

X_0, \dots, X_n be linear coordinates on \mathbb{C}^{n+1} , π_* and E as in Section 3 of this chapter, and $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n)$ any $(n+1)$ -vector of distinct nonzero complex numbers. Consider the vector field on \mathbb{P}^n ,

$$V(X) = \pi_* \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i X_i \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i}$$

(since $\pi_* \sum X_i (\partial/\partial X_i) \equiv 0$, we may as well take $\sum \alpha_i = 0$).

¶ See p 409. $\sum X_i \pi_* (\frac{\partial}{\partial X_i}) = 0$.

$$V(X) = \pi_* \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i X_i \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i X_i \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i} = \alpha_0 X_0 \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_0} + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i X_i \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i}$$

$$= \alpha_0 \left(- \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i X_i \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha_i - \alpha_0) X_i \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i}$$

If $\sum \alpha_i = 0$, then

$$V(X) = \pi_* \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i X_i \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i} = \alpha_0 X_0 \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_0} + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i X_i \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i}$$

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i X_0 \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_0} + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i X_i \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i} - X_0 \pi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial X_0}) \alpha_i.$$

So what? Nonsense. No! see p 406 \sqcup

As we have seen, V vanishes exactly at the point $p_i = [0, \dots, \underline{1}_i, \dots, 0]$; in terms of Euclidean coordinates

$$x_j = \frac{X_j}{X_i}, \quad j \neq i,$$