Let  $\Phi: (\mathbb{C}^*)^2 \to \mathbb{C}^3$  be given by  $\Phi(s,t) = (s^3, st, t^3)$  and let  $Y = \mathbb{V}(xz - y^3)$  be the closure of the image of  $\Phi$  (as in part of Problem (1.1.6)).

Recall that the action of  $T = (\mathbb{C}^*)^2$  on Y is induced by the restriction of  $\Phi$  to  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^2 \to (\mathbb{C}^*)^3$ and the action of  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^3$  on  $\mathbb{C}^3$ . Write M for the character lattice of T and R for the coordinate ring  $\mathbb{C}[x, y, z]/\langle xz - y^3 \rangle$  of Y. Briefly justify all of your answers.

- (1) Describe the action of a torus element (s, t) on a point (x, y, z) satisfying  $xz y^3 = 0$ and verify that Y is closed under this action.
- (2) Describe the action of T on R. (This action exists because elements of R correspond to functions on Y.)
- (3) Which points (x, y, z) in Y are in the torus?
- (4) How does R include into the coordinate ring  $\mathbb{C}[M]$  of T?
- (5) We proved in class that R is spanned by functions f where T acts by characters, meaning that  $t \cdot f = \chi^m(t) \cdot f$  for all  $t \in T$ . Find a specific example of f and m.
- (6) Choose a basis for M so that that the image of R is  $\mathbb{C}[\sigma^{\vee} \cap M]$  for  $\sigma$  the cone spanned by (3, -2) and (0, 1) in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , which most of you saw in Problem (1.2.13).