

Exercise 1. Prove that the only holomorphic form on \mathbb{P}^1 is the trivial one (identically zero). Prove that the only holomorphic form on a torus \mathbb{C}/Λ is the one induced by scalar multiples of dz .

Consider the meromorphic function $f: \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$, $[z : w] \mapsto [z : w]$. Let $\omega = df$. By writing in the two charts of the domain \mathbb{P}^1 , show that $\text{div}(\omega) = -2[\infty]$. Deduce that its degree is -2 .

Exercise 2 (Riemann–Hurwitz formula on divisors). Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a holomorphic map between compact Riemann surfaces. Let K_X and K_Y be any canonical divisor on X and Y respectively, and define the ramification divisor as

$$R_f := \sum_{x \in \text{Ram}_f} (\mu_x(f) - 1)[x] \in \text{Div}(X).$$

Prove that

$$K_X \sim f^*K_Y + R_f$$

and deduce the Riemann–Hurwitz formula by taking degrees.

Exercise 3 (Holomorphic forms on projective curves). Let $X = Z(F) \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ be a smooth projective plane curve defined by a homogeneous polynomial $F(x, y, z)$ of degree $d \geq 3$. Let $f(u, v) = F(u, v, 1)$ define the associated affine curve.

- Prove that du and dv define meromorphic forms on X .
- Show that $f_u du = -f_v dv$ as meromorphic forms on X (here $f_u = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}$ and $f_v = \frac{\partial f}{\partial v}$).
- Show that for any polynomial $p(u, v)$ of degree $\leq d - 3$, the form

$$\omega_p = p(u, v) \frac{du}{f_v}$$

is holomorphic. How many polynomials of degree $\leq d - 3$ in two variables there are? How does it relate to the genus of X ?

Exercise 4 (Complete linear systems and projective embeddings 🧠). Given a divisor D on a compact Riemann surface X , define the map

$$\varphi_D: X \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n, \quad x \longmapsto [f_0(x) : f_1(x) : \cdots : f_n(x)],$$

where f_0, \dots, f_n form a basis of $\mathcal{L}(D)$. A basic question is: when is φ_D an embedding?

- We say that the complete linear system $|D|$ is free iff $\ell(D) - \ell(D - [x_0]) = 1$ for every x_0 in the support of D . Fix a point $x \in X$. Show that if $|D|$ is free, then there exists a basis f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n for $\mathcal{L}(D)$ such that $\text{ord}_x(f_0) = -n_x$ and $\text{ord}_x(f_i) > -n_x$ for $i \geq 1$.
- Let $|D|$ be free. Show that $\varphi_D(x) = \varphi_D(y)$ iff $\mathcal{L}(D - [x] - [y]) = \mathcal{L}(D - [x]) = \mathcal{L}(D - [y])$. Conclude that φ_D is injective iff $\ell(D - [x] - [y]) = \ell(D) - 2$ for all distinct $x, y \in X$.
- Conclude that, for $|D|$ to be free, φ_D is an embedding iff $\ell(D - [x] - [y]) = \ell(D) - 2$ for all $x, y \in X$ (including coinciding points). In this case, $|D|$ is called very ample.