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Geometria. — *Tangent flag bundles and Jacobian varieties.*

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RIASSUNTO. — Definiamo le sottovarietà «di Ehresmann» di un fascio di bandiere tangenti V^Δ sopra una varietà proiettiva algebrica irriducibile non – singolare, definita sopra un campo algebricamente chiuso. Poi mostriamo, usando una formula di intersezione, che le classi di cicli di tali sottovarietà «di Ehresmann» nell'anello di Chow di V^Δ possono essere determinate usando una conoscenza del più facile calcolo corrispondente in una varietà di bandiere $F(n+1)$. Questa teoria è poi applicata al calcolo delle classi di cicli di sottovarietà Jacobiane di V che sono definite mediante una famiglia indicata di «nests» di sistemi lineari di «primals» in V .

I. INTRODUCTION

Let V be a non-singular irreducible algebraic projective variety (i.e. a subvariety of some projective space $\mathbf{P}_n$, say) of dimension d defined over an algebraically closed field k . The flag construction can be applied to the tangent bundle T of V to obtain an algebraic fibre bundle

$$\rho: V^\Delta \rightarrow V.$$

This bundle has as a fibre over $v \in V$, $F(d) = \{F = (F_0, F_1, \dots, F_d) \mid \{v\} = F_0 \subset F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots \subset F_d = T_v, \text{ where } F_i \text{ is a } k\text{-subspace and } \dim F_i = i\}$. V^Δ is called the tangent flag bundle of V and F , a tangent flag to V . The Chow ring of V^Δ is given by

$$A(V^\Delta) = \rho^* A(V) [\delta_1, \dots, \delta_d]$$

subject to the relation

$$\prod_{h=1}^d (1 - \delta_h) = \rho^* c(V).$$

(Cfr. Theorem 1, p. 4-19 in [3] or [4]). When $V = \mathbf{P}_n$, then V^Δ becomes the complete flag manifold in $\mathbf{P}_n$ and is denoted by $F(n+1)$. (Cfr. [8]). The Chow ring of $F(n+1)$ can be expressed as

$$A(F(n+1)) = \mathbf{Z} [\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_n]$$

subject to the relation

$$\prod_{h=0}^n (1 - \gamma_h) = 1.$$

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Using nests $\mathcal{L}$ of linear systems of primals on V and indices k , we shall define 'Ehresmann' subvarieties of V^Δ which we shall denote by $[k; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta]$. These are a generalization of subvarieties on tangent direction bundles considered in [7] and [10]. In the special case when $V = \mathbf{P}_n$, these 'Ehresmann' subvarieties correspond with the usual Ehresmann subvarieties in $F(n+1)$ and are denoted by $[k; F]$. One of the goals of this work is to find a way of determining the cycle classes of these 'Ehresmann' subvarieties of V^Δ in the Chow ring of V^Δ . We shall then be able to determine the cycle classes of Jacobian varieties.

In the present Note I, we shall find the cycle class of an 'Ehresmann' subvariety of V^Δ of codimension one. This is a generalization of the 'invariant lift' of [10], p. 64. Then in the following Note II, we shall prove an intersection formula which enables us to calculate the intersection of any of the 'Ehresmann' subvarieties of V^Δ with one of the 'Ehresmann' subvarieties of codimension one. In the special case when $V = \mathbf{P}_n$, the intersection formula corresponds with the intersection formula proved by Monk in [8] in the complex case. The intersection formula will then enable us in the following Note III to prove the invariance principle which states that the cycle classes of 'Ehresmann' subvarieties of V^Δ in the Chow ring of V^Δ can be determined using a knowledge of the easier corresponding calculus on $F(n+1)$.

An application of this theory is then given to the calculation of the cycle classes of Jacobian subvarieties of V which are defined by an indexed family of nests of linear systems of primals on V . Such Jacobians are projections on V of intersections of 'Ehresmann' subvarieties of V^Δ , the cycle classes of which can be computed using the invariance principle. The cycle classes of the Jacobians can then be determined by applying the Gysin homomorphism proved in [5]. The Jacobian subvarieties include the classical Jacobians in its most general form ([11] p. 22, [9]) and the 'generalized Jacobian' of [7] as very special cases. We conclude by giving an explicit formula in a comparatively simple case which is still very much wider than the classical.

Remark. The results of this paper were announced (without proofs) by one of the Authors in [6] in the complex case.

2. 'EHRESMANN' SUBVARIETIES OF V^Δ

Ehresmann subvarieties of the flag manifold $F(n+1)$ are defined in terms of permutation symbols (Cfr. [8]). In order to generalize the definition to flag bundles, we use indices and linear systems of primals. Indices are also permutations of the integers $0, 1, \dots, n$. However, the integers in an index represent codimensions whereas Monk's symbols use actual dimensions. In other words, the index corresponding to a Monk's permutation symbol $(a_0, \dots, a_n)$ is $(n - a_0, \dots, n - a_n)$. In this section, we shall give a defi-

inition of these 'Ehresmann' subvarieties of V^Δ and determine the cycle class of an 'Ehresmann' subvariety of V^Δ of codimension one.

DEFINITION 2.1. The term *index*, or more precisely (h, n) -index, will mean an $(h+1)$ -tuple $\mathbf{k} = (k_0, \dots, k_h)$ of distinct integers with $0 \leq k_i \leq n$ ($i = 0, \dots, h$). Let $C(\mathbf{k})$ be the set of pairs (i, j) such that

- (i) $0 < i \in \{k_0, \dots, k_j\}$,
- (ii) $i-1 \notin \{k_0, \dots, k_j\}$,
- (iii) $k_j \geq i$,
- (iv) $k_{j+1} < i$ or $j = h$.

Then put

$$d_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = |\{0, \dots, i\} \setminus \{k_0, \dots, k_j\}|.$$

Remark. We can always extend an (h, n) -index $\mathbf{k} = (k_0, \dots, k_h)$ to an (n, n) -index $\mathbf{k}'$ in the following way:

$$\mathbf{k}' = (k_0, \dots, k_h, b_{h+1}, \dots, b_n)$$

where

$$b_{h+1} < b_{h+2} < \dots < b_n$$

and

$$\{b_{h+1}, \dots, b_n\} = \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{k_0, \dots, k_h\}.$$

Note that $C(\mathbf{k}) = C(\mathbf{k}')$ and $d_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = d_{ij}(\mathbf{k}')$. In this way, one can properly compare indices and permutation symbols of Monk.

DEFINITION 2.2. Relative to a fixed flag

$$E: E_0 \subset E_1 \subset \dots \subset E_{n-1} \subset \mathbf{P}_n, \quad \dim E_i = i,$$

in $\mathbf{P}_n$, we define an *Ehresmann subvariety* $[\mathbf{k}; F]$ of $F = F(n+1)$ for any (h, n) -index $\mathbf{k}$, $0 \leq h \leq n$, as consisting of all flags

$$S: S_0 \subset S_1 \subset \dots \subset S_{n-1} \subset \mathbf{P}_n, \quad \dim S_i = i,$$

satisfying the conditions

$$\dim(S_j \cap E_{n-i}) \geq d_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) + j - i, \quad ((i, j) \in C(\mathbf{k})).$$

These Ehresmann subvarieties correspond with Ehresmann subvarieties obtained by Monk's permutation symbols. The cycle class of $[\mathbf{k}; F]$ will be denoted by $[\mathbf{k}; F]^*$. In the special case where

$$\mathbf{k} = (0, 1, \dots, q-1, q+1),$$

put

$$[\mathbf{k}; F]^* = w(q; F).$$

Note that $w(q; F)$ is the cycle class of a subvariety of $F(n+1)$ of codimension one.

DEFINITION 2.3. Let

$$\mathcal{L}: \mathcal{L}_1 \subset \mathcal{L}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{L}_i, \quad \dim \mathcal{L}_i = i-1,$$

be a nest of linear systems of primals on V . For each $q = 0, \dots, d$ and any given tangent flag $S = (S_0, S_1, \dots, S_d)$ to V , let $\mathcal{L}_i(q, S)$ denote the linear system consisting of those members of $\mathcal{L}_i$ to which S_q is (formally) tangent at S_0 . In particular, $\mathcal{L}_i(0, S)$ corresponds to all the members of $\mathcal{L}_i$ through S_0 and $\mathcal{L}_i(d, S)$ to all those with a singularity at S_0 . Then corresponding to any (h, t) -index $\mathbf{k}$, $0 \leq h \leq d$, we define an 'Ehresmann' subvariety $[\mathbf{k}; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta]$ of V^Δ to be the subvariety of V^Δ consisting of all tangent flags satisfying the conditions

$$\dim \mathcal{L}_i(j, S) \geq d_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) - 1, \quad ((i, j) \in C(\mathbf{k})).$$

The cycle class of $[\mathbf{k}; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta]$ will be denoted by $[\mathbf{k}; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta]^*$. As in definition 2.2 above, we also consider the special case, where

$$\mathbf{k} = (0, 1, \dots, q-1, q+1)$$

and we put

$$[\mathbf{k}; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta]^* = w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta).$$

Then $w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta)$ is the cycle class of a subvariety of V^Δ of codimension one.

We shall conclude this section by computing the cycle class $w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta)$ in the Chow ring $A(V^\Delta)$ of V^Δ . It is a generalization of the 'invariant lift' of [10], p. 64. First we shall consider some Ehresmann classes of $F(n+1)$.

LEMMA 2.4. Let

$$\mathbf{k} = (0, 1, \dots, q-r, q-r+2, \dots, q+1)$$

be a (q, n) -index. Then the cycle class $[\mathbf{k}; F]^*$ in the Chow ring $A(F(n+1))$ is given by

$$[\mathbf{k}; F]^* = (-1)^r \sigma_r(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_q).$$

where $\sigma_r(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_q)$ is the r -th elementary symmetric function in $\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_q$.

Proof. Now $[\mathbf{k}; F]^*$ is the cycle class of the Ehresmann subvariety of $F(n+1)$ consisting of all flags

$$S: S_0 \subset S_1 \subset \dots \subset S_{n-1} \subset P_n$$

satisfying the single condition

$$\dim(S_q \cap E_{n-q+r-2}) \geq r-1,$$

relative to a fixed flag

$$E : E_0 \subset E_1 \subset \dots \subset E_{n-1} \subset \mathbf{P}_n.$$

Consider the projection

$$\pi : F(n+1) \rightarrow G_{q+1}(k^{n+1}), \quad \text{fibre } F(q+1) \times F(n-q).$$

Then, from Lemma 1 of [4], π^* is injective and so the Chow ring $A(G_{q+1}(k^{n+1}))$ of the Grassmannian $G_{q+1}(k^{n+1})$ can be considered as a subring of $A(F(n+1))$. If λ' is the sub-bundle of the universal bundle over $G_{q+1}(k^{n+1})$, then we have

$$c_h(\lambda') = (-1)^h \sigma_h(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_q), \quad h = 1, \dots, q+1.$$

Using [4] and § 29.3 of [1], we have

$$c_r(\lambda') = [k; F]^*,$$

and the lemma follows.

THEOREM 2.5. (Cfr. 2.4.1 of [6]). *For a sufficiently general nest of linear systems*

$$\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{L}_1 \subset \mathcal{L}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{L}_t,$$

and for a positive integer $q \leq \min(t-1, d)$,

$$\begin{aligned} w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta) &= (q+1) w(0; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta) + \delta_1 + \dots + \delta_q \\ &= (q+1) (\rho^* a) + \delta_1 + \dots + \delta_q, \end{aligned}$$

where $a \in A^1(V)$ is the cycle class of the (unique) member of $\mathcal{L}_1$ and $\rho : V^\Delta \rightarrow V$ is the natural projection.

Remark. Note that $w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta)$ is the cycle class of an 'Ehresmann' subvariety of V^Δ satisfying the single condition

$$\dim \mathcal{L}_{q+1}(q, S) \geq 0.$$

Hence $w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta)$ involves only the single linear system $\mathcal{L}_{q+1}$ (rather than a nest) and it depends only on q and a . (Cfr. [7]).

Proof. Let $f : T(q, d; V) \rightarrow V$ be the Grassmannian bundle with fibre $G_q(k^d)$ associated with the tangent bundle $T(V)$ of V . Now $g : V^\Delta \rightarrow T(q, d; V)$ is a fibre bundle, fibre $F(q) \times F(d-q)$. From Lemma 1 of [4], g^* is injective and so $A(T(q, d; V))$ can be considered as a subring of $A(V^\Delta)$. Hence, from Theorem 1, p. 4-19 in [3], the Chow ring $A(T(q, d; V))$ is generated as a $\rho^* A(V)$ -algebra by the elementary symmetric functions

$$\sigma_i(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_q), \quad i = 1, \dots, q$$

subject to the relation

$$\prod_{i=1}^d (1 - \delta_i) = \rho^* c(V).$$

If the sub-bundle of the induced bundle $f^* T(V)$ is denoted by $\xi'(V)$, then taking Chern classes, we have

$$c(\xi'(V)) = \sum_{h=0}^q (-1)^h \sigma_h(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_q).$$

The inclusion map $i: V \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_n$ induces the inclusion map

$$\bar{di}: T(q, d; V) \rightarrow T(q, n; \mathbf{P}_n)$$

such that

$$\xi'(V) = \bar{di}^* \xi'(\mathbf{P}_n).$$

Hence,

$$(2.6) \quad -(\delta_1 + \dots + \delta_q) = c_1(\xi'(V)) = \bar{di}^* c_1(\xi'(\mathbf{P}_n)).$$

Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & E & & \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\ T(\mathbf{P}_n) & & GL(q, n-q) & & F(n+1) \\ & \searrow k^q & \downarrow & \swarrow \tau & \\ & & T(q, n; \mathbf{P}_n) & & F(q) \times F(n-q) \end{array}$$

where $T(\mathbf{P}_n) \rightarrow T(q, n; \mathbf{P}_n)$ is $\xi'(\mathbf{P}_n)$ and $E \rightarrow F(n+1)$ is a principal bundle β with group and fibre $\Delta(n)$ with $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$ as the corresponding diagonal k^* -bundles in natural order. Thus

$$\tau^* \xi'(\mathbf{P}_n) = \beta_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \beta_q.$$

From 3.5 of [7],

$$\beta_i = \xi_0^{-1} \otimes \xi_i, \quad \text{where } c_1(\xi_i) = \gamma_i, \quad i = 0, \dots, n.$$

Since τ^* is a monomorphism from Lemma 1 of [4], 2.6 becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (2.7) \quad -(\delta_1 + \dots + \delta_q) &= di^* \tau^{*-1} [(-\gamma_0 + \gamma_1) + \dots + (-\gamma_0 + \gamma_q)] \\ &= di^* \tau^{*-1} [-q\gamma_0 + \gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_q] \\ &= di^* \tau^{*-1} [(q+1)w(0; F) - w(q; F)] \end{aligned}$$

(by 2.4.2 of [7]).

Now let $\alpha: W \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_n$ be the flag bundle, fibre $F(d+1)$, associated with the tangent bundle $T(\mathbf{P}_n)$ of $\mathbf{P}_n$.

Also $\varphi: F(n+1) \rightarrow W$ is a fibre bundle, fibre $F(n-d)$. From Lemma 1 of [4], φ^* is injective and so $A(W)$ can be considered as a subring of $A(F(n+1))$. Since $V \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_n$ is an inclusion, then we have the natural injection

$$\theta: V^\Delta \rightarrow W.$$

Thus 2.7 implies that

$$\delta_j = \theta^*(\gamma_0 - \gamma_j).$$

Hence

$$\theta^*(-\gamma_0) = \theta^*\alpha^*(-\gamma_0) = \rho^*i^*(-\gamma_0)$$

and

$$(2.8) \quad \theta^*(-\gamma_j) = \rho^*i^*(-\gamma_0) + \delta_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, q.$$

Let

$$\mathcal{L}_2^{(1)}, \dots, \mathcal{L}_2^{(d-q)}$$

be $d-q$ pencils of prime sections. The condition

$$\dim \mathcal{L}_2^{(i)}(q, S) \geq 0$$

defines the cycle class $[k; \mathcal{L}^{(i)} | V^\Delta]^*$ where

$$k = (0, 2, \dots, q+1).$$

Then since $[k; F]^* \in A^q(W)$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.9) \quad [k; \mathcal{L}^{(i)} | V^\Delta]^* &= \theta^*([k; F]^*) \\ &= \theta^*((-1)^q \sigma_q(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_q)), \quad \text{by Lemma 2.4 if } r=q \\ &= \theta^*(\sigma_q(-\gamma_0, \dots, -\gamma_q)) \\ &= \sigma_q(\rho^*b, \delta_1 + \rho^*b, \dots, \delta_q + \rho^*b), \quad \text{from 2.8} \end{aligned}$$

where $i^*(-\gamma_0) = b \in A^1(V)$ is the cycle class of the (unique) member of $\mathcal{L}_1^{(i)}$. Since $w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta) \in A(T(q, d; V))$, a subring of $A(V^\Delta)$, it follows that we can write

$$w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta) = \rho^*y + n(\delta_1 + \dots + \delta_q)$$

where n is an integer and $y \in A^1(V)$. Now from 2.7, we have

$$(2.10) \quad w(q; \mathcal{L}' | V^\Delta) = (q+1)\rho^*b + \delta_1 + \dots + \delta_q$$

where $\mathcal{L}'$ is a linear system of prime sections. Since the intersection of $w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta)$ with a general fibre is the same for all $\mathcal{L}$, n must be the same for all $\mathcal{L}$. Hence in view of 2.10,

$$(2.11) \quad w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta) = \rho^*y + \delta_1 + \dots + \delta_q.$$

Thus the conditions

$$\dim \mathcal{L}_2^{(i)}(q, S) \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, d - q$$

and

$$\dim \mathcal{L}_{q+1}(q, S) \geq 0$$

define the cycle class j^Δ of V^Δ given by

$$\begin{aligned} j^\Delta &= w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{d-q} [\mathbf{k}; \mathcal{L}^{(i)} | V^\Delta]^* \\ &= (\rho^* y + \delta_1 + \dots + \delta_q) [\sigma_q(\rho^* b, \delta_1 + \rho^* b, \dots, \delta_q + \rho^* b)]^{d-q}, \end{aligned}$$

by 2.9, 2.11.

Hence from the Gysin homomorphism stated as Theorem 2.2.1 in [6] for the complex case and proved for the general case in [5], we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_1, \dots, x_q) &= (y + x_1 + \dots + x_q) [\sigma_q(b, x_1 + b, \dots, x_q + b)]^{d-q} \\ \hat{P}(x_1, \dots, x_q) &= (x_1, \dots, x_q)^{d-q+1} P\left(\frac{1}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_q}\right) \\ &= [y\sigma_q(\mathbf{x}) + \sigma_{q-1}(\mathbf{x})] [1 + 2b\sigma_1(\mathbf{x}) + 3b^2\sigma_2(\mathbf{x}) + \dots + (q+1)b^q\sigma_q(\mathbf{x})]^{d-q}. \end{aligned}$$

The cycle class $j = \rho_*(j^\Delta)$ of the corresponding Jacobian J is equal to the coefficient of

$$x_1^d x_2^{d-1}, \dots, x_q^{d-q+1}$$

in

$$\begin{aligned} &\prod_{i=1}^q (1 + d_1 x_h + \dots + d_d x_h^d) \prod_{i=h+1}^q (x_h - x_i) (x_1, \dots, x_q)^{d-q} [y\sigma_q(\mathbf{x}) + \\ &+ \sigma_{q-1}(\mathbf{x})] [1 + 2b\sigma_1(\mathbf{x}) + \dots + (q+1)b^q\sigma_q(\mathbf{x})]^{d-q} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$j = \rho_*(j^\Delta) = d_1 + y + 2(d-q)b.$$

By Severi (p. 21 of [11]), since the sum of the dimensions of

$$\mathcal{L}_{q+1}, \mathcal{L}_2^{(1)}, \dots, \mathcal{L}_2^{(d-q)}$$

is equal to d and so the Jacobian

$$J[\mathcal{L}; \mathcal{L}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathcal{L}^{(d-q)}] = X_{d-1} + (q+1)A + 2(B_1 + \dots + B_{d-q})$$

i.e.

$$j = d_1 + (q+1)a + 2(d-q)b.$$

Comparing the two values of j , we obtain

$$y = (q+1)a.$$

Hence

$$w(q; \mathcal{L} | V^\Delta) = (q+1)(\rho^* a) + \delta_1 + \dots + \delta_q.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.