

**89. Fundamental Forms in the Projective Differential  
Geometry of  $m$ -parametric Families of Hyper-  
surfaces of the Second Order in the  
 $n$ -Dimensional Space.**

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1. As I have already reported in another place, it seems to be very natural, to consider hypersurfaces of the second order as space-elements, when we intend to establish the projective differential geometry in the  $n$ -dimensional space.<sup>1)</sup> Therefore the first problem to deal with is the projective theory of  $m$ -parametric families of hypersurfaces of the second order. In this paper I shall determine the fundamental forms in the projective differential geometry of  $m$ -parametric families of hypersurfaces of the second order and then add their geometrical meanings.

2. *Notations.* In homogeneous point-coordinates  $x_\lambda$  ( $\lambda=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) an  $m$ -parametric family of hypersurfaces of the second order is represented by the equation

$$\sum_{\lambda, \mu} \overline{a_{\lambda\mu}} x_\lambda x_\mu = 0,$$

where

$$\overline{a_{\lambda\mu}} = \overline{a_{\lambda\mu}}(u^1, u^2, \dots, u^m).$$

Then let us take

$$a_{\lambda\mu} = \left\{ (n+1) \Delta \right\}^{-\frac{1}{n+1}} \overline{a_{\lambda\mu}}$$

as its normalized coordinates, where we represent the determinant  $\overline{a_{\lambda\mu}}$  by  $\Delta$ . Now we denote briefly a system of numbers  $a_{\lambda\mu}$  by  $\alpha$ , fol-

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1) See my previous papers: On the projective differential geometry of plane curves and one-parameter families of conics, these Proceedings, 2, 307-309, 1926; and Projective differential geometrical properties of the one-parameter families of point-pairs in the one-dimensional space, these Proceedings, 3, 6-8, 1927. See also my papers: Über die projektive Differentialgeometrie I, II, III, Tôhoku Math. Journal, 28, 1927.