

Varieties in more general settings

1 Varieties

Definition 1. A *variety* over an algebraically closed field \mathbf{k} is an integral separated scheme of finite type over $\text{Spec } \mathbf{k}$.

Yang: Suppose that \mathbf{k} is not algebraically closed, let \mathbf{k}' be an algebraic extension of \mathbf{k} . What is the relation between X , $X_{\mathbf{k}'}$, $X(\mathbf{k}')$ and $X_{\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{k}')$?

2 Geometric properties

Definition 2. Let \mathbf{k} be a field and X a separated scheme of finite type over $\text{Spec } \mathbf{k}$. We say that X has a *geometric property* p if $X_{\mathbf{k}}$ has the property p for the algebraic closure \mathbf{k} of \mathbf{k} .

Definition 3. A *variety* over a field \mathbf{k} is a separated geometrically integral scheme of finite type over $\text{Spec } \mathbf{k}$.

3 Points in varieties

Proposition 4. Let k be a field and l an extension of k . Let X be a variety over k . Then we have the following:

- (a) there is a natural bijection between $X(l)$ and $X_l(l)$;
- (b) let m/l be an extension, then there is a natural inclusion $X(l) \subseteq X(m)$;
- (c) suppose that $X = \text{Spec } k[T_1, \dots, T_n]/I$ is an affine variety, then there is a natural bijection between $X(l)$ and the set $\{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in l^n \mid f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0, \forall f \in I\}$.