

# On Systems of Simultaneous Functional Equations.

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The object of this paper is to search for a system of functions that are linearly transformed when their variables are linearly transformed.

(I)

Problem: Under the assumptions that

(i) The equation (1.1) below is satisfied independently of  $x$ 's and  $a$ 's,

(ii)  $w^{x\lambda}(x)$ ,  $K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}(a)$  have first partial derivatives,  
to solve the following functional equation

$$(1.1) \quad w^{x\lambda}(X) = \sum_{\mu, \nu} K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}(a) \cdot w^{\mu\nu}(x), \quad (x, \lambda = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

where  $X^i = \sum_r a_r^i x^r, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$

and  $w^{x\lambda}(x)$ ,  $K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}(a)$  represent respectively functions of  $x$ 's and  $a$ 's.

Solution: Differentiating (1.1) with  $a_i^i$ , we have

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{\partial w^{x\lambda}(X)}{\partial X^i} \cdot \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial a_i^i} = \sum_{\mu, \nu} \frac{\partial K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}(a)}{\partial a_i^i} \cdot w^{\mu\nu}(x).$$

Put  $a_j^i = \delta_j^i =$  Kronecker's delta, then we have a system of differential equations with respect to  $x^i$ ,

$$(1.3) \quad x^i \frac{\partial w^{x\lambda}(x)}{\partial x^i} = \sum_{\mu, \nu} L_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} \cdot w^{\mu\nu}(x),$$

where  $L_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} = \left[ \frac{\partial K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}}{\partial a_i^i} \right]_{a-\delta}$ .

For the time being,  $i$  is considered as being fixed. (1.3) reduces,

by the change of variable  $x^i = e^{\xi^i}$ , to

$$(1.4) \quad \frac{\partial W^{x\lambda}(\xi^i)}{\partial \xi^i} = \sum L_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} \cdot W^{\mu\nu}(\xi^i),$$

where

$$W^{x\lambda}(\xi^i) = w^{x\lambda}(e^{\xi^i}).$$

The system of simultaneous linear differential equations of constant coefficients (1.4) has as its solution

$$(1.5) \quad W^{x\lambda}(\xi^i) = g_1^{x\lambda}(\xi^i)e^{r_1\xi^i} + g_2^{x\lambda}(\xi^i)e^{r_2\xi^i} + \dots,$$

where  $r_1, r_2, \dots$  are  $\mu_1$ -ple,  $\mu_2$ -ple,  $\dots$  roots respectively of the characteristic equation of the given system,

$$f(r) = \begin{vmatrix} L_{11}^{11} - r & L_{12}^{11} & \dots & L_{nn}^{11} \\ L_{11}^{12} & L_{12}^{12} - r & \dots & L_{nn}^{12} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ L_{11}^{nn} & L_{12}^{nn} & \dots & L_{nn}^{nn} - r \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

and  $g_i^{x\lambda}$  is any polynomial of  $(\mu_i - 1)$ th degree at highest.<sup>(1)</sup> Thus we have

$$w^{x\lambda}(x^i) = (x^i)^{r_1} g_1^{x\lambda}(\log x^i) + (x^i)^{r_2} g_2^{x\lambda}(\log x^i) + \dots$$

Now put

$$(a_j^i) = A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1^i & a_2^i & \dots & a_i^i & \dots & a_n^i \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

then we have

$$X^i = a_i^i x^i + b \quad \text{where} \quad b = \sum_{r \neq i} a_r^i x^r,$$

and  $X^r = x^r \quad (r \neq i)$ .

Thus with regard to  $x^i$ , (1.1) becomes

(1) Horn, *Gewöhnliche Differentialgleichungen*, 84.

(1.6)

$$(a_i^i x^i + b)^{r_1} \cdot g_1^{x^\lambda}(\log(a_i^i x^i + b)) + (a_i^i x^i + b)^{r_2} \cdot g_2^{x^\lambda}(\log(a_i^i x^i + b)) + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{\mu, \nu} K_{\mu\nu}^{x^\lambda} \{ (x^i)^{r_1} \cdot g_1^{\mu\lambda}(\log x^i) + (x^i)^{r_2} \cdot g_2^{\mu\nu}(\log x^i) + \dots \}.$$

Since the terms consist of elementary functions, (1.6) must hold not only for real but also for complex values of  $x^i$ . If some  $\mu_i > 1$  or some  $r_i$  is neither zero nor a positive integer, the singular point of the right-hand side is  $x^i = 0$  while that of the left-hand side is  $-\frac{b}{a_i^i}$  which may be thought to be non-zero without any loss of generality. Thus  $g$ 's can not contain  $x^i$ , and  $r$ 's are all zero or positive integers. Hence

*With regard to any variable  $x^i$ ,  $w^{x^\lambda}(x)$  must to be a polynomial; and the number of its terms can not exceed  $n^2$ .*

Thus finally we see easily that  $w^{x^\lambda}(x)$  must be a polynomial of all its variables.

Now we can put

$$w^{x^\lambda}(x) = A^{x^\lambda} + \sum_i A_i^{x^\lambda} x^i + \sum_{i,j} A_{ij}^{x^\lambda} x^i \cdot x^j + \sum_{i,j,k} A_{ijk}^{x^\lambda} \cdot x^i \cdot x^j \cdot x^k + \dots$$

where  $A$ 's are assumed to be symmetric with respect to their lower suffices. Then (1.1) becomes

$$A^{x^\lambda} + \sum_i A_i^{x^\lambda} (\sum_r a_r^i x^r) + \sum_{i,j} A_{ij}^{x^\lambda} (\sum_r a_r^i x^r) (\sum_s a_s^j x^s) + \dots$$

$$\equiv \sum_{\mu, \nu} K_{\mu\nu}^{x^\lambda} \{ A^{\mu\nu} + \sum_i A_i^{\mu\nu} \cdot x^i + \sum_{i,j} A_{ij}^{x^\lambda} \cdot x^i \cdot x^j + \dots \}.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{\mu, \nu} K_{\mu\nu}^{x^\lambda} \cdot A^{\mu\nu} = A^{x^\lambda} \dots \dots \dots (0) \\ \sum_{\mu, \nu} K_{\mu\nu}^{x^\lambda} \cdot A_i^{\mu\nu} = \sum_r A_r^{x^\lambda} \cdot a_i^r \dots \dots \dots (1) \\ \dots \dots \dots \vdots \\ \sum_{\mu, \nu} K_{\mu\nu}^{x^\lambda} \cdot A_{ij\dots k}^{\mu\nu\dots} = \sum_{r_s\dots t} A_{r_s\dots t}^{x^\lambda} \cdot a_i^r \cdot a_j^s \dots a_k^t \dots \dots \dots (p) \\ \dots \dots \dots \vdots \\ \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots (m) \end{array} \right.$$

$K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}$  must be determined so that the conditions (0), (1), ..., (p), ... are satisfied if the suitable choice of  $A$ 's allows it.

In order that  $K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}$ 's may be determined from (p),  $A$ 's must be such that the ranks of

(1.7)

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11\dots 1}^{11} & \dots & A_{11\dots 1}^{nn} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{nn\dots n}^{11} & \dots & A_{nn\dots n}^{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} A_{11\dots 1}^{11} & \dots & A_{11\dots 1}^{nn} & \sum A_{rs\dots t}^{x\lambda} \cdot a_1^r \cdot a_1^s \dots a_1^t \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{nn\dots n}^{11} & \dots & A_{nn\dots n}^{nn} & \sum A_{rs\dots t}^{x\lambda} \cdot a_n^r \cdot a_n^s \dots a_n^t \end{pmatrix}$$

are coincident (with  $r$  say), independently of the values of  $a$ 's. This is possible when and only when,

$$(i) \quad r = {}_n H_p = \frac{n(n+1)\dots(n+p-1)}{1 \cdot 2 \dots p} = \text{the number of equations in } (p),$$

or

$$(ii) \quad r < {}_n H_p \quad \text{and} \quad A_{rs\dots t}^{x\lambda} = 0.$$

Proof: (i) This is quite clear.

(ii) There exists a determinant of order  $r+1$

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{vmatrix} \dots\dots\dots & \vdots & \dots\dots\dots \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \dots\dots\dots & \sum A_{rs\dots t}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s \dots a_k^t & \dots\dots\dots \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

where the cofactor of  $\sum A_{rs\dots t}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s \dots a_k^t$  is non-vanishing. Expanding (1.8) with respect to the last column, we have

$$(1.9) \quad (\sum A_{rs\dots t}^{x\lambda} \cdot a_i^r \cdot a_j^s \dots a_k^t) \times (\text{non-vanishing determinant}) + \dots = 0.$$

Since this expression is an identity with respect to  $a$ 's and moreover, since there cannot be such a term as  $a_i^r a_j^s \dots a_k^t$  with definite lower suffices  $i, j, \dots, k$  in (1.9) other than the first, we have

$$\sum A_{rs\dots t}^{x\lambda} a_i^r \cdot a_j^s \dots a_k^t \times (\text{non-vanishing determinant}) = 0.$$

Now since  $A$ 's are symmetric with respect to their lower suffices, we have for any  $r, s, \dots, t$   $A_{rs\dots t}^{x\lambda} = 0$  as required.

Thus if  $p \geq 4$ , as we have

$${}_n H_p > n^2 \geq r,$$

all  $A$ 's vanish which means that the terms of higher degree than the third cannot appear; in other words,  $p$  must be equal to or less than three.

Case I,  $p = 3$ .

In  ${}_n H_3 \geq n^2 \geq r$ , the left equality holds only for  $n = 2$ .

*Terms of third degree can appear when and only when  $n = 2$ , and then those which appear in respective  $w^{x\lambda}(x)$  must be linearly independent of each other, since the rank  $r$  is equal to  ${}_n H_p$ .*

From (3) we also see that

$K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} = a$  H. E.<sup>(1)</sup> of  $a_1^1, a_1^2, a_2^1, a_2^2$  of third degree.

Substituting this result in (0), (1), (2) respectively we have a H. E. of third degree in the left-hand sides of the respective equalities, whose right-hand sides, being a constant, a H. E. of first degree and a H. E. of second degree respectively, we must have  $A^{x\lambda} = 0$ ,  $A_r^{x\lambda} = 0$  and  $A_{rs}^{x\lambda} = 0$ . Thus we arrive at the following result:—

*Terms of third degree can appear in  $w^{x\lambda}$ 's when and only when  $n = 2$ , and then  $w^{11}, w^{12}, w^{21}, w^{22}$  are H. E. of third degree which are linearly independent of each other.  $K^{x\lambda}$ 's are also H. E. of third degree of  $a$ 's determined by (3).*

Case II  $m \leq 2$

$$H = {}_n H_0 + {}_n H_1 + {}_n H_2 = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} = \text{the total number of equations}$$

in (0), (1), (2)  $\leq n^2$ , according as  $n \geq 4$  or  $n < 4$ .

If  $n \geq 4$ ,  $w^{x\lambda}$  may be composed of terms of second and first degree and an absolute term, since  $A$ 's may be determined so that the linear simultaneous eqations (0), (1), (2) can be solved.  $K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}$ 's are also H. E. of similar form about  $a$ 's.

If  $n = 3$ , we must examine the ranks of the following two matrices obtained from (0), (1), (2),

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(1) H. E. = homogeneous expression.

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^{11} & A^{12} & A^{21} & A^{13} & A^{31} & A^{22} & A^{23} & A^{32} & A^{33} \\ A_1^{11} & A_1^{12} & A_1^{21} & A_1^{13} & A_1^{31} & A_1^{22} & A_1^{23} & A_1^{32} & A_1^{33} \\ A_2^{11} & A_2^{12} & A_2^{21} & A_2^{13} & A_2^{31} & A_2^{22} & A_2^{23} & A_2^{32} & A_2^{33} \\ A_3^{11} & A_3^{12} & A_3^{21} & A_3^{13} & A_3^{31} & A_3^{22} & A_3^{23} & A_3^{32} & A_3^{33} \\ A_{11}^{11} & A_{11}^{12} & A_{11}^{21} & A_{11}^{13} & A_{11}^{31} & A_{11}^{22} & A_{11}^{23} & A_{11}^{32} & A_{11}^{33} \\ A_{12}^{11} & A_{12}^{12} & A_{12}^{21} & A_{12}^{13} & A_{12}^{31} & A_{12}^{22} & A_{12}^{23} & A_{12}^{32} & A_{12}^{33} \\ A_{13}^{11} & A_{13}^{12} & A_{13}^{21} & A_{13}^{13} & A_{13}^{31} & A_{13}^{22} & A_{13}^{23} & A_{13}^{32} & A_{13}^{33} \\ A_{22}^{11} & A_{22}^{12} & A_{22}^{21} & A_{22}^{13} & A_{22}^{31} & A_{22}^{22} & A_{22}^{23} & A_{22}^{32} & A_{22}^{33} \\ A_{23}^{11} & A_{23}^{12} & A_{23}^{21} & A_{23}^{13} & A_{23}^{31} & A_{23}^{22} & A_{23}^{23} & A_{23}^{32} & A_{23}^{33} \\ A_{33}^{11} & A_{33}^{12} & A_{33}^{21} & A_{33}^{13} & A_{33}^{31} & A_{33}^{22} & A_{33}^{23} & A_{33}^{32} & A_{33}^{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^{11} & A^{12} & A^{21} & A^{13} & A^{31} & A^{22} & A^{23} & A^{32} & A^{33} & A^{x1} \\ A_1^{11} & A_1^{12} & A_1^{21} & A_1^{13} & A_1^{31} & A_1^{22} & A_1^{23} & A_1^{32} & A_1^{33} & \sum A_r^{x1} \cdot a_1^r \\ A_2^{11} & A_2^{12} & A_2^{21} & A_2^{13} & A_2^{31} & A_2^{22} & A_2^{23} & A_2^{32} & A_2^{33} & \sum A_r^{x1} \cdot a_2^r \\ A_3^{11} & A_3^{12} & A_3^{21} & A_3^{13} & A_3^{31} & A_3^{22} & A_3^{23} & A_3^{32} & A_3^{33} & \sum A_r^{x1} \cdot a_3^r \\ A_{11}^{11} & A_{11}^{12} & A_{11}^{21} & A_{11}^{13} & A_{11}^{31} & A_{11}^{22} & A_{11}^{23} & A_{11}^{32} & A_{11}^{33} & \sum A_{rs}^{x1} \cdot a_1^r \cdot a_1^s \\ A_{12}^{11} & A_{12}^{12} & A_{12}^{21} & A_{12}^{13} & A_{12}^{31} & A_{12}^{22} & A_{12}^{23} & A_{12}^{32} & A_{12}^{33} & \sum A_{rs}^{x1} \cdot a_1^r \cdot a_2^s \\ A_{13}^{11} & A_{13}^{12} & A_{13}^{21} & A_{13}^{13} & A_{13}^{31} & A_{13}^{22} & A_{13}^{23} & A_{13}^{32} & A_{13}^{33} & \sum A_{rs}^{x1} \cdot a_1^r \cdot a_3^s \\ A_{22}^{11} & A_{22}^{12} & A_{22}^{21} & A_{22}^{13} & A_{22}^{31} & A_{22}^{22} & A_{22}^{23} & A_{22}^{32} & A_{22}^{33} & \sum A_{rs}^{x1} \cdot a_2^r \cdot a_2^s \\ A_{23}^{11} & A_{23}^{12} & A_{23}^{21} & A_{23}^{13} & A_{23}^{31} & A_{23}^{22} & A_{23}^{23} & A_{23}^{32} & A_{23}^{33} & \sum A_{rs}^{x1} \cdot a_2^r \cdot a_3^s \\ A_{33}^{11} & A_{33}^{12} & A_{33}^{21} & A_{33}^{13} & A_{33}^{31} & A_{33}^{22} & A_{33}^{23} & A_{33}^{32} & A_{33}^{33} & \sum A_{rs}^{x1} \cdot a_3^r \cdot a_3^s \end{pmatrix}$$

Similar consideration as before leads us to

$$A^{x1} \times (\text{non-vanishing determinant}) + \dots = 0$$

$$\text{or } \sum A_r^{x1} a_i^r \times (\text{non-vanishing determinant}) + \dots = 0$$

$$\text{or } \sum A_{rs}^{x1} \cdot a_i^r \cdot a_j^s \times (\text{non-vanishing determinant}) + \dots = 0;$$

from which we get  $A^{x\lambda} = 0$ , or  $A_r^{x\lambda} = 0$  or  $A_{rs}^{x\lambda} = 0$  respectively. Thus we obtain the result that

If  $n = 3$ ,  $w^{x\lambda}$ 's must be one of the following three forms,

(A) a H. E. of first degree + a H. E. of second degree,

(B) a H. E. of first degree + an absolute term,

(C) a H. E. of second degree + an absolute term.

In each case, we can assign A's so that (0), (1), (2) determine K's.

$K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}$ 's are also of the same corresponding forms respectively.

If  $n = 2$ , a similar examination of

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^{11} & A^{12} & A^{21} & A^{22} \\ A_1^{11} & A_1^{12} & A_1^{21} & A_1^{22} \\ A_2^{11} & A_2^{12} & A_2^{21} & A_2^{22} \\ A_{11}^{11} & A_{11}^{12} & A_{11}^{21} & A_{11}^{22} \\ A_{12}^{11} & A_{12}^{12} & A_{12}^{21} & A_{12}^{22} \\ A_{22}^{11} & A_{22}^{12} & A_{22}^{21} & A_{22}^{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} A^{11} & A^{12} & A^{21} & A^{22} & A^{x\lambda} \\ A_1^{11} & A_1^{12} & A_1^{21} & A_1^{22} & \sum A_r^{x\lambda} \cdot a_1^r \\ A_2^{11} & A_2^{12} & A_2^{21} & A_2^{22} & \sum A_r^{x\lambda} \cdot a_2^r \\ A_{11}^{11} & A_{11}^{12} & A_{11}^{21} & A_{11}^{22} & \sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} \cdot a_1^r \cdot a_1^s \\ A_{12}^{11} & A_{12}^{12} & A_{12}^{21} & A_{12}^{22} & \sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} \cdot a_1^r \cdot a_2^s \\ A_{22}^{11} & A_{22}^{12} & A_{22}^{21} & A_{22}^{22} & \sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} \cdot a_2^r \cdot a_2^s \end{pmatrix}$$

shows that  $w^{x\lambda}$  must at least have the same forms as in the case  $n = 3$ , but it is easily seen that the first case (A) cannot be sufficient, thus we arrive at the following result

If  $n = 2$ ,  $w^{x\lambda}$  must be composed either of

(A) a H. E. of first degree + an absolute term, or of

(B) a H. E. of second degree + an absolute term.

K's are also of the corresponding forms.

(II)

Problem: To solve the functional equation

$$(2.1) \quad w^{x\lambda}(X; Y) = \sum_{\mu, \nu} K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}(a) \cdot w^{\mu\nu}(x; y)$$

where 
$$X^i = \sum_{r=1}^n a_r^i x^r, \quad Y^i = \sum_{r=1}^n a_r^i y^r$$

under the same assumptions as in (I).

Solution: Put  $y^r = ax^r$ , then we have  $Y^i = aX^i$ , and this gives

rise to no change in  $K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}(a)$ . Again put

$$w^{x\lambda}(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n; ax^1, ax^2, \dots, ax^n) \equiv V^{x\lambda}(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n),$$

then we have

$$(2.2) \quad V^{x\lambda}(X) = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} V^{\mu\nu}(x).$$

If  $V^{x\lambda}(x) \not\equiv 0$ , that is to say, if it is not the case where  $w^{x\lambda}(x; y)$  always vanishes when  $x$  and  $y$  are colinear with the origin, then the proof given in (I) shows that

If  $n = 2$ ,  $K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}$  must be equal to one of the following three forms,

- (A) a H. E. of third degree,
- (B) (a H. E. of second degree + a constant),
- (C) (a H. E. of first degree + a constant).

If  $n = 3$ ,  $K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}$  must be equal to one of

- (A) (a H. E. of second degree + a constant),
- (B) (a H. E. of first degree + a constant),
- (C) (a H. E. of second degree + a H. E. of first degree).

If  $n \geq 4$ ,  $K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda}$  must be equal to

- (a H. E. of second degree + a H. E. of first degree + a constant).

Thus it becomes clear from (2.1) that  $w^{x\lambda}(X; Y)$  has the same form as above with respect to  $a$ 's according as  $n = 2$ ,  $n = 3$  or  $n \geq 4$ . Now put

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1^1 & a_2^1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ a_1^2 & a_2^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2^3 & a_3^3 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{n-1}^{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{n-1}^n & a_n^n \end{pmatrix}$$

and 
$$x^1 = x^3 = \dots = y^2 = y^4 = \dots = 1,$$

$$x^2 = x^4 = \dots = y^1 = y^3 = \dots = 0.$$

Then if  $n = \text{even}$ , we have from above

$$w^{x\lambda}(a_1^1, a_2^2, a_3^3, a_4^4, \dots, a_{n-1}^{n-1}, a_2^1, a_2^2, a_2^3, a_4^4, \dots, a_n^n)$$

= a H. E. of third degree, etc. according to the value of  $n$ . Hence we



can enunciate as follows

$w^{x\lambda}(x; y)$  must necessarily be a H. E. of third degree of  $x^1, x^2; y^1, y^2$  and so on according to the value of  $n$ .

If  $n = \text{odd}$ , a similar treatment shows that the same result may be obtained.

Whether this condition is sufficient or not will be studied in what follows.

(A.1) Case  $n = 2$ , and

$$w^{x\lambda} = \text{a H. E. of third degree,}$$

$$= \sum A_{ijk}^{x\lambda} x^i x^j x^k + \sum B_{ijk}^{x\lambda} x^i x^j y^k + \sum C_{ijk}^{x\lambda} x^i y^j y^k + \sum D_{ijk}^{x\lambda} y^i y^j y^k,$$

where  $A$ 's,  $D$ 's are symmetric with respect to  $i, j, k$  and  $B$ 's,  $C$ 's are symmetric with respect to  $i, j$  and  $j, k$  respectively. (2.1) becomes

$$\sum A_{rst}^{x\lambda} (\sum a_i^r x^i) (\sum a_j^s x^j) (\sum a_k^t x^k) + \sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} (\sum a_i^r x^i) (\sum a_j^s x^j) (\sum a_k^t y^k) + \dots$$

$$= \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} (\sum A_{ijk}^{\mu\nu} x^i x^j x^k + \sum B_{ijk}^{\mu\nu} x^i x^j y^k + \dots),$$

that is

$$(a) \quad \sum A_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s a_k^t = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A_{ijk}^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(b) \quad \sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s a_k^t = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} B_{ijk}^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(c) \quad \sum C_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s a_k^t = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} C_{ijk}^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(d) \quad \sum D_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s a_k^t = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} D_{ijk}^{\mu\nu}.$$

In order that  $\sum A_{ijk}^{x\lambda} x^i x^j x^k$  does not vanish, the matrix  $(A_{ijk}^{x\lambda})$  must be regular. For, if  $|A| = 0$  the four expressions in the left-hand side of (a) must be linearly dependent. Thus we have  $A_{ijk}^{x\lambda} = 0$ .

Now since the matrix  $(A_{ijk}^{x\lambda})$  is assumed to be regular,  $K$ 's are determined from (a). If these  $K$ 's thus determined satisfy the other equality in (b), (c) or (d), we have for example

$$\lambda \sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_2^s a_2^t = \mu \sum A_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_1^s a_2^t$$

$$\therefore \sum (\lambda B_{rst}^{x\lambda} - \mu A_{rst}^{x\lambda}) a_1^r a_1^s a_2^t = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda B_{rst} = \mu A_{rst}.$$

Thus  $B$ 's must also be symmetric and proportional to  $A$ 's. Generally we have

$$\frac{A_{ijk}^{x\lambda}}{a} = \frac{B_{ijk}^{x\lambda}}{b} = \frac{C_{ijk}^{x\lambda}}{c} = \frac{D_{ijk}^{x\lambda}}{d} = \alpha_{ijk}^{x\lambda}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore w^{x\lambda} &= \sum \alpha_{ijk}^{x\lambda} (ax^i x^j x^k + bx^i x^j y^k + cx^i y^j y^k + dy^i y^j y^k) \\ &= a \sum \alpha_{ijk}^{x\lambda} (x^i - ly^i)(x^j - my^j)(x^k - ny^k) \end{aligned}$$

where  $l, m, n$  are the three roots of the cubic equation

$$az^3 + bz^2 + cz + d = 0.$$

If  $\sum A_{ijk}^{x\lambda} x^i x^j x^k$ ,  $\sum D_{ijk}^{x\lambda} y^i y^j y^k$  do not appear and  $B$ 's,  $C$ 's are not symmetric,<sup>(1)</sup> we have:—

In relation to (b), if

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{vmatrix} B_{111}^{11} & B_{111}^{12} & B_{111}^{21} & B_{111}^{22} \\ B_{112}^{11} & B_{112}^{12} & B_{112}^{21} & B_{112}^{22} \\ B_{221}^{11} & B_{221}^{12} & B_{221}^{21} & B_{221}^{22} \\ B_{222}^{11} & B_{222}^{12} & B_{222}^{21} & B_{222}^{22} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_1^s a_1^t, \quad \sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_2^s a_2^t, \quad \sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_2^r a_2^s a_1^t, \quad \sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_2^r a_2^s a_2^t$$

are linearly dependent and hence one of them must vanish; thus we have

$$B_{111}^{x\lambda} = B_{222}^{x\lambda} = 0, \quad B_{112}^{x\lambda} + 2B_{121}^{x\lambda} = 0, \quad B_{221}^{x\lambda} + 2B_{122}^{x\lambda} = 0 \quad (2)$$

or  $B_{ijk}^{x\lambda} = 0$ . In the former case (b) reduces to two equations; the latter case, being trivial, is excluded. If the determinant (2.3) is not zero,  $K$ 's are determined from the corresponding four equations in (b). In order that the remaining two may be consistent with the four, it is necessary and sufficient that  $\sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_2^s a_1^t$  and  $\sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_2^s a_2^t$  be expressed as a linear combination of the corresponding expressions in (b). Hence we have

(1) If either  $B$ 's,  $C$ 's are symmetric,  $w$  must be of the same form as above.

(2) In this case we say that  $B$ 's are cyclically zero (with respect to their lower suffices).

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \kappa \sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_2^s a_1^t &= \lambda \sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_1^s a_2^t, \\ \text{and } \mu \sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_2^r a_1^s a_2^t &= \nu \sum B_{rst}^{x\lambda} a_2^r a_2^s a_1^t, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\kappa, \lambda, \mu, \nu$  are constant. From (2.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa B_{111} &= \lambda B_{111}, & \kappa B_{112} &= (2\lambda - \kappa) B_{121}, & \kappa B_{121} &= \lambda B_{112}; \\ \kappa B_{222} &= \lambda B_{222}, & \kappa B_{221} &= (2\lambda - \kappa) B_{212}, & \kappa B_{212} &= \lambda B_{221}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} \kappa & 2\lambda - \kappa \\ \lambda & \kappa \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad \text{that is, } \kappa = \lambda \quad \text{or} \quad \kappa = -2\lambda$$

or  $B_{rst}^{x\lambda} = 0$ . If  $\kappa = \lambda$ ,  $B$ 's must be symmetric, and if  $\kappa = -2\lambda$ ,  $B$ 's must be cyclically zero. At any rate, the determinant (2.3) vanishes, contradicting our assumption. Thus the only case where  $B$ 's are cyclically zero is possible. Similarly  $C$ 's are cyclically zero. The four equations, two from (b) and two from (c), determine the  $K$ 's. And in this case we obtain an expression which contradicts with  $V(x) \not\equiv 0$ :

$$w^{x\lambda} = (a_1^{x\lambda} x^1 + a_2^{x\lambda} x^2 + b_1^{x\lambda} y^1 + b_2^{x\lambda} y^2)(x^1 y^2 - x^2 y^1).$$

(A.2) Case  $n = 2$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} w^{x\lambda} &= \text{a H. E. of second degree} + \text{an absolute constant,} \\ &= A^{x\lambda} + \sum A_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i x^j + \sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i y^j + \sum C_{ij}^{x\lambda} y^i y^j, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A$ 's and  $C$ 's are symmetric with respect to their lower suffices, We obtain as before

$$\begin{aligned} (0) \quad A^{x\lambda} &= \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A^{\mu\nu}, \\ (a) \quad \sum A_s^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s &= \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A_{ij}^{\mu\nu}, \\ (b) \quad \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s &= \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} B_{ij}^{\mu\nu}, \\ (c) \quad \sum C_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_j^s &= \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} C_{ij}^{\mu\nu}. \end{aligned}$$

First we assume that  $\sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i y^j$  appears. If  $|B| \not\equiv 0$ ,  $K$ 's are determined from (b).<sup>(1)</sup> Hence we have

(1) Since  $K$ 's are quadratic forms of  $a$ 's, (0) cannot be satisfied, that is to say, an absolute term cannot exist in this case.

$$w^{x\lambda} = \text{any bilinear form.}$$

In order that the other term may appear,  $K$ 's thus determined should satisfy the other equations, say (a). Then have

$$\lambda \sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_1^s = \mu \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_1^s$$

$$\therefore \lambda A_{rs}^{x\lambda} = \mu \frac{B_{rs}^{x\lambda} + B_{sr}^{x\lambda}}{2},$$

and 
$$\kappa \sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_2^s = \nu \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_2^s + \epsilon \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_2^r a_1^s,$$

that is 
$$\kappa A_{rs} = \nu B_{rs} + \epsilon B_{sr}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{B_{rs}}{B_{sr}} = \text{const.} = \pm 1.$$

Thus  $B$ 's must be symmetric or alternating. But this is contradictory to the non-vanishing of  $|B|$ . If  $|B| = 0$ , we have

$$\sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_1^s = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_2^r a_2^s = 0,$$

or 
$$\lambda \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_2^s = \mu \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_2^r a_1^s.$$

From the former two relations, we see that  $B$ 's are alternating and (b) reduces to a single equation. From the last relation, we get  $\lambda B_{rs} = \mu B_{sr}$ , that is to say,  $B$ 's must be either symmetric or alternating.

On the other hand, the consistency of (a) and (c) requires that

$$(A, C) = (A_{11}, A_{22}; C_{11}, C_{22}) = \begin{vmatrix} A_{11}^{11} & A_{11}^{12} & A_{11}^{21} & A_{11}^{22} \\ A_{22}^{11} & A_{22}^{12} & A_{22}^{21} & A_{22}^{22} \\ C_{11}^{11} & C_{11}^{12} & C_{11}^{21} & C_{11}^{22} \\ C_{22}^{11} & C_{22}^{12} & C_{22}^{21} & C_{22}^{22} \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

since if  $(A, C) \neq 0$ , we have  $\sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_2^s = 0$  that is  $A_{rs}^{x\lambda} = 0$ , which cannot be allowed. From  $(A, C) \neq 0$ , we have

$$\kappa \sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_1^s = \lambda \sum C_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_1^r a_1^s$$

$$\therefore \kappa A_{rs}^{x\lambda} = \lambda C_{rs}^{x\lambda}.$$

In this case (a) (or (c)) is only to be taken as independent.

Now returning to our present case, if  $B$ 's are alternating, and  $\sum A_{ij}^{\lambda} x^i x^j + \sum C_{ij}^{\lambda} y^i y^j$  exist and  $(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{22}, B_{12}) = 0$ , we have  $\lambda \sum B_{rs}^{\lambda} a_1^r a_2^s = \mu \sum A_{rs}^{\lambda} a_1^r a_2^s$ , that is  $\mu A_{rs} = \frac{(B_{rs} + B_{sr})}{2} = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{22}, B_{12}) \neq 0$ .  $A^{x\lambda}$  cannot appear in this case.

$$w^{x\lambda} = \sum a_{ij}^{\lambda} (ax^i x^j + cy^i y^j) + B^{x\lambda} (x^1 y^2 - x^2 y^1).$$

If  $\sum A_{ij}^{\lambda} x^i x^j + \sum C_{ij}^{\lambda} y^i y^j$  do not exist

$$w^{x\lambda} = A^{x\lambda} + B^{x\lambda} (x^1 y^2 - x^2 y^1).$$

When  $B$ 's are symmetric, from the above considerations we have

$$\begin{aligned} w^{x\lambda} &= A^{x\lambda} + \sum a_{ij}^{\lambda} (ax^i x^j + bx^i y^j + cy^i y^j) \\ &= A^{x\lambda} + a \sum a_{ij}^{\lambda} (x^i - ly^i)(x^j - my^j). \end{aligned}$$

Secondly if  $\sum B_{ij}^{\lambda} x^i y^j$  does not appear, we have

$$w^{x\lambda} = A^{x\lambda} + \sum a_{ij}^{\lambda} (ax^i x^j + cy^i y^j),$$

which may be included in the foregoing result.

(A.3) Case  $n = 2$ , and

$$w^{x\lambda} = A^{x\lambda} + \sum A_i^{\lambda} x^i + \sum B_i^{\lambda} y^i.$$

We get as before

$$(0) \quad A^{x\lambda} = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} A^{\mu\nu}$$

$$(a) \quad \sum A_r^{\lambda} a_i^r = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} A_i^{\mu\nu}$$

$$(b) \quad \sum B_r^{\lambda} a_i^r = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} B_i^{\mu\nu}.$$

If  $(A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2) \neq 0$ , an absolute term cannot appear.

$$w^{x\lambda} = \sum A_i^{\lambda} x^i + \sum B_i^{\lambda} y^i.$$

If  $(A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2) = 0$ ,  $\lambda \sum A_r^{\lambda} a_1^r = \mu \sum B_r^{\lambda} a_1^r$  that is  $\lambda A_r^{\lambda} = \mu B_r^{\lambda}$ .

$$(B.1) \quad n = 3, \quad w^{x\lambda} = A^{x\lambda} + \sum A_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i x^j + \sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i y^j + \sum C_{ij}^{x\lambda} y^i y^j.$$

We have

$$(0) \quad A^{x\lambda} = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(a) \quad \sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^i a_j^s = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A_{ij}^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(b) \quad \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^i a_j^s = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} B_{ij}^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(c) \quad \sum C_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^i a_j^s = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} C_{ij}^{\mu\nu}.$$

If  $|B| \neq 0$ , an absolute term cannot appear. In order that  $\sum A_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i x^j + \sum C_{ij}^{x\lambda} y^i y^j$  may appear, we must have for example

$$\lambda \sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^1 a_1^s = \mu \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^1 a_1^s,$$

$$\text{or} \quad \lambda \sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^1 a_2^s = \mu \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^1 a_2^s + \nu \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_2^r a_1^s,$$

$$\text{that is,} \quad \lambda A_{rs} = \mu \frac{B_{rs} + B_{sr}}{2}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \lambda A_{rs} = \mu B_{rs} + \nu B_{sr} = \mu B_{sr} + \nu B_{rs} = \mu(B_{rs} + B_{sr}).$$

$$\text{At any rate} \quad A_{rs} = a \cdot \frac{B_{rs} + B_{sr}}{2}.$$

$$\text{Similarly} \quad C_{rs} = c \cdot \frac{B_{rs} + B_{sr}}{2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda} (ax^i x^j + x^i y^j + cy^i y^j) \\ &= \sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda} (x^i - ly^i)(x^j - my^j)^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

If  $|B| = 0$ , we have  $\sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^i a_i^s = 0$  or  $\lambda \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^i a_j^s = \mu \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^j a_i^s$ . From the first we see that  $B$ 's are alternating, and from the second we see that  $B$ 's are either alternating or symmetric. Hence  $|B| = 0$  occurs when and only when  $B$ 's are symmetric or alternating.

If  $B$ 's are symmetric, (b) reduces to six equations and the similar observations of the case  $|B| \neq 0$  show that

$$A_{rs} = a \frac{B_{rs} + B_{sr}}{2} = a B_{rs}.$$

(1) We shall call such a form a general bilinear form.

Similarly

$$C_{rs} = cB_{rs}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} w &= A^{x\lambda} + \sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda}(ax^i x^j + x^i y^j + cy^i y^j) \\ &= \text{const.} + \text{a general symmetric bilinear form.} \end{aligned}$$

If  $B$ 's are alternating, (b) reduces to three equations. If further  $(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{22}, A_{13}, A_{23}, A_{33}, B_{12}, B_{13}, B_{23}) \neq 0$ ,

$$w^{x\lambda} = \sum a_{ij}^{x\lambda}(ax^i x^j + cy^i y^j) + \begin{vmatrix} a_1^{x\lambda} & a_2^{x\lambda} & a_3^{x\lambda} \\ x^1 & x^2 & x^3 \\ y^1 & y^2 & y^3 \end{vmatrix},$$

or

$$w^{x\lambda} = A^{x\lambda} + \begin{vmatrix} a_1^{x\lambda} & a_2^{x\lambda} & a_3^{x\lambda} \\ x^1 & x^2 & x^3 \\ y^1 & y^2 & y^3 \end{vmatrix},$$

according as the term  $\sum A_{ij}^{x\lambda}x^i x^j + \sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda}y^i y^j$  appears or not.

If  $(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{22}, A_{13}, A_{23}, A_{33}, B_{12}, B_{13}, B_{23}) = 0$ , we have

$$\lambda \sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^s a_2^s = \mu \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_r^s a_2^s, \quad \text{that is,} \quad \lambda A_{rs} = \mu B_{rs}.$$

This means that  $B$ 's are also symmetric, which is not allowable.

If terms  $\sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda}x^i y^j$  do not exist, we easily get

$$w^{x\lambda} = A^{x\lambda} + \sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda}(ax^i x^j + cy^i y^j).$$

$$(B.2) \quad n = 3, \quad w^{x\lambda} = A^{x\lambda} + \sum A_i^{x\lambda} x^i + \sum B_i^{x\lambda} y^i.$$

We have

$$(0) \quad A^{x\lambda} = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(a) \quad \sum A_r^{x\lambda} a_i^r = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A_i^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(b) \quad \sum B_r^{x\lambda} a_i^r = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} B_i^{\mu\nu}.$$

$K$ 's are always determined.

$$w^{x\lambda} = \text{const.} + \text{linear form.}$$

(B.3)  $n = 3$ ,

$$w^{x\lambda} = \sum A_i^{x\lambda} x^i + \sum B_i^{x\lambda} y^i + \sum A_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i x^j + \sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i y^j + \sum C_{ij}^{x\lambda} y^i y^j.$$

We have

$$(a') \quad \sum A_r^{x\lambda} a_i^r = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A_i^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(b') \quad \sum B_r^{x\lambda} a_i^r = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} B_i^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(a) \quad \sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A_{ij}^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(b) \quad \sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} B_{ij}^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(c) \quad \sum C_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} C_{ij}^{\mu\nu}.$$

If  $\sum B_{ij} x^i x^j$  appear, and  $|B| \neq 0$ , linear terms cannot exist and the similar observations of the foregoing case show that

$$w^{x\lambda} = \text{general bilinear form.}$$

If, on the contrary,  $|B| = 0$ ,  $B$ 's must be symmetric or alternating. When  $B$ 's are symmetric,  $A$ 's,  $B$ 's and  $C$ 's should be proportional. In order that the linear terms should appear  $A_i$ 's must be proportional to  $B_i$ 's.

$$w^{x\lambda} = \sum a_i^{x\lambda} (ax^i + by^i) + \sum a_{ij}^{x\lambda} (x^i - ly^i)(x^i - my^i).$$

When  $B$ 's are alternating

$$w^{x\lambda} = \sum A_i^{x\lambda} x^i + \sum B_i^{x\lambda} y^i + \begin{vmatrix} a_1^{x^q} & a_2^{x^b} & a_3^{x^b} \\ x^1 & x^2 & x^3 \\ y^1 & y^2 & y^3 \end{vmatrix},$$

if  $\sum A_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i x^j + \sum C_{ij}^{x\lambda} y^i y^j$  do not appear. And if the case is contrary, since  $(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{22}, A_{13}, A_{23}, A_{33}, B_{12}, B_{13}, B_{23})$  cannot vanish, linear terms do not occur.



$$w^{x\lambda} = \sum a_{ij}^{x\lambda}(ax^i x^j + cy^i y^j) + \begin{vmatrix} a_1^{x\lambda} & a_2^{x\lambda} & a_3^{x\lambda} \\ x^1 & x^2 & x^3 \\ y^1 & y^2 & y^3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

If  $\sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i y^j$  do not exist, we have

$$w^{x\lambda} = \sum a_i^{x\lambda}(\bar{a}x^i + \bar{b}y^i) + \sum a_{ij}^{x\lambda}(ax^i x^j + cy^i y^j)$$

which is included in the fore-going result.

(C)  $n \geq 4$ ,

$$w^{x\lambda} = A^{x\lambda} + \sum A_i^{x\lambda} x^i + \sum B_i^{x\lambda} y^i + \sum A_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i x^j + \sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i y^j + \sum C_{ij}^{x\lambda} y^i y^j.$$

We have

(0)  $A^{x\lambda} = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A^{\mu\nu},$

(a)  $\sum A_r^{x\lambda} a_i^r = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A_i^{\mu\nu},$

(b)  $\sum B_r^{x\lambda} a_i^r = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} B_i^{\mu\nu},$

(a)  $\sum A_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} A_{ij}^{\mu\nu},$

(b)  $\sum B_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} B_{ij}^{\mu\nu},$

(c)  $\sum C_{rs}^{x\lambda} a_i^r a_j^s = \sum K_{\mu\nu}^{x\lambda} C_{ij}^{\mu\nu}.$

When  $\sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda} x^i y^j$  occur and  $|B| \neq 0$ , then neither the absolute nor the linear term can appear.

$$w^{x\lambda} = \text{general bilinear form.}$$

If  $|B| = 0$ ,  $B$ 's must be symmetric or alternating. If  $B$ 's are symmetric,  $A$ 's,  $B$ 's and  $C$ 's must be proportional. Since

$$1 + 2n + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \geq n^2$$

according as  $n = 4, 5$  or  $n \geq 6$ , corresponding to  $n \geq 6$  we have

$$w^{x\lambda} = A^{x\lambda} + \sum A_i^{x\lambda} x^i + \sum B_i^{x\lambda} y^i + \sum a_{ij}^{x\lambda}(x^i - ly^i)(x^j - my^j).$$

If  $n = 4$  or  $5$

$$w^{x\lambda} = A^{x\lambda} + \sum a_i^{x\lambda}(ax^i + by^i) + \sum a_{ij}^{x\lambda}(x^i - ly^i)(x^j - my^j).$$

Moreover, especially, for  $n = 5$  it may occur that

$$w^{x\lambda} = \sum A_i^{x\lambda}x^i + \sum B_i^{x\lambda}y^i + \sum a_{ij}^{x\lambda}(x^i - ly^i)(x^j - my^j).$$

If  $B$ 's are alternating, (b) reduces to  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  equations. Now in the case where  $\sum A_{ij}^{x\lambda}x^i x^j + \sum C_{ij}^{x\lambda}y^i y^j$  does not occur, since  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2} + 2n + 1 < n^2$ , we have

$$w^{x\lambda} = A^{x\lambda} + \sum A_i^{x\lambda}x^i + \sum B_i^{x\lambda}y^i + \sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda} \begin{vmatrix} x^i & x^j \\ y^i & y^j \end{vmatrix}.$$

On the contrary if  $\sum A_{ij}^{x\lambda}x^i x^j + \sum C_{ij}^{x\lambda}y^i y^j$  appears in  $w^{x\lambda}$  ( $A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{22}, \dots, B_{12}, B_{13}, B_{23}, \dots$ ) cannot vanish in so far as  $\sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda}x^i y^j$  exists. And if ( $A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{22}, A_{13}, \dots, B_{12}, B_{13}, \dots$ )  $\neq 0$ , the absolute term and linear terms cannot occur in  $w^{x\lambda}$ . Hence we have

$$w^{x\lambda} = \sum a_{ij}^{x\lambda}(ax^i x^j + cy^i y^j) + \sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda} \begin{vmatrix} x^i & x^j \\ y^i & y^j \end{vmatrix}.$$

Finally, if  $\sum B_{ij}^{x\lambda}x^i y^j$  does not appear in  $w$ , the result can take no other form than what has already been obtained.