space*.

Polar Grassmann spaces

- ξ – a reflexive bilinear form on V
- $Q_k(\xi) = \{U \in \text{Sub}_k(V) : \xi(U, U) = 0\}$

For $H \in \text{Sub}_{k-1}(V)$, $B \in Q_{k+1}(\xi)$ with $H \subset B$ an *isotropic k -pencil* is a set of the form

$$\mathbf{p}_\xi(H, B) := \mathbf{p}(H, B) \cap Q_k(\xi).$$

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where $\mathcal{G}_k(\xi)$ is the family of all isotropic k -pencils, is a *polar Grassmann space*.

- $\mathbf{P}_1(\xi)$ is a *polar space*

Hyperplanes in embeddable Grassmann spaces

Theorem (E. E. Shult / B. De Bruyn)

If D is a field, i.e. $\mathbf{P}_k(V)$ is embeddable into a projective space, then \mathcal{H} is a hyperplane in $\mathbf{P}_k(V)$ iff

$$\mathcal{H} = \{U \in \text{Sub}_k(V) : \mu(u_1, \dots, u_k) = 0 \text{ for all } u_1, \dots, u_k \in U\}$$

for some non-zero k -linear alternating form μ .



E. E. Shult

Geometric hyperplanes in embeddable Grassmannians

J. Algebra **145** (1992), 55–82



B. De Bruyn

Hyperplanes of embeddable Grassmannians arise from projective embeddings: a short proof

Linear Algebra Appl. **430** (2009), 418–422

The Segre product

- V_1, \dots, V_n – vector spaces over a field D of characteristic not 2
- $k = k_1 + \dots + k_n$ for some positive integers k_1, \dots, k_n
- $V := \times_{i=1}^n V_i^{k_i} = \underbrace{V_1, \dots, V_1}_{k_1}, \dots, \underbrace{V_n, \dots, V_n}_{k_n}$
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Convention

$$u^i = [u_1^i, \dots, u_{k_i}^i] \in V_i^{k_i} \quad \text{and} \quad u = (u^1, \dots, u^n) \quad \text{for} \quad u \in V$$

Our Segre product

$$\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}_{k_1, \dots, k_n}(V_1, \dots, V_n) := \mathbf{P}_{k_1}(V_1) \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{P}_{k_n}(V_n)$$

Semilinear and segment-wise alternating map

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- linear w.r.t. vector addition:

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- semilinear w.r.t. scalar multiplication:

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- alternating on every of n segments w.r.t. k_1, \dots, k_n :

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and $\mathcal{H} = \{(p, q) : p \perp q\}$ (actually $\mathcal{H} = \perp$).

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