

Recall:

Def: (complex) projective space is the set

$$\mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C}) = \{ \text{lines thru. origin in } \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \}$$

$$= \{ a = (a_0, \dots, a_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \} / (a \sim \lambda a, \lambda \in \mathbb{C})$$

$$= \{ [a_0 : \dots : a_n] \}$$

$$\text{Cor: } \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}^n \cup \mathbb{P}^{n-1}(\mathbb{C})$$

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first
coord. 1

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first coord. 0

Remark: In class, we dealt w/ real proj. space instead since it's easier to visualize; the construction is analogous

Want to define projective varieties in $\mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C})$

Problem: Need

$$f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0 \iff f(\lambda a_1, \dots, \lambda a_n),$$

and not all functions satisfy this property

Fix:

Def: $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ is homogeneous of degree d if every term has degree d

If f homog. of degree d

$$f(\lambda a_0, \dots, \lambda a_n) = \lambda^d f(a_0, \dots, a_n)$$

$$\text{If } \lambda \neq 0, f(\lambda a_0, \dots, \lambda a_n) = 0 \iff f(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 0$$

Def: If $f \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ homog.,

$$V(f) := \{[a_0 : \dots : a_n] \in \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C}) \mid f(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 0\}$$

is the projective variety assoc. to f .

Note: no nonzero ideal consists of only homog. polys.

e.g. (x^2, y^2) contains $x^2y + y^2$

Write

$$\mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n] = \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} A_d$$

where $A_d = \{f \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \mid f \text{ is homog of deg. } d\}$

Any $f \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ can be written uniquely as

$$f = f_0 + f_1 + \dots, \quad f_d \in A_d$$

Def: An ideal $I \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ is homogeneous if

$$f \in I \Rightarrow f_d \in I \quad \forall d$$

Equivalently, I is homog. if it has a generating set consisting only of homog. polys.

Ex: $\mathbb{C}[x, y]$

a) $(x+y, x^2+y^2)$ is homogeneous

b) $(x+y, x+y+x^2+y^2)$ is homogeneous since it equals $(x+y, x^2+y^2)$

c) $(y-x^2)$ is not homog. since $y-x^2 \in (y-x^2)$, but y and x^2 are not.

Def: Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ be a homog. ideal. Then

$$V(I) = \{a = [a_0 : \dots : a_n] \in \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C}) \mid f(a) = 0 \quad \forall f \in I\}$$

$$= V(f^{(1)}) \cap \dots \cap V(f^{(k)})$$

if $f^{(i)}$ homog. and $I = (f^{(1)}, \dots, f^{(k)})$

These $V(I)$ are called projective varieties

Prop: $I(V) := \{f \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \mid f(a) = 0 \quad \forall a \in V\}$ is a homog. ideal

Prop: If I homog., \sqrt{I} is homog.

Projective Nullstellensatz: \exists inc. reversing inv. bijections

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{nonempty} \\ \text{projective} \\ \text{varieties} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{I} \\ \xleftarrow{V} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{radical homog. ideals} \\ \text{properly cont. in } (x_0, \dots, x_n) \end{array} \right\}$$

For these varieties/ideals, $V(I(V)) = V$ and $I(V(I)) = \sqrt{I}$.
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 any ideal $\subsetneq (x_0, \dots, x_n)$

What about \emptyset ?

$$I(\emptyset) = \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \quad \text{and} \quad V(\mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]) = \emptyset$$

But also:

$$V((x_0, \dots, x_n)) = \{ \text{pts. in } \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C}) \text{ where } x_0 = \dots = x_n = 0 \} = \emptyset$$

\nearrow
since $0 \in \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C})$

So,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{I} \\ \xleftarrow{V} \end{array} & \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \\ \emptyset & \xleftarrow{V} & \\ & \xleftarrow{V} & (x_0, \dots, x_n) \end{array}$$

Furthermore

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{irred.} \\ \text{nonempty} \\ \text{projective} \\ \text{varieties} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{I} \\ \xleftarrow{V} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{prime homog. ideals} \\ \text{properly cont. in } (x_0, \dots, x_n) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{points} \\ a = [a_0 : \dots : a_n] \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{I} \\ \xleftarrow{V} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{maximal ideals} \\ I(a) = \left(\frac{x_i}{a_i} - \frac{x_j}{a_j} \mid 0 \leq i, j \leq n \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

Pf Sketch of proj. Nullstellensatz: Let

Let I be a homog. ideal properly cont. in (x_0, \dots, x_n) ,
and let $V = V(I)$.

$$\text{Let } V' = \{a \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \mid f(a) = 0 \forall f \in I\}$$

By the affine Nullstellensatz, $I(V') = \sqrt{I}$

We have

$$(a_0, \dots, a_n) \in V' \setminus \{0\} \Leftrightarrow [a_0 : \dots : a_n] \in V,$$

$$\text{so } \sqrt{I} = I(V') \subseteq I(V)$$

Conversely, if f homog., nonconstant, then $f(0) = 0$, so

$$\begin{aligned} f \in \mathcal{I}(V) &\Rightarrow f(a) = 0 \quad \forall a \in V \\ \text{homog.} &\Rightarrow f(a) = 0 \quad \forall a \in V' \\ &\Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{I}(V) = \sqrt{\mathcal{I}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\mathcal{I}(V(\mathcal{I})) = \mathcal{I}$ for all homog. ideals properly
cont. in (x_0, \dots, x_n)

The rest follows by similar arguments to the affine case. \square