

## Algebraic Geometry (W2).

1. a) i)  $\max\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x]) = \{\text{maximal ideals of } \mathbb{C}[x]\}.$

~~But~~ The maximal ideals of  $\mathbb{C}[x]$  are the ideals of the form  $(x - \alpha)$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , so  $\max\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x]) = \{(x - \alpha) \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{C}\}.$

ii)  $\max\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, 1/x])$

This ring is made of Laurent polynomials in  $x$ , where  $x$  can take any value other than 0. Just as in  $\mathbb{C}[x]$ , every maximal ideal consists of an evaluation at some  $\alpha$ , except it can't be at  $\alpha = 0$ , so  $\max\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, 1/x]) = \{(x - \alpha) \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{C}^*\}.$

iii)  $\max\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, 1/x, y])$

This consists of polynomials in  $y$  with coefficients in the Laurent polynomials of  $x$ . By the first two parts, the maximal ideals are of the form  $(x - \alpha, y - \beta)$  for  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}$ .  
so  $\max\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, 1/x, y]) = \{(x - \alpha, y - \beta) \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{C}^*, \beta \in \mathbb{C}\}$

b) The pullback  $\varphi^*: g \rightarrow g \circ \varphi.$

i)  $\varphi^*(1/x) = y.$

ii)  $\varphi^*\left(2x^2 + \frac{2x^3 + 4x}{x^5}\right) = \varphi^*(2x^2 + 2x^{-2} + 4x^{-4}).$   
 $= 2y^{-2} + 2y^2 + 4y^4.$

iii)  $\varphi^*(2 - x) = 2 - \frac{1}{y}.$



$$V = V(y - ux) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^3$$

2. a). Let  $\psi: \mathbb{A}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2$ ,  $(x, y, u) \mapsto (x, u)$  be the projection.

Then  $\psi|_V: (x, ux, u) \rightarrow (x, u)$  is a restriction of a polynomial so is a morphism.

$\psi^{-1}|_{\psi(V)}: (x, u) \rightarrow (x, ux, u)$  exists and is a function so  $\psi|_V$  is bijective so it is an isomorphism.

b) Similarly let  $\psi: \mathbb{A}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2$ ,  $(x, y, u) \rightarrow (x, y)$ .

Then  $\psi|_V: (x, ux, u) \rightarrow (x, ux)$ .

~~and similarly  $\psi^{-1}|_V: \mathbb{A}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^3$ :~~

~~But  $\psi|_V(0, 0, 1) = \psi|_V(0, 0, 2) = (0, 0)$  so  $\psi|_V$  is not injective.~~

$\psi^{-1}|_{\psi(V)}: (u, ux) \rightarrow (u, ux, u)$

sends  $(0, 0) \rightarrow (0, 0, u) \forall u$  so isn't a function.

$\therefore \psi|_V$  can't be a bijection and therefore isn't an isomorphism.

3. a). Prove that, if  $g \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ ,  $\overline{V(g)} = V(\tilde{g}) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$

Let  $g \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$  be a polynomial. then

$$V(g) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid g(x, y) = 0\}.$$

The homogenization  $\tilde{g}$  of  $g$  is  $\tilde{g}(x, y, z) = z^d g(\frac{x}{z}, \frac{y}{z})$  where  $d$  is the degree of  $g$ .

The variety  $V(\tilde{g}) = \{[x:y:z] \in \mathbb{P}^2 \mid \tilde{g}(x, y, z) = 0\}$ .

The projective closure  $\overline{V(g)}$  is defined as the Zariski closure of  $i(V(g))$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  where  $i: \mathbb{A}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ ,  $(x, y) \mapsto [x, y, 1]$ , i.e. the smallest projective variety in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  containing all points of  $V(g)$ .



So  $V(\tilde{g}) \subseteq V(g)$ , as  $g(x,y) = 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{g}(x,y,1) = 0$ .

Suppose there is another projective variety  $W(g) \subseteq X$ .  
Then the homogeneous polynomial defining  $X$  must vanish on  $W(g)$   
so is a multiple of  $\tilde{g}$ , so  $W(g)$  is minimal.  
 $\therefore W(g) = V(\tilde{g})$ .

b).  $f_1(x,y) = x+y+1$  so  $\tilde{f}_1 = x+y+z$ .  
 $f_2(x,y) = x^2+6y^2+1$  so  $\tilde{f}_2 = x^2+6y^2+z^2$   
 $f_3(x,y) = x^2+3y+1$  so  $\tilde{f}_3 = x^2+3yz+z^2$ .  
 $f_4(x,y) = x^3+3xy^2+4$  so  $\tilde{f}_4 = x^3+3xy^2+4z^3$ .

- i)  $[1:0:0]$  is in none of them, as each  $\tilde{f}_n(1,0,0) \neq 0$ .  
 ii)  $[0:1:0]$  is in  $\tilde{f}_3$  and  $\tilde{f}_4$  as  $\tilde{f}_1(0,1,0) = \tilde{f}_2(0,1,0) \neq 0$  and  
 $\tilde{f}_3(0,1,0) = \tilde{f}_4(0,1,0) = 0$ .  
 iii).  $[0:0:1]$  is also in none of them as  $\tilde{f}_n(0,0,1) \neq 0$ .

c). All terms are of maximal degree or degree 0 as this results in no mixed terms.

4. a). Prove  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is compact wrt quotient Euclidean topology for  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Instead of using  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ , we can use its intersection with the unit sphere.  $S^n = \{x \in \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \mid \|x\| = 1\}$ , so instead of  $[x]$  denoting an entire line, we only consider its intersection with  $S^n$ , which is just two points. So  $\mathbb{P}^n \cong S^n / \sim$  where  $x \sim -x$ .

The map  $\pi: S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$  is continuous as by definition in the quotient topology induced by  $\pi$ ,  $U \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  is open iff  $\pi^{-1}(U) \subseteq S^n$  is open.  
 $\pi$  is also a surjection trivially so it follows that  $\mathbb{P}^n$  must be compact since the continuous image of a compact subset is compact.



b). Since  $y = \sin x$  is not algebraic (as  $\sin x$  is transcendental), its closure in the Zariski topology must be the entire projective plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$  since any proper algebraic subvariety would be defined by a polynomial, and no polynomial can globally approximate  $y = \sin x$ .

Chow's lemma doesn't apply in this ~~case~~ case as even though  $y = \sin x$  is ~~not~~ analytic, its zero set is not compact in the Euclidean topology.

5. a). Let  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = 0$  and  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = 0$  be two lines in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .

we need to show that there is an  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  satisfying the above the above system, and that this is unique.

In matrix form this amounts to showing that  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in \ker M$  where  $M = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \neq 0$ .

By the rank-nullity theorem,  $\text{rank}(M) + \text{nullity}(M) = \dim(\mathbb{P}^2)$ , so  $\text{nullity}(M) = 3 - \text{rank}(M) \geq 1$  as  $\text{rank}(M) \leq 2$ .

In fact ~~rank~~  $\text{rank}(M) = 2$  since the lines are distinct, and therefore  $\text{nullity}(M) = 1$ .

This means that if two solutions  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  are nonzero, then  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \lambda(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ . It follows that  $[x_0, y_0, z_0] = [x_1, y_1, z_1]$ , i.e. the intersection is unique.

b). i). Prove  $\overline{C_1 \cap C_2} \subseteq \overline{C_1} \cap \overline{C_2}$

This is a basic topological result, which holds more generally:

$$\overline{\bigcap_{i \in I} C_i} \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} \overline{C_i}$$



Proof:

Since  $\bigcap_{i \in I} \overline{C_i}$  is an intersection of closed sets it is closed.

$$\text{Since } C_i \subseteq \overline{C_i} \cap V_i, \bigcap_{i \in I} C_i \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} \overline{C_i}$$

$\bigcap_{i \in I} C_i$  is by definition the smallest closed set  $X$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} C_i \subseteq X$ ,

and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} \overline{C_i}$  is closed, so it follows that  $\overline{\bigcap_{i \in I} C_i} \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} \overline{C_i}$

ii) We need an example of two curves where the affine intersection and therefore its closure doesn't capture all projective intersections.

For example consider  $y = x$  and  $y = 1/x$ . These intersect at  $(1, 1)$  and  $(-1, -1)$ , but in the projective space they possess an additional intersection at infinity.

To homogenise we get  $y = x$  and  $y^2 z = x^2$ , and so solutions of their intersection are those of form  $x^2 = z^2$ :

$[1:1:1]$ ,  $[-1:-1:1]$ , corresponding to  $(1,1)$  and  $(-1,-1)$ .

The additional intersection at infinity is where  $z=0$ , i.e. at  $[1:1:0]$ .

Their respective closures are the same so the inclusion ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> strict for this example.

6. a). To show that  $\mathcal{O}_Y(0)$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra, we show it is a vector space and a ring using the subring test.

The constant function belongs to  $\mathcal{O}_Y(0)$  (multiplicative identity) and  $\mathcal{O}_Y(0)$  is trivially closed under addition, multiplication and additive inverses since sums and products of rational functions are rational functions  $\therefore$  By the subring test  $\mathcal{O}_Y(0)$  is a ring (subring of  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ )

Trivially it is also a ~~vector~~ space since if  $f, g$  are regular functions,  $\lambda f + g$  is too.  $\therefore \mathcal{O}_Y(0)$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra.

b) i). By definition if  $f$  is regular on  $V$  it is regular on all points in  $V$  and therefore trivially also regular on  $U \subseteq V$ .

and a)  
ii). By part i) each set of functions  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra so is a ring  $F(U)$ ; ~~the second~~ so property (i) holds.

(ii) follows from part i) ~~above~~, as do (iii) and (iv), so the collection of such sets forms a sheaf on  $X$ .