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Homework 5  
Due: Friday, September 21

Throughout this problem set, let  $F(Z_0, \dots, Z_n) \in \mathbb{C}[Z_0, \dots, Z_n]$  be homogeneous of degree  $d$ . Let  $W = \{P \in \mathbb{P}^n : F(P) = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  be the vanishing locus of  $F$ .

1. *Dehomogenization* Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F(1, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

(a) Show that  $Z_0^d f(Z_1/Z_0, \dots, Z_n/Z_0) = F(Z_0, \dots, Z_n)$ .

*In fact, the affine coordinates  $x_j$  are related to the projective coordinates  $Z_j$  by  $x_j = Z_j/Z_0$ .*

(b) Suppose  $P = [a_0, \dots, a_n] \in U_0$ . Show that  $F(P) = 0$  if and only if  $f(a_1/a_0, \dots, a_n/a_0) = 0$ .

*In fact, let  $\phi_0 : U_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  be the usual chart. Then  $\phi_0(W \cap U_0)$  is the vanishing locus of  $f$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .*

2. *A formula of Euler* Let  $F(Z_0, \dots, Z_n) \in \mathbb{C}[Z_0, \dots, Z_n]$  be homogeneous of degree  $d$ . Prove Euler's formula:

$$F = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=0}^n Z_j \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial Z_j} F.$$

(HINT: Prove this for monomials.)

3. Let  $F \in \mathbb{C}[Z_0, \dots, Z_n]$  be homogeneous of degree  $d$ .

(a) Suppose  $P \in \mathbb{P}^n$  is a point such that for each  $j \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial Z_j} F|_P = 0$ . Show that  $F(P) = 0$ , too.

(b) Suppose that the partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial}{\partial Z_j} F$  have no common zero. Show that  $W$  admits a structure of complex manifold.

(HINT: Consider the intersections  $X \cap U_j$  of  $X$  with the various affine patches  $U_j$ . If  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F(1, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f|_{(a_1, \dots, a_n)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial Z_j} F|_{[1, a_1, \dots, a_n]}.$$

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4. Let  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a lattice. On Monday we will define its discriminant as

$$\Delta(\Lambda) = (60G_4(\Lambda))^3 - 27(140G_6(\Lambda))^2.$$

and show that it is nonzero.

(a) Explain how to define a  $\Delta$  function on the upper half plane  $\mathfrak{h}$  such that  $\Delta(\tau) = \Delta(\Lambda_{1,\tau})$ .

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- (b) Suppose  $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ . What is the relationship between  $\Delta(M\tau)$  and  $\Delta(\tau)$ ?
- (c) Construct a (nonconstant) function  $f$  on  $\mathfrak{h}$  of the form  $f(\tau) = \frac{g(\tau)}{\Delta(\tau)}$  such that for all  $\tau \in \mathfrak{h}$  and  $M \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $f(M\tau) = f(\tau)$ .

(HINT: See HW 4 #1.)