

Now v_1 and v_2 will be linearly dependent at $X \in \mathbb{P}^n$ when there exist $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \neq 0$ such that

$$[\lambda_1 \alpha_{10} X_0 + \lambda_2 \alpha_{20} X_0, \dots, \lambda_1 \alpha_{1n} X_n + \lambda_2 \alpha_{2n} X_n] = [X_0, \dots, X_n],$$

and by the assumption that all 2×2 minor determinants of A are distinct and nonzero, this will be the case only when all but two of the homogeneous coordinates of X are zero, i.e., when X lies on a line $\overline{P_i P_j}$ for some $0 \leq i \neq j \leq r$. D_2 thus consists of the union of the $\binom{n+1}{2}$ lines $\overline{P_i P_j}$; or in other words, if

ω is the hyperplane class on \mathbb{P}^n ,

$$C_{n-1}(\mathbb{P}^n) = \binom{n+1}{2} \cdot \omega^{n-1}.$$

¶ We already compute D_2 on p356 back.

Again by Gauss-Bonnet Formula II, $C_{n-1}(\mathbb{P}^n)$ is Poincaré dual to the degeneracy cycle D_{n-n+2} .

$$\omega \in H^2(\mathbb{P}^n), \quad H^{2n-2}(\mathbb{P}^n) = \langle \omega^{n-1} \rangle.$$

$$\omega^{n-1} \in H^{2n-2}(\mathbb{P}^n) \longleftrightarrow [IP^2] \in H_2(\mathbb{P}^n).$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Since } D_2 = n+1 C_2 [IP^2], \quad C_{n-1}(\mathbb{P}^n) = n+1 C_2 \omega^{n-1}. \quad \square$$

In general, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_q will be linearly dependent at X exactly when all but q of the homogeneous coordinates of X vanish, i.e.,

$$D_q = \bigcup_{\#I=q} \overline{P_{i_1} \dots P_{i_q}}$$

consists of the union of the coordinate $(q-1)$ -planes span