

Lecture 5

Projective spaces: $\mathbb{C}P^n =$ set of 1-dim. subspaces of \mathbb{C}^{n+1}

$\vec{z} = (z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ If $\vec{z} \neq 0$ then $[\vec{z}] = \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{\vec{z}\} \in \mathbb{C}P^n$

$$\pi: \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n \quad [z_0: z_1: \dots: z_n]$$
$$\vec{z} \mapsto [\vec{z}]$$

$$[\vec{z}] = [\vec{z}'] \iff \vec{z}' = \lambda \vec{z} \text{ for } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$$

$$\mathbb{C}P^n = (\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}) / \mathbb{C}^* \quad (\text{use quotient topology})$$

$\mathbb{C}P^n$ is a complex manifold of complex dimension n .

Atlas: $U_i = \{ [z_0: \dots: z_n] \mid z_i \neq 0 \}$ $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$

$$\varphi_i: U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n \quad [z_0: z_1: \dots: z_n] \mapsto \left(\frac{z_0}{z_i}, \dots, \frac{z_{i-1}}{z_i}, \frac{z_{i+1}}{z_i}, \dots, \frac{z_n}{z_i} \right)$$

$$U_i \cap U_j = \{ z_i \neq 0, z_j \neq 0 \}$$

$$\varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1} = \text{multiplication by } \frac{z_i}{z_j}$$

- z_0, \dots, z_n are called homogeneous coordinates
 z_i is not a well defined function on $\mathbb{C}P^n$, but ratios z_i/z_j are well-defined.

Homogeneous polynomials A polynomial $F(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n)$ is called homogeneous of degree d if every term has total degree d .

eg. $z_0^2 z_1 + z_0 z_1 z_2 + z_2^3$ - homogeneous of degree 3.

$$F(\lambda z_0, \dots, \lambda z_n) = \lambda^d F(z_0, \dots, z_n)$$

The value of F at a point in \mathbb{CP}^n does not make sense, but the condition $F(z_0, \dots, z_n) = 0$ does make sense.

hypersurface: $V(F) = \{[z_0, \dots, z_n] \in \mathbb{CP}^n \mid F(z_0, \dots, z_n) = 0\}$
 complete intersection: $V(F_1, \dots, F_r) = V(F_1) \cap \dots \cap V(F_r)$
 Such sets are examples of projective varieties.

Affine charts and (de)homogenization.

$$U_0 = \{[z_0, \dots, z_n] \in \mathbb{CP}^n \mid z_0 \neq 0\} = \mathbb{CP}^n \setminus V(z_0)$$

$$\text{Affine coordinates } Z_i = \frac{z_i}{z_0} \quad \varphi_0: U_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$$

Homogeneous

$$F(z_0, \dots, z_n)$$

\longmapsto

Non homogeneous

$$f(Z_1, \dots, Z_n) = \frac{F(z_0, \dots, z_n)}{z_0^d} \\ = F(1, z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

$$G(z_0, \dots, z_n) \\ = z_0^d g\left(\frac{z_1}{z_0}, \dots, \frac{z_n}{z_0}\right)$$

$$\longleftarrow g(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$$

$$z_0^3 + z_1^3 + z_2^3$$

\longrightarrow

$$1 + z_1^3 + z_2^3$$

$$z_1^2 + z_2 z_0 + 4 z_0^2$$

\longleftarrow

$$z_1^2 + z_2 + 4$$

If $X = V(F) \subset \mathbb{CP}^n$ then $\varphi_0(X \cap U_0) = V(f) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$

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dehomogenization of F .

Projective plane curves

$n=2$

\mathbb{CP}^2

homogeneous coordinates $[z_0:z_1:z_2]$
 $= [x:y:z]$

Def Let $F(x,y,z)$ be homogeneous polynomial.

F is nonsingular if

$F, \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}$ do not all vanish simultaneously

at any point of \mathbb{CP}^2

(Remark: $F(\vec{0}) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(\vec{0}) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(\vec{0}) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(\vec{0}) = 0$

but $\vec{0}$ doesn't represent a point of \mathbb{CP}^2]

Thm If $F(x,y,z)$ is nonsingular then $X = V(F)$ is a Riemann surface.

Sketch proof: F nonsingular \Rightarrow dehomogenizations are nonsingular.

$$X = (X \cap U_0) \cup (X \cap U_1) \cup (X \cap U_2)$$

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 these are Riemann surfaces.

Note: F homogeneous of degree $d \Rightarrow F = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=0}^n z_i \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_i}$

$$\text{so } \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = dF$$

$$\text{so } \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = F = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0.$$

Higher dimensional projective curves.

$$X = \bigvee (F_1, \dots, F_{n-1}) \subset \mathbb{C}P^n$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\ d_1 \quad \dots \quad d_{n-1} \end{array}$$

Complete intersection of type (d_1, \dots, d_{n-1})

Nonsingularity condition: Matrix $\left(\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j} \right)_{\substack{i=1, \dots, n-1 \\ j=0, \dots, n}}$

has maximal rank $= n-1$ at every point of X .

More generally, a local complete intersection is a curve that is locally of this form.

$\mathbb{C}P^n$ is compact since the map $\pi: S^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$
 $\left\{ \frac{z}{\|z\|} \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \mid \|z\|=1 \right\}$
 presents it as the continuous image of a compact space.

$\bigvee (F_1, \dots, F_r) \subset \mathbb{C}P^n$ is closed. so compact.

So nonsingular $V(F) \subset \mathbb{C}P^2$ or $V(F_1, \dots, F_{n-1}) \subset \mathbb{C}P^n$
 are compact Riemann surfaces.

If $n=2$, $F(x,y,z)$ irreducible $\Rightarrow V(F) \subset \mathbb{C}P^2$ connected

Ex plane cubic $y^2 = x^3 - x$ $f(x,y) = y^2 - x^3 + x$
 homogeneous $F(x,y,z) = y^2 z - x^3 + x z^2$

Points of $V(y^2 z - x^3 + x z^2) \subset \mathbb{C}P^2$

Affine chart $U = \{z \neq 0\} \cong \mathbb{C}^2$ $\mathbb{CP}^2 \setminus U = \overset{V(z)}{\text{"line at infinity"}}$
 A point $[x:y:z] \in U$ can be normalized to $[x:y:1]$

$$0 = F(x, y, 1) = y^2 - x^3 + x$$

$$V(F) \cap U = \{ [x:y:1] \mid y^2 = x^3 - x \}$$

Rest of the points occur when $z=0$

$$V(F) \cap V(z) = \{ [x:y:z] \mid \overset{z=0}{y^2 z = x^3 - x z^2} \}$$

$$= \{ [x:y:0] \mid 0 = x^3 \}$$

$$= \{ [0:y:0] \} = \{ [0:1:0] \}$$

So $V(F) \cap V(z)$ contains just one point.

"The projective curve has one point at infinity".

E.g. Affine eqn $x^2 + y^2 = 1$
 Homog. eqn $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$

$$\text{Points at } \infty \quad \{ [x:y:0] \mid x^2 + y^2 = 0 \}$$

solutions are $y = \pm ix$

This only amounts to two points in \mathbb{CP}^2
 $[1:i:0]$ and $[1:-i:0]$