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Algebraic geometry is the study of geometric entities through the language of algebra by codifying structures in terms of roots of equations. In this thesis I explore the geometry that corresponds with roots of families of polynomials that form a group under some operation. The relationship between the affine varieties and the polynomials can be extended to a more fundamental relationship between affine group schemes and Hopf algebras. In this thesis I first establish this relationship through the concept of representable functors, and then the reverse relationship via co-algebras. Then, I define comodules, and use this definition to arrive at important finiteness theorems of affine group schemes. Then, I use the concept of separability, and via group action of the Galois group, I prove that separable algebras correspond to finite groups on which the Galois group acts continuously. Lastly, I study matrix groups that correspond to affine group schemes and arrive at results about diagonalisable groups, tori and automorphism groups.

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