

SOME PROBLEMS FROM CHAPTER 4 SECTION 2

PROJECTIVE ALGEBRAIC SETS

problem 4.7

Show that each irreducible component of a cone is a cone.

let V is an algebraic set over P^n

$C(V) = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}) | (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in A^{n+1} \text{ or } (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)\}$

is defined to be the cone over V

let $V = \cup_{i=1}^n V_i$ where V_i is an irreducible component of V

claim: $C(V) = \cup_{i=1}^n C(V_i)$

let $a \in C(V) \implies a = (0, 0, \dots, 0) \text{ or } a \in V$

in both of the cases $a \in \cup_{i=1}^n C(V_i)$

if $b \in \cup_{i=1}^n C(V_i) \implies b \in C(V_i) \implies b = (0, 0, \dots, 0) \text{ or } b \in V_i \implies b \in C(V)$

so, $C(V) = \cup_{i=1}^n C(V_i)$

now $I_a(C(V_i)) = I_p(V_i)$ as V_i is an irreducible projective space

$I_p(V_i)$ is prime $\implies C(V_i)$ is irreducible.

so, irreducible component of $C(V)$ is also a cone [as the decomposition is unique]

4.12

let H_1, H_2, \dots, H_m be hypersurfaces in $P^n, m \leq n$. Show that $H_1 \cap H_2 \cap \dots \cap H_m \neq \emptyset$
hyperplane is a hypersurface defined by a form of degree 1. i.e., V is a hypersurface if $V = V(F)$ where $\deg(F) = 1$ and F is a form.

$V = \cap_{i=1}^n H_i$

let $H_i = V(F_i)$

$V = V(F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m)$

let $F_i(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n+1}) = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} a_{ji} X_j$

let $A = (a_{ij})$ which is a $(n+1) \times m$ order matrix.

so rank of $A = r, 1 < r < n+1$ [as $m < n+1$]

so, by the problem 4.11 \exists a projective change of co-ordinates T s.t. $V^T =$

$V(X_{r+1}, \dots, X_{n+1})$

so, $V^T \neq \emptyset$

so, $V \neq \emptyset$

4.13

let $P = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}), Q = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n+1})$ be two distinct points of P^n . The line L through P and Q is defined by $L = \{(\lambda a_1 + \mu b_1, \dots, \lambda a_{n+1} + \mu b_{n+1}) | \lambda, \mu \neq 0\}$

a) if T is a projective change of co-ordinates then $T(L)$ is the line

passing through $T(P), T(Q)$

$T(L) = \{(T(\lambda P + \mu Q)) | \lambda, \mu \neq 0\} = \{(\lambda T(P) + \mu T(Q)) | \lambda, \mu \neq 0\}$ [as T maps linearly to the co-ordinates]

so, $T(L)$ is the line passing through $T(P), T(Q)$

b) a line is a linear subvariety of dimension 1 and a linear subvariety of dimension 1 is a line passing through any two of its point.

let L be a line passing through $P = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}), Q = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n+1})$

as P, Q are distinct point in $P^n \implies (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}), (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n+1})$ are linearly independent vectors in k^{n+1}

so, there is an invertible matrix A of $n+1 \times n+1$ s.t. $A(1, 0, \dots, 0) = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}), A(0, 1, \dots, 0) = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n+1})$

so, there corresponding projective change of co ordinate T will transform e_1 to P , e_2 to Q .

now $L^T = T^{-1}(L)$ is the line passing through $T^{-1}(P) = e_1, T^{-1}(Q) = e_2$

so, $T^{-1}(L) = (\lambda, \mu, 0, 0, \dots, 0) = V(X_3, \dots, X_{n+1})$ [as $\lambda, \mu \neq 0$] which is a linear subvariety of dimension 1

similarly if V is a linear subvariety of dimension 1 then \exists a projective change of co-ordinates T s.t. $T^{-1}(L) = V(X_3, \dots, X_{n+1})$ which is the line passing through $e_1, e_2 \implies L$ is a line passing through $T(e_1), T(e_2)$

c) In P^2 a line is the same thing as a hyperplane .

If L is a line in P^2

so, $T^{-1}(L) = V(X_3) = \{(\lambda, \mu, 0) | \lambda, \mu \neq 0\} \implies L = V(X_3(T_1, T_2, T_3)) \implies L$ is a hyperplane.

d) let $P, P' \in P^1, L_1, L_2$ are two distinct lines passing through P and L'_1, L'_2 are two distinct passing through P' show that there is an projective change of co-ordinates T s.t. $T(P) = P', T(L_i) = L'_i, i = 1, 2$

4.14)

let P_1, P_2, P_3 (resp. Q_1, Q_2, Q_3) be three points in P^2 not lying on a line . Show that \exists a projective change of co-ordinates $T : P^2 \rightarrow P^2$ s.t. $T(P_i) = Q_i$

Solution:

let $P_i = (a_i, 1, a_i^2)$

since P_1, P_2, P_3 (resp Q_1, Q_2, Q_3) are not lying in a line so, they are linearly independent in $K^3 \implies$ forms a basis in K^3 .

so, \exists an invertible matrix A s.t. $A(P_i) = Q_i$

let T be the corresponding projective change of co-ordinates w.r.t A

so, $T(P_i) = Q_i$

4.15)

Show that any two distinct lines in P^2 intersect in one point.

Solution:

let $L_1 = (\lambda, \mu, 0)$ (ie, the line passing through $(1, 0, 0) = e_1; e_2 = (0, 1, 0)$)

, $L_2 = (\lambda P + \mu Q)$
 let $P = (a_1, a_2, a_3), Q = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$
 so, $L_2 = \{(\lambda a_1 + \mu b_1), (\lambda a_2 + \mu b_2), (\lambda a_3 + \mu b_3)\}$
 if both a_3, b_3 are zero then L_1, L_2 becomes the same line.
 let $a_3 \neq 0$
 if $b_3 = 0$ then $Q = b_1 e_1 + b_2 e_2 \in L_1$
 so, L_1, L_2 intersect in Q
 let $b_3 \neq 0$
 $b_3(P) - a_3(Q) = (b_3 a_1 - a_3 b_1, b_3 a_2 - a_3 b_2, 0) \in L_1$
 so, L_1, L_2 intersect in a point.
 let A, B be two lines
 so, \exists a projective change of co-ordinates T s.t. $T(A) = L_1$
 let $T(B) = L_2$
 so, let R be the intersection point of L_1, L_2
 so, $T^{-1}(R)$ is the intersection point of A, B

4.16)

Let L_1, L_2, L_3 (resp. M_1, M_2, M_3) are three line in P^2 s.t. not all 3 passes through a same point .show that there is a projective change of co-ordinates T s.t. $T(L_i) = M_i$

Solution:

let P_{ij} is the point of intersection of L_i and L_j and Q_{ij} is the point of intersection of M_i and M_j where $i < j$
 so, as P_{12}, P_{13}, P_{23} (resp. Q_{12}, Q_{13}, Q_{23}) does not lie in a line so, by problem 4.14 \exists a projective change of co-ordinates T s.t. $T(P_{ij}) = Q_{ij}$
 and so by the problem 4.13 part a $T(L_i) = M_i$

4.18

let $H = V(\sum a_i X_i)$ be a hyperplane in P^n . $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1})$ is determined by H upto constant.

a) show that assigning $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}) = P \in P^n$, to H sets a natural one to one correspondence between $\{\text{hyperplanes in } P^n\}$ and P^n .

Solution:

$\phi : P^n \rightarrow \{\text{hyperplanes in } P^n\}$ s.t. $\phi(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}) = V(a_1 X_1 + \dots + a_{n+1} X_{n+1})$
 clearly ϕ is well defined.

$\psi : \{\text{hyperplanes in } P^n\} \rightarrow P^n$ s.t. $V(F) = V(a_1 X_1 + \dots + a_{n+1} X_{n+1}) = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1})$

let $V(a_1 X_1 + \dots + a_{n+1} X_{n+1}) = V(b_1 X_1 + \dots + b_{n+1} X_{n+1}) \implies I(V(a_1 X_1 + \dots + a_{n+1} X_{n+1})) = I(V(b_1 X_1 + \dots + b_{n+1} X_{n+1}))$

$\implies a_1 X_1 + \dots + a_{n+1} X_{n+1} = \lambda(b_1 X_1 + \dots + b_{n+1} X_{n+1}), \lambda \neq 0$ [as forms of deg 1 are irreducible]

$\implies (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}) = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n+1})$ in P^n

and $\phi \circ \psi$ and $\psi \circ \phi$ both are identity. so, assigning $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}) = P \in P^n$, to H sets a natural one to one correspondence between $\{\text{hyperplanes in } P^n\}$ and P^n .

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$P \in P^n, P^* = \phi(P)$, H is a hyperplane then $H^* = \psi(H)$

b) Show that $P^{**} = P; H^{**} = H$. Show that $P \in H \iff H^* \in P^*$

Solution:

clearly by part a $P^{**} = P; H^{**} = H$

let $P = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{n+1}) \in H = V(a_1 X_1 + \dots + a_{n+1} X_{n+1}) \iff a_1 p_1 + \dots + a_{n+1} p_{n+1} = 0 \iff (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}) \in V(p_1 X_1 + \dots + p_{n+1} X_{n+1}) \iff H^* \in P^*$