

Preview of next semester (MTH 787).

Theory of one-dimensional varieties.

Bézout's Theorem:

Given  $f(x,y) \& g(x,y) \in \mathbb{C}[x,y]$  of degrees  $d \& e$ , find the intersection

$$C_f \cap C_g.$$

Bézout: If  $f \& g$  coprime then

$$\# C_f \cap C_g \leq de.$$

And equal if we count with multiplicity & in  $\mathbb{CP}^2$ .

Proof (sketch): Homogenize:

$$F(x,y,z), G(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{C}[x,y,z]^d \quad e.$$

Note:  $(a,b,c) \in C_F \cap C_G \iff$

$$F(x,y,c), G(x,y,c) \in \mathbb{C}[x,y]$$

have a common root  $xb - ya$ .

This happens  $\Leftrightarrow \text{Res}_z(F, G) = 0$ .  
 We showed that

$$\text{Res}_z(F, G) = \langle [x, y] \rangle$$

is homogeneous of degree  $de$ ,  
 hence it splits over  $\mathbb{C}$ :

$$\text{Res}_z(F, G) = \prod_i (xb_i - ya_i)^{m_i}.$$

Say that  $m_i$  is the multiplicity  
 of corresponding point of intersection

$$\Rightarrow \sum m_i = \deg \text{Res}(F, G) = de. \quad //$$

Corollaries:

- No disjoint curves in  $\mathbb{CP}^2$ .

- $<\infty$  singular points

$$C_F \cap C_{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}} \cap C_{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}.$$

- $<\infty$  inflection points

$$C_F \cap C_{\det(H_F)}. \quad //$$

Lots of interesting enumerative questions.

Plücker's formulas.



Intersection multiplicity turns out to be a projective invariant.

Modern View : Local Rings.

To irreducible curve  $C_F$ , we associate a ring  $\mathcal{O}[C] = \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]/(F)$ .

Since  $F$  is irreducible,  $(F)$  is prime, hence  $\mathcal{O}[C]$  is a domain. Define the "field of rational functions"

$$\mathcal{O}(C) = \text{Frac } \mathcal{O}[x, y, z]/(F).$$

Would like to think of these as functions  $C \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , but this is not quite true.

Given  $\vec{p} \in C$  define

$$\mathcal{O}_{\vec{p}}(C) = \{ f \in \mathcal{O}(C) : \exists \text{ expression}$$

$f = \frac{a}{b}$  such that  $b(\vec{p}) \neq 0 \}$   
= rational functions defined at  $\vec{p}$ .

Consider the maximal ideal

$$m_{\vec{p}} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{\vec{p}}$$

$$m_{\vec{p}} = \{ f \in \mathcal{O}_{\vec{p}} : f(\vec{p}) = 0 \}$$

This is the unique maximal ideal, so  
 $\mathcal{O}_{\vec{p}}$  is called a "local ring"  
(one maximal ideal = one point)

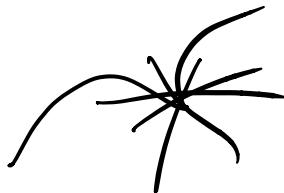
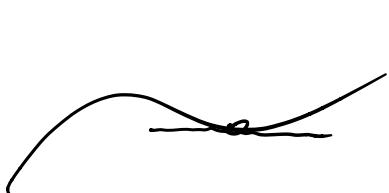
Zariski tangent space:

$$(\mathcal{I}_{\vec{p}} C_F)^* \approx \frac{m_{\vec{p}}}{m_{\vec{p}}^2 + (F)} \approx \frac{m_{\vec{p}}}{m_{\vec{p}}^2}$$

Point  $\vec{p} \in C$  is smooth

$$\Leftrightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{C}} (m_{\vec{p}}/m_{\vec{p}}^2) = 1$$

is singular ( $\Leftrightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{C}} (m_{\vec{p}}/m_{\vec{p}}^2) = 2$ ).



Algebraically:

$\vec{p} \in C$  smooth  $\iff O_p$  is DVR  
"discrete valuation ring"

Let  $\vec{p} \in C_F \cap C_G$ . Define the intersection multiplicity:

$$[C_F \cdot C_G]_{\vec{p}} = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} O_p(\mathbb{C}^2) / (F, G)$$

Properties:

If  $V(I) = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$

consists of finitely many points, let

$$O_i = O_{p_i}(\mathbb{C}^2)$$

Then we have an isomorphism:

$$\mathbb{C}[x, y]/I = \prod_i O_i/I O_i$$

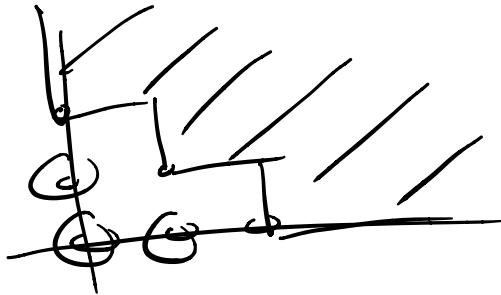
Corollary:

$$\sum_i [C_F \cdot C_G]_{p_i} = \dim \mathbb{C}[x, y]/(F, G) \\ = d_e.$$

Example :  $V(I_1) \cup V(I_2) = V(I_1 \cap I_2)$

$$V(m_p) \cup V(m_g) = V(m_p \cap m_g)$$

$$\mathbb{C}[x,y] / (x^2, xy, y^2)$$



$$\dim = 3$$

basis  $1, x, y$ .



Complex Analysis :

Given  $f(x,y) \in \mathbb{C}[x,y]$  the curve  
 $C_f \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$  is irreducible.

- compact in  $\mathbb{C}P^2$
- orientable      }
- connected.      }

Orientable : If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{R}^4$  is tangent to curve at  $\vec{p}$ , then  
 $i\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{R}^4$  is also tangent.

Basis  $\alpha_i$ , i.e. of tangent space to  $C$   
changes smoothly.

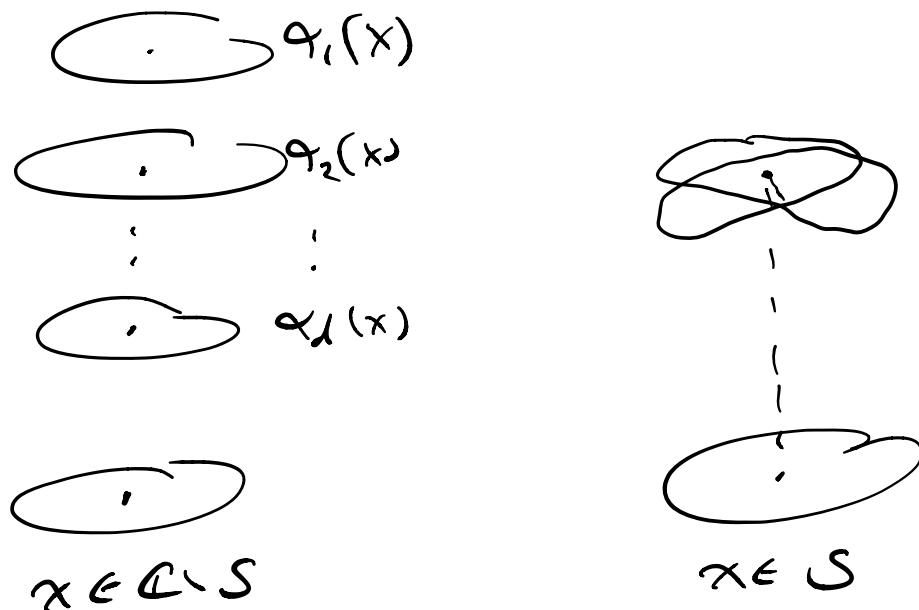
Connected: Let  $f(x, y) = y^d + \text{lower terms}$ .

For each  $\alpha \in C$  define  $f_\alpha(y) = f(\alpha, y)$   
in  $\mathbb{C}[y]$ . Ramification points

$$S = \{\alpha \in C : f_\alpha(y) \text{ has repeated roots}\}$$

$$\# S \leq d(d-1) < \infty.$$

Above each  $x \in C \setminus S$ ,  $\exists$  exactly  
 $d$  roots of  $f_x(y)$ :  $\alpha_1(x), \dots, \alpha_d(x)$ .



Ramified covering of degree  $d$ .

Over any  $x \in \mathbb{C} \setminus S$  we have

$$f(x, y) = \prod_{i=1}^k (y - \alpha_i(x))$$

Follows :  $e_k(x) = \prod_{i_1 < \dots < i_k} \alpha_{i_1}(x) \cdots \alpha_{i_k}(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ .

Connected ? Suppose not :  $C = C_1 \sqcup C_2$

degrees  $d_1 + d_2 = d$ .

$$f(x, y) = \prod_{i=1}^{d_1} (y - \beta_i(x)) \prod_{i=1}^{d_2} (y - \gamma_i(x))$$

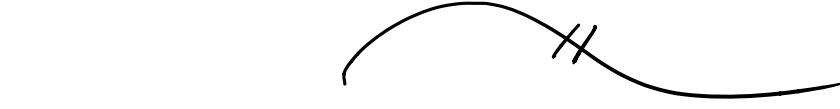
$\nwarrow \quad \nearrow$   
are these polynomials ?

Functions  $f_k = \prod_{i_1 < \dots < i_k} \beta_{i_1}(x) \cdots \beta_{i_k}(x)$

are holomorphic and grow like a polynomial,  
hence they are polynomial.



Note : Galois Theory !



Topology: Riemann-Hurwitz

$$\chi_c = 2 - 2g$$



Let  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  degree d.

$$\chi_M = d(\chi_N - k) + \sum e_i$$

where  $e_i$  is number of preimages over ramification point  $m_i$ .

Corollaries:

- any map  $C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  with

- $\chi_C \geq 1$  is ramified.

- Genus of a smooth curve of deg d:

$$g = \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2}$$



# Number Theory:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Covering Spaces} & \sim & \text{Galois Theory} \\
 \text{Riemann Surfaces} & \sim & \text{Number Theory} \\
 (\mathbb{C}[z]) & & \mathbb{Z} \\
 \text{PIDs} & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C & \mathcal{O}(C) \supseteq \mathbb{C}[C] \\
 d \downarrow & \uparrow d & \uparrow ? \text{ might be bad!} \\
 \mathbb{P}^1 & \mathcal{O}(z) \supseteq \mathbb{C}[z]
 \end{array}$$

Can be fixed by taking the "integral closure of  $\mathbb{C}[C]$  in  $\mathcal{O}(C)$ ".

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{O}(C) & \supseteq & \mathcal{O} = \mathbb{C}[\tilde{C}] \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{resolution of singularities.} \\
 \mathcal{O}(z) & \supseteq & \mathbb{C}[z]
 \end{array}$$

This picture came from number theory:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{-7}) & \supseteq & \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-7}] \\
 2 \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{might be bad!} \\
 \mathcal{O} & \supseteq & \mathbb{Z}
 \end{array}$$

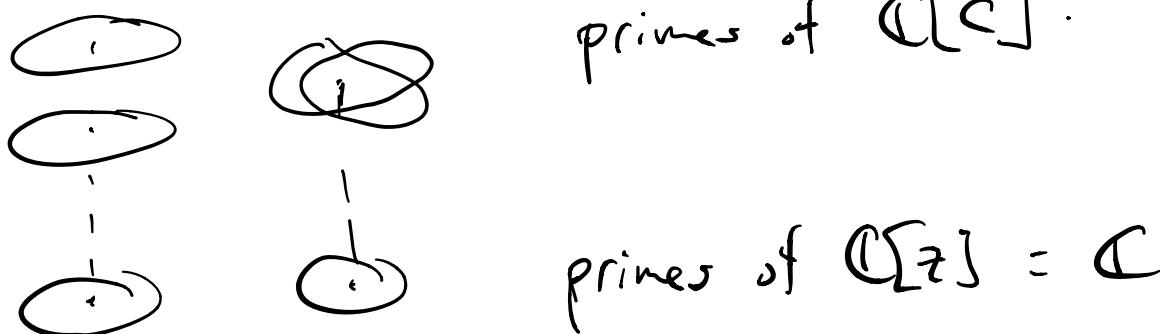
Dedekind tells us to take the integral closure of  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-7}]$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7})$ .

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7}) \supseteq \mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1+\sqrt{-7}}{2}\right]$$

$\cup 1 \qquad \cup 1 \qquad \swarrow$  unique factorization  
 $\mathcal{O} \supseteq \mathbb{Z}$  of ideals.

Analogy:

points of  $C =$  prime ideals of  $\mathbb{C}[c]$ .



points of  $\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_K =$  prime ideals  $P$



points of  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z} =$  prime ideals  $p$

We can also use the language

points = valuations.