

Level sets of the Normal Sections on Isoparametric Hypersurfaces

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- The reason for restricting to the homogeneous case is that, for these hypersurfaces, the polynomials are "independent" of the point p and this is a desirable property.

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- We want to find the critical points of $P(X)$ with the restriction, $\|X\| = 1$.

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- We obtain the system of equations,

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These are called Cartan hypersurfaces, denoted by F_R, F_C, F_H and F_O , are full flag manifolds in the projective planes RP^2, CP^2, HP^2 and OP^2 (real, complex, quaternionic and Cayley), respectively.

- We work in the general case $F = \mathbb{O}$, using the following notation,

$$X = (0, 0, x_1, x_2, x_3) \quad , \quad x_j \in F = \mathbb{O}$$

$$x_1 = (a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7)$$

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and therefore the singular values are,

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We may denote $X = ((\alpha, B), (C, \delta)) \in T_p(M)$ by

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &= (u_2, \dots, u_n), & C &= (v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}) & u_j, v_j &\in \mathbb{H} \\
 \alpha &= a_1i + a_2j + a_3k & \delta &= d_1i + d_2j + d_3k & &\in \mathfrak{S}(F) \\
 u_s &= b_{s,0} + b_{s,1}i + b_{s,2}j + b_{s,3}k & & & s &= 2, \dots, n \\
 v_r &= c_{r,0} + c_{r,1}i + c_{r,2}j + c_{r,3}k, & & & r &= 1, \dots, n-1
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We determine the critical values for the polynomial given by formula (2). We want to illustrate with this, the general method to follow for the cases $F = \mathbb{C}$ and $F = \mathbb{H}$.

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In this way, we have shown: Let P be a polynomial that defines a normal section on a homogeneous isoparametric hypersurfaces of the sphere, whose number of distinct curvatures is less than or equal to four. Then P has only three critical values in the unit sphere of $T_p(M)$. Namely, 0, its maximum m and its minimum $-m$. Therefore the level sets $P^{-1}(r)$ for $r \in (-m, 0) \cup (0, m)$ are smooth hypersurfaces of the sphere $S(T_p(M))$.

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With this notation, the polynomial defining normal sections of M_B at p takes the form

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$$\begin{aligned}
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 = & r_3r_5r_7 + r_3r_6r_8 + r_3r_{11}r_{13} + r_3r_{12}r_{14} + r_4r_{12}r_{13} + r_7r_9r_{11} + r_8r_9r_{12} \\
 & + (-r_4r_6r_7 - r_5r_9r_{13} - r_6r_{10}r_{13} - r_6r_9r_{14} - r_7r_{10}r_{12}) + \\
 & + 3(r_4r_5r_8 + r_5r_{10}r_{14} + r_8r_{10}r_{11} - r_4r_{11}r_{14}) + \\
 & + \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) (-r_3r_6r_7 - r_3r_{12}r_{13} - r_6r_9r_{13} + r_7r_9r_{12})
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For M_S the singular points are

$$\lambda \in \left\{0, \pm\frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}, \pm\frac{4}{21}\sqrt{7}\right\}$$