# Some results on the integral geometry of unions of independent families

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ABSTRACT. A notion of independence for families of varieties is presented, and some results of integral geometry are established in relation to their unions.

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# 1. Independent families

Let  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$  be two families of varieties, p and s dimensional, placed in a space  $X_n$  and depending on parameters  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_t$  and  $B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_m$  respectively:

$$\mathcal{F}_t: F^{\lambda}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t) = 0, \quad \lambda = 1, 2, \dots, n - p,$$

and

$$\mathcal{F}_m: G^{\mu}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m) = 0, \quad \mu = 1, 2, \dots, n - s.$$

We denote such families by  $\mathcal{F}_t(\underline{A})$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m(\underline{B})$ .

**Definition 1.1.** The families  $\mathcal{F}_t(\underline{A})$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m(\underline{B})$  are said to be independent if there exists no relation  $\varphi(\underline{A},\underline{B})=0$  between their parameter sets  $\{\underline{A}\}$  and  $\{\underline{B}\}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}_q$  be the family of systems of two independent families  $\mathcal{F}_t(\underline{A})$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m(\underline{B})$ . The above definition means that the parameters  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_t, B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_m$  are all essential in  $\mathcal{F}_q(\underline{A},\underline{B})$ . Further, if the maximal group of invariance of  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is the intersection of the maximal groups of invariance of  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is also called the *independent union* of  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$ .

Hence, every group of invariance of an independent union of independent families is a group of invariance of both of them.

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$  and  $G_3$  be the maximal groups of invariance of the families of varieties  $\mathcal{F}_q$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$ , respectively, where  $\mathcal{F}_q = \mathcal{F}_t + \mathcal{F}_m$  is the family of systems of  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$ . If  $\tau \in G_1$ , then  $\tau$ , or at least  $\tau^2$ , belongs to  $G_2 \cap G_3$ .

*Proof.* An element of  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is a pair (V,W) where  $V \in \mathcal{F}_t$ ,  $W \in \mathcal{F}_m$ . If  $\tau \in G_1$  then  $\tau(V,W) = (\tau(V),\tau(W)) = (V_1,W_1)$  with  $V_1 \in \mathcal{F}_t$  and  $W_1 \in \mathcal{F}_m$ . Three cases may arise:

- 1.  $\tau(V) = V_1$  and  $\tau(W) = W_1$ . This implies  $\tau \in G_2$  and  $\tau \in G_3$ , so  $\tau \in G_2 \cap G_3$ .
- 2.  $\tau(V) = W_1$ ,  $\tau(W) = V_1$ , and  $\tau(V_1) \in \mathcal{F}_t$ . This implies  $\tau(W_1) \in \mathcal{F}_m$ . Consequently  $\tau$  changes the variety  $V_1 \in \mathcal{F}_t$  into another variety of  $\mathcal{F}_t$ , and therefore  $\tau \in G_2$ . Analogously  $\tau$  changes the variety  $W_1 \in \mathcal{F}_m$  into a variety of  $\mathcal{F}_m$ , and so  $\tau \in G_3$ . Hence  $\tau \in G_2 \cap G_3$ .
- 3.  $\tau(V) = W_1$ ,  $\tau(W) = V_1$ , and  $\tau(V_1) \in \mathcal{F}_m$ . This implies  $\tau(W_1) \in \mathcal{F}_t$ . Consequently  $\tau^2$  changes the variety  $W \in \mathcal{F}_m$  into another variety of  $\mathcal{F}_m$ , so that  $\tau^2 \in G_3$ . Analogously,  $\tau^2$  changes the variety  $V \in \mathcal{F}_t$  into a variety of  $\mathcal{F}_t$ , so  $\tau^2 \in G_2$ . Hence  $\tau^2 \in G_2 \cap G_3$ .

**Remark 1.3.** Clearly the maximal group of invariance  $G_1$  of  $\mathcal{F}_q = \mathcal{F}_t + \mathcal{F}_m$  always contains the intersection  $G_2 \cap G_3$  of the maximal groups of invariance of  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$ . Therefore, in the cases 1 and 2 of the above theorem, we have  $G_1 = G_2 \cap G_3$ , so that, if  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$  are independent,  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is their independent union.

## 2. Systems of independent families

Let  $\mathcal{F}_q(\underline{A}, \underline{B}) = \mathcal{F}_t(\underline{A}) + \mathcal{F}_m(\underline{B})$ , (q = t + m) be the family of systems of two independent families. Let us suppose that  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$  are both measurable with respect to the maximal group of invariance  $G_r$  of  $\mathcal{F}_q(\underline{A}, \underline{B})$ ,  $r \geq q$ , with respective densities

$$d\psi_t = \Phi_1(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t) dA_1 \wedge dA_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dA_t, \tag{1}$$

and

$$d\psi_m = \Phi_2(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m) dB_1 \wedge dB_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dB_m. \tag{2}$$

The group  $H_r$  associated to  $G_r$  in the parameter space  $X_q$  is measurable if and only if there exists a single non-trivial solution  $\Phi = \Phi(C_1, C_2, \dots, C_q)$  of the Deltheil system

$$\sum_{i=1}^{q} \frac{\partial(\xi_h^i \Phi)}{\partial C_i} = 0, \quad h = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$
(3)

Here  $\xi_h^i$  are the coefficients of the infinitesimal transformations of the group  $H_r$  and  $C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_q$ , the essential parameters of  $\mathcal{F}_q$  ([2], [7]).

Since  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$  are independent families, the Deltheil system (3) may be written in the form

$$\sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{\partial(\xi_h^k \Phi)}{\partial A_k} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\partial(\xi_h^{j+t} \Phi)}{\partial B_j} = 0, \quad h = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$
 (4)

The coefficients of the infinitesimal transformations ([7]) are

$$\xi_h^i = \left(\frac{\partial C_i'}{\partial \alpha_h}\right)\Big|_0,$$

where  $\{C_1', C_2', \dots, C_q'\}$  is a group isomorphic to  $G_r$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r$  are the parameters of  $G_r$ . The independence of  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$  also implies that

$$\{C'_1, C'_2, \dots, C'_q\} = \{A'_1, A'_2, \dots, A'_t, B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_m\},\$$

where  $\{A'_1, A'_2, \ldots, A'_t\}$  is the contribution of  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\{B'_1, B'_2, \ldots, B'_m\}$  that of  $\mathcal{F}_m$ . That is,  $\{A'_1, A'_2, \ldots, A'_t\}$  and  $\{B'_1, B'_2, \ldots, B'_m\}$  jointly determine a group isomorphic to  $G_r$  and are associated to the families  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$ , respectively. Consequently, we have

$$\xi_h^k = \left(\frac{\partial A_k'}{\partial \alpha_h}\right)\Big|_0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, t,$$
  
$$\xi_h^{j+t} = \left(\frac{\partial B_j'}{\partial \alpha_h}\right)\Big|_0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Since  $\mathcal{F}_t$  is measurable with respect to  $G_r$  then by (1) we obtain

$$\sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{\partial \left( \xi_h^k \Phi_1(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t) \right)}{\partial A_k} = 0, \quad h = 1, 2, \dots, r,$$
 (5)

and since also  $\mathcal{F}_m$  is measurable with respect to  $G_r$ , it follows from (2) that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\partial \left(\xi_{h}^{j+t} \Phi_{2}(B_{1}, B_{2}, \dots, B_{m})\right)}{\partial B_{j}} = 0, \quad h = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$
 (6)

Now take  $\Phi = \Phi_1 \Phi_2$  and replace in (3). We get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{q} \frac{\partial(\xi_h^i \Phi)}{\partial C_i} = \sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{\partial(\xi_h^k \Phi)}{\partial A_k} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\partial(\xi_h^{j+t} \Phi)}{\partial B_j}$$

$$= \Phi_2(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m) \sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{\partial(\xi_h^k \Phi_1(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t))}{\partial A_k}$$

$$+ \Phi_1(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t) \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\partial(\xi_h^{j+t} \Phi_2(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m))}{\partial B_j} = 0.$$
(7)

The above argument shows that the Deltheil system associated to the group  $H_r$ , which is isomorphic to the maximal group of invariance  $G_r$  of the family of systems of two independent families, both measurable with respect to  $G_r$ , always has at least a non-trivial solution. Furthermore, (7) ensures the following result.

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $\mathcal{F}_q = \mathcal{F}_t + \mathcal{F}_m$  is the family of systems of two independent families of varieties  $\mathcal{F}_t$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_m$  (q=t+m), both measurable with respect to the maximal group of invariance  $G_r$  of  $\mathcal{F}_q$   $(r \geq q)$ , the densities being  $d\psi_t$  and  $d\psi_m$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_q$  assumes, with respect to  $G_r$ , the density  $d\psi_q = d\psi_t \wedge d\psi_m$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** If the group  $H_r$  isomorphic to  $G_r$  in the parameter space  $X_q$  of  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is transitive, then  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is measurable, and its density is  $d\psi_q = d\psi_t \wedge d\psi_m$ .

**Remark 2.3.** The assumption that  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$  are both measurable with respect to the maximal group of invariance  $G_r$  of  $\mathcal{F}_q$  implies that  $G_r$  is a group of invariance of both these families. Consequently, by Theorem 1.2,  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is the independent union of  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$ .

More in general, the theorem holds whenever  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_m$  have a density with respect to a same group of invariance.

**Example 2.4.** In the projective space  $\mathbb{P}_3$ , let  $\mathcal{F}_9$  be the family of non-degenerate quadrics having elliptic points ( $\Delta < 0$ , where  $\Delta$  is the determinant of the quadrics), and let  $\mathcal{F}_6$  be the family of pairs plane–point, with the point out of the plane:

$$\mathcal{F}_{9}: x^{2} + (A^{2} + C)y^{2} + (B + D)z^{2} + 2Axy + 2Bxz + 2(AB + E)yz + 2Lx + 2My + 2Nz + P = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{6}: \begin{cases} A_{1}x + A_{2}y + A_{3}z + 1 = 0, \\ x = \alpha_{1}, \\ y = \alpha_{2}, \\ z = \alpha_{3}, \qquad \left(\sum_{i=1}^{3} A_{i}\alpha_{i} + 1 \neq 0\right). \end{cases}$$

These families are measurable ([3], [5]), with respective densities

$$d\psi_9 = |\Delta|^{-\frac{5}{2}} dA \wedge dB \wedge dC \wedge dD \wedge dE \wedge dL \wedge dM \wedge dN \wedge dP,$$

and

$$d\psi_6 = (A_1\alpha_1 + A_2\alpha_2 + A_3\alpha_3 + 1)^{-4}dA_1 \wedge dA_2 \wedge dA_3 \wedge d\alpha_1 \wedge d\alpha_2 \wedge d\alpha_3$$

The maximal group of invariance of the family of systems  $\mathcal{F}_{15} = \mathcal{F}_9 + \mathcal{F}_6$  is the projective group  $G_{15}$ , with respect to which both  $\mathcal{F}_9$  and  $\mathcal{F}_6$  are measurable. Then  $\mathcal{F}_{15}$  is the independent union of  $\mathcal{F}_9$  and  $\mathcal{F}_6$ , and so, by Theorem 2.1, it assumes the density  $d\psi_{15} = d\psi_9 \wedge d\psi_6$  with respect to  $G_{15}$ . Here r = q = 15, so that if the determinant  $\overline{\Delta} = |\xi_h^i| \neq 0$ , then Corollary 2.2 holds. Note that  $\overline{\Delta}$  is a polynomial; hence, it is non-trivial as soon as we can find a point  $Q \in X_{15}$  whose coordinates specify a variety  $V \in \mathcal{F}_{15}$  such that  $\overline{\Delta}(Q) \neq 0$ . If we take the point

$$Q = (A, B, C, D, E, L, M, N, P, A_1, A_2, A_3, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$$
  
= (1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)

then  $\Delta = -2$  and  $A_1\alpha_1 + A_2\alpha_2 + A_3\alpha_3 + 1 = 4$ . Therefore, the variety V associated to Q belongs to  $\mathcal{F}_{15}$ . Moreover, we have  $\overline{\Delta}(Q) = -3072 \neq 0$ . Hence, we can apply Corollary 2.2, to deduce that  $\mathcal{F}_{15}$  is measurable, with density

$$d\psi_{15} = |\Delta|^{-\frac{5}{2}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{3} (A_i \alpha_i + 1) \right)^{-4} dA \wedge \cdots \wedge dP \wedge dA_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge d\alpha_3.$$

In the same way we can handle the independent union  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{15} = \overline{\mathcal{F}}_9 + \mathcal{F}_6$  of the measurable families [3]

$$\overline{\mathcal{F}}_9: x^2 + (A^2 + C)y^2 + (B+D)z^2 + 2Axy + 2Bxz + 2(AB+E)yz + 2Lx + 2My + 2Nz + P = 0$$

consisting of non-degenerate quadrics having hyperbolic points  $(C(DC-E^2) \leq 0 \text{ and } \Delta > 0$ , where  $\Delta$  is the determinant of the quadrics) and the previous  $\mathcal{F}_6$ . Here we can take the point

$$Q = (A, B, C, D, E, L, M, N, P, A_1, A_2, A_3, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$$
  
= (1, 1, 2, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1).

With this choice we have  $\Delta=1$  and  $A_1\alpha_1+A_2\alpha_2+A_3\alpha_3+1=4$ . Therefore the variety V associated to Q belongs to  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{15}$ . Moreover  $\overline{\Delta}(Q)=-384\neq 0$  and hence, by [3] and Corollary 2.2,  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{15}$  is measurable, with density

$$d\overline{\psi}_{15} = |\Delta|^{-\frac{5}{2}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{3} (A_i \alpha_i + 1) \right)^{-4} dA \wedge \cdots \wedge dP \wedge dA_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge d\alpha_3.$$

**Remark 2.5.** If  $H_r$  is not transitive, the family  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is not measurable, even though  $r \geq q$  and the Deltheil system associated to  $H_r$  have a solution, as this solution is not unique. Here we have an unusual kind of non-measurability, different from that pointed out by the Stoka's second condition [8], since in this case the family  $\mathcal{F}_q$  has different measures with respect to the same group, namely, the maximal group of invariance.

## 3. Iterated unions on a family of varieties

A special kind of independent union of families of varieties can be obtained by replacing the parameters  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_t$  of a family  $\mathcal{F}_t$  by new parameters  $B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_t$  having no relation with the former, and by taking  $\mathcal{F}_q(\underline{A}, \underline{B}) = \mathcal{F}_t(\underline{A}) + \mathcal{F}_t(\underline{B})$ . In this case we write  $\mathcal{F}_q = 2\mathcal{F}_t$ . We can easily see that the groups of invariance of  $\mathcal{F}_q$  and  $\mathcal{F}_t$  are the same. Hence  $\mathcal{F}_q$  actually is an independent union. By iterating this construction we can build up the family  $\mathcal{F}_q(\underline{A}^1, \underline{A}^2, \ldots, \underline{A}^m) = m\mathcal{F}_t$  that is the independent union of m copies of the family  $\mathcal{F}_t$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}_q = 2\mathcal{F}_t$  and assume  $\mathcal{F}_t$  to be measurable with respect to the maximal group of invariance  $G_r$ ,  $r \geq 2t$  (so that  $\mathcal{F}_t$  is measurable), with density

$$\psi_t = \phi_t(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t) dA_1 \wedge dA_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dA_t.$$

Further assume that the coefficients of the infinitesimal transformations  $\xi_h^k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, t; h = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , are polynomials of degree  $d \leq 1$ , that is

$$\xi_h^k = f_h^k(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t) = \sum_{j=1}^t \lambda_{hj}^k A_j + \mu_h^k, \quad \lambda_{hj}^k, \ \mu_h^k \in \mathbb{R}.$$
 (8)

The Deltheil system associated to  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is

$$\sum_{i=1}^{q} \frac{\partial(\xi_h^i \Phi)}{\partial C_i} = \sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{\partial(\xi_h^k \Phi)}{\partial A_k} + \sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{\partial(\eta_h^k \Phi)}{\partial B_k}, \quad h = 1, 2, \dots, r,$$
(9)

where  $\eta_h^k = f_h^k(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_t)$ .

Now let  $\Phi = [\Phi_t(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t)]^{\alpha} [\Phi_t(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_t)]^{2-\alpha}$ . Replacing in (9) we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^t \frac{\partial \left[ \xi_h^k \Phi_t(\underline{A})^\alpha \Phi_t(\underline{B})^{2-\alpha} \right]}{\partial A_k} + \sum_{k=1}^t \frac{\partial \left[ \eta_h^k \Phi_t(\underline{A})^\alpha \Phi_t(\underline{B})^{2-\alpha} \right]}{\partial B_k} =$$

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$$= \sum_{k=1}^{t} \left[ \frac{\partial \xi_{h}^{k}}{\partial A_{k}} \Phi_{t}(\underline{A})^{\alpha} \Phi_{t}(\underline{B})^{2-\alpha} + \xi_{h}^{k} \alpha \Phi_{t}(\underline{A})^{\alpha-1} \frac{\partial \Phi_{t}(\underline{A})}{\partial A_{k}} \Phi_{t}(\underline{B})^{2-\alpha} + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\partial \eta_{h}^{k}}{\partial B_{k}} \Phi_{t}(\underline{A})^{\alpha} \Phi_{t}(\underline{B})^{2-\alpha} + \eta_{h}^{k} (2-\alpha) \Phi_{t}(\underline{A})^{\alpha} \Phi_{t}(\underline{B})^{1-\alpha} \frac{\partial \Phi_{t}(\underline{B})}{\partial B_{k}} \right]$$

$$= \Phi_{t}(\underline{A})^{\alpha} \Phi_{t}(\underline{B})^{2-\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^{t} \left[ \frac{\partial f_{h}^{k}(\underline{A})}{\partial A_{k}} + \alpha f_{h}^{k}(\underline{A}) \Phi_{t}(\underline{A})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Phi_{t}(\underline{A})}{\partial A_{k}} + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\partial f_{h}^{k}(\underline{B})}{\partial B_{k}} + (2-\alpha) f_{h}^{k}(\underline{B}) \Phi_{t}(\underline{B})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Phi_{t}(\underline{B})}{\partial B_{k}} \right].$$

$$(10)$$

Since  $\mathcal{F}_t$  is measurable, we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{t} \left[ f_h^k(\underline{A}) \frac{\partial \Phi_t(\underline{A})}{\partial A_k} + \frac{\partial f_h^k(\underline{A})}{\partial A_k} \Phi_t(\underline{A}) \right] = 0, \tag{11}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{t} \left[ f_h^k(\underline{B}) \frac{\partial \Phi_t(\underline{B})}{\partial B_k} + \frac{\partial f_h^k(\underline{B})}{\partial B_k} \Phi_t(\underline{B}) \right] = 0. \tag{12}$$

By (11) and (12) we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{\partial f_{h}^{k}(\underline{A})}{\partial A_{k}} = -\sum_{k=1}^{t} f_{h}^{k}(\underline{A}) \left[\Phi_{t}(\underline{A})\right]^{-1} \frac{\partial \Phi_{t}(\underline{A})}{\partial A_{k}}, \tag{13}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{\partial f_{h}^{k}(\underline{B})}{\partial B_{k}} = -\sum_{k=1}^{t} f_{h}^{k}(\underline{B}) \left[\Phi_{t}(\underline{B})\right]^{-1} \frac{\partial \Phi_{t}(\underline{B})}{\partial B_{k}}.$$
 (14)

Moreover, from (8) we obtain

$$\frac{\partial f_h^k(\underline{A})}{\partial A_h} = \frac{\partial f_h^k(\underline{B})}{\partial B_h} = \lambda_{hk}^k. \tag{15}$$

Therefore, by replacing (13), (14) and (15) in (10), we get

$$\Phi_{t}(\underline{A})^{\alpha}\Phi_{t}(\underline{B})^{2-\alpha}\sum_{k=1}^{t}\left[\frac{\partial f_{h}^{k}(\underline{A})}{\partial A_{k}} - \alpha\frac{\partial f_{h}^{k}(\underline{A})}{\partial A_{k}} + \frac{\partial f_{h}^{k}(\underline{B})}{\partial B_{k}} - (2-\alpha)\frac{\partial f_{h}^{k}(\underline{B})}{\partial B_{k}}\right]$$

$$= (\alpha - 1)\Phi_{t}(\underline{A})^{\alpha}\Phi_{t}(\underline{B})^{2-\alpha}\sum_{k=1}^{t}\left[\frac{\partial f_{h}^{k}(\underline{B})}{\partial B_{k}} - \frac{\partial f_{h}^{k}(\underline{A})}{\partial A_{k}}\right] = 0.$$

Consequently, the following result holds.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{F}_t = \mathcal{F}_t(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t)$  be a family of varieties which is measurable with respect to its maximal group of invariance  $G_r$ , with density

$$\Phi_t(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t)dA_1 \wedge dA_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dA_t$$

If the coefficients of the infinitesimal transformations are polynomials of degree  $d \leq 1$ , then the independent union  $\mathcal{F}_q = 2\mathcal{F}_t$ ,  $r \geq q = 2t$ , is a non-trivially non-measurable family, and it assumes at least the densities

$$\left[\Phi_t(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t)\right]^{\alpha} \left[\Phi_t(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_t)\right]^{2-\alpha} dA_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dA_t \wedge dB_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dB_t,$$

for every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Remark 3.2.** A family  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is said to be a trivially non-measurable family of varieties, if its maximal group of invariance  $G_r$  depends on r < q parameters. In this case the group  $H_r$  isomorphic to  $G_r$  is not transitive ([1], [2]).

By an analogous argument we can also state the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\mathcal{F}_t = \mathcal{F}_t(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t)$  be a family of varieties which is measurable with respect to its maximal group of invariance  $G_r$ , with density

$$\Phi_t(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t)dA_1 \wedge dA_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dA_t.$$

If the coefficients of the infinitesimal transformations are polynomials of degree  $d \leq 1$ , then the independent union  $\mathcal{F}_q = m\mathcal{F}_t$ ,  $r \geq q = mt$ , is, for every integer  $m \neq 1$ , a non-trivially non-measurable family, and it assumes at least the densities

$$\left[\Phi_t(\underline{A}^1)\right]^{\alpha_1} \left[\Phi_t(\underline{A}^2)\right]^{\alpha_2} \cdots \left[\Phi_t(\underline{A}^m)\right]^{\alpha_m} \wedge^t d\underline{A}^1 \wedge^t d\underline{A}^2 \wedge^t \cdots \wedge^t d\underline{A}^m,$$

where  $\underline{A}^i=(A_1^i,A_2^i,\ldots,A_t^i),\ i=1,2,\ldots,m,$  is the set of parameters of the i-th copy of  $\mathcal{F}_t,\ \wedge^t d\underline{A}^i=dA_1^i\wedge dA_2^i\wedge\cdots\wedge dA_t^i,$  and  $\alpha_1,\alpha_2,\ldots,\alpha_m$  are real numbers such that  $\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\cdots+\alpha_m=m.$ 

**Example 3.4.** From [11] we know that the family  $\mathcal{F}_{n+1}$  of hyperspheres of the *n*-dimensional projective space  $\mathbb{P}_n$ 

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - 2u_1x_1 - 2u_2x_2 - \dots - 2u_nx_n + v = 0,$$

is measurable with respect to its maximal group of invariance, namely the group of similarities  $G_{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}+1}(\rho,\underline{\alpha},\underline{\theta})$ .

Here 
$$\rho, \underline{\alpha} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$$
 and

$$\underline{\theta} = \{\theta_{12}, \dots, \theta_{1n}, \theta_{23}, \dots, \theta_{2n}, \dots, \theta_{(n-1)n}\}\$$

are, respectively, the homothety, translation and rotation parameters. The density is

$$d\psi_{n+1} = R^{-(n+1)} du_1 \wedge du_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge du_n \wedge dR,$$

where

$$R = \left[ \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n} u_j^2 \right) - v \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

is the radius of the hyperspheres. The coefficients of the infinitesimal transformations are ([11])

$$\left( \frac{\partial u'_j}{\partial \rho} \right) \Big|_0 = -u_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial u'_j}{\partial \alpha_i} \right) \Big|_0 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } j \neq i, \\ -1, & \text{if } j = i, \quad j, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \end{cases}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial u'_j}{\partial \theta_{hk}} \right) \Big|_0 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } j \neq h, k, \\ u_k, & \text{if } j = k, \\ -u_h, & \text{if } j = h, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n, \end{cases}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial v'}{\partial \rho} \right) \Big|_0 = -2v,$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial v'}{\partial \alpha_i} \right) \Big|_0 = -2u_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial v'}{\partial \theta_{hk}} \right) \Big|_0 = 0, \quad h < k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Note that all of them are polynomials of degree  $d \leq 1$ .

Let m, n be two integers such that

$$m(n+1) \le \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1.$$

For fixed m this holds for any  $n \geq n_0$ , where  $n_0$  is the least integer greater than

$$\frac{2m+1+\sqrt{4m^2+4m-7}}{2},$$

so that  $n \geq 2m$ . By Theorem 3.3, the independent union  $\mathcal{F}_{m(n+1)} = m\mathcal{F}_{n+1}$ ,

$$(x_1 - u_{11})^2 + (x_2 - u_{12})^2 + \dots + (x_n - u_{1n}^2) = R_1^2,$$

$$(x_1 - u_{21})^2 + (x_2 - u_{22})^2 + \dots + (x_n - u_{2n}^2) = R_2^2,$$

$$\vdots$$

$$(x_1 - u_{m1})^2 + (x_2 - u_{m2})^2 + \dots + (x_n - u_{mn}^2) = R_m^2,$$

is, for every integer  $m \geq 2$ , a non-trivially non-measurable family of varieties of the projective space  $\mathbb{P}_{2m}$ . This family assumes, at least, the densities

$$[R_1^{a_1} R_2^{a_2} \cdots R_m^{a_m}]^{-(n+1)} du_{11} \wedge \cdots \wedge du_{mn} \wedge dR_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dR_m, \quad \sum_{s=1}^m a_s = m.$$

If  $a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_m = 1$ , this yields the product measure.

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