

# Assignment-4

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## §1. Problem 3.6

### § Lemma – 1

The  $F$  and  $G$  be forms of degree  $r$  and  $r + 1$  respectively with no common factors in  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , then  $F + G$  is irreducible.

*Proof (of Lemma).* Suppose  $F + G$  is reducible then there exists nonconstant polynomials  $P, Q \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  such that  $F + G = PQ$ . Now we consider the homogeneous both of these to get

$$X_{n+1}F + G = (F + G)^* = (PQ)^* = P^*Q^*.$$

But note that  $X_{n+1}F + G \in k(X_1, \dots, X_n)[X_{n+1}]$  is irreducible, hence one of  $P^*$  or  $Q^*$  is in  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ . Then by comparing degrees we can WLOG assume that  $Q^* \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , and let  $P = X_{n+1}R + S$ , where  $R, S \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ . Then we get that

$$X_{n+1}F + G = X_{n+1}RQ^* + SQ^* \Rightarrow F = RQ^* \text{ and } G = SQ^*$$

But this contradicts the fact that  $F$  and  $G$  have no common factor, hence we get that  $F + G$  is irreducible.

Now coming back to the main problem, suppose we are given tangent lines  $L_i$  with multiplicities  $r_i$ , and we want to find an irreducible curve  $F$  such that  $L_i$  is a tangent to  $F$  with multiplicity  $r_i$ . Note that  $\prod_i L_i^{r_i}$  is a forms of degree  $m = \sum_i r_i$ . Then we can find a homogeneous polynomial  $F_{m+1}$  of degree  $m + 1$  such that  $F_{m+1}$  is not divisible by any of the  $L_i$  (such a polynomial obvious exists). But then by the previous lemma  $\prod_i L_i^{r_i} + F_{m+1}$  is irreducible, and clearly  $F = \prod_i L_i^{r_i} + F_{m+1}$  satisfies the necessary conditions.

## §2. Problem 3.8

**Part (a).** We will first prove it for the case when  $P = Q = (0, 0)$ . In this case the polynomial map  $T : \mathbb{A}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2$  must look like  $(f, g)$  where  $f$  and  $g$  are polynomials vanishing at  $(0, 0)$ . In this case we can write  $f = f_1 + \dots + f_t$ , where  $f_i \in k[x, y]$ ,  $i \geq 1$  is homogeneous polynomial of degree  $i$ . Similarly, we can write for  $g$  (as both of them are vanishing at  $(0, 0)$ ). If  $m = m_P(F)$  then  $F = F_m + F_{m+1} \dots$  again  $F_i$  are homogeneous polynomial of degree  $m$ . Now  $F^T = F(f, g)$ 's lowest degree will come from  $F_m(f, g)$  since both  $f, g$  has at-least one degree term we can say,  $m_Q(F^T) \geq m_P(F)$ .

Now we will use the fact proved in page (33) to prove it for any  $P, Q$ . Let,  $Q \neq (0, 0)$  or  $Q = T(P) \neq (0, 0)$ . Let  $T_1 : \mathbb{A}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2$  be the affine transformation that maps  $(0, 0)$  to  $Q$

and  $T_2$  be the affine map sends  $P$  to  $(0, 0)$ . Note that  $T_1 \circ T \circ T_2$  is a polynomial map and it maps  $(0, 0)$ . So by the above calculation we can say,

$$\begin{aligned} m_P(F) &\leq m_{T_1 \circ T \circ T_2(0,0)}(F^{T_1 \circ T \circ T_2}) \\ &= m_{T_1 \circ T(Q)}(F^{T_1 \circ T}) \text{ (By result of page 33)} \\ &= m_{T(Q)}(F^T) \text{ (By result of page 33)} \end{aligned}$$

**Part (b).** Again we will prove it for  $P = Q = (0, 0)$ . Let  $T = (f, g)$  and

$$J_Q T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial X}(Q) & \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y}(Q) \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial X}(Q) & \frac{\partial g}{\partial Y}(Q) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Assume  $J_Q T$  is invertible. Since  $J_Q T$  is invertible, we can't have both  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial X}(Q) = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial Y}(Q) = 0$  or both  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial X}(Q) = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial Y}(Q) = 0$ . Again by similar computation of part (a) we have, since  $Q = (0, 0)$ , this implies that the decomposition of  $f$  and  $g$  into homogeneous polynomials are  $f = f_1 + \dots + f_m$  and  $g = g_1 + \dots + g_n$ . Thus,

$$F^T = F(f, g) = F_m(f, g) + F_{m+1}(f, g) + \dots$$

Since the lowest degree forms of  $f$  and  $g$  are of degree 1, we have that  $T$  does not decrease the degree of the form  $F_m(f, g)$ . Similarly,  $T$  does not decrease the degree of  $F_{m+1}(f, g), \dots$ . Therefore we have that  $m_{(0,0)}(F^T) = m_{(0,0)}(F)$ . Now assume that either  $Q = (a_1, b_1) \neq (0, 0)$  or  $P = (a_2, b_2) \neq (0, 0)$ . Assume that  $J_Q T$  is invertible. Let  $T_1$  be the translation that takes  $(0, 0)$  to  $Q$  and  $T_2$  be the translation that takes  $P$  to  $(0, 0)$ . Then we have

$$d(T_1 \circ T \circ T_2) = d(T_1) \circ d(T) \circ d(T_2)$$

is also invertible. By the previous case  $m_P(F) = m_{(0,0)}(F^{T_1 \circ T \circ T_2})$  and the similar computation of multiplicities we can say  $m_P(F^T) = m_Q(F)$ . And hence our proof is complete.

**Part (c).** If  $F = Y - X^2$  and  $T = (X^2, Y)$ ,  $P = Q = (0, 0)$  we can see  $m_P(F^T) = m_P(Y - X^4) = m_Q(F) = m_Q(Y - X^2)$ . But the jacobian of  $T$  is not invertible at  $(0, 0)$ , as it is given by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . ■

### §3. Problem 3.13

WLOG assume  $P = (0, 0)$ , then we know that

$$\dim_k(\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{m}^n) = \dim_k(k[X, Y]/(F, I^n))$$

where  $I = (X, Y) \subseteq k[X, Y]$ . Now as multiplicity of  $F$  is  $m_p(F)$ , we have  $F \in I^{m_p(F)}$  and hence we get that for  $n \leq m_p(F)$ ,  $F \in I^n$ , thus  $(F, I^n) = I^n$ . But then we get that

$$\dim_k(k[X, Y]/(F, I^n)) = \dim_k(k[X, Y]/I^n) = \binom{n+1}{2}$$

Now from the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}^n / \mathfrak{m}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{O} / \mathfrak{m}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{O} / \mathfrak{m}^n \rightarrow 0$$

we get that for  $n \leq m_p(F)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_k (\mathfrak{m}^n / \mathfrak{m}^{n+1}) &= \dim_k (\mathcal{O} / \mathfrak{m}^{n+1}) - \dim_k (\mathcal{O} / \mathfrak{m}^n) \\ &= \binom{n+2}{2} - \binom{n+1}{2} \\ &= n+1 \end{aligned}$$

## §4. Problem 3.15

**Part (a).** With out loss of generality let,  $P = (0, 0)$  and the corresponding maximal ideal in  $k[x, y]$  is  $\mathfrak{m}_p = (x, y)$  and extension it's image in  $\mathcal{O}_p(\mathbb{A}^2)$  is  $\mathfrak{m}_p(\mathbb{A}^2)$ . Now we know,

$$k[x, y] / \mathfrak{m}_p^n \simeq k[x, y]_{\mathfrak{m}_p} / \mathfrak{m}_p^n k[x, y]_{\mathfrak{m}_p} \simeq \mathcal{O}_p / \mathfrak{m}_p(\mathbb{A}^2)^n$$

(it follows from the fact, residue field/ localization commutes with quotienting). Enough to commute  $\dim_k k[x, y] / \mathfrak{m}_p^n$ . Now,  $\mathfrak{m}_p^n = (x^n, x^{n-1}y, x^{n-2}y^2, \dots, y^n)$ . The basis of  $k[x, y] / \mathfrak{m}_p^n$  must be the standard  $i$  forms, with  $i < n$ . For each  $i$  there are such  $i+1$  forms. And hence,

$$\chi(n) = \dim_k \mathcal{O}_p / \mathfrak{m}_p(\mathbb{A}^2)^n = \dim_k k[x, y] / \mathfrak{m}_p^n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

**Part (b).** Let,  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_p(\mathbb{A}^r)$  and  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}_p(\mathbb{A}^r)$ . Again let,  $P = (0, \dots, 0)$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_p = (x_1, \dots, x_r)$ . Just by the similar past as above it is enough to calculate  $\dim_k k[x_1, \dots, x_r] / \mathfrak{m}_p^n$ . Now,  $\mathfrak{m}_p$  is generated by all standard forms of degree  $n$ . Thus, the basis of  $k[x_1, \dots, x_r] / \mathfrak{m}_p^n$  must be the standard  $i$  forms, with  $i < n$ . Thus the basis set can be written as,

$$\mathcal{B} = \{x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_r^{i_r} : i_1 + \cdots + i_r \leq n-1\}$$

Now cardinality of the set is,

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{B}| &= |\{x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_r^{i_r} : i_1 + \cdots + i_r \leq n-1\}| \\ &= |\{1^{i_0} x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_r^{i_r} : i_0 + i_1 + \cdots + i_r = n-1\}| \\ &= \binom{n+r-1}{r} \end{aligned}$$

So we must have,

$$\chi(n) = \dim_k \mathcal{O} / \mathfrak{m}^n = \dim_k k[x_1, \dots, x_r] / \mathfrak{m}_p^n = \binom{n+r-1}{r} = \frac{n(n+1) \cdots (n+r-1)}{r!}$$

Thus the leading coefficient is  $1/r!$ . ■

### §5. Problem 3.16

In this problem we will try to trace the path of ‘Theorem 2’ in ‘page 35’. Let,  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_P(V(F))$  and  $P = (0, 0, \dots)$  and  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}_P(V(F))$ . Consider the maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_P = (x_1, \dots, x_r)$  corresponding to the point  $P$ . Let,  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_r]$ . Let,  $m_P(F) = m$  (multiplicity of  $P$  w.r.t  $F$ ). Then we have the follows SES(short exact sequence)

$$0 \longrightarrow R/\mathfrak{m}_P^{n-m} \xrightarrow{i} R/\mathfrak{m}_P^n \xrightarrow{\pi} R/(F, \mathfrak{m}_P^n) \longrightarrow 0$$

where  $i$  is the map  $i(\bar{G}) = \overline{FG}$  and  $\pi$  the natural projection map. It’s an exact sequence. Thus by the previous problem we have,

$$\dim_k R/(F, \mathfrak{m}_P^n) = \dim_k R/\mathfrak{m}_P^n - \dim_k R/\mathfrak{m}_P^{n-m} = \binom{n+r-1}{r} - \binom{n+r-m-1}{r}$$

If we expand the above binomial coefficients it’s not hard to see the above is polynomial over  $n$ , which has degree  $r-1$  and leading coefficient is  $m/r!$ . Now from a result stated in class \* it follows,

$$R/(\mathfrak{m}_P^n, F) \simeq \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{m}^n$$

Thus  $\chi(n) = \dim_k \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{m}^n$  is a polynomial of  $n$  of degree  $(r-1)$  and leading coefficient is  $m/r!$  as desired. ■

### §6. Problem 3.23 and 3.24

## §Exercises in chapter 2 needed for proving theorems in chapter 3

**2.22** We know given a map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  between affine varieties, it extends to a ring homomorphism  $f^* : \mathcal{O}_{f(P)}(W) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(V)$ . Now if we have an affine transformation  $T : \mathbb{A}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$  it will have inverse affine map  $T^{-1}$ . By the functoriality of pullback we can say they will induce  $T^*$  and  $T^{-1*}$  in the corresponding local ring of regular functions. We can also note  $T^* \circ T^{-1*}$  and  $T^{-1*} \circ T^*$  is identity and hence  $T^*$  is isomorphism. Thus  $T^* : \mathcal{O}_{T(P)}(\mathbb{A}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n)$  is an isomorphism. If we restrict  $T$  to  $V \subset \mathbb{A}^k$  on that case  $T$  will map  $V$  to an isomorphic (as subvariety) copy  $V^T \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ . Again by the same computation we can say,  $\mathcal{O}_P(V) \simeq \mathcal{O}_{T(P)}(V^T)$  are isomorphic.

**2.34** In this case if  $F + G$  was reducible then we could write  $F + G = fg$ . Now if we homogenize the polynomial we will get,

$$(F + G)^* = x_{n+1}F + G = f^*g^*$$

here treat  $(F + G)^*$  as linear a polynomial over the ring  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , which is UFD and hence by Gauss lemma  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n][x_{n+1}]$  is also UFD. But it can't have any non-constant factor over  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n][x_{n+1}]$ . So,  $F + G$  is irreducible.

**2.35(c), 2.36** is done in the computation step of **3.15** part (b). So not doing it again.

**2.44\*** (\* marked in previous section) At first we will define a map  $\psi : \mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(V)/J'\mathcal{O}_P(V)$ . Firstly, we have the map  $\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(V)$ , which takes  $f/g$  (such that  $g(P) \neq 0$ ) to  $\bar{f}/\bar{g}$  where  $\bar{f}, \bar{g}$  are  $f, g$  modulo  $I = I(V)$ . It's not hard to see  $g \notin I$  so  $\bar{g}(P) \neq 0$ . Thus the map is well defined.  $J$  is an ideal containing  $I$  and  $J'$  is the image in local ring, then there is a natural projection map  $\mathcal{O}_P(V)/J'\mathcal{O}_P(V)$ . Composition of this two map will be  $\psi$ .

Now it's not hard to see  $\psi$  is a surjective homomorphism. We will compute the kernel of  $\psi$ . Let,  $f/g \in \mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n)$  such that  $\bar{f}/\bar{g} \in J'\mathcal{O}_P(V)$ . We can write

$$\bar{f}/\bar{g} = \sum \frac{j_i}{g'_i}$$

where  $j_i \in J'$  and  $g'_i$  are polynomial corresponding  $g_i$  (that don't vanish at  $P$ ), i.e  $g'_i = g_i \pmod{I}$ . So,  $\bar{f} \times (\prod g'_i) \in J'\mathcal{O}_P(V)$ . Thus we can say,  $f \times (\prod g_i) \in J\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n)$ . Since  $g_i$  are invertible we can say  $f \in J\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n)$ . So,  $\ker \psi \subseteq J\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n)$ . It's not hard to see  $J\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n) \subseteq \ker \psi$  thus we get,  $\ker \psi = J\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n)$ . And thus we have a natural isomorphism

$$\bar{\psi} : \mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n)/J\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(V)/J'\mathcal{O}_P(V)$$

If  $J = I$  then the right side is just  $\mathcal{O}_P(V)$  and thus  $\mathcal{O}_P(V) \simeq \mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n)/I\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^n)$ .