# Math143Notes

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## Week 1

### 1.1 Algebra and Geometry

Algebra equations:

Example 1.1.1: This is a line

y = 2x + 1

**Example 1.1.2:** This is a circle:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

**Example 1.1.3:** And this:

$$y^2 = x^3$$

How does algebra of equations relate to geometry of solution? Relate systems of polynomial equations to the geometry of solutions.

**Foundations of Geometry**: Let k be a field, and typically,  $k = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ . A few examples are  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$ 

### Affine Space

Definition 1.1.1

Affine space over k is  $\mathbb{A}^n = k^n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) : a_i \in k\}$ 

### Polynomials

Definition 1.1.2

A polynomial in  $X_1, ..., X_n$  over k is a finite sum:

$$f = \sum_{\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)} c_{\alpha} x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n}$$

where the coefficient lies in A. We define the degree to be the max of the sum of the

degrees:

$$\deg(f) = \max(\{\alpha_1 + \ldots + \alpha_n : c_\alpha \neq 0\})$$

Definition

1.1.3

Polynomial space

Hypersurfaces

 $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  is the ring of polynomials in  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .

Given  $f \in k[X_1, ..., X_n]$ , we get a function  $\mathbb{A}^n \to k$  by:

$$(a_1, \ldots, a_n) = p \mapsto f(a_1, \ldots, a_n) = f(p)$$

Definition

1.1.4

Write  $V(f) = \{p \in \mathbb{A}^n : f(p) = 0\}$ . This is called a hypersurface. The degree of V(f) is deg(f). For example, the hypersurface of a circle of radius 1 would be  $V(x^2 + y^2 - 1)$ 

**Example 1.1.4:**  $V(x^2+y^2-z^2-1)$ : Start in 3 dimensional space but 2d set of solutions.

**Example 1.1.5:** 
$$x^3 + y^3 + z^2 + 1 - (x + y + z + 1)^3$$

Definition 1.1.5 Affine Algebraic Set

Given  $S \subseteq k[X_1, ..., X_n]$  define

$$V(S) = \{ p \in \mathbb{A}^n : f(p) = 0 \,\forall f \in S \} = \bigcap_{f \in S} V(f)$$

**Example 1.1.6:**  $f_1 = y - x^2$ ,  $f_2 = y - 2$ . Intersection:  $V(f_1, f_2) = \{(\sqrt{2}, 2), (-\sqrt{2}, 2)\}$ 

**Warning:** An intersection could be empty over  $\mathbb{R}$ , but non-empty over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Example 1.1.7:**  $f_1 = y - x^2$ ,  $f_2 = y + 1$  has solutions in  $\mathbb{C}$  but not  $\mathbb{R}$ 

Algebraically Closed

Definition 1.1.6

A field k is algebraically closed if every polynomial in k[X] has a root in k. Equivalently, every  $f \in k[X]$  factors into linear factors  $f = (x - r_1) \cdots (x - r_d)$ .

**Example 1.1.8:**  $\mathbb{C}$  is algebraically closed: Fundamental Theorem of Algebra.

**Example 1.1.9:**  $\mathbb{R}$  is not algebraically closed because  $x^2 + 1$  has no real roots.

**Example 1.1.10:** Is  $\emptyset$  an algebraic set? In  $\mathbb R$ , the nonzero polynomial has solution set  $\emptyset$ 

**Example 1.1.11:**  $\mathbb{A}^n = V(0)$ 

**Example 1.1.12:** A non algebraic set of  $\mathbb{A}$ :  $\mathbb{R}_+ \subseteq \mathbb{A}$ . This is because  $\mathbb{V}(f)$  is a finite set. So every algebraic set of  $\mathbb{A}$  is finite or all of  $\mathbb{A}$  or  $\emptyset$ .

**Example 1.1.13:** Every finite subset in  $\mathbb{A}$  is algebraic because you can put them as (x - r) factors in a polynomial

#### **Intersections and Unions:**

Intersection of algebraic sets is an algebraic set:

$$\bigcap_{i\in I} V(S_i) = V(\bigcup_{i\in I} S_i)$$

What about unions?

$$V(f) \cup V(g) = V(fg)$$

$$V(x,y) \cup V(z) = (V(x) \cap V(y)) \cup V(z) = (V(x) \cup V(z)) \cap (V(y) \cup V(z))$$

This s V(xz, yz) We have:

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} V(S_i) \text{ is algebraic if } |I| \text{ is finite}$$

## Week 2

### 2.1 Ideals

Ideal

# Definition 2.1.1

Let R be a commutative ring. An ideal  $I \subseteq R$  is a subset which is closed under addition and satisfies  $r : a \in I$  for all  $a \in I, r \in R$ .

Let  $S \subseteq k[X_1, \ldots, X_n]$  and let I be the ideal generated by S. So I is the set of all finite sums of the form  $\sum h_i s_i$  where  $h_i \in k[X_1, \ldots, X_n]$  and  $s_i \in S$ .

**Proposition**: V(S) = V(I).

*Proof.* We have that  $V(I) \subseteq V(S)$ . Suppose that  $p \in V(S)$ . Then f(p) = 0 for all  $f \in I$ . This means that  $V(S) \subseteq V(I)$ .

So this means that every algebraic set is V(I) for some ideal I.

### Ideal of X

# Definition 2.1.2

Given a subset  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ , we have that:

$$\mathrm{I}(X) = \{ \mathrm{f} \in \mathrm{k}[X_1, \dots, X_n] : \mathrm{f}(\mathrm{p}) = 0 \forall \mathrm{p} \in \mathrm{X} \}$$

**Lemma**:  $I(X) \subseteq k[X_1, ..., X_n]$  is an ideal.

*Proof.* If  $f, g \in I(X)$ , then

$$(f+g)(p) = f(p) + g(p) = 0 \forall p \in X$$

which means that  $f + g \in I(X)$ .

Now if  $h \in k[X_1, ..., X_n]$ , then

$$(hf)(p) = h(p) \cdot f(p) = 0 \forall p \in X$$

which means that  $hf \in I(X)$ .

**Example 2.1.1:**  $X = \{(1,2)\} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$ : I(X) = (x-1,y-2). Notice that X = V(I(X)), and that this is always true when X is an algebraic set.

**Example 2.1.2:** We say that  $X = \{(\alpha, 0) : \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$  and that  $I(X) = \{y\}$ . In other words,  $V(I(X)) = \{(x, y) : y = 0\}$  and this is the smallest algebraic set containing X.

### **Example 2.1.3:**

- $I(\emptyset) = k[X_1, ..., X_n]$  because this equates to saying that if  $x \in \emptyset$ , then f(x) = 0. So since the first part is false, then the second part is automatically true for all  $p \in k[X_1, ..., X_n]$ .
- $I(\mathbb{A}^n) = (0)$  because the only polynomial that vanishes at all points in  $\mathbb{A}^n$  is the 0 polynomial.

So we have this relation between V and I:

$$\{\text{ideals in } k[X_1,\ldots,X_n]\} \xrightarrow{V} \{\text{algebraic sets in } \mathbb{A}^n\}$$

**Basic Properties:** 

$$I \subseteq J \implies V(I) \supseteq V(J)$$
  
 $X \subseteq Y \implies I(X) \supseteq I(Y)$ 

**Lemma**: If X is an algebraic set, then V(I(X)) = X.

*Proof.* We have that  $X \subseteq V(I(X))$ . Since X = V(S) is algebraic, if  $p \notin X$ , then  $\exists f \in S \subseteq I(X)$  such that  $f(p) \neq 0$ , so  $p \notin V(I(X))$  □

**Question**: If J is an ideal, then is I(V(J)) = J?

**Example 2.1.4:** Not necessarily:

$$J = (x^{2}) \subseteq k[x]$$

$$V(J) = \{0\}$$

$$I(V(J)) = (x) \neq J$$

The Nullstellensatz says that this issue with powers is the only part that goes wrong. This tells us how ideals and algebraic sets are related.

Definition 2.1.3

An ideal I is radical if  $f^r \in I \implies f \in I$ .

**Lemma**: I(X) is radical

Radical

*Proof.* If  $f^{\mathsf{T}}(p) = 0$ , then for any p in X, f(p) = 0 for all  $p \in X$  which means that  $f \in I(X)$ .  $\square$ 

### **Definition** 2.1.4

#### Radical of an Ideal

Let  $I \subseteq R$  be an ideal. The radical of I is:

$$\sqrt{I} = \{ f \in \mathbb{R} : f^n \in \text{Ifor somen} \}$$

**Proposition**: The radical of I is an ideal.

**Example 2.1.5:**  $(x^2)$  is not radical since  $x \notin I$ . Observe that taking the radical of an ideal enlarges it:  $\sqrt{(x^2)} = (x)$  and could be used to solve our problem with I(V(I)) = Iwhen only  $\supseteq$  holds in general.

#### Nullstellensatz

#### Theorem 2.1.1

If k is algebraically closed and  $J \subseteq k[X_1, ..., X_n]$  is any ideal, then  $I(V(J)) = \sqrt{J}$ .

We will prove this later, since more algebra is needed.

#### 2.2 **Hilbert Basis Theorem**

We will show that it is always possible to define an algebraic set with a finite number of polynomials.

### **Definition** 2.2.1

### Noetherian

A ring is Noetherian if every ideal is finitely generated.

**Example 2.2.1:** Fields are Noetherian, since the only ideals are (0), (1)

**Example 2.2.2:**  $\mathbb{Z}$  is Noetherian because it is a PID

#### Noetherian and Polynomial Rings

### Theorem 2.2.1

 $k[X_1,...,X_n]$  is Noetherian.

Proof. We know this because k is a field, so we have the Euclidean Domain on the polynomial ring. Now this means that every ideal can be reduced to a principle ideal. □

The Geometric Interpretation is that every algebraic set is the intersection of a finite number of hypersurfaces. The idea behind this is that V(S) = V(I), where I is some ideal, and this becomes the problem of showing that every ideal is finitely generated.

#### Hilbert Basis Theorem

#### Theorem 2.2.2

If R is a Noetherian ring, then the polynomial ring R[x] is Noetherian.

*Proof.* Let  $I \subseteq R[x]$ . We should find a finite set of generators for I. We write each  $f \in R[x]$ as  $f = a_d x^d + a_{d-1} x^{d-1} + ... + a_1 x + a_0$ . Call  $a_d$  the leading coefficient: LC(F) =  $a_d$ , and let:

$$J = \{LC(F) : F \in I\} \subseteq R$$

We claim that  $J \subseteq R$  is an ideal.

• If a = LC(f), b = LC(g), and wlog  $deg(f) \le deg(g)$ , then we have:

$$a + b = LC(fx^n + g)$$
  $n = deg(g) - deg(f)$ 

• If a = LC(f) and  $r \in R$ , then ra = LC(rf).

So we know that J is finitely generated:

$$J = \langle LC(F_1), \dots, LC(F_r) \rangle$$

Let N be an integer >  $deg(F_i)$ . For each  $m \le N$ , let:

$$J_m = \{LC(F) : F \in I \text{ and } deg(F) \leq m\}$$

which is also an ideal of R. Since R is Noetherian,  $J_m$  is finitely generated, so there are  $F_{mj} \in I$  of degree  $\leq m$  such that  $J_m = \langle LC(F_{mj}) \rangle$ . Let

$$I' = \langle F_i, F_{m,j} \rangle_{m \leq N} \subseteq R[x]$$

Claim: I = I'.

- Certainly,  $I' \subseteq I$ . Suppose that they are not equal and let  $G \in I$  be an element of lowest degree that is not in I'
- If deg(G) > N then there is a  $Q_i \in R[x]$  such that  $\sum Q_i F_i$  and G have the same leading term and same degree. Since  $LC(F_i)$  generates J, there is a  $q_i \in R$  such that  $LC(G) = \sum q_i LC(F_i)$ . Now set  $Q_i = q_i x^{deg(G) deg(F_i)}$ . Then

$$LC(\sum Q_i F_i) = \sum LC(Q_i F_i)$$

$$= \sum LC(Q_i)LC(F_i)$$

$$= \sum q_i LC(F_i)$$

$$= LC(G)$$

So  $G - \sum Q_i F_i$  has a lower degree than G. But G was minimal degree among the elements of I not in I', therefore, we get that  $G \in I'$ .

• If  $deg(G) = m \le N$  then  $\exists Q_j \in R[x]$  such that  $\sum Q_j F_{m,j}$  and g have the same leading term. Then  $G - \sum Q_j F_{mj} \in I' \Longrightarrow G \in I'$ .

**Corollary**:  $k[X_1, ..., X_n]$  is Noetherian. We note that the infinite polynomial ring is not Noetherian however. So we can use this to prove the minuteness of algebraic sets.

### Week 3

#### The Nullstellensatz 3.1

Recall:

$$\{ideals\} \xrightarrow{V} \{algebraic sets\}$$

These are inclusion reversing. Nullstellensatz:  $I(V(J)) = \sqrt{J}$  if k is algebraically closed. We consider the fact that the smallest algebraic set should correspond to the largest ideal. So the weak Nullstellensatz is that we have a bijection between  $\emptyset$  and the entire ring  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ .

**Example 3.1.1:** If we have  $k = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $I = (x^2 + 1)$ , then the vanishing of I is  $\emptyset$  but  $I \neq \mathbb{R}[x]$ . Other examples are  $(x^2 + 3)$  and  $(x^2 + y^2 + 1)$ .

#### 🔷 Weak Nullstellensatz 1

#### Theorem 3.1.1

Assume k is algebraically closed. If  $V(I) = \emptyset$ , then  $I = k[X_1, ..., X_n]$ . Equivalently, if  $I \subset k[X_1, ..., X_n]$ , then  $V(I) \neq \emptyset$ .

Nullstellensatz: If G vanishes on V(J), then  $\exists$  an equation:

$$\mathsf{G}^{\mathsf{N}} = \mathsf{A}_1\mathsf{F}_1 + \ldots + \mathsf{A}_r\mathsf{F}_r \text{ for } \mathsf{A}_{\mathfrak{i}} \in \mathsf{k}[\mathsf{X}_1,\ldots,\mathsf{X}_{\mathfrak{n}}]$$

where  $F_r$  are generators of (J).

We need to prove that  $\sqrt{J} \subseteq I(V(J))$  and  $I(V(J)) \subseteq \sqrt{J}$ .

*Proof.*  $(\sqrt{J} \subseteq I(V(J)))$  For the first inclusion, we have  $F \in \sqrt{J}$  means that  $F^n \in J$  and that for any  $p \in V(J)$ , we have  $F^n(p) = 0$ . Therefore, F(p) = 0. So  $F \in I(V(P))$ .

 $(I(V(I))\subseteq \sqrt{I}) \text{ Suppose that } I=\langle F_1,\ldots,F_r\rangle \text{ and } G\in I(V(I)). \text{ Let } J=\langle F_1,\ldots,F_r,x_{n+1}G-1\rangle = \langle F_1,\ldots,F_r\rangle$  $1\rangle\subseteq k[X_1,\ldots,X_n,X_{n+1}]$ . Claim:  $V(J)=\emptyset$ . If  $p\in\mathbb{A}^{n+1}$ , and  $F_i(p)=0$ , then  $(x_{n+1}G-1)$  $1)(p) = x_{n+1}G(p) - 1 = -1 \neq 0$ . So there is no point where all the polynomials vanish. If the point is where the first r vanish, the last  $x_{n+1}G - 1$  does not. Now the weak Nullstellensatz says that  $J = k[X_1, ..., X_n]$  which contains the element 1. This means:

$$1 = \sum A_{\mathfrak{i}}(X_{1}, \dots, X_{n}, X_{n+1}) F_{\mathfrak{i}} + B(X_{1}, \dots, X_{n+1}) (X_{n+1}G - 1)$$

Let  $Y = \frac{1}{x_{n+1}}$ . If we sub in  $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{Y}$ . We get:

$$1 = \sum A_{\mathfrak{i}}(X_1, \dots, X_{\mathfrak{n}}, \frac{1}{Y}) \mathsf{F}_{\mathfrak{i}} + \mathsf{B}(X_1, \dots, \frac{1}{Y}) (\frac{1}{Y}\mathsf{G} - 1)$$

we have denominators in Y. There  $\exists N > 0$  such that if we multiply the expression by  $Y^N$ , we can clear out the denominators.

$$Y^N = \sum C_{\mathfrak{i}}(X_1, \dots, X_n, Y) F_{\mathfrak{i}} + D(X_1, \dots, X_n, Y) (G - Y)$$

Substitute Y = G. We have:

$$\mathsf{G}^{\mathsf{N}} = \sum \mathsf{G}_{\mathfrak{i}}(\mathsf{X}_1, \dots, \mathsf{X}_{\mathfrak{n}}, \mathsf{G}) \mathsf{F}_{\mathfrak{i}} + \mathsf{D}(\mathsf{X}_1, \dots, \mathsf{X}_{\mathfrak{n}}) (\mathsf{G} - \mathsf{G})$$

Therefore,  $G^N \in I$  therefore,  $G \in \sqrt{I}$ .

To prove WN1, we fix the bijection one step larger:

$$\{\text{radical ideals}\} \qquad \{\text{algebraic sets}\}$$
 
$$k[X_1,\ldots,X_n] \xrightarrow{WN1} \emptyset$$

The next smallest algebraic sets are single points:

largest proper ideals 
$$\longrightarrow$$
  $(a_1, ..., a_n) \in \mathbb{A}^n$ 

# Definition 3.1.1

Maximal

An ideal  $I \subseteq R$  is called maximal if  $I \neq R$  and if  $I \subseteq J \subset R$ , then I = J.

**Example 3.1.2:** (p)  $\subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ , (x)  $\subseteq k[x]$ . If we take the quotient, we get fields:  $\mathbb{Z}/(p) = \mathbb{F}_p$  and k[X]/(x) = k

An ideal I is maximal  $\iff$  R/I is a field. Last time, we had that I is prime  $\iff$  R/I is a domain. Maximal ideals are prime ideals.

**Key Example**: Say  $p = (a_1, ..., a_n) \in \mathbb{A}^n$ . Then  $I(p) = (x_1 - a_1, ..., x_n - a_n)$  is claimed to be maximal. Why? Consider the map:

$$k[X_1,\ldots,X_n] \to k$$

by the evaluation map at p. The map is surjective and the kernel is the I(p). This means that  $k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]/I(p) = k$ . Note: I(p) is maximal then I(p) is prime. So p is irreducible.

Now we need to prove that every maximal ideal is the ideal of some point.

**Example 3.1.3:** What is an ideal in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  that is maximal but not I(P) for any  $P \in \mathbb{R}$ ? We have  $(x^2 + 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$  is maximal because  $\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^2 + 1) \cong \mathbb{C}$ . But  $(x^2 + 1)$  is not I(p) for any  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ .

### **→** Weak Nullstellensatz 2

#### Theorem 3.1.2

If k is algebraically closed, then every maximal ideal in  $k[X_1, ..., X_n]$  is I(p) for some  $p \in \mathbb{A}^n$ .

Now we will show that WN2  $\implies$  WN1.

Lemma: In a Noetherian ring, every ideal is contained in a maximal ideal.

*Proof.* Suppose for contradiction that I is not contained in any maximal ideal. Then we some  $I_1$  such that  $I \subset I_1 \subset \dots$  Where none of the  $I_n$  are maximal. So we get an infinite chain that is ascending. This is a contradiction.

Now suppose that  $I \subset k[X_1, \ldots, X_n]$ . By the lemma, I is contained in some maximal ideal. Assuming WN2, that ideal is the ideal of a point. So  $I \subseteq I(p)$ . But now by reverse inclusion,  $V(I) \supseteq V(I(p)) \ni p$ . So  $V(I) \neq \emptyset$ . So we proved WN1 by contrapositive.

### 3.2 Nullstellensatz Day 2

Last class, we've shown:

$$WN2 \implies WN1 \implies Nullstellensatz$$

**Weak Nullstellensatz 2**: If k is algebraically closed, then every maximal ideal in  $k[X_1, ..., X_n]$  is I(p) for some  $p \in \mathbb{A}^n$ . There is a bijection between maximal ideals and points.

Suppose that  $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq k[X_1, \ldots, X_n]$  is a maximal ideal. Then we have the quotient:

$$k[X_1, \ldots, X_n] \rightarrow k[X_1, \ldots, X_n]/m = L$$

for L, a field that contains k. In general, an inclusion  $k \subseteq L$  of fields is called a field extension.

**Example 3.2.1:** If 
$$k = \mathbb{R}$$
, consider  $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}[X] \to \mathbb{R}[X]/(X^2 + 1) \cong \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} x \cong \mathbb{C}$ .

**Example 3.2.2:** Let 
$$k = \mathbb{Q}$$
. Consider  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[X] \to \mathbb{Q}[X]/(x^2 - 2) \cong \mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathbb{Q}x \cong \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$ 

**Example 3.2.3:**  $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is a field extension and  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  is also a field extension.

Note that the larger field is a vector space over the smaller field.

### **Definition**

#### **Field of Rational Functions**

3.2.1

The field of rational functions over k is

$$k(x) = \{ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} : f(x), g(x) \in k[x] \land g(x) \neq 0 \}$$

An example is  $\mathbb{R}(x)$  which contains:

$$\frac{x^2 + 1}{3x^2 + 7x + 5}$$

### **Definition** 3.2.2

#### **Field of Fractions**

If R is an integral domain, then

$$Frac(R) = \{\frac{a}{b} : a, b \in R \land b \neq 0\} / (\frac{a}{b} \sim \frac{c}{d} \text{ when } ad = bc \in R)$$

An example would be how  $\mathbb{Q} = \operatorname{Frac}(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $k(x) = \operatorname{Frac}(k[x])$ . We have:

$$k(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \operatorname{Frac}(k[X_1, \dots, X_n])$$

where an element would look like:

$$\frac{x_1^2 + x_2}{3x_1x_3}$$

### **Definition** 3.2.3

#### **Finite Extensions**

Suppose  $k \subseteq L$  is a field extension. We say L is a finite extension of k if L is a finite dimensional vector space over k.

**Example 3.2.4:**  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}]$  is a field extension with a basis  $1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{6}$ .

More generally, if we have:

$$(a \cdot 1 + b\sqrt{2} + c\sqrt{3} + d\sqrt{6})(a' \cdot 1j + b'\sqrt{2} + c'\sqrt{3} + d'\sqrt{6})$$

is again a linear combination of 1,  $\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\sqrt{6}$ .

If  $k \subseteq k(x)$  finite? Now because with the denominator as 1, we have  $1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots$ 

### Algebraic over k

### **Definition** 3.2.4

An element  $\alpha$  of L is called algebraic over k if there exists a polynomial  $f \in k[x]$  such that  $f(\alpha) = 0$  where  $f \neq 0$ .

**Example 3.2.5:**  $\sqrt{2}$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  since  $x^2 - 2 = 0$ .  $\pi$  is not algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . If we had any field k, and L = k(x), then x is not algebraic over k

### Algebraic Extension

# Definition 3.2.5

If every element of L is algebraic over k, then L is called an algebraic extension of k.

**Lemma**: If  $k \subseteq L$  is a finite extension, then  $k \subseteq L$  is an algebraic extension.

*Proof.* Suppose that L has dimension n as a vector space over k. Now take an  $\alpha \in L$ , We need to show that  $\alpha$  satisfies a polynomial in k[x]. Consider 1,  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha^2$ , ...,  $\alpha^n \in L$ . This is a list of n + 1 elements. So we have that one of the elements can be written as a linear combination of the others. So we have a polynomial that kills  $\alpha$ .

Counterexample for the converse: If we let  $k = \mathbb{F}_p$ , then for each n, take  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  which is finite but their union is not a finite extension of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . You can also take  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  but  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \ldots]$  which is not a finite extension.

Is  $\mathbb{Q}(\pi)$  a finite extension over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? No since  $\pi$  is not algebraic, so it is not finite by the converse of what was shown for the first lemma.

**Lemma**. If  $\varphi : k[X_1, ..., X_n] \to L$  and  $\varphi(x_i) = a_i \in L$  is algebraic over k, then L is a finite extension of k.

*Proof.* To say that  $\phi$  is surjective is to say every element in L can be written as a polynomial in the  $a_i$  with coefficients in k. By assumption, each  $a_i$  is algebraic over k, so there is an  $n_i$  where we can write  $a_i^{n_i} = \sum_{j \leqslant n_i} c_{ij} a_i^j$ 

Claim: Every polynomial in  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  is equal to a linear combination of  $\{a_1^{e_1} \ldots a_n^{e_n} : e_i < n_i\}$ . But this is a finite set. So we are done.

#### **─** Weak Nullstellensatz 3

#### Theorem 3.2.1

Let k be a field, and let m be a maximal ideal in  $k[x_1, ..., x_n]$ . Then  $k[x_1, ..., x_n]/m = L$  is a finite extension of k.

*Proof.* (WN3  $\Longrightarrow$  WN2) If k is algebraically closed and L is a finite extension of k, then since L is algebraic over k, we must have L = k. Every element of L is a solution of k. But k is algebraically closed, so that element is in k.

### Week 4

### 4.1 Nullstellensatz Day 3

Recall the statements of weak nullstellensatz 2 and nullstellensatz 3.

**WN2**: If k is algebraically closed, then every maximal ideal in  $k[x_1, ..., x_n]$  is I(p) for some  $p \in \mathbb{A}^n$ .

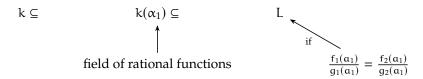
**WN3**: Suppose  $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq k[x_1, ..., x_n]$  is a maximal ideal. Then  $L = k[x_1, ..., x_n]/\mathfrak{m}$  is a finite extension of k.

We will see why weak nullstellensatz 3 implies weak nullstellensatz 2.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathfrak{m}\subseteq k[x_1,\ldots,x_n]$  is a maximal ideal. Consider the quotient  $k[x_1,\ldots,x_n]/\mathfrak{m}=L$ . By weak nullstellensatz 3, L is a finite extension of k. We know that L is an algebraic extension. We assume that k is algebraically closed, so any element of L is in k. So we see L=k. Now let  $\mathfrak{a}_i=\phi(x_i)$ . Then  $(x_1-\mathfrak{a}_1,\ldots,x_n-\mathfrak{a}_n)$ . This is in the kernel of  $\phi$ . But this ideal is of a point which is maximal. So it is equal to the kernel of  $\phi$  which is maximal. So every maximal ideal is the ideal of a point.

Now we will prove Weak Nullstellensatz 3:

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi: k[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \to k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]/m = L$ . First suppose that  $a_i = \varphi(a_i) \in L$  is algebraic over k. Then L is a finite extension of k by a lemma from last class. Suppose for contradiction that some  $a_i = \varphi(x_i)$  is not algebraic over k. Assume that  $a_1$  is not algebraic over k. In this case, we have the following inclusions:



Then clearing denominators, we get:

$$f_1(a_1)g_2(a_1) - g_1(a_1)g_2(a_1) = 0$$

So these two rational functions are the same rational function. This shows an injective mapping from the field of rational functions on  $a_1$  to L. If L is a finite extension of  $k(a_1)$ , then set k' = k and we have  $k' \subseteq k'(a) \subseteq L$  where L is finite over k'(a). If L is not a finite extension of  $k(a_1)$ , then there is some  $a_i$  which is not algebraic over  $k(a_1)$ . Then we get

 $k \subseteq k(\alpha_1) \subseteq k(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \subseteq L$ . If L is finite over  $k(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ , set  $k' = k(\alpha_1)$ . Then we have the situation:

$$k' \subseteq k'(a) \subseteq L$$

where L is a finite extension. Continuing in this way, we can assume we have  $k' \subseteq k'(a) \subseteq L$  with L finite extension of k'(a). Since L is finite, we can choose a basis for L as a vector space over k'(a). Call that basis  $e_0 = 1, \ldots, e_n$ . Now let  $c_{ijk} \in k'(a)$  be elements such that

$$e_{\mathfrak{i}}e_{\mathfrak{j}}=\sum c_{\mathfrak{i}\mathfrak{j}k}e_{k}$$

There are finitely many  $c_{ijk}$  because we have finitely many  $e_ie_j$  multiplication pairings. Let  $t \in k'(a)$  be a common denominator for all  $c_{ijk}s$ . Now, let  $d_{ij} \in k'(a)$  be elements such that

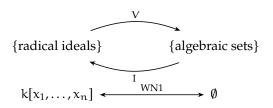
$$a_i = \varphi(x_i) = \sum d_{ij} \cdot e_j$$

We only have a finite number of  $d_{ij}s$  that are required to do this. So we can find a common denominator of all  $d_{ij}$ . Let  $s \in k'[a]$  be this common denominator. Now suppose  $F(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  is any polynomial. Then, there exists N, M so that

$$s^N t^M \cdot F(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$
 has no denominators

So any element in the image of  $\phi$  which is of the form  $\alpha = F(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n)$  such that  $s^N t^M \alpha$  has no denominators. Let  $u \in k'[\alpha]$  be an irreducible element that is not a factor in s, t. Then  $\frac{1}{u} \in k'(\alpha) \subseteq L$ . We claim that  $\frac{1}{u} \notin \Im \phi$ . This is because u is not a factor in s or t, so there is no M, N such that  $s^N t^M \cdot \frac{1}{u} \in k'[\alpha]$ . This is a contradiction since  $\phi$  was the surjective quotient map.

**Corollary**: If  $I \subseteq k[x_1, ..., x_n]$  is a radical ideal, then I(V(I)) = I. We also have the following bijections:



maximal ideals ← → points

radical principal ideals ←→ hypersurfaces

If I=(f), then V(I)=V(f). If X=V(f), then  $I(X)=\sqrt{(f)}=(f_1,\ldots,f_r)$  for  $f=f_1^{e_1}\cdots f_r^{e_r}$ . Note that  $X=V(f_1)\cup\cdots\cup V(f_r)$  is a decomposition of the algebraic set into irreducible components.

We have that WN3 says that if m is maximal, then  $k[x_1, ..., x_n]/m$  is a finite extension.

**Question**: If I is an ideal and  $k[x_1, ..., x_n]/I$  is finite extension, is I maximal?

Answer. Counterexample. Take  $I = (x^2)$  and have  $k[x]/(x^2)$  is a finite k-vector space. But  $(x^2)$  is not maximal.

### Theorem 4.1.1

#### Finite Extension Results

Let  $I \subseteq k[x_1, ..., x_n]$ . Assume k is algebraically closed. Then X = V(I) is a finite set if and only if  $k[x_1, ..., x_n]/I$  is a finite dimensional k-vector space. Moreover,  $|V(I)| \leq \dim_k(k[x_1, ..., x_n])/I$ .

*Proof.* ( $\rightarrow$ ) Assume that  $k[x_1,...,x_n]/I$  is finite dimensional. Suppose  $\mathfrak{p}_1,...,\mathfrak{p}_r$  are distinct points in V(I). We want to show that  $r \leq \dim_k(k[x_1,...,x_n]/I)$ .

Claim 1:  $\exists F_1, ..., F_r$  such that

$$F_{i}(P_{j}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

Claim 2: With Fi as above,

$$F_1, \ldots, F_r \in k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]/I$$

are linearly independent.

We will prove claim 2. Suppose that there is a relation  $\sum \lambda_i \overline{F}_i = 0 \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I$  for  $\lambda_i \in k$ . This means that

$$\sum \lambda_i F_i \in I$$

Now  $\lambda_j = \sum \lambda_i F_i(P_j) = 0$ . This means that  $F_1, \dots, F_r$  are 0, so  $\overline{F}_i$  are independent. So we are done.

(←) Now assume that V(I) is a finite set. We need to show that the quotient is finite dimensional. Let  $P_i = \{\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_n}\}$ . For each  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , define  $f_j = (s_j - \alpha_{1_j})(x_j - \alpha_{2_j}) \cdots (x_j - \alpha_{i_j})$ . So  $f_j(p_i) = 0$  for all i, j. So  $f_j \in I(V(I)) = \sqrt{I}$ . Therefore, there is an  $f_j^{n_j} \in I$ . Then, in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I$ ,  $\overline{x}_j^{n_j r}$  is a k-linear combination of lower degree terms. So

$$\{\overline{x}_1^{e_1}\cdots\overline{x}_n^{e_n}:e_j< n_jr\}$$

spans  $k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]/I$ .

**Example 4.1.1:** If  $I = (0) \subseteq k[x]$ , then  $V(I) = \mathbb{A}^1$  which is infinite. We have k[x]/(0) = k[x] which is an infinite dimensional vector space.

**Example 4.1.2:** If  $f \in k[x]$  is a polynomial of degree d, then  $\dim_k(k[x]/(f)) = d$ . A basis of the quotient is given by the images  $1, x, ..., x^{d-1}$ .

### 4.2 Polynomial Functions and Polynomial Maps

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  be an algebraic set and let  $\mathcal{F}(x,k)$  be the set of all functions  $X \to k$ . It has the structure of a ring. Suppose that  $f, g \in \mathcal{F}(X,k)$ . Then

$$(f+g)(p) = f(p) + g(p)$$
$$(fg)(p) = f(p)g(p)$$

The additive identity is the 0(p) = 0 map. The multiplicative identity is the constant function 1(p) = 1.

### Polynomial Function

# Definition 4.2.1

A function  $f: X \to k$  is a polynomial function is  $\exists F \in k[x_1, ..., x_n]$  such that f(p) = F(p). If  $P(\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{A}^n$ , then  $f(p) = F(\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_n)$ .

• Polynomial functions form a subring of  $\mathcal{F}(X, k)$ 

### Subring of Polynomial Functions

# Definition 4.2.2

The subring of polynomial functions is called the coordinate ring of X which is denoted  $\Gamma(x) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(X,k)$ .

**Example 4.2.1:**  $\Gamma(\mathbb{A}^n) = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . We just consider the functions on  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{A}^n, k)$ . All functions from  $\mathbb{A}^n$  to k can be expressed as an element in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Therefore,  $\Gamma(\mathbb{A}^n) = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

**Example 4.2.2:**  $X = V(y - x^2)$ 

There is a natural map  $k[x_1, ..., x_n] \rightarrow \Gamma(x)$ .

If F, G  $\in$  k[ $x_1, ..., x_n$ ], then F and G define the same polynomial function on  $X \iff F - G \in I(X)$ .

### Coordinate Ring

# Definition 4.2.3

The coordinate ring of X is  $\Gamma(X) = \frac{k[x_1,...,x_n]}{I(x)}$ .

If x is irreducible, then  $\Gamma(X)$  is an integral domain.

### Varieties

# Definition 4.2.4

A variety is an irreducible algebraic set.

# Definition 4.2.5

### Polynomial Maps

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  and  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{A}^m$  be algebraic sets. A map  $X \to Y$  is called a polynomial map or morphism if  $\exists T_1, \ldots, T_m \in k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$  such that  $\varphi(p) = (T_1(p), \ldots, T_m(p))$ .

**Example 4.2.3:** Define a map 
$$\varphi : \mathbb{A}^1 \to \mathbb{A}^2$$
 by

$$t \mapsto (t,t^2)$$

The image is  $V(y-x^2)=0$ . Note: A polynomial map from  $X\to \mathbb{A}^1$  is the same as a polynomial function. A polynomial map  $X\to \mathbb{A}^m$  is determined by m polynomial functions.

HW: A composition of polynomial maps is again a polynomial map:

$$X \xrightarrow{\varphi} Y \xrightarrow{\psi} Z$$

How are polynomial maps between algebraic sets related to coordinate rings. Suppose  $\phi: X \to Y$  is a polynomial map. We can define a map on coordinate rings  $\phi^*: \Gamma(Y) \to \Gamma(X)$  as follows:

$$p \mapsto q(\varphi(p)) \in \Gamma(X)$$

We now have

$$\varphi^*(g) = g \circ \varphi$$
$$(\varphi^*g)(p) = (g \circ \varphi)(p) = g(\varphi(p))$$

 $\phi^*$  is called the pullback map.  $\phi^*$  is a polynomial map because composition of polynomial maps are polynomial maps. We also use the fact that polynomial maps to  $\mathbb{A}^1$  are polynomial functions and vice versa.

**Example 4.2.4:**  $\varphi : \mathbb{A}^3 \to \mathbb{A}^2$  with

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto (x^2y, x - z)$$

The pullback map:

$$\varphi^*: \Gamma(\mathbb{A}^2) \to \Gamma(\mathbb{A}^3)$$

Let elements of  $\mathbb{A}^2$  be defined as k[u, v] and k[x, y, z] for  $\mathbb{A}^3$ . We have  $\varphi^*(u) = x^2y$ . We also have  $v \in \Gamma(\mathbb{A}^2)$  which is the projection of the v-coordinate on k. So  $\varphi^*(v) = x - z$ .

**Example 4.2.5:** If  $\varphi: X \mathfrak{D} \mathbb{A}^n$ . Then  $\varphi^*: \Gamma(\mathbb{A}^n) = k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \to k[x_1, \dots, x_n] / I(x) = \Gamma(x)$ .

**Example 4.2.6:**  $i: X \subseteq Y \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ , then  $I(Y) \subseteq I(X)$ . Describe the pullback map from  $\Gamma(Y) \to \Gamma(X)$ :  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I(Y) \to k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I(X)$ . It is a quotient mapping:  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I(Y)/I(X)/I(Y)$ .

**Proposition**: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  and  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{A}^m$  be algebraic sets. There is a one-to-one correspondence between {polynomial maps  $X \to Y$ } and {homomorphisms  $\Gamma(Y) \to \Gamma(X)$ }. We get this by sending  $\varphi \mapsto \varphi^*$ .

*Proof.* Given a map  $\alpha : \Gamma(Y) \to \Gamma(X)$ , we want to construct a polynomial map  $\phi : X \to Y$  such that  $\alpha = \phi^*$ . Suppose that

$$\Gamma(Y) = k[y_1, \dots, y_m]/I(Y)$$
 and  $\Gamma(X) = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I(X)$ 

First, construct a map  $X \to \mathbb{A}^m$ . Then show that the image is contained in Y. Let  $\psi_i = \alpha(\overline{y}_i) \in \Gamma(X)$ . So  $\psi_i : X \to k$  is a polynomial function. Build a map  $\psi : X \to \mathbb{A}^m$ :

$$p\mapsto (\psi_1(p),\dots,\psi_m(p))$$

Claim 1: If  $p \in X$ , then  $\psi(p) \in Y$ .

Suppose  $f \in I(Y)$ . Then  $f(\psi(p)) = f((\psi_1(p), \dots, \psi_m(p))) = f(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_m)(p)$ :

$$f(\alpha(\overline{y}_1), \ldots, \alpha(\overline{y}_m))(p)$$

We have  $f(\psi(p)) = \alpha(f(\overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_m))(p)$ . The f part is occurring in  $\Gamma(Y)$ . Since  $f \in I(Y)$ , f = 0. So f is 0 whenever f is in the ideal of Y. So  $\psi(p) \in V(I(Y)) = Y$ . So we have  $\psi: X \to Y$ .

Claim 2:  $\alpha = \psi^*$ . For  $f \in \Gamma(Y)$ , we have

$$(\psi^* f)(p) = f(\psi(p))$$

This should describe a function in  $\Gamma(X)$ . This is

$$\alpha(f(\overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_m))(p) = f(\alpha(\overline{y}_1)(p), \dots, \alpha(\overline{y}_m)(p))$$

Uniqueness: If  $\phi^* = \psi^*$ , then  $\phi = \psi$ . Suppose for contradiction that  $\phi^* = \psi^*$  but  $\phi \neq \psi$ . Then there is some  $p \in x$  such that  $\phi(p) \neq \psi(p) \in Y \subseteq \mathbb{A}^m$ . Let  $\phi(p) = (a_1, \dots, a_m)$ ,  $\psi(p) = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ . So there  $\exists j$  such that  $a_j \neq b_j$ . We have  $f = x_j - a_j$  is a polynomial function  $\overline{f} \in \Gamma(Y)$  such that

$$\varphi^* \overline{f}(p) = (\varphi(p)) = 0$$

$$\psi^* \overline{f}(p) = \overline{f}(\psi(p)) \neq 0$$

### 4.3 Last Class Continued

**Last Class**: Let X be an algebraic set.

- Coordinate Ring:  $\Gamma(X) = \{\text{polynomial functions } X \to k\} = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I(X)$
- Polynomial maps/Morphisms:  $\phi: X \to Y$
- **Pullback**:  $\varphi^* : \Gamma(Y) \to \Gamma(X)$ .

There is a bijection between

{polynomial maps $X \to Y$ } f  $\longleftarrow$  {homomorphisms  $\Gamma(Y) \to \Gamma(X)$ }

This is between  $\phi$  and its pullback.

**Example 4.3.1:** Suppose  $r \le n$ . What polynomial map of what algebraic sets corresponds to the inclusion of rings  $k[x_1, \ldots, x_r] - k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ ? We want  $k[x_1, \ldots, x_r] = \Gamma(Y)$  and  $k[x_1, \ldots, x_n] = \Gamma(X)$ . We have  $\varphi : X = \mathbb{A}^n \to Y = \mathbb{A}^r$  This is a projection map. Suppose that you do not know the map. We consider  $\varphi(p) = (b_1, \ldots, b_r)$ . We have  $b_i = X_i(\varphi(p)) = (\varphi^*X_i)(p) = X_i(p) = a_i$  where  $p = (a_1, \ldots, a_n)$ .

**Example 4.3.2:** Let  $X = V(u - v^3) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$  Consider  $\Gamma(\mathbb{A}^3) \to \Gamma(X)$ :

$$k[x,y,z] \rightarrow \frac{k[u,v]}{(u-v^3)}$$

with mapping  $x \mapsto u, y \mapsto 2u, z \mapsto 3u$ . What is the polynomial map corresponding the this pullback?

Definition 4.3.1

A polynomial map  $\phi: X \to Y$  is an isomorphism if  $\exists \psi: Y \to X$  a polynomial map such that  $\psi \circ \phi = id_X$  and  $\phi \circ \psi = id_Y$ .

**Lemma**:  $\varphi: X \to Y$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $\varphi^*: \Gamma(Y) \to \Gamma(X)$  is an isomorphism of rings.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\varphi^*$  is an isomorphism. Then it has an inverse  $(\varphi^*)^{-1}$  The inverse:

$$(\varphi^*)^{-1}:\Gamma(X)\to\Gamma(Y)$$

which corresponds to a mpa  $\psi: Y \to X$ . Now consider the composition  $\psi \circ \phi$  which we want to show is the identity on X. This is true if and only if  $(\psi \circ \phi)^* = \mathrm{id}_X^* = \mathrm{id}_{\Gamma(X)}$ . We have  $(\psi \circ \phi)^* = \phi^* \circ \psi^*$  which is indeed the identity.

**Example 4.3.3:**  $\varphi: \mathbb{A}^1 \to V(y-x^2) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$  where  $t \mapsto (t,t^2)$ . The inverse map is the projection map of  $(t,t^2) \to t$ . You can also look at the map on the coordinate rings. Consider  $\varphi^*: \frac{k[x,y]}{(y-x^2)} \to k[t]$ .

### Coordinate Changes

# Definition 4.3.2

A coordinate change is a type of polynomial map. When  $T : \mathbb{A}^n \to \mathbb{A}^n$  given by

$$p \to (T_1(p), \dots, T_m(p))$$

is a bijection and all  $T_i$  are degree 1 polynomials, then T is called a coordinate change. In this case,  $T = T'' \circ T'$  where T' is a k-linear map and T'' is a translation. This is always an isomorphism because T' has an inverse and so does T''.

**Example 4.3.4:**  $T: \mathbb{A}^2 \to \mathbb{A}^2$  where

$$(x,y) \mapsto (2x + 1, x + y + 2)$$

This is

$$(x,y) \mapsto (2x, x + y) \to (2x + 1, x + y + 2)$$

If  $T : \mathbb{A}^n \to \mathbb{A}^n$ , is an isomorphism, then for any algebraic set  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ , then  $T|_X : X \to \Gamma(X)$  is also an isomorphism. The inverse is given by  $T^{-1}|_{T(X)}$ .

Returning to an example form Lecture 1:

$$V(x^2 + y^2 - 1) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$$
  $V(x^2 - y^2 - 1) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$ 

The coordinate change is:

$$(x,y) \mapsto (x,iy)$$

## Week 5

### 5.1 Algebraic Subset

# Definition 5.1.1

### Algebraic Subset

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  be an algebraic set. Given  $\overline{f} \in \Gamma(X)$ , we write  $V(\overline{f}) = \{p \in X : \overline{f}(p) = 0\} \subseteq X$ . We claim that  $V(\overline{f})$  is an algebraic set in X.

*Proof.* We have  $k[x_1,\ldots,x_n]\to \Gamma(X)$  is surjective and suppose  $f\in k[x_1,\ldots,x_n]$  is sent to  $\bar f\in \Gamma(X)$  under the quotient map. Then  $V(\bar f)=V(f)\cap X$ . Every algebraic set  $Z\subseteq X$  is of this form because if  $Z=V(f_1,\ldots,f_r)$  for  $f_i\in k[x_1,\ldots,x_n]$ , then  $Z=V(\bar f_1,\ldots,\bar f_r)$ 

### 5.2 Images and Preimages

**Lemma**: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  and  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{A}^m$  be algebraic sets and suppose  $\varphi : X \to Y$  is a polynomial map. If  $Z \subseteq Y$  is an algebraic set, then  $\varphi^{-1}(Z) \subseteq X$  is an algebraic set.

*Proof.* 
$$Z = V(f_1, ..., f_r)$$
 for  $f_i \in k[y_1, ..., y_m]$ . Each defines a polynomial function  $\bar{f}_i \in \Gamma(Y) = k[y_1, ..., y_m/I(Y)]$ .

**Example 5.2.1:** Suppose  $\varphi : \mathbb{A}^2 \to \mathbb{A}^3$  where

$$(\mathfrak{u},\mathfrak{v})\mapsto (-\mathfrak{u},\mathfrak{v},\mathfrak{u}^2+\mathfrak{v}^2)$$

where  $\varphi: X \to Y$  by X = V(u - v) and  $Y = V(x^2 + y^2 - z)$ .

Question: If  $A \subseteq X$  is an algebraic set and  $\varphi : X \to Y$  is a polynomial map, is  $\varphi(A) \subseteq Y$  an algebraic set?

**Lemma**: let  $\varphi: X \to Y$  be a morphism. Suppose  $Z \subseteq Y$  is an algebraic set. If  $\varphi^{-1}(Z)$  is irreducible, then Z is irreducible.

*Proof.* Suppose for contradiction that  $\varphi^{-1}(Z)$  is irreducible by  $Z = A \cup B$  with  $A, B \subset Z$  algebraic subsets. Then  $\varphi^{-1}(Z) = \varphi^{-1}(A) \cup \varphi^{-1}(B)$ . Since  $\varphi^{-1}(Z)$  is irreducible,  $\varphi^{-1}(Z) = \varphi^{-1}(A)$  or  $\varphi^{-1}(B)$ . Without loss of generality, assume  $\varphi^{-1}(Z) = \varphi^{-1}(A)$ . But then  $Z = \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(Z)) = \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(Z)) = A$ .

Question: IF  $\varphi(A)$  is irreducible, is A irreducible?

### 5.3 Injectivity and Surjectivity

**Lemma**: Suppose that  $\varphi: X \to Y$  is surjective. Then  $\varphi^*: \Gamma(Y) \to \Gamma(X)$  is injective.

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \Gamma(Y)$  and suppose that  $\phi^* f = 0$ . We want to show that f = 0.

$$X \xrightarrow{\varphi^* f = 0} k$$

Suppose that  $q \in Y$  is any point. Because  $\varphi$  is surjective, there is a  $p \in X$  such that  $q = \varphi(p)$ . Then  $f(q) = f(\varphi(p)) = \varphi^* f(p) = 0$ . Then f(q) = 0 for all  $q \in Y$  so f = 0.

**Example 5.3.1:** Projection map  $\mathbb{A}^n \to \mathbb{A}^r$  corresponds to  $k[x_1, \dots, x_r] \to k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ 

Question: If  $\phi^*$  is injective, is  $\phi$  surjective. No.

### Dominant

Definition 5.3.1

A morphism  $\varphi: X \to Y$  is dominant if  $I(\varphi(X)) = I(Y)$ .

Applying the vanishing:

$$V(I(\varphi(X))) = V(I(Y)) = Y$$

and  $V(I(\phi(X)))$  is the closure of X, the smallest algebraic set that contains X.

The example V(xy - 1) to the projection on  $\mathbb{A}$  by y is dominant but not surjective.

**Proposition**: Let  $\varphi : X \to Y$  be a morphism. Then  $\varphi^*$  is injective iff  $\varphi$  is dominant.

*Proof.* ( $\rightarrow$ ) Assume that  $\phi^*$  is injective. Since  $\phi(X) \subseteq Y$ , we have  $I(\phi(X)) \supseteq I(Y)$ . Let  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{A}^m$  and  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ . Let  $f \in I(\phi(X)) \subseteq k[y_1, \ldots, y_m]$ . Then  $\Gamma(\overline{f})(p)$  for  $p \in X$ . We get  $f(\phi(p)) = 0$  since  $f \in I(\phi(X))$  so f vanishes on points in  $\Im \phi$ . So  $\phi^*(\overline{f}) = 0$  meaning  $\overline{f} = 0$ . So  $f \in I(Y)$ .

 $(\leftarrow) \text{ Now suppose that } \phi \text{ is dominant. Suppose } \overline{f} \in \Gamma(Y) \text{ and } \phi^*(\overline{f}) = 0. \text{ For all } p \in X, \\ \text{we have } 0 = (\phi^*\overline{f}(p)) = \overline{f}(\phi(p)). \text{ Suppose } f \in k[y_1,\ldots,y_m] \text{ has image } \overline{f} \in \Gamma(Y). \text{ Then } \\ \overline{f}(\phi(p)) = f(\phi(p)) \implies f \in I(\phi(p)). \text{ So } f \in I(Y). \text{ So } \overline{f} = 0. \\ \square$ 

# Week 6

### 6.1 More on Morphisms

Last class, we showed that  $\phi: X \to Y$  is dominant iff  $\phi^*$  is injective.

**Proposition**: Let  $\varphi : X \to Y$  be a morphism of algebraic sets.

$$\phi^* : \Gamma(Y) \to \Gamma(X)$$

is surjective iff  $\varphi(X)$  is an algebraic set and  $X \to \varphi(X)$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* ( $\leftarrow$ ) Suppose that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism onto  $\phi(X) = Y' \subseteq Y$  where Y' is an algebraic set.

 $(\rightarrow)$  Suppose  $\varphi^*: \Gamma(Y) \rightarrow \Gamma(X)$  is surjective. Let  $Y' \subseteq Y$  be defined by  $Y' = V(\ker \varphi^*)$ . Now we claim that  $\varphi(X) \subseteq Y'$ . Suppose that  $\varphi(p) \in \varphi(X)$ . If  $\overline{f} \in \ker \varphi^*$ ,

$$\overline{f}(\varphi(p)) = (\varphi^*\overline{f})(p) = 0$$

which because  $\bar{f} \in \ker \phi^*$ . So we have that  $\phi(p) \in V(\ker \phi^*)$ .

Claim 2:  $X \cong Y'$ . Consider the maps:

Since we have  $\Gamma(Y') \cong \Gamma(X)$  means that  $Y' \cong X$ .

**Example 6.1.1:** Consider the inclusion  $\mathbb{A}^2 \to \mathbb{A}^3$  which sends  $(\mathfrak{u}, \mathfrak{v}) \mapsto (\mathfrak{u}, \mathfrak{v}, 0)$ . The pullback  $k[x, y, z] = \Gamma(\mathbb{A}^3) \to \Gamma(\mathbb{A}^2) = k[\mathfrak{u}, \mathfrak{v}]$ . We have  $f(x, y, z) \mapsto \overline{f}(\mathfrak{u}, \mathfrak{v}, 0)$ . So  $k[x, y, z] \to k[x, y, z]/(z) = k[\mathfrak{u}, \mathfrak{v}]$ . We have that  $\ker \varphi^* = (z)$  and the image of  $\varphi$  is

V(ker φ)

### 6.2 Classical Topology

Recall open and closed intervals on  $\mathbb{R}$ . We have

$$(a, b) = \{r \in \mathbb{R} : a < r < b\}$$

and closed intervals:

$$[a,b] = \{r \in \mathbb{R} : a \leqslant r \leqslant b\}$$

More generally, given a subset  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , we say that U is open in the classical topology if  $\forall x \in U$ ,  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that

$$B_{\varepsilon}(x) = \{y : ||y - x|| < \varepsilon\} \subseteq U$$

We will check that open intervals are open with this definition. If  $x \in (a, b)$ . Then a < x < b so  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that  $\epsilon < b - x, x - a$ . Then  $B_{\epsilon}(x) \subseteq (a, b)$ . For  $\mathbb{R}^1$ ,  $B_{\epsilon}(x) = (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)$ .

### Closed Sets

Definition 6.2.1

We say  $Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is closed (in the classical topology) if the complement  $Z^c \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is open.

We can check that the closed intervals are closed. We have that  $[a, b]^c = (-\infty, a) \cup (b, \infty)$ .

**Properties**: If U<sub>i</sub> are open, then

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$$
 is an open set

and

$$\bigcap_{i \in I}^{n} U_{i} \text{ is an open set}$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x \in \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ . Then  $x \in U_i$  for some i. Because  $U_i$  is open,  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that  $B_{\epsilon}(x) \subseteq U_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ .

If  $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I}^n U_i$ . Then  $x \in U_i \forall i$ . So for each i,  $\exists \varepsilon_i > 0$  such that  $B_{\varepsilon_i}(x) \subseteq U_i$ . Set  $\varepsilon = \min(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$ , then  $B_{\varepsilon}(x) \subseteq U_i \forall i$ . So  $B_{\varepsilon}(x) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} U_i$ .

Note that in general, an infinite intersection of open sets need not be open. One example is  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - \frac{1}{i}, 1 + \frac{1}{i}) = \{1\}.$ 

These open sets define the classical topology on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We can similarly define open sets in  $\mathbb{C}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ .

### Topology

Definition 6.2.2

A topology on a space, X is a collection  $\mathcal U$  of subsets of X that we call "open sets" satisfying

- (a) If  $U_i = \mathcal{U}$ , then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \mathcal{U}$
- (b) If  $U_i \in \mathcal{U}$ , then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n U_1 \in \mathcal{U}$

(c)  $\emptyset$ ,  $X \in \mathcal{U}$ .

#### **Definition** 6.2.3

If  $\mathcal{U}$  is a topology on X, we call a subset  $Z \subseteq X$  closed if  $Z^c \in \mathcal{U}$ .

A topology can also be defined by its closed sets. If C is the collection of closed sets in a topology, then the collection of open sets in  $\mathcal{U} = \{Z^c : Z \in C\}$ .

### **Properties of Closed Sets:**

- (a) If  $C_i \in C$ , then  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n C_i \in C$ . This is because  $(\bigcup_{i=1}^n C_i)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n C_i^c \in \mathcal{U}$ .
- (b) If  $C_i \in C$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} C_i \in C$ . We have  $(\bigcap_{i \in I} C_i)^c = \bigcup_{i \in I} C_i^c \in \mathcal{U}$ .
  - $\emptyset$ ,  $X \in C$ .

A finite union of algebraic sets is an algebraic set. An arbitrary intersection of algebraic sets is an algebraic set. We also have  $\mathbb{A}^n$ ,  $\emptyset$  are algebraic sets. This says that the set of all algebraic sets satisfies the rules to be the closed sets of a topology.

### Zariski Topology

#### **Definition** 6.2.4

We define the Zariski topology to be the topology on  $\mathbb{A}^n$  where the closed set  $C = \{algebraic sets in \mathbb{A}^n\}$ . Equivalently, the Zariski topology in  $\mathbb{A}^n$  is the topology where the collection of open sets is  $\mathcal{U} = \{Z^c : Z \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n \text{ is an algebraic set}\}.$ 

### Definition 6.2.5

We call an algebraic set  $Z \subseteq X$  a closed set and a subset  $U \subseteq X$  is called an open set if U<sup>c</sup> is a closed set

**Example 6.2.1:**  $\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{A}^1$ .

**Example 6.2.2:**  $\mathbb{A}^2 \setminus V(x^2 + y^2 + 1)$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{A}^2$ .

**Example 6.2.3:**  $\{(x,y): x \neq 0, y = 0\}$  is not open in  $\mathbb{A}^2$  but  $\{(x,y): s \neq 0, y = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{A}$ V(y) is an open set.

### Closure

#### Definition 6.2.6

Given a subset A of a set X with a topology  $\mathcal{U}$ , the closure of A is the smallest closed set containing A.

**Example 6.2.4:** In  $\mathbb{R}$  with the Euclidean topology, the closure of the open interval (-1,2) is the closed interval [-1,2]. But in  $\mathbb{R}$  with the Zariski topology, the closure of (-1,2) is all of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

### 6.3 More on Closure and Continuity

Recall: Suppose X is a set with a topology. Given a subset  $A \subseteq X$ , the closure of A is the smallest closed set containing A. This is often denoted as  $\overline{A}$ .

$$\overline{A} = \bigcap_{Z \supseteq A, Z \text{ is closed}} Z$$

**Lemma**: Let X be an algebraic set with the Zariski topology. If  $A \subseteq X$  is any subset, the closure of A is V(I(A)).

*Proof.* We have  $V(I(A)) \supseteq A$  is a closed set. Now we need to show that it is contained in every closed set that contains A. Suppose that  $V(S) \supseteq A$  is another closed set that contains A. So  $S \subseteq I(A)$  and  $V(S) \supseteq V(I(A))$ .

Warning: Open sets in the Zariski topology are very big.

Hw: If X is an irreducible algebraic set, and  $U \subseteq X$  is open, then  $\overline{U} = X$ .

**Lemma**: Suppose X is an irreducible algebraic set (aka a variety). If  $U_1, U_2 \subseteq X$  are nonempty open subsets, then  $U_1 \cap U_2 \neq \emptyset$ .

A topology is "Hausdorff" if  $\forall x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ ,  $\exists U \ni x$  and  $Vk \ni y$  open sets such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . This means that for every point, you can find spheres containing them that do not intersect. The lemma says that the Zariski topology is not Hausdorff.

*Proof.* Suppose for contradiction that  $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$ . Then  $(U_1 \cap U_2)^c = X$  and  $U_1^c \cup U_2^c$  So X is a union of two closed sets, which are algebraic sets. So X is  $U_i^c$  which means  $U_i = \emptyset$ .

The Zariski topology is very coarse where there are not many open subsets. Suppose X has two topologies  $\mathcal U$  and  $\mathcal V$ . We say  $\mathcal U$  is coarser than  $\mathcal V$  if  $\mathcal U \subseteq \mathcal V$ . We say  $\mathcal V$  is finer than  $\mathcal U$ . The coarsest topology on X is  $\{\emptyset, X\}$ . The finest topology on X is  $\{\text{all subsets of } X\}$ .

### Continuity

Definition 6.3.1

Suppose that X and Y are topological spaces. Then we say a map  $\varphi: X \to Y$  is continuous if for any open set  $U \subseteq Y$ ,  $\varphi^{-1}(U) \subseteq X$  is an open subset in X. Equivalently, if for every closed set  $Z \subseteq Y$ , the preimage  $\varphi^{-1}(Z) \subseteq X$  is a closed subset of X. These are equivalent because  $\varphi^{-1}(Z^c) = (\varphi^{-1}(Z))^c$ 

This definition generalizes continuous functions from  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  if we use the classical topology. The definition of continuity:

$$f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$$
 is continuous if  $\lim_{x \to y} f(x) = f(y)$ 

A function if continuous if  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that if  $|x - y| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$ . If  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is open, why does this mean  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open? Suppose  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$ . We must show that  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that  $B_{\delta}(x) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ . Since U is open and  $f(x) \in U$ ,  $\exists \epsilon$  such that  $B_{\epsilon}(f(x)) \subseteq U$ . So  $\exists \delta$  such that  $B_{\delta}(x) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_{\epsilon}(f(x))) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ .

Now for the other direction. If  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open for all U open, why is f continuous by the calculus definition? We have

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, B_{\varepsilon}(f(x))$$
 is open

so  $f^{-1}(B_{\varepsilon}(f(x)))$  is open. Now this means that  $x \in f^{-1}(B_{\varepsilon}(f(x)))$ . Sin the ball is open,  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that  $B_{\delta}(x) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_{\varepsilon}(f(x)))$ .

We have already shown that morphisms are continuous in the Zariski topology. In fact, the Zariski topology is the coarsest topology such that

- A point  $\in \mathbb{A}^1$  is closed
- Polynomial maps are continuous.

### 6.4 Rational Maps

Let X be a variety (irreducible algebraic set). The  $\Gamma(X)$  is an integral domain.

### Field of Rational Functions

# Definition 6.4.1

The field of rational functions on X is

$$k(X) = \operatorname{Frac}(\Gamma(X)) = \left\{ \frac{f}{g} : f, g \in \Gamma(X), g \neq 0 \right\} / \frac{f_1}{g_1} \sim \frac{f_2}{g_2} \iff f_2g_1 = f_1g_2$$

**Example 6.4.1:** 
$$X = \mathbb{A}^1$$
,  $\Gamma(X) = k[x]$ ,  $k(X) = k(x)$ .  $k(\mathbb{A}^n) = \text{Frac}(k[x_1, ..., x_n]) = k(x_1, ..., x_n)$ .

**Example 6.4.2:**  $X = V(xy - z^2) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^3$ . The rational function  $\frac{x}{z}$  is the same as  $\frac{z}{y}$  because  $\frac{x}{z} \sim \frac{z}{y}$  as  $z^2 = xy$ .

### Defined at p

# Definition 6.4.2

We say that a rational function  $f \in k(X)$  is defined at  $p \in X$  if  $\exists a, b \in \Gamma(X)$  such that  $f = \frac{1}{b}$  and  $b(p) \neq 0$ .

**Example 6.4.3:** It is not always clear where a rational function is defined. Is  $\frac{x}{z}$  defined at (0,1,0)? Yes because there is a representative where the point is defined. In fact, it is defined at (x,y,z) whenever  $z \neq 0$  or  $y \neq 0$ . The pole set of  $\frac{x}{z}$  is V(z,y).

### Pole

# Definition 6.4.3

Let  $f \in k(X)$  be a rational function. If f is not defined at  $p \in X$ , then we say p is a pole of f.

**Example 6.4.4:**  $\mathbb{A}^2 \to \mathbb{A}^1$  as a projection from the origin onto x = 1. It sends  $(x,y) \mapsto \frac{y}{x}$ . This is not defined at V(x).

**Proposition**: The pole set of a rational function  $f \in k(X)$  is an algebraic subset of X.

*Proof.* Let  $J_f = \{g \in \Gamma(X) : fg \in \Gamma(X)\}$  you can verify that it is an ideal. The claim is that  $V(J_f) = \text{pole set of } f$ . A point p is not a pole of f iff  $\exists a, b \in \Gamma(X)$  such that  $f = \frac{a}{b}$  where  $b(p) \neq 0$ . That means that there is  $b \in J_f$  so that  $b(p) \neq 0$ . This means that  $p \notin V(J_f)$ .  $\square$ 

## Week 7

Plan for today:

- Local ring at a point
- Local rings (general definition)
- Pullbacks on local rings

Last Class: Let X be a variety (irreducible algebraic set). Then

 $k(X) = \operatorname{Frac}(\Gamma(X))$  is the field of rational functions on X

### 7.1 Local Rings

We say  $f \in k(X)$  is defined at P if  $\exists a, b \in \Gamma(X)$  where  $f = \frac{a}{b}$  and  $b(P) \neq 0$ .

### Local Ring at a Point

Definition 7.1.1

The local ring of X at P is denoted  $O_p(X)$  is the subring  $O_p(X) = \{f \in k(X) : f \text{ is defined at P}\} \subseteq k(X)$ .

Caution:  $O_p(X) \neq k(P)$ 

**Example 7.1.1:**  $X = \mathbb{A}^1$ . Consider P = V(x). Then  $k(P) = \operatorname{Frac}(\Gamma(P)) = \operatorname{Frac}(k) = k$  Meanwhile,  $k(X) = k(\mathbb{A}^1) = k(x)$ .

$$O_p(X) = \{\frac{f}{g} : f, g \in k[x] \text{ and constant term of } g \neq 0\}$$

Although  $x \in k(X)$  vanishes at p = 0, the function x is not the zero function in k(X).

We have  $k \subseteq \Gamma(X) \subseteq O_p(X) \subseteq k(X)$ .

**Proposition**: Let k be algebraically closed and let X be a variety. Then  $\Gamma(X) = \bigcap_{p \in X} O_p(X)$ .

*Proof.* We have the containment of  $\Gamma(X) \subseteq \bigcap_{p \in X} O_p(X)$ . Suppose that  $f \in \bigcap_{p \in X} O_p(X)$ . Then f is defined every where so if  $J_f = \{g \in \Gamma(X) : g \cdot f \in \Gamma(X)\}$ , then  $V(J_f) = \emptyset$ . Recall  $\pi : k[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \to k[x_1, \ldots, x_n] / I(X) = \Gamma(X) \supseteq J_f$ . We have  $V(\pi^{-1}(J_f)) = V(J_f) = \emptyset$ . Now apply WN1 to say that  $\pi^{-1}(J_f) = k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ . So  $J_f = \Gamma(X)$ . Since  $1 \in J_f$ , we have  $1 \cdot f \in \Gamma(X)$ .

If  $f \in O_p(X)$  then there is an evaluation of f at p.

- So choose  $a, b \in \Gamma(X)$  such that  $b(P) \neq 0$  and  $f = \frac{a}{b}$ . The  $f(P) = \frac{a(P)}{b(P)}$ .
- If  $a', b' \in \Gamma(X)$  satisfy  $b'(P) \neq 0$  and  $f = \frac{a'}{b'}$ , then we have

$$\frac{a'}{b'} = \frac{a}{b} \iff a'b = b'a \in \Gamma(X)$$

This means that:

$$a'(P)b(P) = b'(P)a$$

so

$$\frac{a'(P)}{b'(P)} = \frac{a(P)}{b(P)}$$

which makes evaluation well-defined.

Evaluation at p gives a map  $O_p(X) \to k$  which is a surjective map. This means that the kernel is a maximal ideal which we denote as  $\mathfrak{m}_p(X) = \{f \in O_p(X) : f(P) = 0\}$ . Claim: This is the set of {non-units in  $O_p(X)$ }. In other words, if  $g \notin \mathfrak{m}_p(X)$ , then g is a unit of  $O_p(X)$ . If  $g \notin \mathfrak{m}_p(X)$ , then  $g = \frac{a}{b}$  where  $b(P) \neq 0$ ,  $a(P) \neq 0$ . So  $\frac{b}{a} \in O_p(X)$ .

### Local Ring

Definition 7.1.2

We call a ring R a local ring if one of the following equivalent conditions is satisfied:

- $\{\text{non-units in R}\}\subseteq R \text{ is an ideal }$
- R has a unique maximal ideal.

*Proof.*  $(1 \to 2)$  Let  $\mathfrak{m} = \{\text{non-units in R}\}$  is an ideal. Every proper ideal  $I \subset R$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$ . If  $I \subset \mathfrak{m}$ , then I has a unit making I = R. So  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the unique maximal ideal since any other maximal ideal must be in  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

 $(2 \to 1)$  Suppose that R has a unique maximal ideal. The claim is that m is the set of non-units. If  $\alpha \in R$  that is not a unit, then the ideal generated by this element is not R. So  $(\alpha) \subseteq m$ . So m is the set of all non-units.

**Example 7.1.2:** Let  $R = \{\frac{\alpha}{b} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \text{ is odd}\} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ . An element  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  is a unit iff  $c = \frac{2\alpha}{b} \in (\frac{2}{1})$ .

**Example 7.1.3:** Non-example. k[x] is not a local ring: (x), (x + 1) are non-units but x - x + 1 = 1 is a unit. The ideals  $(x) \neq (x + 1)$  are maximal.

**Example 7.1.4:** Let  $R = \{\frac{\alpha}{b} \in k(x) : a, b \in k[x], b_0 \neq 0\} = O_0(\mathbb{A}^1)$ . This is a local ring with a unique maximal ideal  $(\frac{x}{1})$ .

**Proposition**:  $O_p(X)$  is Noetherian.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $I \subseteq O_p(X)$  is an ideal. Consider  $J = I \cap \Gamma(X)$ . J is an ideal in  $\Gamma(X)$  and  $\Gamma(X)$  is Noetherian. It follows that  $J = (f_1, \ldots, f_r)$ . Consider  $f = \frac{a}{b} \in I \subseteq O_p(X)$ ,  $a, b \in \Gamma(X)$  and  $b(P) \neq 0$ . Then  $a = fb \in O_p(X)$  and  $a \in \Gamma(X)$ ,  $a \in I$ , so  $a \in J$ . This means that

$$\alpha = \alpha_1 f_1 + \cdots + \alpha_r f_r \text{ for } \alpha_i \in \Gamma(X)$$

So we divide through by b:

so  $I = (f_1, ..., f_r)$ .

$$f = \frac{a}{b} = \left(\frac{a_1}{b}\right) f_1 + \dots + \left(\frac{a_r}{b}\right) f_r \in (f_1, \dots, f_r)$$

### 7.2 Local rings and Pullbacks

Suppose  $\varphi: X \to Y$  is a morphism of varieties. Then

$$\Gamma(Y) \xrightarrow{\varphi^*} \Gamma(X)$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$k(Y) \xrightarrow{?} k(X)$$

If it extends, then  $\frac{f}{g} \mapsto \frac{\phi^* f}{\phi^* g}$ . If  $g \in \ker \phi^*$ , then this does not work.

Let  $p \in X$  and let  $Q = \varphi(p) \in Y$ . Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{O}_Q(Y)$ . Then  $\exists g, h \in \Gamma(Y)$  so that  $f = \frac{g}{h}$  and  $h(Q) \neq 0$ . Then

$$(\phi^*h)(p) = h(\phi(p)) = h(Q) \neq 0$$

So  $\frac{\phi^*g}{\phi^*h}$  is defined at P. This induces a well-defined map

$$O_{\mathbb{Q}}(Y) \xrightarrow{\varphi^*} O_{\mathbb{p}}(X)$$

If  $f = \frac{g'}{h'}$ , where  $h'(Q) \neq 0$ , then

$$\frac{g}{h} = \frac{g'}{h'} \iff h'g = g'h$$

which means

$$\phi^*h'\phi^*g = \phi^*g'\phi^*h$$

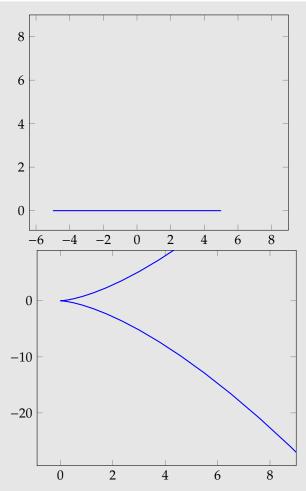
Since  $\varphi^*h$ ,  $\varphi^*h' \neq 0$ ,

$$\frac{\varphi^* g}{\varphi^* h} = \frac{\varphi^* g'}{\varphi^* h'}$$

### 7.3 Tangent Spaces

**Recall**: It is not always possible to pullback rational functions along  $\varphi: X \to Y$ . If  $\mathfrak{p} \in X$ ,  $Q = \varphi(\mathfrak{p}) \in Y$ , then  $O_Q(Y) \to O_{\mathfrak{p}}(X)$ 

#### **Example 7.3.1:**



We have  $O_1(\mathbb{A}^1) = \{\frac{a}{b} : a, b \in k[t], b(1) \neq 0\}$  and  $O_{(1,1)}(Y) = \{\frac{g}{b} : g, h \in \frac{k[x,y]}{(y^2-x^3)}, h(1,1) \neq 0\}$ . Since x does not vanish at (1,1), we have  $\frac{y}{x} \to t$ .

(Onto) We have  $\frac{g(t)}{h(t)} \leftarrow \frac{g(\frac{y}{x})}{h(\frac{y}{x})}$ .

(Injective) If  $0 = \frac{\phi^*g}{\phi^*h}$ , then  $\phi^*g = 0$ . This means  $g(t^2, t^3) = 0$  and g vanishes on Y. Also possible to show that  $\phi$  is dominant which implies that  $\phi^*$  is injective.

On the other hand the map:  $O_0(\mathbb{A}^n) = \{\frac{a}{b} : a, b \in k[t], b \neq 0\} \leftarrow O_{(0,0)}(Y) = \{\frac{f}{g} : f, g \in \frac{k[x,y]}{(x^3)-y^2}, g(0,0) \neq 0\}$  is not an isomorphism.

Claim:  $t \in O_0(\mathbb{A}^1)$  is not in the image. Suppose that  $\frac{f(x,y)}{g(x,y)}$  where  $\phi^* \frac{f(x,y)}{g(x,y)} = t$ . So  $f(t^2,t^3) = g(t^2,t^3)t$ .

**Example 7.3.2:** For  $f = x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0$ , V(f).

$$f_x = \frac{d}{dx} = 3x$$

$$f_y = \frac{d}{dy} = 2y$$

and  $f_x(p) = -\sqrt{2}$ ,  $f_y(p) = \sqrt{2}$ . Tangent line to V(f) at  $p = (\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$  is

$$f_x(p)(x-x_0)+f_y(p)(y-y_0)=0 \implies y=x+\sqrt{2}$$

Singular vs Smooth Points

**Definition** 7.3.1

If  $f_x(p) = 0$  and  $f_y(p) = 0$ , then p is a singular point of V(f). Otherwise, p is a smooth point.

Remark: This works when f has no repeated factors or (f) is radical.

Smooth vs Singular Sets

**Definition** 7.3.2

We say that v(f) is smooth if V(f) is smooth at every point  $p \in V(f)$ . Otherwise, we call V(f) singular.

**Example 7.3.3:**  $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^3 + x$ .

**Example 7.3.4:**  $f = (y - x^2)(y + 1) = y^2 + y - x^2y - x^2$  is smooth over reals but not over the complex numbers.

$$f_x = -2xy - 2x$$
  
$$f_y = 2y + 1 - x^2$$

0 = 2x(y + 1) and  $x^2 = 2y + 1$ . Cases:

- x = 0: Then 2y + 1 = 0,  $y = \frac{-1}{2}$ .
- y = -1: Then  $x^2 = -1$ . These points are singular on V(f). So V(f) is singular.

**Example 7.3.5:**  $V(y^2 - x^3)$ .

**Definition** 7.3.3

Forms/Homogeneous Polynomials

Given a polynomial  $f \in k[x, y]$ , We can always write

$$f = f_0 + f_1 + f_2 + \cdots + f_d$$

where  $f_i$  is a linear combination of monomials with degree i.

**Claim**: If  $f_1 \neq 0$ , then  $V(f_1)$  is the tangent line to V(f) at (0,0). If  $f_1 = 0$ , then V(f) is singular at (0,0).

In either case, we define the tangent space to V(f) at (0,0) to be  $V(f_1)$  denoted  $T_{(0,0)}V(f) =$  $V(f_1)$ .

## Week 8

### 8.1 Tangent Cones

Given  $0 \neq f \in k[x, y]$ , we defined  $f_i$  homogeneous parts of degree i.

**Claim**: If  $f_1 \neq 0$ , then  $V(f_1)$  is the tangent line to V(f) at (0,0). If  $f_1 = 0$ , then V(f) is singular at (0,0).

In either case, we define the tangent space to V(f) at (0,0) to be  $V(f_1)$  denoted  $T_{(0,0)}V(f) = V(f_1)$ .

*Proof.* (a) If  $f_1 \neq 0$  and  $f = ax + by + \cdots$ , then  $f_x = a + \cdots$  and  $f_y = b + \cdots$  so  $f_x(0,0) = a$ ,  $f_y(0,0) = b$ . The tangent line is  $f_x(p)(x-x_0) + f_y(p)(y-y_0) = 0$ . So we have ax + by = 0.

(b) If  $f_1 = 0$ , we have  $f = cx^2 + dxy + ey^2 + \cdots$ . Now  $f_x = 2cx + dy + \cdots$ ,  $f_y = dx + 2ey + \cdots$ . Plug in:  $f_x(0,0) = 0$ ,  $f_y(0,0) = 0$ . So V(f) is singular at (0,0).

If  $f_1 = 0$ , the next best thing is to look at  $f_2$ .

**Example 8.1.1:**  $f = y^2 - x^2 - x^3$ .

#### Tangent Cone

# Definition 8.1.1

Suppose that  $f_0 = 0$ , so  $(0,0) \in V(f)$ . Let m be the minimal number so that  $f_m \neq 0$ . Then  $V(f_m)$  is called the tangent cone to V(f) at (0,0). Denoted  $TC_{(0,0)}V(f)$ . Here, m is called the multiplicity of (0,0).

If  $(0,0) \in V(f)$  has multiplicity 1, then the tangent cone is a line, and it is smooth at (0,0). If it is greater than 1, it is a union of lines contained in tangent space.

**Proposition**: Suppose  $F \in k[x,y]$  is homogeneous of degree m. Assuming k is algebraically closed, F factors into m linear factors.

If G(x, y) is dehomogenized: G(x, 1), the form cannot be recovered unless the degree is known.

*Proof.* Say F(x,y) is homogeneous. Write  $F(x,y) = y^TG(x,y)$  where  $y \nmid G$ . Consider  $G(x,y) = a_d x^d + a_{d-1} x^{d-1} y + \dots + a_1 x y^{d-1} + a_0 y^d j$ . And  $G(x,1)k = a_d x^d + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ . Because k is algebraically closed, G(x,1) factors to linear factors.  $G(x,1) = a_d \prod_{i=1}^d (x - \lambda_i)$ . So  $G(x,y) = a_d \prod_{i=1}^d (x - \lambda_i y)$ .

Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{A}^2 \to \mathbb{A}^2$  be the map such that

$$\varphi((a,b)) = (x + a, y + b)$$

We also have:

$$\varphi^* : \Gamma(\mathbb{A}^2) \to \gamma$$
$$f(x,y) \mapsto f(x+a,y+b)$$

If  $(a,b) \in V(f)$ , then  $(0,0) \in V(\phi^*f) = \phi^{-1}(V(f))$ . Define the multiplicity of  $(a,b) \in V(f)$  to be the multiplicity of  $(0,0) \in V(\phi^*f)$ . Define the tangent cone to X at (a,b) to be  $\phi$ (tangent cone of  $V(\phi^*f)$  at (0,0)).

Suppose X is an algebraic set in  $\mathbb{A}^n$ . The tangent space to X at (0, ..., 0) is  $T_{(0,...,0)}X = V(\{f_1 : f \in I(X)\})$ . The tangent cone to X at (0,...,0) to be

$$TC_{(0,...,0)}X = V(\{f_m : f \in I(X)\})$$

Extend this to arbitrary points in  $\mathbb{A}^n$  using translation.

For any algebraic set X, we say X is smooth iff  $\dim T_p X = \dim X$  for all  $p \in X$ .

Relationship with the local ring: Let I, J be ideals in a ring R. Then

$$IJ = \langle ab : a \in I, b \in J \rangle$$

And for powers of ideals:

$$I^n = \langle a_1 \cdots a_n : a_i \in I \rangle$$

Suppose  $P \in X$ . Consider  $\mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{p}}(X) \subseteq O_{\mathfrak{p}}(X)$ .

#### Zariski Tangent Space

Definition 8.1.2

The Zariski tangent space of X at P is the dual vector space of  $\mathfrak{m}_p/\mathfrak{m}p^2$  which is the space of linear maps  $\mathfrak{m}_p/\mathfrak{m}p^2 \to k$ .

**Example 8.1.2:** Suppose  $f = y - 3x + x^3$ .

### Week 9

Let X be an algebraic set in  $\mathbb{A}^n$  and suppose  $(0, \dots, 0) \in x$ . Then  $T_{(0,\dots,0)}X = V(\{f_1 : f \in I(X)\})$ .

Suppose  $p \in X$  any point. Recall that  $\mathfrak{m}_p(X) \subseteq O_{\mathfrak{p}(X)}$  to be the ideal of functions that vanish at p. The more abstract definition of the tangent space is the definition of the Zariski Tangent Space.

**Example 9.0.1:** Suppose that  $f = y - 3x + x^3$  and  $p = (0,0) \in V(f) = X$ . Then  $m_p(X) = (\frac{x}{1}, \frac{y}{1})$ . We also know that  $y = 3x - x^3$  so  $m_p(X) = (\frac{x}{1})$ . So  $m_p(X)^2 = (\frac{x^2}{1})$ .

Claim:  $\mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{p}}(X)/\mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{p}}(X)^2$  is a one dimensional vector space spanned by  $\frac{x}{1}$ .

*Proof.* If  $\frac{g}{h} \in m_p(X)$ . Then  $\frac{g}{h} = \frac{g_1 + \cdots}{h_0 + h_1 + \cdots}$ .

$$\frac{g_1}{h_0} + g_1 \left( \frac{1}{h} - \frac{1}{h_0} \right) + \frac{g - g_1}{h}$$

We have  $g_1 \in \mathfrak{m}_p(X)$  and

$$\frac{1}{h} - \frac{1}{h_0} = \frac{h_0 - h}{hh_0} \in \mathfrak{m}_p(X)$$

So the quotient is a one-dimensional vector space.

In  $\mathfrak{m}_p/\mathfrak{m}_p^2$ ,  $\overline{y}=3\overline{x}$ . Then we have linear maps  $\mathfrak{m}_p/\mathfrak{m}_p^2\to k$  as  $\overline{x}\mapsto a$ ,  $\overline{y}\mapsto 3a$ . This determines a vector (a,3a) which lies in the tangent space.

Consider the case where  $X = \mathbb{A}^n = V(0)$ , p = (0, ..., 0). What is  $T_p(\mathbb{A}^n)$ . In this case,  $T_p(\mathbb{A}^n) = \mathbb{A}^n$ . We also have:

$$O_{p}(\mathbb{A}^{n}) = \{\frac{g}{h} : g, h \in k[x_{1}, ..., x_{n}], h(p) \neq 0\}$$

and

$$m_p(\mathbb{A}^n) = (\frac{x_1}{1}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{1}), m_i(\mathbb{A}^n)^2 = (\frac{x_1^2}{1}, \dots, \frac{x_i x_j}{1}, \dots, \frac{x_n^2}{1})$$

Claim:  $\mathfrak{m}_p(\mathbb{A}^n)/\mathfrak{m}_p(\mathbb{A}^n)^2$  has basis  $x_1/1,\ldots,x_n/1$ . Each of these define a linear form on  $\mathbb{A}^n \to k$ .

We say that:

$$x_i(a_1, \ldots, a_n) \mapsto a_i$$

So  $\mathfrak{m}_p/\mathfrak{m}_p^2$  is the dual to  $T_p(\mathbb{A}^n)$ . And  $(\mathfrak{m}_p/\mathfrak{m}_p^2)^{\nu}$  is  $((T_p(\mathbb{A}^n))^{\nu})^{\nu} \cong T_p\mathbb{A}^n$ .

In general, suppose X = V(I). Then  $T_p(X) = V(\{f_1 : f \in I(X)\})$ . Notice that  $\{f_1 : f \in I(X)\}$  forms a vector space. Choose a basis  $L_1, \ldots, L_r$  for this vector space, so  $T_p(X) = V(L_1, \ldots, L_r)$ 

Now  $\mathfrak{m}_p(X)$  is  $(\frac{x_1}{1},\ldots,\frac{x_n}{1})$ , but in  $\mathfrak{m}_p(X)\subseteq O_p(X)$ , we have  $L_i(\frac{x_1}{1},\ldots,\frac{x_n}{1})$ +(higher degree terms)  $\in I(X)$ . In  $\mathfrak{m}_p/\mathfrak{m}_p^2$ , we have  $L_i(\frac{x_1}{1},\ldots,\frac{x_n}{1})=0$ . In fact, we have a short exact sequence of vector spaces:

$$0 \to \operatorname{Span} \{L_1, \dots, L_r\} \to \operatorname{Span} \{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \to \mathfrak{m}_p/\mathfrak{m}_p^2 \to 0$$

Take duals:

$$0 \leftarrow \operatorname{Span} \{L_1, \dots, L_r\}^{\nu} \leftarrow \operatorname{Span} \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}^{\nu} \leftarrow (\mathfrak{m}_p/\mathfrak{m}_p^2)^{\nu} \leftarrow 0$$

So we have Span  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}^{\nu} = ((T_p(\mathbb{A}^n))^{\nu})^{\nu} = \mathbb{A}^n$  and in the dual map, i

$$(a_1, \dots, a_n) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} L_1(a_1, \dots, a_n) \\ L_2(a_1, \dots, a_n) \\ \vdots \\ L_r(a_1, \dots, a_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

So the dual of  $m_p/m_p^2$  map to k is the kernel of the mapping to the tangent space.

### 9.1 Intersection Multiplicity

### Intersection Multiplicity

Definition 9.1.1

Given  $f, g \in k[x, y]$ , we define

$$I_{p}(f,g) = \dim_{k} \left( \frac{O_{p}(\mathbb{A}^{2})}{(\frac{f}{1}), \frac{g}{1}} \right)$$

**Properties of**  $I_p(f, g)$ :

• If V(f) and V(g) have a common component passing through p, then  $I_p(f,g) = \inf$ . Otherwise,  $I_p(f,g) < \inf$ .

**Example 9.1.1:** Consider V(xy),  $V(x(y-x^3))$ . Then  $\frac{O_{(0,0)}(\mathbb{A}^2)}{(\frac{xy-x^4}{1},\frac{xy}{1})}$ . We claim that  $1,\overline{y},\overline{y}^2,\ldots$  are linearly independent. Suppose there is dependence in the powers of  $\overline{y}$ . Then there is a polynomial in y that lies in  $(\frac{xy-x^4}{1},\frac{xy}{1})$ . On the other hand, if V(f), V(g) have no common component, then V(f,g) is

finite. This means  $\frac{k[x,y]}{(q,f)}$  is finite dimensional. Additionally:

$$\frac{k[x,y]}{(f,g)} = \bigoplus_{p_i \in V(f,g)} \frac{O_{p_i} \mathbb{A}^2}{(f,g)}$$

•  $I_p(f, g) = 0$  iff  $p \notin V(f) \cap V(g)$ .

*Proof.* If  $p \notin V(f) \cap V(g) = V(f,g)$  means that there is an  $h \in (f,g) \subseteq k[x,y]$  such that  $h(p) \neq 0$ . Then h is a unit in  $(f,g) \subseteq O_p(\mathbb{A}^2)$ . So  $(f,g) = O_p(\mathbb{A}^2)$ , and the quotient is 0.

We also have that  $I_p(f,g)$  depends only on the components of V(f), V(g) that pass through p.

*Proof.* If  $p \notin V(f_2)$ , then  $f_2(p) \neq 0$ . So  $f_2$  is a unit in  $O_p(\mathbb{A}^2)$ . So  $(f,g) = (f_1f_2,g) = (f_1,g)$ .

- If  $\varphi: \mathbb{A}^2 \to \mathbb{A}^2$  is a change of coordinates (i.e. Translation) with  $\varphi(p) = q$ , then  $I_q(f,g) = I_p(\varphi^*f,\varphi^*g)$ .
- $I_{p}(f, g) = I_{p}(g, f)$
- Let  $\operatorname{mult}_{(0,0)(f)} = \operatorname{smallest} \operatorname{m} \operatorname{such} \operatorname{that} f_{\mathfrak{m}} \neq 0$ . Then  $I_{\mathfrak{p}}(f,g) \geqslant \operatorname{mult}_{\mathfrak{p}}(f) \operatorname{mult}_{\mathfrak{p}}(g)$ . Equality holds iff the tangent cones of V(f) and V(g) have no lines in common.

**Example 9.1.2:** Consider 
$$I_P(y^2-x^2-x^3,y^2-x^3)$$
.  $TC_P(V(f))=V(y-x)\cup V(y+x)$  while  $TC_P(V(g))=V(y^2)=V(y)$ .  $I_P(f,g)=\text{multi}_P(f)\text{ multi}_P(g)=2\cdot 2=4$ 

• If  $f = \prod f_i^{r_i}$ ,  $g = \prod g_j^{s_j}$ , then  $I_P(f,g) = \sum_{i,j} r_i s_j I_P(f_i,g_j)$ .

**Example 9.1.3:**  $I_P(x^2, y^3)$ :

$$I_{P}(x^{2}, y^{3}) = \dim_{k} \left( \frac{O_{(0,0)}(\mathbb{A}^{2})}{(x^{2}, y^{3})} \right)$$

$$= \dim_{k}(\operatorname{Span} \left\{ 1, x, y, xy, y^{2}, xy^{2} \right\})$$

$$= 6$$

Alternatively:

$$\dim_{k} \left( \frac{O_{(0,0)}(\mathbb{A}^{2})}{(x^{2}, y^{3})} \right) = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot I_{P}(x, y)$$

$$= 6$$

**Example 9.1.4:** Another way to think about it:  $I_P(x^2 - \varepsilon, y(y^2 - \varepsilon))$ . Then  $V(x^2 - \varepsilon) = V(x - \sqrt{\varepsilon}) \cup V(x + \sqrt{\varepsilon})$  with the same for  $V(y(y^2 - \varepsilon))$ . So there are 3 y-axis lines meeting 2 x-axis lines at (0,0), which counts for multiplicity 6.

• For any  $a \in k[x, y]$ , we have  $I_P(f, g) = I_P(f, g + af)$ . Using the definition:

$$\frac{O_{\mathsf{P}}(\mathbb{A}^2)}{(\mathsf{f},\mathsf{g})} = \frac{O_{\mathsf{P}}(\mathbb{A}^2)}{(\mathsf{f},\mathsf{g}+\mathsf{a}\mathsf{f})}$$

**Example 9.1.5:** 
$$I_P(y, y - x^2) \rightarrow I_P(y, y - x^2 + (3y^2 + x)y)$$
.

### 9.2 Computing $I_P(f, g)$

**Example 9.2.1:** P = (0,0),  $I_P(y^3 - y^2x^3, y - x^2)$ . Since  $V(f) = V(y^2) \cup V(y - x^3)$ .

- Step 1: Translate the point to the origin. Compute the pullback of f, g.
- Step 2: Check if f and g have a common factor that vanishes at P.
- Step 3: Check if  $P \in V(f) \cap V(g)$ . If not  $I_P(f,g) = 0$ .
- Step 4: Find the tangent cones  $TC_P(V(f))$ ,  $TC_P(V(g))$ . If  $TC_P(V(f))$ ,  $TC_P(V(g))$  have no lines in common, then  $I_P(f,g) = mult_P(f) mult_P(g)$ .
- Step 5: Choose a common line in TC. Do a change of coordinates so that the common line is V(y). Consider f(x, 0), g(x, 0). We have f = 0,  $g = -x^2$ .
- Step 6: Case 1 (one of f(x, 0), g(x, 0) = 0):  $y^r \mid f(x, y)$ .

$$\begin{split} I_P(f,g) &= I_P(y^r,g) + I_P(h,g) \\ &= I_P(y^2,y-x^2) + I_P(y-x^3,y-x^2) \\ &= 2I_P(y,y-x^2) + I_P(y-x^3,y-x^2) \\ &= 4 + I_P(y-x^3,y-x^2) \end{split}$$

And repeat the process on the other part. In general for  $I_P(y^r,g)$ , write  $g(x,0)=x^m(a_0+a_1x+\cdots)$ . So  $g(x,y)=x^mA+yB$ . Then compute  $I_P(y^r,g)=rm+I_P(y,Ax)=rm(I_P(y,A)+I_P(y,x))=rm(0+1)$ .

• Step 6: Case 2 (neither f(x,0), g(x,0)=0): Consider  $h=f-x^{r-s}g$  where  $f(x,0)=x^r+\cdots$ ,  $g(x,0)=x^s+\cdots$ . In our example, we get  $(y-x^3)-x(y-x^2)=y-xy$ . So  $I_P(y-x^3,y-x^2)=I_P(y-xy,y-x^2)$ . Now go back to the beginning.

$$\begin{split} I_P(y-x^3,y-x^2) &= I_P(y-xy,y-x^2) \\ &= I_P(y(1-x),y-x^2) \\ &= I_P(y,y-x^2) + I_P(1-x,y-x^2) \\ &= I_P(y,-x^2) + 0 \\ &= 2I_P(y,-x) = 2 \end{split}$$

• Add them all up. We have

$$I_P(f, g) = I_P(y^2, g) + I_P(h, g) = 4 + 2 = 6$$

### Week 10

### 10.1 Projective Space

Does the total intersection number

$$\sum_{p \in \mathbb{A}^2} I_p(f, g)$$

satisfy some nice properties? Does it depend only on the degree of f and g.

Intersection "runs off to  $\infty$ ".

Example:

Vertical lines only meet once. Other point meets at infinity.

### Projective Space

# Definition 10.1.1

Projective space  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is an enlargement of  $\mathbb{A}^n$  made by taking  $\mathbb{A}^n \cup$  "points at  $\infty$ " or "points on the horizon".

For every line through (0,0), we have a corresponding point that meets on  $\{(x,1)\}$  except V(y). We call the set of all lines through the origin  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . This looks like a circle for  $\mathbb{P}^1_{\mathbb{R}}$ .  $\mathbb{P}^1_{\mathbb{C}}$  over the complex numbers looks like a sphere with a point at infinity.

Now for  $\mathbb{A}^2 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$ . Consider  $\{(x,y,1)\}\subseteq \mathbb{A}^3$ . For each point on the plane (x,y,1), we can associate with it a line through (0,0,0). The lines in  $\mathbb{A}^3$  that do not meet the plane are lines in V(z). So

$$\mathbb{P}^2 = \{\text{all lines in } \mathbb{A}^3 \text{ through } (0,0,0)\} = \mathbb{A}^2 \cup \{\text{lines in } V(z)\} = \mathbb{A}^2 \cup \mathbb{P}^1$$

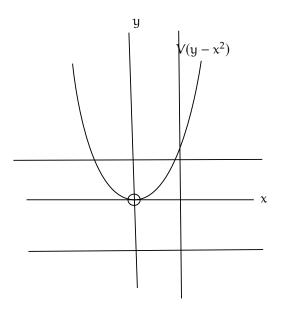
In general, define  $\mathbb{P}^n$  to be {lines through the origin in  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1}$  }.

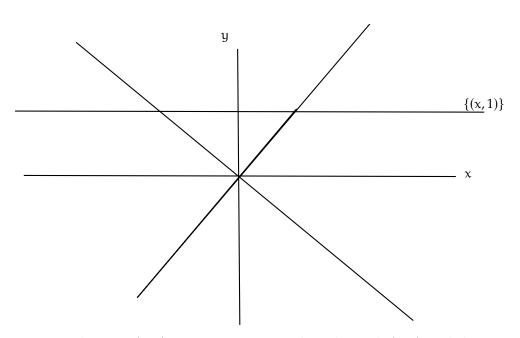
What is  $\mathbb{P}^0$ ? A single point.

Any point  $(x_1, ..., x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{A}^n \neq (0, ..., 0)$  determines a line through the origin determines the line  $\{(\lambda x_1, ..., \lambda x_{n+1}) : \lambda \in k\}$ .

Two points  $(x_1, ..., x_{n+1})$  and  $(y_1, ..., y_{n+1})$  determine the same line iff  $(x_1, ..., x_{n+1}) = (\lambda y_1, ..., \lambda y_{n+1})$ . Define two such points to be equivalent.

Alternate Definition:  $\mathbb{P}^n_k = \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus (0, \dots, 0) / (x \sim \lambda x \lambda \neq 0)$ 





to each point (x, 1) we can associate a line through (0, 0) and that point

We write points in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  as  $[x_1 : \cdots : x_{n+1}]$  where the values of  $x_i$  is not well defined. However, if  $x_i \neq 0$ , then  $x_i/x_i$  is well-defined.

If  $x_{n+1} \neq 0$ , then we can rescale:

$$U_{n+1} \cong \{ [x_1 : \dots : x_{n+1}] : s_{n+1} \neq 0 \} = \{ [x_1/x_{n+1} : \dots : x_n/x_{n+1} : 1] \} = \mathbb{A}^n$$

So:

$$\mathbb{P}^{n} = U_{n+1} \cup \{ [x_1 : \cdots : x_n : 0] \} = U_{n+1} \cup \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$$

So we see that as  $x_{n+1} \to \infty$ , the points of  $U_{n+1}$  tend to infinity.

Iterating this procedure,

$$\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{A}^n \cup \mathbb{A}^{n-1} \cdots \mathbb{A}^1 \cup pt.$$

Why just use the last coordinate? For any i, we define  $U_i = \{[x_1 : \cdots : x_{n+1}] : x_i \neq 0\}$ . For each point  $p \in U_i$ , we can write  $p = [x_1 : \cdots : x_{i-1} : 1 : \cdots x_{n+1}]$  with no restrictions on the other  $x_j$ . These  $U_i \cong \mathbb{A}^n \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  are called affine charts. So  $\mathbb{P}^n = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n+1} U_i$ .

**Example 10.1.1:** Affine charts on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . We have  $U_2 = \{[x_1 : x_2] : x_2 \neq 0\}$ . And  $U_1 = \{[x_1 : x_2] : x_1 \neq 0\}$ .

**Example 10.1.2:** In  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , we have 3 affine charts.

$$U_1 = \{[1:x_2:x_3]\} \ni [1:2:0]$$

$$U_2 = \{[x_1 : 1 : x_3]\} \ni [\frac{1}{2} : 1 : 0]$$

$$U_3 = \{[x_1:x_2:1]\} \not\ni [1:2:0]$$

### 10.2 Projective Algebraic Sets

Recall:  $\mathbb{P}^n = \{\text{lines through } (0, \dots, 0) \text{ in } \mathbb{A}^{n+1}\} = \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus \{(0, \dots, 0)\} / \text{scalar. } [x_1 : \dots : x_{n+1}] \in \mathbb{P}^n. \text{ We defined}$ 

$$U_i = \{ [x_1 : \dots : x_{n+1}] \in \mathbb{P}^n : x_i \neq 0 \} = \mathbb{A}^n$$

We focus on  $U_{n+1} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  where we call the complement the hyperplane at  $\infty$  or  $H_{\infty}$ .

**Example 10.2.1:** Consider  $L = V(y - mx - b) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$ . Identify  $\mathbb{A}^2 \cong U_3 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  where  $(x,y) \to [x:y:1]$ . Then

$$L = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{A}^2 : y = mx + b\} = \{[x : y : 1] : y = mx + b\}$$

If we choose another representative:

$$[\lambda x : \lambda y : \lambda] \rightarrow \lambda y = m\lambda x + b$$
?

Instead:

$$\{[x:y:z]:y=mx+bz\}\cap U_3$$

Notice that

$$y = mx + bz$$

is homogeneous. Let

$$L' = \{x : y : z \in \mathbb{P}^2 : y = mx + bz\}$$

Then  $L = L' \cap U_3$ . What is  $L' \cap H_{\infty}$ ? This is

$$\{[x:y:0]:y=mx\}=\{[1:m:0]\}$$

**Example 10.2.2:** Parallel Lines: Consider  $V(y-1), V(y) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$ . Corresponding lines in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ :

$$\{[x:y:z]:y=z\}$$
 and  $\{[x:y:z]:y=0\}$ 

These meet in [1:0:0]

**Recall**:  $F \in k[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+1}]$  is homogeneous of degree d if F is a linear combination of monomials of degree d. If F is homogeneous of degree d, then  $F(\lambda x_1, \ldots, \lambda x_{n+1}) = \lambda^d F(x, \ldots, x_{n+1})$ . This means that homogeneous polynomials have well defined vanishings in  $\mathbb{P}$ .

### Projective Hypersurface

Definition 10.2.1

For  $F \in k[x_1, ..., x_n]$  homogeneous, let

$$\mathbb{V}(F) = \{ [x_1 : x_2 : \dots : x_{n+1}] \in \mathbb{P}^n : F(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = 0 \}$$

Given any set  $S \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$  of homogeneous polynomials, the projective algebraic set is

$$\mathbb{V}(S) = \bigcap_{F \in S} \mathbb{V}(F)$$

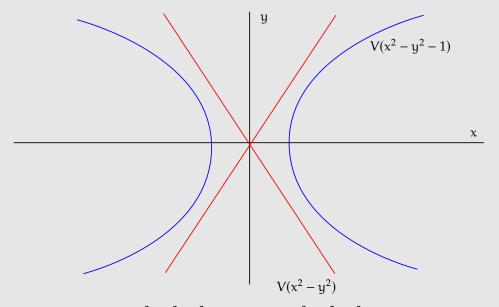
**Example 10.2.3:** Consider  $x^2y - y^3 \in k[x, y]$ . We have:

$$V(x^2y - y^3) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$$

Instead,

$$\mathbb{V}(x^2y-y^3)=\{[-1:1],[1:1],[1:0]\}$$

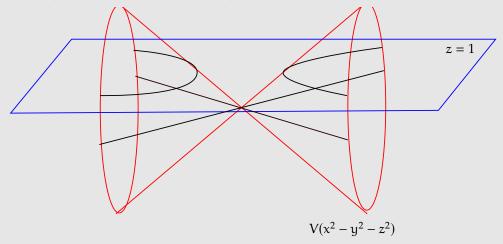
**Example 10.2.4:** Consider  $V(x^2-y^2-1)\subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$  which is a hyperbola. Corresponding algebraic subset of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  is



$$\mathbb{V}(x^2 - y^2 - z^2) = \{ [x : y : z] : x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = 0 \}$$

What is  $\mathbb{V}(x^2-y^2-z^2)\cap H_{\infty}$ ? = { $[x:y:z]:x^2-y^2=0,z=0$ } = {[1:1:0],[1:-1:0]}. The way that it meets the point at infinity is based on the higher degree terms.

We can also take  $V(x^2-y^2-z^2)\subseteq \mathbb{A}^3$  which is a cone. Then the usual  $V(x^2-y^2-1)=V(x^2-y^2-z^2)\cap V(z-1)$  and  $\mathbb{V}(x^2-y^2-z^2)\cap H_\infty$  is the cone intersected at z=0



We have  $V(x^2-y^2-1)=\mathbb{V}(x^2-y^2-z^2)\cap U_3$ . But what does  $\mathbb{V}(x^2-y^2-z^2)\cap U_1$  look like? It is a circle. This is

$$\{[x:y:z]: x^2 = y^2 + z^2 \land x \neq 0\} = \{[1:y:z]: y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$$

#### Affine Cone

Definition 10.2.2

Given a projective algebraic set,  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ , we define the affine cone over X to be

$$C(X) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1} : [x_1 : \dots : x_{n+1} \in X \text{ or } (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = (0, \dots, 0)]\}$$

Note: If  $X = \mathbb{V}(F_1, ..., F_r)$  with  $F_i \in k[x_1, ..., x_n]$  homogeneous, then  $C(X) = K(X_1, ..., X_n)$ 

$$V(F_1,\ldots,F_r)\subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$$
.

More generally, an algebraic set  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$  is called a cone if  $\forall (x_1, ..., x_{n+1}) \in Y$ , we have  $(\lambda x_1, ..., \lambda x_{n+1}) \in Y$ 

We have

### Homogeneous Ideals

# Definition 10.2.3

Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  a projective algebraic set, define  $\mathbb{I}(X) \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$  to be the ideal generated by  $\{\text{homogeneous } F \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n] : F(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = 0 \text{ for } [x_1 : \dots : x_{n+1}] \in X\}$ 

**Example 10.2.5:** What is 
$$\mathbb{I}(\{[1:2], [3:4]\})$$
? It is  $y - 2x$  and  $3y - 4x$  so  $((y - 2x)(3y - 4x)) = \mathbb{I}(\{[1:2], [3:4]\})$ .

# Definition 10.2.4

An ideal  $I \subseteq k[x_1, x_{n+1}]$  is called homogeneous if it satisfies either of the following equivalent conditions:

- I is generated by homogeneous polynomials
- $\forall f \in I$ , if  $f = f_0 + f_1 + \dots + f_d$  where each  $f_i$  is homogeneous, of degree i, then  $f_i \in I$ .

*Proof.* 
$$(2 \to 1)$$
 If  $I = (f^{(1)}, \dots, f^{(s)})$  and 2 holds, then  $f_i^{(i)} \in I$ , so  $I = \{f_i^{(i)}\}$ .

 $(1 \to 2)$  Suppose that  $I = (\{F^{(\alpha)}\})$  is generated by homogeneous polynomials with degree  $F^{(\alpha)}$  equal to  $d_{\alpha}$ . Given  $f \in I$  with  $f = f_m + f_d$ . First show that  $f_m \in I$ . Write  $f = \sum A^{(\alpha)}F^{(\alpha)}$  and consider the degree m terms.

$$f_m = \sum A_{m-d_\alpha}^{(\alpha)} F^{(\alpha)} \in I$$

Now  $f - f_m \in I$ . Now write  $f - f_m = f_{m+1} + \cdots + f_d$  and repeat.

### Week 11

### 11.1 Projective Algebraic Sets

**Recall**: An ideal in  $k[x_1, ..., x_{n+1}]$  is called homogeneous if it is generated by homogeneous polynomials  $I = (\{F^{(\alpha)}\})$ . If  $f \in I$  and we write

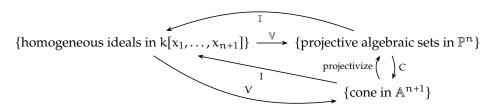
$$f = f_0 + f_1 + \cdots + f_d$$

with  $f_i$  homogeneous of degree i, then each  $f_i \in I$ .

It makes sense to take  $\mathbb{V}(I)$  when I is homogeneous:

$$\mathbb{V}(I) = \mathbb{V}(\{F^{(\alpha)}\})$$

Diagram:



Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  a projective algebraic set,  $\mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(X)) = X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $X = \mathbb{V}(F_1, ..., F_r)$ . Then

$$\mathbb{I}(X) = (\{\text{homogeneous } F : F(P) = 0 \forall P \in X\}) \supseteq (F_1, \dots, F_r)$$

so

$$X\subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(X))\subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathsf{F}_1,\ldots,\mathsf{F}_r)=X$$

What about  $\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(J))$  for J homogeneous? We have  $\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(J)) = \sqrt{J}$ .

**Proposition**: Assume k is an infinite field. If  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  is nonempty, then

$$\mathbb{I}(X) = \mathrm{I}(\mathrm{C}(X))$$

*Proof.*  $(I(C(X)) \subseteq I(X))$  Suppose that  $f \in k[x_1, ..., x_{n+1}]$  such that

$$f(\lambda a_1, \ldots, \lambda a_{n+1}) = 0$$

for all  $[a_1 : \cdots : a_{n+1}] \in X$ . If

$$f = f_1 + f_1 + \cdots + f_d$$

then  $f_i(a_1, \ldots, a_{n+1}) = 0$ . So  $f_i \in \mathbb{I}(X)$ . So  $f \in \mathbb{I}(X)$ .

 $(\mathbb{I}(X) \subseteq I(C(X)))$  Since  $\mathbb{I}(X)$  is generated by homogeneous polynomials, it is enough to show that if  $F \subseteq \mathbb{I}(X)$  is homogeneous, then  $F \in I(C(X))$ . Suppose  $F(x_1, \ldots, x_{n+1}) = 0$  for all  $[x_1 : \cdots : x_{n+1}] \in X$ . This means that

$$F(\lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_{n+1}) = \lambda^d F(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = 0$$

for all  $\lambda \in k \setminus \{0\}$ . Since X is non-empty, so deg F > 0, so F(0, ..., 0) = 0. So  $F \in I(C(X))$ .  $\square$ 

#### Projective Nullstellensatz

Theorem 11.1.1

Let  $J \subseteq k[x_1, ..., x_{n+1}]$  be a homogeneous ideal. Let k be algebraically closed.

- $\mathbb{V}(J) = \emptyset$  if and only if  $\exists N$  such that  $J \supseteq (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})^N$ . J contains all homogeneous polynomials of degree  $\geqslant N$ .
- If  $\mathbb{V}(J) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(J)) = \sqrt{J}$ .

**Example 11.1.1:** Nullstellensatz pt1:  $\mathbb{V}(x^3, x^2y, xy^2, y^3) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(x^3, y^3) = \mathbb{V}(x, y) = \emptyset \subseteq \mathbb{P}^1$ , because there is no  $[0:0] \in \mathbb{P}^1$ .

*Proof.* (Part I)  $\mathbb{V}(J) = \emptyset$  iff  $V(J) \subseteq \{(0,\ldots,0)\}$  iff  $I(V(J)) \supseteq I(\{0,\ldots,0\}) = (x_1,\ldots,x_{n+1})$ . By usual Nullstellensatz,  $\sqrt{J} \supseteq I(\{0,\ldots,0\}) = (x_1,\ldots,x_{n+1})$ .

$$(Part II) \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(J)) = I(C(\mathbb{V}(J))) = I(V(J)) = \sqrt{J}$$

So we have a bijection:

{radical homogeneous ideals in  $k[x_1, \ldots, k_{n+1}]$  besides  $(x_1, \ldots, x_{n+1})$ } {projective algebraic sets

Sometimes,  $(x_1, ..., x_{n+1})$  is called irrelevant ideal.

### 11.2 Projective Zariski Topology

# Definition 11.2.1

#### Irreducible Projective Algebraic Sets

A projective algebraic set  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  is irreducible if it is not a union of two smaller projective algebraic sets. If  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ , then  $X = X_i$ . An irreducible projective algebraic set is called a projective variety.

#### Zariski Topology

# Definition 11.2.2

The Zariski Topology on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  to be the topology whose closed sets are the projective algebraic sets.

**Example 11.2.1:**  $U_i = \mathbb{P}^n \setminus \mathbb{V}(x_i)$  is open. Hw:  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  is closed iff  $X \cap U_i$  is closed.

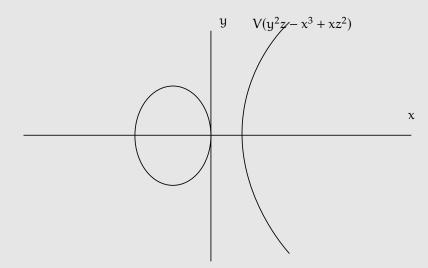
#### Zariski Topology on X

# Definition 11.2.3

Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  a projective algebraic set, we define the Zariski Topology on X to be the topology whose closed sets are the projective algebraic subsets of X.

**Projective Closure**: Given an algebraic set  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n \cong U_{n+1} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ , define the projective closure  $\overline{X} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  to be the smallest projective algebraic set that contains X. It is the closure of X in the Zariski Topology on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

**Example 11.2.2:** Suppose  $V(y^2 - x^3 + x) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2 \cong U_3 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ .



The projective closure is  $\mathbb{V}(y^2z - x^3 + xz^2)$ . This meets  $\mathbb{V}(z)$  in  $\{[0:1:0]\}$ .

Given  $f \in k[x_1,...,x_n]$ , let  $H(f) \in k[x_1,...,x_{n+1}]$  be the homogeneous polynomial of the same degree.

$$H(y^2 - x^3 + x) = y^2z - x^3 + xz^2$$

Note:  $\mathbb{V}(H(f)) \cap U_{n+1} = V(f)$ .

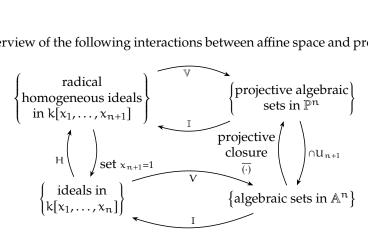
Given an ideal  $I \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , let  $H(I) = (\{H(f) : f \in I\}) \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$ .

**Lemma**: Suppose  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n \cong U_{n+1} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$  is an algebraic set. The projective closure of X is  $\overline{X} = \mathbb{V}(H(I(X)))$ .

*Proof.* We have  $\mathbb{V}(H(I(X))) \cap \mathbb{U}_{n+1} = V(I(X)) = X$ . So  $X \subseteq \mathbb{V}(H(I(X)))$ . Now show that if  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n \supseteq X$ , then  $Y \supseteq \mathbb{V}(H(I(X)))$ . We have  $\mathbb{I}(Y) \subseteq \mathbb{I}(X)$ . Now  $\mathbb{I}(X) = H(I(X))$ . Clearly,  $H(I(X)) \subseteq I(X)$ . Suppose  $F \in I(X)$  homogeneous. Then  $F(x_1, ..., x_n, 1) \in I(X)$ . We can recover the homogeneous form up to powers of  $x_{n+1}$ . So  $F(x_1, ..., x_{n+1}) =$  $x_{n+1}^{\alpha} H(F(x_1, \dots, x_n, 1)) \in H(I(X))$ . So  $\mathbb{I}(X) = H(I(X))$  and applying  $\mathbb{V}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(X)) = \mathbb{V}(\mathsf{H}(\mathrm{I}(X))) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(Y)) = \mathsf{Y}$$

Here is an overview of the following interactions between affine space and projective space:



Note that taking the projective closure of an algebraic set and taking its intersection with  $U_{n+1}$  gives back the algebraic set: If  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ , then  $X^- \cap U_{n+1} = X$ .

**Example 11.2.3:** Consider  $\mathbb{V}(x_{n+1}) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ . Then  $\mathbb{V}(x_{n+1}) \cap \mathbb{U}_{n+1} = \emptyset$ . Then  $\overline{\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}) \cap \mathbf{U}_{n+1}} = \emptyset \neq \mathbb{V}(n+1).$ 

**Example 11.2.4:** Take the ideal  $(x_{n+1}) \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$ . Set  $x_{n+1}$  to be 1, we get:  $(1) = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Then  $H((1)) = (1) \neq (x_{n+1})$ .

**Example 11.2.5:**  $V(y^2 - x^3 + x) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$ . If we homogenize to higher degree,  $\mathbb{V}(y^2z^2 - x^3 + x) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$ .  $x^3z + xz^3$ ), then we get:  $\mathbb{V}(z) \cup \mathbb{V}(y^2z - x^3 + xz^2)$ .

**Proposition**: If  $I = (f) \subseteq k[x_1, ..., x_n]$ , then H(I) is (H(f)).

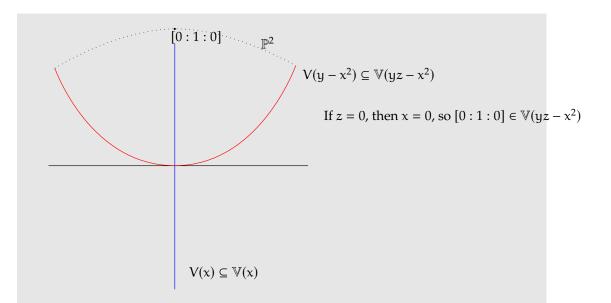
*Proof.* We have  $(H(f)) \subseteq H(I)$ . To show the other containment, consider

$$\begin{aligned} \{H(g):g\in (f)\} &= \{H(\alpha f):\alpha\in k[x_1,\ldots,x_n]\} \\ &= \{H(\alpha)H(f):\alpha\in k[x_1,\ldots,x_n]\}\subseteq (H(f)) \end{aligned}$$

So  $H(I) \subseteq (H(f))$ . 

Warning: In general, if  $I = (f_1, ..., f_r)$ , then  $H(I) \neq (H(f_1), ..., H(f_r))$ .

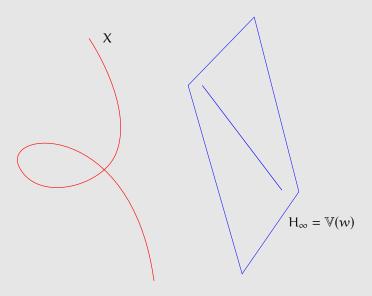
**Example 11.2.6:** Let  $I = (y - x^2, x) \ni y$ , so  $y \in H(I)$ . However,  $(H(y - x^2), H(x)) =$  $(yz - x^2, x) \not\ni y$ . What went wrong?



**Example 11.2.7:** Let  $X = \{(t, t^2, t^3) : t \in k\} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^3$ . What is  $\overline{X} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^3$ ? Let  $x = t, y = t^2, z = t^3$ . Take:

$$I(X) = (y - x^2, z - x^3)$$

If we homogenize generators, we have  $H(y-x^2)=yw-x^2$  and  $H(z-x^3)=zw^2-x^3$ . Consider  $\mathbb{V}(yw-x^2)\cap\mathbb{V}(zw^2-x^3)=\mathbb{V}(w,x)\cup X\subseteq\mathbb{P}^3$ .



We claim  $\overline{X} = Y = \mathbb{V}(wy - x^2, xz - y^2, zw - xy)$ .

Check if  $w \ne 0$ , then set w = 1 to get:  $y = x^2, xz = y^2, z = xy = x^3$ . So

$$Y \cap U_4 = \{[x : x^2 : x^3 : 1]\} = X \subseteq U_4$$

Now check  $V \cap \mathbb{V}(w) = \mathbb{V}(w, x, y) = \{[0:0:1:0]\}$ . Suffices to show that any projective algebraic set that contains X contains [0:0:1:0].

Consider  $X \cap U_3 = \{[t:t^2:t^3:1]:t^3 \neq 0\}$ . Then this is the same as:

$$\{\mathsf{t}^{-2}:\mathsf{t}^{-1}:1:\mathsf{t}^{-3}\}=\{[s^2:s:1:s^3]:s\neq 0\}$$

Suppose  $F(s^2, s, 1, s^3) = 0$  for all  $s \neq 0$ . Then  $F(s^2, s, 1, s^3) \in k[s]$  has infinitely many roots, so it is the zero polynomial. So F(0,0,1,0) = 0. So if  $V(F) \subseteq X$ , then  $V(F) \ni \{[0:0:1:0]\}$  so any algebraic set containing X contains  $\{[0:0:1:0]\}$ .

### 11.3 Homogeneous Coordinate Rings

#### Homogeneous Coordinate Ring

Definition 11.3.1

Given a projective algebraic set  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ , we define the homogeneous coordinate ring to be

$$\Gamma_{h}(X) = \frac{k[x_{1}, \dots, x_{n+1}]}{I(X)} = \frac{k[x_{1}, \dots, x_{n+1}]}{I(C(X))} = \Gamma(C(X))$$

Warning: Elements of  $\Gamma_k(X)$  are not functions on X. For example, take  $X = \mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $\Gamma_h(\mathbb{P}^1) = k[x,y]$ ,  $f = x + y \in k[x,y]$  is not a function on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ , because  $f([1:2]) = 3 \neq 6 = f([2:4])$ 

#### Forms

Definition 11.3.2

Suppose  $I \subseteq k[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+1}]$  is a homogeneous ideal and let  $\Gamma = \frac{k[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+1}]}{I}$ . We say that  $0 \neq f \in \Gamma$  is a form of degree d if  $\exists F \in k[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+1}]$  that is homogeneous of degree d such that  $\overline{F} = f \in \Gamma$ .

Check that the degree is well-defined: Suppose F, G both satisfy that  $\overline{F}$ ,  $\overline{G} = f$ . If this holds, then  $F - G \in I$ . If deg F  $\neq$  deg G, then since I is homogeneous, then F, G  $\in$  I. So this means that  $\overline{G}$ ,  $\overline{F} = 0$ .

**Proposition**: Every  $f \in \Gamma$  can be written uniquely as  $f = f_0 + \cdots + f_d$  where  $f_i$  is a form of degree i.

*Proof.* Suppose  $f = g_0 + \dots + g_d$  is another representation of f with  $g_i's$  a form of degree i. Then  $\exists F_i, G_i \in k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$  that are homogeneous of degree i so that  $\overline{F_i} = f_i, \overline{G_i} = g_i$ . We have that

$$\sum \overline{F_{i}} = f = \sum \overline{G_{i}}$$

Then  $\sum F_i - \sum G_i = \sum (F_i - G_i) \in I$ . Since I is homogeneous, each  $F_i - G_i \in I$  which means that  $f_i = g_i$ .

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### 11.4 Morphisms of Projective Algebraic Sets

**Example 11.4.1:**  $\mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^2$  by:

$$[s,t] \mapsto [s^2 : st : t^2]$$
  
 $[\lambda s, \lambda t] \mapsto [\lambda^2 s^2 : \lambda^2 st : \lambda^2 t^2]$ 

This morphism is well-defined because a scaling of the input gives a scaling of the output.

### Morphism

# Definition 11.4.1

Let  $X\subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  and  $Y\subseteq \mathbb{P}^m$  be projective algebraic sets. A map  $\phi:X\to Y$  is called a morphism if for every point  $P\in X$ , there exists an open set  $U\subseteq X$  where  $P\in U$ , and there are homogeneous polynomials  $F_1,\ldots,F_{m+1}$  of the same degree such that  $\phi\mid_U$  agrees with the map

$$\begin{split} &U\to \mathbb{P}^m\\ &Q\mapsto [F_1(Q):\cdots:F_{m+1}(Q)] \end{split}$$

In the previous example, for each point  $P \in \mathbb{P}^1$ , take the open set  $U = \mathbb{P}^1$ . Then the polynomials that define the map are  $F_1 = s^2$ ,  $F_2 = st$ ,  $F_3 = t^2$ .

Let  $Y = \mathbb{V}(zx - y^2)$ . Then consider  $\varphi : Y \to \mathbb{P}^2$  defined by

$$[x:y:z] \mapsto \begin{cases} [x:y] & \text{if } x \neq 0(U_1 \cap Y) \\ [y:z] & \text{if } z \neq 0(U_3 \cap Y) \end{cases}$$

This is well defined because if  $[x : y : z] \in U_1 \cap U_3 \cap Y$ ,  $x, z \neq 0$ . So  $y \neq 0$ . So

$$[x : y] = [xy : y^2] = [xy : xz] = [y : z]$$

### Week 12

### 12.1 Morphisms Continued

#### Isomorphism of Projective Algebraic Sets

Definition 12.1.1

If X and Y are projective algebraic sets and  $\phi: X \to Y$  is a morphism we call  $\phi$  an isomorphism if  $\exists \psi: Y \to X$  such that  $\phi \circ \psi = id_Y$ ,  $\psi \circ \phi = id_X$  for  $\psi$  a morphism.

**Example 12.1.1:**  $\varphi : \mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^2$  where:

$$\varphi([s:t]) \mapsto [s^2:st:t^2]$$

So  $\varphi : \mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{V}(xz - y^2) = Y$ . The inverse map  $Y \to \mathbb{P}^1$  is defined by

$$[x:y:z] \mapsto \begin{cases} [x:y] & x \neq 0 \text{ on } U_1 \cap Y \\ [y:z] & z \neq 0 \text{ on } U_3 \cap Y \end{cases}$$

Why is  $(U_1 \cap Y) \cup (U_3 \cap Y)$ ? If x = z = 0, then y = 0, so the complement of the union is empty. If  $[x : y : z] \in U_1 \cap U_3 \cap Y$ , then  $xz \neq 0 \implies y \neq 0$ 

$$[x : y] = [xy : y^2] = [xy : xz] = [y : z]$$

So if an element lies in both, then the preimage is equal. It is the inverse:

$$[s:t] \mapsto [s^2:st:t^2] \mapsto \begin{cases} [s^2:st] = [s:t] & s \neq 0 \\ [st:t^2] = [s:t] & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

The other composition is also the identity on Y.

**Warning**: X and Y projective algebraic sets, isomorphic, do not necessarily have isomorphic  $\Gamma_h(X) \cong \Gamma_h(Y)$ .

In fact,  $\Gamma_h(X) = \Gamma(C(X))$ . So the coordinate rings are isomorphic iff the cones of  $C(X) \cong C(Y)$ .

We have:

$$C(\mathbb{P}^1) = \mathbb{A}^2$$
$$C(Y) = V(xz - y^2)$$

But the coordinate rings are not isomorphic:

$$\Gamma_{h}(\mathbb{P}^{1}) = k[x, y]$$
  
$$\Gamma_{h}(Y) = \frac{k[x, y, z]}{(xz - y^{2})}$$

**Lemma**: If  $\varphi : X \to Y$  is a morphism of projective algebraic sets, then  $\varphi$  is continuous in the Zariski topology.

*Proof.* Q Suppose that  $Z \subseteq Y$  is a closed set,  $Z = \mathbb{V}(G_1, \ldots, G_r)$ . We must show that  $\varphi^{-1}(Z) \subseteq X$  is closed. We can write  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}$  with  $U_{\alpha}$  open such that  $\varphi_{U_{\alpha}}$  is given by  $Q \mapsto [F_1^{\alpha}(Q), \ldots, F_m^{\alpha}(Q)]$ . Then

$$\phi^{-1}(Z)\cap U_\alpha=\phi_{U_\alpha}^{-1}(Z)=\mathbb{V}(G_1(F_1^\alpha,\ldots,F_{m+1}^\alpha),\ldots,G_r(F_1^\alpha,\ldots,F_{m+1}^\alpha))\cap U_\alpha=Z_\alpha\subseteq\mathbb{P}^n$$

Claim:  $U_{\alpha} \setminus (\phi^{-1}(Z) \cap U_{\alpha}) \subseteq X$  is an open subset. Indeed, the complement is  $[U_{\alpha} \setminus (Z_{\alpha} \cap U_{\alpha})]^{c} = (Z_{\alpha} \cap X) \cup U_{\alpha}^{c}$  has closed components. We have  $X \setminus \phi^{-1}(Z) = \bigcup_{\alpha} U_{\alpha} \setminus (\phi^{-1}(Z) \cap U_{\alpha})$  is a union of open sets, hence it is open. So  $\phi^{-1}(Z)$  is closed.

**Lemma**: Let X be a projective algebraic set. If  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_{\alpha}$  is a union of open sets, then  $\exists$  a finite subset  $A' \subseteq A$  so that  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A'} U_{\alpha}$ . In other words, X is compact in the Zariski Topology.

*Proof.* Suppose for contradiction that no finite subset  $A' \subseteq A$  exists. Then we can build an infinite ascending chain of open sets:

$$W_1 \subset W_1 \subset \cdots \subset X$$

Take complements in X:

$$X\supset Z_1\supset\cdots\supset Z_1$$

Infinite descending chain of closed sets. Now apply  ${\mathbb I}$ :

$$\mathbb{I}(A) \subset \mathbb{I}(Z_1) \subset \cdots \subset \mathbb{I}(X) \subset \mathbb{I}(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1})$$

So this is an infinite ascending chain in a Noetherian ring, which is a contradiction. This also works for algebraic sets in  $\mathbb{A}^n$ .

### 12.2 Projective Change of Coordinates

Suppose  $T: \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \to \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$  invertible linear transformation with  $T(0,\ldots,0)=(0,\ldots,0)$ . Then T sends line through the origin to lines through the origin. So it induces a morphism from  $\mathbb{P}^n \to \mathbb{P}^n$ . Since T is invertible, there is  $T^{-1}$  which induces an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{P}^n \to \mathbb{P}^n$ .

We call this isomorphism  $\mathbb{P}^n \to \mathbb{P}^n$  a projective change of coordinates. Note that  $\lambda T$  defines the same map.

$$\triangleright$$
 GL<sub>n+1</sub> and PGL<sub>n+1</sub>

**Definition** 12.2.1

The group of invertible linear transformations is called  $GL_{n+1}$ . The quotient group of  $GL_{n+1}/k\{I\}$  is called  $PGL_{n+1}$ , the projective general linear group.

In fact,  $PGL_{n+1}$  is the group of all automorphisms of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

#### Projective Equivalence

#### **Definition** 12.2.2

 $X,Y\subseteq\mathbb{P}^n$  are projectively equivalent if  $\exists$  a projective change of coordinates  $\mathbb{P}^n\to\mathbb{P}^n$ that restricts to an isomorphism  $X \rightarrow Y$ .

**Example 12.2.1:** We have  $\mathbb{V}(x) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$  and  $\mathbb{V}(y) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$  are projectively equivalent. The projective change of coordinates inducing the equivalence is  $[x:y:z] \mapsto [y:x:z]$ with the corresponding matrix as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note**: If T:  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1} \to \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$  is an invertible linear transformation inducing change of coordinates  $\mathbb{P}^n \to \mathbb{P}^n$  by  $p \mapsto [T_1(p) : T_2(p) : \cdots : T_{n+1}(p)]$ , then

$$\mathsf{T}^{-1}(\mathbb{V}(\mathsf{F}_{1},\ldots,\mathsf{F}_{r})) = \mathbb{V}(\mathsf{F}_{1}(\mathsf{T}_{1},\ldots,\mathsf{T}_{n+1}),\ldots,\mathsf{F}_{r}(\mathsf{T}_{1},\ldots,\mathsf{T}_{n+1}))$$

When X, Y are projectively equivalent,  $C(X) \cong C(Y)$  so there is an isomorphism  $\Gamma_h(X) \cong$  $\Gamma_h(Y)$ .

### **Examples of Morphisms**

**Rational Normal Curves**: A morphism  $\mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^2$  with  $[s:t] \mapsto [s^2:st:t^2]$ . Image in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  is

Twisted Cubic Example: Consider  $\mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^3$  with

$$[s:t] \mapsto [s^3:s^2t:st^2:t^3]$$

Image:  $\mathbb{V}(x_1x_3 - x_2^2, x_2x_4 - x_3^2, x_1x_4 - x_2x_3)$ . Consider the matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Veronese embedding  $v_{1,d}$ : Consider  $\mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^d$ .

$$[s:t] \mapsto [s^d:s^{d-1}t:\cdots:st^{d-1}:t^d]$$

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Claim: The image is:

$$\mathsf{Y} = \{ [x_1 : \dots : x_{d+1}] \in \mathbb{P}^d : \mathsf{rank} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_d \\ x_2 & x_3 & \dots & x_{d+1} \end{bmatrix} \leqslant 1 \} = \mathbb{V}(2 \times 2 \; \mathsf{minors}) = \mathbb{V}(\{x_1 x_j - x_{j-1} x x_{i+1}\})$$

*Proof.* We have that the image of the map is in Y because:

$$\begin{bmatrix} s^d & s^{d-1}t & \dots & st^{d-1} \\ s^{d-1}t & s^{d-2}t & \dots & t^d \end{bmatrix}$$

has linearly dependent rows if t = 0 and if  $t \neq 0$ , the top row is  $\frac{s}{t}$  times the bottom one.

For  $Y \subseteq$  Image, we have  $v_{1,d}([0:1])$  corresponds to first row is all zero. If 1st row is non-zero the second row is a multiple of it.  $x_2 = ux_1, x_3 = ux_2, \dots, x_4 = ux_3, \dots$  So  $[x_1:x_2:\dots:x_{d+1}] = [x_1:ux_1:\dots:xu^dx_1]$ . This is  $[1:u:u^2:\dots:u^d]$ . This is the image of  $v_{1,d}([1:u])$ .

Veronese embedding  $v_{2,2}$ :  $\mathbb{P}^2 \to \mathbb{P}^5$ :

$$[x : y : z] \mapsto [x^2 : xy : xz : y^2 : yz : z^2]$$

 $v_{2,2}$  is an isomorphism onto its image.

*Proof.* The inverse morphism is:

$$[x_1:x_2:x_3:x_4:x_5:x_6] \mapsto \begin{cases} [x_1:x_2:x_3] & \text{if } x_1 \neq 0 \\ [x_2:x_4:x_5] & \text{if } x_4 \neq 0 \\ [x_3:x_5:x_6] & \text{if } x_6 \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

For the first case, since  $x_1 \neq 0$ , then  $x \neq 0$  and we can rescale by x. If  $x_4 \neq 0$ , then  $y \neq 0$  and you can rescale by y. Check that  $v_{2,2}(\mathbb{P}^2) \subseteq U_1 \cup U_4 \cup U_6$ . This is because at least one of x, y, z is non-zero.

The image can be described as

$$\{[x_1:x_2:\cdots:x_6]\in\mathbb{P}^5: \text{rank}\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3\\ x_2 & x_4 & x_5\\ x_3 & x_5 & x_6\end{bmatrix}\leqslant 1\}=\mathbb{V}(\{2\times 2 \text{ minors of } M\})$$

If we restrict  $v_{2,2}$  to  $\mathbb{P}^1 = \mathbb{V}(x) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$ , it sends

$$[0:y:z] \mapsto [0:0:0:y^2:yz:x^2]$$

So it resembles the rational normal curve in  $\mathbb{V}(x_1, x_2, x_3) \cong \mathbb{P}^2 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^5$ .

What is the preimage  $v_{2,2}^{-1}(\mathbb{V}(x_2 + 2x_4 - x_6))$ ?  $\mathbb{V}(xy + 2y^2 - z^2)$ 

What about  $v_{2,2}^1(\mathbb{V}(a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \cdots + a_6x_6))$  for  $[x : y : z] \mapsto [x^2 : xy : xz : y^2 : yz : z^2]$ ?  $\mathbb{V}(a_1x^2 + a_2xy + a_3xz + a_4y^2 + a_5yz + a_6z^2)$ .

As we vary over  $a_i$ , we get all degree 2 equations in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . The set

{hyperplanes 
$$\mathbb{V}(a_1x_1 + \cdots + a_6x_6) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^5$$
}

is a copy of  $\mathbb{P}^5$ :

$$\{(a_1,\ldots,a_6):(\alpha-1),\ldots,a_6\neq 0\}/(a_1,\ldots,a_6)\sim (\lambda a_1,\ldots,\lambda a_6)$$

which is  $\{[a_1:\cdots:a_6]\in\mathbb{P}^5\}$ . This copy of  $\mathbb{P}^5$  is the dual projective space. Each  $[a_1,\ldots,a_6]\iff \mathbb{V}(a_1x^2+a_2xy+\cdots+a_6z^2)$ . This  $\mathbb{P}^5$  is the moduli space of plane conics.

The Veronese embedding  $v_{2,d}$ :

$$\nu_{2,d}:\mathbb{P}^2\hookrightarrow\mathbb{P}^{N-1}$$

where

$$[x:y:z] \mapsto [x^d:x^{d-1}y:\cdots:z^d]$$

where N is the number of degree d monomials in x, y, z.

Veronese Embedding  $\nu_{n,d}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{n,d}: \mathbb{P}^n \to \mathbb{P}^{N-1} \\ [x_1: \cdots: x_{n+1}] \mapsto [\cdots] \end{aligned}$$

### Week 13

### 13.1 Segre Embedding

The Segre embedding  $\sigma_{1,1}$ :

$$\sigma_{1,1}: \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^3$$
 
$$[x_1: x_2] \times [y_1: y_2] \mapsto [x_1y_1: x_1y_2: x_2y_1: x_2y_2]$$

Well Defined:

$$[\lambda x_1 : \lambda x_2] \times [\mu y_1 : \mu y_2] \mapsto [\lambda \mu x_1 y_1 : \lambda \mu x_2 y_1; \lambda \mu x_2 y_1 : \lambda \mu x_2 y_2]$$

What equations define the image?  $\mathbb{V}(z_1z_4 - z_2z_3) \supseteq \sigma_{1,1}(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1)$ . Prove:

$$\mathbb{V}(z_1 z_4 - z_2 z_3) = \{ [z_1 : z_2 : z_3 : z_4] \in \mathbb{P}^3 : \operatorname{rank} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 \\ z_3 & z_4 \end{bmatrix} \le 1 \}$$

This is a determinantal variety. The surface  $\sigma_{1,1}(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1)$  contains a lot of lines. For each  $[a_1:a_2] \in \mathbb{P}^1$ ,

$$\sigma_{1,1}([a_1:a_2]\times\mathbb{P}^1)=\{[a_1y_1:a_1y_2:a_2y_1:a_2y_2]\}=\mathbb{V}(a_2z_1-a_1z_3,a_2z_2-z_1z_4)$$

If we look in the chart  $z_4 \neq 0$  which is  $U_4$ , then  $\mathbb{V}(z_1z_4 - z_2z_3) \cap U_4 = V(z_1 - z_2z_3) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^3$ . Then a projective change of coordinates on  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . Replace  $z_1 = w_1 + w_2$ ,  $z_4 = w_1 - w_2$ ,  $z_2 = w_3 + w_4$ ,  $z_3 = w_3 - w_4$ . We have

$$(w_1+w_2)(w_1-w_2)-(w_3+w_4)(w_3-w_4)=w_1^2-w_2^2-(w_3^2-w_4^2)=w_1^2+w_4^2-w_2^2-w_3^2$$

Now look in the chart where  $w_4 \neq 0$ :  $V(w_1^2 + 1 - w_2^2 - w_3^2)$ .

Recall that the image of the twisted cubic  $v_{1,3}$  was

$$\nu_{1,3}(\mathbb{P}^1) = \{ [z_1 : z_2 : z_3 : z_4] \in \mathbb{P}^3 : \operatorname{rank} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 \\ z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \end{bmatrix} \leqslant 1 \} = \mathbb{V}(z_1 z_3 - z_2^2, z_1 z_4 - z_2 z_3, z_2 z_4 - z_3^2)$$

Notice that

$$\mathbb{V}(z_1z_3-z_2^2,z_1z_4-z_2z_3,z_2z_4-z_3^2)\subseteq \mathbb{V}(z_1z_4-z_2z_4)=\sigma_{1,1}(\mathbb{P}^1\times\mathbb{P}^1)$$

What is  $\sigma_{1,1}^{-1}(\mathbb{V}(z_2^2-z_1z_3))=\mathbb{V}((x_1y_2)^2-(x_1y_1)(x_2y_1))$ . This is homogeneous of bidegree (2,2).

$$\mathbb{V}((x_1y_2^2) - (x_1y_1)(x_2y_1)) = \mathbb{V}(x_1(x_1y_2^2 - y_1^2x_2))$$
$$= \mathbb{V}(x_1) \cup \mathbb{V}(x_1y_2^2 - y_1^2x_2)$$

The segre embedding  $\sigma_{m,n}$ 

$$\sigma_{m,n}: \mathbb{P}^m \times \mathbb{P}^n \to \mathbb{P}^{(m+1)(n+1)-1}$$
 
$$[x_1: \dots: x_{m+1}] \times [y_1: \dots: y_{n+1}] \mapsto [x_1y_1: x_1y_2: \dots: x_iy_j: \dots: x_{m+1}y_{n+1}]$$

### 13.2 Rational Functions

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  be a projective variety.

#### Homogeneous Function Field

# Definition 13.2.1

The homogeneous function field of X is

$$k_h(X) = \operatorname{Frac} \Gamma(X)$$

Most elements of  $k_h(X)$  do not determine functions on an open subset of X. However, if we take ratios of forms of the same degree in  $\Gamma(X)$ , then we get a function. If  $F,G \in k[x_1,\ldots,x_{n+1}]$  are homogeneous of degree d, then  $\overline{F},\overline{G} \in \Gamma(X)$  are forms of degree d. Furthermore,  $\frac{\overline{F}(\lambda \alpha_1,\ldots,\lambda \alpha_{n+1})}{\overline{G}(\lambda \alpha_1,\ldots,\lambda \alpha_{n+1})} = \frac{\lambda^d(\overline{F}(\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_{n+1}))}{\lambda^d\,\overline{G}(\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_{n+1})}$ . So  $\overline{F}/\overline{G}$  defined a function on  $X\backslash V(G)$ .

**Example 13.2.1:**  $\frac{x_1}{x_2}$  is a rational function on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  that is defined on  $U_2$ .

# Definition 13.2.2

#### Field of Rational Functions

The field of rational functions on  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  is

$$k(X) = \left\{ z \in k_h(X) : z = \frac{\overline{F}}{G} \text{ for F, G homogeneous of the same degree, } \overline{G} \neq 0 \right\}$$

Note:  $k\subseteq k(X)\subseteq k_h(X)$  by  $\lambda\mapsto \frac{\lambda}{1}$  but typically  $\Gamma(X)\nsubseteq k(X)$  because  $f\mapsto \frac{f}{1}.$ 

**Example 13.2.2:** What is  $k(\mathbb{P}^1)$ ? There is a map from  $k(\mathbb{P}^1) \to k(\mathbb{A}^1) = k(X)$ . Think of  $\mathbb{A}^1$  as  $U_2$ .

$$k(\mathbb{P}^1) \to k(\mathbb{A}^1)$$
$$\frac{F(x,y)}{G(x,y)} \mapsto \frac{F(x,1)}{G(x,1)}$$

### 13.3 Local Ring

Definition 13.3.1

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  be a projective variety. Let  $P \in X$ ,  $\alpha \in k(X)$ . Then we say that  $\alpha$  is defined at P if  $\overline{\exists F}$ ,  $\overline{G} \in \Gamma(X)$  of the same degree with  $\overline{G}(P) \neq 0$  and  $\alpha = \frac{\overline{F}}{\overline{G}}$ .

Local Ring

Definition 13.3.2

The local ring of X at P is  $O_P(X) = \{\alpha \in k(X) : \alpha \text{ is defined at P}\}.$ 

If  $P \in U_i$  any affine chart  $U_i \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ , then  $O_P(X) = O_P(X \cap U_i)$ . The map  $O_P(X) \to O_P(X \cap U_i)$ :

$$\frac{F(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})}{G(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})} \mapsto \frac{F(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, 1, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1})}{G(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, 1, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1})}$$

**Example 13.3.1:** Let  $P = [0:0:1] \in \mathbb{P}^2$ .

$$O_{P}(\mathbb{P}^{2}) = \left\{ \frac{F}{G} : F, G \in k[x, y, z] \text{homogeneous, same degree, } G(0, 0, 1) \neq 0 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{F}{H + z^{d}} : F, H \text{ homogeneous of degree d} \right\}$$

Consider  $U_3 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$ . Our point  $P \in U_3 \cong \mathbb{A}^2$  is the origin (0,0). Then

$$O_{P}(\mathbb{P}^{2}) \to O_{(0,0)}(\mathbb{A}^{2})$$

$$\frac{F}{H+z^{d}} \mapsto \frac{F(x,y,1)}{H(x,y,1)+1}$$

(Injective)  $\frac{F}{H+z^d}$  is in the kernel iff F(x,y,1)=0 iff  $F\in(z-1)$ . But F is homogeneous, so this happens if F=0.

(Surjective) Given any  $f/g \in O_{(0,0)}(\mathbb{A}^2)$ , consider H(f) and H(g). If they are of the same degree, then f/g is the image of H(f)/H(g). If they are not of the same degree, we can multiply one of them with powers of z until they are of the same degree.

Alternative description of k(X): Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  be a projective variety.

 $S = \{(U, \alpha) : U \subseteq X \text{ open } \alpha : U \to k \text{ st } \exists F, G \in k[x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}] \text{ homogeneous of same degree, } \alpha(P) = F(P)\}$ 

Where  $(U, \alpha) \sim (U', \alpha')$  if  $\alpha(P) = \alpha'(P) \forall P \in U \cap U'$ .

We can make S into a ring by

$$[(\mathsf{U},\alpha)] + [(\mathsf{U}',\alpha')] = [(\mathsf{U} \cap \mathsf{U}',\alpha\mid_{\mathsf{U} \cap \mathsf{U}'} + \alpha'\mid_{\mathsf{U} \cap \mathsf{U}'})]$$

and multiplication by:

$$[(U,\alpha)][(U',\alpha')] = [(U \cap U'), \alpha \mid_{U \cap U'} \alpha' \mid_{U \cap U'}]$$

The inverse is defined as: If  $(U, \alpha)$  where  $\alpha \neq 0$ , then  $\alpha = \frac{F}{G}$ ,  $F \neq 0$  homogeneous polynomials F, G. Then  $[(U \setminus \mathbb{V}(F), \frac{G}{F})][(U, \frac{F}{G})] = [(U \setminus \mathbb{V}(F), 1)]$ . And  $[(U \setminus \mathbb{V}(F), 1)] = [(X, 1)]$ .

**Example 13.3.2:**  $X = \mathbb{P}^2$ ,  $(U_1, \frac{x_2}{x_1}) + (U_2, \frac{x_1}{x_3})$  is  $(U_1 \cap U_3, \frac{x_2x_3 + x_1^2}{x_1x_3})$ . The inverse of  $[(U_1, \frac{x_2}{x_1})]$  is  $[(U_1 \cap U_2, \frac{x_1}{x_2})] = [(U_2, \frac{x_1}{x_2})]$ .

There is a map  $k(X) \to S$  where  $\alpha \to (U, \alpha)$  where U is the set where  $\alpha$  is defined. This map is surjective.

**Proposition**: If  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha' \in k(X)$ , and  $(U, \alpha) \sim (U', \alpha')$ , then  $\alpha = \alpha'$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\alpha = \frac{\overline{F}}{\overline{G}}$ ,  $\alpha' = \frac{\overline{F'}}{\alpha \overline{G'}}$ . Since  $(U, \alpha) \sim (U', \alpha')$ , This means that  $\frac{\overline{F}}{\overline{G}}(P) = \frac{\overline{F'}}{\overline{G'}}(P)$  for all  $P \in U \cap U'$ . Clearing denominators:  $(\overline{FG'}) - \overline{F'G}(P) = 0$ . So (FG' - F'G)(P) = 0 because they differ by a polynomial that vanishes on X.

$$\mathbb{V}(\mathsf{F}\mathsf{G}'-\mathsf{F}'\mathsf{G})\supseteq \mathsf{U}\cap\mathsf{U}' \text{ means that } \mathbb{V}(\mathsf{F}\mathsf{G}'-\mathsf{F}'\mathsf{G}=\mathsf{X}. \ \mathsf{F}\mathsf{G}'-\mathsf{F}'\mathsf{G}\in\mathbb{I}(\mathsf{X}) \text{ So } \overline{\mathsf{F}\mathsf{G}'}-\overline{\mathsf{F}'\mathsf{G}}=0 \quad \Box$$

Let X, Y be irreducible algebraic sets. Suppose that  $\varphi: X \to Y$  is dominant,  $\overline{\varphi(X)} = Y$ . Then there is a well-defined pull-back map  $\varphi^*: k(Y) \to k(X)$ . If  $\varphi: X \to Y$  is dominant, then for any  $U \subseteq Y$  open, we have  $\varphi^{-1}(U) \subseteq X$  is non-empty.

So we can define the pullback by

$$(U, \alpha) \mapsto (\varphi^{-1}(U), \alpha \circ \varphi)$$

Algebraically, suppose  $\varphi: X \to Y$  is given on some open subset  $W \subseteq X$  by

$$P \rightarrow [f_1(P) : \cdots : f_{m+1}(P)]$$

for  $f_i$  homogeneous of the same degree. Then we can define the pullback  $\phi^* : k(Y) \to k(X)$ :

$$(U, \alpha) \mapsto (\varphi^{-1}(U) \cap W, \alpha \circ \varphi)$$

Note: If  $\alpha = \frac{F}{G}$ , then  $(\alpha \circ \phi)(P) = F(f_1(P), \dots, f_{m+1}(P))/G(f_1(P), \dots, f_{m+1}(P))$ .

**Lemma**: If  $\varphi: X \to Y$  is an isomorphism, then  $\varphi^*: k(Y) \to k(X)$  is also an isomorphism.

*Proof.* Let  $\psi: Y \to X$  be the inverse morphism. Check that  $\psi^*: k(X) \to k(Y)$  is the inverse. If we have  $(U, \alpha) \in k(Y)$ , we have

$$(\mathsf{U},\alpha) \xrightarrow{\phi^*} (\mathsf{U}',\alpha\circ\phi) \xrightarrow{\psi^*} (\mathsf{U}'',\alpha\circ\phi\circ\psi) \sim (\mathsf{U},\alpha)$$

Above,  $U' \subseteq \phi^{-1}(U)$  on which  $\phi$  is described by polynomial and  $U'' \subseteq \psi^{-1}(U')$  where  $\psi$  is described by polynomials.

**Example 13.3.3:**  $\mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{V}(xz - y^2) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$  by

$$[s:t] \mapsto [s^2:st:t^2]$$

 $k(\mathbb{P}^1)=k(\frac{s}{t}), k(\mathbb{V}(xz-y^2))\cong k(V(\frac{x}{z}-(\frac{y}{z})^2)).$  With

$$\frac{F(x,y,z)}{G(x,y,z)} \mapsto \frac{F(\frac{x}{z},\frac{y}{z},1)}{G(\frac{x}{z},\frac{y}{z},1)}$$

Then we have  $\operatorname{Frac} \frac{k[\frac{x}{z},\frac{y}{z}]}{(\frac{x}{z}-(\frac{y}{z})^2)} = \operatorname{Frac} k[\frac{y}{z}] = k(\frac{y}{z})$ . The pullback sends  $\frac{y}{z} \mapsto \frac{st}{t^2} = \frac{s}{t}$ .

#### Local Ring

# Definition 13.3.3

Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ , the local ring of X at  $P \in X$  is the subring  $O_P(X) \subseteq k(X)$  of functions defined at P. Or just  $\{(U, \alpha) : P \in U\}$ .

If  $P \in U_i$  an affine chart, then  $O_P(X) = O_P(X \cap U_i)$ .

**Example 13.3.4:** Let  $P = [1:0:1] \in \mathbb{P}^2$ . What is the tangent line to  $C = \mathbb{V}(yz^2 - x^3 + x^2z)$  at P? We have  $P \in U_3$ , and  $C \cap U_3 = V(y - x^3 + x^2) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$ . Take  $f_x$ ,  $f_y$ :

$$f_x = -3x^2 + 2x$$
  $f_x(P) = -1$   $f_y(P) = 1$ 

Tangent line:

$$T_P(C \cap U_3) = V(-(x-1) + y) = V(y - x + 1) \subseteq U_3$$

And

$$\mathbb{T}_{P}(C) = \mathbb{V}(y - x + z) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{2}$$

If  $P \in U_1$ , then we have  $C \cap U_1 = V(yz^2 - 1 + z)$ . Then

$$f_y = z^2$$
  $f_y(P) = 1$   
 $f_z = 2yz + 1$   $f_z = 1$ 

Then

$$T_{P}(C \cap U_{1}) = V(y + z - 1) \subseteq U_{1}$$

so

$$\mathbb{T}_P(C\cap U_1)=\mathbb{V}(y+z-x)$$

# Week 14

#### Definition 14.0.1

#### Projective Tangent Space

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  be a projective algebraic set and let  $P \in X$ , where  $P \in U_i$ . The projective tangent space to X at P to be the projective closure of  $T_P(X \cap U_i)$ . This is denoted as  $\mathbb{T}_P(X)$ .

The projective tangent cone to X at P is the projective closure of  $TC_P(X \cap U_i)$ . It is denoted  $\mathbb{T}C_P(X)$ .

**Example 14.0.1:** What is the projective tangent cone to  $\mathbb{V}(x^3yz + 2x^2yz^2 + y^2x^3) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$  at P = [1:0:0]? Claim:  $\mathbb{T}C_P = \mathbb{V}(yz + y^2)$ .

$$V(yz + 2yz^{2} + y^{2}x^{3}) \cap U_{1} = V(yz + 2yz^{2} + y^{2}) \subseteq U_{1}$$
$$TC_{P} = V(yz + y^{2})$$

### Singular

# Definition 14.0.2

Given  $P \in U_i$ , we say X is singular at P if  $X \cap U_i$  is singular at P.

### Multiplicity

# Definition 14.0.3

The multiplicity of a homogeneous polynomial  $F \in k[x,y,z]$  at  $P \in U_i$  is the multiplicity of f at P where f is the dehomogenization of F with respect to the i-th coordinate.

**Example 14.0.2:** What is the multiplicity of  $xz^2 + y^2z$  at [1:1:0]?

In U<sub>2</sub>, dehomogenize  $f = z^2x + z$ . Want to find  $\operatorname{mult}_{(1,0)}(f)$ . Let x' = x - 1 so that x' = 0 iff x = 1. So x = x' + 1. We have:

$$f = z^2(x'+1) + z$$

So  $TC_P = V(z) \subseteq U_2$ . Take the closure  $\mathbb{T}C_{[1:1:0]} = \mathbb{V}(z)$ .

#### Intersection Multiplicity

# Definition 14.0.4

Let  $F, G \in k[x, y, z]$  be homogeneous polynomials and let  $P \in U_i$ . Let f, g be the dehomogenizations of F, G with respect to the i-th coordinate. Then,

$$I_P(F,G) = I_P(f,g)$$

*Proof.* Independent of Affine Chart: Suppose that P is in  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ . In  $U_1$ , we have that  $I_P(F,G)$  is  $dim_k(\frac{\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^2)}{(F(1,y,z),G(1,y,z))})$ . Suppose  $\deg F=\mathfrak{m}$ ,  $\deg G=\mathfrak{n}$ . We claim that this equals  $dim_k(\frac{\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{P}^2)}{(\frac{F}{\sqrt{m}},\frac{G}{\sqrt{m}})})$ . Indeed, there is an isomorphism  $\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{P}^2)\to\mathcal{O}_P(\mathbb{A}^2)$ :

$$\frac{a}{b} \mapsto \frac{a(1, y, z)}{b(1, y, z)}$$

This gives an isomorphism of the above two quotients by  $(\frac{F}{\chi^m}, \frac{G}{\chi^n}) \mapsto F(1, y, z)$ , G(1, y, z). We have the same argument switching the roles of x, y we get that

$$I_{P}(F,G) = dim_{k} \left( \frac{O_{:}(\mathbb{P}^{2})}{\left(\frac{F}{y^{m}}, \frac{G}{y^{n}}\right)} \right)$$

Since  $P \in U_1 \cap U_2$ , it follows that  $\frac{x}{y} \in O_P(\mathbb{P}^2)$  is a unit. Then

$$\left(\frac{\mathsf{F}}{\mathsf{x}^{\mathfrak{m}}},\frac{\mathsf{G}}{\mathsf{x}^{\mathfrak{n}}}\right) = \left(\frac{\mathsf{x}^{\mathfrak{m}}\mathsf{F}}{\mathsf{x}^{\mathfrak{m}}\mathsf{y}^{\mathfrak{m}}},\frac{\mathsf{x}^{\mathfrak{n}}\mathsf{G}}{\mathsf{x}^{\mathfrak{n}}\mathsf{y}^{\mathfrak{n}}}\right) = \left(\frac{\mathsf{F}}{\mathsf{y}^{\mathfrak{m}}},\frac{\mathsf{G}}{\mathsf{y}^{\mathfrak{n}}}\right)$$

#### Bezout's Theorem

# Theorem 14.0.1

Let k be algebraically closed and suppose that  $F, G \in k[x, y, z]$  homogeneous polynomials of degree m, n. If V(F, G) is a finite set, then

$$\sum_{P \in \mathbb{P}^2} I_P(F, G) = mn$$

Note: V(F, G) is finite iff F, G have no common factors.

*Proof.* (Setup) Since  $\mathbb{V}(F,G)$  is a finite set of points,  $\exists$  a change of coordinates so that none of the points lie on  $\mathbb{V}(z)$ . Let f = F(x,y,1) and g = G(x,y,1) be the dehomogenizations. Then  $\mathbb{V}(F,G) \cap \mathbb{U}_3 = V(f,g) = \mathbb{V}(F,G)$ . It follows that

$$\sum_{P \in \mathbb{P}^2} I_P(F, G) = \sum_{P \in \mathbb{A}^2 \cong I_P} I_P(f, g)$$

**Lemma**:  $\sum_{P \in \mathbb{A}^2} I_P(f, g) = \dim_k \left( \frac{k[x, y]}{(f, q)} \right)$ :

Proposition 6 in 2.9 says that there is an isomorphism of rings

$$k[x,y]/(f,g) \cong \bigoplus_{P_i \in V(f,g)} \frac{O_{P_i}(\mathbb{A}^2)}{\left(\frac{f}{1}, \frac{g}{1}\right)}$$

Let  $\Gamma = \frac{k[x,y,z]}{(F,G)}$ . Because we quotient by a homogeneous ideal,  $\Gamma$  has the added structure of forms of degree d. Let  $\Gamma_d$  be the vector space of forms of degree d.

**Claim**: When  $d \ge m + n$ , we have

- (a)  $\dim_k(\Gamma_d) = mn$
- (b)  $\dim_k(\Gamma_d) = \dim_k \frac{k[x,y]}{(f,g)}$

Let R = k[x,y,z]. Let  $R_d$  be the vector space of homogeneous polynomials of degree d. Let  $\pi: R \to \Gamma$  be the quotient map. So  $\ker \pi = (F,G) = \{AF+BG: A,B \in k[x,y,z]\}$ . Let  $\varphi: R \times R \to R$  defined by  $(A,B) \mapsto AF+BG$ . We have that  $\Im \varphi = \ker \pi$ . What is  $\ker \varphi$ . If AF+BG=0, AF=-BG, so  $F \mid BG$ . But F,G have no common factor, so  $F \mid B$ . Similarly,  $G \mid A$ . Moreover, if  $C = \frac{A}{G}$ , then  $\frac{B}{F} = \frac{-A}{G} = -C$ . Hence

$$\ker \varphi = \{(A, B) : A = CG, B = -CF\}$$

In other words,  $\ker \varphi = \Im \psi : R \to R \times R$  by  $C \mapsto (CG, -CF)$ .

### Week 15

**Last Lecture**: Recall Bezout's Theorem: Let  $F, G \in k[x, y, z]$  be homogeneous of degrees m and n. Suppose that V(F, G) is finite. Then

$$\sum_{p\in\mathbb{P}^2} I_P(F,G) = mn$$

We also defined  $I_P(F, G)$  to be  $I_P(f, g)$  when  $P \in U_i$  and f, g are dehomogenized of F, G on i-th coordinate.

Want to find  $\sum_{p \in \mathbb{A}^2_{\mathbb{C}}} I_P(\alpha x + by + c, y - x^2)$ . This is equal to  $\sum_{P \in \mathbb{P}^2} I_P(\alpha x + by + cz, yz - x^2) - \sum_{p \in \mathbb{V}(z)} I_P(\alpha x + by + cz, yz - x^2)$ . We have

$$= \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } a = b = c = 0\\ 0 & \text{if } a = b = 0, c \neq 0\\ 1 & \text{if } b = 0, a \neq 0\\ 2 & \text{if } b \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

We have  $\mathbb{V}(yz - x^2) \cap \mathbb{V}(z) = \mathbb{V}(x, z) = \{[0 : 1 : 0]\}$ . We have that  $[0 : 1 : 0] \in \mathbb{V}(\alpha x + by + cz)$  iff b = 0. We compute that:

$$I_{[0:1:0]}(\alpha x + cz, yz - x^2) = I_P(\alpha x + cz, z - x^2) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b = 0, \alpha \neq 0 \\ 2 & \text{if } b = 0, \alpha = 0 \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Following notation from before, let R = k[x,y,z] and  $\Gamma = \frac{R}{(F,G)}$ . Let  $R_d$  be the vector space of homogeneous polynomials of degree d. Let  $\Gamma_d$  be the vector space of forms of degree d in  $\Gamma$ . Last class, it was needed to be shown that for d large enough,

- $\dim \Gamma_d = \min$
- $\dim \Gamma_{\mathbf{d}} = \dim_{\mathbf{k}} \left( \frac{\mathbb{k}[x,y]}{(f,g)} \right)$ . This holds when  $\mathbb{V}(\mathsf{F},\mathsf{G}) \cap \mathbb{V}(z) = \emptyset$ .

(Part a) Consider the following sequence of maps:

$$R \xrightarrow{\psi} R \times R \xrightarrow{\varphi} R \xrightarrow{\pi} \Gamma \longrightarrow 0$$

$$(A, B) \xrightarrow{\text{mapsto}} AF + BG$$

$$C \xrightarrow{\text{mapsto}} (CG, -CF)$$

We have  $\ker \varphi = \Im \psi$ ,  $\Im \varphi = \ker \pi$  and  $\ker \psi = 0$ . For forms in degree d:

$$0 \longrightarrow R_{d-m-n} \xrightarrow{\psi} R_{d-m} \times R_{d-n} \xrightarrow{\varphi} R_d \xrightarrow{\pi} \Gamma_d \longrightarrow 0$$

Recall that for any linear map of vector spaces,  $V \to W$ , we know that  $\dim(\ker T) + \dim(\Im T) = \dim V$ . Putting this all together:

We have:

$$\begin{split} \dim\Gamma_d &= \dim \Im\pi \\ &= \dim R_d - \dim \ker \pi \\ &= \dim R_d - \dim \Im\phi \\ &= \dim R_d - (\dim R_{d-m} \times R_{d-n} - \dim \ker \phi) \\ &= \dim R_d - (\dim R_{d-m} \times R_{d-n} - \dim \Im\psi) \\ &= \dim R_d - (\dim R_{d-m} \times R_{d-n} - (\dim R_{d-m-n} - \dim \ker \psi)) \\ &= \left(\frac{d+2}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{d-m+2}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{d-n+2}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{d-m-n+2}{2}\right) \\ &= mn \end{split}$$

(Part b) Show that for  $d \ge m + n$ , a basis for  $\Gamma_d$  dehomogenizes to form a basis for k[x,y]/(f,g).

**Lemma**: For  $d \ge m + n$ , the map  $\alpha : \Gamma_d \to \Gamma_{d+1}$  defined by

$$\alpha(\overline{H}) = \overline{z}\overline{H}$$

is an isomorphism of vector spaces.

(Proof of Lemma)  $\alpha$  is a linear map between vector spaces of the same dimension. So it is enough to show that  $\ker \alpha = 0$ . If  $\alpha(\overline{H}) = 0$ , then  $\overline{H} = 0$ . So  $\overline{z}\overline{H} = 0$  and  $zH \in (F, G)$ . So zH = AF + BG for homogeneous polynomials  $A, B \in k[x, y, z]$ . Plug in z = 0:

$$0 = A(x, y, 0)F(x, y, 0) + B(x, y, 0)G(x, y, 0) = A_0F_0 + B_0G_0$$

Recall that  $\mathbb{V}(\mathsf{F},\mathsf{G})\cap\mathbb{V}(z)=\emptyset$ . Then  $\mathsf{F}_0$ ,  $\mathsf{G}_0$  have no common factor. Then  $-\mathsf{A}_0\mathsf{F}_0=\mathsf{B}_0\mathsf{G}_0$ . So  $\mathsf{F}_0\mid\mathsf{B}_0$  and  $\mathsf{G}_0\mid\mathsf{A}_0$ . If  $\mathsf{C}=\frac{\mathsf{B}_0}{\mathsf{F}_0}=\frac{-\mathsf{A}_0}{\mathsf{G}_0}$ , we have

$$B_0 = CF_0, A_0 = -CG_0$$

Let  $A_1 = A + CG$  and  $B_1 = CF$ . So when we set z = 0,  $A_1 = B_1 = 0$ . So  $A_1 = zA'$ ,  $B_1 = zB'$ . Consider  $A_1F + B_1G = AF + CGF + BG - CFG = AF + BG = zH$ . So zA'F = zB'G = zH, we have k[x, y, z] is a domain, we have  $H = A'F + B'G \in (F, G)$ .

Final Step: Let  $A_1, \ldots, A_{mn} \in k[x, y, z]$  be homogeneous of degree d so that  $\overline{A_1}, \ldots, \overline{A_{mn}}$  is a basis for  $\Gamma_d$ . Show that

$$\{\overline{A_i(x,y,1)}\}$$

forms a basis for  $\frac{k[x,y]}{(f,g)}$ . By the lemma,  $\cdot z:\Gamma_d\to\Gamma_{d+1}$  is an isomorphism. We have

$$\{\overline{z^r A_i}\}$$

is a basis for  $\Gamma_{d+r}$  for all  $r \ge 0$ . Let  $\alpha_i = \overline{A_i(x,y,1)}$ .

•  $a_i$  span  $\frac{k[x,y]}{(f,g)}$ . Suppose that  $\overline{h} \in k[x,y]/(f,g)$  with  $h \in k[x,y]$ . We can homogenize to H(h). For some N >> 0,  $z^N$ H(h) has degree d+r,  $r \ge 0$ . So we have  $z^N$ (H(h)) =  $\sum \lambda_i z^r A_i + BF + CG$ . Set z = 1, we have  $h = \sum \lambda_i A_i(x, y, 1) + B(x, y, 1)f + C(x, y, 1)f$ which shows that  $\overline{h} \in \operatorname{Span} \{a_i\}$ .

• Linear Independent.

#### igwedge Bezout's Theorem in $\mathbb{P}^{ ext{n}}$

#### Theorem 15.0.1

Let  $F_1, \ldots, F_n \in k[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+1}]$  be homogeneous of degrees  $d_1, \ldots, d_n$ . If  $V(F_1, \ldots, F_n)$ is finite, then

$$\sum_{P\in\mathbb{P}^n} I_P(F_1,\ldots,F_n) = d_1d_2\cdots d_n$$

#### **Circles of Apollonius** 15.1

Question: Given 3 fixed circles, how many circles are tangent to all 3?

#### **Definition** 15.1.1

Given 2 smooth curves C, C', we say that C and C' are tangent at P if  $P \in C$ ,  $P \in C'$ and  $T_P(C) = T_P(C')$ . Equivalently,  $I_P(C, C') \ge 2$ . If the tangent lines are distinct, then  $I_P(C, C') = mult_P(C) mult_P(C') = 1.$ 

Typically, two circles meet in 2 points or not at all. Suppose we have a circle  $C:(x-x_0)^2+$  $(y - y_0)^2 - r^2 = 0$ . The projective closure:

$$\overline{C}$$
:  $(x - x_0 z)^2 + (u - u_0 z)^2 - r^2 z^2 = 0$ 

And 
$$\overline{C} \cap V(z) = V(z, x^2 + y^2) = \{[1 : i : 0], [1 : -i : 0]\}.$$

C, C' are tangent iff they meet in a single point (mult 2). There are also concentric circles, which do not meet in  $\mathbb{A}^2_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

Moduli Spaces: We saw that the moduli space of conics:

$$[a:b:c:d:e:f] \iff \mathbb{V}(ax^2 + bxy + cxz + dy^2 + eyz + fz^2) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$$

#### **Definition** 15.1.2

Define the moduli space of complex projective circles as  $\mathbb{V}(b, a - d) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^5$ .

This is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}^3$ :

$$[a:c:e:f] \iff \mathbb{V}(a(x^2+y^2)+cxz+eyz+fz^2) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$$

As  $a \to 0$ , we get a line. If  $a \ne 0$ , we can rescale to make a = 1. Now compare it with

$$(x - x_0z)^2 + (y - y_0z)^2 - r^2z^2$$

We have

$$\frac{c}{a} = -2x_0$$

$$\frac{e}{a} = -2y_0$$

$$\frac{f}{a} = x_0^2 + y_0^2 - r^2$$

and

$$x_0 = \frac{-c}{2a}$$

$$y_0 = \frac{-e}{2a}$$

$$r^2 = x_0^2 + y_0^2 - \frac{f}{a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left( \left( \frac{c}{a} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{e}{a} \right)^2 \right) - \frac{f}{a}$$

After a projective change of coordinates,

$$x \mapsto x - x_0 z$$
$$y \mapsto y - y_0 z$$
$$z \mapsto r_0 z$$

We can bring the first fixed circle to the unit circle.

$$V(x^2 + y^2 - 1) \rightarrow V(x^2 + y^2 - z^2) \iff [1:0:0:-1]$$

When is a circle with center  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and radius r tangent to the unit circle? Using the Pythagorean theorem,

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (1 + r)^2 = r^2 + 2r + 1$$

so

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - r^2 = 2r + 1$$

If the circle is internally tangent, we have

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (1 - r)^2 = r^2 - 2r + 1$$

so

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - r^2 = -2r + 1$$

Recall that the LHS is  $\frac{f}{a}$ , so we need either  $\frac{f}{a}-1-2r=0$  or  $\frac{f}{a}-1+2r=0$ . Take the product

$$(\frac{f}{a} - 1 - 2r)(\frac{f}{a} - 1 + 2r) = (\frac{f}{a} - 1)^2 - 4r^2$$

Plug in

$$\frac{1}{4}\left(\left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{e}{a}\right)^2\right) - \frac{f}{a} = r^2$$

We get

$$\left(\frac{f}{a} - 1\right)^2 - \left(\left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{e}{a}\right)^2 - \frac{4f}{a}\right)$$

So

$$\left(\frac{f}{a} + 1\right)^2 - \left(\left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{e}{a}\right)^2\right) = 0$$

Take the projective closure:  $(f + a)^2 - (c^2 + e^2) = 0$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . We have the intersection of three cones in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ , and if this intersection is finite, then the number of intersections is  $d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdot d_3 = 8$ .