

ON THE THEORY OF DIFFERENTIAL FORMS ON ALGEBRAIC VARIETIES

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Let K be a function field of one variable over a perfect field k and let v be a valuation of K over k . Then $v(dx) = v(\mathfrak{D}_x) - v(x)_\infty$, where \mathfrak{D}_x is the different-divisor (Verzweigungsdivisor) of $K/k(x)$, and $(x)_\infty$ is the denominator-divisor (Nennerdivisor) of x . In §1 we consider a generalization of this theorem in the function fields of many variables under some conditions. In §2 and §3 we consider the differential forms of the first kind on algebraic varieties, or the differential forms which are finite at every simple point of normal varieties and subadjoint hypersurfaces which are developed by Clebsch and Picard in the classical case. In §4 we give a proof of the following theorem.¹⁾ Let V^r be a normal projective variety defined over a field k of characteristic 0, and let $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_s$ be linearly independent simple closed differential forms which are finite at every simple point of V^r . Then the induced forms on a generic hyperplane section are also linearly independent.

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§1. Let K be a field, generated over a field k by a set of quantities and let K be of dimension n over k . If K is separably algebraic over $k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ where x_1, \dots, x_n is a set of algebraically independent quantities in K over k , we say that x_1, \dots, x_n are separating generators of K over k . Every differential form belonging to the extension K over k is expressed in one and only one way as a polynomial in dx_1, \dots, dx_n with coefficients in K .

LEMMA 1. *Let K be a separably generated n -dimensional extension of k . Then n differentials dx_1, \dots, dx_n of x_1, \dots, x_n in K are linearly independent over K if and only if x_1, \dots, x_n are separating generators of K over k .*

Proof. If dx_1, \dots, dx_n are linearly independent over K , we get for all z in K

$$dz = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(z) dx_i, \quad a_i(z) \in K.$$

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¹⁾ When V is without singularity, this theorem is well known, see J. Igusa [4].

Therefore n derivations D_i of K defined by $D_i(z) = a_i(z)$, form a base of the module of all the derivations of K over k . It follows immediately that every derivation of K over k does not annul all the elements of $k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Therefore by F-I, Th. 1,²⁾ $K/k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is separably algebraic.

LEMMA 2. *Let x_1, \dots, x_n be separating generators, and*

$$dz_1 \dots dz_s = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_s} a_{i_1 \dots i_s} dx_{i_1} \dots dx_{i_s}, \quad a_{i_1 \dots i_s} \in K.$$

Then $a_{i_1 \dots i_s} \neq 0$ if and only if $(z_1, \dots, z_s, x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_s} \dots, x_n)$ are separating generators of K over k .

Proof. This follows immediately from Lemma 1.

Let K be a regular n -dimensional extension of k . In K we consider an $(n-1)$ -dimensional valuation v . When x_1, \dots, x_n are separating generators of K over k we associate a number $v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n})$ with v in a similar way as in the case of dimension 1. Namely, let \mathfrak{o} be the set of all the elements z of $k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ such that $v(z) \geq 0$, and let $\bar{\mathfrak{o}}$ be the set of all the elements in K which are integral over \mathfrak{o} . Then the different-ideal of $\bar{\mathfrak{o}}$ with respect to \mathfrak{o} is a principal ideal (φ) in $\bar{\mathfrak{o}}$. We define $v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n})$ by

$$v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}) = v(\varphi).$$

More generally, if K is separably algebraic over a subfield K_0 , then we can define $v(\mathfrak{D}_{K/K_0})$ similarly. $v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n})$ may be $\neq 0$ for infinitely many v , but if we treat only the valuations v_W in K with respect to the subvarieties W^{n-1} of a normal model V^n of K , then $v_W(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}) \neq 0$ for a finite number of v_W . The following lemma is well known.

LEMMA 3.³⁾ *Let K be a regular 1-dimensional extension over k , and let v be a valuation of K . Then if x and z are the elements in K such that $K/k(x)$ and $K/k(z)$ are separably algebraic, we get*

$$v\left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right) = v(\mathfrak{D}_z) - v(\mathfrak{D}_x) + 2v(x)_\infty - 2v(z)_\infty.$$

where $v(x)_\infty = 0$ if $v(x) \geq 0$, $v(x)_\infty = -v(x)$ if $v(x) < 0$.

LEMMA 4. *Let K be a regular n -dimensional extension over k and let*

²⁾ A. Weil [11] Chapter I, Th. 1, noted by F-I, Th. 1.

³⁾ J. Weissinger [12].

x_1, \dots, x_n be separating generators of K and

$$dz = P_1 dx_1 + \dots + P_n dx_n.$$

Let v be an $(n - 1)$ -dimensional valuation such that $v(x_i) \geq 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, n - 1$) and let \bar{x}_i ($i = 1, \dots, n - 1$) be the residue class mod v which contains x_i . Then, if $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n-1}$ are algebraically independent in the residue class field of v over k and $P_n \neq 0$, we have

$$v(P_n) = v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_{n-1} z}) - v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_{n-1} x_n}) - 2v(z)_\infty + 2v(x)_\infty.$$

Proof. Let $k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})^*$ be the algebraic closure of $k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ in K . Since $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n-1}$ are algebraically independent, we can consider v as a valuation of $K/k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})^*$; K is of dimension 1 over $k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})^*$. If we express the differential belonging to the extension K of $k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})^*$ with d' , then $d'z = P_n d'x_n$. Therefore, from Lemma 3,

$$v(P_n) = v(\mathfrak{D}'_z) - v(\mathfrak{D}'_{x_n}) - 2v(z)_\infty + 2v(x)_\infty,$$

where \mathfrak{D}'_z and \mathfrak{D}'_{x_n} are the different-divisors with respect to $K/k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})^*(z)$ and $K/k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})^*(x_n)$ respectively. But since $v(\mathfrak{D}'_z) = v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_{n-1} z})$, $v(\mathfrak{D}'_{x_n}) = v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n})$, we have

$$v(P_n) = v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_{n-1} z}) - v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}) - 2v(z)_\infty + 2v(x_n)_\infty.$$

THEOREM 1. Let K be a regular n -dimensional extension over k , and let x_1, \dots, x_n be separating generators of K and

$$du_1 \dots du_n = R dx_1 \dots dx_n.$$

Let v be an $(n - 1)$ -dimensional valuation of K . Suppose that $n - 1$ elements among u_1, \dots, u_n form mod v a transcendental base of the residue class field \bar{K} of v over k , and $n - 1$ elements among x_1, \dots, x_n form a transcendental base mod v of \bar{K} . Then if $R \neq 0$,

$$v(R) = v(\mathfrak{D}_{u_1 \dots u_n}) - v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}) + 2\{v(x_1)_\infty + \dots + v(x_n)_\infty\} - 2\{v(u_1)_\infty + \dots + v(u_n)_\infty\}.$$

More generally let $dz_1 \dots dz_s = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_s} R_{i_1 \dots i_s} dx_{i_1} \dots dx_{i_s}$ ($s \leq n$). Suppose further that $n - 1$ elements among $(z_1, \dots, z_s, x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_{i_1}, \dots, \hat{x}_{i_s}, \dots, x_n)$ form mod v a transcendental base of \bar{K} over k . Then if $R_{i_1 \dots i_s} \neq 0$,

$$v(R_{i_1 \dots i_s}) = v(\mathfrak{D}_{z_1 \dots z_s x_1 \dots \hat{x}_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_s} \dots x_n}) - v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}) + 2\{v(x_{i_1})_\infty + \dots + v(x_{i_s})_\infty\} - 2\{v(z_1)_\infty + \dots + v(z_s)_\infty\}.$$

Proof. We use induction on n . The latter part follows immediately from the first part; for, $dz_1 \dots dz_s dx_{s+1} \dots dx_n = R_{1 \dots s} dx_1 \dots dx_s dx_{s+1} \dots dx_n$ (if $i_1 = 1, \dots, i_s = s$).

We assume without loss of generality that $\bar{K}/k(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n-1})$ and $\bar{K}/k(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_{n-1})$ are algebraic. We put

$$du_1 \dots du_{n-1} = A_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n + A_2 dx_1 dx_3 \dots dx_n + \dots + A_n dx_1 \dots dx_{n-1}.$$

I) The case when at least one of A_1, \dots, A_{n-1} is not zero; we assume $A_1 \neq 0$. Let $k(x_1)^*$ be the algebraic closure of $k(x_1)$ in K and consider K over $k(x_1)^*$. Then by the induction assumption we can prove in the same way as Lemma 4,

$$v(A_1) = v(\mathfrak{D}_{u_1 \dots u_{n-1} x_1}) - v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}) + 2\{v(x_2)_\infty + \dots + v(x_n)_\infty\} - 2\{v(u_1)_\infty + \dots + v(u_{n-1})_\infty\}.$$

Next as $K/k(u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}, x_1)$ is separably algebraic, we can put

$$du_n = \alpha_1 du_1 + \alpha_2 du_2 + \dots + \alpha_{n-1} du_{n-1} + \alpha_n dx_1.$$

By Lemma 4 we get

$$v(\alpha_n) = v(\mathfrak{D}_{u_1 \dots u_{n-1} u_n}) - v(\mathfrak{D}_{u_1 \dots u_{n-1} x_1}) + 2v(x_1)_\infty - 2v(u_n)_\infty.$$

As $R = A_1 \alpha_n$

$$v(R) = v(A_1) + v(\alpha_n) = v(\mathfrak{D}_{u_1 \dots u_n}) - v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}) + 2\{v(x_1)_\infty + \dots + v(x_n)_\infty\} - 2\{v(u_1)_\infty + \dots + v(u_n)_\infty\}.$$

II) When $A_1 = \dots = A_{n-1} = 0$, then $A_n \neq 0$, as $R \neq 0$. Put

$$du_1 = \alpha_1 dx_1 + \dots + \alpha_n dx_n.$$

There exists an element w of K which satisfies the following conditions 1) $K/k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, w)$ is separably algebraic, 2) w and $n-2$ elements among x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} form mod v a transcendental base of \bar{K} over k . For, at first \bar{u}_1 and $n-2$ elements among $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n-1}$ form a transcendental base of \bar{K} . We assume that $\bar{u}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_{n-1}$ is a transcendental base of \bar{K} . As \bar{K} is $(n-1)$ -dimensional over k , there exists an element $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq 0$ in $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

such that $v(f) > 0$, moreover we can assume that $\partial f / \partial x_n \neq -\alpha_n$. We put $w = u_1 + f$. Then, 1) $dw = du_1 + df = \left(\alpha_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right) dx_1 + \dots + \left(\alpha_n + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}\right) dx_n$, $\alpha_n + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \neq 0$; therefore K is separably algebraic over $k(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, w)$. 2) As $v(f) > 0$, $\bar{w} = \bar{u}_1$; therefore $\bar{w}, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_{n-1}$ is a transcendental base of \bar{K} .

As $du_1 \dots du_{n-1} = 0 \cdot dx_2 \dots dx_{n-1} dw + \dots + A_n dx_1 \dots dx_{n-1}$, by considering K over $k(w)^*$, we get in the same way as Lemma 4

$$v(A_n) = v(\mathfrak{D}_{u_1 \dots u_{n-1} w}) - v(\mathfrak{D}_{w x_1 \dots x_{n-1}}) + 2\{v(x_2)_\infty + \dots + v(x_{n-1})_\infty\} - 2\{v(u_1)_\infty + \dots + v(u_{n-1})_\infty\}.$$

Since $A_n \neq 0$, by Lemma 2, K is separably algebraic over $k(u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}, w)$, and we can put

$$du_n = \beta_1 du_1 + \dots + \beta_{n-1} du_{n-1} + \beta_n dw.$$

By Lemma 4

$$\begin{aligned} v(\beta_n) &= v(\mathfrak{D}_{u_1 \dots u_n}) - v(\mathfrak{D}_{u_1 \dots u_{n-1} w}) + 2v(w)_\infty - 2v(u_n)_\infty. \\ dw &= \gamma_1 dx_1 + \dots + \gamma_{n-1} dx_{n-1} + \gamma_n dx_n, \\ v(\gamma_n) &= v(\mathfrak{D}_{w x_1 \dots x_{n-1}}) - v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}) + 2v(x_n)_\infty - 2v(w)_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

As $R = A_n \beta_n \gamma_n$

$$\begin{aligned} v(R) &= v(A_n) + v(\beta_n) + v(\gamma_n) \\ &= v(\mathfrak{D}_{u_1 \dots u_n}) - v(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}) \\ &\quad + 2\{v(x_1)_\infty + \dots + v(x_n)_\infty\} - 2\{v(u_1)_\infty + \dots + v(u_n)_\infty\}. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 5. Let V^n be a variety defined over a field k with a generic point P over k . Let W^{n-1} be a simple subvariety of V^n algebraic over k with a generic point Q over \bar{k} . Let (t_1, \dots, t_n) be a set of uniformizing parameters at Q in $k(P)$ and t'_i be the specialization of t_i over $P \rightarrow Q$ with respect to k . Then $k(x')$ is separably algebraic over $k(t'_1, \dots, t'_n)$.

Proof. From the definition of uniformizing parameters and F-VIII, Prop. 10, Q is a proper specialization of multiplicity 1 over $(t) \rightarrow (t')$ with respect to k . Therefore $k(x', t') = k(x')$ is separable over $k(t')$ by F-III, Th. 4.

LEMMA 6. Let V^n be a variety defined over a perfect field k with generic point P over k . Let v be a valuation of $k(P)$ such that its valuation ring coincides with the specialization ring, in $k(P)$, of a simple subvariety W^{n-1} which

is algebraic over k . Then we can choose a set of uniformizing parameters (t_1, \dots, t_n) in $k(P)$ along W such that $v(t_1) = \text{minimum of the set consisting of } v(\alpha), \alpha \in k(P), v(\alpha) > 0$.

Proof. There is a point $A = (x'')$ algebraic over k such that A is a simple point both on V^n and on W^{n-1} . Let \mathfrak{p} be the prime ideal in the specialization ring R of (x'') in $k(P)$ which is determined by Q . Then since (x'') is simple on W the ring R/\mathfrak{p} is a regular local ring. If (t_2, \dots, t_n) is a set of elements in R such that they form mod \mathfrak{p} a regular system of parameters of R/\mathfrak{p} , then there is an element t_1 in R which is a generator of \mathfrak{p} and (t_1, \dots, t_n) is a regular system of parameters of R by Chevalley [1], Prop. 9. Since k is perfect, (t_1, \dots, t_n) is a set of uniformizing parameters of V at A in $k(x)$. Therefore (t_1, \dots, t_n) is a set of uniformizing parameters of V at Q in $k(P)$ and $v(t_1) = \text{minimum}$.

THEOREM 2.⁴⁾ *Let K be a regular n -dimensional extension over a perfect field k , let v be an $(n-1)$ -dimensional valuation of K and let V^n be a model of K such that the center of v is a simple subvariety W^{n-1} and (t_1, \dots, t_n) a set of uniformizing parameters of W .⁵⁾ Let z_1, \dots, z_n be elements in K such that the residue-class field of v is algebraic over $k(\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n)$, where \bar{z}_i is the residue class which contains z_i (when $v(z_i) < 0$ we consider here $\bar{z}_i = 0$). Then if*

$$dz_1 \dots dz_n = w dt_1 \dots dt_n \quad \text{and} \quad w \neq 0,$$

$$v(w) = v(\mathfrak{D}_{z_1, \dots, z_n}) - 2\{v(z_1)_\infty + \dots + v(z_n)_\infty\}.$$

Proof. For the set of uniformizing parameters (t_1, \dots, t_n) which was chosen in Lemma 6, $v(\mathfrak{D}_{t_1, \dots, t_n}) = 0$ since $v(t_1) = \text{minimum}$ and the residue class field of v is separable over $k(\bar{t}_1, \dots, \bar{t}_n)$. As $v(w)$ is independent of the choice of the uniformizing parameters, we get the theorem.

COROLLARY. *Let $k(x)$ be a separably algebraic extension of $k(y)$ and let v^* be a valuation in $k(x)$ which induces on $k(y)$ an $(n-1)$ -dimensional valuation v , n being the dimension of $k(y)$ over k . Let (t_1^*, \dots, t_n^*) be a set of uniformizing parameters of v^* in $k(x)$ and let (t_1, \dots, t_n) be a set of uniformizing parameters of v in $k(y)$ in the sense described in the above theorem, and*

⁴⁾ See H. W. E. Jung [5].

⁵⁾ Since k is perfect, such a variety always exists.

$$dt_1 \dots dt_n = w dt_1^* \dots dt_n^* \quad \text{in } k(x)$$

Then $v^*(w) = v^*(\mathfrak{D}_{k(x)/k(y)})$.

Proof. By Theorem 2 $v^*(w) = v^*(\mathfrak{D}_{t_1 \dots t_n})$, but $v^*(\mathfrak{D}_{t_1 \dots t_n}) = v^*(\mathfrak{D}_{k(x)/k(y)})$, because the v -contribution of the different of $k(y)$ with respect to $k(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is zero as in the proof of Theorem 2.

§2. Let V^n be a projective variety in the projective $n + 1$ space L^{n+1} . Let k be a field of definition of V^n , and let V^{*n} be a derived normal variety of V with respect to k , such that V^* has no singular subvariety of dimension $n - 1$.⁶⁾ Then V^* is also derived normal variety of V with respect to any field k' containing k . Let M be a generic point of V over k , and let M^* be the corresponding generic point of V^* over k . Let W^{*n-1} be an $(n - 1)$ -dimensional subvariety of V^* and let W be the corresponding variety in V . Let \mathfrak{o}_W be the specialization ring of W in $k(M)$, and $\bar{\mathfrak{o}}_W$ the integral closure of \mathfrak{o}_W in $k(M) = k(M^*)$. Let \mathfrak{C}_W be the conductor of $\bar{\mathfrak{o}}_W$ with respect to \mathfrak{o}_W , and put $c_{W^*} = \min_{u \in \mathfrak{C}_W} \{v_{W^*}(u)\}$, where v_{W^*} means the valuation of $k(M^*)$ with respect to W^* . We define the subadjoint divisor C of V by $C = \sum c_{W^*} W^*$.⁷⁾ Here $c_{W^*} \neq 0$ if and only if W is a singular subvariety of V .

Let W_0, V_0 and V_0^* be representatives of W, V and V^* respectively and let $M_0 = (x)$ and $M_0^* = (y)$ be the corresponding generic points of V_0 and V_0^* over k respectively. Let z_1, \dots, z_m be a base of the ring $k[y]$ with respect to $k[x]$. Then (z_1, \dots, z_m) is also a base of $\bar{\mathfrak{o}}_W$ with respect to \mathfrak{o}_W . From this we see that if \mathfrak{C} is the conductor of $k[y]$ with respect to $k[x]$ then $\mathfrak{C}_W = \mathfrak{C} \cdot \mathfrak{o}_W$. For if $u \in \mathfrak{C}_W, uz_i \in \mathfrak{o}_W$ ($i = 1, \dots, m$), $uz_i = \frac{g_i(x)}{h_i(x)}, g_i(x), h_i(x) \in k[x], v_{W^*}(h_i(x)) \neq 0$; therefore $u \in \mathfrak{C} \cdot \mathfrak{o}_W$ since $u \prod_{i=1}^m h_i(x) \in \mathfrak{C}$. Conversely we get obviously $\mathfrak{C} \subset \mathfrak{C}_W$, hence $\mathfrak{C}_W = \mathfrak{C} \cdot \mathfrak{o}_W$. Therefore $c_{W^*} = \min_{u \in \mathfrak{C}_W} \{v_{W^*}(u)\} = \min_{u \in \mathfrak{C}} \{v_{W^*}(u)\}$. Further since V^* is derived normal variety of V with respect to k' , if (z_1, \dots, z_m) is a base of $k[y]$ with resp. to $k[x]$ it is also a base of $k'[y]$ with resp. to $k'[x]$, therefore the conductor \mathfrak{C}' of $k'[y]$ with respect to $k'[x]$ is equal to $\mathfrak{C} \cdot k'[x]$. Therefore we can see that C depends on the variety V^* , but it does not depend on the choice of the reference field k and the generic point over it.

⁶⁾ In the following we always assume that the derived variety of V by normalization with reference to k is normal and call derived normal variety.

⁷⁾ See D. Gorenstein [2].

Moreover C is clearly determined uniquely up to biregular birational correspondences between derived normal varieties.

Let $\Phi(X_0, \dots, X_{n+1})$ be a homogeneous form in $k[X_0, \dots, X_{n+1}]$. Let W^{*n-1} be an $(n-1)$ -dimensional subvariety in V^* and W the corresponding subvariety in V . We take one of the representatives, say W_0 , of W . Let $M_0 = (1, x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$ be a generic point of V_0 over k and M^* be the corresponding generic point of V^* over k . Let Φ_0 be the function on V^* defined by $\Phi_0(M^*) = \Phi(1, x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$ over k . Then it is easily seen that $v_{W^*}(\Phi_0)$ is independent of the choice of the representatives of W and the field k and the generic point M^* of V^* over k . We denote it by $v_{W^*}(\Phi, V)$. Obviously $v_{W^*}(\Phi, V) = 0$ but a finite number of W^* ; we denote the divisor $\sum_{W^*} v_{W^*}(\Phi, V) \cdot W^*$ by (Φ, V) . If $v_{W^*}(\Phi, V) \geq v_{W^*}(C)$ for all W^* , then we call that $\Phi(X_0, \dots, X_{n+1})$ is a subadjoint form of V or call the hypersurface $\Phi = 0$ a subadjoint hypersurface. Let $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ be a polynomial in $k[X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}]$ and let ϕ be the function on V^* defined by $\phi(M^*) = \phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$. If $v_{W^*}(\phi) \geq v_{W^*}(C)$ for all W^* such that W^* has the representative in V_0^* , then we say that ϕ is a subadjoint polynomial of V_0 . If the degree s of ϕ is $\leq m$, and $\Phi(X_0, \dots, X_{n+1}) = X_0^m \cdot \phi\left(\frac{X_1}{X_0}, \dots, \frac{X_{n+1}}{X_0}\right)$ is a subadjoint form of V we say that $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) = 0$ defines a subadjoint hypersurface of degree m of V , or briefly $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ is a subadjoint hypersurface of degree m of V . The notion of subadjointness is independent of k and also of V^* .

Let ω be a differential form on V of degree r defined by $\omega(M) = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_r} a_{i_1 \dots i_r} dx_{i_1} \dots dx_{i_r}$ over k , where $\sum a_{i_1 \dots i_r} dx_{i_1} \dots dx_{i_r}$ is a differential form belonging to the extension $k(M)$ of k . In this case for simplicity we also use the notation $\omega = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_r} a_{i_1 \dots i_r} dx_{i_1} \dots dx_{i_r}$. Further by the birational correspondence between V^* and V , we can define the transformed differential form for ω on V^* , using the same notation ω .

Let ω be a differential form defined over k on V^* and let (t_1, \dots, t_n) be a set of uniformizing parameters of a subvariety W^{*n-1} in $k(M)$. If $\omega = \sum a_{i_1 \dots i_r} dt_{i_1} \dots dt_{i_r}$, then we put $\min. v_{W^*}(a_{i_1 \dots i_r}) = v_{W^*}(\omega)$; this is independent of the choice of the uniformizing parameters and also of the defining field k .⁸⁾

⁸⁾ See Y. Nakai [7].

LEMMA 7. Let V^n be an affine variety in S^{n+1} defined over k by $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) = 0$, with a generic point $M = (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$ over k . We assume that x_{n+1} is separably algebraic over $k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Let $\omega = \frac{\phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})}{F'_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})} dx_1 \dots dx_n$, and let W^{*n-1} be a subvariety of the variety V^* derived from V by normalization with reference to k . Then $v_{W^*}(\omega) = v_{W^*}(\phi) - v_{W^*}(C)$.

Proof. (1) First we assume that the degree of $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ on X_{n+1} is m , m being the degree of $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$. Let W^{n-1} be the corresponding variety to W^* in V and let (x') be a generic point of W over k' ($\cong k$). Since $F(x'_1, \dots, x'_n, x'_{n+1}) = 0$, x'_{n+1} is algebraic over $k'(x'_1, \dots, x'_n)$, and therefore $\dim_{k'}(x'_1, \dots, x'_n) = n - 1$. Suppose x'_1, \dots, x'_{n-1} be algebraically independent over k' . Then for any element $z \neq 0$ in $k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = k_1$, $v_{W^*}(z) = 0$, and therefore we can consider v_{W^*} as a valuation of $k_1(x_n, x_{n+1})$ over k_1 . Let \mathfrak{o} be the integral closure of $k_1[x_n]$ in $K = k(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1})$. Then \mathfrak{o} is also the integral closure of $k_1[x_n, x_{n+1}]$. Let \mathfrak{c} be the conductor of \mathfrak{o} with respect to $k_1[x_n, x_{n+1}]$ and let \mathfrak{d} be the different of \mathfrak{o} with respect to $k_1[x_n]$. Then we get

$$F'_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}) \cdot \mathfrak{o} = \mathfrak{c}\mathfrak{d}^{9)}$$

Further, clearly we get $v_{W^*}(C) = v_{W^*}(\mathfrak{C}_W) = v_{W^*}(\mathfrak{c})$, and moreover we get $v_{W^*}(\mathfrak{d}) = v_{W^*}(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n})$. As we can assume without loss of generality that k is perfect, we get

$$v_{W^*}(dx_1 \dots dx_n) = v_{W^*}(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} v_{W^*}(\omega) &= v_{W^*}(\phi) + v_{W^*}(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}) - v_{W^*}(F'_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})) \\ &= v_{W^*}(\phi) + v_{W^*}(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n}) - [v_{W^*}(C) + v_{W^*}(\mathfrak{D}_{x_1 \dots x_n})] \\ &= v_{W^*}(\phi) - v_{W^*}(C) \end{aligned}$$

(2) For the general case we make a linear transformation $\bar{x}_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} a_{ij} x_j$, where a_{ij} are in k and $|a_{ij}| \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} d\bar{x}_i &= \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} a_{ij} dx_j = \sum_{j=1}^n \left(a_{ij} - \frac{F'_j}{F'_{n+1}} a_{i, n+1} \right) dx_j \\ d\bar{x}_1 \dots d\bar{x}_n &= \left| a_{ij} - \frac{F'_j}{F'_{n+1}} a_{i, n+1} \right|_{i, j=1, \dots, n} dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ x_i &= \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \alpha_{ij} \bar{x}_j \quad (i = 1, \dots, n+1), \quad (\alpha_{ij}) = (a_{ij})^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

⁹⁾ E. Hecke [3].

Let $\bar{F}(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{n+1})$ be the irreducible polynomial in $k[\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{n+1}]$ such that $\bar{F}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n+1}) = 0$. Then $\bar{F}(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{n+1}) = F\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \alpha_{1j} \bar{X}_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \alpha_{n+1,j} \bar{X}_j\right)$, $\bar{F}'_{\bar{x}_{n+1}} = F'_1 \cdot \alpha_{1,n+1} + F'_2 \cdot \alpha_{2,n+1} + \dots + F'_{n+1} \alpha_{n+1,n+1}$,

$$\frac{\bar{F}'_{\bar{x}_{n+1}}}{F'_{n+1}} = \frac{\left| a_{ji} - \frac{F'_j}{F'_{n+1}} a_{in+1} \right|_{i,j=1,\dots,n}}{\left| a_{ij} \right|_{i,j=1,\dots,n+1}}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} dx_1 \dots dx_n = \frac{|a_{ij}|^{-1}}{\bar{F}'_{\bar{x}_{n+1}}} d\bar{x}_1 \dots d\bar{x}_n$$

$$\omega = \frac{\phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})}{F'_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})} dx_1 \dots dx_n = \frac{\phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) |a_{ij}|^{-1}}{\bar{F}'_{\bar{x}_{n+1}}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n+1})} d\bar{x}_1 \dots d\bar{x}_n$$

Since we can assume that k is an infinite field, we can select a_{ij} such that \bar{F} is of order m on \bar{X}_{n+1} . Therefore we have

$$v_{W^*}(\omega) = v_{W^*}(\phi) - v_{W^*}(C).$$

THEOREM 3. *Let V^n be an affine variety in S^{n+1} defined over k by $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) = 0$ with a generic point $M = (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$ over k . We assume x_{n+1} is separably algebraic over $k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Then a differential form $\omega = \frac{A}{F'_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})} dx_1 \dots dx_n$ is finite at every simple point of the derived normal variety V^* if and only if $A = \phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$, where $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ is a subadjoint polynomial for V .*

Proof. If $A = \phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$, $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ is a subadjoint polynomial for V , then $v_{W^*}(\phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})) \geq v_{W^*}(C)$ for every subvariety W^{*n-1} of V^* . By the preceding lemma $v_{W^*}(\omega) = v_{W^*}(\phi) - v_{W^*}(C) \geq 0$. Let P be any simple point of V^* and let (t_1, \dots, t_n) be a set of uniformizing parameters at P in $k(M)$ and $\omega = B dt_1 \dots dt_n$. Since (t_1, \dots, t_n) is also a set of uniformizing parameters along every W^{*n-1} which contains P . Therefore $v_{W^*}(B) \geq 0$ for every W^* which contains P . It follows by F-VII, Th. 1 that B must belong to the specialization ring of P ; this shows that ω is finite at every simple point.

Conversely if ω is finite at every simple point, then $v_{W^*}(\phi) \geq v_{W^*}(C)$ for every W^{*n-1} of V^* . Let \mathfrak{o}_W be the specialization ring of a subvariety W^{*n-1} of V in $k(M)$, and let $\bar{\mathfrak{o}}_W$ be the integral closure of \mathfrak{o}_W in $k(M)$. Let W_i^{*n-1} ($i = 1, \dots, s$) be all the subvarieties of V^* which correspond to W . Then an element z in $k(M)$ is finite at W (which means z is finite at a generic point

of W over a field of definition K ($\cong k$) of W), if and only if z is finite at every W_i^* ($i = 1, \dots, s$). Therefore \bar{v}_W is the intersection of the specialization rings of W_i^* 's. It follows that \bar{v}_W is a principal ideal ring. Hence we have an element c in \mathbb{C}_W such that $v_{W_i^*}(C) = \min_{u \in \mathbb{C}_W} \{v_{W_i^*}(u)\} = v_{W_i^*}(c)$, therefore we conclude that $\phi/c \in \bar{v}_W$, $\phi \in \mathbb{C}_W$.

If $z \in \bigcap_{W^{n-1}CV} \mathfrak{o}_W$, then z belongs to $k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$. To prove this, we may assume that $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ is of degree m and it contains a term of X_{n+1}^m ; under this assumption (x_1, \dots, x_n) is a set of independent elements over k . Since $z \in \bigcap_{W^{n-1}CV} \mathfrak{o}_W$, it belongs to the specialization ring, in $k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(x_n, x_{n+1})$, of any specialization (x'_n, x'_{n+1}) of (x_n, x_{n+1}) with reference to $k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$, therefore we can see that z belongs to $k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})[x_n, x_{n+1}]$; hence

$$z = \frac{g(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})}{h(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})}$$

where $h(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]$ and $g(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}]$, moreover since $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ is of degree m on X_{n+1} , we may assume that $g(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ is of degree $< m$ on X_{n+1} . Similarly z belongs to $k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_n)[x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}]$, and

$$z = \frac{g_1(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})}{h_1(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_n)}$$

where $h_1(X_1, \dots, X_{n-2}, X_n) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-2}, X_n]$, $g_1(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}]$ and $g_1(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ is of degree $< m$ on X_{n+1} . Therefore

$$g_1(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) \cdot h(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) - g(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) \cdot h(X_1, \dots, X_{n-2}, X_n)$$

is divisible by $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$, but since its degree on X_{n+1} is $< m$

$$g_1(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})h(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) = g(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})h_1(X_1, \dots, X_{n-2}, X_n).$$

Now if $H(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$ is a power of an irreducible polynomial, which has a term containing X_{n-1} , and divides $h(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$, then $H(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$ must divide $g(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$. Therefore we get

$$z = \frac{g'(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})}{h'(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2})}$$

Since z also belongs to $k(x_1, \dots, x_{n-3}, x_{n-1}, x_n)[x_{n-2}, x_n]$, we get

$$g'(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})h_2(X_1, \dots, X_{n-3}, X_{n-1}, X_n) = h'(X_1, \dots, X_{n-2})g_2(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$$

and similarly as above we can see

$$z = \frac{g''(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})}{h''(x_1, \dots, x_{n-3})}.$$

Continuing this we get $z \in k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$.

Let \mathbb{C} be the conductor of the ring \bar{v} which consists of the elements which are integral over $k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$, with respect to $k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$. Since $\phi \in \mathbb{C}_W$, $\phi\bar{v} \subset \mathfrak{o}_W$ for every W^{n-1} , therefore $\phi\bar{v} \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$ which shows that $\phi \in \mathbb{C}$; in particular $\phi \in k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$. Therefore ϕ is a subadjoint polynomial of V .

THEOREM 4. *Let V^n be a projective variety in the projective $n+1$ space L^{n+1} , and ω a differential form on V of degree n . Suppose V have a representative V_0 defined over k by $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})=0$ with a generic point $M_0=(1, x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$ over k . Suppose x_{n+1} be separably algebraic over $k(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$ and let $\omega = \frac{A}{F'_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})} dx_1 \dots dx_n$. Then, ω is finite at every simple point of the derived normal variety V^* of V if and only if $A = \phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$, where $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})=0$ is a subadjoint hypersurface of degree $m-(n+2)$ of V in L^{n+1} , m being the degree of $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$.*

Proof. Let $\omega = \frac{A}{F'_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})} dx_1 \dots dx_n$ be finite at every simple point of V^* . Then ω must be finite at every simple point of V_0^* . Therefore by the preceding theorem $A = \phi(x)$, where $\phi(X)$ is a subadjoint polynomial for V_0 . Let V_i ($i \neq n+1$), say $i=1$, be another representative of V . $M_1=(\bar{x}_1, 1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_{n+1})$ is a generic point of V_1 over k , where $\bar{x}_1 = \frac{1}{x_1}$, $\bar{x}_2 = \frac{x_2}{x_1}, \dots, \bar{x}_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_1}$. Let $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) = \bar{F}(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{n+1})/\bar{X}_1^m$ where $\bar{X}_1 = \frac{1}{X_1}$, $\bar{X}_2 = \frac{X_2}{X_1}, \dots, \bar{X}_{n+1} = \frac{X_{n+1}}{X_1}$. Then $\bar{F}(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{n+1})=0$ is equation for V_1 over k .

$$\begin{aligned} dx_1 \dots dx_n &= -x_1^{-2}d\bar{x}_1 \cdot \bar{x}_1^{-1}d\bar{x}_2 \dots \bar{x}_1^{-1}d\bar{x}_n \\ &= -\bar{x}_1^{-(n+1)}d\bar{x}_1 d\bar{x}_2 \dots d\bar{x}_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \frac{\phi(x)}{F'_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})} dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ &= - \frac{\phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \bar{x}_1^{m-(n+2)}}{\bar{F}'_{x_{n+1}}(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n+1})} d\bar{x}_1 \dots d\bar{x}_n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\phi(x)\bar{x}_1^{m-(n+2)}$ is equal to a polynomial of $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n+1}$. Let $\tilde{x}_1 = \frac{x_1}{x_{n+1}}, \tilde{x}_2 = \frac{x_2}{x_{n+1}}, \dots, \tilde{x}_n = \frac{x_n}{x_{n+1}}, \tilde{x}_{n+1} = \frac{1}{x_{n+1}}$, and let $\tilde{F}(\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n+1})$ be equation for V_{n+1} . In the case, where one of $F'_1(x), \dots, F'_n(x)$, say $F'_1(x)$, is not zero, we have $\frac{1}{F'_{n+1}(x)} dx_1 \dots dx_n = - \frac{1}{F'_1(x)} dx_{n+1} dx_2 \dots dx_n$. Therefore we get in the same way as above,

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \frac{\phi(x) \tilde{x}_{n+1}^{m-(n+2)}}{\tilde{F}'_{\tilde{x}_{n+1}}(\tilde{x})} d\tilde{x}_{n+1} d\tilde{x}_2 \dots d\tilde{x}_n \\ &\left(= - \frac{\phi(x) \tilde{x}_{n+1}^{m-(n+2)}}{\tilde{F}'_{\tilde{x}_{n+1}}(\tilde{x})} d\tilde{x}_1 \dots d\tilde{x}_n \text{ if further } \tilde{F}'_{\tilde{x}_{n+1}}(\tilde{x}) \neq 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Lf $F'_1(x) = \dots = F'_n(x) = 0$, then $dx_{n+1} = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} F'_{n+1}(x) &= - \tilde{F}'_{\tilde{x}_{n+1}}(\tilde{x}) / \tilde{x}_{n+1}^{m-2} \\ dx_1 &= d(x_{n+1}\tilde{x}_1) = x_{n+1}d\tilde{x}_1 = \tilde{x}_{n+1}^{-1}d\tilde{x}_1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\omega = \frac{\phi(x)}{F'_{n+1}(x)} dx_1 \dots dx_n = \frac{\phi(x) \tilde{x}_{n+1}^{m-(n+2)}}{\tilde{F}'_{\tilde{x}_{n+1}}(\tilde{x})} d\tilde{x}_1 \dots d\tilde{x}_n.$$

Hence $\phi(x) \tilde{x}_{n+1}^{m-(n+2)}$ is equal to a polynomial of $\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_{n+1}$. It follows that $A = \phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$, where $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ is a polynomial of degree $h \leq m - (n + 2)$; and $\emptyset(X_0, \dots, X_{n+1}) = \phi\left(\frac{X_1}{X_0}, \dots, \frac{X_{n+1}}{X_0}\right) X_0^{m-(n+2)}$ is subadjoint form of V . Conversely if $A = \phi(x)$, where $\phi(X) = 0$ is a subadjoint hypersurface of degree $m - (n + 2)$, then clearly $\omega = \frac{A}{F'_{n+1}(x)} dx_1 \dots dx_n$ is finite at every simple point of V^* .

COROLLARY 1. *Let V^n be a subvariety of L^{n+1} , such that the derived normal variety V^* of V is a variety without singular point. Then a differential form*

$$\omega = \frac{A}{F'_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})} dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

on V is a differential form of the first kind if and only if $A = \phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$, where $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) = 0$ is a subadjoint hypersurface of degree $m - (n + 2)$ of V .

COROLLARY 2. *Let $V^n \subset L^{n+1}$. If every singular subvariety W^{n-1} of V^n has a representative in V_0^n , then ω is finite at every simple point of V^* if and only if $A = \phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$, where $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ is a subadjoint polynomial of degree $\leq m - (n + 2)$.*

Proof. Let $\omega = \frac{\phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})}{F'_{n+1}(x)} dx_1 \dots dx_n$, where $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ is a subadjoint polynomial of degree $\leq m - (n + 2)$. Then ω is finite at every W^{*n-1} which has a representative in V_0^* . Let W^{*n-1} be any subvariety of V^* , which has no representative in V_0^* . Then W^{n-1} , the variety in V which corresponds to W^{*n-1} , is not a singular subvariety, and W^* has a representative in some V_i^* ($i \neq 0$), say $i = 1$.

$$\omega = \frac{\phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \bar{x}_1^{m-(n+2)}}{F'_{n+1}(\bar{x})} d\bar{x}_1 \dots d\bar{x}_n$$

Since the degree of ϕ is $\leq m - (n + 2)$, $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \bar{x}_1^{m-(n+2)} \in k[\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n+1}]$. Therefore $v_{W^*}(\phi(x) \bar{x}_1^{m-(n+2)}) \geq 0$. Moreover since W is nonsingular, $v_{W^*}(C) = 0$. Therefore $v_{W^*}(\omega) = v_{W^*}(\phi(x) \bar{x}_1^{m-(n+2)}) - v_{W^*}(C) \geq 0$, which proves the corollary.

§ 3.

LEMMA 8. *Let V^n be an affine variety in S^{n+1} defined over k by $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) = 0$ with a generic point $M = (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$ over k . We assume that x_{n+1} is separably algebraic over $k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Let $\omega = \frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} [\sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_r} A_{i_1 \dots i_r} dx_{i_1} dx_{i_2} \dots dx_{i_r}]$ be a differential form on V of degree r defined over k . Then if ω is finite at every simple point of the derived normal variety V^* of V , $A_{i_1 \dots i_r}$ are subadjoint polynomials for V .*

Proof. This follows immediately from Theorem 3 when the degree of ω is n . We assume $r < n$. $\omega = \frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} [A_{1 \dots r} dx_1 \dots dx_r + \dots]$. Since dx_{r+1}, \dots, dx_n are finite at every simple point of V^{*10} , $\omega \cdot dx_{r+1} \dots dx_n = \frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} A_{1 \dots r} dx_1 \dots dx_r dx_{r+1} \dots dx_n$ is finite at every simple point of V^* . Therefore by Theorem 3, $A_{1 \dots r}$ is subadjoint polynomial for V . Similarly $A_{i_1 \dots i_r}$ are subadjoint polynomials for V .

¹⁰⁾ See S. Koizumi [6].

Notations and assumptions being same as in Theorem 4, let $\omega = \frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} \sum A_{i_1 \dots i_r} dx_{i_1} \dots dx_{i_r}$, be a differential form of degree r ($< n$) on V defined over k , and let ω be finite at every simple point of the derived normal variety V^* of V .

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_r} A_{i_1 \dots i_r} dx_{i_1} \dots dx_{i_r} \\ &= \frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} \sum_{1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r} A_{i_2 \dots i_r} dx_{i_2} \dots dx_{i_r} + \frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} \sum_{1 < j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_r} A_{j_1 \dots j_r} dx_{j_1} \dots dx_{j_r} \\ &= \frac{-1}{F'_{n+1}} \sum_{1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r} A_{i_2 \dots i_r} \bar{x}_1^{-2} \bar{x}_1^{-(r-1)} d\bar{x}_1 d\bar{x}_{i_2} \dots d\bar{x}_{i_r} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} \sum_{1 < j_1 < \dots < j_r} A_{j_1 \dots j_r} (\bar{x}_1^{-1} d\bar{x}_{j_1} - \bar{x}_{j_1} \bar{x}_1^{-2} d\bar{x}_1) \dots (\bar{x}_1^{-1} d\bar{x}_{j_r} - \bar{x}_{j_r} \bar{x}_1^{-2} d\bar{x}_1) \\ &= \frac{-1}{F'_{n+1}} \sum_{1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r} A_{i_2 \dots i_r} \bar{x}_1^{-(r+1)} d\bar{x}_1 d\bar{x}_{i_2} \dots d\bar{x}_{i_r} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} \sum_{1 < j_1 < \dots < j_r} [A_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r} \bar{x}_1^{-r} d\bar{x}_{j_1} \dots d\bar{x}_{j_r} \\ &\quad + \sum_{h=1}^r \bar{x}_1^{-r} (-\bar{x}_{j_h} \bar{x}_1^{-1}) d\bar{x}_{j_1} \dots d\bar{x}_{j_h} \dots d\bar{x}_{j_r}] \\ &= \frac{\bar{x}_1^{m-1}}{F'_{n+1}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n+1})} \sum_{1 < j_1 < \dots < j_r} A_{j_1 \dots j_r} \bar{x}_1^{-r} d\bar{x}_{j_1} \dots d\bar{x}_{j_r} \\ &\quad - \frac{\bar{x}_1^{m-1}}{F'_{n+1}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n+1})} \left[\sum_{1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r} A_{i_2 \dots i_r} \bar{x}_1^{-r} \bar{x}_1^{-1} d\bar{x}_1 d\bar{x}_{i_2} \dots d\bar{x}_{i_r} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{1 < j_1 < \dots < j_r} \sum_{h=1}^r A_{j_1 \dots j_r} \bar{x}_1^{-r} (-\bar{x}_{j_h} \bar{x}_1^{-1}) d\bar{x}_{j_1} \dots d\bar{x}_{j_h} \dots d\bar{x}_{j_r} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the preceding lemma $A_{j_1 \dots j_r} \bar{x}_1^{(m-1)-r}$ ($1 < j_1 < \dots < j_r$) is equal to a subadjoint polynomial for V_1 . Moreover

$$A_{i_2 \dots i_r} \bar{x}_1^{(m-1)-r} \bar{x}_1^{-1} + \sum \pm A_{j_1 \dots j_r} \bar{x}_1^{m-1-r} (-\bar{x}_{j_h} \bar{x}_1^{-1})$$

is equal to a subadjoint polynomial for V_1 . Therefore $A_{i_2 \dots i_r} \bar{x}_1^{m-1-r} + \sum \pm A_{j_1 \dots j_r} \bar{x}_1^{m-1-r} (-1) \bar{x}_{j_h}$ and $A_{j_1 \dots j_r} \bar{x}_1^{m-1-r} \bar{x}_{j_k}$ are equal to a subadjoint polynomials; hence $A_{i_2 \dots i_r} \bar{x}_1^{m-1-r}$ is equal to a subadjoint polynomial. Therefore for every $i_1 < \dots < i_r$, $A_{j_1 \dots i_r} \bar{x}_1^{m-1-r}$ is equal to a subadjoint polynomial. Similarly $A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r} \bar{x}_h^{m+1+r}$ is equal to a subadjoint polynomial for V_h ($1 \leq h \leq n$).

As for V_{n+1} , by the similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 4, we can see that $A_{i_1 \dots i_r} \bar{x}_{n+1}^{-(m-1-r)}$ is equal to a subadjoint polynomial for V_{n+1} . Therefore it follows that $A_{i_1 \dots i_r} = A_{i_1 \dots i_r}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$, where $A_{i_1 \dots i_r}(X_1, \dots,$

X_{n+1}) is of degree $\leq m - 1 - r$, and $A_{i_1 \dots i_r}(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) = 0$ is a subadjoint hypersurface for V^n .

From the above argument, we see that

$$A_{i_1 \dots i_r} \bar{x}_1^{m-1-r} \bar{x}_1^{-1} + \sum_{h \neq 1, i_2, \dots, i_r} A_{hi_2 \dots i_r} \bar{x}_h \bar{x}_1^{m-1-r} \bar{x}_1^{-1} = \bar{A}^*_{i_2 \dots i_r}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n+1})$$

where $A^*_{i_2 \dots i_r}(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{n+1}) = 0$ are subadjoint hypersurfaces for V_1 , therefore

$$(*) \quad \sum_{h \neq i_1, \dots, i_{r-1}} x_h A_{hi_1 \dots i_{r-1}} = A^*_{i_1 \dots i_{r-1}}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})^{11)},$$

where $A_{i_1 \dots i_r}(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$ are subadjoint hypersurfaces for V , $A_{i_1 \dots i_r}$ are assumed skew symmetric on i_1, \dots, i_r .

If x_1 is separably algebraic over $k(x_2, \dots, x_{n+1})$, then $dx_1 = -\frac{F'_2}{F'_1} dx_2 - \dots - \frac{F'_{n+1}}{F'_1} dx_{n+1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_r} \frac{A_{i_1 \dots i_r}}{F'_{n+1}} dx_{i_1} \dots dx_{i_r} = \sum_{1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r \leq n} \frac{A_{1i_2 \dots i_r}}{F'_{n+1}} dx_1 dx_{i_2} \dots dx_{i_r} \\ &\quad + \sum_{1 < j_1 < \dots < j_r \leq n} \frac{A_{j_1 \dots j_r}}{F'_{n+1}} dx_{j_1} \dots dx_{j_r} \\ &= \frac{1}{F'_1} \left[\sum_{1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r \leq n} -A_{1i_2 \dots i_r} dx_{n+1} dx_{i_2} \dots dx_{i_r} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{1 < j_1 < \dots < j_r \leq n} \left\{ \sum -\varepsilon \binom{hi_2 \dots i_r}{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r} A_{1i_2 \dots i_r} \frac{F'_h}{F'_{n+1}} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + A_{j_1 \dots j_r} \frac{F'_1}{F'_{n+1}} \right\} dx_{j_1} \dots dx_{j_r} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for $1 < j_1 < \dots < j_r \leq n$,

$$A_{j_1 \dots j_r} \frac{F'_1}{F'_{n+1}} + \sum_{h=1}^r (-1)^h A_{1j_1 \dots \hat{j}_h \dots j_r} \frac{F'_h}{F'_{n+1}} = A^{**}_{i_1 \dots i_r}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}),$$

where $A^{**}_{i_1 \dots i_r}(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) = 0$ are subadjoint hypersurfaces of degree $m - 1 - r$ for V . This holds even if x_1 is not separably algebraic over $k(x_2, \dots, x_{n+1})$. Considering other representatives of V we get

$$(**) \quad \sum_{h=0}^r (-1)^h A_{i_0 \dots \hat{i}_h \dots i_r} \frac{F'_{i_h}}{F'_{n+1}} = A^{**}_{i_0 \dots i_r}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})^{11)}$$

where $A^{**}_{i_0 \dots i_r}(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) = 0$ are subadjoint hypersurfaces for V .

¹¹⁾ This formulation is due to Y. Nakai, see [8].

$n - 1$ over $\overline{k(u)}$. We may assume without loss of generality that v_W is the valuation over $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$, of dimension 0. For, v_W is the valuation over the field K which is adjointed certain $n - 1$ elements, say x_3, \dots, x_{n+1} , among x_1, \dots, x_{n+1} , over $\overline{k(u)}$. Then by (**) we get

$$\omega = \frac{1}{F_1^r} \sum B_{j_1 \dots j_r} dx_{j_1} \dots dx_{j_r},$$

where $B_{j_1 \dots j_r}$ are subadjoint polynomials, and therefore we can make the same argument as in the case $K = \overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$. Let \bar{v} be an extension of v_W to the field $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(y_1, \dots, y_m)$ and let t be an element in $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(y_1, \dots, y_m)$ such that $\bar{v}(t) = 1$ and let $y_i = \alpha_i + \beta_i t + \dots$, α_i, β_i belong to $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$. Since any points of $\bar{V} \cdot H$ are simple and $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$ is a point of $\bar{V} \cdot H$, we see that $\beta_i \neq 0$ for at least one i and we can assume that $t \in \overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$. Now the restriction of \bar{v} to $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)(y_1, \dots, y_m)$ is a valuation of dimension 0 over $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$. Therefore all β_i belong to $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$. As $\bar{V} \cdot H$ is defined over $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ of dimension 1, the dimension of $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$ over $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ is at most 1, hence the dimension of $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)$ over $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ is also at most 1. Moreover since (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) are independent over $\overline{k(u)}$, $(u_{0n}, \dots, u_{mn}, u_{0n+1}, \dots, u_{mn+1})$ are independent over $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$, therefore for at least one i ($i = n$ or $n + 1$), say $i = n$, (u_{0n}, \dots, u_{mn}) is a set of independent elements over $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= u_{0n} + u_{1n}y_1 + \dots + u_{mn}y_m \\ &= \left(\sum_{j=0}^m u_{jn}\alpha_j \right) + \left(\sum_{j=0}^m u_{jn}\beta_j \right) t + \dots \end{aligned}$$

and since β_j belong to $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$, it follows that $\sum_{j=0}^m u_{jn}\beta_j \neq 0$, which shows that there is an element A in $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ such that $\bar{v}(x_n - A) = 1$. Therefore the different of $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(y_1, \dots, y_m)$ with respect to $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(x_n)$ is not divisible by \bar{v} . Since $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})[y_1, \dots, y_m]$ and $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})[y_1, \dots, y_m]$ are integrally closed, we see that the different of $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(y_1, \dots, y_m) = \overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$ with respect to $\overline{k(u)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(x_n)$ is not divisible by v_W . Therefore, by the same argument as in the proof of Lemma 7, since

$F_{n+1} \cdot 0 = \text{cd}$, we get $v_W(F_{n+1}) = v_W(C)$, where C is the subadjoint divisor for V . Since $A_{i_1 \dots i_r}$ are subadjoint polynomials, ω is finite at W . If W is not algebraic over $k(u)$, then obviously ω is finite at W . Therefore ω is finite at every non-singular W of \bar{V} , and hence ω is finite at every simple point of \bar{V} .

THEOREM 6.¹³⁾ *Let V^n , in projective $n+1$ space, be a generic projection of a normal projective variety \bar{V}^n . Let $(1, x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$ be a generic point of V_0 and let $F(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) = 0$ be equation for V_0 . Let $\omega = \frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} \sum A_{i_1 \dots i_r} dx_{i_1} \dots dx_{i_r}$ be a differential form on V . Then, if $A_{i_1 \dots i_r} = A_{i_1 \dots i_r}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$ are subadjoint polynomials of degree $m-1-r$ and moreover (*) and (**) hold, ω is finite at every simple point of \bar{V} and conversely.*

Proof. Let W^* be a subvariety of \bar{V} and let W be the corresponding subvariety of V . Then, if W has a representative in V_0 , ω is finite at W^* by the preceding lemma. As for V_1 since (*) hold, we see by the proof of Theorem 5, that

$$\omega = \frac{1}{F'_{n+1}} \sum B_{i_1 \dots i_r} d\bar{x}_{i_1} \dots d\bar{x}_{i_r},$$

where $B_{i_1 \dots i_r}$ are equal to polynomials on $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n+1}$. Therefore ω is finite at every non-singular W^{n-1} of V_1 , similarly at every non-singular W^{n-1} of V_i . As V is a generic projection of \bar{V} , all singular W^{n-1} of V have representatives in V_0 , hence ω is finite at every simple point of \bar{V} . The converse follows immediately from Theorem 5, since \bar{V} is biregularly birationally equivalent to a variety derived from V by normalization.

COROLLARY. *In the above theorem, if \bar{V} is a variety without singularity, then ω is of the first kind.*

COROLLARY. *Assumptions being as in the above theorem, let $\omega = \sum_{h=0}^n (-1)^{h+1} \frac{A_h}{F'_{n+1}} dx_1 \dots \widehat{dx}_n \dots dx_n$ be a differential form on V^n , where A_1, \dots, A_n and $A_{n+1} = \frac{A_1 F'_1 + \dots + A_n F'_n}{F'_{n+1}}$ are equal to subadjoint polynomials of degree $m-n$ and moreover*

$$A_1 = x_1 \theta = \psi_1, A_2 = x_2 \theta + \psi_2, \dots, A_{n+1} = x_{n+1} \theta + \psi_{n+1},$$

¹³⁾ See Y. Nakai [8].

where $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_{n+1}$ polynomials of degree $< m - n$. Then ω is finite at every simple point of \bar{V} , and conversely.

§ 4. In this section we always assume that the characteristic of the field k is 0 and give a proof of the following

THEOREM 7. *Let V^r ($r \geq 2$) be a projective normal variety defined over a field k of characteristic 0 and let $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_s$ be linearly independent simple closed differential forms which are finite at every simple point of V . Then the induced forms $\omega'_1, \dots, \omega'_s$ on a generic hyperplane section (over k) W^{r-1} are also linearly independent.*

Let V^r be in the projective space L^n and let W^{r-1} be the intersection of V^r and the hyperplane $u_0 X_0 + u_1 X_1 + \dots + u_n X_n = 0$, where u_0, \dots, u_n are $n + 1$ independent elements over k . It is well known that W^{r-1} is also a normal variety defined over $k(u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n)$. First we show that it is enough that we treat the case where all the $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_s$ are defined over k . If $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_s$ are defined over a certain larger field K , we can express ω_i in the following form

$$\omega_i = \sum_j \alpha_j \omega_{ij} \quad i = 1, \dots, s,$$

where α_j are constants defined over K and ω_{ij} are simple closed differential forms which are finite at every simple point of V , defined over k .¹⁴⁾ Choosing among the ω_{ij} a maximal set of linearly independent ones $\bar{\omega}_h$ ($h = 1, \dots, t$), and expressing all ω_{ij} in terms of these, we get for ω_i an expression of the form

$$\omega_i = \sum_{h=1}^t \beta_{ih} \bar{\omega}_h \quad (i = 1, \dots, s), \text{ where } \beta_{ih} \text{ are constants.}$$

As ω_i ($i = 1, \dots, s$) and $\bar{\omega}_h$ ($h = 1, \dots, t$) are linearly independent respectively, we see that the rank of the matrix (β_{ih}) is s . Let $\bar{\omega}'_h$ be the induced forms of $\bar{\omega}_h$ on W . Then $\omega'_i = \sum_h \beta_{ih} \bar{\omega}'_h$; therefore if $\bar{\omega}'_h$ are linearly independent, ω'_i are also linearly independent, which shows that we can assume that ω_i are all defined over k .

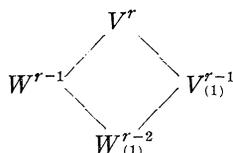
Next we show that we may assume $r = 2$. Let $r > 2$ and let $\omega'_1, \dots, \omega'_s$ be not linearly independent. As ω_i is defined over k , ω'_i is defined over $k(u_0,$

¹⁴⁾ See S. Koizumi [6].

u_1, \dots, u_n), therefore there must be a linear equation

$$\sum \alpha_i \omega_i = 0$$

with α_i (not all zero) constants defined over $k(u_0, \dots, u_n)$; namely there is a differential form $\Omega = \sum \alpha_i \omega_i$ on V which is finite at every simple point of V and induces 0 on W . Now let (v_0, \dots, v_n) be a set of independent variables over $k(u_0, \dots, u_n)$ and consider the intersection $V_{(1)}$ of V and the hyperplane $v_0 X_0 + v_1 X_1 + \dots + v_n X_n = 0$ and the intersection $W_{(1)}$ of W and the (generic) hyperplane $v_0 X_0 + v_1 X_1 + \dots + v_n X_n = 0$.



Then $W_{(1)}$ is a simple subvariety of V and as Ω induces 0 on W , Ω induces on $W_{(1)}$ also 0. Since Ω is defined over $k(u_0, \dots, u_n)$ and $V_{(1)}$ is a generic hyperplane section over $k(u_0, \dots, u_n)$ of V , the form $\Omega_{(1)}$ induced by Ω on $V_{(1)}$ is not 0, and is finite at every simple point of $V_{(1)}$ and closed. But as Ω induces on $W_{(1)}$ 0, $\Omega_{(1)}$ must induce 0 on $W_{(1)}$ which is a generic hyperplane section of $V_{(1)}$. Therefore by induction we can assume $r = 2$.

Next we consider the generic projection. We choose $4(n + 1)$ elements $v_i^{(0)}, v_i^{(1)}, v_i^{(2)}, v_i^{(3)}$, ($i = 0, \dots, n$) independent over k and 4 elements w_0, w_1, w_2, w_3 independent over $k((v_i^{(0)}), \dots, (v_i^{(3)}))$ which satisfy the equations

$$w_0 v_i^{(0)} + w_1 v_i^{(1)} + w_2 v_i^{(2)} + w_3 v_i^{(3)} = u_i$$

$$i = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

Let (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n) be homogeneous coordinates of a generic point of V^2 over $k((v_i^{(0)}), \dots, (w_i))$ and put $\bar{y}_0 = v_0^{(0)} y_0 + v_1^{(0)} y_1 + \dots + v_n^{(0)} y_n, \dots, \bar{y}_3 = v_0^{(3)} y_0 + \dots + v_n^{(3)} y_n$ and consider the projective variety \bar{V}^2 in L^3 with the generic point over $k((v_i^{(0)}), \dots, (w_i))$, whose homogeneous coordinates are $(\bar{y}_0, \bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2, \bar{y}_3)$. This variety is birationally equivalent to V^2 and by this birational correspondence the generic hyperplane section W^1 , the intersection of V and the hyperplane $u_0 X_0 + \dots + u_n X_n = 0$, correspond to the generic hyperplane section \bar{W}^1 , the intersection of \bar{V}^2 and the hyperplane $w_0 \bar{X}_0 + w_1 \bar{X}_1 + w_2 \bar{X}_2 + w_3 \bar{X}_3 = 0$, and furthermore W^1 and \bar{W}^1 are birationally equivalent. Therefore if Ω induces

0 on W , \mathcal{Q} also induces 0 on \bar{W} . Considering the non-homogeneous coordinates

$$(1, x, y, z) = (\bar{y}_0/\bar{y}_0, \bar{y}_1/\bar{y}_0, \bar{y}_2/\bar{y}_0, \bar{y}_3/\bar{y}_0)$$

we get

$$w_0 + w_1x + w_2y + w_3z = 0.$$

Now, since \bar{V}^2 is of dimension 2 in L^3 , its equation in non-homogeneous coordinates is

$$F(x, y, z) = 0$$

whose order we assume to be m . Let us consider a differential form

$$\omega = Rdx + Sdy$$

which is finite at every simple point of V . Then we get

$$S = \frac{A}{F'_z}, \quad R = -\frac{B}{F'_z}, \quad C = -\frac{AF'_x + BF'_y}{F'_z}$$

where A, B, C are subadjoint polynomials in (x, y, z) of degree $\leq m-2$ and we have a relation

$$(1) \quad AF'_x + BF'_y + CF'_z = DF$$

where D is a polynomial of degree $\leq m-3$.

LEMMA. (Castelnuovo)¹⁵⁾ *Let $f(X, Y, Z) = 0$ be an irreducible plane curve of degree m without singular points except nodes. Let*

$$Af'_x + BF'_y + Cf'_z = 0$$

where A, B, C are forms in X, Y, Z of degree l . Then if $l < m-1$, they must be identically zero.

Proof. Let k be a field containing the coefficients of f, A, B and C and let u_0, u_1, u_2 be a set of independent elements over k . Let D be the curve defined by $u_0f'_x + u_1f'_y + u_2f'_z = 0$. Then by the classical Bertini's theorem, D has no multiple points except the points which satisfy $f'_x = f'_y = f'_z = 0$. But since the latter points are nodes of $f=0$, they must be the simple points of D . Therefore D has no multiple points and therefore D is an irreducible curve of degree $m-1$.

¹⁵⁾ F. Severi [10].

Let P_1, \dots, P_d be all nodes of $f=0$ and denote the cycle $P_1 + \dots + P_d = H$. Let ξ be an adjoint curve of degree $m-3$ for $f=0$ (a curve passing through P_1, \dots, P_d) and let $K = D \cdot \xi - H$ be cycle on L^2 , where $D \cdot \xi$ is the intersection of D and ξ . $D \cdot \xi$ and K are positive divisors on D . Since D is without singularity all curves of degree $m-3$ cut out on D a complete linear series containing $D \cdot \xi$ which is non-special. The number of linearly independent curves of degree $m-3$ in L^2 is $\frac{(m-1)(m-2)}{2}$, and that of linearly independent curves of degree $m-3$ passing P_1, \dots, P_d , which is the genus of $f=0$, is $\frac{(m-1)(m-2)}{2} - d$, namely the dimension of the latter linear series is equal to that of the former series minus the degree of H . Since the former is non-special we get, by the Riemann-Roch theorem, or Brill-Noether's Reduction theorem, that the latter series, and hence K is non-special.

Now Suppose for a moment that there exists an adjoint curve η of degree $m-1$ for $f=0$, and a curve φ of degree $m-2$, such that $\varphi \cdot D > G = \eta \cdot D - H$. Let $\varphi \cdot D = G + S$. Then S is positive and its degree is $(m-1)(m-2) - (m-1)(m-1) + d = \frac{(m-1)(m-4)}{2} - \text{genus of } f > \frac{(m-2)(m-3)}{2}$. Therefore there is a curve ψ of degree $m-4$ passing the points of S , namely $\psi \cdot D > S$. Let $\psi \cdot D = S + T$ and let R be the intersection of a line and D . Then

$$H + K \sim (m-3)R, G + H \sim (m-1)R, G + S \sim (m-2)R, S + T \sim (m-4)R.$$

Therefore K and T are linearly equivalent, but this is a contradiction, because T is special since there is a curve of degree $m-4$ (= an adjoint curve of $(m-1)-3$ for D) passing the points of T , on the other hand K is non-special.

Therefore there is no curve φ of degree $m-2$ such that $\varphi \cdot D > G = \eta \cdot D - H$, where η is an adjoint curve of degree $m-1$ for $f=0$.

Now suppose

$$Af'_x + Bf'_y + Cf'_z = 0,$$

where A, B and C are forms of degree $l < m-1$, not all zero, say $A \neq 0$. Then

$$A(u_0f'_x + u_1f'_y + u_2f'_z) + (u_0B - u_1A)f'_y + (u_0C - u_2A)f'_z = 0.$$

The point of the intersection of D and $f'_y = 0$ which is not in H i.e. the point which does not satisfy $f'_z = 0$, must be contained in the curve $u_0C - u_2A$ of degree $\leq m-2$; this is a contradiction.

Let $\bar{F}(\bar{Y}_0, \bar{Y}_1, \bar{Y}_2, \bar{Y}_3) = 0$ be the homogeneous equation of \bar{V} , and let l be the maximum of the degrees of A, B and C . Then the degree of D is $\leq l - 1$, and we get from (1)

$$\bar{A}\bar{F}'_{\bar{Y}_1} + \bar{B}\bar{F}'_{\bar{Y}_2} + \bar{C}\bar{F}'_{\bar{Y}_3} = \bar{D}\bar{F}$$

where \bar{A}, \bar{B} and \bar{C} are of degree l and \bar{D} is of degree $l - 1$. Since $\bar{Y}_0\bar{F}'_{\bar{Y}_0} + \bar{Y}_1\bar{F}'_{\bar{Y}_1} + \bar{Y}_2\bar{F}'_{\bar{Y}_2} + \bar{Y}_3\bar{F}'_{\bar{Y}_3} = m\bar{F}$, we get

$$(m\bar{A} - \bar{Y}_1\bar{D})\bar{F}'_{\bar{Y}_1} + (m\bar{B} - \bar{Y}_2\bar{D})\bar{F}'_{\bar{Y}_2} + (m\bar{C} - \bar{Y}_3\bar{D})\bar{F}'_{\bar{Y}_3} = \bar{Y}_0\bar{D}\bar{F}'_{\bar{Y}_0}$$

As \bar{V} is a generic projection of normal variety, the intersection of \bar{V} and $\bar{Y}_0 = 0$ is an algebraic plane curve without singular points except nodes. From the above lemma we see that $m\bar{A}$ and $\bar{Y}_1\bar{D}$ become equal if we put $\bar{Y}_0 = 0$ etc., therefore the homogeneous term of degree l of $m\bar{A}$ is equal to that of $\bar{Y}_1\bar{D}$, etc., hence we get

$$A = x\theta + A_1, B = y\theta + B_1, C = z\theta + C_1, D = m\theta + D_1$$

where θ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree $l - 1$ and A_1, B_1, C_1 are of degree $\leq l - 1$ and D_1 is of degree $\leq l - 2$. Now we see that if ω is further closed, then A, B, C are polynomials of degree exactly $m - 2$. For, suppose its degree $l < m - 2$. From (1),

$$d\omega = \frac{A'_x + B'_y + C'_z - D}{F'_z} dx dy$$

$$A'_x = \theta + x\theta'_x + A'_{1x}, B'_y = \theta + y\theta'_y + B'_{1y}, C'_z = \theta + z\theta'_z + C'_{1z},$$

$$A'_x + B'_y + C'_z - D = (3 - m)\theta + x\theta'_x + y\theta'_y + z\theta'_z + (A'_{1x} + B'_{1y} + C'_{1z} - D_1)$$

$$= (l + 2 - m)\theta + \text{term of degree } \leq l - 2$$

$$\neq 0.$$

From above we get the following

LEMMA 10. Let $\omega = Rdx + Sdy$ be a closed differential form on V , which is finite at every simple point of V . Then we get $S = \frac{A}{F'_z}$, $R = -\frac{B}{F'_z}$ where A, B are polynomials in (x, y, z) of degree exactly $m - 2$.

Now we proceed to prove the theorem. $\Omega = \sum \alpha_i \omega_i$ may be expressible in the following form

$$\Omega = \sum_{h \in I} \gamma_h \bar{\omega}_h$$

(with some index set I) where $\bar{\omega}_h$ are the closed differential forms, finite at every simple point of V , defined over $k((v_i^{(0)}), \dots, (v_i^{(3)}))$ on \bar{V}^2 and γ_h are constant functions defined over $k((v_i^{(0)}), \dots, (v_i^{(3)}), (w_i))$. Further we may assume without loss of generality that γ_h are monomials in w_0, w_1, w_2, w_3 and $\bar{\omega}_h \neq 0$ for all $h \in I$. Let $\bar{\omega}_h = R_h dx + S_h dy$ and let $S_h = \frac{A_h}{F'_z}$, $R_h = -\frac{B_h}{F'_z}$. Then $\Omega = Rdx + Sdy = -\frac{B}{F'_z} dx + \frac{A}{F'_z} dy$, where $R = \sum \gamma_h R_h$, $S = \sum \gamma_h S_h$ and $A = \sum \gamma_h A_h$, $B = \sum \gamma_h B_h$. Let (x', y', z') be a (non-homogeneous) generic point of \bar{W}^1 (= the intersection of \bar{V}^2 and the generic hyperplane $w_0 X_0 + w_1 X_1 + w_2 X_2 + w_3 X_3 = 0$) over $k((v_i^{(0)}), \dots, (v_i^{(3)}), (w_i))$. The induced differential form Ω' of Ω on \bar{W}^1 is by definition

$$\Omega' = R' dx' + S' dy' = \sum \gamma_h R'_h dx' + \sum \gamma_h S'_h dy'$$

where R', S', R'_h and S'_h are the specialization of R, S, R_h and S_h over the specialization $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x', y', z')$ with respect to $k((v_i^{(0)}), \dots, (v_i^{(3)}), (w_i))$ respectively. Since

$$dz = -\frac{F'_x}{F'_z} dx - \frac{F'_y}{F'_z} dy,$$

we have

$$dz' = -\left(\frac{F'_x}{F'_z}\right)' dx' - \left(\frac{F'_y}{F'_z}\right)' dy',$$

where $\left(\frac{F'_x}{F'_z}\right)'$ and $\left(\frac{F'_y}{F'_z}\right)'$ are the specializations of $\frac{F'_x}{F'_z}$ and $\frac{F'_y}{F'_z}$ respectively over $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x', y', z')$ with respect to $k((v_i^{(0)}), \dots, (v_i^{(3)}), (w_i))$. Moreover as $w_0 + w_1 x' + w_2 y' + w_3 z' = 0$

$$w_1 dx' + w_2 dy' + w_3 dz' = 0.$$

Therefore

$$dx' = -\frac{w_2 - w_3 \left(\frac{F'_y}{F'_z}\right)'}{w_1 - w_3 \left(\frac{F'_x}{F'_z}\right)'} dy'$$

$$= \left(-R' \frac{w_2 - w_3 \left(\frac{F'_y}{F'_z} \right)'}{w_1 - w_3 \left(\frac{F'_x}{F'_z} \right)'} + S' \right) dy'.$$

If we suppose $\mathcal{Q}' = 0$, as y' is a variable on \overline{W}^1 over $k((v_i^{(0)}), \dots, (v_i^{(3)}), (w_i))$, we get

$$-R' \frac{w_2 - w_3 \left(\frac{F'_y}{F'_z} \right)'}{w_1 - w_3 \left(\frac{F'_x}{F'_z} \right)'} + S' = 0.$$

Therefore if we put $D = S \left(w_1 - w_3 \frac{F'_x}{F'_z} \right) - R \left(w_2 - w_3 \frac{F'_y}{F'_z} \right)$, since the function $\frac{D}{w_1 - w_3 \frac{F'_x}{F'_z}}$ is zero on \overline{W}^1 , the function D must be zero on \overline{W}^1 ; and $E = w_1 A + w_2 B + w_3 C$ must be zero on \overline{W} , where $A = \sum \gamma_h A_h$, $B = \sum \gamma_h B_h$, $C = \sum \gamma_h C_h$
 $C_h = - \frac{-A_h F'_x + B_h F'_y}{F'_z}$.

As \overline{W}^1 is a generic hyperplane section of \overline{V} , the corresponding prime ideal to \overline{W} is generated by F and $(w_0 + w_1 X + w_2 Y + w_3 Z)$,¹⁶⁾ where we can assume without loss of generality that F is of order m on Z . Since E is 0 on \overline{W} , E belongs to this ideal, namely if we replace w_0 to $-(w_1 X + w_2 Y + w_3 Z)$ in E , then E becomes a polynomial \overline{E} which is divisible by F . From γ_h we choose

$$w_0^\lambda w_2^\mu w_3^\nu, w_0^{\lambda-1} w_1 w_2^\mu w_3^\nu, \dots, w_0 w_1^{\lambda-1} w_2^\mu w_3^\nu, w_1^\lambda w_2^\mu w_3^\nu,$$

where ν is the least number such that $\dots w_3^\nu$ appears in γ_h and μ is the least number such that $\dots w_2^\mu w_3^\nu$ appears in γ_h . Let the coefficients of $w_0^{\lambda-i} w_1^i w_2^\mu w_3^\nu$ in A be denoted by a_i . Then not all $a_i = 0$. The coefficient of $w_1^{\lambda+1} w_2^\mu w_3^\nu$ in \overline{E} is

$$a_0 (-X)^\lambda + a_1 (-X)^{\lambda-1} + \dots + a_{\lambda-1} (-X) + a_\lambda.$$

This polynomial is not zero since a_i are zero or polynomials of degree $m - 2$ and not all $a_i = 0$. Moreover the degree of this polynomial on Z is not greater than $m - 2$, therefore this polynomial is not divisible by F , which is a contradiction.

¹⁶⁾ See A. Seidenberg [9].

Remark. An example shows that we can not omit the condition of characteristic 0 in Theorem 7, but if the characteristic is greater than the square of the degree of V , then the theorem holds.

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