

**PROBLEM 11.1** Along the lines above, prove that a conic intersects a curve of degree  $n$  in  $2n$  points multiplicities taken into account unless the conic is a component of the curve. HINT: Parameterize the conic as  $(u^2, uv : v^2)$ . ★

Since all conics  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  are projectively equivalent, we may assume  $Q$  is given by  $Q = Z_+(xz - y^2)$  that is, the image of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{P}^1 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathbb{P}^2 \\ (u:v) & \mapsto & (u^2:uv:v^2) \end{array} \quad \text{Veronese embedding of } \mathbb{P}^1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$$

Now let  $C = Z_+(F)$  be a curve of degree  $n$ .

Then  $C \cap Q = Z_+(xz - y^2, F)$  is given by

the solutions to the equation  $\sum_{i=1}^{2n} (a_i u + b_i v)^2 = 0$

$$\phi^* F = F(u^2, uv, v^2) = 0$$

This is a binary form of degree  $2n$  in  $u, v$   
 ↳ exactly  $2n$  solutions (up to scaling).

**PROBLEM 11.3** Find the intersection and the local multiplicities of the three surfaces in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  given by  $xy - zw$ ,  $xz - yw$  and  $xw - yz$ . ★

By Bezout, we expect 8 intersection pts (with multiplicities).

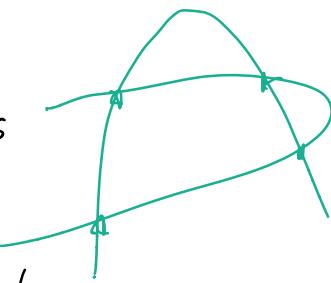
Note that the ideal  $I$  generated by the quadrics is symmetric wrt. permuting the variables.

We find some points by inspection:

$$(1:0:0:0) \rightsquigarrow \text{gives 4 points}$$

$$(1:1:1:1) \rightsquigarrow \text{gives 1 point}$$

$$(-1:-1:1:1) \rightsquigarrow \text{gives 3 points}$$



∴ 8 intersection pts and all have  $m_p = 1$ .

$$D_4(x) \quad x=1$$

$$\mathcal{O}_p = \left( \frac{k[y, z, w]}{(y - zw, z - yw, w - yz)} \right)_{(y, z, w)} \Rightarrow k$$

$$z = yw = y^2 z \quad \downarrow \text{irreducible}$$

$$w = yz = y^2 w \quad w(1-y^2) = 0 \Rightarrow w=0$$

3 lines  $\rightarrow$  one conic

**PROBLEM 11.4** Prove that  $xy - zw$  and  $x^2y - z^2x$  intersect along five lines. Find the intersection of  $y - x$ ,  $xy - zw$  and  $x^2y - z^2x$ .  $\star$

$$xy = zw$$

$$x^2y = z^2x$$

If  $x=0$ , then  $x = zw = 0$  describe the two lines

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{Z}(x, w) \\ \mathcal{C}_1 \end{array} \cup \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{Z}(x, z) \\ \mathcal{C}_2 \end{array}$$

If  $x \neq 0$ , then  $y = x^{-1}zw$

$$\leadsto x^2(x^{-1}zw) = z^2x$$

$$\leadsto xzw = z^2x \quad \leadsto \begin{array}{l} z^2 = 0 \\ z(w-z) \end{array}$$

$\leadsto$  two components

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{Z}(z, y) \\ \mathcal{C}_3 \end{array} \cup \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{Z}(w-z, xy-z^2) \\ \mathcal{C}_4 \end{array}$$

Intersecting with  $y - z = 0$ :

$$\mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{Z}(y-z) = \mathcal{Z}(x, y-z, w) \quad (0:1:1:0)$$

$$\mathcal{C}_2 \cap \mathcal{Z}(y-z) = \mathcal{Z}(x, z, y-z) \quad (0:0:0:1)$$

$$\mathcal{C}_3 \cap \mathcal{Z}(y-z) = \mathcal{Z}(z, y, y-z) \quad \text{line } \mathcal{Z}(y, z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_4 \cap \mathcal{Z}(y-z) &= \mathcal{Z}(w-z, xy-z^2, y-z) \\ &= \text{two pts: } (1:1:1:-1) \quad (1:0:0:0) \end{aligned}$$

**PROBLEM 11.5** Let  $F = (x_0^2 + x_1^2)x_2 + x_0^3 + x_1^3$  and  $G = x_0^3 + x_1^3 - 2x_0x_1x_2$ . Find all intersection points of  $C = Z_+(F)$  and  $D = Z_+(G)$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  and compute their multiplicities. ★

$$F = (x^2 + y^2)z + x^3 + y^3$$

$$G = x^3 + y^3 - 2xyz$$

Consider  $I = (F, G)$  and  $X = Z_+(I) \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ .

We check the affine charts:

$U_0 = D_+(x) \simeq A\mathbb{A}^2$   $X \cap U_0 \subset A\mathbb{A}^2$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f &= (1+u^2)v + 1+u^3 & u = \frac{x_1}{x_0}, \quad v = \frac{x_2}{x_0} \\ g &= 1+u^3 - 2uv \end{aligned}$$

$J = (f, g)$  has "primary decomposition"

$$J = \underbrace{(3u+3v+3, v^3)}_{q_1} \cap \underbrace{(v, u^2-u+1)}_{q_2}$$

If  $p \in Z(q_1)$  then

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,p} \simeq \left( \frac{k[u,v]}{(3u+3v+3, v^3)} \right)_{m_p} \simeq \frac{k[v]}{v^3} \quad \text{one point.} \quad \rightsquigarrow m_p = 3$$

eliminate  $u$

If  $p \in Z(q_2)$  then

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,p} \simeq \left( \frac{k[u,v]}{(v, u^2-u+1)} \right)_{m_p} \simeq \left( \frac{k[w]}{(w-\alpha)(w-\beta)} \right)_{m_p} \quad \text{two points.} \quad \rightsquigarrow m_p = 1$$

eliminate  $v$

→ Checking the recurring points where  $x=0$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} u^2+v^2+u^3+v^3 \\ u^3+v^3-2uv \end{pmatrix}$

In  $D_+(x_2)$ ,  $X$  is given by  $Z(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} u^2+2uv+v^2 \\ u^3+v^3-2uv \end{pmatrix}$

$u = \frac{x_0}{x_2}$   
 $v = \frac{x_1}{x_2}$

$$\left( \frac{k[u, v]}{((u+v)^2, u^3+v^3-2uv)} \right)_m = \left( \frac{k[u, v]}{((u+v)^2, uv)} \right)_m = \left( \frac{k[u, v]}{(u^2+v^2, uv)} \right)_m \simeq \left( \frac{k[u, v]}{(uv, u^2+v^2, v^3, u^3)} \right)_m$$

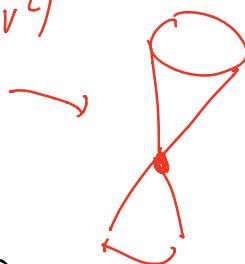
$v^3 = v(u^2+v^2) - u(uv)$

$$\begin{aligned} & ((u+v)^2, u^3+v^3-2uv) \\ &= ((u+v)^2, uv(3u+3v+2)) \\ &= k \oplus k u \oplus k v \oplus k u^2 \\ &\curvearrowleft \text{invertible in } \rightsquigarrow \mu_p = 4 \end{aligned}$$

∴ one point of multiplicity 4  
 one point of multiplicity 3  
 two points of multiplicity 1  $(\text{so } \sum \mu_p = 9 = 3 \cdot 3)$

**PROBLEM 11.6** With the set up of Example 11.5, show that any line through the origin that is not contained in  $Z(xy - z^2)$ , meets  $Z(xy - z^2)$  with multiplicity two there. ★

$$(u^2, uv, v^2)$$



$$L = (\underbrace{ax + by + cz}_0, \underbrace{ex + fy + gz}_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} ax + by + cz &= 0 \\ ex + fy + gz &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{wlog} \quad af - be \neq 0$$

$$\leadsto \text{may assume } L = (x - cz, y - gz)$$

$$\frac{k[x, y, z]}{(x - cz, y - gz, xy - z^2)} \underset{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \frac{k[z]}{(cz)(gz) - z^2} = \left( \frac{k[z]}{(cg-1)z^2} \right)$$

$$\text{If } cg - 1 = 0, \text{ then } L = (x - cz, y - c^{-1}z)$$

$$\text{lies on } Q: (cz)(c^{-1}z) - z^2 = 0.$$

$$\therefore cg - 1 \neq 0 \implies \left( \frac{k[z]}{(cg-1)z^2} \right) \underset{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \frac{k[z]}{z^2}$$

$$\therefore \dim_k \left( \frac{k[z]}{z^2} \right)_m = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

**PROBLEM 11.10** Let  $n > m$  be two natural numbers and let  $\alpha(x)$  and  $\beta(x)$  be two polynomials which do not vanish at  $x = 0$ . Determine the local intersection multiplicity at the origin of the two curves defined respectively by  $y - \alpha(x)x^n$  and  $y - \beta(x)x^m$ . If  $m = n$ , show by exhibiting an example that the local multiplicity can take any integral value larger than  $n$ . ★

$m \leq n$ :

$$\left( \frac{k[x, y]}{(y - \alpha(x)x^n, y - \beta(x)x^m)} \right)_{(x,y)} = \left( \frac{k[x]}{a(x)x^n - b(x)x^m} \right)_{(x)}$$

$a(0) \neq 0 \quad b(0) \neq 0 \Rightarrow a, b \text{ invertible in } k[x]_{(x)}$

$$= \left( \frac{k[x]_{(x)}}{x^m + ab^{-1}(x^n)} \right)_{(x)}$$

$\hookrightarrow \text{multiplicity} = m$

$m > n$

Take  $a, b$  so that  $a(x)x^n - b(x)x^m = x^{n+t}$

$$(a(x) - b(x))x^n$$

$\sim b(x) = 1$   
 $a(x) = 1 + x^t$  works.

**PROBLEM 11.11** Find all intersection points of the two cubic curves defined by the forms  $zy^2 - x^3$  and  $zy^2 + x^3$  (we assume the characteristic of the ground field to be different from two). Determine all the local intersection multiplicities of the two curves. \*

$$X = \mathbb{P}(F, G)$$

$$F = zy^2 - x^3$$

$$G = zy^2 + x^3$$

$\rightsquigarrow \leq 9$  intersection points with multiplicity.

If  $z=0$ , then  $x=0 \rightsquigarrow (0:1:0) \in X$

$\therefore$  Suffices to check  $D_+(z)$  and  $D_+(y)$

$$D_+(z) \cong \mathbb{A}^2$$

$$f = y^2 - x^3$$

$$g = y^2 + x^3$$

$\rightarrow$  intersect only at  $(0,0)$ !

$$\frac{k[x,y]}{(y^2-x^3, y^2+x^3)} \stackrel{\text{char } k \neq 2}{\approx} \frac{k[x,y]}{(y^2+x^3, zy^2)} \cong \frac{k[x,y]}{(x^3, y^2)}$$

$\therefore \mathcal{O}_{X,0}$  has length 6: basis  $1, x, y, x^2, xy, x^2y$   
 $\rightarrow$  mult 6 at

$$D_+(y): \quad f = z - x^3$$

$$g = z + x^3$$

$(0:0:1)$

$$\frac{k[x,z]}{(z-x^3, z+x^3)} \cong \frac{k[x]}{(x^3)} \rightarrow \text{multiplicity 3}$$

$\mathcal{O}_{X,0}$

at  $(0:1:0)$

**PROBLEM 11.12** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two curves in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  being the zero loci of the polynomials  $z^5y^2 - x^3(z^2 - x^2)(2z^2 - x^2)$  and  $z^5y^2 + x^3(z^2 - x^2)(2z^2 - x^2)$ . Determine all intersection points and the local multiplicities in all the intersection points of  $X$  and  $Y$

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$$F = z^5y^2 - x^3(z^2 - x^2)(2z^2 - x^2) \quad G = z^5y^2 + x^3(z^2 - x^2)(2z^2 - x^2) \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{at most} \\ 49 \text{ points} \\ \text{in the intersection} \end{matrix}$$

$$F - G = 2x^3(z^2 - x^2)(2z^2 - x^2)$$

$$\rightarrow x=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x=z \quad \text{or} \quad x=-z \quad \text{or} \\ x=\sqrt{2}z \quad \text{or} \quad x=-\sqrt{2}z$$

$$x=0 \Rightarrow y=0 \quad \text{or} \quad z=0 \Rightarrow (0:1:0) \checkmark \quad 35 \\ (0:0:1) \checkmark \quad 6$$

$$x=z \Rightarrow y=0 \quad \text{or} \quad z=0 \Rightarrow (1:0:1) \checkmark \quad 2 \\ (0:1:0)$$

$$x=-z \Rightarrow y=0 \quad \text{or} \quad z=0 \Rightarrow (1:0:-1) \checkmark \quad 2 \\ (0:1:0)$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{2}z \quad (\pm \sqrt{2}:0:1) \checkmark \quad 2+2$$

$\Rightarrow 6$  points in total

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$$P = (0:1:0) :$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(y) : (F, F-G) \Big|_{y=1} &= (z^5 - x^3(z^2 - x^2)(2z^2 - x^2), \\
 &\quad 2x^3(z^2 - x^2)(2z^2 - x^2)) \\
 &= (z^5, 2x^3(z^2 - x^2)(2z^2 - x^2))
 \end{aligned}$$

Additivity:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_p &= \mu_p(z^5, x^3) + \mu_p(z^5, z-x) + \mu_p(z^5, z+x) \\
 &\quad + \mu_p(z^5, \sqrt{2}z - x) + \mu_p(z^5, \sqrt{2}z + x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$m = (x, z)$ :

$\frac{k[x, z]}{(x^3, z^5)}_m$  has length  $3 \cdot 5 = 15$

$$\frac{k[x, z]}{(z^5, z-x)} = \frac{k[x]}{(x^5)} \quad \text{has length 5} \quad \text{etc}$$

$$\leadsto \mu_p = 15 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 = \underline{\underline{35}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(z) : \quad &(y^2 - x^3(1 - x^2)(2 - x^2), y^2) \\
 &= (y^2, x^3(1-x)(1+x)(\sqrt{2}-x)(\sqrt{2}+x))
 \end{aligned}$$

Additivity :  $p = (0, 0)$ :

$$\mu_p = \mu_p(x^3, y^2) = 6$$

$$P = (x, y) = (1, 0)$$

$$\mu_P = \mu_P(y^2, 1-x) = 2$$

$$P = (x, y) = (-1, 0)$$

$$\mu_P = \mu_P(y^2, 1+x) = 2$$

**PROBLEM 11.13** Let  $C$  be the curve given as  $zy^2 - x(x-z)(x-2z)$ . Determine the intersection points and the local multiplicities that  $X$  has with the line  $z = 0$ . Same task, but with the line  $x - z = 0$ . ★

$$z=0 \Rightarrow x=0 \Rightarrow p=(0:1:0) \quad (\text{this must have } \mu_p = 3,$$

$D(y)$ : by Bezout

$$z - x(x-z)(x-2z)$$

$$\left( \frac{k[x,z]}{(z-x(x-z)(x-2z), z)} \right)_{(x,y)} \approx \left( \frac{k[x]}{(x^3)} \right)_{(x)} \text{ has length 3.}$$

$$x=z$$

$$\Rightarrow y=0 \quad (1:0:1) \quad \text{or}$$

$$z=0 \quad (0:1:0)$$

$$D(z) : y^2 - x(x-1)(x-2) = 0$$

$$\frac{k[x,y]}{(y^2 - x(x-1)(x-2), x-1)} \approx \frac{k[y]}{y^2} \quad \mu_{(1:0:1)} = 2$$

$$D(y) : \frac{k[x,y]}{(z - x(x-z)(x-2z), x-z)} \approx \frac{k[x]}{x} \quad \mu = 1$$