

tains the connected set $W - W \times C'$. But since we also know that $M = W' = (W - W \times C')' + C'$, $(W - W \times C')' = M$ and so Z_1 contains Z_2 , which is impossible. Therefore $W - C$ is connected and so W is the sum of two mutually exclusive connected subsets, which is a contradiction. Hence W must be widely connected.

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QUADRILATERALS INSCRIBED AND
CIRCUMSCRIBED TO A
PLANE CUBIC*

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In a paper by M. W. Haskell† the geometrical configurations of triangles inscribing and circumscribing a plane cubic curve have been studied by analytic methods. The purpose of this paper is to examine the properties of quadrilaterals inscribing and circumscribing a plane cubic curve by means of elliptic functions.

The coordinates of a point on the curve will be expressed in terms of Weierstrass' elliptic functions $\wp(u)$ and $\wp'(u)$. It is known that $3n$ points of the cubic are the points of intersection of the cubic with a curve of order n if‡

$$(1) \quad u_1 + u_2 + \cdots + u_{3n} \equiv 0 \pmod{(\omega_1, \omega_2)}.$$

The values of the parameters of the vertices of the quadrilaterals are obtained from a consideration of the congruences

$$2u_1 + u_2 \equiv 0, \quad 2u_2 + u_3 \equiv 0, \quad 2u_3 + u_4 \equiv 0, \quad 2u_4 + u_1 \equiv 0,$$

whence

$$15u_1 \equiv 0,$$

or

$$u_1 = \frac{k_1\omega_1 + k_2\omega_2}{15},$$

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† Haskell, this Bulletin, vol. 25 (1918), p. 194.

‡ Appell and Lacour, *Théorie des Fonctions Elliptiques et Applications*, Chap. 3.