MA 243 HOMEWORK 8

DUE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 2008, BY 12PM

Hand in the problems in Section B *only* to the boxes outside the undergraduate office. You are encouraged to work together on the problems, but your written work should be your own.

A : WARM-UP PROBLEMS

- (1) Find a projective transformation of \mathbb{P}^1 taking the set {(1 : 0), (0 : 1), (1 : 1)} to {(1 : 2), (1 : 3), (1 : 4)}. Repeat for the sets {(1 : 0), (1 : 2), (1 : 3)} and {(0 : 1), (1 : 1), (1 : 5)}.
- (2) Compute the cross-ratio $\{P, Q; R, S\}$ for points P, Q, R, S:
 - (a) $\{[1:0], [0:1], [1:1], [1:3]\};$
 - (b) $\{[0:1], [1:0], [1:3], [1:1]\};$
 - (c) $\{[1:1], [0:1], [1:0], [1:3]\}.$

B: EXERCISES

- (1) Find a projective transformation of \mathbb{P}^2 taking the (ordered) list $\{(1:1:0), (1:0:1), (1:1:1), (0:1:1)\}$ of points to the (ordered) list $\{(1:0:0), (0:1:0), (0:0:1), (1:1:1)\}$.
- (2) Compute the cross-ratio $\{P, Q; R, S\}$ of the set $\{P = (1 : 0), Q = (1:1), R = (2:1), S = (1:2)\}$ of points in \mathbb{P}^1 .
- (3) Recall that we embed \mathbb{A}^n into \mathbb{P}^n by sending \mathbf{x} to $(1 : \mathbf{x})$. Given an affine transformation $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$, write down the corresponding projective transformation it extends to (this was given in class briefly). Let $S(\mathbf{x}) = A'\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}'$. Write down the composition $S \circ T$, and compare it with the result of composing the corresponding projective transformations.
- (4) Read the Proposition in section 5.6 of the notes. Suppose that the cross ratio $\{P, Q; R, S\} = \lambda$. There are twenty-four permutations (bijections) $\pi : \{P, Q, R, S\} \rightarrow \{P, Q, R, S\}$. How many different values does $\{\pi(P), \pi(Q); \pi(R), \pi(S)\}$ take? Hint: See exercises to Chapter five in the notes.