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Homework 8  
Due: Friday, March 27

1. Suppose  $\mathcal{F}$  is a coherent sheaf on  $X$  and  $P \in X$ . Suppose that the stalk  $\mathcal{F}_P$  is a free  $\mathcal{O}_{X,P}$ -module. Show that there is an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $P$  such that  $\mathcal{F}|_U$  is free.  
(HINT: Suppose  $\mathcal{F}_P = \bigoplus \mathcal{O}_{X,P} f_i$ . Find an open neighborhood  $V$  and a candidate  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ -module  $M$ . Compare  $\tilde{M}$  to  $\mathcal{F}|_U$ ...)

2. Let  $k$  be a field,  $\lambda \in k - \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $E_\lambda = \text{Proj } k[X, Y, Z]/(Y^2Z - X(X - Z)(X - \lambda Z))$ , i.e.,  $E_\lambda$  is

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(Y^2Z - X(X - Z)(X - \lambda Z)).$$

It turns out that  $E_\lambda$  can also be described as the vanishing locus of the quadrics  $XW - YZ$  and  $YW - (X - Z)(X - \lambda Z)$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ .

Let  $i : E_\lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  be the first embedding, and let  $j : E_\lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  be the second embedding.

Show that  $\mathcal{F} = i^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$  is not the same line bundle as  $\mathcal{G} = j^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)$ .

(HINT: If you like, let  $s$  be a nonzero element  $\mathcal{F}(E_\lambda)$ , and let  $t$  be a nonzero element of  $\mathcal{G}(E_\lambda)$ . Using techniques from last semester, show that  $E_\lambda - E_{\lambda,s}$  typically consists of three points, while  $E_\lambda - E_{\lambda,t}$  typically consists of four points. )