

for every pair $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C}^+$.

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The Plücker Embedding

We close this section by describing the classical Plücker embedding of the Grassmannian $G(k, n)$ in projective space; this will illustrate both the Kodaira embedding theorem and Chow's theorem.

The embedding line bundle over $G(k, n)$ will be $L = \det S^* = \det Q$. L may be seen to be positive by introducing a suitable metric with a positive curvature form in a similar manner to the Fubini-Study metric on projective space; rather than do this, however, we shall give the Plücker embedding directly.

See P 30 & P 150. & P 148

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The Plücker map

$$p: G(k, n) \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}(\wedge^k \mathbb{C}^n) = \mathbb{P}^{\binom{n}{k}-1}$$

simply sends a k -plane $\Lambda = \mathbb{C}\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ to the multivector $v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_k$. Explicitly, in terms of the basis $\{e_I = e_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_k} \mid \#I = k\}$ for $\wedge^k \mathbb{C}^n$, this map is given by

$$\Lambda \longmapsto [\dots, |\Lambda_I|, \dots],$$

i.e., the homogeneous coordinates of the map are