

position fields coincide and are cyclic. The field \bar{L} is then equivalent to a subfield of \bar{K}' ; without loss of generality we may suppose $\bar{K}' > \bar{L} \geq \bar{K}$. The degree $[\bar{L}:\bar{K}] = \bar{m}$ is a divisor of m . Consequently $[Z_n \bar{L}:\bar{K}] = [Z_n \bar{L}:\bar{L}][\bar{L}:\bar{K}] = n\bar{m}$. By the Galois theory there is then for every integer n an extension Z_n^* of degree n over \bar{K} . The defining equation $f^*(x) = 0$ of Z_n^*/\bar{K} now may be approximated by an irreducible equation $f(x) = 0$ of degree n with coefficients in K so that Z_n^* is generated by the roots of $f(x) = 0$. The root field of $f(x) = 0$ over K is the cyclic extension Z_n' of degree n over K . Hence $Z_n^* = Z_n' \bar{K}$ for all n , contrary to the assumption that K is not relatively complete with respect to any rank one valuation.

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A DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY PROBLEM USING TENSOR ANALYSIS

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1. **Introduction.** The problem at hand was worked out in attempting to apply tensors to a much more general problem in classical differential geometry. The results obtained in a general coordinate system reduce readily to classical results of Eisenhart. An interesting interpretation of Christoffel symbols appears.

2. **R net.** A rectilinear congruence in 3-space is called a W -congruence if the asymptotic lines on the two focal surfaces correspond. If the tangents to both families of curves of a conjugate net on a surface form W -congruences the net is called an R net.¹ We derive the analytic conditions that must obtain in order that a given conjugate net on a surface shall be an R net.

3. **Equations for an R net.** Let S_1 be one focal surface of a W -congruence, the vector equation of the surface being

$$(3.1) \quad z_1^\alpha = z_1^\alpha(x^i), \quad \alpha = 1, 2, 3; i = 1, 2.$$

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¹ Tzitzeica, Comptes Rendus de l'Académie des Sciences, Paris, vol. 152 (1911), p. 1077.