

Riemann Surfaces

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Introduction

Riemann Surfaces is the one-dimensional complex manifold. Also, it can be described as the one-dimensional complex algebraic curves. I first encounter the concept of Riemann Surfaces in complex analysis. Later I found that Riemann Surfaces is not only an interesting object to learn itself. Since it can be described as algebraic curves, it also provides a path to the study of algebraic geometry. I want to learn algebraic geometry and Riemann Surfaces is a good place to start. Our goal in this note is to obtain Riemann-Roch theorem and its application.

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1 Riemann Surfaces and complex manifolds.

1.1 holomorphic functions in 1-variable

1.2 holomorphic functions in n -variables

1.3 Complex manifolds & Riemann Surfaces.

Definition 1.1. Let X be a **topological** space.

1. A n -dim **complex** chart on X is a **homeomorphism**

$$\phi : U \xrightarrow{\cong} V \subset \mathbb{C}^n \text{ open}$$

2. Two such charts are compatible if $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$ or $\phi_2 \circ \phi_1^{-1}|_{\phi_1(U_1 \cap U_2)}$ is holomorphic
3. A n -dim complex atlas \mathcal{A} is a collection of pairwise compatible charts on X .
4. Two such atlases on X are equivalent if $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$ is an atlas.
5. A n -dim \mathbb{C} **manifold** is a topological space (is Hausdorff & 2^{nd} countable) with an equivalence class of n -dim \mathbb{C} atlases.
6. A Riemann surface is a 1-dim \mathbb{C} **manifold**.

Exercise 1. 1. *Equivalence of atlases is an equivalence relation.*

2. \exists unique maximal \mathbb{C} atlas.

Remark 1.1. (i) Refining an atlas doesn't change the complex structure.

(ii) If $\phi : U \rightarrow V$ is a chart on Riemann Surface X .

$$\alpha : V \xrightarrow{\wedge} W$$

then $\alpha \circ \phi : U \rightarrow W$ is a chart compatible with ϕ .

(iii) An n -dimensional **manifold** is a $2n$ -dimensional real smooth **manifold**.

1.4 Examples of Riemann Surfaces.

Example 1.1. The first example is a **Non-Examples**:

1. $X = \mathbb{R}^2 \times U \rightarrow V = \mathbb{C}$ for $i = 1, 2$.

$$\phi_1(x, y) = x + iy$$

$$\phi_2(x, y) = \frac{x + iy}{1 + idx^2y^2}$$

ϕ_1 & ϕ_2 are not compatible. $\phi_2 \circ \phi_1^{-1}(z) = \frac{z}{1+|z|^2}$ not holomorphic.

2. The complex plane \mathbb{C} . $X = \mathbb{R}^2$. with $\phi_1 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

$$(x, y) \mapsto x + iy$$

is a Riemann Surface.

3. The Riemann Sphere. \mathbb{CP}^1 : $X = S^2 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$. (the stereographic projection with some modifications)

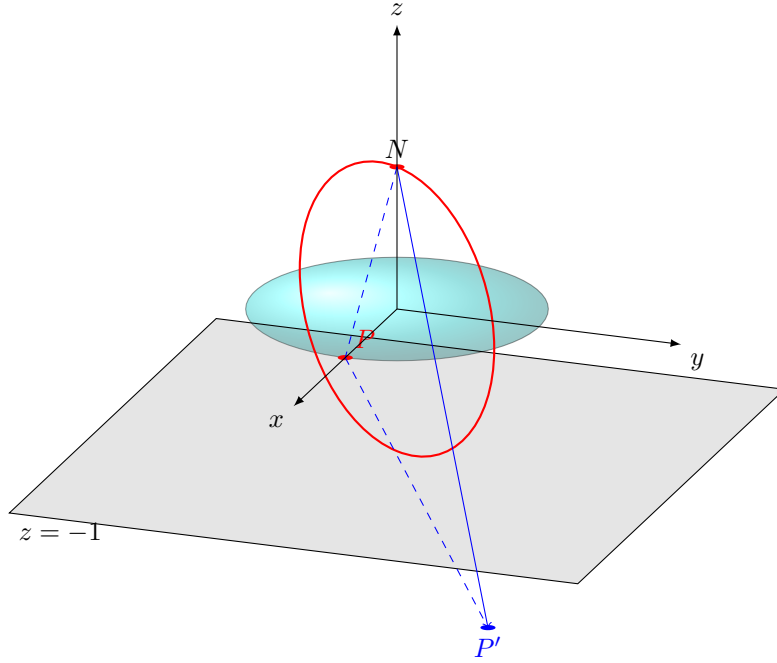


Figure 1: An illustration of the stereographic projection.

$$S^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, 1)\}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \phi_0 : U_0 \longrightarrow V_0 = \mathbb{C} \\ \parallel \\ S^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, 1)\} \\ (x, y, w) \longmapsto \frac{x + iy}{1 - w} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{this is the stereographic projection} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \phi_\infty : U_\infty \xrightarrow{\cong} V_\infty = \mathbb{C} \\ \parallel \\ S^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, -1)\} \\ (x, y, w) \longmapsto \frac{x - iy}{1 + w} \end{array}$$

Exercise 2. check these are charts.

ϕ_0 & ϕ_∞ are compatible. On $U_0 \cap U_\infty = S^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, 1), (0, 0, -1)\}$, $\phi_0(U_0 \cap U_\infty) \subset \mathbb{C}^* \subset V_0$.

$$\frac{1}{\phi_0(x, y, w)} = \frac{1 - w}{x + iy} = \frac{(1 - w)(x - iy)}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{(1 - w)(x - iy)}{1 - w^2} = \frac{x - iy}{1 + w} = \phi_\infty(x, y, w)$$

Thus,

$$\phi_\infty \circ \phi_0^{-1}(z) = \frac{1}{z} \text{ on } \mathbb{C}^* = \phi_0(U_0 \cap U_\infty) \subset \mathbb{C} = V_0.$$

holomorphic

Hence, $\{\phi_0, \phi_\infty\}$ are an atlas, and the corresponding Riemann Surface is called the **Riemann Sphere**.

1. **Complex tori of dimension 1.** For $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ which are \mathbb{R} -linearly independent. consider the lattice $L = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2 = \{n\omega_1 + m\omega_2 : n, m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subset \mathbb{C}$. Let $X = \mathbb{C}/L$, with the quotient topology.

$$\pi : \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow X = \mathbb{C}/L.$$

$$z \longmapsto [z] = z + L.$$

Topologically X is a torus.

Every $z \in \mathbb{C}$ is equivalent to a unique point in the Fundamental domain.



Given $X = \mathbb{C}/L$, we construct an atlas using $\pi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/L$.

Pick $\varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $\forall p \in \mathbb{C}$, $B_\varepsilon(p)$ intersects each $[z]$ in at most one point.

Thus gives a homeomorphism

$$\pi : B_\varepsilon(p) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi(B_\varepsilon(p))$$

with $\phi_p = \pi|_{B_\varepsilon(p)} : U_p \subset X$

where $U_p = \pi(B_\varepsilon(p))$.

Claim.

$$\mathcal{A} = \{\phi_p : U_p \rightarrow V_p\}_{p \in \mathbb{C}} \text{ is an atlas.}$$

Compatibility of ϕ_p & ϕ_q : Assume $U_{p,q} = U_p \cap U_q \neq \emptyset$.

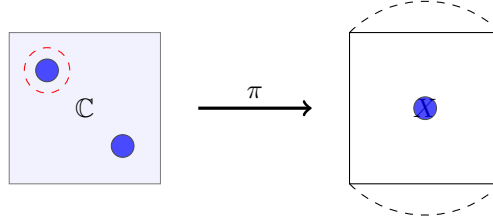
The transition map is:

$$T = \phi_q \circ \phi_p^{-1} : \phi_p(U_{p,q}) \longrightarrow \phi_q(U_{p,q})$$

T satisfies $\pi(T([z])) = \phi_p^{-1}([z]) = \pi([z])$ i.e., $T([z]) - z \in L = \ker(\pi)$, which is constant.

$$\Rightarrow T - \text{id} \text{ is locally constant: locally } T - \text{id} = w \in L.$$

$$T(z) = z + w \text{ is holomorphic}$$



1.5 Examples of complex manifolds

Example 1.2 (Complex Projective Plane).

$$\mathbb{CP}^n = \{1\text{-dimensional complex vector subspace in } \mathbb{C}^{n+1}\} = \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} / \mathbb{C}^*.$$

$$\cong S^{2n+1} / S^1 \quad \text{quotient topology.}$$

Give \mathbb{CP}^n the quotient topology.

$$\pi : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{CP}^n$$

$$(z_0, \dots, z_n) \longmapsto \pi(z_0, \dots, z_n) = [z_0 : z_1 : \dots : z_n].$$

homogeneous coordinates.

Atlases: Let

$$U_i = \{[z_0 : \dots : z_n] : z_i \neq 0\} \subset \mathbb{CP}^n \quad \text{open}$$

The chart ϕ_i is given by:

$$\phi_i : U_i \longrightarrow V_i = \mathbb{C}^n$$

$$[z_0 : \dots : z_n] \longmapsto \left(\frac{z_0}{z_i}, \frac{z_1}{z_i}, \dots, \widehat{\frac{z_i}{z_i}}, \dots, \frac{z_n}{z_i} \right)$$

where $\widehat{\frac{z_i}{z_i}}$ denotes the omission of the i -th coordinate.

2 Morphisms of complex manifolds & meromorphic functions.

2.1 Morphisms of manifolds

Definition 2.1. Let X & Y be complex **manifolds** of dimensions n & m respectively. Let $W \subset X$ & $W' \subset Y$ be open sets.

1. A continuous map $F : W \rightarrow W'$ is holomorphic at $p \in W$ if \exists charts $\phi : U \rightarrow V$ & $\psi : W' \rightarrow V'$ s.t. $p \in U$ & $F(p) \in W'$, s.t. $\psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1}$ is holo at $\phi(p)$.
2. Biholomorphism.

Example 2.1. (Examples of Morphisms)

1. A chart on a Riemann Surface $\phi : U \rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{C}$ on a Riemann Surface is a holomorphic function.
2. Let $U \subset X$ for a Riemann Surface X . Then U has a unique Riemann Surface structure s.t. the inclusion map $U \hookrightarrow X$ is holomorphic.
3. Let $\mathbb{C}_\infty = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \cong S^2 = U_0 \cup U_\infty$. Let f be a holomorphic function on \mathbb{C} . Let $f_0 := f \circ \phi_0^{-1} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Let $f_\infty := f \circ \phi_\infty^{-1} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. On \mathbb{C}^* :

$$f_\infty(w) = f \circ \phi_\infty^{-1}(w) = f \circ \phi_0^{-1} \circ \phi_0 \circ \phi_\infty^{-1}(w) = f_0\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$$

This f is holomorphic at $w \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$

$$\iff f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \text{ is holomorphic at } 0$$

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$$f_\infty(w) \text{ is holomorphic at } 0 \iff f_0\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) \text{ is holomorphic at } \infty$$

4. the quotient map $\pi : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n/L$ for a complex torus is holomorphic.

subsection*§ 2.2. Properties of holomorphic maps of Riemann Surfaces.

Theorem 2.1 (The identity theorem). *Let $F, G : X \rightarrow Y$ be holomorphic maps of Riemann Surfaces s.t. F & G agree on a subset of X with an accumulation point. Then $F = G$.*

Theorem 2.2 (Local form of holomorphic maps). *Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ be a non-constant holomorphic map of Riemann Surfaces. For $p \in X$ & $q = F(p)$, \exists unique $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and local charts $\phi : U \rightarrow V$ & $\psi : U' \rightarrow V'$ s.t. F has local form*

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1} : V \rightarrow V' \\ z \mapsto z^k. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. take any charts $\phi : U \rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{C}$ & $\psi : U' \rightarrow V' \subset \mathbb{C}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{F} & Y \\ \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \psi \\ \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{C} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} p \mapsto 0. \\ q \mapsto 0. \end{array}$$

Shrink V so $F(U) \subset U'$. Then $f = \psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1} : V \rightarrow V'$ is holomorphic and $0 \mapsto 0$.

Define $k = \text{ord}_0(f) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. $\text{ord}_0(f)$ is the order of vanishing of f at $0 = \min\{n \mid c_n \neq 0\}$ where $f(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n z^n$ is the Taylor expansion. $f(z) = z^k g(z)$, where $g(z)$ is non-zero.

Shrink V so $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is non-zero and holomorphic. Thus, \exists holomorphic k^{th} root $h : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of g i.e., $(h(z))^k = g(z)$.

Thus $f(z) = z^k g(z) = (zh(z))^k$.

Let $\alpha : V \xrightarrow{\cong} \alpha(V)$ be biholomorphic

$$z \mapsto zh(z) = w.$$

Note $\alpha(0) = 0$, $\alpha'(0) = h(0) \neq 0$, then $\text{ord}_0(\alpha) = 1$.

Now replace ϕ by $\alpha \circ \phi$.

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \circ F \circ (\alpha \circ \phi)^{-1}(w) &= \psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1} \circ \alpha^{-1}(w) \\ &= f(\alpha^{-1}(w)) = (\alpha^{-1}(w)h(\alpha^{-1}(w)))^k = w^k. \end{aligned}$$

Local form is $w \mapsto w^k$. □

Exercise 3. Show k is independent of the choice of chart.

Definition 2.2. The **multiplicity** of a non-constant holomorphic map $F : X \rightarrow Y$ of Riemann Surfaces at $p \in X$ is the unique positive integer k given by Theorem 2.2.

We say p is an unramified point of F if $\text{mult}_p(F) = 1$. p is a ramified point of F if $\text{mult}_p(F) > 1$.

$$R(F) = \{p \in X : \text{mult}_p(F) > 1\} \text{ ramification locus.}$$

$$B(F) = F(R(F)) \subset Y \text{ branch locus.}$$

Theorem 2.3. (Open mapping theorem) A non-constant holomorphic map of Riemann Surfaces is an open mapping.

Proof: The local form $z \mapsto z^k$ is open ("maps circle to circle").

Theorem 2.4. (Biholomorphic maps are biholomorphisms) The inverse of a bijective holomorphic map of Riemann Surfaces is holomorphic (since F is an open mapping).

Theorem 2.5. (Discreteness of preimages) Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ non constant map of RS. Then $\forall q \in Y$. the preimage $F^{-1}(q)$ is discrete in X . (If X is compact then $F^{-1}(q)$ is finite)

Proof. F follows as a holomorphic map of the complex plane are discrete. □

Theorem 2.6. (Surjectivity of non-constant holomorphic map from compact RS) Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ a non-constant holomorphic map of RS with X compact. Then F is surjective and Y is compact.

Proof. Open mapping theorem $\implies F(X) \subset Y$ is open F continuous and X compact $\implies F(X)$ compact hence closed (and Y hausdorff) \square . □

Corollary 2.7. Every holomorphic function on a compact Riemann Surface (**RS**) is constant.

Proof: Let $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a non-constant holomorphic function. Then f is constant. □

Theorem 2.8 (Riemann's extension theorem). Let X be a **RS**, $p \in U \subset_{\text{open}} X$. If $f : U \setminus \{p\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic and bounded in a punctured neighborhood of p , then f extends to a holomorphic function on U .

Proof: Follows from complex analysis using charts. □

Theorem 2.9 (Maximum principle). *Let $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a non-constant holomorphic function on a **RS** X . Then $|f|$ has no local maximum.*

2.2 Meromorphic functions on Riemann Surfaces

Definition 2.3. Let X be a **RS** and $p \in W \subset_{\text{open}} X$. If $f : W \setminus \{p\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic, we say that p is a

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{removable singularity} \\ \text{pole} \\ \text{essential singularity} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{if } \exists \text{ chart } \phi : U \rightarrow V, \text{ s.t. } \phi(p) \text{ is a } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{removable singularity} \\ \text{pole} \\ \text{essential singularity} \end{array} \right\}$$

We say f is ****meromorphic**** at p if p is a ****non-essential singularity****.

If $S \subset W \subset_{\text{open}} X$ and $f : W \setminus S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic, we say f is ****meromorphic**** on W if it is ****meromorphic**** at each $p \in S$.

Notation Let $U \subset_{\text{open}} X$.

- $\mathcal{O}_X(U) = \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ is holomorphic}\}$
- $\mathcal{M}_X(U) = \{f : U \setminus S \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ is meromorphic on } U\}$

Lemma 2.10. *i) The above definition is independent of the choice of chart.*

ii) $\mathcal{O}(X) = \mathcal{O}_X(X)$ is a \mathbb{C} -algebra.

*iii) $\mathcal{M}(X) = \mathcal{M}_X(X)$ is a field, called the ****function field of X ****.*

iv) $\mathcal{M}(X) = \text{Frac}(\mathcal{O}(X))$.

v) p has a

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{removable singularity} \\ \text{pole} \\ \text{essential singularity} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{at } p \text{ if } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |f| \text{ is bounded in a neighborhood of } p \\ \lim_{z \rightarrow p} |f(z)| = \infty \\ \lim_{z \rightarrow p} f(z) \text{ doesn't exist} \end{array} \right\}$$

2.3 Laurent Expansions & Orders of Singularities

Let $f : W \setminus \{p\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a holomorphic function with $p \in W \subset_{\text{open}} X$, where X is a ****Riemann Surface****. Let $\phi : U \rightarrow V$ be a chart on X , such that $\phi(p) = 0$. Then $f \circ \phi^{-1} : V \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic and has a Laurent expansion at 0.

$$f \circ \phi^{-1}(z) = \sum_{n=-\omega}^{\infty} c_n z^n \quad (\text{Note: This depends on the choice of chart.})$$

Definition 2.4. The ****order of f **** is defined as:

$$\text{ord}_p(f) := \text{ord}_0(f \circ \phi^{-1}) = \min\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid c_n \neq 0\}$$

If $f(z) = 0$ for all z , then $\text{ord}_p(0) = \infty$.

Lemma 2.11. *i) $\text{ord}_p(f)$ is independent of the chart ϕ centered at p .*

ii) X is a

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{removable singularity} \\ \text{pole} \\ \text{essential singularity} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{of } f \text{ if } \text{ord}_p(f) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \geq 0 \\ -m, \quad m > 0 \quad (\text{i.e., } < 0) \\ -\infty \end{array} \right\}$$

- iii) $\text{ord}_p(f^{-1}) = -\text{ord}_p(f)$.
- iv) $\text{ord}_p(fg) = \text{ord}_p(f) + \text{ord}_p(g)$.
- v) $\text{ord}_p(f + g) \geq \min\{\text{ord}_p(f), \text{ord}_p(g)\}$.

Example 2.2. The map $\exp : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic on \mathbb{C} . Is it holomorphic or meromorphic on \mathbb{C}_∞ ? Consider $w = 1/z$. For $f : \mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ we have $\text{ord}_\infty(f) = \text{ord}_0(f(1/z))$. Thus, $\exp(w)$ has an essential singularity at $w = 0$, so \exp is not meromorphic on \mathbb{C}_∞ .

Example 2.3 (Meromorphic functions on \mathbb{C}_∞). Let $z = \phi_0 : U_0 \rightarrow V_0 = \mathbb{C}$. $\text{ord}_0(z) = -1$. Let $P, Q \in \mathbb{C}[z]$ with $Q \not\equiv 0$. We claim $f(z) = P(z)/Q(z) \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}_\infty)$. We know $f \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C})$: what about at ∞ ? Let $f(z) = \lambda \prod_i (z - a_i)^{k_i}$, where $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$ and $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$. $x \in \mathbb{C}$. $f(z)$ is meromorphic at ∞ if $f(1/z)$ is meromorphic at 0.

$$f(1/z) = \lambda \prod_i (1/z - a_i)^{k_i} = \lambda z^{-\sum k_i} \prod_i (1 - a_i z)^{k_i}$$

$$\text{ord}_\infty(f) = \begin{cases} -\sum k_i & p = \infty \\ k_i & p = a_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{Note: } \sum_{p \in \mathbb{C}_\infty} \text{ord}_p(f) = 0.$$

Theorem 2.12 (Meromorphic functions as holomorphic maps to \mathbb{C}_∞). *For a **Riemann Surface** X , there is a 1-1 correspondence:*

$$\mathcal{M}(X) = \{\text{meromorphic functions on } X\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{holomorphic maps } F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty \mid F \not\equiv \infty\}$$

The correspondence is given by:

$$f \longmapsto F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty, \quad F(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & x \notin \text{Pole}(f) \\ \infty, & x \in \text{Pole}(f) \end{cases}$$

$$f = \phi_\infty \circ F \mid_{F^{-1}(\mathbb{C})} \longleftarrow F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty.$$

and $f(x) = \infty$ if $F(x) = \infty$.

Proof. The map F associated to $f \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ is holomorphic on $X \setminus \text{Pole}(f)$. **We want to show:** F is holomorphic at each $p \in \text{Pole}(f)$. f has a pole at $p \iff f \circ \psi^{-1}$ has a pole at $\psi(p) = 0$ (by definition). $\iff \phi_\infty \circ F \circ \psi^{-1} = \frac{1}{f \circ \phi^{-1}}$ has a zero at $\psi(p) = 0$. This means F is holomorphic at p (by definition of holomorphicity for a map to \mathbb{C}_∞). \square

Lemma 2.13 (Relating the order of $f \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ and the multiplicity of the corresponding map $F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty$). *For $f \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ non-constant, and $F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty$ the corresponding holomorphic map at $p \in X$:*

- i) If $f(p) = 0$, then $\text{mult}_p(F) = \text{ord}_p(f)$.
- ii) If $f(p) = \infty$, then $\text{mult}_p(F) = -\text{ord}_p(f)$.
- iii) Otherwise, $\text{mult}_p(F) = \text{ord}_p(f - f(p))$.

Theorem 2.14 (Meromorphic functions on \mathbb{C}_∞).

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}_\infty) = \mathbb{C}(z)$$

Proof: We've seen $\mathbb{C}(z) \subset \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}_\infty)$. Let $f \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}_\infty)$. Let p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n be the zeros of f in $\mathbb{C} \subset \mathbb{C}_\infty$. Let $g(z) := \prod_{i=1}^n (z - p_i)^{r_i}$, where $r_i = \text{ord}_{p_i}(f) \in \mathbb{Z}$. (Note that $g(z) \in \mathbb{C}(z)$). By

construction, $\text{ord}_p(f) = \text{ord}_p(g)$ for all $p \in \mathbb{C}$. Then $h = f/g \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}_\infty)$ has no zeros and no poles in \mathbb{C} .

Let $h(z) = \sum c_n z^n$ be the Taylor expansion of h at $0 \in \mathbb{C}$. Let $w = 1/z$ be a local coordinate at $\infty \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$. Then

$$h(w) = \sum c_n w^{-n}$$

is the Laurent expansion of h at ∞ . Since h is meromorphic at ∞ , then $h(z) = \sum_{n=0}^m c_n z^n \in \mathbb{C}[z]$ (polynomial). If $\deg(h) > 0$, then h has a zero in \mathbb{C} . Thus $h(z) = \lambda$, a constant. And $f = \lambda g \in \mathbb{C}(z)$. \square

Corollary 2.15. For $f \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}_\infty)$, $\sum_{p \in \mathbb{C}_\infty} \text{ord}_p(f) = 0$.

2.4 The degree of a holomorphic map

Theorem 2.16. Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ be a non-constant holomorphic map of compact ***Riemann Surfaces***. For $q \in Y$, the quantity $\deg_q(F) = \sum_{p \in F^{-1}(q)} \text{mult}_p(F)$ is independent of q .

Definition 2.5. The ***degree of F *** is $\deg(F) = \deg_q(F)$ for any $q \in Y$.

Proof. For $q \in Y$, take $F^{-1}(q) = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s\}$ and let $k_i = \text{mult}_{p_i}(F)$. By Theorem 2.2, \exists local normal forms at each p_i , i.e., \exists charts $\phi_i : U_i \rightarrow V_i$ on X and $\psi : U'_i \rightarrow V'_i$ on Y , such that $F(U_i) \subset U'_i$, $p_i \rightarrow 0$, $q \rightarrow 0$, and $\psi \circ F \circ \phi_i^{-1}(z) = z^{k_i}$. Assume the U_i are pairwise disjoint.

Claim. \exists open neighborhood W of q in Y such that $F^{-1}(W) \subset \bigcup_i U_i$.

Proof of Claim: Let \bar{W} be an open neighborhood of q , $\bar{W} = \{q\} \cup \text{something else}$. Let W be an open neighborhood of q such that $W \cap F(X \setminus \bigcup_i U_i) = \emptyset$. Thus $F^{-1}(W) \cap (X \setminus \bigcup_i U_i) = \emptyset$. Since X is compact, $F(X \setminus \bigcup_i U_i)$ is compact. \exists an open neighborhood W_i of q in Y such that $F^{-1}(W_i) \cap (X \setminus U_i) = \emptyset$. Let $W = \bigcap_{i=1}^s W_i$, which is an open neighborhood of q . Then $F^{-1}(W) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^s U_i$. \square

For any $q' \in W$, we have $\deg_{q'}(F) = \deg_q(F)$. This is because, for $q' \in W$, $F^{-1}(q') \cap U_i$ consists of k_i points of multiplicity 1. Hence $\deg_q(F)$ is locally constant, and as Y is connected, $\deg_q(F)$ is constant. \square

Remark 2.1. Let $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. If f is locally constant and X is connected, then f is a constant.

Proof. Take $p \in X$. $\exists U_p \subset X$ such that $f|_{U_p}$ is a constant $f(p)$. Consider $\mathcal{O} = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = f(p)\}$.

1. \mathcal{O} is open since f is locally constant.
2. \mathcal{O} is closed since f is locally constant.

If $y \in X \setminus \mathcal{O}$, then $f(y) \neq f(p)$. Then $\exists U_y$ such that $U_y \subset X \setminus \mathcal{O}$. Since X is connected and \mathcal{O} is non-empty (as $p \in \mathcal{O}$) and is both open and closed, we must have $\mathcal{O} = X$. Thus f is constant. \square

Remark 2.2. 1. At a ramification point p , F looks locally like $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, z \mapsto z^k$.

2. $F|_{X \setminus R(F)} : X \setminus R(F) \rightarrow Y \setminus B(F)$ is a d -sheeted covering, where $d = \deg(F)$.

Corollary 2.17. *i) If F is a degree 1 non-constant holomorphic map of compact ***Riemann Surfaces*** (RS), then F is a ***biholomorphism*** (surjectivity + injectivity).*

ii) If X is compact and has a meromorphic function with a single simple pole, then $X \cong \mathbb{C}_\infty$.

Proof. Left as an exercise \square

Corollary 2.18. $\mathbb{CP}^1 \cong \mathbb{C}_\infty$.

Corollary 2.19. *Let X be a compact ****Riemann Surface**** (**RS**) and $f \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ non-constant. Then $\sum_{p \in X} \text{ord}_p(f) = 0$.*

Proof. Let $F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty$ be the associated holomorphic map. We know that:

$$\sum_{p \in X} \text{ord}_p(f) = \sum_{p \in \text{Zero}(f)} \text{ord}_p(f) + \sum_{p \in \text{Pole}(f)} \text{ord}_p(f)$$

We use the relationship between order and multiplicity

$$\sum_{p \in \text{Zero}(f)} \text{ord}_p(f) = \sum_{p \in F^{-1}(0)} \text{mult}_p(F)$$

And

$$\sum_{p \in \text{Pole}(f)} \text{ord}_p(f) = \sum_{p \in F^{-1}(\infty)} (-\text{mult}_p(F)) = - \sum_{p \in F^{-1}(\infty)} \text{mult}_p(F)$$

Substituting these back:

$$\sum_{p \in X} \text{ord}_p(f) = \sum_{p \in F^{-1}(0)} \text{mult}_p(F) - \sum_{p \in F^{-1}(\infty)} \text{mult}_p(F)$$

Since $\sum_{p \in F^{-1}(q)} \text{mult}_p(F) = \deg(F)$ for any $q \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$:

$$= \deg(F) - \deg(F) = 0.$$

□

2.5 Germs of holomorphic functions

Definition 2.6. For a complex manifold X and $p \in X$, we define the ring of germs of holomorphic functions at p :

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,p} = \{(U, f) \mid U \text{ is an open neighborhood of } p, f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ is holomorphic}\} / \sim$$

where \sim is the equivalence relation defined by:

$$(U, f) \sim (V, g) \iff \exists \text{ a neighborhood } W \text{ of } p \text{ s.t. } f|_W = g|_W$$

The equivalence class $[(U, f)]$ is called the ****germ of f at p ****.

Remark 2.3. 1. $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ is a ring whose non-invertible elements form an ideal.

2. The maximal ideal \mathfrak{m}_p is given by:

$$\mathfrak{m}_p = \{[(U, f)] \mid f(p) = 0\}. \quad (\text{germs vanishing at } p)$$

This is the kernel of the evaluation map:

$$\ker(\text{ev}_p : \mathcal{O}_{X,p} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}).$$

Thus $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}/\mathfrak{m}_p \cong \mathbb{C}$. This means \mathfrak{m}_p is a ****maximal ideal**** (local ring).

Example 2.4. 1. $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n,0} \cong \mathbb{C}\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$.

$$[(U, f)] \mapsto \text{Taylor expansion of } f \text{ at } 0.$$

2. If X is an n -dimensional complex manifold and $p \in X$, then a local chart $\phi : U \rightarrow V$, centered at p , induces an isomorphism:

$$\phi^* : \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n,0} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$$

which maps the germ $[(V, \psi)]$ to the germ $[(U, \psi \circ \phi)]$.

2.6 $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ for a Riemann Surface

The order of a **holomorphic** function at p descends to a map

$$\text{ord}_p : \mathcal{O}_{X,p} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ satisfying}$$

3. $\text{ord}_p(f) = \infty \iff f \equiv 0$.
4. $\text{ord}_p(fg) = \text{ord}_p(f) + \text{ord}_p(g)$.
5. $\text{ord}_p(f + g) \geq \min\{\text{ord}_p(f), \text{ord}_p(g)\}$.

This is known as a **discrete valuation**.

We can extend ord_p to $\text{Frac}(\mathcal{O}_{X,p})$ by $\text{ord}_p(f/g) = \text{ord}_p(f) - \text{ord}_p(g)$.

Lemma 2.20. For a **Riemann Surface** X , $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ is a **Discrete Valuation Ring (DVR)** with valuation given by $\text{ord}_p : \text{Frac}(\mathcal{O}_{X,p}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$. The **uniformizer** (element with valuation 1) is given by a local chart centered at p .

2.7 Jacobians and the implicit function theorem

Definition 2.7. The complex Jacobian of a holomorphic map $f : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ at $p \in \mathbb{C}^n$ is

$$J_{\mathbb{C}}f(p) := \left(\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial z_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_1}(p) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_n}(p) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial z_1}(p) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial z_n}(p) \end{pmatrix} \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$$

We say p is a **regular point** of f if $J_{\mathbb{C}}f(p) : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ is surjective. We say $q \in \mathbb{C}^m$ is a **regular value** of f if all of its preimages are regular points.

Example 2.5. If $n = m = 1$, then $J_{\mathbb{C}}f(p) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(p) \right)$.

Relationship with the Real Jacobian

Consider $f : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ real differentiable.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}^n & \rightarrow & \mathbb{C}^m \\ \mathbb{R}^{2n} & & \mathbb{R}^{2m} \end{array}$$

$$J_{\mathbb{R}}f(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} & \left(\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial y_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} \\ \left(\frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} & \left(\frac{\partial v_j}{\partial y_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} \end{pmatrix} \in M_{2m \times 2n}(\mathbb{R})$$

If f is holomorphic at p :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} & \left(\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial y_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} \\ - \left(\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial y_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} & \left(\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} \end{pmatrix}$$

Extend coordinates from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{C} and consider the change of basis:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_k} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial z_k}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z_k} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_k} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \right)$$

In the language of manifolds, $J_{\mathbb{R}}$ is written under the basis $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y_k}$. Now we do change of basis to $\frac{\partial}{\partial z_k}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_k}$.

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_n} \right] A = T \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_n} \right] \quad (*)$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_n}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_n} \right] B = T \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_n} \right] \quad (**)$$

Also note that

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_n}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_n} \right] = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_n} \right] P$$

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} I & I \\ -iI & iI \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{-1} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} I & iI \\ I & -iI \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{correct the mistake})$$

and then plug it in we get $B = P^{-1}AP$.

With respect to this basis, $J_{\mathbb{R}}f$ has form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} & \left(\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial y_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} \\ \left(\frac{\partial \bar{f}_j}{\partial x_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} & \left(\frac{\partial \bar{f}_j}{\partial y_k}(p) \right)_{j,k} \end{pmatrix}$$

If f is holomorphic at p :

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_{\mathbb{C}}f(p) & 0 \\ 0 & \overline{J_{\mathbb{C}}f(p)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Example 2.6. $n = m = 1$

$$P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{pmatrix} P =$$

Lemma 2.21. Suppose $n = m$ and $f : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ is holomorphic at $p \in \mathbb{C}^n$.

$$(i) \det J_{\mathbb{R}}f(p) = |\det J_{\mathbb{C}}f(p)|^2 \geq 0.$$

$$(ii) \det J_{\mathbb{R}}f(p) \neq 0 \iff \det(J_{\mathbb{C}}f(p)) \neq 0 \iff p \text{ is a regular point of } f.$$

Theorem 2.22 (Holomorphic inverse function theorem). Let $F : U \rightarrow V$ be a holomorphic map of open sets $U, V \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ and let $p \in U$ be a regular point of F . Then there exist open sets $U' \subset U$, and $V' \subset V$ such that $p \in U'$ and $F(U') \subset V'$ and $F|_{U'} : U' \rightarrow V'$ is a holomorphism.

Proof. By the lemma, p is a regular point of F

$$\implies \det(J_{\mathbb{R}}F(p)) \neq 0$$

Then by the real inverse function theorem,

$$\exists \text{ real differentiable inverse of } F \text{ locally at } p, \text{ say } F^{-1} : V' \rightarrow U'.$$

We need to check F^{-1} is holomorphic at p . F is holomorphic at p

$$\implies dF|_p : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n} \text{ is } \mathbb{C}\text{-linear}$$

$$\implies dF^{-1}|_{F(p)} : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n} \text{ is } \mathbb{C}\text{-linear}$$

$$\implies F^{-1} \text{ is holomorphic at } p'.$$

□

Theorem 2.23 (Holomorphic implicit function theorem). *Let $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ be holomorphic, and $p = (a, b) \in U$.*

$$U \underset{\text{open}}{\subset} \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$$

Suppose $\det(J_p^w(F)) \neq 0$, where $J_p^w(F) = \left(\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial w_k}(p) \right)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq k \leq m}}$. Then there exist open sets $V \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ and $W \subset \mathbb{C}^m$, $(a, b) \in V \times W \subset U$, and a holomorphic function $g : V \rightarrow W$ such that

$$\{(z, w) \in V \times W \mid F(z, w) = F(a, b)\} = \text{Graph}(g).$$

i.e., locally the fibre of F at $F(a, b)$ is the graph of the holomorphic function g .

Proof. Same as in the real case, except we use the holomorphic inverse theorem. □

3 Algebraic Curves as Riemann Surfaces

Example 3.1. (Motivating Example)

For $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic, $\text{Graph}(f) = \{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid f(z) = w\}$ is a **Riemann Surface** with charts given by $\pi_z : \text{Graph}(f) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{C}$.

3.1 Affine plane curves

Definition 3.1. A **complex affine curve** is the zero locus of non-constant $f \in \mathbb{C}[z, w]$.

$$X := V(f) = \{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid f(z, w) = 0\} \subset \mathbb{C}^2.$$

Remark 3.1. By the holomorphic inverse function theorem: for $p \in X$.

- If $\frac{\partial f}{\partial w}(p) \neq 0$, then locally at p , X is graph of a holomorphic function $g(z) = w$.
- If $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(p) \neq 0$, then locally at p , X is the graph of a holomorphic function $h(w) = z$.

Definition 3.2 (Singular points). Let $f \in \mathbb{C}[z, w]$ and $X = V(f)$, and $p \in X$.

(i) f is

$$\begin{cases} \text{non-singular at } p & \text{if } \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(p) \neq 0 \text{ or } \frac{\partial f}{\partial w}(p) \neq 0 \\ \text{singular at } p & \text{if } \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(p) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial w}(p) = 0. \end{cases}$$

(ii) X is **non-singular** or **smooth** if f has no singular points.

Definition 3.3 (Multiplicity of $p \in X = V(f)$). At $p = (a, b) \in X = V(f)$, we have the Taylor Expansion

$$f(z, w) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} C_{k, n-k} (z-a)^k (w-b)^{n-k}$$

where $C_{k, n-k} = \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial z^k \partial w^{n-k}}(p)$.

Let $\text{mult}_p(X) = \min\{n \geq 0 : \exists k \text{ with } C_{k, n-k} \neq 0\} \geq 1$. If $\text{mult}_p(X) = n > 1$, we say p is an **n -fold point** of X .

Remark 3.2. $\text{mult}_p(X) > 1 \iff \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(p) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial w}(p) = 0 \iff p$ is a singular point.

Definition 3.4 (Tangent lines). Let $p = (a, b) \in X = V(f) \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ be a smooth point. The **tangent line** of X at p is the line

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(p)(z-a) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial w}(p)(w-b) = 0.$$

Theorem 3.1. If $f(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}[z, w]$ is non-singular, then the associated smooth affine plane curve $X = V(f) \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ is a Riemann surface. (But may not be compactified.)

Proof. $\forall p \in X$:

$$\text{i) } \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(p) \neq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \text{ii) } \frac{\partial f}{\partial w}(p) \neq 0.$$

By the holomorphic implicit function theorem: \exists holomorphic function $g : V_p \rightarrow W_p$, for $V_p, W_p \subset \mathbb{C}$ and an open neighborhood $U_p \subset X$ such that

(i) $W_p \times V_p \subset U_p$.

(ii) $V_p \times W_p \subset U_p$.

and (i) $g_p(w) = z$ or (ii) $g_p(z) = w$.

Consider (i) $\pi_w : U_p \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, (ii) $\pi_z : U_p \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

$$(z, w) \mapsto w \quad (z, w) \mapsto z.$$

We define a chart $\phi_p : U_p \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_{w/z}(U_p)$.

Claim. $\mathcal{A} = \{\phi_p \mid p \in X\}$ is an atlas.

We only have to show the compatibility. We only consider the hard case. $\phi_p = \pi_w$ and $\phi_q = \pi_z$, for $s \in U_p \cap U_q$. One partial derivative of f is non-zero at s . Without loss of generality, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial w}(s) \neq 0$. $\implies \exists$ holomorphic $h : V_s \rightarrow W_s$ such that $w = h(z)$.

$$\pi_w \circ \pi_z^{-1} : \pi_z(U_p \cap U_q) \cap V_s \rightarrow \pi_w(U_p \cap U_q) \cap W_s$$

$$z \mapsto \pi_w \circ \pi_z^{-1}(z) = \pi_w(z, h(z)) = h(z)$$

which is holomorphic. \square

Remark 3.3. (i) $X = V(f)$ is not compact. (Since π_z has non-constant holomorphic functions, and X has only constant holomorphic functions if X is compact).

(ii) **Algebraic Geometry:** If f is irreducible $\implies V(f)$ is connected.

Assume: f is irreducible, so $V(f)$ is connected.

3.2 Projective Plane Curve

Motivation: We want to compactify affine plane curves.

Idea:

$$\mathbb{C}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{CP}^2$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto [x : y : 1]$$

Definition 3.5. A **complex projective plane curve** is the zero locus of a homogeneous polynomial $F \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$ in the projective plane \mathbb{CP}^2 .

$$V(F) = \{[x : y : z] \in \mathbb{CP}^2 \mid F(x, y, z) = 0\}.$$

From affine to projective: homogenization and dehomogenization

$$\mathbb{CP}^2 = \bigcup_{i=0}^2 U_i, \quad U_i \cong \mathbb{C}^2. \quad U_0 = \{x \neq 0\}, \quad U_1 = \{y \neq 0\}, \quad U_2 = \{z \neq 0\}.$$

$$\{\text{projective plane curves}\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{affine plane curves}\}.$$

$$X = V(F) \subset \mathbb{CP}^2$$

$$= \bigcup_{i=0}^2 X_i \implies X_i = U_i \cap X \subset \mathbb{C}^2.$$

Example: $X_2 = U_2 \cap X = V(f)$, $f(x, y) = F(x, y, 1)$.

$$F(x, y, z) = \sum_{i+j+k=d} a_{i,j,k} x^i y^j z^k \longleftrightarrow f(x, y) = \sum_{i+j \leq d} a_{i,j,d-i-j} x^i y^j$$

$$V(F) \cap X_z = V(f).$$

Definition 3.6. A projective plane curve $X = V(F) \subset \mathbb{CP}^2$ is **singular** at p if

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(p) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(p) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(p) = 0.$$

Otherwise p is **non-singular**. X is **smooth** if it's smooth at every $p \in X$.

Exercise 4. X smooth $\iff X_i = X \cap U_i \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ is smooth. $\forall 0 \leq i \leq 2$.

Theorem 3.2. A smooth projective plane curve $X = V(F) \subset \mathbb{CP}^2$ is a **compact Riemann Surface**.

Proof. We cover the complex projective plane \mathbb{CP}^2 with its three standard affine charts:

- $U_0 = \{[Z_0 : Z_1 : Z_2] \mid Z_0 \neq 0\}$, with affine coordinates $(x, y) = (Z_1/Z_0, Z_2/Z_0)$.
- $U_1 = \{[Z_0 : Z_1 : Z_2] \mid Z_1 \neq 0\}$, with affine coordinates $(u, v) = (Z_0/Z_1, Z_2/Z_1)$.
- $U_2 = \{[Z_0 : Z_1 : Z_2] \mid Z_2 \neq 0\}$, with affine coordinates $(s, t) = (Z_0/Z_2, Z_1/Z_2)$.

Let $X_i = X \cap U_i$ for $i = 0, 1, 2$. Each X_i is a smooth affine plane curve. From a previous theorem, we know that a smooth affine curve is a Riemann surface.

We construct an atlas for X by taking the union of the atlases for the Riemann surfaces X_0, X_1 , and X_2 . We only need to check that the transition maps between charts from different affine pieces are holomorphic.

Consider the transition from a chart on X_0 to one on X_1 . The coordinate change from U_0 to U_1 is given by:

$$u = \frac{Z_0}{Z_1} = \frac{1}{x}, \quad v = \frac{Z_2}{Z_1} = \frac{y}{x}$$

This map is a biholomorphism on the overlap $U_0 \cap U_1$. A transition map for the atlas of X is a composition of a local chart map (a projection), the coordinate change map above, and another local chart map. Since all of these maps are holomorphic, their composition is holomorphic. The same logic applies to all other pairs of affine charts.

Thus, the union of the atlases for the X_i forms a valid complex atlas for X , making it a **Riemann Surface**. \square

3.3 Algebraic varieties (affine & projective)

Affine space $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^n := \mathbb{C}^n$ with the **Zariski topology**: where closed sets are algebraic subsets. There are maps

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{aly subsets of } \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^n\} &\xleftrightarrow[V]{I} \{\text{ideals } I \subset \mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_n]\} \\ X \in \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^n &\longrightarrow I(X) = \{f : f|_X = 0\} \\ V(J) = V(f_1, \dots, f_n) &\longleftarrow J = \langle f_1, \dots, f_n \rangle \end{aligned}$$

This is not a bijective map. Roughly the take-away message is that we have a way to move between algebra and geometry.

Definition 3.7. An **affine algebraic variety** is an algebraic subset $X \in \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^n$ such that $I(X)$ is prime.

- The **coordinate ring** of X is $\mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_n]/I(X)$.
- The **function field** of X is $\mathbb{C}(X) = \text{Frac}(\mathbb{C}[X])$.
- At $p = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^n$, $\mathfrak{m}_p = \langle z_1 - a_1, \dots, z_n - a_n \rangle \subset \mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_n]$ is a **maximal ideal**.
- $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}^{\text{alg}} := \mathbb{C}[X]_{\mathfrak{m}_p} = \left\{ \frac{f}{g} : f, g \in \mathbb{C}[X] \text{ such that } g(p) \neq 0 \right\}$.

Unlike for complex manifolds, we have $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}^{\text{alg}} \neq \mathcal{O}_{X,p}^{\text{holo}}$ in general.

Definition 3.8 (Dimension & smoothness). For $p \in X = V(f_1, \dots, f_m) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$, the **Jacobian** of

X at p is

$$J_{X,p} = \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial z_j}(p) \right)_{i,j} \quad \text{w.r.t. to generators } f_1, \dots, f_m.$$

- (i) $\dim(X) = \min_{p \in X} \{n - \text{rank} J_{X,p}\}$. **Dimension** of X . If $\dim(X) = 1$, we call X a **curve**.
- (ii) $p \in X$ is **smooth** if $\dim(X) = n - \text{rank} J_{X,p}$. (Singular otherwise). X is smooth if all $p \in X$ are smooth.

Remark 3.4. $\text{rank } J_{X,p}$ is independent of choice of generators. (Why?)

3.4 Projective algebraic curves

Projective space \mathbb{CP}^n has **Zariski topology**: where closed sets are again algebraic sets. $V(\{F_i \mid i \in I\})$ where $F_i \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ are homogeneous.

$$V(\{F_i \mid i \in I\}) = \{[x_0 : \dots : x_n] \in \mathbb{CP}^n : F_i(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 0, \forall i \in I\}.$$

There are (non-bijective) maps

$$\{\text{alg subsets in } \mathbb{CP}^n\} \xleftrightarrow[V]{I} \{\text{homo. ideals in } \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]\}.$$

Definition 3.9. A **projective algebraic variety** is an algebraic subset $X \subset \mathbb{CP}^n$ such that $I(X)$ is prime.

(De)homogenization: from proj to affine & back

We can do the same as before.

Definition 3.10. For $X = V(F_1, \dots, F_m) \subset \mathbb{CP}^n$

- The **homogeneous coordinate ring** of X is $\mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]/I(X)$.
- The **function field** of X = function field of X_i for any i .
- The **algebraic local ring** of X at p is $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}^{\text{alg}} := \mathcal{O}_{X_i,p}^{\text{alg}}$ for $p \in X_i$.

Definition 3.11 (Smoothness & Dimensions). $p \in X$. The **Jacobian** $J_{X,p} = \left(\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j}(p) \right)_{i,j}$

- (i) $\dim(X) = \min_{p \in X} \{n - \text{rank} J_{X,p}\}$. If $\dim(X) = 1$, X a curve.
- (ii) $p \in X$ smooth if $\dim(X) = n - \text{rank} J_{X,p}$, otherwise p is singular.
- (iii) X is smooth if all $p \in X$ smooth.

Exercise 5. $X \subset \mathbb{CP}^n$ is smooth $\iff X_i \in \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^n$ is smooth $\forall 0 \leq i \leq n$.

Theorem 3.3. (Generalized Version for the Plane Curve Version)

1. Smooth affine curves are Riemann Surfaces.
2. Smooth projective curves are compact Riemann Surfaces.

Proof of 1. Let $X = V(f_1, \dots, f_m) \subset \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^n$ be a smooth affine curve. To define a complex structure on X , we define local charts at each $p \in X$. X smooth of $\dim 1 \implies \forall p \in X$, $J_{X,p} : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ has rank $n - 1$. After a change of coordinates, we can assume without loss of generality that $\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial z_j}(p)|_{j \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \neq 0$. The holomorphic implicit function theorem \implies locally at p ,

$$X = \text{Graph}(g), \quad g : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n-1}.$$

Then $\pi_{z_1} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a homeomorphism onto its image and this defines a local chart ϕ_p at p .
As for compatibility of charts, we do the same as in the proof of 3.1

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Proof of 2. Note that $X = \cup X_i$, with $X_i = U_i \cap X$ are affine curves, then we proceed as the proof in 3.2

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