

**Problem A.** (1+1+1 points)

Describe examples of smooth projective varieties  $X$  over a field  $k$  of dimension at least two for which i) the canonical bundle  $\omega_{X/k}$  is ample, ii) for which  $\omega_{X/k}^*$  is ample, and iii) for which neither of the two holds.

**Solution.** Consider a smooth hypersurface  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  of degree  $d$  with  $n \geq 3$ , then  $\omega_X = \mathcal{O}(d - n - 1)$ . For i) take  $d \geq n + 2$ , for ii) take  $d \leq n$  and for iii) take  $d = n + 1$ .

**Problem B.** (2+2+2 points)

Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field with  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ . Discuss degree two morphisms  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^1$  with  $X$  a smooth projective curve of genus  $g$  over  $k$ .

**Solution.** The following things should be part of it: Hurwitz formula, the word hyperelliptic should appear, if  $g \leq 2$ , then all curves are hyperelliptic, can prescribe ramification points. Points should be given for the statement and an explanation but also for indicating the proofs.

**Problem C.** (3 points)

Let  $C_1, C_2$  be two smooth projective irreducible curves over a field  $k$  of genus  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ , respectively. Compute all Hodge numbers of  $C_1 \times C_2$ .

**Solution.** Let  $X = C_1 \times C_2$ , then  $h^{p,q}(X) = \dim H^q(X, \Omega_{X/k}^p)$  can be computed by Künneth formula:

$$h^{p,q}(X) = \sum_{\substack{p_1+p_2=p \\ q_1+q_2=q}} h^{p_1,q_1}(C_1) h^{p_2,q_2}(C_2).$$

Compute:  $h^{0,0} = h^{2,2} = 1$ ,  $h^{1,0} = h^{0,1} = h^{1,2} = h^{2,1} = g_1 + g_2$ ,  $h^{2,0} = h^{0,2} = g_1 g_2$ ,  $h^{1,1} = 2 + 2g_1 g_2$ .

**Problem D.** (5 points)

Let  $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  be the blow-up of a closed point  $y = ([0 : 1], [s : t]) \in \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . Consider the exceptional divisor  $E := \pi^{-1}(y)$  and the strict transform  $\tilde{\Delta} \subset X$  of the diagonal  $\Delta \subset \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  (i.e. the closure of  $\pi^{-1}(\Delta \setminus y)$ ).

Compute  $\chi(X_t, \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\Delta} + 2E)|_{X_t})$  and  $h^0(X_t, \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\Delta} + 2E)|_{X_t})$  for the fibres  $X_t$  of the composition  $f = \text{pr}_1 \circ \pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ .

**Solution.** Note that  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta) = \mathcal{O}(1, 1)$ . First consider a point  $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $t \neq [0 : 1]$ . In this case  $X_t \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$  is isomorphic to the fibre of the projection  $\text{pr}_1$ , so  $\mathcal{O}(2E)|_{X_t} = \mathcal{O}_{X_t}$  and  $\mathcal{O}(\tilde{\Delta})|_{X_t} = \mathcal{O}_{X_t}(1)$ . We compute:  $\chi(X_t, \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\Delta} + 2E)|_{X_t}) = h^0(X_t, \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\Delta} + 2E)|_{X_t}) = 2$ . Note that the variety  $X$  is irreducible, so the map  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  is flat. In particular the locally free sheaf  $\mathcal{O}(\tilde{\Delta} + 2E)$  is flat over  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . This implies that the Euler characteristic  $\chi$  is constant, and we conclude that  $\chi = 2$  for all fibres.

To compute  $h^0$  at the point  $t = [0 : 1]$  note that the fibre  $X_t$  has two irreducible components (both isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}^1$ ): the exceptional curve  $E$  and the strict transform of the fibre of  $\text{pr}_1$  which we will denote by  $F$ . The two components meet at an ordinary double point  $p$ . Let  $\eta: E \amalg F \rightarrow X_t$  be the normalization. Denote  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\Delta} + 2E)|_{X_t}$ . Then we have

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \eta_* \eta^* \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_p \rightarrow 0.$$

We have to consider two cases.

1) The point  $y$  does not lie on the diagonal  $\Delta$ . In this case  $\mathcal{O}(\tilde{\Delta}) = \pi^* \mathcal{O}(\Delta)$  and  $\mathcal{L}|_E = \mathcal{O}(2E)|_E \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-2)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}|_F = \mathcal{O}(\Delta + 2E)|_F \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(3)$ . We find that  $h^0(\eta^* \mathcal{L}) = 4$ . Since any

section of  $\mathcal{L}$  has to vanish at  $p$ , we get  $h^0(\mathcal{L}) = 3$ . One can also check from the exact sequence above, that  $h^1(\mathcal{L}) = 1$  (as it should be from the Euler characteristic).

2) The point  $y$  lies on the diagonal  $\Delta$ . In this case  $\mathcal{O}(\tilde{\Delta}) = \mathcal{O}(\pi^*\Delta - E)$  and  $\mathcal{L}|_E = \mathcal{O}(-E + 2E)|_E \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}|_F = \mathcal{O}(\Delta + 2E)|_F \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2)$ . Again, any section of  $\mathcal{L}$  has to vanish at  $p$ , so in this case  $h^0(\mathcal{L}) = 2$  and  $h^1(\mathcal{L}) = 0$ .

**Problem E.** (2+2+2 points)

Compare the notion étale and unramified for a morphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ .

**Solution.** One needs to define both, give examples of morphisms that are unramified and not étale and that are not even unramified. Explain the equivalences: étale  $\Leftrightarrow$  flat and unramified  $\Leftrightarrow$  flat and  $\Omega = 0 \Leftrightarrow$  smooth of relative dimension zero.

**Problem F.** (2+2+1 points)

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a projective morphism of Noetherian schemes and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a coherent sheaf on  $X$  which is flat over  $Y$ .

(i) Show that  $f_*\mathcal{F}$  is torsion free.

(ii) What can be said about the higher direct images  $R^i f_*\mathcal{F}$ ?

(iii) Find examples that show that the flatness in (i) is essential.

**Solution.** i) We may assume that  $Y = \text{Spec}(A)$  for some Noetherian ring  $A$ . Higher direct images of  $f$  can be computed as cohomology modules of a complex  $0 \rightarrow K_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow 0$  of projective  $A$ -modules, so  $f_*\mathcal{F}$  is a submodule in  $K_0$  which is torsion free.

ii) Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve,  $e \in E$  a closed point. Consider the divisor  $D = \Delta - \{e\} \times E$  in  $E \times E$ , where  $\Delta$  is the diagonal. Let  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}(D)$ ,  $X = E \times E$ , and  $f$  the projection to the first factor. Then  $R^1 f_*\mathcal{F}$  is supported at the point  $e$ : when  $t \in E$  and  $t \neq e$  then  $\mathcal{F}_t \simeq \mathcal{O}(t - e)$  and  $H^1(E, \mathcal{F}_t) = 0$ ; when  $t = e$  then  $\mathcal{F}_e \simeq \mathcal{O}$  and  $H^1(E, \mathcal{F}_e) = k$ .

iii) Take  $X$  to be the normalization of  $\text{Spec}(k[x, y]/(xy))$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_X$ .

**Problem G.** (5 points)

Let  $\varphi: C \rightarrow C$  be an endomorphism of a smooth projective connected curve  $C$  over a field  $k$ . Consider the graph and the diagonal  $\Gamma_\varphi, \Delta \subset C \times C$ . Decide under which conditions the invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta - \Gamma_\varphi)$  is of the form  $\text{pr}_1^*\mathcal{L}$ .

**Solution.** If  $g(C) = 0$  then  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta) = \mathcal{O}(1, d)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(\Gamma_\varphi) = \mathcal{O}(d, 1)$ , so  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta - \Gamma_\varphi) = \mathcal{O}(1 - d, 0) = \text{pr}_1^*\mathcal{O}(1 - d)$ .

Consider the case  $g(C) > 0$  and assume that  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta - \Gamma_\varphi) = \text{pr}_1^*\mathcal{L}$ . Consider the fibre  $C_t$  of  $\text{pr}_1$  over some point  $t \in C$ . By assumption  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta - \Gamma_\varphi)|_{C_t} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{C_t}$ . But we also have  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta - \Gamma_\varphi)|_{C_t} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{C_t}(t - \varphi(t))$ , so we see that the effective divisors  $t$  and  $\varphi(t)$  are linearly equivalent, which implies that  $t = \varphi(t)$ . So our condition is equivalent to  $\Delta = \Gamma_\varphi$ .