

Q1. (a) (15 marks) Find all the elements of  $\text{maxSpec}(\mathbb{C}[x])$ ,  $\text{maxSpec}(\mathbb{C}[x, 1/x])$ , and  $\text{maxSpec}(\mathbb{C}[x, 1/x, y])$  explicitly.

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1a) •  $\text{maxSpec}(\mathbb{C}[x]) = \{m \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x] : m \text{ is a maximal ideal}\}$

$m$  is a maximal if the only ideal strictly containing it is the unit ideal  $\mathbb{C}[x]$

$$m = (x+a) \quad a \in \mathbb{C} \quad \text{is maximal} \quad (m = \{(x+a)f : f \in \mathbb{C}[x]\})$$

Let  $n$  be an ideal such that  $m \subsetneq n \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x]$

$\mathbb{C}$  is a field so  $\mathbb{C}[x]$  is a PID  $\Rightarrow n = (g) = \{g \cdot f : f \in \mathbb{C}[x]\}$  for a fixed  $g \in \mathbb{C}[x]$

$$m = (x-a) \subseteq (g) \Rightarrow (x-a) = g \cdot f$$

$g$  is not a unit so is non-constant  $\Rightarrow g = x-a \Rightarrow n = (g) = (x-a) = m$

so  $m$  is maximal

$$\Rightarrow \text{maxSpec}(\mathbb{C}[x]) = \{ (x-a) \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x] : a \in \mathbb{C} \}$$

•  $\text{maxSpec}(\mathbb{C}[x, \frac{1}{x}]) = \{m \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x, \frac{1}{x}] : m \text{ is a maximal ideal}\}$

by the evaluation map  $E_\alpha : \mathbb{C}[x, \frac{1}{x}] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$   
 $f \mapsto f(\alpha_1, \alpha_2 = \frac{1}{\alpha_1})$

$$\mathbb{C} \cong \overline{\mathbb{C}[x, \frac{1}{x}]} \quad \text{by the first isomorphism theorem ( } E_\alpha \text{ is surjective)}$$

$\mathbb{C}$  is a field  $\Rightarrow \text{Ker}(E_\alpha)$  is maximal  $\Rightarrow$  maximal ideals are  $m_\alpha = (x-\alpha_1, \frac{1}{x}-\alpha_2)$

$(\begin{array}{l} R \text{ is a field} \\ m \text{ is a maximal ideal in } R \end{array})$

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_\alpha &= (x-\alpha_1, \frac{1}{x}-\alpha_2) & \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{C} \\ &= (x-\alpha_1, \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{\alpha_1}) & \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{C}^* \quad (\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{\alpha_1}) \\ &= (x-\alpha_1, x-\alpha_1) & \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{C}^* \quad (\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\alpha_1}) \\ m_\alpha &= (x-\alpha_1) & \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{C}^* \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} m_\alpha &= (x-\alpha_1, \frac{1}{x}-\alpha_2, y-\alpha_3) & \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{C} \\ &= (x-\alpha_1, \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{\alpha_1}, y-\alpha_3) & \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{C}^*, \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{C} \quad (\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{\alpha_1}) \\ &= (x-\alpha_1, x-\alpha_1, y-\alpha_3) & \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{C}^*, \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{C} \quad (\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\alpha_1}) \\ m_\alpha &= (x-\alpha_1, y-\alpha_3) & \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{C}^*, \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{maxSpec}(\mathbb{C}[x, \frac{1}{x}, y]) = \{ (x-a, y-b) \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x, \frac{1}{x}, y] : a \in \mathbb{C}^*, b \in \mathbb{C} \}$$

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$$1b) \quad \varphi : \mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}, \quad a \mapsto b = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\varphi^* : \mathbb{C}[x, \frac{1}{x}] \mapsto \mathbb{C}[y, \frac{1}{y}]$$

$$\varphi^*(\frac{1}{x})(a) = (\frac{1}{x} \circ \varphi)(a) = (\frac{1}{x})(\varphi(a)) = (\frac{1}{y})(\frac{1}{a}) = a$$

$$\varphi^*(\frac{1}{x}) = y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^*\left(2x^2 + \frac{2x^3+4x}{x^5}\right) &= \left(2x^2 + \frac{2x^3+4x}{x^5}\right) \circ \varphi = 2\left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^2 + \frac{2\left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^3 + 4\left(\frac{1}{y}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^5} \\ &= \frac{2}{y^2} + \left(\frac{2}{y^3} + \frac{4}{y}\right)y^5 \\ &= \frac{2}{y^2} + 2y^2 + 4y^4 \\ &= \frac{2 + 2y^4 + 4y^6}{y^2} \end{aligned}$$

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

Q2. (20 marks) Consider the affine algebraic hypersurface  $V := \mathbb{V}(y - ux) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^3$ .

- (a) Prove that the projection  $\mathbb{A}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2$ ,  $(x, y, u) \mapsto (x, u)$  restricts to an isomorphism from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{A}^2$ .
- (b) Prove that the projection  $\mathbb{A}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2$ ,  $(x, y, u) \mapsto (x, y)$  does not restrict to an isomorphism from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{A}^2$ .

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

2a) A morphism of algebraic varieties  $\varphi: V \rightarrow W$  is an isomorphism if it has an inverse, if there exists a morphism of algebraic varieties  $\varphi^{-1}: W \rightarrow V$  such that  $\varphi^{-1} \circ \varphi = \text{id}_V$  and  $\varphi \circ \varphi^{-1} = \text{id}_W$

$$p_1: \mathbb{A}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2 \\ (x, y, u) \mapsto (x, u)$$

$$\varphi_1 = p_1|_V: V \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2 \\ (x, y, u) \mapsto (x, u)$$

let  $\varphi_1^{-1}: \mathbb{A}^2 \rightarrow V$  a morphism of algebraic varieties  
 $(x, u) \mapsto (x, ux, u)$

$\hookrightarrow$  in  $V$ ,  $y = ux$

$\hookrightarrow$  domain in  $V$ ,  $ux = y$

$$\text{then } \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_1^{-1}(x, u) = \varphi_1(\varphi_1^{-1}(x, u)) = \varphi_1(x, ux, u) = \underline{\varphi_1(x, y, u)} = (x, u)$$

$$\text{and } \varphi_1^{-1} \circ \varphi_1(x, y, u) = \varphi_1^{-1}(\varphi_1(x, y, u)) = \varphi_1^{-1}(x, u) = (x, ux, u) = (x, y, u)$$

$\hookrightarrow$  codomain in  $V$ ,  
 $ux = y$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_1^{-1} = \text{id}_{\mathbb{A}^2} \text{ and } \varphi_1^{-1} \circ \varphi_1 = \text{id}_V$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi_1$  is an isomorphism

the projection restricts to an isomorphism

2b)

$$p_2: \mathbb{A}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2 \\ (x, y, u) \mapsto (x, y)$$

$$\varphi_2 = p_2|_V: V \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2 \\ (x, y, u) \mapsto (x, y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ker}(\varphi_2) &= \varphi_2^{-1}(0) = \{(x, y, u) \mid x = y = 0, y = ux = 0\} \\ &= \{(0, 0, u) \mid u \cdot 0 = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ker}(\varphi_2) = \{(0, 0, u) \mid u \in \mathbb{C}\} \neq \{(0, 0, 0)\} \Rightarrow \varphi_2 \text{ is not injective}$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi_2$  cannot have an inverse

$\Rightarrow \varphi_2$  cannot be an isomorphism

the projection does not restrict to an isomorphism

Q3. (25 marks)

- (a) Prove that if  $g \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$  then the projective closure of its variety  $\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)} = \mathbb{V}(\tilde{g}) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$  where  $\tilde{g} \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$  is the homogenisation of  $g$ .
- (b) Consider the polynomials  $f_1(x, y) = x + y + 1, f_2(x, y) = x^2 + 6y^2 + 1, f_3(x, y) = x^2 + 3y + 1, f_4(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy^2 + 4$ . Determine whether or not each of the projective closures includes the points
  - (i)  $[1 : 0 : 0]$ ;
  - (ii)  $[0 : 1 : 0]$ ;
  - (iii)  $[0 : 0 : 1]$ .
- (c) Can you find a general necessary and sufficient condition on  $g \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$  such that its homogenisation  $\tilde{g} \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$  does not pass through any of the three points in item (b)?

3a)  $g \in \mathbb{C}[x, y], \tilde{g} \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$  the homogenisation of  $g$

$$\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)} = \mathbb{V}(\tilde{g}) \text{ proof:}$$

•  $\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)} \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\tilde{g})$ : let  $G = (g)$  and  $\tilde{G} = (\tilde{g})$

$\tilde{I} = (A), A = \{\tilde{f} \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z] : f \in G\}$  all polynomials in  $(g)$  homogenised

let  $\tilde{f} \in A$ , then  $\tilde{f}$  is a homogenised element of  $(g)$  so  $\tilde{f}(x, y, 1) = f(x, y)$

$$U_z = \{[x, y, z] \in \mathbb{P}^2 : z \neq 0\}$$

$$\text{then } \tilde{f}|_{U_z} = f = gh \quad h \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$$

$$\tilde{f}|_{U_z}(\mathbb{V}(g)) = f(\mathbb{V}(g)) = g(\mathbb{V}(g))h(\mathbb{V}(g)) \stackrel{=0}{=} 0$$

$$\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)} \cap U_z = \mathbb{V}(g) \Rightarrow \mathbb{V}(\tilde{f}) \supseteq \mathbb{V}(g) \Rightarrow \mathbb{V}(\tilde{f}) \supseteq \overline{\mathbb{V}(g)} \text{ because } \mathbb{V}(\tilde{f}) \text{ is closed, for arbitrary } \tilde{f} \in A$$

$\tilde{f}$  is a homogenised element of  $(g)$ ,  $g \in (g)$  so let  $\tilde{f} = \tilde{g}$  then  $\mathbb{V}(\tilde{g}) \supseteq \overline{\mathbb{V}(g)}$

•  $\mathbb{V}(\tilde{g}) \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{V}(g)}$ :

Hilbert's correspondence  $\mathbb{V}(\tilde{g}) \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{V}(g)} \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{I}(\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)}) \subseteq \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(\tilde{g})) = \sqrt{(\tilde{g})} = (\tilde{g})$

$\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)}$  is a closed set in  $\mathbb{P}^2 \Rightarrow (g) = \sqrt{(g)} = \mathbb{I}(\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)})$  is a radical homogeneous ideal  
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{I}(\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)})$  has a finite set of homogeneous generators

$\mathbb{I}(\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)}) = (g)$  a principal ideal, so is generated by a single generator that is unique up to multiplication by units  
 $\Rightarrow g$  is homogeneous so  $g \in (\tilde{g})$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{I}(\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)}) = (g) \subseteq (\tilde{g})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{V}(\tilde{g}) \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{V}(g)}$$

$$\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)} \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\tilde{g}) \text{ and } \mathbb{V}(\tilde{g}) \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{V}(g)} \Rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{V}(g)} = \mathbb{V}(\tilde{g})$$

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3b) from Q3a if  $g \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$  then the projective closure of its variety  $\overline{\mathbb{V}(g)} = \mathbb{V}(\tilde{g})$  where  $\tilde{g} \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$  is the homogenisation of  $g$

- $f_1(x, y) = x + y + 1 \in \mathbb{C}[x, y], \tilde{f}_1(x, y, z) = x + y + z \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$

$$\overline{\mathbb{V}(f_1)} = \mathbb{V}(\tilde{f}_1) = \mathbb{V}(x + y + z) \quad (\text{by Q3a})$$

- (i)  $[1 : 0 : 0]$  not contained in projective closure
- (ii)  $[0 : 1 : 0]$  not contained in projective closure
- (iii)  $[0 : 0 : 1]$  not contained in projective closure

- $f_2(x, y) = x^2 + 6y^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{C}[x, y], \tilde{f}_2(x, y, z) = x^2 + 6y^2 + z^2 \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$

$$\overline{\mathbb{V}(f_2)} = \mathbb{V}(\tilde{f}_2) = \mathbb{V}(x^2 + 6y^2 + z^2)$$

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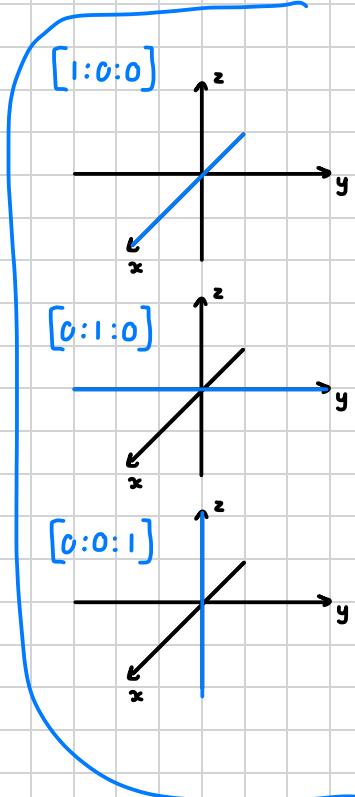
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3c) general necessary and sufficient condition on  $g \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$  such that its homogenisation  $\tilde{g} \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$  does not pass through any of the points  $[1 : 0 : 0], [0 : 1 : 0]$  and  $[0 : 0 : 1]$ :

$\tilde{g}$  doesn't pass through the points if all  $\tilde{g}(1, 0, 0) \neq 0, \tilde{g}(0, 1, 0) \neq 0, \tilde{g}(0, 0, 1) \neq 0$  so iff  $\tilde{g}(x, y, z) = ax^n + by^n + cz^n \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$

so the condition is that  $g$  must be of the form  $ax^n + by^n + c \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$   $a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}^*$

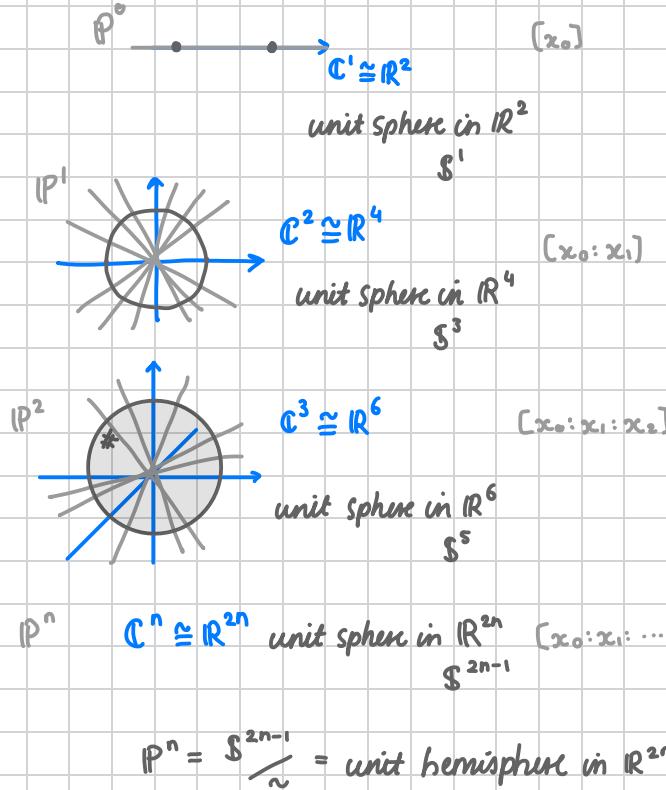


Q4. (15 marks)

- Prove that  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is compact with respect to the quotient Euclidean topology from  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ .
- What is the projective Zariski-closure of the  $\mathbb{V}(y - \sin(x))$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ ? How do you compare this to the Chow's Lemma? Hint. In Example 3.44 we have seen that this curve is not algebraic.

$$4a) \quad \mathbb{P}^n = (\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}) / \sim \\ = \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$$

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $a \sim b$  iff there is  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$  such that  $a = \lambda b$   
 $= \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$



$$q: \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow (\mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}) / \sim$$

map  $p: \mathbb{S}^{2n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{2n-1} / \sim = \mathbb{P}^n = (\mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}) / \sim$   
 $\mathbb{S}^{2n-1}$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$   
 $\mathbb{S}^{2n-1}$  is continuous and surjective so is a quotient map  
 $\mathbb{S}^{2n-1}$  is compact in the Euclidean topology  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{2n-1} / \sim = \mathbb{P}^n$  is compact in the quotient Euclidean topology

4b)

Chow's Lemma:  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  an analytic subvariety of  $\mathbb{P}^n$  ( $X$  is locally given by an analytic equation). Then if  $X$  is compact in the Euclidean topology then  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  is algebraic

Zariski-closure of  $\mathbb{V}(y - \sin(x))$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ :  $\mathbb{V}(y - \sin(x)) = \mathbb{P}^2$

because the smallest closed set containing  $\mathbb{V}(y - \sin(x))$  is  $\mathbb{P}^2$

$\mathbb{V}(y - \sin(x))$  is analytic because  $\mathbb{V}(y - \sin(x))$  is analytic

$\mathbb{V}(y - \sin(x))$  is compact in the Euclidean topology because it is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  and  $\mathbb{P}^2$  is compact in the Euclidean topology from 4a

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$\mathbb{V}(y - \sin(x))$  is analytic and compact but not algebraic so Chow's Lemma doesn't also work for the Zariski topology

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- (b) Assume that  $C_1, C_2 \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$  are two closed affine algebraic curves.
- Prove that we have the inclusion  $\overline{C_1 \cap C_2} \subseteq \overline{C_1} \cap \overline{C_2}$  of projective closures.
  - Find two curves such that the above inclusion is strict.

5a) Let  $l_1 = \mathbb{V}(a_1x + b_1y + c_1z)$  and  $l_2 = \mathbb{V}(a_2x + b_2y + c_2z)$ ,  $a_i, b_i, c_i \in \mathbb{C}$  be two distinct lines in  $\mathbb{P}^2$

$\mathbb{P}^2 = (\mathbb{C}^3 \setminus \{0\})/\sim$  (where  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $a \sim b$  iff there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$  such that  $a = \lambda \cdot b$ )

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 & 0 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & d_1 & e_1 \\ 0 & 1 & d_2 & e_2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x + d_1 z = e_1$$

$$y + d_2 z = e_2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x + d_1 z = e_1 \\ y + d_2 z = e_2 \end{array} \right\} \quad x + \frac{e_2 - y}{d_2} d_1 - e_1 = 0$$

this line passes through  $(0, 0, 0)$

$$\Rightarrow 0 + \frac{e_2 - 0}{d_2} d_1 - e_1 = 0$$

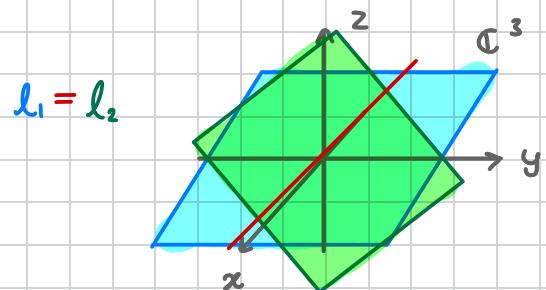
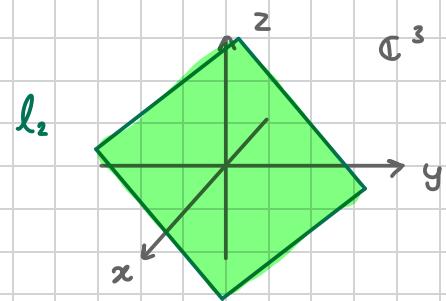
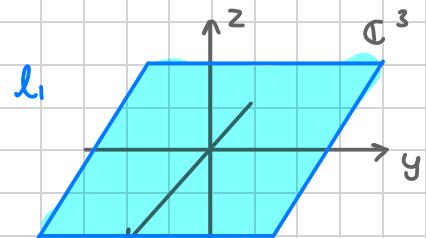
$$\Rightarrow e_2 d_1 - e_1 d_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{e_2 d_1}{d_2}$$

$$x + \frac{e_2 d_1}{d_2} y - \frac{d_1}{d_2} y - \frac{e_2 d_1}{d_2} = 0$$

$$x + \frac{d_1}{d_2} y = 0 \quad \text{a point in } \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$[1 : \frac{d_1}{d_2} : 0]$$



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5b)  $C_1, C_2 \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$  are closed affine algebraic curves

5bi)  $C_1 = V(a_1x + b_1y + c_1)$  and  $C_2 = V(a_2x + b_2y + c_2)$

$$\overline{C_1} = V(a_1x + b_1y + c_1z) \text{ and } \overline{C_2} = V(a_2x + b_2y + c_2z) \quad \text{by Q3a}$$

$$C_1 \cap C_2 = V(a_1x + b_1y + c_1) \cap V(a_2x + b_2y + c_2)$$

$$= V(a_1x + b_1y + c_1, a_2x + b_2y + c_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{C_1 \cap C_2} = \overline{V(a_1x + b_1y + c_1, a_2x + b_2y + c_2)}$$

$$= V(\tilde{\mathcal{I}}) \quad \tilde{\mathcal{I}} = \{ \tilde{f} \in \mathbb{C}(x, y, z) : f \in (a_1x + b_1y + c_1, a_2x + b_2y + c_2) \}$$

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 $C_2 = V(x + y^2 + 1)$        $\overline{C_2} = V(xz + y^2 + z)$

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for  $x \in O$   $\text{id}_O(x) = \frac{\text{id}_O(x)}{1} \in \mathcal{O}_Y(O) \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y(O) \neq \emptyset$

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and  $(ab) f(x) = a \cdot (b \cdot f(x))$

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6bi)  $U, V$  open  $U \subseteq V \subseteq X$

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then for every point in  $p \in V$  that is contained in a neighbourhood  $V'$  then  $U \cap V'$  is an open neighbourhood in  $U$  containing  $p$ .

so for every point in  $U \cap V' \subseteq U$  there are polynomials  $g, h \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  such that  $h(p) \neq 0$  and  $f|_{U \cap V'}(p) = \frac{g(p)}{h(p)}$  for any  $p \in V' \Rightarrow$  for any  $p \in U \cap V' \subseteq U$

so  $f \in \mathcal{O}_X(V) \Rightarrow f|_U \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$

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for  $f \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$  and  $f' \in \mathcal{O}_X(U')$  then  $f(p) = f'(p)$  for any  $p \in U \cap U'$

and if  $f(p) = f'(p)$  for any  $p \in U_i \cap U_j$ ,  $f(p) \in \mathcal{O}_X(U_i)$   $f'(p) \in \mathcal{O}_X(U_j)$

then for  $f'' \in \mathcal{O}_X(U_i \cap U_j)$ ,  $f''|_{U_i} = f_i$  and  $f''|_{U_j} = f_j$