

MATHEMATICAL TRIPOS      Part III

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Thursday, 8 June, 2021    12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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PAPER 113

ALGEBRAIC GEOMETRY

*Before you begin please read these instructions carefully*

*Candidates have THREE HOURS to complete the written examination.*

*Attempt no more than **THREE** questions.*

*There are **FOUR** questions in total.*

*The questions carry equal weight.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

*Cover sheet*

*Treasury tag*

*Script paper*

*Rough paper*

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

*None*

<p><b>You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages until instructed to do so by the Invigilator.</b></p>
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**1** (a) Let  $S$  and  $T$  be graded rings and  $\varphi : S \rightarrow T$  be a graded ring homomorphism, i.e.,  $\varphi$  preserves degrees. Let

$$U := \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Proj } T \mid \mathfrak{p} \not\supseteq \varphi(S_+)\},$$

where  $S_+ \subseteq S$  is the irrelevant ideal.

Show that  $U$  is an open subset of  $\text{Proj } T$ .

Show that  $\varphi$  determines a morphism

$$f : U \rightarrow \text{Proj } S.$$

(b) Now suppose that in part (a),  $\varphi$  induces an isomorphism  $\varphi_d : S_d \rightarrow T_d$  for all  $d \geq d_0$ , for some non-negative integer  $d_0$ . Show that  $U = \text{Proj } T$  and that the induced morphism  $f : \text{Proj } T \rightarrow \text{Proj } S$  is an isomorphism.

**2** Let  $k$  be a field, and let  $X = \text{Spec } k[x, y, z, w]/(xy - zw) \subseteq \mathbb{A}_k^4$ .

(a) Show that  $D = V(x, z)$  is a prime (Weil) divisor on  $X$  and that  $\text{Cl } X \cong \mathbb{Z}$  is generated by the divisor class of  $D$ . [Note: you may assume that  $X$  satisfies the hypotheses for the definition of class group.]

(b) Let  $Y = X \setminus \{O\}$  where  $O$  denotes the origin in  $\mathbb{A}_k^4$ . Show that  $D_Y := D \cap Y$  defines a Cartier divisor on  $Y$ , and describe the line bundle  $\mathcal{O}_Y(D_Y)$  via transition maps on a suitable open cover of  $Y$ .

(c) Show that there is a morphism  $f : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^1$  such that  $f^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_k^1}(1) \cong \mathcal{O}_Y(D_Y)$ .

**3** (a) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be rings,  $\varphi : B \rightarrow A$  a ring homomorphism inducing a morphism  $f : \text{Spec } A \rightarrow \text{Spec } B$ . Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module, and let  $M_B$  denote the  $B$ -module with underlying group  $M$  and multiplication  $b \cdot m = \varphi(b)m$  for  $b \in B$ ,  $m \in M$ . Show an equality of sheaves

$$f_*(\widetilde{M}) = \widetilde{M}_B.$$

(b) Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a morphism of schemes with  $Y$  affine and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a quasi-coherent sheaf on  $X$ . Suppose further that  $X$  is Noetherian. By choosing a suitable affine cover  $\{U_i\}$  of  $X$ , a suitable affine cover  $\{U_{ijk}\}$  of  $U_i \cap U_j$ , and a suitable morphism of sheaves

$$\bigoplus_i f_*(\mathcal{F}|_{U_i}) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i,j,k} f_*(\mathcal{F}|_{U_{ijk}}),$$

show that  $f_* \mathcal{F}$  is a quasi-coherent sheaf on  $Y$ .

4 Let  $X$  be a topological space.

(a) If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a sheaf of abelian groups on  $X$  and  $s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{F})$ , we write

$$\text{Supp } s = \{p \in X \mid 0 \neq s_p \in \mathcal{F}_p\},$$

where  $s_p$  denotes the germ of  $s$  at  $p$ . Show that  $\text{Supp } s$  is a closed subset of  $X$ .

(b) Let  $Z \subseteq X$  be a closed subset of  $X$ . We define

$$\Gamma_Z(X, \mathcal{F}) := \{s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{F}) \mid \text{Supp } s \subseteq Z\}.$$

Show that the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma_Z(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \Gamma(X \setminus Z, \mathcal{F}) \quad (1)$$

is exact, with surjectivity on the right if  $\mathcal{F}$  is flasque.

Show that if

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_3 \rightarrow 0 \quad (2)$$

is an exact sequence of sheaves of abelian groups on  $X$ , then

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma_Z(X, \mathcal{F}_1) \rightarrow \Gamma_Z(X, \mathcal{F}_2) \rightarrow \Gamma_Z(X, \mathcal{F}_3) \quad (3)$$

is exact. Show furthermore that if  $\mathcal{F}_1$  is flasque, then surjectivity also holds on the right.

[Note: you may use the corresponding surjectivity statement for the functor  $\Gamma(X, \cdot)$  when  $\mathcal{F}_1$  is flasque without proof.]

(c) If  $Z \subseteq X$  is a closed subset as in (b), we denote by  $H_Z^i(X, \cdot)$ ,  $i \geq 0$ , the right derived functors of  $\Gamma_Z(X, \cdot)$ , whose existence you may assume without proof.

Now let  $X = \text{Spec } k[x, y]$ , and let  $Z = V(x, y)$ . Calculate  $H_Z^i(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ .

You may use the following properties of the functors  $H_Z^i$  without proof:

1.  $H_Z^0(X, \mathcal{F}) = \Gamma_Z(X, \mathcal{F})$ ;

2. Given an exact sequence of sheaves (2), there is a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_Z^{i-1}(X, \mathcal{F}_3) \rightarrow H_Z^i(X, \mathcal{F}_1) \rightarrow H_Z^i(X, \mathcal{F}_2) \rightarrow H_Z^i(X, \mathcal{F}_3) \rightarrow H_Z^{i+1}(X, \mathcal{F}_1) \rightarrow \cdots .$$

3. For a sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$ , the exact sequence of (1) extends to a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow H^{i-1}(X \setminus Z, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H_Z^i(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^i(X \setminus Z, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H_Z^{i+1}(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \cdots .$$

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