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UT. *Embedding codimension of spaces of arcs.*

We define a notion of embedding codimension at  $k$ -rational points of an arbitrary scheme over a field  $k$ . If the scheme is locally of finite type, then this notion agrees with the usual definition given by the difference of the embedding dimension at a point with the local dimension of the scheme. The main theorem is a converse of the Grinberg-Kazhdan-Drinfeld theorem: the two results, combined, provide a characterization of the  $k$ -valued arcs on a variety that are not fully contained in the singular locus of the variety as those defining  $k$ -rational points on the arc space of the variety where the embedding codimension is finite. (Received September 01, 2018)