

Assignment-3

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Problem 3.1. (UAG 5.1) A regular function on \mathbb{P}^1 is constant. Deduce that there are no non-constant morphisms $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^m$ for $m \geq 1$.

Solution. Suppose $f \in k(\mathbb{P}^1)$ be a rational function, which is regular everywhere. If we restrict it to the affine piece $\mathbb{A}_{(0)}$, we get $f(x, 1) = p(x) \in k[x]$ (as for the case of affine variety $\text{dom } f = V$ iff $f \in k[V]$). Similarly, we can restrict f to another affine piece \mathbb{A}_∞ . We get, $f(1, y) = f(1/y, 1) = p(1/y) \in k[y]$. It is possible iff p is constant.

Any morphisms $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^m$ can be given by (f_1, \dots, f_m) where f_i are regular on \mathbb{P}^1 . Thus the function f is constant by the previous part. ■

Problem 3.2. (UAG 5.7) Let $\varphi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be an isomorphism; identify graph of φ as subvariety of $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \subset \mathbb{P}^3$. Now do the same if $\varphi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ is given by map $(X, Y) \mapsto (X^2, Y^2)$.

Solution. Consider the identity map $\text{Id} : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ and the given isomorphism, it will give us a map $\text{Id} \times \varphi : \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ by $(x, y) \mapsto (x, \varphi(x))$. Under the identification of $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 = \mathbb{P}^3$ we can say, $\text{Id} \times \varphi$ is also a morphism of variety. In the variety $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, the diagonal $\Delta = \{(x, x) : x \in \mathbb{P}^1\}$ is closed (simply because it is given by the vanishing of $x_0 - x_2$ and $x_1 - x_3$ where $[x_0 : x_1]$ and $[x_2 : x_3]$ are co-ordinates of two copies of \mathbb{P}^1). It's not hard to see the graph of φ is given by the inverse image of Δ under $\text{Id} \times \varphi$.

$$\Gamma(\varphi) = (\text{Id} \times \varphi)^{-1}(\Delta)$$

Since the graph is closed its inverse image will also be closed. Thus the graph is a closed set and under zariski topology any closed set is given by vanishing of some set of polynomials. This will help us to identify $\Gamma(\varphi)$ as a subvariety of $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. If φ is given by $[x : y] \mapsto [f(x, y) : g(x, y)]$ then the graph can be given by the image of following vanishing set under segre embedding

$$\{[x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3] : x_2 = f(x_0, x_1), x_3 = g(x_0, x_1)\}$$

If, φ given by $[x, y] \mapsto [x^2 : y^2]$ the image of $([x : y], [x^2, y^2])$ is $[x^3 : xy^2 : yx^2 : y^3]$ (image under segre embedding). Which is rational curve $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$, a sub-variety of \mathbb{P}^3 .

$$\Gamma(\varphi) \simeq \text{Rational curve in } \mathbb{P}^3$$

Problem 3.3. (UAG 5.13) Study the embedding $\varphi : \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ given by $[x : y : z] \mapsto [x^2 : xy : yz : y^2 : yz : z^2]$ and prove that φ is an isomorphism. Prove that the lines of \mathbb{P}^2 go over the conics of \mathbb{P}^5 and the conics go over the twisted quartics of \mathbb{P}^5 .

For any line $\ell \subset \mathbb{P}^2$, write $\pi(\ell) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^5$ for the projective plane spanned by the conics $\varphi(\ell)$. Prove that union of $\pi(\ell)$ taken over all $\ell \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ is a cubic hypersurface $\Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{P}^5$.

Solution.