

PARAMETRIZED LEGENDRE AND LAGRANGE VARIETIES

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0. Introduction

Legendre varieties and Lagrange varieties appear in many areas, for instance, geometric optics [A][J2], generalized Cauchy problem for Hamilton-Jacobi equations [G2] [I3], projective geometry [S1], microlocal analysis [P][DP], moduli problem of vector bundles on complex surfaces [Y], symplectic topology [G1] and so on.

In this survey we treat Legendre and Lagrange varieties admitting some parametrizations in complex analytic or C^∞ category. Then our study fits with the framework of the theory of singularities of differentiable mappings [AGV][B][D][GWPL][W].

First we introduce the notion of a “front hypersurface” by the property that the Nash modification projects to the hypersurface itself finitely to one. The Nash modification, in this case, is the closure of the lifting of the regular points set to the projective cotangent bundle of the manifold where the hypersurface lies in: The projective cotangent bundle is identified with the totality of contact elements (tangent hyperplanes) of the base space and it has the natural contact structure [A][S1]. The tangent hyperplanes to the regular points of a front hypersurface form a Legendre submanifold, that is, the maximal dimensional integral submanifold of the contact distribution defined over the projective cotangent bundle and the closure of this natural lifting might be regarded as a Legendre variety. In fact, a definition of *Legendre variety* is that it contains an open dense Legendre submanifold. The Legendre variety thus obtained by Nash modification has singularities in general. If the Nash modification is non-singular, then the hypersurface turns out the projection of a Legendre submanifold. Then the front hypersurface is called a wave front set [A][Z1]. Remark that, for a generic Legendre submanifold, the projection is finite to one. In the above definition of front hypersurfaces we allow singularities for Nash modification, and to make the definition non-trivial, we add the finiteness condition. (See [LT] for the general theory of limits of tangent spaces.)

We utilize parametrizations of varieties to formulate the notion above mentioned as follows: A mapping f from an n -dimensional manifold N to an $n + 1$ -dimensional manifold B (say, of class C^∞ or complex analytic) is called a *front mapping* if the set of regular points of f is dense in N , and, for each point $x \in N$, the images of the tangent spaces of regular points converge to a *tangent hyperplane* $T_x \subset T_{f(x)}B$ as regular points tend to x , and the tangent hyperplanes $\{T_x\}$ depend smoothly or holomorphically on the points $x \in N$. Then we have a C^∞ or holomorphic lifting \tilde{f} of f to the projective cotangent bundle PT^*B . This lifting is an *integral mapping* in the sense that the image $\tilde{f}_*(T_x N)$ of tangent space to each point $x \in N$ is contained in the contact distribution of

PT^*B . We call \tilde{f} the *Nash lifting* of f . Under this formulation, if a front mapping f is finite to one, then the image of f projects finitely to one by the projection from PT^*B to B ; this formulation therefore fits to the naive consideration mentioned before.

A front hypersurface or a front mapping appears also as the “graph” of a Lagrange variety ([G2]). So we turn our attention to Lagrange varieties. In general, a subset in a symplectic manifold is called a *Lagrange variety* if the regular points set is open dense and it is a Lagrange submanifold, that is, the maximal dimensional integral submanifold where the symplectic form vanishes. A type of Lagrange variety in the cotangent bundle T^*X of a manifold X is the graph of a closed “multivalued” one form on M . The graph of a closed one form on a manifold (in the usual sense) is an example of Lagrange submanifold of the cotangent bundle. Another important example is the conormal bundle of a submanifold: In general the conormal bundles of varieties with singularities form another class of Lagrange varieties in a cotangent bundle. (For the general theory of Lagrangian varieties, see the excellent survey [G2].)

We shall study also Lagrange varieties through parametrizations of them. (For studies from the viewpoint of “generating families”, see [Z2][ZR][J1][JZ].) A C^∞ or holomorphic mapping f from an n -dimensional manifold N to a $2n$ -dimensional symplectic manifold (M, ω) with a symplectic form ω is called an *isotropic mapping* if the pullback $f^*\omega$ is the zero form. In other word, an isotropic mapping is a parametrization of “integral variety” of the differential equation $\omega = 0$ on M . (For the general theory of symplectic manifolds, see [AM][W], for instance.)

If M is the cotangent bundle T^*X over a manifold X and the symplectic form ω is the exterior differential $d\alpha$ of the canonical (Louville) form α , then, by Poincaré’s Lemma, there exists a function e locally in N such that the exterior differential de is equal to the pullback $f^*\alpha$. We call e a *generating function* of f . Remark that, if the singular locus of $\pi \circ f$ is nowhere dense, where π is the projection from T^*X to X , then a isotropic lifting f is uniquely determined from its generating function. The *graph* of f is the front mapping $(\pi \circ f, e)$ from N to $X \times \mathbf{C}$. Notice that the Nash lifting of $(\pi \circ f, e)$ is equal to the integral mapping (f, e) from N to $T^*X \times \mathbf{C}$, which is identified with an affine part of $PT^*(X \times \mathbf{C})$.

The classification of front mappings (in the sense of [DP]), induces the Lagrange classification of isotropic mappings through their graphs: Two isotropic map-germs f and f' are *Lagrange equivalent* if and only if their graphs (f, e) and (f', e') are *strict right-left equivalent* and it is also equivalent to their Nash liftings are *strict Legendre equivalent*. Here the word “strict” means that the diffeomorphism of $X \times \mathbf{C}$ in the usual definition of the equivalences should be an isomorphism of the additive \mathbf{C} line bundle $X \times \mathbf{C}$ over X .

In recent work [I4][I5][I6], we classify front mappings and therefore Legendre and Lagrange varieties. (See also [I2][I3].) Then we always encounter a certain module describing the ramification of a finite mapping. We also utilize this module to classify differential equations [HIY]. Let f be a germ of front mapping from N, x to B . Then there exists a coordinate (y_1, \dots, y_{n+1}) around $(B, f(x))$ such that the tangent hyperplane T_x is defined by $dy_{n+1} = 0$ in $T_{f(x)}B$. If we write $f = (g_1, \dots, g_n, h)$ under this coordinate, then, since f is a front map-germ, we see that $dh = a_1 dg_1 + \dots + a_n dg_n$, for some C^∞ or holomorphic function-germs a_1, \dots, a_n on N, x . We are thus led to consider the module of all functions h such that the exterior derivative of h is a functional linear

combination of the exterior derivatives of g_1, \dots, g_n . We call this module the *ramification module* of the map-germ $g = (g_1, \dots, g_n)$.

We study on the “finiteness” of the ramification module in §1.

A classification of front mappings, Legendre varieties and Lagrange varieties under some restrictions are given in §2. (For the detailed proof, see [I6]).

Another important example of front hypersurfaces is the developable of a curve in an affine space or in an projective space: The ruled surface by the tangent lines to a space curve is called the tangent developable surface of the curve. In general the *developable* of a curve in $(n + 1)$ -dimensional projective space is defined as the hypersurface “ruled” by osculating $(n - 1)$ -subspaces to the curve. These singular hypersurfaces appear also in singular solutions of homogeneous Monge-Ampère equations and give examples for “isotropic” deformations of plane curve singularities. The developable are in some sense quite special front varieties in general. However we achieve the classification of developables for rather general cases: We give the local classification of developables in the complex category in §3. (For the similar result in C^∞ category, see [I4][I5].)

Hereafter all mappings, diffeomorphisms and vector fields are assumed of class C^∞ or holomorphic according to the context.

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1. Ramification module

Let X be a germ of complex analytic space and $g = (g_1, \dots, g_p) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^p$ be a finite holomorphic map-germ. Let Ω'_X denote the germ of sheaf of holomorphic differential i -forms on X . Then $\Omega = \Omega_X = \sum_i \Omega'_X$ is a graded differential \mathcal{O}_X -algebra with the differential d . Consider the graded differential ideal I generated by dg_1, \dots, dg_p in Ω_X . Then $d : \Omega/I \rightarrow \Omega/I$ is a $g^*\mathcal{O}_p$ -homomorphism. In fact, for a form ω on X and a function a on \mathbb{C}^p , we have

$$d(a \circ g \cdot \omega) = \left(\sum_j \frac{\partial a}{\partial y_j} \circ g \, dg_j \right) \omega + a \circ g \, d\omega \equiv a \circ g \, d\omega, \quad \text{mod. } I.$$

Moreover $d : g_*(\Omega/I) \rightarrow g_*(\Omega/I)$ is an \mathcal{O}_p -homomorphism.

We then set $\mathcal{R}_g = \mathcal{H}^0(g_*(\Omega/I), d) = \text{Ker}(d : g_*\mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow g_*(\Omega/I)^1)$. Remark that $\mathcal{O}_p \subset \mathcal{R}_g \subset g_*\mathcal{O}_X$. We further set $\mathcal{R}_g^- = \mathcal{R}_g/\mathcal{O}_p$. We call \mathcal{R}_g (resp. \mathcal{R}_g^-) the *ramification module* (resp. *reduced ramification module*) of g . We denote R_g (resp. R_g^-) the corresponding stalk at the base point of the germ X . (The notation R_g is borrowed from [M'2]. In [I3][I4][I5], we used the notation H_g instead. Similar modules are also considered in [S][M2][Z2] from various motivations.)

PROPOSITION 1.1. *\mathcal{R}_g (resp. \mathcal{R}_g^-) is a coherent \mathcal{O}_p -module.*

Proof. Since $g_*(\Omega/I)$ is \mathcal{O}_p -coherent, the cohomology $\mathcal{H} = \text{Ker } d / \text{Im } d$ of the complex $(g_*(\Omega/I), d)$ is also \mathcal{O}_p -coherent.

COROLLARY 1.2. *If $1, h_1, \dots, h_r$ generate R_g as \mathcal{O}_p -module, then $(g; h_1, \dots, h_r) :$*

$X \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^p \times \mathbf{C}^r$ is an injective map-germ. (cf. [M'2][I1][I2]).

Proof. Since \mathcal{R}_g is coherent, $1, h_1, \dots, h_r$ generate \mathcal{R}_g locally. Take $y \in \mathbf{C}^p$ near 0. Then

$$\mathcal{R}_{g,y} = \{k \in \mathcal{O}_{g^{-1}(y)} \mid dk \in \sum_{i=1}^p \mathcal{O}_{g^{-1}(y)} dg_i(\subset \Omega_{g^{-1}(y)}^1)\}$$

contains $g_*\mathbf{C}_X$, where \mathbf{C}_X is the constant sheaf. So h_1, \dots, h_r separate the points of $g^{-1}(y)$.

Next we turn to the C^∞ case. Let $g : \mathbf{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^p, 0$ be a finite C^∞ map-germ. (The ring E_n of C^∞ function-germs on $\mathbf{R}^n, 0$ is finite over E_p via g^* .) We set $\text{kr } g = \dim \text{Ker } T_0g$. To show $R_g = \{h \in E_n \mid dh \in \sum_{i=1}^p E_n dg_i\}$ is a finite E_p -module is unsolved yet in C^∞ case. But in particular case $\text{kr } g \leq 1$, we have

THEOREM 1.3. *Let $g : \mathbf{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^p, 0$ be a finite C^∞ map-germ. If $\text{kr } g \leq 1$, then R_g is a finitely generated E_p -module via g^* . Therefore $S \subset R_g$ generates R_g over E_p if and only if S generates $R_g/m_p R_g$ over \mathbf{R} .*

To prove Theorem 1.3, we link to the unfolding theory of map-germs [GWPL] and we will recover a new aspect of the unfolding theory.

An unfolding of a map-germ g is a triple $(G; i, j)$ of a map-germ $G : \mathbf{R}^N, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^P, 0$, and immersions $i : \mathbf{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^N, 0$ and $j : \mathbf{R}^p, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^P, 0$ such that the following is a fiber square:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{R}^N, 0 & \xrightarrow{G} & \mathbf{R}^P, 0 \\ i \uparrow & & \uparrow j \\ \mathbf{R}^n, 0 & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathbf{R}^p, 0. \end{array}$$

LEMMA 1.4. *Let $(G; i, j)$ be an unfolding of g . Then $i^* : E_N \rightarrow E_n$ induces $i^* : R_G \rightarrow R_g$ which is a homomorphism over $j^* : E_P \rightarrow E_p$, that is, $i^*\{(G^*a)h\} = g^*(j^*a)i^*h, a \in E_P, h \in R_G$.*

Proof. Let $h \in R_G$. Then $d(h \circ i) = (\sum a_\ell dG_\ell) \circ i = \sum a_\ell \text{oid}(G_\ell \circ i) = \sum a_\ell \text{oid}(j_\ell \circ g)$. Since each $j_\ell \circ g \in R_g$, we have $d(h \circ i)$ belongs to $\sum E_n dg_\ell$. Thus $h \circ i \in R_g$.

We call $(G; i, j)$ an *admissible unfolding* if $i^* : R_G \rightarrow R_g$ is surjective. The following is easy to verify:

LEMMA 1.5. *If $(G; i, j)$ is admissible, and R_G is finite over E_P , then R_g is finite over E_p .*

PROPOSITION 1.6. *If $\text{kr } g \leq 1$, then any unfolding of g is admissible.*

Proof. Let $(G; i, j)$ be an unfolding of g . Then, for some coordinates, $G : \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^m, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^p \times \mathbf{R}^m, 0$ with $G(x, \lambda) = (G_\lambda(x), \lambda)$, $i(x) = (x, 0)$ and $j(y) = (y, 0)$. Further, $g(x) = (x', \phi(x', t))$ and $G_\lambda(x) = (x', \phi_\lambda(x', t))$, where $x' = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ and $t = x_n$. Remark that $h \in R_g$ if and only if $\partial h / \partial t = a \partial \phi / \partial t$ for some $a \in E_n$. Define $\tilde{h} \in E_{n+m}$, by

$$\tilde{h} = \int_0^t a \partial \phi_\lambda / \partial t dt + h(x', 0).$$

Then $\tilde{h} \in R_G$ and

$$i^* \tilde{h} = \int_0^t a \partial \phi / \partial t dt + h(x', 0) = h.$$

Example 1.7. Let $g = (x_1^2, x_2^2)$ and $G = (x_1^2 + \lambda x_2, x_2^2, \lambda)$. Then the restriction $R_G \rightarrow R_g$ is not surjective. So the unfolding G of g is not admissible.

Remark 1.8. If an unfolding $G' : \mathbf{R}^N, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^P, 0$ of g is equivalent ([GWPL]) to G , then $R_{G'}$ is isomorphic to R_G over a ring isomorphism of E_P .

Proof of Theorem 1.3. By Lemma 1.5, Proposition 1.6 and Remark 1.8, it suffices to check for the stable mapping of type $A_k : g = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t^{k+1} + x_1 t^{k-1} + \dots + x_{k-1} t)$. Then this fact is proved in [I1][I2][I3] already.

COROLLARY 1.9. *Let $g : \mathbf{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n, 0$ (resp. $g : \mathbf{C}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n, 0$) be a finite C^∞ (resp. holomorphic) map-germ of form $g(x', t) = (x', u(x', t))$ of multiplicity $k + 1$, where $x' = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$. Then a subset S of R_g generates R_g over E_n (resp. \mathcal{O}_n) via g^* if and only if the set $\{ord_t h(0, t) \mid h \in S\}$ contains $\{0, k + 2, \dots, 2k + 1\}$.*

2. Classification of generic front hypersurfaces

Let $f : N^n \rightarrow B^{n+1}$ be a C^∞ front mapping. Then there exists a unique integral lifting $\tilde{f} : N \rightarrow PT^*B$ (the Nash lifting of f). Thus we have an injective mapping $\mathcal{N} : C_{FR}^\infty(N, B) \rightarrow C_I^\infty(N, PT^*B)$, $\mathcal{N}(f) = \tilde{f}$, where $C_{FR}^\infty(N, B)$ is the set of C^∞ front mappings from N to B and $C_I^\infty(N, PT^*B)$, is the set of C^∞ integral mappings from N to PT^*B . We give the induced topology on $C_{FR}^\infty(N, B)$ from the Whitney C^∞ topology of $C_I^\infty(N, PT^*B) \subset C^\infty(N, PT^*B)$.

We will give a generic classification of front mappings of kernel rank at most one in the C^∞ case. We set

$$C_{FR}^\infty(N, B)^1 = \{f \in C_{FR}^\infty(N, B) \mid kr f_x \leq 1, \text{ for any } x \in N\}.$$

Let $f \in C_{FR}^\infty(N, B)^1$. We shall impose some genericity conditions to f . Then f is reduced to some normal form. (For this point, the reduction is valid also in holomorphic case).

First, under a genericity condition, for any $x \in N$, the germ f_x is right-left equivalent to $(g(x', t), h(x', t)) : \mathbf{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}, 0$ with $g(x', t) = (x', u(x', t))$ where $x' = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ and $u = e(k + 1) + x_1 e(k - 1) + \dots + x_{k-1} e(1)$, $\partial h / \partial t = w \partial u / \partial t$ for some $w \in E_{x', t}$, $0 \leq k \leq n$. Here we set $e(i) = t^i / i!$. Then we see $h \in R_g$. (See §1.) Then w is

uniquely determined from h . By Corollary 1.9, we have

$$h = A_0 \circ g + \sum_{j=1}^k A_j \circ g \circ u_j, \quad \text{where} \quad u_j = \int_0^t e(j) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dt.$$

Remark that $\text{ord}_t u_j(0, t) = k + j + 1, (1 \leq j \leq k)$. Then we see

$$w = (\partial A_0 / \partial q_n) \circ g + \sum_j (\partial A_j / \partial q_n) \circ g \circ u_j + \sum_j A_j \circ g \circ e(j).$$

Thus, for $1 \leq j \leq k, \partial^j w / \partial t^j \equiv A_j \circ g, \text{ mod. } \langle x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, t \rangle \subset E_n$. Next we impose the generic condition on (u, w) : For some $\ell, 0 \leq \ell \leq n - k$,

$$\partial w / \partial t(0) = \dots = \partial^\ell w / \partial t^\ell(0) = 0, \partial^{\ell+1} w / \partial t^{\ell+1}(0) \neq 0,$$

and that

$$(\partial u / \partial t, \dots, \partial^k u / \partial t^k; \partial w / \partial t, \dots, \partial^\ell w / \partial t^\ell)$$

is a submersion.

Now we introduce the local models $f_{n,k,\ell} : \mathbf{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n+1}, 0$ by $f_{n,k,\ell}(x', t) = (x', u, h)$,

$$u = e(k+1) + x_1 e(k-1) + \dots + x_{k-1} e(1), \quad \text{and} \quad h = u_{\ell+1} + \sum_{i=k}^{k+\ell-1} x_i u_{k+\ell-i}.$$

THEOREM 2.1. *There exists an open dense subset $\mathcal{G} \subset C_{FR}^\infty(N, B)^1$ such that, for any $f \in \mathcal{G}$ and for any $x \in N$, the germ $f_x : N, x \rightarrow B$ is C^∞ right-left equivalent to $f_{n,k,\ell}, 0 \leq \ell \leq k \leq n, \ell + k \leq n$.*

Remark 2.2. The multiplicity of $f_{n,k,\ell}$ is equal to $k + 1$ and the multiplicity of the Nash lifting $\tilde{f}_{n,k,\ell}$ is equal to $\ell + 1$. So the local models are inequivalent to each other. We call the singularity $f_{n,k,\ell}$ of front mapping of type $A_{k+1,\ell}$, when n is fixed. Then the $A_{k+1,0}$ singularities are just the usual A_{k+1} singularities of wave front sets [AGV].

COROLLARY 2.3. *For a generic integral mapping $F : N \rightarrow PT^*B$ with the kernel rank $\pi \circ F \leq 1$, and for any $x \in N, F_x$ is Legendre equivalent to one of $\tilde{f}_{n,k,\ell}, 0 \leq \ell \leq k \leq n, \ell + k \leq n$.*

Outline of the proof of Theorem 2.1. If $k \leq \ell$, then f_x is equivalent to $f_{n,k,k}$ as proved in [I3]. If $\ell < k$, then f_x is equivalent in this case to (g, h) with

$$h = x_k u_\ell + x_{k+1} u_{\ell+1} + \dots + x_{k+\ell-1} u_1 + \alpha,$$

for some $\alpha \in R_g$ with $\partial \alpha / \partial t \in t^{\ell+1} E_{x',t} \partial u / \partial t$. Write $\alpha = u_{\ell+1} + \beta$. Set, for $s \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$h_s = x_k u_\ell + \dots + x_{k+\ell-1} u_1 + u_{\ell+1} + s\beta.$$

Then we claim that the family of front map-germs (g, h_s) is trivial. To see this, write

$$t^i \partial u / \partial t = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} a_{ij} \circ g \partial u / \partial x_j + b_i \circ g \partial u / \partial t + c \circ g,$$

for some $a_{ij}, b_i, c \in m_y$. Then set

$$X_i = (t^i - b_i \circ g)\partial/\partial t - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} a_{ij} \circ g \partial/\partial x_j,$$

which is g -lowerable: $g_* X_i = g^* Y_j, Y_i = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} a_{ij} \partial/\partial y_j + c \partial/\partial y_n$, with $X_i(0) = 0, Y_i(0) = 0$. Moreover the $k + 1$ elements

$$1, \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial x_k}, \dots, \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial x_{k+\ell-1}}, X_1 h_s, \dots, X_{k-\ell} h_s$$

generate R_g over $g^* E_y$ by Corollary 1.9. Therefore $\beta = X h_s + a_0 \circ g$, where

$$X = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} a_j \circ g \partial/\partial x_j + \sum_{\rho=1}^{k-\ell} b_{\rho} \circ g X_{\rho},$$

for some $a_j, b_{\rho} \in m_y, 0 \leq j \leq \ell, 1 \leq \rho \leq k - \ell$. Thus the triviality is shown similarly as in [I5]. Therefore $f_x = (g, h_1)$ is equivalent to $f_{n,k,\ell} = (g, h_0)$ as required.

Remark 2.4. To trivialize the family (g, h_s) , we need only additive \mathbf{R} line bundle isomorphisms $\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n, (y_1, \dots, y_n, y_{n+1}) \mapsto (y_1, \dots, y_n)$. We then obtain a result on the classification of isotropic mappings through their graphs.

COROLLARY 2.5. *For a generic isotropic mapping $f : N \rightarrow T^* X$ with $kr \pi \circ f \leq 1$, the Lagrange equivalence classes of $f_x, (x \in X)$, are determined by the multiplicities of f_x and $\pi \circ f_x$. (cf. [I3]).*

Remark 2.6. The transversality theorem holds for integral mappings to a contact manifold and for isotropic mappings to a symplectic manifold of kernel rank at most one. Then we have the generic Legendre classification of integral mappings $F : N \rightarrow PT^* B$ of kernel rank at most one for $n = \dim N \leq 3$:

- $n = 1 : A_1, A_2,$
- $n = 2 : \text{Moreover } A_3, A_{2,1},$
- $n = 3 : \text{Moreover } A_4, A_{3,1}, D_4.$

3. Singularities of developables

In [I4][I5], we study the local C^∞ classification of singularities appearing in developables. This result unifies and generalizes the previous results of Cleave, Gaffney, du Plessis, Arnol'd, Shcherbak and Mond. (See [M'1][S1][S2].)

Here we state the similar result in complex analytic category: Consider a holomorphic curve $\gamma : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^{n+1}$, where M is a one-dimensional complex manifold and $n \geq 1$. We call the germ γ_p at a point $p \in M$ of finite osculation-type (or simply, of finite type) $\mathbf{A} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1})$ if there exist a holomorphic coordinate t of (M, p) and an affine coordinate (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) of $\mathbf{C}P^{n+1}$ centered at $\gamma(p)$ such that γ is represented by

$$x_1 = t^{a_1} + o(t^{a_1}), \dots, x_{n+1} = t^{a_{n+1}} + o(t^{a_{n+1}}),$$

where each a_i is a natural number and $1 \leq a_1 < \dots < a_{n+1}$. Then we write $\text{type}(\gamma_p) = \mathbf{A}$.

For each $p \in M$ where γ_p is of finite type and for each $i, (0 \leq i \leq n + 1)$, there exists the most osculating linear subspace to γ at p in $T_{\gamma(p)} \mathbf{C}P^{n+1}$ of dimension i . We call it the

osculating i -subspace and denote by $O_i(\gamma, p)$. This subspace is identified with $\{x_{i+1} = \dots = x_n = 0\}$ under the above affine representation of γ_p . The corresponding projective subspace of $\mathbf{C}P^{n+1}$ through $\gamma(p)$ of dimension i is also denoted by $O_i(\gamma, p)$. The type of a curve describes the order of tangency to each osculating subspace, and it is the simplest local projective invariant of the curve. Further we define the osculating i -bundle $O_i(\gamma) = \bigcup_{p \in M} O_i(\gamma, p)$ in the pullback bundle $\gamma^{-1}T\mathbf{C}P^{n+1}$. The natural parametrization $\text{dev}(\gamma) : O_{n-1}(\gamma) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^{n+1}$ defined by $(p, q) \mapsto q$, where $q \in O_{n-1}(\gamma, p) (\subset \mathbf{C}P^{n+1})$, is called also a developable of γ .

The developable of γ is a front mapping: The Nash lifting of $\text{dev}(\gamma)$ to $PT^*\mathbf{C}P^{n+1}$ is in fact the projective conormal bundle of the dual curve $\gamma^* : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^{n+1*}$ in the dual projective space $\mathbf{C}P^{n+1*}$ defined by $\gamma^*(p) = O_n(\gamma, p)$ through the identification $PT^*\mathbf{C}P^{n+1} \cong PT^*\mathbf{C}P^{n+1*}$.

The germ $\text{dev}(\gamma)_p$ of $\text{dev}(\gamma)$ at $(p, 0)$ is determined up to the projective equivalence by the projective class of γ_p . Instead, we consider a weaker equivalence, that is, holomorphic right-left equivalence: $\text{dev}(\gamma)_p$ is *holomorphically equivalent* to $\text{dev}(\gamma')_{p'}$ if there exist holomorphic diffeomorphisms $\sigma : O_{n-1}(\gamma), (p, 0) \rightarrow O_{n-1}(\gamma'), (p', 0)$ and $\tau : \mathbf{C}P^{n+1}, \gamma(p) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^{n+1}, \gamma'(p')$ such that $\tau \circ \text{dev}(\gamma)_p = \text{dev}(\gamma')_{p'} \circ \sigma$. Then it is natural to ask whether or not a type of a curve-germ γ_p determines the holomorphic right-left equivalence class of map-germ $\text{dev}(\gamma)_p : \mathbf{A}$ type \mathbf{A} of a curve-germ is called *determinative* if $\text{type}(\gamma_p) = \text{type}(\gamma'_{p'})$ implies that $\text{dev}(\gamma)_p$ is equivalent to $\text{dev}(\gamma')_{p'}$.

The following result gives the complete characterization of determinative types:

THEOREM 3.1. *A type \mathbf{A} of a holomorphic curve-germ in $\mathbf{C}P^{n+1}$ is determinative if and only if \mathbf{A} is one of following types:*

- (I) _{n, r} $\mathbf{A} = (1, 2, \dots, n, n + r), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots,$
- (II) _{n, i} $\mathbf{A} = (1, 2, \dots, i, i + 2, \dots, n + 1, n + 2), \quad 0 \leq i \leq n - 1,$
- (III) _{n} $\mathbf{A} = (3, 4, \dots, n + 2, n + 3),$
- (IV) _{m} $\mathbf{A} = (2, 2m + 1), m = 2, 3, \dots, \quad$ (V) $\mathbf{A} = (3, 5), \quad$ (VI) $\mathbf{A} = (1, 3, 5).$

Further, in this case, for any γ_p of type \mathbf{A} , the map-germ $\text{dev}(\gamma)_p$ is holomorphically right-left equivalent to $(x', U(x', t), U_r(x', t)) : \mathbf{C}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^{n+1}, 0$, where $(x', t) = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$ is a coordinate of $(\mathbf{C}^n, 0)$,

$$U(x', t) = \frac{t^{a_n}}{a_n!} + x_1 \frac{t^{a_n - a_1}}{(a_n - a_1)!} + \dots + x_{n-1} \frac{t^{a_n - a_{n-1}}}{(a_n - a_{n-1})!},$$

$r = a_{n+1} - a_n$ and

$$U_r(x', t) = \int_0^t \frac{t^r}{r!} \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} dt.$$

Remark 3.2. For plane curves, that $\mathbf{A} = (a_1, a_2)$ is determinative means that $\text{type}(\gamma_p) = \text{type}(\gamma'_{p'})$ implies the curve-germs $(\gamma)_p, (\gamma')_{p'}$ themselves are holomorphically equivalent, and the determinative types are $(1, 1 + r), r = 1, 2, \dots, (2, 3), (3, 4), (2, 2m + 1), m = 2, 3, \dots$ and $(3, 5)$. For space curves, the determinative types are

$$(1, 2, 2 + r), r = 1, 2, \dots, (2, 3, 4), (1, 3, 4), (3, 4, 5) \text{ and } (1, 3, 5).$$

In [S2], it is observed that the developable of a curve of type (IV): $(1, 3, 5)$ is equivalent to the variety of irregular orbits of the finite reflection group H_3 in \mathbf{C}^3 .

Remark 3.3. We naturally associate Theorem 3.1 with the *ADE*-classification of Dynkin diagrams, finite reflection groups or a simple singularities ($[AGV][G']$): We do not know however the hidden mathematics behind Theorem 3.1.

Proof of Theorem 3.1. The proof is translated word by word from the proof in the C^∞ case [I4][I5] except that we need to use the result in §1.

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