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RECOVERY OF THE POTENTIAL FROM I -FUNCTION

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ABSTRACT.

Let $f'' + k^2 f - q(x)f = 0$, $x > 0$, $f \sim \exp(ikx)$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$. Given the I -function $I(k) := f'(0, k)f^{-1}(0, k)$ for all $k > 0$ we recover $q(x)$ analytically, $f' := \partial f / \partial x$. A similar problem is treated for the equation $u'' - \alpha^2 u - q(x)u = 0$, $x > 0$, $u \sim \exp(-\alpha x)$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$, $I(\alpha) := u'(0, \alpha)u^{-1}(0, \alpha)$, $\alpha > 0$.

In applications (seismic exploration, acoustic and electromagnetic prospecting) the problem of finding $q(x)$ from the knowledge of $I(k) := f'(0, k)f^{-1}(0, k)$ for all $k > 0$, where

$$f'' + k^2 f - q(x)f = 0, x > 0, f \sim \exp(ikx) \text{ as } x \rightarrow +\infty \quad (1)$$

$$q \in Q := \{q : \int_0^{\infty} |q(x)|(1+x)dx < \infty, q = \bar{q}\} \quad (2)$$

is of interest. The bar denotes complex conjugate here and below. We refer to this problem as problem 1. A similar problem (problem 2) is to find $q(x)$ from the knowledge of $j(\alpha) := u'(0, \alpha)u^{-1}(0, \alpha)$, $0 < \alpha < \infty$, where

$$u'' - \alpha^2 u - q(x)u = 0, x > 0, \quad (3)$$

$$u \sim \exp(-\alpha x), x \rightarrow +\infty, \alpha > 0. \quad (4)$$

The value of $I(k)$ is the ratio of acoustic velocity to pressure in acoustic prospecting, or components of the magnetic and electric fields in electromagnetic prospecting. Thus $I(k)$ can be directly measured experimentally. We prove that $I(k)$ (or $j(\alpha)$) determine $q(x)$ uniquely and give an algorithm to recover $q(x)$.

The key observation is that

$$\text{Im}I(k) = (2i)^{-1}[I(k) - \overline{I(k)}] = |f(0, k)|^{-2}k \quad (5)$$

where the formulas $W[f, \bar{f}] = -2ik$ and $f(0, k) = \overline{f(0, -k)}$, $k > 0$, were used. It follows from (5) that $\text{Im}I(k)$, $k > 0$, determines uniquely the spectral function $\rho(\lambda)$ of the operator $\ell y = -d^2 y / dx^2 + q(x)y$, $x > 0$, $y(0, \sqrt{\lambda}) = 0$, where λ is the spectral parameter, $\lambda = k^2$,

$$d\rho(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \pi^{-1}|f(0, \sqrt{\lambda})|^{-2}\lambda^{1/2}d\lambda, & \lambda > 0 \\ \sum_{j=1}^N c_j \delta(\lambda + \kappa_j^2)d\lambda, & \lambda < 0 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$c_j = \|\phi_j\|^{-2}$ are the normalizing constants, $\ell\phi_j = -\kappa_j^2\phi_j$, $\phi_j(0) = 0$, $\phi_j'(0) = 1$, $\delta(\lambda + \kappa_j^2)$ is the delta-function, and N is the number of bound states.

In order to determine $\rho(\lambda)$ for $\lambda < 0$ and therefore to reduce the problem of finding $q(x)$ from the knowledge of $I(k)$ to the familiar inverse spectral problem, the one of finding $q(x)$ from the knowledge of $\rho(\lambda)$, one needs to know κ_j^2 , $1 \leq j \leq N$ and c_j . Since $f(k) := f(0, k)$ is analytic in the region $\text{Im}k > 0$ and has simple zeros at the points $i\kappa_j$, $\kappa_j > 0$, which are not zeros of $f'(0, k)$ (since otherwise $f(x, k)$ should vanish by the uniqueness of the solution to the Cauchy problem), one can extend $I(k)$ analytically on the half-plane $\text{Im}k > 0$ and find the poles $i\kappa_j$ of $I(k)$ and the corresponding residues $f'(0, i\kappa_j) [f(0, i\kappa_j)]^{-1}$ where prime and dot denote differentiation in x and k respectively. Then one can use formulas (7) and (8) below and find the spectral function. Let us prove that the normalizing constants are determined uniquely by $I(k)$. If this is true then $d\rho(\lambda)$ is uniquely determined by $I(k)$ and therefore $q(x)$ is uniquely determined by $I(k)$. The normalizing constants are known to be $c_j := -2i\kappa_j f'(0, i\kappa_j) [f(i\kappa_j)]^{-1}$. Here and below $f(k) := f(0, k)$. One has

$$-2i\kappa_j \text{Res}_{k=i\kappa_j} I(k) = -2i\kappa_j f'(0, i\kappa_j) [f(i\kappa_j)]^{-1} = c_j. \quad (7)$$

From (5) and (6) it follows that

$$d\rho(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \pi^{-1} \text{Im} I(\sqrt{\lambda}) d\lambda & \lambda > 0 \\ \sum_{j=1}^N -2i\kappa_j \text{Res}_{k=i\kappa_j} I(k) \delta(\lambda + \kappa_j^2) d\lambda & \lambda < 0. \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Let us summarize the results.

THEOREM 1. The knowledge of $I(k)$ for all $k > 0$ determines $q(x) \in Q$ uniquely. The spectral function corresponding to this $q(x)$ is given by formula (8). The algorithm for computing $q(x)$ is the Gel'fand-Levitan algorithm for computing $q(x)$ from the knowledge of $d\rho(\lambda)$.

Let us recall for convenience of the reader the Gel'fand-Levitan algorithm (see e.g. [1]). Given $d\rho(\lambda)$ one defines the kernel

$$L(x, y) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_0(x, \lambda) \phi_0(y, \lambda) d\sigma(\lambda) \quad (9)$$

where (for the problem on the semiaxis $x > 0$ and the boundary condition $y(0, \lambda) = 0$):

$$\phi_0(x, \lambda) := (\sqrt{\lambda})^{-1} \sin(x\sqrt{\lambda}), \quad d\sigma(\lambda) = d\rho(\lambda) - d\rho_0(\lambda) \quad (10)$$

and $d\rho_0(\lambda)$ is given by the formula

$$d\rho_0(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{for } \lambda < 0, \quad d\rho_0(\lambda) = \pi^{-1} \lambda^{1/2} d\lambda \quad \text{for } \lambda > 0. \quad (11)$$

Then one solves the (Gel'fand-Levitan) integral equation

$$K(x, y) + L(x, y) + \int_0^x L(t, y) K(x, t) dt = 0, \quad 0 \leq y \leq x \quad (12)$$

for $K(x, y)$. Equation (12) is uniquely solvable, for example, if the set of growth points of $d\sigma$ has at least one finite limit point [1]. Therefore, if $ImI(k) \not\equiv 0$ is a continuous function, $|ImI(k)| \leq c(1+k^2)^{-a}$, $a > 1$, then (12) is uniquely solvable. If $K(x, y)$ is found then

$$q(x) = 2 \frac{dK(x, x)}{dx}. \quad (13)$$

The function (13) produces the function $I(k) := f'(0, k)[f(k)]^{-1}$ which is the same as the function $I(k)$ which was the data. Necessary and sufficient conditions for $d\rho(\lambda)$ to be the spectral function corresponding to a potential $q(x)$ with m locally integrable derivatives are known [1]. Therefore one can give necessary and sufficient conditions for the given function $I(k)$ to be the I -function corresponding to $q(x)$ with these properties.

PROPOSITION 1. The function $ImI(k)$ corresponds to an I -function associated with a $q(x)$ which has m locally integrable derivatives iff the function $\rho(\lambda)$ defined by (8) has the properties

- (i₁) if $h(x) \in L^2(0, \infty)$ and has compact support, $E(\lambda) := \int_0^\infty h(x) \sin(x\sqrt{\lambda}) dx$ and $\int_{-\infty}^\infty |E(\lambda)|^2 d\rho(\lambda) = 0$ then $h(x) = 0$, and
 (i₂) the limit $\Phi(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^N \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) d\sigma(\lambda)$ exists and is bounded on any finite interval of the x -axis and $\Phi(x)$ has $m+1$ locally integrable derivatives.

This proposition follows from Theorem 1.5.1 in [1] and formula (8).

Problem 2 reduces to problem 1 by setting $\alpha = -ik$. The half-plane $Re\alpha > 0$ corresponds to the half-plane $Imk > 0$. The set $\alpha > 0$ corresponds to the set $\{Imk > 0, Re\alpha = 0\}$. Since $u(x, \alpha)$ is analytic in the region $Re\alpha > 0$, the function $j(\alpha)$ is meromorphic in this region and can be continued analytically on the half-plane $Re\alpha > 0$, so that the values $j(i\alpha)$ are uniquely determined. Therefore, by Theorem 1, $q(x)$ is uniquely determined.

LEMMA 1. The knowledge of $j(\alpha)$ for all $\alpha > 0$ (in fact, even for a countable set $\{\alpha_m\}$, $\alpha_m > 0$, which has a finite limit point α_∞) determines $q(x)$ uniquely.

Note that $Res_{\alpha=i\kappa} j(\alpha) = -i Res_{k=i\kappa} I(k)$, where $\alpha = -ik$.

Let us briefly discuss the practical question of finding the poles and residues of $I(k)$ on the imaginary axis from the knowledge of $I(k)$ on the real axis. This is an unstable problem in the sense that one can add a term $a(k - i\kappa)^{-1}$ with large $\kappa > 0$ and small a without changing much $I(k)$ on the real axis. The poles of $I(k)$ are simple and $I(k)$ is meromorphic in the half-plane $Imk > 0$. At infinity $I(k)$ behaves as follows

$$\begin{aligned} I(k) &= [ik - A(0, 0) + \int_0^\infty A_x(0, t) \exp(ikt) dt] [1 + \int_0^\infty A(0, t) \exp(ikt) dt]^{-1} \\ &= ik + o(1) \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \pm\infty \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where we used the well-known formula

$$f(x, k) = \exp(ikx) + \int_x^\infty A(x, t) \exp(ikt) dt \tag{15}$$

and the fact that $\int_0^\infty \{|A_t(0, t) + |A_x(0, t)|\} dt < \infty$ if $q \in Q$ [3]. Thus

$$I(k) = ik + \sum_{j=1}^N a_j (k - i\kappa_j)^{-1} + \int_0^\infty a(t) \exp(ikt) dt \tag{16}$$

where $a(t) \in L^1$. Define

$$h(x) := (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^\infty [I(k) - ik] \exp(-ikx) dk. \tag{17}$$

Then

$$h(x) = i \sum_{j=1}^N a_j \exp(\kappa_j x) \theta(-x) + a(x) \theta(x),$$

$$\theta(x) := \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x < 0. \end{cases} \tag{18}$$

Therefore the constants a_j and κ_j are uniquely determined by $I(k)$. Note that (16) and (17) imply that

$$\text{Res}_{k=i\kappa_j} I(k) = a_j = c_j (-2i\kappa_j)^{-1}. \tag{19}$$

Let us summarize the method for recovery of $q(x)$ from $I(k)$:

1. Given $I(k)$ find $\text{Im } I(k)$, 2) compute $h(x)$ by formula (17), (18) and find constants a_j and κ_j from the asymptotic behavior of $h(x)$ as $x \rightarrow -\infty$.
2. Construct $d\rho(\lambda)$ by formulas (8), (19), and $L(x, y)$ by formulas (9), (10). Solve equation (12) for $k(x, y)$. (This equation is uniquely solvable if L is given by formulas (9), (10)).
3. Construct $q(x)$ by formula (13).

REMARK 1. The constructed q generates by the formula $I(k) = f'(0, k)/f(0, k)$ the same function $I(k)$ with which we started. Here $f(x, k)$ is the solution to (1) with $q(x)$ given by (13).

We can reformulate Proposition 1 so that all the assumptions will be given in terms of $I(k)$.

PROPOSITION 1'. A function $I(k)$ is the I-function corresponding to a $q \in L^m_{1\text{loc}}$ such one that zero is not a resonance iff the following conditions hold: (1) $I(-k) = \overline{I(k)}$ for k real, $I(k)$ is the value on the real axis of a meromorphic in $\mathbb{C}_+ := \{k : \text{Im } k > 0\}$ function with only a finite number of simple poles $i\kappa_j$, $\kappa_j > 0$, and the quantities $-i\text{Res}_{k=i\kappa_j} I(k) > 0$ for $\kappa_j > 0$;

(2) The following limit exists and is a $L^{m+1}_{1\text{loc}}$ function:

$$\Phi_1(x) := \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^N [k^{-1} \text{Im } I(k) - 1] \cos(kx) k^2 dk \in L^{m+1}_{1\text{loc}}.$$

REMARK 2. The point $k = 0$ is called a resonance if $f(0, 0) = 0$ and $f(x, 0) \notin L^2$. It is well known that if $f(0, 0) = 0$ and $f(x, 0) \in L^2$ then $f(x, 0) = 0$ provided that $\int_0^\infty (1+x)|q(x)|dx < \infty$ (see e.g. [4] where also the three dimensional case is discussed). If zero is a resonance, that is a zero of $f(k) := f(0, k)$, then it is a simple zero of $f(k)$, it is not a zero of $f'(0, k)$, and it is a simple pole of $\text{Im } I(k)$ in the sense that $\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} k \text{Im } I(k) = |f(0)|^{-2} \neq 0$. If one drops the assumption that zero is not the resonance in Proposition 1', then the conclusion still holds if one adds in condition (1) that $\kappa_0 = 0$ may be a simple pole of $I(k)$, and the residue at this pole is $i\tau$, $\tau > 0$.

Let us prove that $\tau > 0$. One has $\text{Res}_{k=0} I(k) = f'(0, 0)/f(0)$. The Wronskian $f(0, k)f'(0, -k) - f'(0, k)f(0, -k) = -2ik$. Divide this formula by k and pass to the limit $k \rightarrow 0$ to get $2f(0)f'(0, 0) = -2i$. Therefore $f'(0, 0)/f(0) = -i|f(0)|^{-2} := i\tau$. From the well known formula $f(k) = 1 + \int_0^\infty \exp(iky)A(0, y)dy$, where $A(0, y)$ is a real-valued function, one derives $f(0) = i \int_0^\infty yA(0, y)dy$. Thus $|f(0)|^2 < 0$ and $\tau > 0$.

Let us summarize the method for solving the problem of finding $q(x)$ given $j(\alpha)$. Note that

$$j(\alpha) = -\alpha + o(1) \quad \text{as } \alpha \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (20)$$

$j(\alpha)$ is meromorphic in the region $\text{Re } \alpha > 0$ with a finite number of simple poles at the points $\alpha_n = \kappa_n > 0$, and $\text{Res}_{\alpha=\kappa_n} j(\alpha) = (2\kappa_n)^{-1}c_n$, where $c_n > 0$ are the same as in (7). Define

$$J(\alpha) = j(\alpha) + \alpha - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{c_n(2\kappa_n)^{-1}}{\alpha - \kappa_n}, \quad (21)$$

and

$$b(t) := \text{Lap}^{-1} J(\alpha), J(\alpha) := \int_0^\infty \exp(-\alpha t)b(t)dt = \text{Lap} b(t). \quad (22)$$

Let

$$I(k) := J(-ik) + ik + \sum_{n=1}^N c_n(2\kappa_n)^{-1}(-ik - \kappa_n)^{-1}. \quad (23)$$

The inversion procedure is as follows:

1. Given $j(\alpha)$ find κ_n and c_n , then $b(t)$ by formula (22);
2. find $I(k)$ by formulas (22) and (23), compute $\text{Im } I(k)$ and find $d\rho$ by formula (6);
3. given $d\rho$ find $q(x)$ as above.

REMARK 3. The constructed q generates $j(\alpha)$ by the formula $j(\alpha) = u'(0, \alpha)u^{-1}(0, \alpha)$, where u is the solution to (3), (4), the same function which was used as the data. We do not give details here.

REMARK 4. In [5] some analytical formulas are given for the potential under the assumption that the Weyl function is a rational function of k which is given for all k . The connection between Weyl's function and the spectral function one can find e.g. in [6] p. 25-34.

REMARK 5. If one considers the scattering problem on the whole line by a $q(x)$ which is equal to $q(x)$ in (1) for $x > 0$ and vanishes for $x < 0$, then the reflection coefficient $r(k)$ defined by the formula $f(x, k) = \exp(ikx) + r(k)\exp(-ikx)$ for $x < 0$, can be related to $I(k)$ by the formula $I(k) = ik(1-r(k))(1+r(k))^{-1}$, $r = (ik-I(k))(ik+I(k))^{-1}$. If $q(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$ then the solution $f \sim \exp(ikx)$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ can be written as $T^{-1}(k)[\exp(ikx) + r(k)\exp(-ikx)]$ for $x < 0$. Here $T(k)$ and $r(k)$ are the transmission and reflection coefficients respectively. The bound states $i\kappa_j$, $\kappa_j > 0$, are the poles of $T(k)$. Therefore, given $I(k)$ for all $k > 0$, one can uniquely determine $r(k)$, bound states and normalizing constants (provided that $q(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$) and then use the Marchenko equation to recover $q(x)$. This gives an alternative approach to the problem.

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AN EXPLICIT FORMULA COUNTING NONCOMMUTATIVE
CLASSICAL INVARIANTS

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1. Introduction

Let k be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. Then the group $G=SL(2,k)$ is reductive, hence every finite-dimensional G -module is completely reducible. For every integer $d \geq 0$ there is exactly one irreducible G -module of dimension $d+1$. We denote this module by R_d . The module R_d can be described as follows: define an action of G on the polynomial algebra $R=k[X,Y]$ by the formulas $g^{-1}X=aX+bY$, $g^{-1}Y=cX+dY$, where $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ is an element of G . Then R_d is the submodule of R consisting of homogeneous polynomials of degree d , i.e., $R_d = \{a_0X^d + \dots + a_dY^d; a_i \in k\}$. For the details and the proofs, we refer to [4], Ch. 3. Let $T^m(R_d)$ be the m th tensor power and $S^m(R_d)$ the m th symmetric power of R_d . We also put $I_d^m = S^m(R_d)^G$, $\tilde{I}_d^m = T^m(R_d)^G$, and $\tilde{\tilde{I}}_d = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} \tilde{\tilde{I}}_d^m$. Then I_d ($\tilde{\tilde{I}}_d$) is the classical ring of invariants in commuting (noncommuting) variables of a binary form of degree d .

Definition: The Hilbert series of I_d and $\tilde{\tilde{I}}_d$ are the formal power series $H(I_d, t) = \sum_{m \geq 0} (\dim_k I_d^m) t^m$ and $H(\tilde{\tilde{I}}_d, t) = \sum_{m \geq 0} (\dim_k \tilde{\tilde{I}}_d^m) t^m$.

It is well-known that $H(I_d, t)$ represents a rational function ([4] p. 25 and 28), and it is at least known that $H(\tilde{\tilde{I}}_d, t)$ is algebraic ([2] p. 207). In [6], p. 15, Teranishi considers the series $\sum_{d \geq 0} (\dim_k \tilde{\tilde{I}}_d^m) t^{md}$, and shows that it is rational.

Here we will consider the series $F_m(t) = \sum_{d \geq 0} (\dim_k \tilde{I}_d^m) t^d$, and show that $F_m(t)$ is much simpler than $H(\tilde{I}_d, t)$, by writing down a fairly explicit expression for it, which in particular will show that it is rational.

Before we formulate our theorem, we need the following

Definition: Consider the field extension $\mathbb{C}(t^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(t)$, which is Galois with Galois group generated by $t \mapsto e^{2\pi i/n} t$. Define the Reynolds operator $\phi_n: \mathbb{C}(t) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(t)$ by

$$(\phi_n f)(t^n) = n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(e^{2\pi i k/n} t).$$

Theorem: Let $m \geq 3$ and define $h_m(t) = (t/(1-t^2))^{m-2}$. Then $F_2(t) = (1-t)^{-1}$

and
$$F_m(t) = \frac{1}{2t} \sum_{0 \leq j < m} \binom{m}{j} (-1)^{j+1} (\phi_{m-2j} h_m)(t) \quad \text{for } m \geq 3.$$

It is interesting to note that this formula bears a striking resemblance to the formula for $H(I_d, t)$ obtained by Springer (see [1] p. 340, [3] and [5]).

2. The proof

Let $\rho_{d,m}$ be the representation of G on $T^m(R_d)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{d,m}(\xi) &= \text{Tr}(T^m(R_d), \rho_{d,m} \begin{pmatrix} \xi & 0 \\ 0 & \xi^{-1} \end{pmatrix}) = (\text{Tr}(R_d, \rho_{d,1} \begin{pmatrix} \xi & 0 \\ 0 & \xi^{-1} \end{pmatrix}))^m \\ &= (\xi^d + \xi^{d-2} + \dots + \xi^{-d})^m \text{ (we need only consider } \rho_{d,m} \begin{pmatrix} \xi & 0 \\ 0 & \xi^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ see [4] p. 50).} \end{aligned}$$

By complete reducibility we can write $\chi_{d,m}(\xi) = \sum_{i \geq 0} a(d,m,i) \chi_i(\xi)$,

where $\chi_i = \chi_{i,1}$, and the coefficients $a(d,m,i)$ are non-negative integers (and only finitely many are non-zero). Then

$$\sum_{d \geq 0} \chi_{d,m}(\xi) t^d = \sum_{i \geq 0} \left(\sum_{d \geq 0} a(d,m,i) t^d \right) \chi_i(\xi) = \sum_{i \geq 0} F_{m,i}(t) \chi_i(\xi), \text{ where}$$

$$F_{m,0}(t) = F_m(t), \text{ since } a(d,m,0) = \dim_k \tilde{I}_d^m.$$

We also have $\sum_{d \geq 0} \chi_{d,m}(\xi) t^d = \sum_{d \geq 0} ((\xi^{d+1} - \xi^{-d-1}) / (\xi - \xi^{-1}))^m t^d =$
 $= (\xi - \xi^{-1})^{-m} \sum_{d \geq 0} \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j \xi^{(d+1)(m-2j)} t^d = (\xi - \xi^{-1})^{-m} \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j \frac{(-1)^m}{\xi^{m-2j-t}}$.

(to get the last equality we sum over $m-j$ instead). If $\xi = e^{ix}$, then

$$\frac{(-1)^m}{(2i)^m \sin^{m-1} x} \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j \frac{1}{e^{(m-2j)ix-t}} = \sum_{i \geq 0} F_{m,i}(t) \sin(i+1)x.$$

If we multiply by $\sin x$ and integrate from 0 to 2π we get

$$F_m(t) = F_{m,0}(t) = \frac{(-1)^m}{(2i)^m \pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sin^{m-2} x} \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j \frac{1}{e^{(m-2j)ix-t}} dx,$$

since $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin x \sin nx \, dx = 0$ if $n \geq 2$.

Here the integrand looks dangerous with $\sin^{m-2} x$ in the denominator, which has zeros of order $m-2$ at $x=0, \pi$, and 2π . But the sum in the integrand has zeros of order $m-1$ there by the following

Lemma: $\sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j (m-2j)^v = 0$ for $v \leq m-1$.

Proof: $\sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j (m-2j)^v = \frac{d^v}{dt^v} \left(\sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j e^{(m-2j)t} \right) \Big|_{t=0} =$
 $= 2^m \frac{d^v}{dt^v} (\sinh^m t) \Big|_{t=0} = 0$ if $v \leq m-1$. Q.E.D.

(See also [4], p. 63.)

The integral above can be evaluated by putting $z = e^{ix}$ and using residue theory. We get

$$F_m(t) = \frac{(-1)^m}{(2i)^m \pi} \int_C \left(\frac{2iz}{z^2-1} \right)^{m-2} \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j \frac{1}{z^{m-2j-t}} \frac{dz}{iz} =$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{4\pi i} \int_C \frac{z^{m-3}}{(z^2-1)^{m-2}} \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j \frac{1}{z^{m-2j-t}} dz,$$

where C is the unit circle $|z|=1$. For the same reason as above, the integrand is a meromorphic function in the unit disc with simple poles at $e^{2\pi i k / (m-2j)} t^{1/(m-2j)}$, $k=1, 2, \dots, m-2j$, $0 \leq j < \frac{1}{2}m$, and at 0 if $m=2$, if we consider t as a real variable with $0 < t < 1$.

By the residue theorem we have

$$F_m(t) = \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{4\pi i} \cdot 2\pi i (\text{sum of residues}) = \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{2} (\text{sum of residues}).$$

The case $m=2$ has to be handled separately:

$$F_2(t) = -\frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_C \frac{1}{z} \left(\frac{1}{z^2-1} - \frac{1}{1-t} + \frac{1}{z^2-t} \right) dz = -\left(-\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{1-t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{t} \cdot 2\sqrt{t}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{t} \cdot 2\sqrt{t}} \right) = \frac{1}{1-t}.$$

If $m \geq 3$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_m(t) &= \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{2} \sum_{j,k} \left(\frac{e^{2\pi i k / (m-2j)} t^{1/(m-2j)} \right)^{m-3} \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \frac{1}{(m-2j) e^{2\pi i k (m-2j-1) / (m-2j)} t^{(m-2j-1)/(m-2j)}} = \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{2} \sum_j \frac{1}{m-2j} \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j \frac{1}{t} \sum_k \left(\frac{e^{2\pi i k / (m-2j)} t^{1/(m-2j)}}{e^{4\pi i k / (m-2j)} t^{2/(m-2j)-1}} \right)^{m-2}, \end{aligned}$$

where the sums are over $0 \leq k \leq m-2j-1$, $0 \leq j < \frac{1}{2}m$. Using the definition of ϕ_n the theorem is proved. Q.E.D.

Corollary 1: $F_m(1/t) = (-1)^m t^2 F_m(t)$ if $m \geq 3$.

Proof: If $f(t) \in Q(t)$, let $\tilde{f}(t) = f(1/t)$. Then

$$(\phi_n \tilde{f})(t^n) = n^{-1} n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(1/e^{2\pi i k/n} t) = n^{-1} n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(e^{2\pi i k/n} / t) = (\phi_n f) \sim (t^n).$$

$$\text{Hence } F_m(1/t) = -\frac{1}{2} t \sum_{0 \leq j < \frac{1}{2}m} \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j (\phi_{m-2j} h_m)(1/t) =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} t \sum_{0 \leq j < \frac{1}{2}m} \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j (-1)^m (\phi_{m-2j} h_m)(t) = (-1)^m t^2 F_m(t), \text{ since}$$

$$h_m(1/t) = (-1)^m h_m(t). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Corollary 2: If $m \geq 3$, then $F_m(t) = g_m(t)/(1-t^2)^{m-2}$, where $g_m(t)$ is a symmetric polynomial of degree $2(m-3)$.

Proof: Write $h_m(t) = (t(1+t^2+\dots+t^{2(m-2j-1)}))/(1-t^{2(m-2j)})^{m-2}$.

Then, if $g_{m,j}(t) = t^{2(j-1)}(1+t^2+\dots+t^{2(m-2j-1)})^{m-2}$, we get

$$F_m(t) = -\frac{1}{2}(1-t^2)^{-(m-2)} \sum_j \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j (\phi_{m-2j} g_{m,j})(t).$$

Now $(\phi_{m-2j} g_{m,j})(t)$ is a polynomial if $j > 0$, and since $(\phi_m f)(t) = 0$, where $f(t) = 1/t^2$,

if $m \geq 3$, $(\phi_m g_{m,0})(t)$ is also a polynomial. Hence $F_m(t)$ has the form $g_m(t)/(1-t^2)^{m-2}$. The assertions about $g_m(t)$ follow immediately from Corollary 1 if one notes that $\dim_k \tilde{I}_0^m = 1$. Q.E.D.

Let us finish with some examples: we have already proved that $F_2(t) = 1/(1-t)$, and Corollary 2 gives $F_3(t) = 1/(1-t^2)$. By Corollary 2 again, $F_4(t) = (1+at+t^2)/(1-t^2)^2$ for some a , and since

$$\dim_k \tilde{I}_1^4 = \frac{1}{3} \binom{4}{2},$$

by [2], we must have $a=2$ and $F_4(t) = 1/(1-t)^2$.

For $m=5$ we get $F_5(t) = (1+at+bt^2+at^3+t^4)/(1-t^2)^3$, and since

$$a = \dim_k \tilde{I}_1^5 = 0 \text{ and } b+3 = \dim_k \tilde{I}_2^5 = 6,$$

by [2] again, we get $F_5(t) = (1+3t^2+t^4)/(1-t^2)^3$ (cf. [6], p. 17-18).

Remark: One can of course study the analogue of $F_m(t)$ in the commutative case, but this gives the ordinary Hilbert series $H(I_m, t)$, since $\dim_k I_d^m = \dim_k I_m^d$, by Hermite's reciprocity law.

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REGULAR SIMPLEXES WITH INTEGRAL VERTICES

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1. For which values of n does there exist a regular n -simplex S (i.e., with all its edges of equal length) in \mathbb{R}^n with all its vertices integral (i.e., in \mathbb{Z}^n)?

This question was answered fifty years ago by I. J. Schoenberg [1] who showed that the necessary and sufficient conditions on n are the following :- either (i) n is even and $n + 1$ is a perfect square; or (ii) $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$; or (iii) $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $n + 1$ is not divisible to an odd exponent by any prime number of the form $4k + 3$.

The integers n in case (iii) are, as Schoenberg remarks, precisely those for which $n + 1$ is the sum of two odd squares. As to case (ii), since every positive integer N is the sum of three triangular numbers, say

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{1}{2} m_i (m_i + 1),$$

we have

$$8N + 4 = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 (2m_i + 1)^2$$

and

$$8N + 8 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 (2m_i + 1)^2,$$

so that every multiple of 4 is the sum of either 4 or 8 odd squares.

Thus we may restate Schoenberg's result as follows :-

THEOREM. There exists a regular n -simplex in \mathbb{R}^n with vertices in \mathbb{Z}^n if and only if $n + 1$ is the sum of 1, 2, 4 or 8 odd squares.

In this note we shall first give a variant of Schoenberg's proof, and then for each allowable value of n we shall explicitly construct a regular n -simplex S with vertices in \mathbb{Z}^n .

2. We may assume that the origin O is one vertex of S . If the other vertices are $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$), we must have

$$|x_i|^2 = |x_i - x_j|^2 = 2c$$

for some c and all $i \neq j$, where $|x|$ is the Euclidean norm of the vector x , and therefore

$$x_i \cdot x_i = 2c, \quad x_i \cdot x_j = c \text{ if } i \neq j,$$

where $x \cdot y$ is the standard scalar product on \mathbb{R}^n . Hence if X is the matrix with rows x_1, \dots, x_n , we have

$$(2.1) \quad XX^t = c(1_n + E)$$

where E is the $n \times n$ matrix in which every entry is 1.

Since E has rank 1 we have $\det(1_n + E) = 1 + \text{trace } E = n + 1$, and therefore by taking determinants in (2.1) we obtain

$$c^n(n+1) = (\det X)^2$$

so that $c^n(n+1)$ is a square.

The easiest case is that in which n is even. Then $n+1$ must be a square, say $n+1 = r^2$. Conversely, if $n+1 = r^2$ it is easy to verify that the simplex with vertices $(r-1)e_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) and $e_1 + \dots + e_n$ (where e_1, \dots, e_n is the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^n) is regular.

Suppose now that n is odd. From (2.1) it follows that the quadratic

forms

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

$$(2.3) \quad 2c \sum_{i \leq j} x_i x_j$$

are rationally equivalent. By the usual process of completing the square we find that

$$2 \sum_{i \leq j} x_i x_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i+1}{i} \left(x_i + \frac{1}{i+1} \sum_{j>i} x_j \right)^2$$

and hence that (2.3) is rationally equivalent to

$$(2.4) \quad c \sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1) x_i^2.$$

Thus we seek the values of n such that the forms (2.2) and (2.4) are rationally equivalent, for some value of c .

3. The necessary and sufficient conditions for the rational equivalence of two diagonal quadratic forms are most conveniently expressed in terms of the Hilbert symbols $(a, b)_p$. The facts we require may all be found in Serre's book [2].

The Hilbert symbol $(a, b)_p$ is defined for p -adic numbers $a, b \neq 0$ as follows :- $(a, b)_p = 1$ or -1 according as the equation $ax^2 + by^2 = z^2$ does or does not have a solution $(x, y, z) \neq (0, 0, 0)$ in \mathbb{Q}_p^3 . It has the following properties [2, p. 38] :

(3.1) $(a, b)_p = 1$ if either a or b or $a + b$ is a square in \mathbb{Q}_p .

(For example, if $a = u^2$ we can take $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, u)$.)

(3.2) $(a, b)_p$ is a symmetric bilinear function of a and b , so that

$$(a_1 a_2, b)_p = (a_1, b)_p (a_2, b)_p$$

(3.3) $(a, a)_p = (-1, a)_p = (a, -1, a)_p$.

(For $(a, a)_p (-1, a)_p = (-a, a)_p = 1$, by (3.2) and (3.1), and likewise

$(-1, a)_p (a-1, a)_p = (1-a, a)_p = 1$.)

Now let $Q = a_1 x_1^2 + \dots + a_n x_n^2$ be a diagonal quadratic form with positive rational coefficients a_i . Then [2, p. 70] Q is rationally equivalent to $x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2$ if and only if (a) $a_1 \dots a_n$ is a square and (b) for each prime p ,

$$\epsilon_p := \prod_{i < j} (a_i, a_j)_p = 1.$$

In our case we have $a_i = ci(1+i)$, and n is odd. Hence $a_1 \dots a_n = c^n n!(n+1)! = c(n+1) \times \text{square}$, and therefore $c(n+1)$ must be a square, so that for any a we have

(3.4) $(c, a)_p = (n+1, a)_p$.

We have to compute ϵ_p . Let us temporarily drop the suffix p from the Hilbert symbol, and let $b_i = i(1+i)$. Then by (3.2) we have

$$(a_i, a_j) = (cb_i, cb_j) = (c, c)(c, b_i)(c, b_j)(b_i, b_j)$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_p &= \prod_{i < j} (a_i, a_j) = (c, c)^{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)} \prod_{i=1}^n (c, b_i)^{n-1} \cdot \prod_{i < j} (b_i, b_j) \\ &= (-1, n+1)^{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)} \prod_{i < j} (b_i, b_j) \end{aligned}$$

since n is odd and $(c, c) = (n+1, n+1) = (-1, n+1)$ by (3.4) and (3.3).

Next, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (b_i, b_j) &= (b_1 \dots b_{j-1}, b_j) \\
 &= ((j-1)!, j(j+1)) \\
 &= (j, j(j+1)) \\
 &= (-1, j(j+1)) \quad \text{since } (-j, j(j+1)) = 1 \text{ by (3.1)} \\
 &= (-1, j)(-1, j+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b_1, b_j) &= \prod_{j=2}^n (-1, j)(-1, j+1) \\
 &= (-1, 2)(-1, n+1) = (-1, n+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

since $(-1, 2) = 1$ by (3.1). Hence finally we obtain

$$\epsilon_p = (-1, n+1)_p^{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)-1}.$$

Suppose first that $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. Then $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$ is odd, so that $\epsilon_p = 1$ for all p , and therefore the forms (2.2) and (2.4) are equivalent (provided that $(n+1)c$ is a square).

Suppose next that $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Then $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$ is even and therefore we must have $(-1, n+1)_p = 1$ for all primes p , that is to say the equation $-x^2 + (n+1)y^2 = z^2$ must have a nontrivial solution in \mathbb{Q}_p for all primes p . Since this equation also has solutions in \mathbb{R} , it follows [2, p. 73] that it has solutions in \mathbb{Q} , i.e., $n+1 = (x/y)^2 + (z/y)^2$ is the sum of two rational squares and therefore is also the sum of two integral squares (necessarily odd, since $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$). This completes the proof of the theorem.

4. We shall now exhibit a regular n -simplex S with vertices in \mathbb{Q}^n for each allowable value of n . (A suitable integer multiple kS of S will then have integral vertices.) Let

$$n + 1 = \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2$$

where the r_i are positive odd integers and $d = 1, 2, 4$ or 8 . Let $V_i = \mathbb{Q}^{r_i}$ with standard basis e_{ij} ($0 \leq j \leq r_i^2 - 1$), and let $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^d V_i$, so that $\dim V = n+1$. Define

$$e'_{i0} = r_i^{-1} \sum_j e_{ij},$$

$$e'_{ij} = e_{ij} + (r_i - 1)^{-1} (e_{i0} - e'_{i0}) \quad (1 \leq j \leq r_i^2 - 1).$$

Then the e'_{ij} for fixed i form an orthonormal basis of V_i , and hence the e'_{ij} for all i and all j are the vertices of a regular n -simplex Δ' in V .

Let K be the subspace of V spanned by e_{10}, \dots, e_{d0} . Since $d = 1, 2,$

4 or 8 we can make K into a \mathbb{Q} -algebra with identity element e_{10} and a bilinear multiplication such that $e_{i0}^2 = -e_{i0}$ for $2 \leq i \leq d$, and $e_{i0}e_{j0} = \pm e_{k0}$ for $2 \leq i, j \leq d$, $i \neq j$ and $k \neq 1$, and such that $|xy| = |x||y|$ for x, y in K , where as before $|x|$ is the Euclidean norm. (When $d = 4$ (resp. 8), K is the rational quaternion (resp. octonion) algebra.)

The orthogonal complement V'_1 of e_{10} in V_1 has dimension $r_1^2 - 1$, which is divisible by 8 and is therefore a multiple of d . We may therefore regard V'_1 (relative to the basis (e_{ij})) as a free left K -module: $V'_1 = K \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathbb{Q}}^s$ where $s_i = (r_i^2 - 1)/d$. Thus $V = K^s$ where $s = 1 + \sum s_i$.

Now let

$$u = r_1 e_{10} - \sum_{i=2}^d r_i e_{i0} \in K.$$

Then $\Delta = u \Delta'$ is a regular n -simplex in V , with vertices

$$ue'_{ij} = u(e'_{ij} - r_i^{-1} e_{i0}) + r_i^{-1} u e_{i0}.$$

The vector $e'_{ij} - r_i^{-1} e_{i0}$ is orthogonal to e_{i0} , and hence $u(e'_{ij} - r_i^{-1} e_{i0}) \in V'_1$. It follows that the e_{10} -coordinate of ue'_{ij} is equal to the e_{10} -coordinate of $r_i^{-1} u e_{i0}$, hence is equal to 1. Hence finally $S = \Delta - e_{10}$ is a regular n -simplex with vertices in \mathbb{Q}^n .

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CODAZZI TENSORS AND INTEGRAL FORMULAE

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§1. INTRODUCTION. The concept of a Codazzi tensor originated in the Weingarten map of a codimension-one isometric immersion of a manifold in an euclidean space. The concept has been generalized from tensors of type (1,1) such as the Weingarten map to tensors of type (p,p) (cf. [1]). Furthermore it has been shown that such tensors form an algebra under the "dot" product of Mixed Exterior Algebra (cf. [5]).

The purpose of this paper is to announce a very general formula for the exterior derivative of an (n-1)-form, involving Codazzi tensors, on an orientable n-manifold. If the manifold is compact, Stokes' theorem then yields an integral formula. Proofs will appear elsewhere.

§2. CODAZZI TENSORS. We suppose that M is a smooth n-manifold with a connection ∇ . If U is a tensor field on M of type (p,p), skew-symmetric in both its co and contravariant parts, then ∇U is of type (p+1, p) and, skew-symmetrizing its covariant part, we obtain a tensor field $\pi(\nabla U)$.

DEFINITION. U is called ∇ -Codazzi of type (p,p) if $\pi(\nabla U) = 0$.

§3. THE MAIN THEOREM. We now assume the M is oriented by an n-form Δ , that Z is a vector field on M and that U is a tensor field of type (n-1, n-1) on M , skew in both parts. Define a field e^* on M by

$$\langle e^*, X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge X_n \rangle = \Delta(X_1, \dots, X_n);$$

and define an $(n-1)$ -form ϕ on M by

$$\Phi(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) = \langle e^{\circ} Z \wedge U(X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge X_{n-1}) \rangle$$

(here, X_1, \dots, X_n are vector fields on M). Finally, let \hat{Z} denote the $(1,1)$ tensor field on M given by $X \mapsto \nabla_X Z$. Then we have

THEOREM. *If (i) the torsion of ∇ is 0, (ii) U is ∇ -Codazzi of type $(n-1, n-1)$ and (iii) ∇ is ∇ -parallel, then*

$$\delta\Phi = \text{tr}(\hat{Z} \cdot U)\Delta.$$

COROLLARY: *If, in addition, M is compact, then*

$$\int_{\partial M} \Phi = \int_M \text{tr}(\hat{Z} \cdot U).$$

§4. REMARKS. Many examples of Codazzi tensors of type $(1,1)$ are given in [3]. An example of type $(2,2)$ is the curvature tensor of a Riemannian manifold. Any ∇ -parallel U is, of course, ∇ -Codazzi. If we combine these facts with the result that the (mixed exterior) product of ∇ -Codazzi tensors is ∇ -Codazzi we obtain a large family of integral formulae. This latter fact was shown in [1], where it is also shown how to specialize a particular case of the above (Z comes from an isometric immersion of M in an euclidean space) to obtain the integral formulae of [2], [4], [6] and [7].

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SOME EXAMPLES IN PROJECTIVE CONVEXITY

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A subset B of a real projective three-space P^3 is convex in P^3 if there is a plane $\alpha \subset P^3$ disjoint from B and $B = \text{conv}_\alpha(B)$, the convex hull of B in the affine restriction $P^3 \setminus \alpha$; cf. [2]. A family $F = \{B_1, \dots, B_n\}$ of $n \geq 2$ convex sets in P^3 is affinely embeddable if each $B_i \in F$ is convex in the same affine restriction of P^3 .

THEOREM ((1)). If F is a family of $n \geq 5$ mutually disjoint closed convex sets in P^3 such that (i) any line meets at most two sets of F and (ii) no set of F is contained in a convex hull of any other three sets of F , then F is affinely embeddable.

In this note, we present examples which show that neither (i) (Figure 1) nor (ii) (Figure 2) may be dropped from the THEOREM.

O. Let A and B be closed convex sets in P^3 . We recall that $A \cap B$ is convex if and only if $A \cap B$ is connected. If $A \cap B$ is not convex, then any plane in P^3 meets $A \cup B$ and $\{A, B\}$ is not affinely embeddable. Let A and B be disjoint. Then (cf. [3]) the set of planes in P^3 , which do not meet $A \cup B$, is not connected and has two components. Thus $A \cup B$ has two convex hulls.

Let P^3 be coordinatized by \mathbb{R} , $\{\lambda, \mu\} \subset \mathbb{R}$ and denote the points and planes of P^3 by p, q, r and α, β, γ , respectively. For a subset $X \subset P^3$, $\langle X \rangle$ denotes the flat spanned by the points of X .

We remark that as our examples are algebraic, we only list observations and indicate arguments.

1. Let $p_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0)$, $q_1 = (0, 1, 0, 2)$, $p_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0)$, $q_2 = (1, 0, 2, 0)$, $p_3 = (0, 0, 1, 0)$, $q_3 = (2, 0, 0, 1)$, $p_4 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$, $q_4 = (0, 2, 1, 0)$, $p_5 = (1, 1, 2, 2)$, $q_5 = (-2, -2, -1, -1)$ and

$$B_i = \{\lambda p_i + \mu q_i \mid \lambda, \mu \geq 0, \lambda + \mu > 0\}; \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.$$

Let $T = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}, x_i \geq 0\}$ and $\gamma = x_1 + x_2 = 0$. Then $\gamma \cap T = \emptyset$ and $T = \text{conv}_\gamma(\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\})$ is a 3-simplex containing $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup B_4$; cf. Figure 1.

We note the following properties of $F_5 = \{B_1, \dots, B_5\}$.

- 1.1 $T = \text{conv}_\gamma(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup B_4)$ and $p_i \notin \text{conv}_\gamma(B_i \cup B_j \cup B_k)$ for $\{i, j, k, l\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.
- 1.2 Let $\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$ and $\{k, l\} = \{3, 4\}$. Then $\text{conv}_\gamma(B_i \cup B_k)$ meets B_j, B_l and B_5 , and $B_5 \cap \text{conv}_\gamma(B_j \cup B_k)$ is connected.
- 1.3 Let $\{i, j\} = \{1, 3\}$. Then $(B_i \cup B_{i+1}) \cap \text{conv}_\gamma(B_j \cup B_{j+1}) = \emptyset$ and $B_5 \cap \text{conv}_\gamma(B_j \cup B_{j+1})$ is not connected.
- 1.4 The plane $x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 = 0$ is disjoint from $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_5$ and separates B_1 and B_2 in T , and the plane $x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 = 0$ is disjoint from $B_3 \cup B_4 \cup B_5$ and separates B_3 and B_4 in T .
- 1.5 By 1.1 to 1.4, any three element subset of F_5 is affinely embeddable.
- 1.6 Let $\{i, j\} = \{1, 3\}$ and β strictly separate B_i and B_{i+1} in T . Then $B_j \cap \text{conv}_\beta(B_i \cup B_{i+1})$ and $B_{j+1} \cap \text{conv}_\beta(B_i \cup B_{i+1})$ are not connected.
- 1.7 By the preceding, T is the unique convex hull of $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup B_4$ and $T \cap B_5$ is not connected. Thus F_5 is not affinely embeddable.

We claim that no set of F_5 is contained in a convex hull of any other three sets of F_5 .

Let B_i, B_j and B_k be three sets of F_5 . By 1.5, there is an α disjoint from $B_i \cup B_j \cup B_k$. Let $H = \text{conv}_\alpha(B_i \cup B_j \cup B_k)$. By 1.1 and 1.7, we may assume that $H \neq T$ and that $B_5 \subset H$. Thus if a fourth set is in H , then $B_1 \cup B_2 \subset H$ or $B_3 \cup B_4 \subset H$.

If $B_1 \cup B_2 \subset H$, then $B_5 \cup \text{conv}_\alpha(B_1 \cup B_2)$ is connected. Thus α separates B_1 and B_2 in H by 1.3, and neither B_3 nor B_4 is in H by 1.6. A similar argument yields that there is no fourth set in H when $B_3 \cup B_4 \subset H$.

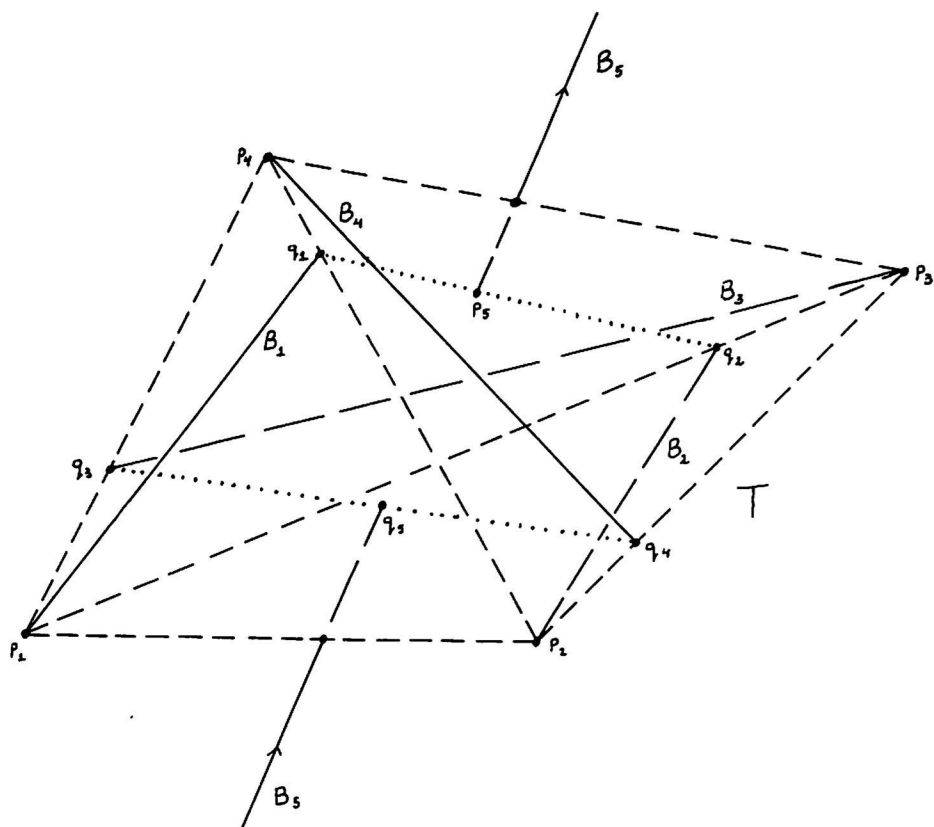


Figure 1

2. Let $p_1 = (0, 0, 1, 0)$, $q_1 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$, $p_2 = (0, 1, 1, 0)$, $q_2 = (0, 1, 0, 1)$, $p_3 = (1, 0, 1, 0)$, $q_3 = (1, 0, 0, 1)$,

$$B_i = \{\lambda p_i + \mu q_i \mid \lambda, \mu \geq 0, \lambda + \mu > 0\}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

$$B_4 = \{(1, 2, 0, 0)\} \quad \text{and} \quad B_5 = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^8 \lambda_i r_i \mid \lambda_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^8 \lambda_i > 0 \right\}$$

where $r_1 = (1, -1, 1, -2)$, $r_2 = (1, -4, 2, -4)$, $r_3 = (-1, -1, 1, -2)$, $r_4 = (-4, 1, 2, -4)$, $r_5 = (-1, 1, 1, -2)$, $r_6 = (1, 1, 2, -4)$, $r_7 = (-1, -1, 0, -3)$ and $r_8 = (1, 1, 3, 0)$.

We list some properties of this F_5 , and remark that we exclude B_4 from Figure 2 for simplicity.

- 2.1 $B_1 \cup B_2 > \equiv x_1 = 0$, $\langle B_1 \cup B_3 > \equiv x_2 = 0$ and
 $\langle B_2 \cup B_3 > \equiv x_1 + x_2 - x_3 - x_4 = 0$. Thus any line meets at most two sets of $\{B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4\}$.
- 2.2 $\alpha = \langle q_1, q_2, q_3 > \equiv x_3 = 0$, $\alpha' = \langle p_1, p_2, p_3 > \equiv x_4 = 0$,
 $B_4 \subset \alpha \cap \alpha'$, $\alpha \cap B_5 = \{r_7\}$ and $\alpha' \cap B_5 = \{r_8\}$.
- 2.3 Let P and Q be the closed half-spaces of P^3 determined by α and α' . Then, say, $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \subset P$, $B_5 \subset Q$ and the intersection of B_5 and the convex hull of $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3$, which is in P , is not connected.
- 2.4 $L = \langle B_4 \cup \{r_7\} > \equiv x_3 = 6x_1 - 3x_2 - x_4 = 0$,
 $M = \langle B_4 \cup \{r_8\} > \equiv x_4 = 6x_1 - 3x_2 - x_3 = 0$ and $(L \cup M) \cap (B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3) = \emptyset$.
 Thus no line meets B_4, B_5 and $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3$, and B_5 is disjoint from the convex hull $B_j \cup B_k$, which is in P ; $1 \leq j \neq k \leq 3$.
- 2.5 $\gamma_1 = \langle p_3, q_1, q_2 > \equiv x_1 - x_3 = 0$, $\gamma_2 = \langle q_2, p_1, p_3 > \equiv x_2 - x_4 = 0$,
 $\gamma_3 = \langle p_1, q_2, q_3 > \equiv x_1 + x_2 - x_4 = 0$, $\gamma_4 = \langle q_3, p_1, p_2 > \equiv x_1 - x_4 = 0$,
 $\gamma_5 = \langle p_2, q_1, q_3 > \equiv x_2 - x_3 = 0$, $\gamma_6 = \langle q_1, p_2, p_3 > \equiv x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$ and
 $\gamma_i \cap B_5 = \{r_i\}$; $i = 1, \dots, 6$.

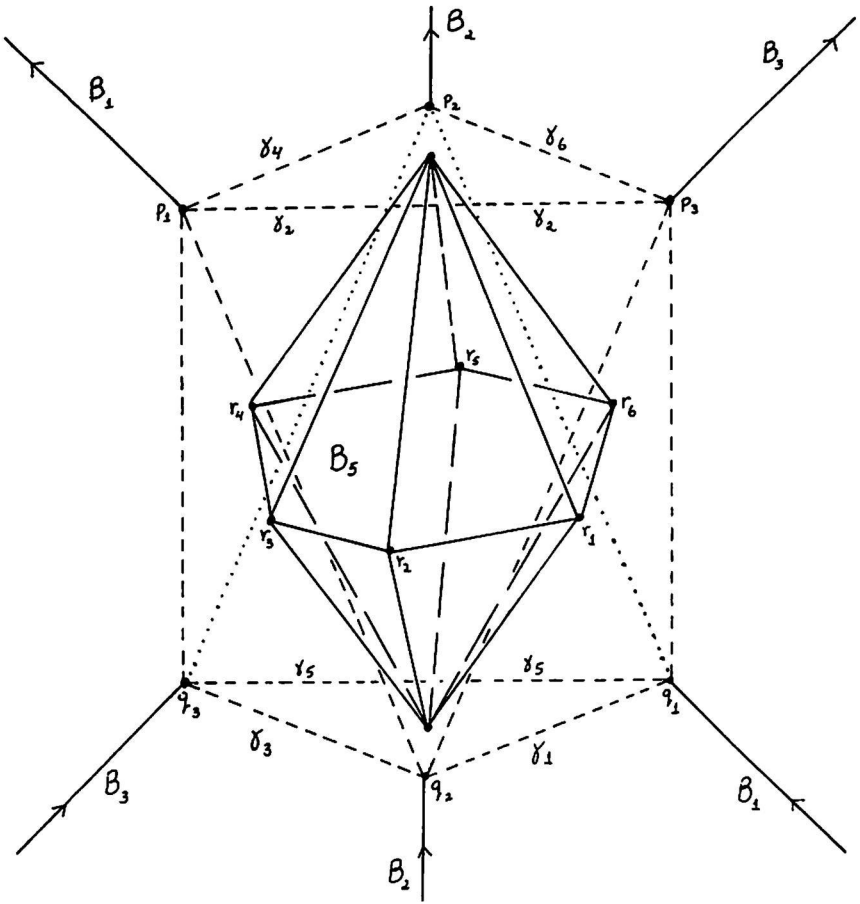


Figure 2

- 2.6 Let P_i and Q_i be the closed half-spaces of P^3 determined by γ_i and γ_{i+3} , $i = 1, 2, 3$. Then, say, $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \subset P_1$, $B_5 \subset Q_1$ and the intersection of B_5 and the convex hull of $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3$, which is in P_1 , is not connected. Thus with 2.3, $\{B_1, B_2, B_3, B_5\}$ is not affinely embeddable.
- 2.7 Let $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Then P_i contains the convex hull of $B_j \cup B_k$, which is not in P , and $\{r_i, r_{i+3}\} \cap \langle B_j \cup B_k \rangle = \emptyset$. Thus B_5 is also disjoint from this convex hull of $B_j \cup B_k$.
- 2.8 By 2.4 and 2.7, any line meets at most two sets of $\{B_1, B_2, B_3, B_5\}$.
- 2.9 By 2.1, 2.4 and 2.8, any line meets at most two sets of F_5 .

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