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Math 430 / Math 505 Introduction to Complex Geometry – Homework 2 – Solutions

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Q-1) Let $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$, $n \geq 1$, be a non-empty, open and connected subset which contains a nowhere dense closed subset Z such that $U \setminus Z$ is disconnected, i.e. there are open non-empty subsets $A, B \subset U$ such that $U \setminus Z = A \cup B$ with $\bar{A} \cap B = A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset$. Show that $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \cap Z$ cannot be empty.

Give an example of U and Z as above such that $U \setminus Z$ is disconnected.

Now let Z be the zero set of an analytic function. Show that $U \setminus Z$ is always connected.

Solution:

First observe that if $p \in \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$, then p belongs to Z . Assume $p \in U$. Then p is either in A or B . Without loss of generality say $p \in A$. But p is also in \bar{B} so $p \in A \cap \bar{B}$ which is a contradiction since $A \cap \bar{B}$ is empty. So $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ is a subset of Z . If $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \cap Z$ is empty then $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ must be empty.

Since we have $U \setminus Z = A \cup B$, taking the closure of both sides within the topology of U , we get $U = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$, since the interior of Z is empty. Since $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ is empty, this shows that U must be disconnected contrary to our assumption. So $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \cap Z$ cannot be empty.

As an example let U be the open ball around the origin in the Euclidean topology. If $z_j = x_j + iy_j$ then

$$U = \{(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n = \mathbb{R}^{2n} \mid x_1^2 + y_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 + y_n^2 < 1\}.$$

Now define

$$Z = \{(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n) \in U \mid y_n = 0\}.$$

Then $U \setminus Z$ is disconnected; Setting

$$A = \{(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n) \in U \mid y_n > 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \{(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n) \in U \mid y_n < 0\},$$

we see that $U \setminus Z = A \cup B$, and $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \cap Z \supset Z$, so is not empty.

If Z is the zero set of an analytic function, then it is clearly closed and nowhere dense. Suppose $U \setminus Z = A \cup B$ as above. Define an analytic function f on $U \setminus Z$ as follows: $f(p) = 0$ if $p \in A$, and $f(p) = 1$ if $p \in B$. By the Riemann extension theorem since f is bounded around Z , it can be analytically extended over z . But there is a point $p \in \bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \cap Z$, and clearly f cannot be continuously defined at p . This contradiction shows that $U \setminus Z$ is always connected when Z is the zero set of an analytic function.

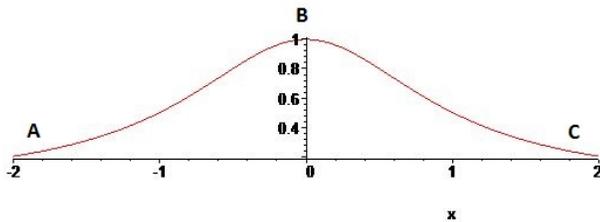
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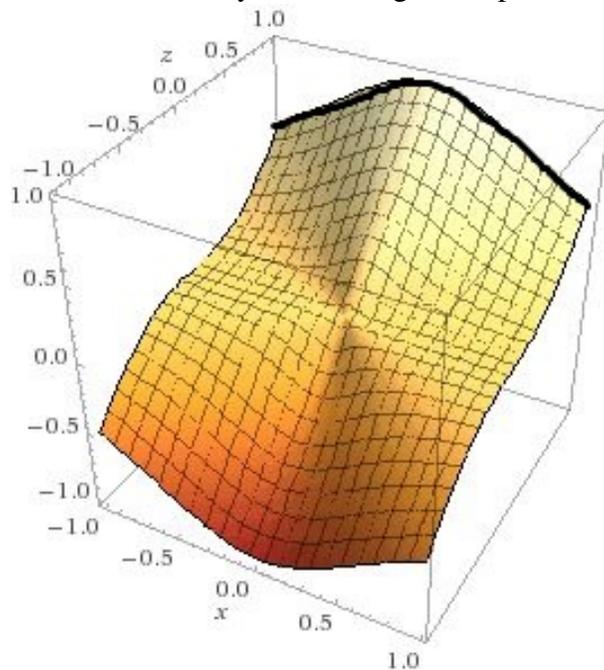
Q-2) Let X be the real projective variety defined in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^2$ by the homogeneous equation $yx^2 + yz^2 = z^3$. Using a computer program, such as WolframAlpha, plot the graph of X in each fundamental affine coordinate chart.

Solution:

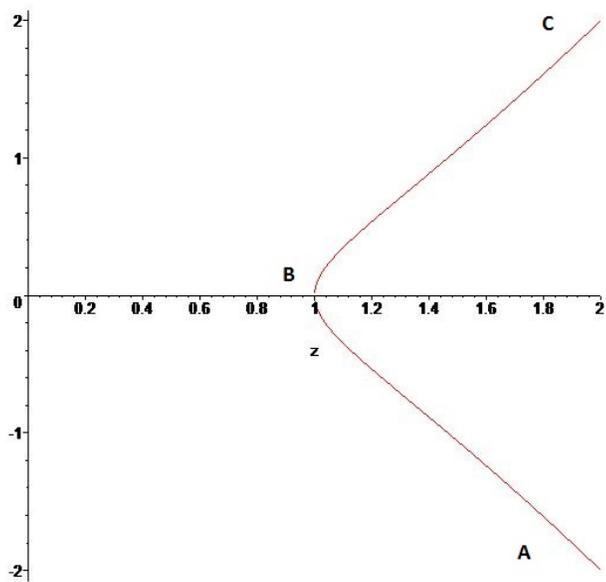
First consider the chart $z = 1$. In this chart our curve looks like as follows. Here the arms A and C go towards infinity which we will see in other charts.



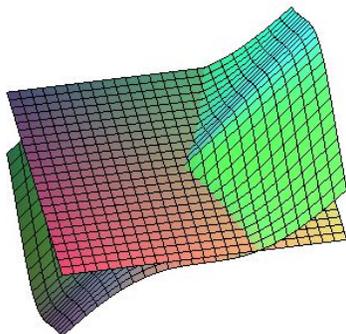
This is obtained by intersecting $z = 1$ plane with the $yx^2 + yz^2 - z^3 = 0$ surface (cone) in \mathbb{R}^3 .



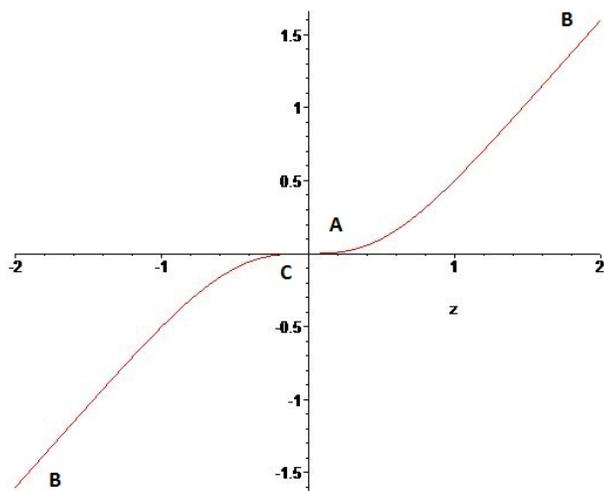
In the chart $y = 1$ our curve looks like as follows. Note that the point B , the top of the previous curve can be seen in this chart but the arms A and C still go to infinity which is not seen in this chart.



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In the chart $x = 1$ our curve looks like as follows. Here the arms A and C finally reach infinity which is the origin in this chart. But the tip B of the curve of chart $z = 1$ is now infinity for us so we only see the arms going towards that infinity.



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