

# ON THE AUTOMORPHISMS OF THE SET OF SIMPLE VECTORS

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## § 1. Introduction.

In this paper we shall consider the automorphisms of the set of simple  $r$ -vectors  $v_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}$  in the real or complex vector space  $V_n$  of  $n$  dimensions. Under an  $r$ -vector we understand a skew-symmetric tensor  $v_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r} = v_{[i_1 i_2 \dots i_r]} \neq 0$ . An  $r$ -vector  $v_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}$  is said to be simple when it can be written by some  $r$  linearly independent vectors  $v^1, v^2, \dots, v^r$  as follows:

$$v_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r} = v^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}_{[i_1 i_2 \dots i_r]} . \quad (1.1)$$

And a necessary and sufficient condition that an  $r$ -vector  $v_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}$  shall be simple is that

$$v_{[i_1 i_2 \dots i_r] j_1 j_2 \dots j_r} = 0 . \quad (1.2)$$

In the following we shall prove a

**THEOREM.** *Any automorphisms of the set of simple  $r$ -vectors:*

$$'w_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r} = p^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r} w_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r} \quad (1.3)$$

is reduced to the following:

(1) In the case where  $2r \neq n$

$$p^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r} = v^{i_1}_{[j_1} v^{i_2}_{j_2} \dots v^{i_r]}_{j_r]} . \quad (1.4)$$

(2) In the case where  $2r = n$

$$p^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r} = v^{i_1}_{[j_1} v^{i_2}_{j_2} \dots v^{i_r]}_{j_r]} \quad (1.4)$$

or

$$= \epsilon^{k_1 k_2 \dots k_r l_1 l_2 \dots l_r} g_{l_1 j_1} g_{l_2 j_2} \dots g_{l_r j_r} v^{i_1}_{[k_1} v^{i_2}_{k_2} \dots v^{i_r]}_{k_r]} . \quad (1.5)$$

The theorem means that any automorphisms of the set of simple  $r$ -vectors:

$$'w_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r} = p^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r} w_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}$$

(1) Cf. J. A. Schouten: Der Ricci-Kalkul (1924) Berlin, p. 53.

can be reduced to an automorphisms of the vector space  $V_n$ : ' $w_j = v'_j w_i$ ', or an automorphisms: ' $w_j = v'_j w_i$ ' and  $\varepsilon$ -mapping: ' $\bar{w}_{j_1 \dots j_r} = \varepsilon^{k_1 \dots k_r l_1 \dots l_r} g_{l_1 j_1} \dots g_{l_r j_r} w_{k_1 \dots k_r}$ '.

Moreover an  $(r-1)$ -dimensional linear subspace  $S_{r-1}$  of the real or complex projective space  $S_{n-1}$  of  $n-1$  dimensions is considered as a simple  $r$ -vector in the space  $V_n$ . (Prücker's coordinates). Therefore our theorem is stated as follows:

**THEOREM.** *Any automorphisms of the set of  $S_{r-1}$  in the  $S_{n-1}$  can be reduced to a generalized<sup>(1)</sup> point transformation of  $S_{n-1}$ .*

### § 2. The classification of automorphisms.

If an  $r$ -vector  $v_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}$  is simple, its dual  $(n-r)$ -vector  $v^{i_{r+1} \dots i_n} = \varepsilon^{i_1 \dots i_n}$   $v_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}$  is simple, and conversely. So<sup>(2)</sup> it is enough to prove this theorem for the case where  $r \leq n-r$  i.e.  $2r \leq n$ .

Let us take as the simple  $r$ -vector  $v_{i_1 \dots i_r}$  in (1.3), specially

$$v_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r} = e^{[i_1 \dots i_r]} \quad \text{and} \quad v_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}^2 = e^{[i_1 \dots i_{r-1} i_r]}$$

where  $e_i$  denotes the covariant mass vector, then

$$av_{i_1 \dots i_r} + av_{i_1 \dots i_r}^2 = e^{[i_1 \dots i_{r-1} i_r]}, \quad (e^{i_r} = av_{i_r} + av_{i_r})$$

that is,  $av_{i_1 \dots i_r} + av_{i_1 \dots i_r}^2$  is a simple  $r$ -vector, accordingly  $ap_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{1 \dots r-1 r}$   $+ ap_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{1 \dots r-1 r+1}$  is a simple  $r$ -vector for all  $a, a$ . By applying the condition (1.2) for this simple  $r$ -vector, we obtain

$$p_{[j_1 j_2 \dots j_r] k_2 \dots k_r}^{12 \dots r} p_{k_1}^{12 \dots r-1 r+1} + p_{[j_1 \dots j_r] k_2 \dots k_r}^{1 \dots r-1 r+1} p_{k_1}^{12 \dots r} = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

From this condition (2.1) we know that the simple  $r$ -vectors  $p^{12 \dots r}$ <sup>(3)</sup> and  $p^{12 \dots r-1 r+1}$  have a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector in common. In fact, let us suppose that these two simple  $r$ -vectors have a simple  $t$ -vector ( $t \leq r-2$ ) in common only, then by a coördinate transformation we can take as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} p_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r}^{12 \dots r} &= e^{[j_1 \dots j_r]} \\ p_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r}^{12 \dots r-1 r+1} &= e^{[j_1 \dots e_{j_t} e_{j_{t+1}} \dots e_{j_r}]} \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Since  $t \leq r-2$ ;  $2r-t, 2r-t-1=1, 2, \dots, r$ . If we substitute (2.2) for (2.1) and take  $2r-t$  and  $2r-t-1$  as  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  respectively, then we have from

(1) We shall denote (1.4) together with (1.5) as a generalized point transformation.

(2) Any automorphisms of the set of simple  $r$ -vectors corresponds to one and only one automorphisms of the set of simple  $(n-r)$ -vectors, hence we have only to consider the case for  $\min(r, n-r)$ .

(3) For the sake of simplicity, we write  $p^{12 \dots r}$  for  $p_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r}^{12 \dots r}$  in the case where any confusion does not occur.

$p_{l_1 l_2 \dots l_{r-1} 2r-t}^{12\dots r-1 r} = 0$  and  $p_{l_1 2r-t-1 l_3 \dots l_r}^{12\dots r} = 0$  (for all  $l$ 's)

$$e_{[j_1 e_{j_2} \dots e_{j_r}]} \cdot e_{[2r-t e_{2r-t-1} e_{k_3} \dots e_{k_t} e_{k_{t+1}} \dots e_{k_r}]} = 0. \quad (2.3)$$

But we see that (2.3) is not true, by putting  $(j_1 \dots j_r) = (12 \dots r)$  and  $(k_3 \dots k_r) = (1, \dots, t, r+1, \dots, 2r-t-2)$ . Hence we obtain  $r-1 \leq t \leq r$ . On the other hand we deduce  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{1\dots r} \neq p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{1\dots r-1 r+1} \text{ (1)}$  from  $v_{i_1 \dots i_r}^1 + v_{i_1 \dots i_r}^2$ , by the automorphisms (1.3), consequently we have  $t < r$ . Therefore we get  $t=r-1$ .

Thus, generally we know that two simple  $r$ -vectors  $p_{i_1 \dots i_{r-1} i_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1} i_r}$  and  $p_{i_1 \dots i_{r-1} i_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1} i_s}$  have a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector in common.

Now for the sake of simplicity we write

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{1\dots r-1 s} = p^s \quad (s = r, r+1, \dots, n). \quad (2.4)$$

We shall show that the sequence  $p^s$  ( $s=r, r+1, \dots, n$ ) has either of following two types:

- (I) All  $p^s$  ( $s=r, r+1, \dots, n$ ) have the same simple  $(r-1)$ -vector in common.
- (II) All simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors which are the intersection of  $p^s$  and  $p^k$  ( $s+k; s, k=r, r+1, \dots, n$ ) are distinct.

And moreover in the case of type (II), we shall see that  $p^s$  ( $s=r, r+1, \dots, n$ ) are all contained in the same simple  $(r+1)$ -vector, and  $2r=n$  <sup>(2)</sup>.

If  $p^r$ ,  $p^{r+1}$  and  $p^{r+2}$  have a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector in common, we can write as follows:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} p^r &= v_{[j_1 v_{j_2} \dots v_{j_{r-1}} v_{j_r}]}^1 \\ p^{r+1} &= v_{[j_1 v_{j_2} \dots v_{j_{r-1}} v_{j_r}]}^2 \\ p^{r+2} &= v_{[j_1 v_{j_2} \dots v_{j_{r-1}} v_{j_r}]}^{r+2} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.5)$$

Since  $p^r$ ,  $p^{r+1}$  and  $p^{r+2}$  are independent, <sup>(3)</sup>  $r+2$  vectors  $v^1, v^2, \dots, v^{r+2}$  must be independent. Now let us suppose that  $p^{r+3}$  does not contain this simple  $(r-1)$ -vector, then we can write  $p^{r+3}$ , since  $p^r$  and  $p^{r+3}$  have a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector in common, as follows:

$$p^{r+3} = v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1} j_r]}^1 v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1} j_r]}^2 v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1} j_r]}^{r+2}$$

(1)  $A \approx B$  denotes that  $A = \rho B$  where  $\rho$  is a proportional factor.

(2) Some parts of these results have been already obtained from the other point of view.  
But we shall explain by the tensor calculation.

(3) In this paper, "independence" means "linearly independence".

where  $'v = \frac{1}{1}av + \dots + \frac{r}{r}av$  ( $a \neq 0$ );  $'v^1, \dots, 'v^{r-2} \in \mathfrak{L}(v, v, \dots, v)^{(1)}$ .

By the similar consideration for the pairs  $p^{r+1}, p^{r+3}$  and  $p^{r+2}, p^{r+3}$ , we can write  $p^{r+3}$  as follows:

$$p^{r+3} = ''v_{[j_1}''v_{j_2} \dots ''v_{j_{r-1}}''v_{j_r]}$$

where  $''v = \frac{1}{1}bv + \dots + \frac{r-1}{r-1}bv + \frac{r+1}{r+1}bv$  ( $b \neq 0$ );  $''v^1, \dots, ''v^{r-2} \in \mathfrak{L}(v, v, \dots, v)$ ;

and too

$$p^{r+3} = '''v_{[j_1}'''v_{j_2} \dots '''v_{j_{r-1}}'''v_{j_r}]$$

where  $'''v = \frac{1}{1}cv + \dots + \frac{r-1}{r-1}cv + \frac{r+2}{r+2}cv$  ( $c \neq 0$ );  $'''v^1, \dots, '''v^{r-2} \in \mathfrak{L}(v, v, \dots, v)$ .

Hence  $p^{r+3}$  contains at least  $(r+1)$  linearly independent vectors  $'v, 'v^1, \dots, 'v^{r-2}, 'v^{r+1}$  and  $'''v$ . This contradicts the fact that  $p^{r+3}$  is simple. Therefore  $p^r, p^{r+1}, p^{r+2}$ , and  $p^{r+3}$  have the same simple  $(r-1)$ -vector in common.

Thus we can conclude that the sequence  $p^s$  ( $s=r, r+1, \dots, n$ ) has either of types (I) or (II).

Furthermore, in the case of type (II), if  $p^r$  and  $p^{r+1}$  are written as follows:

$$p^r = v_{[j_1} \dots v_{j_{r-1}} v_{j_r]}$$

$$p^{r+1} = v_{[j_1} \dots v_{j_{r-1}} v_{j_r]}$$

then  $p^k$  ( $k \geq r+2$ ) does not contain the simple  $(r-1)$ -vector  $v_{[j_1} v_{j_2} \dots v_{j_{r-1}]}$  and the intersections  $p^k \cap p^r$  and  $p^k \cap p^{r+1}$  are distinct simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors; accordingly  $p^k$  is written as

$$p^k = 'v_{[j_1} \dots 'v_{j_{r-2}} 'v_{j_{r-1}} 'v_{j_r}]$$

where  $'v = \frac{1}{1}av + \dots + \frac{r-1}{r-1}av + \frac{r}{r}av$ , ( $a \neq 0$ );  $'v^1 = \frac{1}{1}bv + \dots + \frac{r-1}{r-1}bv + \frac{r+1}{r+1}bv$ , ( $b \neq 0$ ),

and  $'v, \dots, 'v^{r-2} \in \mathfrak{L}(v, \dots, v)$ . Hence  $p^s$  ( $s=r, r+1, \dots, n$ ) is written as

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^s = w_{[j_1} \dots w_{j_r]} \text{ where } w \in \mathfrak{L}(v, \dots, v), (\lambda = 1, \dots, r) \quad (2.6)$$

and the number of independent simple  $r$ -vectors contained in  $\mathfrak{L}(v, \dots, v)$  is

(1) Let  $\mathfrak{L}(v, \dots, v)$  be the set of all linear combinations of  $v, v, \dots, v$ .

equal to  $r+1$ . On the other hand,  $n-r+1$  simple  $r$ -vectors  $p^s$  ( $s=r, r+1, \dots, n$ ) are independent. Hence we have  $n-r+1 \leq r+1$ , i.e.  $n \leq 2r$ .<sup>(1)</sup> Since we have only to prove for the case where  $2r \leq n$ , we know that the type (II) occurs only in the case where  $2r=n$ .

Furthermore we shall prove that *the type (I) and (II) can not coexist for the system  $p_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}$  ( $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ); that is, if for a fixed indices  $((i))=(1, 2, \dots, r-1)$ , the sequence*

$$p^{((i))r}, p^{((i))r+1}, \dots, p^{((i))r+s}, \dots, p^{((i))n} \quad (2.7)$$

*has the type (I), then for the indices  $((i))=(1, \dots, r-2, r+s)$ , the sequence*

$$p^{((i))r}, p^{((i))r+1}, \dots, p^{((i))r-1}, \dots, p^{((i))n} \quad (2.8)$$

*has, too, the same type (I).*

In fact, we can write  $p^{((i))r}$ ,  $p^{((i))r+1}$  and  $p^{((i))r+s}$  as follows:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{((i))r} &= v[{}_1^{j_1} \dots {}^{r-1}_{j_{r-1}} {}^r_{j_r}] \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{((i))r+1} &= v[{}_1^{j_1} \dots {}^{r-1}_{j_{r-1}} {}^{r+1}_{j_r}] \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{((i))r+s} &= v[{}_1^{j_1} \dots {}^{r-1}_{j_{r-1}} {}^{r+s}_{j_r}] \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.9)$$

And the intersection  $p^{((i))r} \cap p^{((i))r}$  is a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector and is distinct from  $v[{}_1^{j_1} \dots {}^{r-1}_{j_{r-1}}]$ . For, if  $p^{((i))r}$  contains the simple  $(r-1)$ -vector  $v[{}_1^{j_1} \dots {}^{r-1}_{j_{r-1}}]$ , then it must be the linear combination of (2.7), since the sequence (2.7) is a complete system of independent simple  $r$ -vectors containing the simple  $(r-1)$ -vector  $v[{}_1^{j_1} \dots {}^{r-1}_{j_{r-1}}]$ ; however, since the inverse images of (2.7) and  $p^{((i))r}$  under our automorphisms are independent of each other, (2.7) and  $p^{((i))r}$  are independent of each other. This contradicts the above.

And, since  $p^{((i))r}$  and  $p^{((i))r-1}$  in the sequence (2.8) have a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector in common and  $p_{j_1 \dots j_1}^{((i))r+s} = -p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{((i))r-1}$ , so  $p^{((i))r}$  and  $p^{((i))r+s}$  have a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector in common, hence by the similar consideration we know that the intersection  $p^{((i))r+s} \cap p^{((i))r}$  is a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector different from  $v[{}_1^{j_1} \dots {}^{r-1}_{j_{r-1}}]$ . Therefore, by the above two facts, we can write  $p^{((i))r}$  as follows:

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{((i))r} = {}^1 v[{}_1^{j_1} \dots {}^{r-2}_{j_{r-2}} {}^r_{j_{r-1}} {}^{r+s}_{j_r}] \quad (2.10)$$

(1) This method will be used later on.

(2)  $p^{((i))r}$  denotes  $p_{j_1 \dots j_{r-1} j_r}^{1 \dots r-1 r}$ .

(3)  $p^{((i))r+s}=0$ , so in this sequence we take  $p^{((i))r-1}$  corresponding to  $p^{((i))r+s}$  in 2.7.

where  $\overset{1}{v} = \underset{1}{av} + \dots + \underset{r}{av}$  ( $a \neq 0$ ),  $\overset{r+s}{v} = \underset{1}{bv} + \dots + \underset{r-1}{bv} + \underset{r+s}{bv}$  ( $b \neq 0$ ),

and  $\overset{1}{v}, \dots, \overset{r-2}{v} \in \mathfrak{L}(v, \dots, v)$ . Similarly we have

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{((i))r+1} = \overset{1}{v}_{[j_1 \dots \overset{r-2}{v}_{j_{r-2}} \overset{r+1}{v}_{j_{r-1}} \overset{r+s}{v}_{j_r}]} \quad (2.11)$$

where  $\overset{r+1}{v} = \underset{1}{cv} + \dots + \underset{r-1}{cv} + \underset{r+1}{cv}$  ( $c \neq 0$ ),  $\overset{r+s}{v} = \underset{1}{dv} + \dots + \underset{r-1}{dv} + \underset{r+s}{dv}$  ( $d \neq 0$ ).

and  $\overset{1}{v}, \dots, \overset{r-2}{v} \in \mathfrak{L}(v, \dots, v)$ . Hence the joint  $p^{(i)s} \cup p^{(i)r+1} \cup p^{(i)r-1}$  contains at least  $r+2$  linearly independent vectors  $\overset{1}{v}, \dots, \overset{r-2}{v}, \overset{r+s}{v}$  and  $\overset{r+1}{v}$ . However, if the sequence (2.8) has the type (II), as we have seen in the above (2.6), then the joint  $p^{(i)s} \cup p^{(i)r+1} \cup p^{(i)r-1}$  contains exactly  $r+1$  linearly independent vectors. This contradicts the above, hence the sequence (2.8) has the type (I).

Repeating this procedure from (i) to ((i)), we can attain to any indices  $(k) = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{r-1})$  from any indices  $(i) = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{r-1})$ . Hence, when the sequence  $p^{(i)s}$  ( $s \notin (i)$ ) has the type (I), the sequence  $p^{(k)t}$  ( $t \notin (k)$ ) has also the same type (I).

Thus we obtain the classification of automorphisms (1.3) into the type (I) and type (II).

### § 3. The type (I).

First we shall show that the intersection of linearly independent  $(r-1)$  simple  $(r-1)$ -vector in  $r$ -dimensional vector space is a vector<sup>(1)</sup>.

The intersection of two simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors  $p$  and  $\bar{p}$  in  $r$ -dimensional vector space contains a simple  $r-2$ -vector. In fact, suppose that this intersection is a simple  $(r-t)$ -vector, then the simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors  $p$  and  $\bar{p}$  contain  $(t-1)$  linearly independent vectors which are not contained in this intersection respectively, hence we have  $(r-t) + (t-1) + (t-1) \leq r$ , i.e.,  $r-2 \leq r-t$ .

Similarly, the intersection of a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector and a simple  $(r-2)$ -vector in a simple  $r$ -vector contains a simple  $(r-3)$ -vector, and repeating this process we know that the intersection of  $(r-1)$  simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors in the  $r$ -dimensional vector contains a vector.

If this intersection contains simple 2-vector, there exist  $(r-2)$  linearly

(1) See footnote (2) p. 13.

independent vectors which are independent for these two vectors. Hence the number of independent all simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors which contain this simple 2-vector is equal to  $(r-2)$ . This contradicts our assumption.

After these preparations we shall return to our problem. In the type (I) we can write  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r s}$ ,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_{r-1} i_r s}$ , ...,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_2 \dots i_{r-1} i_r s}$  and  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1} s}$  ( $s \neq i_1, \dots, i_r$ ) as follows:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r s} &= p_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r} v_{j_r}^s \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_{r-1} i_r s} &= p_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_{r-1} i_r} v_{j_r}^s \\ &\dots \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_2 \dots i_r s} &= p_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{i_2 \dots i_r} v_{j_r}^s \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1} s} &= p_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1}} v_{j_r}^s \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.1)$$

And the number of independent simple  $r$ -vectors varying  $s \neq i_a$  ( $a=1 \dots r$ ) for any fixed indices  $i_1 \dots i_r$  in the left member of (3.1) is equal to  $(n-r)r$ . On the other hand, in the right member of (3.1) if there is  $r-t$  ( $t \geq 0$ ) independent simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors among  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r}$ ,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_{r-1} i_r}$ , ...,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_2 \dots i_r}$  and  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1}}$ , then the number of independent simple  $r$ -vectors is equal to  $(r-t)(n-r)$  at most, accordingly we have  $(n-r)r \leq (r-t)(n-r)$  i.e.  $t=0$ . Therefore  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r}$ ,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_{r-1} i_r}$ , ...,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_2 \dots i_r}$  and  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1}}$  are mutually independent.

Hence, by the above preparation and the above results, we know that the  $(r-1)$  independent simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r}$ ,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_{r-1} i_r}$ , ...,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_2 \dots i_r}$  in a simple  $r$ -vector  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r}$  have only a vector  $v_{j_r}^{(t)}$  in common.<sup>(2)</sup> By taking  $i_a$  ( $a=1, \dots, r$ ) in place of  $i_r$ , similarly we obtain the vectors  $v_{j_a}^{(t)}$  which are contained in the simple  $r$ -vector  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r}$ .

And we shall show that these  $r$ -vectors  $v_{j_a}^{(t)}$  are mutually independent. The  $r$  simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1}}$ ,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r}$ ,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_{r-1} i_r}$ , ...,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_2 \dots i_{r-1} i_r}$  are mutually independent, however on the other hand the number of independent simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors in the simple  $r$ -vector  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r}$  which contain a vector  $v_{j_r}^{(t)}$  is equal to  $(r-1)$ . Hence the simple  $(r-1)$ -vector  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1}}$  can not contain this vector  $v_{j_r}^{(t)}$ . Contrary to this, the vectors  $v_{j_a}^{(t)}$  ( $a \neq r$ ) are contained in this simple  $(r-1)$ -vector  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1}}$ . Therefore we have  $v_{j_r}^{(t)} \notin \mathcal{L}(v_{j_a}^{(t)}, a \neq r)$ , and similarly  $v_{j_b}^{(t)} \notin \mathcal{L}(v_{j_a}^{(t)}, a \neq b)$ . Thus we can say that  $r$  vectors  $v_{j_a}^{(t)}$  ( $a=1, 2, \dots, r$ ) are mutually independent.

(1)  $\langle a \rangle$  denotes  $(i_1 \dots i_{a-1} i_{a+1} \dots i_r)$  for any fixed indices  $i_1 \dots i_r$  and any  $s \neq i_a$  ( $a=1, \dots, r$ ).

(2) The notation  $\langle i \rangle$  means  $(i_1 \dots i_r)$  in this place.

So we can write  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r}$  as follows:

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r} \approx v_{[j_1 \dots j_r]}^{(i_1)} \dots v_{[j_1 \dots j_r]}^{(i_r)}. \quad (3.2)$$

Moreover, since  $v^{i_a} \in p_{j_1 \dots j_{b-1} j_b+1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{b-1} i_b+1 \dots i_r}$  ( $i_a + i_b, 1 \leq a, b \leq r$ ) and  $v^{i_a}$  are mutually independent, we have

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_{b-1} j_b+1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{b-1} i_b+1 \dots i_r} \approx v_{[j_1 \dots j_{b-1}]}^{(i_1)} v_{[j_{b-1}]}^{(i_b+1)} \dots v_{[j_{b+1} \dots j_r]}^{(i_b+1)} \dots v_{[j_r]}^{(i_r)}.$$

Furthermore we must prove that if we write

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_t} \approx v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-2}]}^{((i))} v_{[j_{r-2}]}^{(i_s)} v_{[j_s]}^{(i_t)} v_{[j_r]}^{(i_r)}, \quad (3.4)$$

where  $((i)) = (i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_t)$ , then we have

$$v^r = v^{((i))}. \quad (3.5)$$

To do this first we shall show that the intersection of the simple  $r$ -vectors  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_t}$  ( $i_1 \dots i_{r-2}$  are fixed,  $i_s$  and  $i_t$  are arbitrary) is a simple  $(r-2)$ -vector.

By using (3.1) and (3.3) we can write the simple  $r$ -vectors  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_t}$ ,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_u}$ ,  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_t i_u}$  as follows:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_t} = v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{(i_1)} \dots v_{[j_{r-1}]}^{(i_{r-1})} v_{[j_r]}^{(i_t)} \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_u} = v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{(i_1)} \dots v_{[j_{r-1}]}^{(i_{r-1})} v_{[j_r]}^{(i_u)} \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_t i_u} = v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{(i_1)} \dots v_{[j_{r-1}]}^{(i_{r-1})} v_{[j_r]}^{(i_u)} \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_u} = v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{(i_1)} \dots v_{[j_{r-1}]}^{(i_{r-1})} v_{[j_r]}^{(i_u)} \end{array} \right\} \quad (3.6)$$

where  $(i) = (i_1, \dots, i_{r-2}, i_s, i_t)$  and  $((i)) = (i_1, \dots, i_{r-2}, i_s, i_t)$ .

Since the intersection of  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_t}$  and  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_u}$  is a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector and, as we have seen in the above (3.1),  $v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{(i_1)} \dots v_{[j_{r-1}]}^{(i_{r-1})} \nparallel v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{(i_1)} \dots v_{[j_{r-1}]}^{(i_{r-1})}$ , we may take  $v^a$  and  $v^e$  such that are contained in this intersection. Accordingly, the intersection  $v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{(i_1)} \dots v_{[j_{r-1}]}^{(i_{r-1})} \cap v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{(i_1)} \dots v_{[j_{r-1}]}^{(i_{r-1})}$  contains at least a simple  $(r-3)$ -vector  $v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-3}]}^0$ .

Therefore we can write these four simple  $r$ -vectors as follows:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_t} = v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-3}]}^0 v_{[j_{r-3} \dots j_{r-2}]}^0 v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_{r-1}]}^0 v_{[j_r]}^a \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_u} = v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-3}]}^0 v_{[j_{r-3} \dots j_{r-2}]}^0 v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_{r-1}]}^0 v_{[j_r]}^b \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_t i_u} = v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-3}]}^0 v_{[j_{r-3} \dots j_{r-2}]}^0 v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_{r-1}]}^0 v_{[j_r]}^e \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_s i_u} = v_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-3}]}^0 v_{[j_{r-3} \dots j_{r-2}]}^0 v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_{r-1}]}^0 v_{[j_r]}^d \end{array} \right\} \quad (3.7)$$

And the intersections  $p^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} s_i t_i} \cap p^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} s_i t_i}$  and  $p^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} s_i t_u} \cap p^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} s_i t_u}$  are the simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors respectively, (for  $r-1$  indices are common). So, in the above (3.7) we can take  $v, v, v, 'v, 'v$  and  $v$  such that the intersections

$$(v_{[j_{r-2}]^{r-2}}^{r-2} v_{j_r}^{r-1} v_{j_r}^a) \cap (v_{[j_{r-2}]^{r-2}}' v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} v_{j_r}^c) \text{ and } (v_{[j_{r-2}]^{r-2}}^{r-2} v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} v_{j_r}^b) \cap (v_{[j_{r-2}]^{r-2}}' v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} v_{j_r}^d) \quad (3.8)$$

are the simple 2-vectors respectively. Eliminating  $v^a$  and  $v^b$ , we have

$$(v_{[j_{r-2}]^{r-2}}^{r-2} v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1}) \cap (v_{[j_{r-2}]^{r-2}}' v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} v_{j_r}^c) \neq \phi \quad (3.9)$$

and

$$(v_{[j_{r-2}]^{r-2}}^{r-2} v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1}) \cap (v_{[j_{r-2}]^{r-2}}' v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} v_{j_r}^d) \neq \phi \quad (3.10)$$

where  $\phi$  denotes the null set.

(i): In the case where these intersections (3.9) and (3.10) have a vector  $w$  in common, it follows

$$\begin{aligned} w &= l_1 v^{r-2} + l_2 v^{r-1} \\ &= l_1' v^{r-2} + l_2' v^{r-1} + l_3 v^c \\ &= l_1'' v^{r-2} + l_2'' v^{r-1} + l_3^2 v^a. \end{aligned} \quad \left. \right\} \quad (3.11)$$

Since the vectors  $'v^{r-2}, 'v^{r-1}, v^c$  and  $v^a$  are independent,  $l_1^3$  and  $l_3^3$  must be zero, and  $l_1^1 = l_1^2, l_2^1 = l_2^2$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} w &= l_1 v^{r-2} + l_2 v^{r-1} \\ &= l_1' v^{r-2} + l_2' v^{r-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Accordingly this vector  $w$  is contained in the four simple  $r$ -rector (3.7). Thus <sup>(1)</sup> the intersection of all  $p^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} s_i t_i}$  (where  $i_s$  and  $i_t$  varied arbitrarily) contains simple  $(r-2)$ -vector.

(ii): In the case where the intersection of the intersections (3.9) and (3.10) is empty, in (3.9) and (3.10) we have two distinct vectors  $'v^c$  and  $'v^a$  respectively such that

$$'v^c = m_1^1 v^{r-2} + m_2^1 v^{r-1} = l_1' v^{r-2} + l_2' v^{r-1} + l_3^1 v^c \quad (3.12)$$

$$'v^a = m_1^2 v^{r-2} + m_2^2 v^{r-1} = l_1^2 v^{r-2} + l_2^2 v^{r-1} + l_3^2 v^a. \quad (3.13)$$

Here  $l_3^1 \neq 0$  and  $l_3^2 \neq 0$ , for if  $l_3^1 = 0$  for example, then the vector  $'v^c$  will be

(1) Any two of  $(n-r+2)$  simple  $(r-1)$ -vector  $p^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} s_i t_i}$  ( $s=r-1, \dots, n$ ), being mutually independent, have a simple  $(r-2)$ -vector in common, hence all  $p^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} s_i t_i}$  ( $s=r-1, \dots, n$ ) have the same simple  $(r-2)$ -vector in common. For, otherwise, by using the previous method about  $r-1$  in place of  $r$  (footnote (1), p. 15) we obtain  $2(r-1) \geq n$ , this contradicts to  $n \geq 2r$ . Moreover here we should remark that  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} s_i t_i} = p_{(j_1 \dots j_{r-1})}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} s_i t_i} v_{j_r}^{t_i}$ .

contained in (3.9) and (3.10); now this is impossible.

Hence from (3.12) and (3.13) it holds that

$$'v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^{r-2} 'v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} v_{j_r}^c \approx 'v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^{r-2} 'v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} 'v_{j_r}^a$$

$$'v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^{r-2} 'v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} v_{j_r}^a \approx 'v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^{r-2} 'v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} 'v_{j_r}^b$$

and

$$v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_{r-1}]}^{r-2} v_{j_r}^{r-1} \approx 'v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_{r-1}]}^c 'v_{j_r}^a$$

From these facts and (3.8) we can say that

$$('v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^c 'v_{j_{r-1}}^a v_{j_r}^a) \cap ('v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^{r-2} 'v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} 'v_{j_r}^c)$$

and

$$('v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^c 'v_{j_{r-1}}^a v_{j_r}^b) \cap ('v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^{r-2} 'v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} 'v_{j_r}^d)$$

are the simple 2-vectors. Eliminating ' $v^c$ ' and ' $v^a$ ' as similar as the above, we have

$$('v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^c 'v_{j_{r-1}}^a v_{j_r}^a) \cap ('v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^{r-2} 'v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1}) \neq \phi \quad (3.14)$$

and

$$('v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^c 'v_{j_{r-1}}^a v_{j_r}^b) \cap ('v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^{r-2} 'v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1}) \neq \phi. \quad (3.15)$$

Since, if (3.14) and (3.15) have a vector in common, we can consider as similar as in case (i), now we have only to restrict ourselves to the case where (3.14) and (3.15) have not a vector in common. Then, in (3.14) and (3.15) we take two distinct vector ' $v^a$ ', ' $v^b$ ', respectively, such that

$$'v^a = 'm_1^1 v^{r-2} + 'm_2^1 v^{r-2} = h_1^1 v^c + h_2^1 v^a + h_3^1 v^a \quad (3.16)$$

$$'v^b = 'm_1^2 v^{r-2} + 'm_2^2 v^{r-2} = h_1^2 v^c + h_2^2 v^a + h_3^2 v^b \quad (3.17)$$

where  $h_3^1 \neq 0$  and  $h_3^2 \neq 0$ , similarly as we have seen in the above. Hence we have

$$'v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^c 'v_{j_{r-1}}^a v_{j_r}^a \approx 'v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^c 'v_{j_{r-1}}^a 'v_{j_r}^a$$

$$'v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^c 'v_{j_{r-1}}^a v_{j_r}^b \approx 'v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^c 'v_{j_{r-1}}^a 'v_{j_r}^b$$

and

$$'v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^{r-2} 'v_{j_{r-1}}^{r-1} \approx 'v_{[j_{r-2} \dots j_r]}^a 'v_{j_{r-1}}^b.$$

Therefore we can rewrite (3.7) as follows:

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r i_t} \approx v_{[j_1 \dots j_r]}^1 \dots v_{j_{r-3}}^0 'v_{j_{r-2}}^c 'v_{j_{r-1}}^a 'v_{j_r}^a \quad (3.18)$$

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r i_u} \approx v_{[j_1 \dots j_r]}^1 \dots v_{j_{r-3}}^0 'v_{j_{r-2}}^c 'v_{j_{r-1}}^a 'v_{j_r}^b \quad (3.19)$$

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r i_t} \approx v_{[j_1 \dots j_r]}^1 \dots v_{j_{r-3}}^0 'v_{j_{r-2}}^a 'v_{j_{r-1}}^b 'v_{j_r}^c \quad (3.20)$$

and

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r i_u} \approx v_{[j_1 \dots v_{j_{r-3}}^0 v_{j_{r-2}}^0 v_{j_{r-1}}^0 v_{j_r}^0]}^0 . \quad (3.21)$$

From (3.18) and (3.21), we see that  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r i_u} + p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r i_u}$  is a simple  $r$ -vector. But the inverse image of this  $r$ -vector under our automorphisms, i.e.

$$e_{[j_1 e_{j_2} \dots e_{j_{r-2}} e_{j_{r-1}} e_{j_r}]}^1 + e_{[j_1 e_{j_2} \dots e_{j_{r-1}} e_{j_{r-2}} e_{j_r}]}^1 ,$$

as we know from the conditions for simple vector (1.2), is not simple. This contradicts our assumption. Hence the case (ii) does not happen. Thus we have proved our assertion.

By using (3.2) and (3.3) we can write as follows:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} p_{j_1 \dots j_{r-3} j_r j_{r-2} j_{r-1}}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_{r-2} i_s} &= v_{[j_1 \dots v_{j_{r-3}}^{(t)} v_{j_r}^{(t)} v_{j_{r-2}}^{(t)} v_{j_{r-1}}^{(t)}]}^{(t)i_1} \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_{r-3} j_r j_{r-2}}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_{r-2}} &= v_{[j_1 \dots v_{j_{r-3}}^{(t)} v_{j_r}^{(t)} v_{j_{r-2}}^{(t)}]}^{(t)i_1} \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_{r-3} j_r j_{r-1}}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_{r-1}} &= v_{[j_1 \dots v_{j_{r-3}}^{(t)} v_{j_r}^{(t)} v_{j_{r-1}}^{(t)}]}^{(t)i_1} \\ p_{j_1 \dots j_{r-3} j_r j_{r-2} i_s}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_{r-2} i_s} &= p_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-3} j_r j_{r-2}]}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_{r-2} i_s} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.22)$$

and

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_{r-3} j_r j_{r-1} j_{r-2}}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_{r-2} i_s} = p_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-3} j_r j_{r-1}]}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_{r-2} i_s} v_{j_{r-2}}^{i_s} .$$

As we know from (3.22), the intersection  $p_{j_1 \dots j_{r-3} j_r j_{r-1} j_{r-2}}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_{r-2} i_s} \cap p_{j_1 \dots j_{r-3} i_r i_{r-1} i_s}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_{r-1} i_s}$  contains the simple  $(r-2)$ -vector  $v_{[j_1 \dots v_{j_{r-3}}^{(t)} v_{j_r}^{(t)} v_{j_{r-1}}^{(t)}]}^{(t)i_1}$ . And since the intersection  $\pi \equiv \bigcap_{i_s} p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_s i_i}$  is a simple  $(r-2)$ -vector contained in  $v_{[j_1 \dots v_{j_{r-3}}^{(t)} v_{j_r}^{(t)}]}^{(t)i_1}$ , we can conclude that

$$\pi \equiv \left( v_{[j_1 \dots v_{j_{r-3}}^{(t)} v_{j_r}^{(t)}]}^{(t)i_1} \right) .$$

Hence we have

$$v_{j_r}^{i_r} \in p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_s} \equiv p_{[j_1 \dots j_{r-1}]}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_s} v_{j_r}^{i_s}$$

where  $v_{j_r}^{i_s}$  has the freedom of  $(n-r+1)$ . Consequently we get

$$v_{j_r}^{i_r} \in p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_s} . \quad (3.23)$$

Similarly we know

- (1) The intersection  $p_{j_1 \dots j_{r-3} j_r j_{r-1} j_{r-2}}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_{r-2} i_s} \cap p_{j_1 \dots j_{r-3} i_r i_{r-1} i_s}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_{r-1} i_s} \cap p_{j_1 \dots j_{r-3} i_r i_s}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r i_s}$  does not contain a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector. For, the complete system of independent simple  $r$ -vector containing the simple  $(r-1)$ -vector has the form (2.7).
- (2) (3.23) is obviously obtained from the footnote (1) in p. 19.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} v^{i_r} \in p^{i_1 \dots i_{r-4} i_{r-2} i_r} \\ \dots \dots \dots \\ v^{i_r} \in p^{i_2 \dots i_{r-2} i_r} \\ v^{i_r} \in p^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r} \end{array} \right\} \quad (3.24)$$

Since  $v^{i_r}$  is the intersection of  $(r-1)$  linearly independent simple  $(r-1)$ -vectors  $p^{i_1 \dots i_{r-3} i_r}, \dots, p^{i_2 \dots i_{r-2} i_r}$  and  $p^{i_1 \dots i_{r-2} i_r}$  in the  $r$ -dimensional vector space  $p^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{r-2} i_r}$ ,  $v^{i_r}$  must coincide with  $v^{i_r}$ .

By repeating this procedure from (i) to ((i)), any indices  $(k)$  containing  $i_r$  can be attained from (i). Therefore, if we write

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{k_1 \dots k_{r-1} i_r} \approx v_{[j_1}^{(k)} v_{j_2}^{k_2} \dots v_{j_r]}^{k_{r-1}} \quad \text{where } (k) = (k_1, k_2 \dots k_{r-1} i_r),$$

then we have  $v^{i_r} \approx v^{k_r}$ . Since this is true for every index  $i_a$  instead of  $i_r$ , we can obtain

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r} \approx v_{[j_1}^{i_1} v_{j_2}^{i_2} \dots v_{j_r]}^{i_r}. \quad (3.25)$$

Moreover, since we have not considered the proportional factor, exactly we must write

$$p_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r} = a^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r} v_{[j_1}^{i_1} v_{j_2}^{i_2} \dots v_{j_r]}^{i_r} \quad (3.26)$$

where we do not sum for indices  $i_1, \dots, i_r$ .

#### § 4. The type (II).

In this case, we have seen that the sequences  $p_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{r-1} i_s}$  ( $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{r-1}$  are any fixed indices;  $s=r, r+1, \dots, n$ ) are such that

$$(p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1} i_s}) \subset v_{[j_1}^{(i)} \dots v_{j_{r+1}]}^{(r+1)} \quad (s = r, r+1, \dots, n). \quad (4.1)$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (e^{j_1 \dots j_r j_{r+1} \dots j_{2r}} g_{j_{r+1} k_{r+1}} \dots g_{j_{2r} k_{2r}} p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1} i_s}) \\ & \supset (e^{j_1 \dots j_r j_{r+1} \dots j_{2r}} g_{j_{r+1} k_{r+1}} \dots g_{j_{2r} k_{2r}} v_{[j_1}^{(i)} \dots v_{j_{r+1}]}^{(r+1)}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

Since the right member of (4.2) is a simple  $(r-1)$ -vector, the sequence

$$e^{j_1 \dots j_r \dots j_{2r}} g_{j_{r+1} k_{r+1}} \dots g_{j_{2r} k_{2r}} p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_{r-1} i_s} \quad (4.3)$$

has the type (I).

Hence by the above result for the case of type (I) and (4.3) we have

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r} = a^{i_1 \dots i_r} v_{[k_1 \dots k_r]}^{i_1} \dots v_{[k_r]}^{i_r} \epsilon^{k_1 k_2 \dots k_r} \quad (4.4)$$

where we do not sum for the indices  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n$ .

### § 5. Proportional factors.

Finally we investigate the proportional factor  $a^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}$ .

#### Case of the type (I).

From (1.3) and (3.26) we get

$$w_{j_1 \dots j_r} = p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r} w_{i_1 \dots i_r} = \sum_i a^{i_1 \dots i_r} v_{[j_1 \dots j_r]}^{i_1} \dots v_{[j_r]}^{i_r} w_{i_1 \dots i_r} \quad (5.1)$$

Let  $\bar{v}_k^i$  be determined to be such that  $v_k^i \bar{v}_k^i = \delta_k^i$ . Multiplying  $\bar{v}_{k_1}^{j_1} \dots \bar{v}_{k_r}^{j_r}$  on the both member of (5.1) and summing up for  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_r$ , then it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{w}_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_r} &\equiv \bar{v}_{k_1}^{j_1} \dots \bar{v}_{k_r}^{j_r} w_{j_1 \dots j_r} = \sum_i a^{i_1 \dots i_r} \delta_{[k_1 \dots k_r]}^{i_1} \dots \delta_{[k_r]}^{i_r} w_{i_1 \dots i_r} \\ &= a^{k_1 \dots k_r} w_{k_1 \dots k_r} = a^{k_1 k_2 \dots k_r} w_{[k_1 \dots k_r]} \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

Since  $\bar{w}_{k_1 \dots k_r} = \bar{v}_{k_1}^{j_1} \dots \bar{v}_{k_r}^{j_r} w_{j_1 \dots j_r}$  is a simple  $r$ -vector,  $a^{i_1 \dots i_r}$  must be symmetric for indices  $i_1, \dots, i_r$ , and moreover from the condition (1.2) of simplicity of  $r$ -vector, it satisfies the condition

$$(w_{[i_1 \dots i_s}^{s+1} \dots w_{i_s] w_{k_{s+1}} \dots w_{k_r]} a^{(i_1 \dots i_s k_{s+1} \dots k_r)} (w_{[j_1 \dots j_s}^{s+1} \dots w_{j_s] w_{k_{s+1}} \dots w_{k_r]} a^{j_1 \dots j_s k_{s+1} \dots k_r}) = 0 \quad (5.3)$$

where  $i_1, \dots, i_s, j_1, \dots, j_s, k_{s+1}, \dots, k_r$  (donot sum up) are all distinct and  $w_i$  ( $i=1, \dots, r$ ) are arbitrary vectors.<sup>(1)</sup> By putting in (5.3)

$$w_i = a e_i + b e_i^{\lambda} \quad (\lambda=1, \dots, s); \quad w_i = c e_i \quad (\mu=s+1, \dots, r),$$

we obtain the condition<sup>(2)</sup>

$$a^{i_1 \dots i_s k_{s+1} \dots k_r} a^{j_1 \dots j_s k_{s+1} \dots k_r} = a^{j_1 i_2 \dots i_s k_{s+1} \dots k_r} a^{i_1 j_2 \dots j_s k_{s+1} \dots k_r} \quad (5.4)$$

Furthermore from (5.4), it follows that

$$a^{i_1 \dots i_r} a^{j_1 \dots j_r} = a^{k_1 \dots k_r} a^{l_1 \dots l_r} \quad (5.5)$$

for  $(i_1 \dots i_r, j_1 \dots j_r) = (k_1 \dots k_r, l_1 \dots l_r)$ .

(1) In this case only, two symbols  $(\quad)$  and  $[ \quad ]$  denote operations operating for the same indices at the same time.

(2) By the substitution into (5.3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &a^1 a^2 b^1 b^2 (\overset{s}{c} \dots \overset{r}{c})^2 \{ a^{i_1 \dots i_s k_{s+1} \dots k_r} a^{j_1 \dots j_s k_{s+1} \dots k_r} - a^{j_1 i_2 \dots i_s k_{s+1} \dots k_r} a^{i_1 j_2 \dots j_s k_{s+1} \dots k_r} \} \\ &= 0, \quad \text{consequently} \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

And we remark that  $a^{i_1 \dots i_r} \neq 0$  where  $i_1 \dots i_r$  are all distinct. For, if  $a^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r} = 0$  for any fixed index  $i_1, i_2 \dots i_r$ , then we have  $'w_{i_1 \dots i_r} = 0$  when  $w_{[i_1 \dots i_r]}^1 \dots w_{[i_r]}^r \neq 0$ .

From (5.5) we get

$$a^{i_1 \dots i_t \dots i_r} / a^{j_1 \dots j_s k_{t+1} \dots k_r} = a^{i_1 \dots i_t k_{t+1} \dots k_r} / a^{j_1 \dots j_s k_{t+1} \dots k_r}. \quad (5.6)$$

Hence we have

$$a^{i_1 \dots i_t k_{t+1} \dots k_r} = b^{i_1 \dots i_t k_{t+1} \dots k_r}. \quad (5.7)$$

Considering that  $a^{(i_1 \dots i_r)} = a^{i_1 \dots i_r}$ , we obtain

$$a^{i_1 \dots i_r} = a^{i_1} \dots a^{i_r}. \quad (5.8)$$

### Case of the type (II).

In this case, also similarly, we can investigate  $a^{i_1 \dots i_r}$ . From (1.3) and (4.4) we get

$$'w_{j_1 \dots j_r} = \sum_i a^{i_1 \dots i_r} v_{[h_1 \dots v_{k_r}^{i_r}]}^{i_1} \dots v_{[h_r]}^{i_r} \epsilon_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{h_1 \dots h_r} w_{i_1 \dots i_r}. \quad (5.9)$$

Multiplying  $\epsilon_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{h_1 \dots h_r} \bar{v}_{k_1}^{l_1} \dots \bar{v}_{k_r}^{l_r}$  on the both members of (5.9) and then summing up for  $j_1, \dots, j_r$ , then it follows

$$\begin{aligned} 'w_{k_1 \dots k_r} &= \sum_i \epsilon_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{h_1 \dots h_r} \bar{v}_{k_1}^{l_1} \dots \bar{v}_{k_r}^{l_r} w_{j_1 \dots j_r} \\ &= \sum_i a^{i_1 \dots i_r} v_{[h_1 \dots v_{k_r}^{i_r}]}^{i_1} \dots v_{[h_r]}^{i_r} \delta_{[l_1 \dots l_r]}^{h_1 \dots h_r} \bar{v}_{k_1}^{l_1} \dots \bar{v}_{k_r}^{l_r} w_{i_1 \dots i_r} \\ &= a^{k_1 \dots k_r} w_{k_1 \dots k_r} \\ &= a^{k_1 \dots k_r} w_{[k_1 \dots k_r]}^1 \dots w_{[k_r]}^r. \end{aligned} \quad \left. \right\} \quad (5.10)$$

Similarly as in the case (I), from  $\bar{w}_{k_1 \dots k_r}$  being an  $r$ -simple vector we obtain

$$a^{i_1 \dots i_r} = a^{i_1} \dots a^{i_r}.$$

From the property proportional factor  $a^{i_1 \dots i_r}$  in (3.26) and (4.4) we obtain the following result, writing  $v^i$  in place of  $a^i v^i$  (donot sum for  $i$ ): we have

for the case where  $n=2r$ :  $p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r} = v_{[j_1 \dots j_r]}^{i_1} \dots v_{[j_r]}^{i_r}$ ,

for the case where  $n=2r$ :

$$p_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r} = v_{[j_1 \dots j_r]}^{i_1} \dots v_{[j_r]}^{i_r} \quad \text{or} \quad \epsilon_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{h_1 \dots h_r} v_{[h_1 \dots h_r]}^{i_1} \dots v_{[h_r]}^{i_r}.$$

Thus we have completely proved our theorem.