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## Algebraic Statistics, Exercise sheet 1

### Problem 1: (12 points)

- a) Write  $S = V(X^2 - Y^2, X^2 - 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  as a finite set of points!  
b) Show that it is not possible to determine all the coefficients if the most general quadratic model

$$P = aX^2 + bXY + cY^2 + dX + eY + f$$

if only the values of  $P$  in the points of  $S$  are known!

- c) Identify those types of quadratic models that can be identified by their values on  $S$ !  
d) Now let  $T = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, -1), (1, 1), (-1, -1)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a given sample. Find (by trial and error) two polynomials  $f, g \in \mathbb{R}[X, Y]$  such that  $T = V(f, g)$ !  
e) Can the coefficients of  $P$  from b) be computed from the values of  $P$  on  $T$ ?  
f) If not, find those simpler quadratic models for which this is possible!

### Problem 2: (2 points)

- a) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Show that the intersection of arbitrarily many ideals of  $R$  is again an ideal!  
b) Does the same hold for their union?

### Problem 3: (6 points)

An ideal  $I$  in a domain  $R$  is called a *principal ideal*, if there exists an  $f \in R$  such that  $I = \{fg \mid g \in R\}$  consists of all multiples of  $f$ . If every ideal in a ring  $R$  is a principal ideal,  $R$  is called a principal ideal domain.

- a) Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Find numbers  $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $(a) \cap (b) = (c)$  and  $(a, b) = (d)$ !  
b) Show that  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a principal ideal domain!  
c) Now let  $R = \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  and  $f_1, \dots, f_m \in R$ . Show that  $V(f_1, \dots, f_m) = V(f_1^2 + \dots + f_m^2)$ !  
d) Is  $\mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  a principal ideal domain?