55. Some Intrinsic Derivations in a Generalized Space.

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In their very interesting papers H. V. Craig¹⁾ and J. L. Synge²⁾ defined a Kawaguchi space and stated many intrinsic vectors and derivatives in this space. I shall introduce in this paper some another intrinsic derivations in the same space, which do not take place in the space of order one.

1. In a Kawaguchi space of order m and of dimensions n the length of a curve $x^i = x^i(t)$ (i=1, 2, ..., n) is defined to be the invariant

$$s = \int_{t_0}^t F(t, x^{(0)i}, \dots, x^{(m)i}) dt$$

where

$$x^{(a)i} = \frac{d^a x^i}{dt^a}$$
, $x^{(0)i} = x^i$.

We shall adopt the notations

(1)
$$F_{(\beta)i} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x^{(\beta)i}}, \quad F_{(\beta)i}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{d^a}{dt^a} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x^{(\beta)i}},$$

then it was proved by Synge²⁾ that

(2)
$$E_{i}^{\alpha} = \sum_{\beta=0}^{m} (-1)^{\beta} {\beta \choose \alpha} F_{(\beta)i}^{(\beta-\alpha)} \qquad (\alpha = 0, 1, 2,, m)$$

are the components of a covariant vector, which we shall call the Synge vector of α -th kind. The Synge vector of zeroth kind is the Euler vector.

2. Let T_i be any covariant vector³⁾ of order p, i.e. depended upon $t, x^{(0)i}, \ldots, x^{(p)i}$ and X^i a contravariant vector of any order, then we have the following covariant derivation along a curve for the vector X^i refered to the vector T_i .

Theorem. The *n* quantities

(I)
$$D_{ij}^{p-\rho}(T)X^{j} = \sum_{a=\rho}^{p} {a \choose \rho} T_{i(a)j} X^{j(a-\rho)}$$
 ($\rho = 1, 2,, p$)

are the components of a covariant vector.

Proof. A point transformation $y^i = y^i(x^j)$ gives rise to the relations

(3)
$$\frac{\partial y^{(a)i}}{\partial x^{(\beta)j}} = \binom{a}{\beta} P_j^{i(a-\beta)}$$

where

$$P_{j}^{i} = rac{\partial y^{i}}{\partial x^{j}}, \qquad Q_{j}^{i} = rac{\partial x^{i}}{\partial y^{j}}$$

¹⁾ H. V. Craig: On a generalized tangent vector, American Journal of Mathematics, 57 (1935), 456-462.

²⁾ J.L. Synge: Some intrinsic and derived vectors in a Kawaguchi space, ibid., 679-691.

³⁾ We can prove the analogous result, taking a contravariant vector T^i instead of the covariant vector T_i .