

Algebraic Geometry: additional exercises (due Nov 30)

The *projective* Grassmannian $\mathbb{G}(M-1, N-1)$, the set of projective $(M-1)$ -planes in \mathbb{P}^{N-1} , is isomorphic to $\text{Gr}(M, N)$.

1. Consider \mathbb{P}^3 with the graded coordinate ring $k[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3]$. Let $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2 \simeq \{x_3 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ be the plane conic

$$C = \mathbb{V}(x_3, x_0x_2 - x_1^2).$$

Find defining equations of the variety $\mathcal{C}_1(C) \subset \mathbb{G}(1, 3)$ of incident (projective) lines.

(Hint: $\mathcal{C}_1(C) = \pi_1(\pi_2^{-1}(C))$, where $\pi_1 : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{G}(1, 3)$ and $\pi_2 : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ where

$$\Sigma = \{(\ell, x) \mid x \in \ell\} \subset \mathbb{G}(1, 3) \times \mathbb{P}^3$$

is the incidence variety.)

2. Do the same for the image of $t \mapsto [1, t, t^2, t^3] \in \mathbb{P}^3$ (twisted cubic).