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E , a hol. vector bundle on $|\mathbb{P}\mathbb{T}| = \mathcal{O}(1)^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1$

$E|_{\mathbb{C}P^1}$ is trivial

$\Rightarrow$ vector bundle on space time

Given $x_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \in \mathbb{C}^4$,

$\mathbb{C}P^1_{x_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}} \subseteq |\mathbb{P}\mathbb{T}|$, fibre of v. bundle
on space-time is

$$= \mathcal{O}(1)^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^1$$

$$H^0(\mathbb{CP}^1_{(\alpha, \beta)}, E)$$

E of rank r , $\uparrow$ also of rank r

Next Want to give a connection
+ check that $F_{\alpha\beta} = 0$

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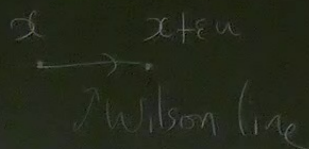
$$u \in T_x M$$

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Need to give (changing notation)

an isomorphism

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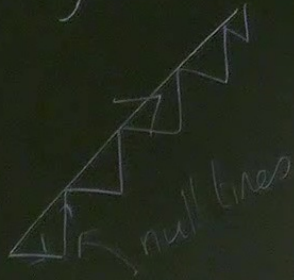
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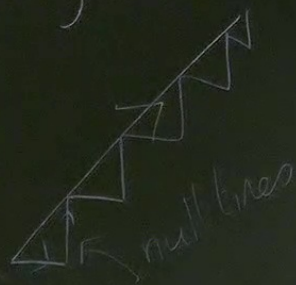
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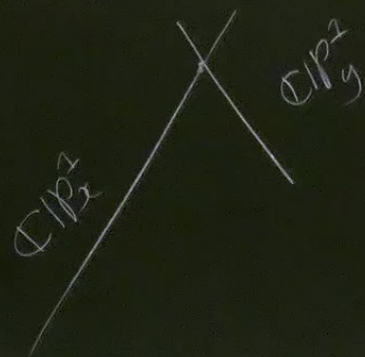


General parallel transport
Zig-zag of null parallel transport
in the limit as null zig-zag approaches
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if x, y are null separated.

x, y null separated
 $\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{CP}_x^1 \cap \mathbb{CP}_y^1$ in a single
point.



If $y=0$,

$\mathbb{CP}_x^1$ is locus

$$V_{\dot{\alpha}} = x_1 \dot{\alpha} + z x_2 \dot{\alpha}$$

Asking this intersects $V_{\dot{\alpha}}=0$

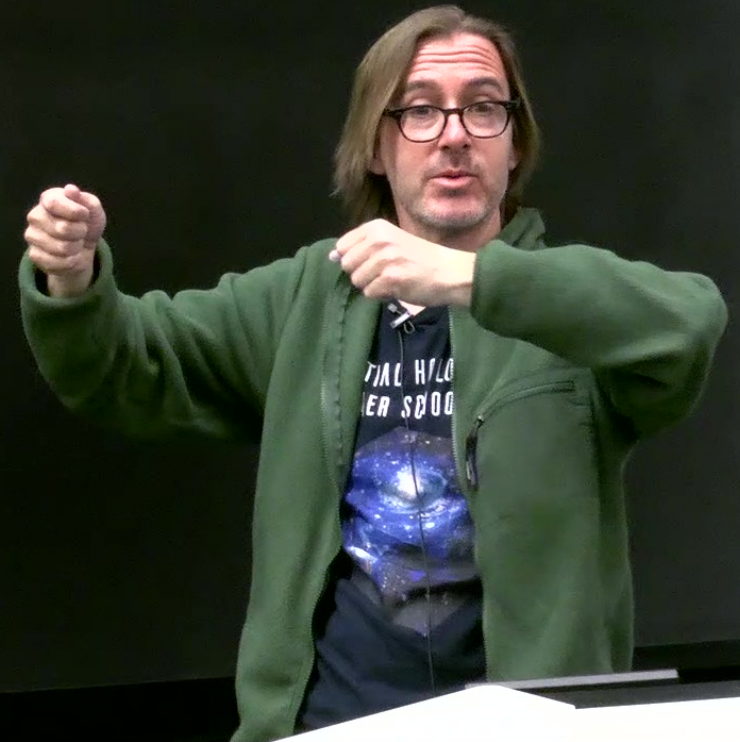
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means $\exists z$ solving the equations

$$x_{1\dot{a}} + z x_{2\dot{a}} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} x_{1\dot{1}} & x_{1\dot{2}} \\ x_{2\dot{1}} & x_{2\dot{2}} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$



Let p be the intersection of
 $\mathbb{CP}_x^1$ and $\mathbb{CP}_y^1$.

E is trivial on $\mathbb{CP}_x^1$

This means a hol-section of E

= r hol-functions

= r constants

This means the map

$H^0(\mathbb{CP}_x^1, E) \rightarrow E_p$ is an isomorphism

Same for

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$$H^0(\mathbb{CP}_x^1, E) \cong H^0$$

Want to check that $F_{\alpha\beta} = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow$ field strength vanishes on any plane
given by $\lambda^\alpha x_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = 0$ (also translates of such planes)

Given 3 points in $\mathbb{P}^4$, $x_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{(1)}, x_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{(2)}, x_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{(3)}$,
when is the plane they lie on of this form?

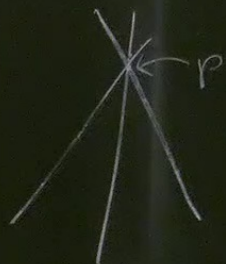
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Answer:

If and only if they are all null separated

so $\mathbb{CP}_{x^{(i)}}^1 \cap \mathbb{CP}_{x^{(j)}}^1$ is non-empty.

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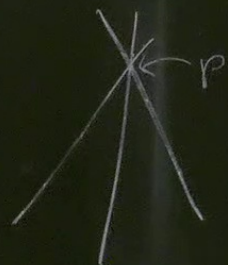
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$$\triangle = Id$$

Let's take $x^{(1)} = 0$

call $x^{(2)} = x$

$x^{(3)} = y$

$\mathbb{CP}_x^1$ intersects $\mathbb{CP}_0^1$ at
the point z which solves

$$x_{1\dot{\alpha}} + z x_{2\dot{\alpha}} = 0$$

$$z = \frac{-x_{2\dot{1}}}{x_{1\dot{1}}} = \frac{-x_{2\dot{1}}}{x_{1\dot{1}}}$$

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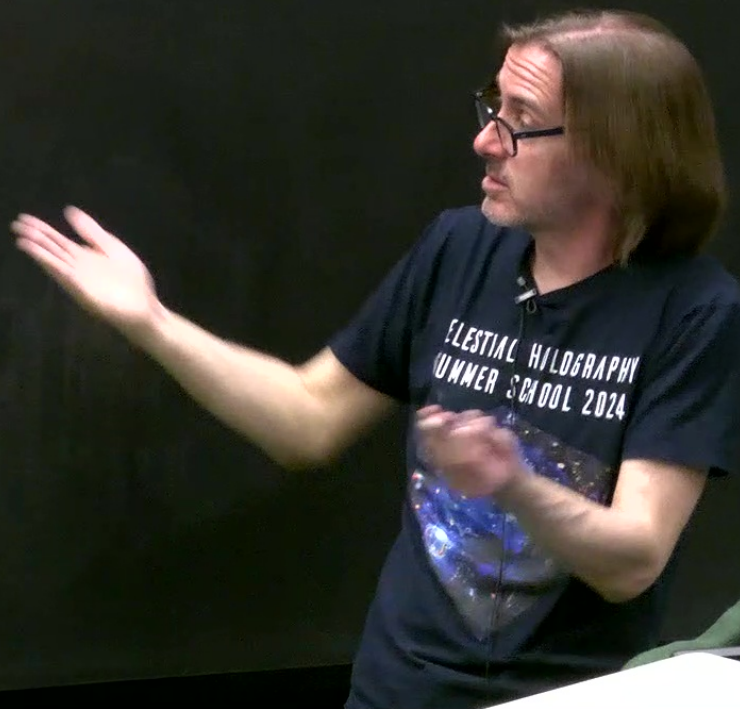
Wont this to be also the
intersection of

$\mathbb{CP}_y^1$ and $\mathbb{CP}_0^1$

So, we must have

$$\frac{x_{2\dot{1}}}{x_{1\dot{1}}} = \frac{y_{2\dot{1}}}{y_{1\dot{1}}}$$

also the
 $\lambda^\alpha = (1, z)$
 we have
 $\lambda^\alpha x_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = 0$
 And
 $\lambda^\alpha y_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = 0$
 So x, y lie on the
 null plane given by
 λ^α



Want to show that on the plane

$\lambda^\alpha x_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = 0$, the connection is flat.

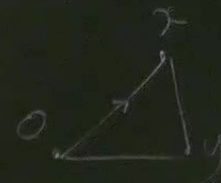
Take 3 points on this plane $0, x, y$

$\mathbb{CP}_0^1 \cap \mathbb{CP}_x^1$ at $p = (z, 0, 0)$

$\mathbb{CP}_0^1 \cap \mathbb{CP}_y^1$ also at p .

$F = 0$ on this plane

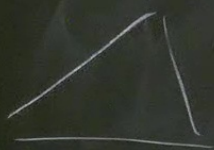
$\Leftrightarrow$ parallel transport
along a closed loop is identity.
It suffices to take the triangle



$0 \rightarrow x$ is the composition

$$H^0(\mathbb{CP}_0^1, E) \xrightarrow{\alpha_{0p}} E_p \xleftarrow{\alpha_{xp}} H^0(\mathbb{CP}_x^1, E)$$

$\alpha_{xp}^{-1} \alpha_{0p}$ is the map $H^0(\mathbb{CP}_0^1, E) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{CP}_x^1, E)$



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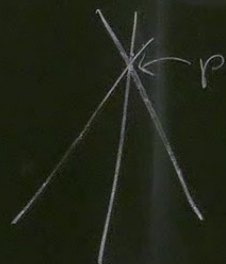
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(Actually, connection is gauge trivial on this plane)



$$\nabla = \text{Id}$$

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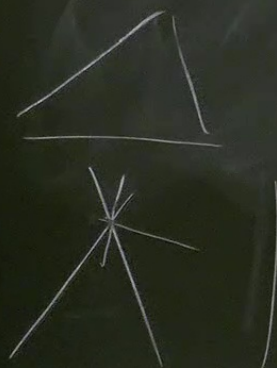
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