

By Theorem 2, the solutions of the equation (17) are given by (16).

If $x_i = \rho_i$, $y_k = \sigma_k$ is any solution of (13) and we choose $\alpha_i = \rho_i$, $\mu_k = \sigma_k$, $\lambda = f(\rho)$, we have that $s = 0$ and the solution becomes $x_i = \rho_i K^{n-1}$, $y_k = \sigma_k K^{n+1}$, where $K = A\lambda(AD - BC)$, which is equivalent to the given solution provided $K \neq 0$; that is, provided $x_i = \rho_i$, $y_k = \sigma_k$ is not a solution of (14). It will be noted that if $K \neq 0$, then $t \neq 0$.

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A MULTIPLE NULL-CORRESPONDENCE AND A SPACE CREMONA INVOLUTION OF ORDER $2n - 1$ ¹

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PART I. A NULL-SYSTEM $(1, mn, m+n)$ BETWEEN THE PLANES AND POINTS OF SPACE $(m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$

1. **Introduction.** Consider a curve δ_m of order m having $m - 1$ points in common with a straight line d , and a curve δ'_n of order n having $n - 1$ points in common with a straight line d' , ($m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$). It is assumed for the present that neither δ_m nor d intersects either δ'_n or d' .

In general, through any point P of space there passes one ray ρ which intersects δ_m once and d once, and one ray ρ' which intersects δ'_n once and d' once; ρ and ρ' determine a plane π , the null-plane of P . Conversely, a plane π determines m rays ρ_i and n rays ρ'_j lying in it which intersect, a ray ρ with a ray ρ' , in mn points, the null-points of the plane π .

Any point α in general position determines a ray ρ . As α describes a line l , the plane π of ρ and l contains n rays ρ' , which intersect l in n points β ; conversely, any point β on l determines a ray ρ' which determines with l the plane π , and π contains m rays ρ which intersect l in m points α —one being the original α . Thus an (m, n) correspondence is set up among the points of l with valence zero; there are $m + n$ coincidences and therefore $m + n$ points on any line l whose null-planes contain l .

2. **Planes whose null-points behave peculiarly.** We can obtain the last result by another method; this will yield additional information about planes whose null-points behave peculiarly.

Let a plane π turn about a line l as axis. A ruled surface will be generated by the m rays ρ_i lying in π . This surface is of order $m + 1$; δ_m is a onefold curve on the surface and d is an m -fold line. Another

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