The *d*-Weddle locus for a finite set of points in projective space

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Problem

Study locus of points occuring as a vertex of degree d cone containing Z.

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The *d*-Weddle locus of Z is the closure of the set of points $P \in \mathbb{P}^n \setminus Z$ (if any) for which $\delta(Z, P, d, d) > \delta(Z, d, d)$.

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$$\dim[I(Z_P)]_2 = 1 > 0 = \delta(Z, Q, 2, 2),$$

where Q is general.

Two approaches to finding the *d*-Weddle scheme

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with entries in \mathbb{C} , known as the *interpolation matrix* for X in degree t.

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both define the d-Weddle scheme.

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Now have the exact sequence

$$\left[\frac{R^*}{(\partial_{L_{P_1}}^t,\ldots,\partial_{L_{P_r}}^t)}\right]_{d-1} \xrightarrow{\times \partial_{L_P}^{t-d+1}} \left[\frac{R^*}{(\partial_{L_{P_1}}^t,\ldots,\partial_{L_{P_r}}^t)}\right]_t \to \left[\frac{R^*}{(\partial_{L_{P_1}}^t,\ldots,\partial_{L_{P_r}}^t,\partial_{L_{P}}^{t-d+1})}\right]_t \to 0$$

where we have

$$[R]_{d-1} \cong [R^*]_{d-1} = [R^*/(\partial^t_{L_{P_1}}, \dots, \partial^t_{L_{P_r}})]_{d-1},$$
$$[R^*/(\partial^t_{L_{P_1}}, \dots, \partial^t_{L_{P_r}})]_t \cong [I(P_1) \cap \dots \cap I(P_r)]_t$$

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In particular, as a vector space, $[I(P_1) \cap \cdots \cap I(P_r) \cap I(P)^d]_t$ is isomorphic to the cokernel of the map $\times \partial_{L_P}^{t-d+1}$.

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Theorem

Given a finite set of points $Z \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ and a degree d, let A be a minor of T = T(Z + dP), coming from a given choice of s rows and s columns of T. Assume that the rows correspond to $\partial_{M_{i_j}}$ for monomials M_{i_1}, \ldots, M_{i_s} , and that j of the chosen columns come from T_1 . Let B be the corresponding minor of $N = (\Lambda(Z + dP, d))^t$. Then

$$B = \frac{e_{M_{i_1}} \cdots e_{M_{i_s}}}{(d!)^j} A$$

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Example - transpose of interpolation matrix

	7	1	0	0	0	1	8	6×0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\
N =	1	0	0	0	0	1	12	$2x_1$	2×0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	1	0	0	0	0	1	20	2x2	0	2×0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	1	0	0	0	0	1	28	2x3	0	0	2×0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
		0	0	0	0	1	18	0	$2x_1$	0	0	2×0	0	0	0	0	0	- 1
		0	0	0	0	1	30	0	×2	×1	0	0	×0	0	0	0	0	- 1
		0	0	0	0	1	42	0	×3 0	0	×1 0	0	Ó	×0 0	0	0	0	- 1
		0	0	0	0	1	50	0		$2x_2$	0	0	0		2×0	0	0	- 1
		0	0	0	0	1	70	0	0	×3	×2	0	0	0	0	×0	0	- 1
		0	0	0	0	1	98	0	0	0	2×3	0	0	0	0	0	2×0	- 1
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		0	0	0	0	1	45	0	0	0	0	2x2	$2x_1$	0	0	0	0	
		0	0	0	0	1	63	0	0	0	0	2x3	0	$2x_1$	0	0	0	- 1
		0	0	0	0	1	75	0	0	0	0	0	$2x_2$	0	$2x_1$	0	0	- 1
		0	0	0	0	1	105	0	0	0	0	0	×3	×2	0	×1	0	- 1
		0	0	0	0	1	147	0	0	0	0	0	0	2x3	0	0	$2x_1$	- 1
		0	0	1	0	1	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6x2	0	0	- 1
	1	0	0	0	0	1	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$2x_3$	$2x_2$	0	1
	1	0	0	0	0	1	245	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$2x_3$	$2x_2$	
	1	0	0	0	1	1	343	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6×3	/

$$\begin{split} N_{2,6} &= M_2(P_6) = x_0^2 x_1([2:3:5:7]) = 2^2 3 = 12 \\ N_{11,11} &= \partial_{m_5} M_{11} = \partial_{x_1^2}(x_1^3) = 6 x_1 \end{split}$$

Example - Macaulay duality matrix

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$$T_{2,6} = c_{M_2} M_2(P_6) = \frac{3!}{2!1!} (x_0^2 x_1) ([2:3:5:7]) = 36,$$

$$T_{11,11} = M_{11}/m_5 = x_1^3/(x_1^2) = x_1$$

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More precisely, a primary decomposition for the ideal of the 3-Weddle scheme is given by the intersection of the ideals of the 15 lines with the cubes of the ideals of the six points.

Theorem

Let L_i be three noncoplanar lines concurrent at a point O. Let $Z = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, Q_1, Q_2, Q_3\}$ be a set of six points in \mathbb{P}^3 away from O, distributed in pairs P_i, Q_i on the lines L_i . Then the Weddle surface $\mathcal{W}(Z)$ consists of four planes: the three planes generated by pairs of the lines L_i and the plane spanned by H_1, H_2, H_3 , where H_i is the point on L_i such that (P_i, Q_i, O, H_i) are harmonic, for i = 1, 2, 3.

Reduced Weddle surface

We may assume that

 $O = [0:0:0:1], P_1 = [1:0:0:0], P_2 = [0:1:0:0], P_3 = [0:0:1:0]$

$$Q_1 = [a:0:0:1], Q_2 = [0:b:0:1], Q_3 = [0:0:c:1]$$

for some nonzero a, b, c. Then the interpolation matrix defining the Weddle surface has the form

Its determinant is 2xyz(bcx + acy + abz - 2abcw),

 $H_1 = [2a:0:0:1], H_2 = [0:2b:0:1], H_3 = [0:0:2c:1]$

such that (P_i, Q_i, O, H_i) are harmonic.

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(2, 3)-grid

$$Z = \{ [1:0:0:0], [0:1:0:0], [1:1:0:0], \\ [0:0:1:0], [0:0:0:1], [0:0:1:1] \}.$$

The Macaulay duality matrix T'(Z, 2P) is

$$\begin{bmatrix} z & 0 & x & 0 \\ w & 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & z & y & 0 \\ 0 & w & 0 & y \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det(T'(Z, 2P) = 0.$$

The ideal of 3×3 minors of T'(Z, 2P) is:

$$(xzw, xw^{2}, -yzw, -yw^{2}, -xz^{2}, -xzw, yz^{2}, yzw, -xyz, -xyw, y^{2}z, y^{2}w, x^{2}z, x^{2}w, -xyz, -xyw),$$

sat(I) = (yw, xw, yz, xz) = (x, y) \cap (z, w),

so the 2-Weddle scheme consists of the two lines, x = y = 0 and w = z = 0, which are grid lines for the (2,3)-grid Z. Hence the 2-Weddle scheme is the same as the 2-Weddle locus.