THEOREM 4. If the boundary  $\Gamma$  of the plane bounded connected and simply connected domain  $\gamma$  contains an indecomposable continuum D, there is a prime end of  $\gamma$  which contains D.

Here, as in the development of Theorem 2, for each value of j the set  $\Gamma = \sum \Gamma_{ji}$ . Consequently  $\sum \Gamma_{ji} \supset D$ . If for each of these  $\overline{c(\Gamma_{ji}) \cdot D} \supset D$ , then the set  $\sum \Gamma_{ji} \cdot D$  is nowhere dense in D and  $[\Gamma_{ji}]$  does not cover D. But as none of  $[\Gamma_{ji}]$  can have  $\overline{c(\Gamma_{ji}) \cdot D} \Rightarrow D$  unless  $D \cdot c(\Gamma_{ji}) = 0$ , in view of Lemma 4, there must for every value of j be one of  $[\Gamma_{ji}]$  which contains D. The proof now follows lines almost identical with those of Theorem 2.

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## PROJECTIVE DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY OF CURVES

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In a fundamental paper\* on the projective differential geometry of curves, L. Berzolari obtained canonical expansions representing a curve C immersed in a linear space  $S_n$  in a neighborhood of one of its points  $P_0$ . The vertices of the coordinate simplex yielding Berzolari's canonical form are covariantly related to the curve, while the unit point may be any point of the rational normal curve  $\Gamma$  which osculates C at  $P_0$ . It is the purpose of the present paper to define a covariant point on  $\Gamma$  which can be chosen as a unit point so as to produce final canonicalization of the power series expansions of Berzolari.

It will be observed that the usual methods of defining a point on  $\Gamma$  for the cases n=2 and n=3 depend on configurations<sup>†</sup> that do not possess suitable analogs in *n*-space. Hence it appeared for some time that the problem called for different procedures in spaces of different dimensionality. Special devices

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<sup>†</sup> E. P. Lane, Projective Differential Geometry of Curves and Surfaces, pp. 12–27.