

1. I claim that the integral closure of  $A$  is  $A_0 := F[t]$ , to do so I will first show that  $A_0$  is integrally closed then reduce the general case to that of  $A_0$ . Let  $q(t) \in B$  be integral over  $A_0$ , then  $q(t) = \frac{r(t)}{g(t)}$  for  $r, g \in F[t]$  such that  $(r, g) = 1$ . By assumption we have some monic polynomial

$$q^n(t) + h_1(t)q^{n-1}(t) + \cdots + h_n(t) = 0$$

which is true if and only if the following identity holds in  $F[t]$ :

$$g^n(t)(q^n(t) + h_1(t)q^{n-1}(t) + \cdots + h_n(t)) = 0$$

since 0 is in any ideal of  $F[t]$ , this implies in particular that

$$g^n(t)(q^n(t) + h_1(t)q^{n-1}(t) + \cdots + h_n(t)) \in (g(t)) \implies r^n(t) \in (g(t))$$

(the implication comes from  $g(t)$  dividing each other term), since  $F[t]$  is a PID, we know that  $F[t]/(g(t))$  is a domain, and hence  $r^n \in (g)$  implies that  $r \in (g)$  so that  $g|r$ , but  $(r, g) = 1$  by assumption, so we can conclude that  $g$  is a unit, i.e.  $g \in F^\times$ , so that  $q(t) \in A_0$ .

Now to reduce the general case of  $A = F[f(t)]$  to that of  $A_0$ , note that the integral closure of  $A$  contains  $t$ , since if the leading coefficient of  $f(t)$  is  $a$  we find that  $t$  satisfies the monic polynomial

$$a^{-1}f(X) - a^{-1}f(t)$$

in  $A_0$ , it follows that  $A$  is integral over  $A_0$ , so that the integral closure of  $A_0$  is the integral closure of  $A$  which is  $A$ , since it is integrally closed.  $\square$

2. Assume for contradiction there is some  $b \in B \setminus A$ , such that  $b$  is integral over  $A$ , then there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} b^n + a_1b^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n &= 0 \\ \iff b^n + a_1b^{n-1} + \cdots + ba_{n-1} &= -a_n \in A \\ \implies b^{n-1} + a_1b^{n-2} + \cdots + a_{n-1} &= a'_1 \in A \\ \implies b^{n-1} + a_1b^{n-2} + \cdots + (a_{n-1} - a'_1) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

continuing this process recursively, we find that  $b \in A$  which is the desired contradiction.  $\square$

3. The closure of a set is the intersection of all closed sets containing it, thus it will suffice to show that any Zariski closed set containing  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  is the entire space  $\mathbb{A}^n$ . Let  $V$  be a zariski closed set containing  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ , then by definition,  $V = V(I)$  for some  $I \subset \mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ . It will suffice to show that any polynomial  $f \in I$  is the zero polynomial. Let  $f \in I$ , then  $f$  vanishes on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ , if  $n = 1$ , then we are done since any nonzero polynomial in  $\mathbb{C}[X]$  has finitely many roots. Now assume for  $k < n$  that any  $f \in \mathbb{C}[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k]$  vanishing on  $\mathbb{Z}^k$  is the zero polynomial. Since  $f(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, X_n)$  has infinitely many roots for any  $(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$ , we find that  $f(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, X_n) \equiv 0$  for any such point in  $\mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$ , in particular, we may write

$$f = X_n^m g_0(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) + X_n^{m-1} g_1(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) + \cdots + g_m(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$$

so that each  $g_i$  is zero on  $\mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$ , by the inductive hypothesis we find that each  $g_i = 0$ , and hence  $f = 0$ .  $\square$

4. Any finite set of points is compact, since for any open cover we can choose an open set containing each point to furnish a subcover with at most as many open sets as points. Conversely, consider the variety  $X \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  and suppose that  $X$  has infinitely many points, now define  $I = I(X)$ . By Noether's normalization we have that  $\mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_n]/I$  is integral over  $\mathbb{C}[f_1, \dots, f_r]$  where the  $f_i$  are algebraically independent, there are two cases.

**Case  $r \geq 1$ .** Let  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^r$  be defined as  $\varphi : \mathbf{x} \mapsto (f_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, f_r(\mathbf{x}))$ , then  $\varphi$  is continuous since each  $f_i$  is a polynomial function, moreover,  $\varphi$  is onto. As proof, let  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_r) \in \mathbb{A}^r$ , then the ideal  $J_a = (f_1 - a_1, \dots, f_r - a_r)$  is maximal since  $\mathbb{C}[f_1, \dots, f_r]/J_a \cong \mathbb{C}$  is a field. By the going up theorem, there is some maximal  $\mathfrak{m}_a \in \mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_n]/I$ , such that  $\mathfrak{m}_a \cap \mathbb{C}[f_1, \dots, f_r] = J_a$ . It follows (by maximality) that  $V(\mathfrak{m}_a) = \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{A}^n$  is a point. Now since  $\mathfrak{m}_a \supset J_a$  we have  $\mathbf{x} = V(\mathfrak{m}_a) \subset V(J_a)$  and hence  $J_a$  vanishes on  $\mathbf{x}$ , i.e.  $f_i(\mathbf{x}) - a_i = 0$  for all  $i$ , hence  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}$  proving that  $\varphi$  is onto. Since  $\mathbb{A}^r$  unbounded, by the Heine Borel theorem it is not compact, the continuous image of a compact set is compact (see below) so that  $X$  was not compact.

**Case  $r = 0$ .** It will suffice to show this case cannot happen. If  $r = 0$ , then  $\mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_n]/I$  is integral over  $\mathbb{C}$ , it follows that for each  $X_i$ , there is some monic polynomial  $g_i$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}$ , such that  $g_i(X_i) \in I$ , since  $\mathbb{C}$  is algebraically closed we may factor each  $g_i = \prod_{j=1}^{N_i} (X_i - a_j^i)$ , it follows that for any  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{A}^n$  we must have  $g_i(\mathbf{b}) = g_i(b_i) = 0$ , which is only possible if  $b_i \in \{a_1^i, \dots, a_{N_i}^i\}$  for each  $i$ . Hence  $V(I) = X \subset \prod_{i=1}^n \{a_j^i\}_{j=1}^{N_i}$  so that  $\#X \leq \prod_{i=1}^n N_i < \infty$ , contradicting  $X$  being an infinite set.  $\square$

**Proof That Continuous Image of A Compact Set is Compact.** Let  $K$  be compact, and  $f$  continuous, assume that  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is an open cover for  $f(K)$ , then  $\{f^{-1}(U_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is an open cover for  $K$ , hence admits a finite subcover  $\{f^{-1}(U_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ , since  $K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(U_i)$  we have  $f(K) \subset f(\bigcup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(U_i)) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$ , so that  $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is a finite subcover of  $f(K)$ .  $\square$

5. (a) First suppose that  $a \in X_1 \cup X_2$ , then for any  $f \in J_1 J_2$ , we can write  $f = f_1 f_2$ , where  $f_i \in J_i$ . If  $a \in X_1$ , then  $f_1(a) = 0$  and hence  $f(a) = 0$ , otherwise, we find that  $a \in X_2$ , so that  $0 = f_2(a) = f(a)$ , since  $f$  was arbitrary we find that  $a \in V(J_1 J_2)$ .

Conversely, let  $a \in V(J_1 J_2)$ , if  $a \in X_1$  then we are done, so assume not. Then there is some  $f \in J_1$ , such that  $f(a) \neq 0$ , then for any  $g \in J_2$  we have  $fg \in J_1 J_2$ , implying that  $f(a)g(a) = 0$ , since  $f(a)g(a) \in k$  is a field and  $f(a) \neq 0$  we conclude that  $g(a) = 0$ , since this holds for any  $g \in J_2$  this proves that  $a \in X_2$ .  $\square$

(b) Since  $X, Y$  are algebraic varieties, we may write  $X = V(J_X), Y = V(J_Y)$

$$V(J_X) \cap V(J_Y) = V(J_X + J_Y) \implies I(V(J_X) \cap V(J_Y)) = IV(J_X + J_Y) = \sqrt{J_X + J_Y}$$

and since  $V(J_X) \cap V(J_Y) = \emptyset$ , we find that  $1 \in k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n] = I(V(J_X) \cap V(J_Y))$ .  $1 \in \sqrt{J_X + J_Y}$  it is immediate from definition of radical ideal that this implies  $1 \in J_X + J_Y$ , so that there is some  $f \in J_X$  and  $g \in J_Y$ , such that  $f + g = 1$ , it follows that  $f$  is the desired polynomial, since  $f(x) = 0$  for any  $x \in X$  by assumption and  $f(y) = 1 - g(y) = 1$  for any  $y \in Y$ , since  $g \in J_Y$  implies that  $g(y) = 0$ .  $\square$

6. No, assume it is the case, then  $Y$  satisfies a monic polynomial  $Y^n + \sum_{i=1}^n f_{n-i}(X)Y^i = 0$  over  $A$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : \mathbb{C}[X, Y] &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}[X, \frac{1}{X^2 + 1}] \\ X &\mapsto X \\ Y &\mapsto \frac{1}{X^2 + 1} \end{aligned}$$

such a homomorphism exists by the universal property for polynomial rings, moreover  $I = (X^2Y + Y - 1) \subset \ker \varphi$ . By the first isomorphism theorem, this induces a homomorphism  $\bar{\varphi}: B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[X, \frac{1}{X^2+1}]$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varphi}(Y^n + \sum_{i=1}^n f_{n-i}(X)Y^i) &= 0 \\ \iff \frac{1}{X^2+1} &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (X^2+1)^i f_i \end{aligned}$$

To see this is a contradiction, note that atleast one  $f_i \neq 0$ , so that

$$0 = \deg 1 = \deg(X^2+1) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (X^2+1)^i f_i \geq \deg(X^2+1) = 2 \quad \square$$