

tion will be a reference to "the generic k -plane in \mathbb{P}^n ": until the section on Grassmannians, we have - at least officially - no way of parametrizing linear subspaces of projective space. The fastidious reader may substitute "the linear span of the generic $(k+1)$ -tuple of points in \mathbb{P}^n ."

A basic fact about analytic subvarieties is the

Proposition. V_S is contained in an analytic subvariety of M not equal to V .

Proof. For $p \in V$ let k be the largest integer such that there exist k functions f_1, \dots, f_k in a nbd U of p vanishing on V and such that $J(f)$ has a $k \times k$ minor not everywhere singular on V ; we may assume that

$$|(\partial f_i / \partial z_j)_{1 \leq i, j \leq k}| \neq 0 \text{ on } V.$$

$\square \exists$ open set $O \ni p$, s.t. $O \cap V = \{f_1 = \dots = f_k = 0\}$, f_1, \dots, f_k holomorphic on O . Say

$$\left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial z_j} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq k} \text{ is not everywhere singular on } V.$$

But $\det \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial z_j} \right) \equiv 0 \text{ on } V$ if $\# i\text{'s} = \# j\text{'s} > k$.

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