LOCALLY PROJECTIVE SPACES OF DIMENSION ONE

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Let P be the real projective line, and let \widetilde{P} be the universal covering space of P with the lifted projective structure. Topologically, \widetilde{P} is an interval. Every projective mapping of a neighborhood in \widetilde{P} onto another neighborhood is the restriction of a unique projective homeomorphism of \widetilde{P} onto \widetilde{P} . A projective transformation of P can be expressed with respect to homogeneous or nonhomogeneous preferred coordinates as follows:

homogeneous coordinates: $(X, Y) \rightarrow (X^*, Y^*) = (aX + bY, cX + dY), ad-bc \neq 0$;

nonhomogeneous coordinates: $(X = xY) \times x^* = \frac{ax + b}{cx + d}$.

A locally projective space Z of dimension 1 is a manifold and a complete (that is, not properly contained in a larger) atlas of mutually compatible homeomorphisms, called maps, of neighborhoods in Z onto neighborhoods in \widetilde{P} . Two maps $f: U \to U'$ and $g: V \to V'$ are compatible if, for each connected component W of the intersection $U \cap V$, the mapping gf^{-1} restricted to f(W) is a projective transformation in \widetilde{P} .

Two maps in the atlas, both covering the point z in Z, are said to be equivalent at z if their restrictions to some neighborhood of z coincide. Following Ehresmann [2], we call an equivalence class of maps in the atlas, all covering z, a local jet, and we denote it by j_z . A topology in the set of jets can be introduced by giving a base for the open sets as follows: the set of jets (that is, of equivalence classes of maps) which contain a map is an open set in the space of jets.

A connected component of the space of jets is a covering space of Z, with the projection $j: j_Z \to z$. The mapping which sends a jet j_Z of this covering space into the image in \widetilde{P} of the point z under each of the maps of the equivalence class j_Z is a homeomorphism onto an interval in \widetilde{P} . This interval can therefore be considered as the universal covering space \widetilde{Z} with lifted locally projective structure of Z.

An analogous theorem and proof, given in [2], exist in the case of the locally homogeneous spaces, where the homogeneous space with a transitive Lie group of transformations takes the place of the projective line in the present article (see [1] to [9]).

There exist only two manifolds of dimension 1, in the topological sense: the open interval and the circle. We consider them separately.

Case A. Z is topologically an interval. Here $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}$ is projectively equivalent with an interval in $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$. The classification into projectively different cases is as follows:

A1. $Z = \widetilde{P}$.

A2. Z is one of the two parts into which a point in \tilde{P} divides its complement in \tilde{P} .

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- A3. Z is an interval in \tilde{P} which under the covering map: projection $\tilde{P} \rightarrow P$ covers some open interval in P n times, and its complement in P n-1 times, this complement being one point.
- A4. Idem, but the complement being more than one point.

In the cases A3 and A4, the integer n is the only numerical projective invariant of Z.

Case B. Z is topologically a circle. The universal covering space $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}$ is an interval in $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$. The fundamental group (Poincaré group) operates in $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}$ as a group of projective transformations generated by one element, say h. This element h is represented under the covering map $\tilde{\mathbf{P}} \to \mathbf{P}$ by a projective transformation in P. The projective classification of projective orientation-preserving transformations of the real projective line is known. Each class is a property which a projective structure in a topological circle may or may not have. Canonical expressions in terms of nonhomogeneous coordinates are as follows:

B1.
$$x^* = r x, r > 1;$$

B2.
$$x^* = x + 1$$
;

B3.
$$x^* = \frac{x \cos \alpha + \sin \alpha}{-x \sin \alpha + \cos \alpha}$$
.

We now have to lift these projective transformations into \tilde{P} ; in each case, this can be done in many ways. In the cases B1 and B2 there exists an invariant point $x=\infty$ in P. In the lifted transformation there will either be a corresponding invariant point (we will indicate this case by n=0); or a corresponding point in \tilde{P} and its image under the generator of the fundamental group will bound an interval, of the kind described in A3, with the invariant n>0. The nonnegative integer n is a projective invariant of the space Z. If n>0, then $\tilde{Z}=\tilde{P}$. If n=0, then \tilde{Z} can be identified as follows: in case B1, with the part x>0 of the affine line; in case B2, with the affine line. In these cases, Z admits a compatible locally affine and a locally euclidean structure, respectively.

In case B3, it is advantageous to represent the projective line as the pencil of lines on a point in a euclidean plane, and the transformation B3 as induced by a rotation over an angle α of the plane about the center of the pencil. In the universal covering space \widetilde{P} we can then introduce a coordinate ϕ (- ∞ < ϕ < ∞) which corresponds to angular measure in the euclidean plane. The coordinate system with coordinate ϕ covers \widetilde{P} completely, but it is not a projectively preferred coordinate system. In terms of these coordinates the generator of the fundamental group is expressed by

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi^* = \phi + \alpha$$
.

A fundamental domain in \widetilde{P} is an interval, and it has that invariant n, defined in A3 and A4, which is determined by the relation

$$(n-1) \pi < \alpha \le n \alpha$$
.

We summarize our results:

THEOREM. A complete classification of locally projective spaces of dimension one is given by A1-A4, B1-B3 and the invariant n. A space has a compatible locally

affine structure in the cases A3, A4, B1, B2, provided n = 0, and in no other case. It has a compatible locally euclidean structure in the cases A3, A4, B2, provided n = 0, and in no other case.

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