

MATH 624 Homeworks

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Problem 1

(a)

The fixed field of the absolute galois group G_k acting on k^s is k ; The fixed field of the absolute galois group acting on \bar{k} is k^i . The assertion follows immediately.

(b)

(i) \implies (ii) V minimal implies $I(V)$ is maximal since $I(-)$ reverses inclusion.

(ii) \implies (iv) + irreducible: $I(V)$ maximal implies $K[V]$ is a finite field extension of k . In particular, for each x_i , $I(V) \cap k[x_i] \neq 0$. We may thus pick $f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n) \in I(V)$, so that the i th coordinate of $a \in V$ must satisfy f_i , and there are only finitely many roots to choose from.

(iv) + irreducible \implies (iii): Points on $V(\bar{k})$ corresponds bijectively to k -algebra homomorphisms $k[V] \rightarrow \bar{k}$ by evaluation. If V has only finitely many points, then $k[V]$ must be a finite field extension of k , so points on V correspond to $\text{Gal}(K[V]|k)$, which is a quotient subgroup of G_k . Clearly the action of G_k on the quotient is transitive, and thus V is a G_k orbit.

(iii) \implies (i): a galois orbit is necessarily finite, thus $k[V]$ is a finite extension of K and thus $I(V)$ is maximal, which implies V is minimal.

Problem 3

$2x_1^2 - 3x_2x_3$ is irreducible by degree reasons, therefore $V_1 := V(2x_1^2 - 3x_2x_3)$ is irreducible. Clearly irreducible implies connected.

$x_1^2x_2^2 - x_3^4 = (x_1x_2 - x_3^2)(x_1x_2 + x_3^2)$, therefore $V_2 := V(x_1^2x_2^2 - x_3^4) = V(x_1x_2 - x_3^2) \cup V(x_1x_2 + x_3^2)$ is not irreducible. The irreducible components are connected and $(0, 0, 0)$ is in the intersection, so V_2 is connected.

Clearly the intersection of an irreducible set and a reducible set is reducible; the intersection $V_3 := V_1 \cap V_2$ is the union $(V_1 \cap V(x_1x_2 - x_3^2)) \cup (V_1 \cap V(x_1x_2 + x_3^2))$, where both are connected curves and the intersection contains $(0, 0, 0)$, so it is connected.

The union is still reducible since V_2 is reducible, and $V((x_1^2x_2^2 - x_3^4)(2x_1^2 - 3x_2x_3))$ does not have a prime radical. The union is connected since the intersection is non-empty.

Problem 5

(a)

If the closure of x is contained in $V_1 \cup V_2$, where V_1, V_2 are closed and disjoint, then clearly x must belong to one of them. Thus, the closure of a singleton must be irreducible. Note that the argument does not

(b)

Take any variety of dimension 0 to n , and choose a generic point on that variety suffices.

(c)

Consider the evaluation homomorphism $\varphi_x : k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \rightarrow K$ by plugging in x . The coordinate ring of V_x is precisely $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/\ker(\varphi_x)$.

(d)

For example, consider $V_x = \{x\} = (\sqrt[p]{t}, 1) = V(x^p - t, y - 1)$ in $\mathbb{A}_{F_p(t)}^2$.

Problem 6

(c)

Suppose V is irreducible, then $k[V]$ is a domain and admits an embedding into K , and one such embedding determines a generic point given by the image of (x_1, \dots, x_n) .

(d)

If $\dim(V) > 0$, and suppose V admits a generic point. Then, $\text{trdeg}(K|k) \geq 1$ and $k[V] \rightarrow K$ admits infinitely many embeddings.

Problem 7

Since closed sets are finite union of points in \mathbb{A}^1 , $\mathbb{A}^1 - \{0\}$ clearly cannot be written as a union of two disjoint closed sets. Clearly the disconnected subsets are finite union of singletons with more than 1 element, so all infinite subsets are connected.

Take $V((x-2)(x-3))$, which is a disconnected infinite set in \mathbb{A}^2 .

Problem 8

(a),(c)

Trivial exercise. See 602 Notes.

(e)

The variety V can be parallel to H_f , so the intersection is trivial. Otherwise, the assertion follows from the Krull dimension of $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/(I(V), f)$, which has dimension $\dim(V) - 1$.

Homework 2

Problem 1b

Suppose U_f is not empty. Let $W = \{a \in V : k(a)|k \text{ is a finite algebraic extension}\}$, which corresponds to the vanishing locus of maximal ideals of $k[V]$. Clearly $W \subset V(\bar{k})$, so it suffices to show that $W \cap U_f$ is dense in U_f for every f , which is equivalent to every open U_f containing a point in W . To see this, consider a maximal ideal in $k[V]_f$, which must be the image of a maximal ideal in $k[V]$ under localization: suppose otherwise, then every maximal ideal of $k[V]$ contains f , which implies f is in the Jacobson radical of $k[V]$. However, $k[V]$ has trivial Jacobson radical since $k[X]$ is Jacobson, which implies $f = 0$ and U_f is empty, and contradiction. Then, the locus of the maximal ideal is contained in $U_f \cap W$.

Problem 2b

A representative of \tilde{O}_a is given by a pair $(W_1, \frac{f_1}{g_1})$, with $g_1 \neq 0$ on W_1 , and $(W_1, \frac{f_1}{g_1}) \sim (W_2, \frac{f_2}{g_2})$ iff there exists a open $U_{h'} \subset W_1 \cap W_2$ such that $\frac{f_1}{g_1} = \frac{f_2}{g_2}$ on $U_{h'}$. On the other hand, a representative of $k[V]_{p_a}$ is given by some $\frac{f}{g}$, where $g(a) \neq 0$. By continuity, there exists a basic open U_h containing a on which g does not vanish. We define the k -algebra homomorphism:

$$i : k[V]_{p_a} \rightarrow \tilde{O}_a \quad \frac{f}{g} \mapsto (U_h, \frac{f}{g})$$

Surjectivity is obvious by construction, so there are two things to check: well-definedness (it is clearly that this will be a k -algebra morphism once we check well-definedness) and injectivity.

Well-definedness: suppose $\frac{f}{g} \sim \frac{f'}{g'}$ in $k[V]_{p_a}$, which means there exists some $h' \in K[V]$ such that $h'(fg' - f'g) = 0$, which implies $\frac{f}{g} = \frac{f'}{g'}$ on $U_{h'}$. Thus, both will be mapped to the equivalence class $(U_{h'}, \frac{f}{g})$.

Injectivity: suppose $i(\frac{f}{g}) = (U_h, \frac{f}{g})$ represents the 0 element. WLOG, we may assume that f vanishes on U_h , for otherwise we may replace U_h with a smaller basic open. Then, $\frac{f}{g} \sim \frac{0}{1}$ in $k[V]_{p_a}$ since $h(f \cdot 1 - g \cdot 0)$ is identically 0 on V .

Problem 3b

By problem 2b, the stalk is isomorphic to $k[V]_{p_a}$, which is always local. In regards to when $k[V]_{p_a}$ is a not a domain, it will be when there exists an $x \in p_a$ such that $\exists y \in p_a$ and $xy = 0$, but $xz \neq 0$ for every non-zero $z \notin p_a$. For example, let $V = V(xy)$. Then, $k[V] = k[x, y]/(xy)$. Take $a = (0, 0)$, then $p_a = (x, y)$, and we have $xy = 0$ but $xz \neq 0$ for every non-zero z not in (x, y) .

Note that a reduced Noetherian ring is integral iff it has a unique minimal prime. Another method of detection for integrality is iff p_a contains a unique minimal prime of $k[V]$ (because it is reduced Noetherian), which corresponds to a belonging to a unique irreducible component.

Problem 4

(a)

V is irreducible iff $I(V)$ is prime iff $k[V]$ is a domain iff $k(V)$ is a field. The Krull dimension of $k(V)$ and the transcendence degree are the same by Noether normalization.

(b)

Take the finite set of minimal primes $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ of $k[V]$, and recall that the union of the minimal primes is precisely the zero-divisors of $k[V]$, and the intersection is the trivial nilradical. Then, localize at $S =$

$k[V] \setminus \cup p_i$, and $S^{-1}k[V]$ has unique maximal primes $S^{-1}p_1, \dots, S^{-1}p_n$, which are coprime. By chinese remainder, we have

$$k(V) = S^{-1}k[V]/(0) = S^{-1}k[V]/\cap S^{-1}p_i \cong \prod k(V_i)$$

(c)

Suppose V is irreducible. Note that $k[V_{k^s}] \cong k[V] \otimes_k k^s$, so $k(V_{k^s}) \cong k(V) \otimes_k k^s$ after taking the field of fractions. Thus, absolute irreducibility of V is equivalent to the integrality of $k(V_{k^s}) \cong k(V) \otimes_k k^s$. Suppose $\bar{k} \cap k(V)$ is not purely inseparable over k , so there exists α algebraic over k , and $k(\alpha) \otimes_k k(\alpha)$ is a subring of $k(V) \otimes_k k^s$, which is not integral. To see this, note, let $p(t)$ be a minimal polynomial of α , then

$$k(\alpha) \otimes_k k[t]/p(t) \cong k(\alpha)[t]/p(t)$$

clearly has $(x - \alpha)$ as a zero-divisor.

Conversely, suppose $k(V) \cap \bar{k}$ is purely inseparable. It suffices to show that $k(V) \otimes_k k[t]/p(t) \cong k(V)[t]/p(t)$ is integral for every irreducible $p(t)$. If there is $q(t) \in k(V)[t]$ that divides $p(t)$, then $q(t)$ is also contained in $k^s[t]$, so $q(t) \in (k^s \cap k(V))[t] = k[t]$, which forces it to be 1 or $p(t)$, and the ring is still integral.

(d)

Problem 5

(a)

The correct statement should be \tilde{O}_x is a domain iff x is contained in a unique irreducible component, and the proof is given in problem 3.

(b)

It is a standard point-set topology argument that finite intersection of open dense sets is still open and dense.

(c)

The colimit is the function field of V . The detail proofs are given in HW3 problem 10.

Problem 8

(a)

Clearly the empty set and the whole line is open affine, so the only non-trivial case is the line minus a finite set of points. Let a_1, \dots, a_n be a finite number of points, and $\mathbb{A}^n \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ is isomorphic to the affine algebraic set $V(y(x - a_1) \dots (x - a_n) - 1) \subset \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$ given by the map

$$\varphi : \mathbb{A}^n \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \rightarrow V(y(x - a_1) \dots (x - a_n) - 1) \quad t \mapsto (t, \frac{1}{(t_1 - a_1) \dots (t_n - a_n)})$$

with inverse $\psi : (x, y) \mapsto x$. Both functions are Zariski continuous since they are rational functions. Let T be an open of \mathbb{A}^n and U be an open of \mathbb{A}^{n+1} such that $f(T) \subset U$. Then, given any regular function $\frac{f(x, y)}{g(x, y)}$ on U , the pullback $\frac{f(x, \frac{1}{g(x, \frac{1}{x})})}{g(x, \frac{1}{x})}$ is a regular function on T by multiplying large enough powers of x to the numerator and denominator. The other direction is trivial since the pullback will be the same function on one variable. Thus, φ and ψ are k -isomorphisms.

(b)

The open $U := \mathbb{A}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ is not affine. Note that U is covered by $U_1 = D_{f(x,y)=x}$ and $U_2 = D_{f(x,y)=y}$, whose ring of regular functions are $k[x,y]_x$ and $k[x,y]_y$. On the overlap, the ring of regular functions is $k[x,y]_{x,y}$. Let f be a regular function on U , which restricts to a regular function of the form p_1/x^m on U_1 and p_2/y^n on U_2 . The compatibility condition on $U_1 \cap U_2$ implies that $p_1/x^m = p_2/y^n$, which implies $x^m p_2 = y^n p_1$. Since $k[x,y]$ is a UFD, $x_m | p_1$, and f is in $k[x,y]$. Thus, $O(U) \cong k[x,y] \cong O(\mathbb{A}^2)$. Thus, if U were affine, the inclusion map $i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2$ is an isomorphism, which is false.

Homework 3

Problem 1

(a)

Suppose X is separated, and Z is closed in X . Since $Z \rightarrow X$ is a closed immersion, $Z \times Y \rightarrow X \times Y$ is a closed immersion for all Y . In particular, this implies the composition $Z \times Z \rightarrow Z \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ is a closed immersion. We then have the commutative triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{\Delta_Z} & Z \times Z \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & X \times X \end{array}$$

where all arrows except Δ_Z is a closed immersion. It follows that Δ_Z is a closed immersion as well. Suppose now X is proper. Let T be the terminal object in our category ($\text{Spec}(k)$ for the category of k -prevarieties). We have the pullback squares

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} W \cong Z \times Y & \xrightarrow{f} & X \times Y & \xrightarrow{g} & Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Z & \xrightarrow{i} & X & \longrightarrow & T \end{array}$$

where the two smaller squares are pullbacks by definition, and the outer rectangle is also a pullback by general categorical nonsense. Note that closed immersions is stable under pullback, so f is also a closed immersion, and $W \rightarrow Y$ is a closed map by composition.

(b)

Following the hint, we have canonical isomorphisms $(X \times X) \times (Y \times Y) \cong (X \times Y) \times (X \times Y)$, which induces an isomorphism $\Delta_X \times \Delta_Y \cong \Delta_{X \times Y}$. We see that $\Delta_{X \times Y}$ is closed iff both Δ_X and Δ_Y are closed, so $X \times Y$ is separated iff X, Y are both separated.

Note that universally closed morphisms are stable under pullbacks by definition, so proper morphisms are stable under pullbacks. Moreover, composition of proper morphisms is also proper. In particular, the product of two proper morphisms is proper since it can be written as the composition of two proper morphisms from pullback.

Problem 2

(c)

Checking R_f^0 is an R_0 -algebra is trivial; for the second part, first recall the canonical homeomorphism $D_f \cong \text{Spec}(R_f)$. Then, D_f^+ is the subspace of homogeneous primes of $\text{Spec}(R_f)$, i.e. $\text{Proj}(R_f)$. Thus, it suffices to show that $\text{Proj}(R_f)$ is homeomorphic to $\text{Spec}(R_f^0)$. Consider the map $\text{Proj}(R_f) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(R_f^0)$

given by $\oplus_{d \geq 0} I_d \mapsto I_0$, which is easily seen to be well-defined and continuous since it is induced by the inclusion $R_f^0 \rightarrow R_f$. We will explicitly construct an inverse $f^{-1} : \text{Spec}(R_f^0) \rightarrow \text{Proj}(R_f)$, given by $p_0 \mapsto \sqrt{\oplus_{d \geq 0} p_0 S_d}$. It is standard to check the image is a homogeneous prime ideal. Let $g = \sum_i g_i$ be an element in R_f , and W_g be a basic open in $\text{Proj}(R_f)$. Then, the inverse image of W_g is the finite intersection of basic opens $\cap W_{g_i}$ in $\text{Spec}(R_f^0)$, which is open, and we have continuity. The composition $f \circ f^{-1}$ is clearly the identity, and we are left to show that $f^{-1} \circ f(\oplus_{d \geq 0} I_d) = \oplus_{d \geq 0} I_d$. For simplicity, assume $\deg(f) = 1$ so we don't have to keep track of it. Take $s \in I_d$, then $\frac{s}{f^d} \in I_0$, and it follows that $s \in f^{-1} \circ f(\oplus_{d \geq 0} I_d)$; conversely, suppose $q \in \sqrt{\oplus_{d \geq 0} p_0 S_d}$ where $\deg(q) = d$, then $\frac{q}{f^d} = \frac{q'}{f^e}$ for some $q' \in I_e$. We then have

$$f^k(f^e q - f^d q') = 0$$

which implies $q \in \sqrt{\oplus_{d \geq 0} p_0 S_d}$ by primeness as f^{k+e} is not in the prime ideal.

Problem 3b

It is not the coproduct since there are no canonical graded morphism from $R \rightarrow R \otimes_A^{gr} S$. Given graded algebras P, Q , then correct coproduct is the graded-algebra

$$P \otimes_A Q := \oplus_{m+n=d} P_m \otimes_A Q_n$$

with coordinate-wise multiplication structure and bilinear A -action, together with canonical inclusions $P \rightarrow P \otimes_A Q$ and $Q \rightarrow P \otimes_A Q$.

Problem 4

$\text{Hom}_k(\mathbb{A}_K^1, \mathbb{A}_K^1)$ is in bijection with $\text{Hom}_k(k[x], k[x])$, which is specified by the image of x . Thus,

$$\text{Hom}_k(\mathbb{A}_K^1, \mathbb{A}_K^1) \cong k[x]$$

. Automorphisms of \mathbb{A}^1 corresponds to automorphisms of $k[x]$, and which corresponds to mapping x to a linear polynomial $ax + b$ with $a \neq 0$.

Problem 5

Let U_1, U_2 be the affine open covers of the line with two origins. The diagonal of the two affine opens are of the form $U_1 \times_k U_1$ and $U_2 \times_k U_2$. The closure of the two sets must contain $U_1 \times_k U_2$ and $U_2 \times_k U_1$, which forces the closure to be the entire product.

Problem 6

(a)

Since the product of k -prevarieties is the categorical product, it is automatically associative and commutative up to isomorphism by general abstract nonsense.

(b)

The finite product of affine variety $\text{Spec}(k[V])$ and $\text{Spec}(k[W])$ is isomorphic to $\text{Spec}(k[V] \otimes_k k[W])$, which is affine. Note that all affine varieties are separated, since the multiplication map $A \otimes A \rightarrow A$ is surjective, so the map $\text{Spec}(A) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A \otimes A)$ is a closed immersion. The properness of the product follows from the fact that proper morphisms are stable under pullbacks.

(c)

The statement follows from the algebraic fact that

$$\dim(k[V]) + \dim(k[W]) = \dim(k[V] \otimes_k k[W])$$

To see this, use Noether normalization so that the tensor product of coordinate rings is a finite module over tensor product of polynomial rings, which is again a polynomial ring whose krull dimension is the sum of that of $k[V]$ and $k[W]$.

Problem 7

Choose an affine covering $X = \cup V_i$. Then, the sets $\{\prod_n (V_i)_n\}$ is an affine covering of X^n , and it suffices to check for the affine opens. It is clear that a product of affine varieties is absolutely irreducible/geometrically integral iff every factor is so.

Problem 8

(a,b)

We want separatedness for this question. If X is separated, then Δ is closed in $X \times_k X$, and $\Delta \cap (U_1 \times_k U_2) \subset X \times_k X \cong (U_1 \times U_2)$, and is also isomorphic to $\Delta(U_1 \cap U_2)$ and thus $U_1 \cap U_2$ since it is an open immersion, which implies it is affine.

Problem 10

(a)

The part is done in problem 5b HW2 and Problem 8 HW3.

(b)

This part simply follows from the definition of a colimit.

(cd)

In general, if U is a dense set, then the colimit taken over open subsets of U coincides with the colimit taken over open subsets of X : for every open $W \subset X$, we have $W \cap U \neq \emptyset$ open in U , so the directed system is cofinal. Thus, $\kappa(X) \cong \kappa(U)$ in this case. If U were affine, then $\kappa(U) \cong k(U)$, which is a field iff U were irreducible. Moreover, the transcendence degree of $k(U)$ is precisely the dimension of the affine variety.

Generally, each irreducible component of X admits a dense open affine subset U_i whose pairwise intersection is empty. The assertion $k(X) \cong \prod k(X_i)$ where X_i are irreducible components follows.

Homework 4

Problem 1

Given $f, g : Y \rightarrow X$, the universal property of the product gives a morphism $h : Y \rightarrow X \times_k X$. It is immediate that $\Delta_{f,g} = h^{-1}(\Delta_X(X))$, which is closed if X is separated. Conversely, take $Y = X \times_k X$ with f, g being the two projection maps. Then, $\Delta_{f,g}$ is the diagonal which is assumed to be closed and X is then separated.

Problem 2

(a)

The first part of the problem is given in Problem 8, HW3.

Problem 3

(a)

Follows from the fact that degree of polynomials is multiplicative.

(b)

We note that the degree does not change after homogenization, so $D_i \circ H_i(f) = (x_i^{\deg(f)} f) / (x_i^{\deg(f)}) = f$. For the other direction, write $g = x_i^N g_0$, where $x_i \nmid g_0$. Note that $\deg(g_0) = \deg(D_i(g_0))$, so it is clear that $H_i \circ D_i(g_0) = g_0$. It is easy to see that $H_i \circ D_i((x_i^n)) = 1$, so $H_i \circ D_i(g) = g_0$ by multiplicativity.

and $H_i \circ D_i(x_i) = 1$.

(c)

We will make the definitions clear: the i th homogenization of an ideal \mathfrak{a} is the ideal generated by $\langle H_i(f) : f \in \mathfrak{a} \rangle$, and the i th dehomogenization of a homogeneous ideal \mathfrak{b} is the ideal generated by $\langle D_i(f) : f \text{ homogeneous in } \mathfrak{b} \rangle$. In this case, clearly we have $D_i \circ H_i(\mathfrak{a}) \supset \mathfrak{a}$ by part b. To see the other direction, it suffices to show that for every homogeneous $f = \sum a_i H_i(g_i)$ with $g_i \in \mathfrak{a}$, we have $D_i(f) \in \mathfrak{a}$, and this is straightforward to check.

(d)

$H_i \circ D_i(\mathfrak{a})$ for \mathfrak{a} homogeneous is the direct sum $\oplus a_i^0$, where $a_i^0 = \{f \in \mathfrak{a} : x_i \nmid f\}$.

Problem 4

The gluing data amount to identifying the $n+1$ open sets U_i , which are isomorphic to \mathbb{A}^n by the identification $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mapsto [a_1 : \dots : a_{i-1} : 1 : a_{i+1} : \dots : a_n]$.

WLOG, suppose $i < j$. The open sets U_{ij} are then the set with homogeneous coordinates $x_i, x_j \neq 0$, which is identified with the subset of $U_i = \mathbb{A}^n$ with the j th affine coordinate non-zero, and U_{ji} the subset of $U_j = \mathbb{A}^n$ with the i th affine coordinate non-zero. The transition function $U_{ij} \rightarrow U_{ji}$ is then defined by

$$(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mapsto \left(\frac{a_1}{a_i}, \dots, \frac{a_{j-1}}{a_i}, \frac{1}{a_i}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_i} \right)$$

Problem 6

(a)

For $U_1 = V(\langle 2x_1^2 - x_2x_3 \rangle)$ and $U_2 = V(\langle x_1x_2 - x_1 \rangle)$, the defining ideals are principal, so we may simply consider the projective ideals defined by their homogenization $\overline{U}_1 = V(2x_1^2 - x_2x_3)$ and $\overline{U}_2 = V(x_1x_2 - x_1x_0)$. The points at infinity for U_1 is $[0 : a_1 : a_2 : a_3]$, where $(a_1, a_2, a_3) \in U_1 \setminus \{0\}$.

The points at infinity for $\overline{U}_2 = V(x_1x_2 - x_1x_0) = V(x_1) \cup V(x_2 - x_0)$ are $[0 : 0 : a_2 : a_3]$ where a_2, a_3 not both 0, and $[0 : a_1 : 0 : a_3]$ where a_1, a_3 not both 0.

The intersection $U_1 \cap U_2 = V(x_2) \cup V(x_3) \cup V(2x_1 - x_3)$. The closure of union is the union of the closures, so we have $\overline{U}_1 \cap \overline{U}_2 = V(x_2) \cup V(x_3) \cup V(2x_1 - x_3)$. The points at infinity are $[0 : a_1 : 0 : a_3]$ where where

a_1, a_3 not both 0, $[0 : a_1 : a_2 : 0]$ where a_1, a_2 not both 0, and $[0, a_1, a_2, \frac{a_1}{2}]$ where a_1, a_2 not both zero.

(b)

Recall that the twisted cubic is defined by $V(x_1^2 - x_2, x_1x_2 - x_3, x_2^2 - x_1x_3) \subset \mathbb{A}^3$. The closure is $V(x_1^2 - x_0x_2, x_1x_2 - x_3, x_2^2 - x_1x_3) \subset \mathbb{P}^3$, since it has one extra point, and any affine variety is not compact. The points at infinity is $[0 : 0 : 0 : 1]$.

Problem 7

(a)

Let X be the irreducible, and U_i be the standard affine opens. Then, $I(X) = H_i(I(U_i \cap X))$. To see that, note $\overline{X \cap U_i} \subseteq X$, so $I(X) \subseteq I(\overline{X \cap U_i}) = H_i(I(U_i \cap X))$.

Conversely, since $X \subseteq \cup X \cap U_i$, we have

$$I(X) \supseteq I(\cup X \cap U_i) = \cap I(X \cap U_i) = \cap H_i(I(X \cap U_i))$$

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Problem 8

(b)(c)(d)

b,c are easy to see. To prove \mathbb{P}^n is separated, it suffices to show that for every $x, y \in \mathbb{P}^n$, there exists an affine open that contains x, y . Using standard reduction, it suffices to show that a basic open $D_{x_1+x_2}^+$ is affine, and that follows from the automorphism of \mathbb{P}^n that sends $x_1 + x_2$ to x_1 , and the basic open $D_{x_1+x_2}^+$ is then isomorphic to the standard affine open $D_{x_1}^+$.

Problem 10

(a)

The result follows from part (b).

(b)

It suffice to show this for every irreducible component, and for an dense affine open subset. Then the claim follows from the fact that for affine varieties, the each irreducible component of $X \cap Y$ has dimension at least $\dim(X) + \dim(Y) - n$.

Homework 5

Problem 1

Suppose k is algebraically closed. Recall that a regular function φ on \mathbb{P}^n is locally of the form $\frac{p}{q}$ on some U , where p, q are homogeneous of the same degree, with no common factors. If q is not a constant, then it vanishes at some point $a \in \mathbb{P}^n$. But for any open set U' containing a , φ is of the form $\frac{p'}{q'}$. On $U \cap U'$, we have

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{p'}{q'}$$

so we must have $qp' = pq'$, which implies $q|q'$, and φ is not regular at p . Thus, the only regular functions on \mathbb{P}^n is constants.

If k is not algebraically closed, we can have non-trivial regular functions. For example, $\frac{x^2}{y^2+x^2}$ is regular on $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^1$.

Problem 2

For the following problems, it is useful to prove the following proposition:

Proposition 0.0.1. A k -morphism $f : \mathbb{P}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^m$ is of the form

$$x \mapsto [f_0(x) : \dots : f_m(x)]$$

where f_i are homogeneous polynomials of the same degree and $V(f_0, \dots, f_m) = \emptyset$.

Proof. By abuse of notation, let \mathbb{A}_i^m denote the standard i th affine open cover of \mathbb{P}^m , and let $X_i := f^{-1}(\mathbb{A}_i^m)$, which is dense open. The restriction $f|_{X_i} : X_i \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_i^m$ is of the form $(\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_{i-1}, \varphi_{i+1}, \dots, \varphi_m)$, where $\varphi_k = \frac{p_k}{q_k}$ are elements in $O_{\mathbb{P}^n}(X_i)$. By multiplying the common denominator, we can turn this back to homogeneous coordinates, so that $f|_{X_i}$ is given by $x \mapsto (f_0 : \dots : f_m)$. Suppose we do the same procedure and get $f|_{X_j}$ given by $x \mapsto (g_0 : \dots : g_m)$, then on $X_i \cap X_j$ they must agree. Since $k[X]$ is a UFD, the two expressions are the same modulo a constant. \square

Using the result of problem 3, we see that $\mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^m$ has a non-trivial map to \mathbb{P}^n given by the projection, but $\mathbb{P}^{m+n} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$ must be constant.

Problem 3

By previous proposition, it suffices to show that the intersection of $m+1$ -hyperplanes in \mathbb{P}^n is non-empty. But this follows from the dimension formula

$$\dim(H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_m) \geq (m+1)(n-1) - mn = n - m > 0$$

so a k -morphism $f : \mathbb{P}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^m$ when $n > m$ must be a constant map.

Problem 5

(b)

Note that the function field of a irreducible variety is isomorphic to the function field of any of its dense open subset. So, we identify $k(t) \cong k(U_0)$, where U_0 is the standard affine open where $x_0 \neq 0$. By proposition 0.0.1, a morphism $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ on U_0 is given by a map $[1 : \frac{y}{x}] \mapsto [1 : \frac{p(\frac{y}{x}, 1)}{g(\frac{y}{x}, 1)}]$. We thus have a natural map to automorphism of $k(t)$ defined by $t \mapsto \frac{f_0(t, 1)}{f_1(t, 1)}$. Thus, an automorphism of \mathbb{P}^1 corresponds to an automorphism of $k(t)$.

(c)

An automorphism of $k(t)$ will be a Moebius transform, as will we demonstrate in problem 6 to be induced by projective linear transformations.

Problem 6

We have an obvious choice of map

$$\rho : GL_{n+1}(k) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}_k^n)$$

by the clear action on the homogeneous coordinates. It is clear that this is a group homomorphism and the scalar multiples of the identity matrix form the kernel of this homomorphism.

By Bezout's theorem, an automorphism of \mathbb{P}^n takes hyperplanes to hyperplanes. Moreover, on a dense open subset of \mathbb{P}^n , a morphism will take the form $x \mapsto [f_0(x) : \dots : f_n(x)]$. Since such morphism takes hyperplanes to hyperplanes, each f_i must be of degree 1, and thus the automorphism must be induced by linear transforms, so the homomorphism is surjective.

Problem 7

(c)

it is clear that matrix multiplication and taking inverse have each coordinate functions polynomials, therefore define k -morphism of affine varieties.

(d)

We note that $PGL_n(k)$ is the quasi-projective variety that is the complement of the projective variety $V(\det) \subset \mathbb{P}^{n^2-1}$, where \det is the homogeneous polynomial defining the determinant. It is irreducible since it is an open subset of a irreducible projective variety. It has dimension $n^2 - 1$ since it is open dense in \mathbb{P}^{n^2-1} .

Problem 8

It suffices to show that it is open on each affine chart, where f restricts to a rational function $\frac{f}{g}$. It belongs to the image of the stalk $O_{X,x}$ iff g does not vanish at x , and such x is open.

Problem 9

Note $X = V(2x_1^2 - 3x_2x_3)$ is irreducible, so its function field is the field of fraction of $k[X] = \text{Quot}(k[x_1, x_2, x_3]/(2x_1^2 - 3x_2x_3))$.

Note $Y = V(x_1x_2 - x_1)$ has irreducible components $V(x_1)$ and $V(x_2 - 1)$, so the function field is $k(Y) \cong k(x_2, x_3) \times \text{Quot}(k[x_1, x_2]/x(x_2 - 1))$.

Note $X \cap Y$ has irreducible components $V(x_2)$, $V(x_3)$ and $V(2x_1^2 - 3x_3)$, so the function field is $k(X \cap Y) \cong k(x_1, x_3) \times k(x_1, x_2) \times \text{Quot}(k[x_1, x_2, x_3]/(2x_1^2 - 3x_3))$

Problem 10

(a)

The function field of the cuspidal curve is

$$\text{Quot}(k[x_1, x_2]/(x_1^2 - x_2^3)) \cong \text{Quot}(k[x_1, x_2]/(x_1^2 - x_2^3)) \cong \text{Quot}(k[t^2, t^3]) \cong k(t)$$

, so the cuspidal cubic is rational.

(c)

An immediate consequence of rationality is that the variety X is birationally equivalent to \mathbb{A}_k^n for some n . An immediate consequence of this is that a dense open subset X is isomorphic to a dense open subset of \mathbb{A}_k^n , whose k -points are clearly dense.

Homework 6

Problem 1

(a)

By Chevalley's extension theorem, every local ring (R, \mathfrak{m}) is dominated by a valuation ring whose field of fraction is $K(X)$. By valuative criterion, separatedness is equivalent to having at most one point whose stalk is dominated by the valuation ring. Since domination is transitive, we are done.

(b)

It suffices to show this fact for U affine open, and $U' = D(f)$ a basic open. Then, the restriction map $O_X(U) \rightarrow O_X(U')$ corresponds to the localization map $A \rightarrow A_f$, which is injective if A is integral.

Problem 2

(a)

Obvious to check.

(b)

Let $R = \oplus_* R_*$ and $S = \oplus_* R_{d*}$. We will show that $Proj R \rightarrow Proj S$ is an isomorphism on an open cover. By definition, $Proj S$ is covered by homogeneous elements f of degree d , and let $D_+^S(f)$ denote such a basic open. Note that $\{D_+^R(f) \mid \deg(f) = d\}$ also covers R , as $D_+(g) = D_+(g^n)$ for any g . We have the canonical isomorphism $D_+^S(f) = Spec S_f^0$ and $D_+^R(f) = Spec(R_f^0)$, and note that $S_f^0 = \{\frac{s}{f^k} \mid s \in R_{kd}\} = R_f^0$ are canonically isomorphic.

(c)

Consider the Veronese embedding: $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ given by $[s : t] \mapsto [s^2 : st : t^2]$. Then, the induced map on homogeneous coordinate rings is the inclusion $k[x, y, z]/(xz - y^2) \cong k[s^2, st, t^2] \rightarrow k[s, t]$, which is not an isomorphism of k -algebras.

Problem 4

(a)

The isomorphism between $V(q)$ and $V(\delta)$ is induced by the automorphism of \mathbb{P}_k^n by linear transformations given by the diagonalization of a symmetric matrix.

(b)

If there is only one $a_i \neq 0$, then it is clear that the algebraic set is not reduced; if there are two, then we have the factorization $x^2 + y^2 = (x + iy)(x - iy)$. If the number is greater or equal to 3, then we claim that the Fermat curve defined by $V(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2)$ is irreducible over any field of characteristic not 2. In the case where $k = 3$, we see by Eisenstein that $x_1^2 + (x_2 - ix_3)(x_2 + ix_3)$ is irreducible when we view the polynomial over $k[x_2, x_3]$, since $(x_2 - ix_3) \mid x_2^2 + x_3^2$ but $(x_2 - ix_3)^2$ does not. Inductively, we have $x_1^2 + (x_2^2 + \dots x_n^2)$ over $k[x_2, \dots, x_n]$, where $(x_2^2 + \dots x_n^2)$ is irreducible by hypothesis. By Eisenstein, it suffices to show that $x_2^2 + \dots x_n^2 \notin (x_2^2 + \dots x_n^2)^2$, but this is straightforward to see by degree reasons.

Problem 5

(a)

This assertion is clearly false. Consider the affine variety $V(x^2 + y^2)$, which is irreducible over \mathbb{R} , and $(0, 0)$ is a \mathbb{R} -rational point. However, it is not geometrically irreducible since $x^2 + y^2 = (x + iy)(x - iy)$ over \mathbb{C} .

(b)

This is done in problem 10.c in HW5.

(c)

We are left to show that if $X(k)$ is non-empty, then X is a rational variety. Note that since X is absolutely irreducible by problem 4b, we know that the intersection $k(X) \cap \bar{k} = k$, which means that the function field is a purely transcendental extension over k by HW2 problem c, as desired.

Problem 7

Suppose f is a k -isomorphism with inverse f^{-1} . Then, the Jacobians satisfy $Id = j(f \circ f^{-1}) = j(f)j(f^{-1})$. Since the determinant is multiplicative, we know that the determinant of $j(f)$ must be invertible.

Problem 9

(a)

The closed subschemes of an affine scheme $\text{Spec} R$ corresponds to closed immersions of the form $\text{Spec}(R/I) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(R)$, where I is an ideal of R . The points of $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}[t])$ are prime ideals of $\mathbb{Z}[t]$, which is of the following three forms: (p) where p is a prime number, $(f(t))$ where f is irreducible, and $(p, f(t))$ where f is irreducible mod p . The residue field of (p) is precisely $(\mathbb{Z}/p)(t)$; the residue fields of $f(t)$ corresponds to the quotient field of $\mathbb{Z}[t]/(f(t))$; the residue field of $(p, f(t))$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{F}_p[t]/(f(t))$, which is the finite field \mathbb{F}_{p^n} , where n is the degree of $f(t)$.

(b)

Let p be a choice of point in $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}[t])$. Then, the fiber is computed as the pullback of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi^{-1}(p) & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}[t]) \times_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ \text{Spec}(\kappa(p)) & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}[t]) \end{array}$$

since everything is affine, we move to the ring side and compute that the fiber is

$$\text{Spec}(\kappa(p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[t]} \mathbb{Z}[t, x_1, \dots, x_n]) \cong \text{Spec}(\kappa(p)[x_1, \dots, x_n])$$

Homework 7

Problem 3

(a)

For each pair x, y , let U be the affine open set that contains x, y , so we get a covering $\{U \times_k U\}$ of $X \times_k X$, and it suffices to show that the diagonal map $U \rightarrow U \times_k U$ is a closed immersion. But this is standard since the map $A \otimes_k A \rightarrow A$ is always surjective, thus inducing a closed immersion of affine schemes.

(b)

Let $f : X \rightarrow S$ be the structure map, $\{U_i\}$ be an affine covering of X , and choose V_i to be an affine subscheme of S that contains $f(U_i)$. Then, $U_i \times_{V_i} U_i$ is affine open in $X \times_S X$, and $\Delta^{-1}(U_i \times_{V_i} U_i) = U_i$. If $\Delta(X)$ is closed, then to check that $\Delta : X \rightarrow \Delta(X) \subset X \times_S X$ is a closed immersion, it suffices to show that $\Delta : U_i \rightarrow U_i \times_{V_i} U_i$ is a closed immersion for every i , but we have checked this true for affine schemes so we are done.

Problem 4

(a)

If direction is trivial, since we can take $X = Y$. For the other direction, we have the pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & X \times_S Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Y & \longrightarrow & Y \times_S Y \end{array}$$

and the bottom arrow is a closed immersion by assumption, so the top arrow is a closed immersion as well since it is stable under pullback.

(b)

This is done in HW4, problem 1.

Problem 6

(a)

Quasi-compact: It suffices to find an affine open covering of T such that the inverse image of each affine open in the cover under the map $g : X \times_S T \rightarrow T$ is quasi-compact. Let $\phi : T \rightarrow S$ be the structure morphism, and for every $x \in T$, we have an affine open U containing $\phi(x) \in S$. Moreover, we can find an affine open $U' \subset \phi^{-1}(U)$ containing x . Using this procedure, we can find a (not necessarily finite) affine open covering $\{U'_i\}$ of T , with a collection $\{U_i\}$ of affine opens in S such that $\phi(U'_i) \subset U_i$. Let $f : X \rightarrow S$ be the structure morphism of X . Then, $f^{-1}(U_i)$ can be covered by finitely many affine open sets of X , say $\{V_j\}$. Then,

$$g^{-1}(U'_i) = f^{-1}(U_i) \times_{U_i} U'_i = \cup_J V_j \times_{U_i} U'_i$$

so it is a finite union of quasi-compact open subschemes and is thus quasi-compact, and we are done.

Noetherian Not stable under base change. For example, $\mathbb{C} \times_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}$ is not a Noetherian k -algebra.

Locally of finite type Note that to show a morphism $f : X \rightarrow T$ is of finite type, it suffices to find an open covering $\{U_i\}$ of T , such that there exists an open affine covering $\{T_{i,j}\}$ for each $f^{-1}(U_i) \subset X$, and each ring map $O_X(U_i) \rightarrow O_X(V_i)$ is of finite type. Then by similar argument to part a, we may reduce the problem into showing that base change of an affine scheme locally of finite type is locally of finite type, which follows from the statement from ring theory and base change along a finite type ring morphism is of finite type.

Finite over Base I don't know what this means.

(b)

Integral: Not stable under base change. See below for irreducible/reduced.

Irreducible: Take any non absolutely irreducible variety, and base change to \bar{k} .

Reduced: Consider the variety $\mathbb{F}_p(t)[x]/(x^p - t)$, which is reduced, and base change to the closure, where it becomes no longer reduced since $x - \sqrt[p]{t}$ is a nilpotent.

Normal Base change does not preserve integrality, thus cannot preserve normality.

Problem 7

Every morphism except dominant is stable under base change.

Problem 8

(a)

Note that $R = k[x_1, x_2, x_3]/((x_1 - x_2)^2, x_1^3)$ has the obvious reduction to $R' = k[x_1, x_2, x_3]/(x_1 - x_2, x_1) \cong k[x_3]$. Thus, $X^{\text{red}} = \text{Spec}(k[x_3])$.

Problem 9

We have $k[x_1, x_2, x_3]/(x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 - x_2^2 - x_1^3) \cong k[t_1, t_2, x_3]/(t_2^2 - t_1^3) \cong k[t^2, t^3, x_3]$ by a linear change of variables $t_1 \rightarrow x_1$ and $t_2 \rightarrow x_1 - x_2$. The integral closure of $k[t^2, t^3, x + 3]$ is clearly $k[t, x_3]$ since it is a UFD.

Problem 10

To compute normal locus and normalization, it suffices to compute these on each affine chart and glue. We let U_i denote the standard affine chart on which $x_i \neq 0$.

(a)

On U_0 , we have the affine curve $V(ax_1^3 - x_2^2)$. Assuming $\text{char}(k) \neq 3$ and k algebraically closed, we have $k[x_2, x_3]/(ax_1^3 - x_2^2) \cong k[t^2, t^3]$, whose normal closure is $k[t]$. On U_1 , we have the affine curve $V(a - x_0x_2^2)$. Consider the map $k[x_0, x_2] \rightarrow k[t, \frac{1}{t}]$ by $x_0 \mapsto at^2$ and $x_2 \mapsto \frac{1}{t}$. The map induces an isomorphism between $k[x_0, x_2]/(a - x_0x_2^2)$ and $k[t, \frac{1}{t}]$, which is integrally closed. Alternatively, it is easy to compute that the curve is smooth. On U_2 , we have the affine curve $V(ax_1^3 - x_0)$, which is smooth and thus normal.

(b)

For X , we may first perform a change of variable so that $a = b = 1$. Then, $k[x_1, x_2, x_3]/(x_1^2 - x_2x_3) \cong k[s^2, st, t^2] \subset k[s, t]$ using the same map as the veronese embedding. The normalization is thus $k[s, t]$.

For Y , the curve is smooth so it is normal.

Note that $X \cap Y = V(x_1, x_3) \cup V(x_1 - \frac{3}{2}x_2^2, x_3 - x_1x_2)$. The second irreducible component is parameterized by $t \mapsto (t, \frac{3}{2}t^2, \frac{3}{2}t^3)$, which is a twisted cubic and is smooth.

(c)

On U_0 , we have the affine nodal curve $V(ax_1^3 - bx_1^2 - x_2^2)$, whose normalization is $k[t]$ by considering $t = \frac{x_2}{x_1}$; On U_1 , we have the affine curve $V(a - bx_0 - x_0x_2^2)$, which is smooth; On U_2 , we have the affine curve $V(ax_1^3 - bx_0x_1^2 - x_0)$, which is smooth.

Homework 8

Problem 1

Every property listed is local in nature, thus inherited by the open/closed subschemes.

Problem 2

(a)

Note that Noetherian valuation rings have principal maximal ideals, since finitely generated ideals in valuation rings must be principal. By Krull Hauptidealsatz, every ideal of a Noetherian valuation ring is a power of its maximal ideal, therefore must be discrete. Conversely, a DVR is a PID and is surely Noetherian.

(b)

Suppose we are given ideals I, J . If there exists $j \in J$ such that $j \notin I$, then $\frac{i}{j} \in R$ for all $i \in I$, for otherwise there exists i' such that $\frac{j}{i'} \in R$, which implies $j \in I$. Thus, $I \subseteq J$, and in particular $\text{Spec}(R)$ is a chain. For the second part of the question, it suffices to show that every subring of K containing the valuation ring R is a localization of R at a prime. This follows from the fact that valuation rings are maximal under domination.

Problem 4

(a)

$X \times_T Y$ and $X \times_S Y$ are canonically isomorphic as S -schemes by the uniqueness of pullback, since they are both the pullback of the same diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Z & \longrightarrow & Y \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X & \longrightarrow & T
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 \end{array}$$

(b)

Assuming all schemes are Noetherian. One direction follows from the lemma that if $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ are morphisms of schemes, and if $g \circ f$ is separated, then f is separated. (Hartshorne corollary 4.6)

The other direction depends on the morphism $T \rightarrow S$.

(c)

Assuming all schemes are Noetherian. One direction follows from the lemma that if $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ are morphisms of schemes, and if $g \circ f$ is universally closed, then f is universally closed. (Hartshorne corollary 4.8). The other direction depends on the morphism $T \rightarrow S$.

Problem 6

(a)

Suffices to show that the closed sets are stable under specialization. Suppose $x \in \overline{\{y\}}$. Then, let $y \in U$, where U is closed. It is immediate that $\overline{\{y\}} \subset U$, and thus $x \in U$. Conversely, by definition of closure we have $x \in \overline{\{y\}}$ if x is in the every closed set that contains t . Taking the complement shows that open sets are stable under generalization.

(b)

Suffice to show that for a scheme X , every irreducible closed set Z has a generic point. But this is clear since there exists some dense affine open such that $U \cap Z$ is a closed irreducible subset of an affine scheme, which has a generic point given by the defining prime ideal.

Problem 8

(a)

By problem 4b, it suffices to show that $Proj R \rightarrow Spec(\mathbb{Z})$ is a separated. To show this, recall the lemma that a scheme X is separated if for every pair of affine open U, V , the intersection $U \cap V$ is affine and the induced map $O_X(U) \otimes_{O_X(V)} O_X(V) \rightarrow O_X(U \cap V)$ is surjective. For $Proj R$, the standard affine open $D_+(f)$ suffices, since $D_+(f) \cap D_+(g) = D_+(fg)$ is affine, and

$$R_{(f)}^0 \otimes R_{(g)}^0 \rightarrow R_{(fg)}^0$$

is easily checked to be surjective.

(b)

Suffices to show that the morphism $Proj S \rightarrow Spec(S_0)$ is quasi-compact, and satisfies the hypothesis of the valuative criterion for universally closedness. A proof can be found in Stacks project lemma 27.8.11.

Problem 9

(a)

Suffices to show for an affine scheme $Spec(R)$, the normal locus and reduced locus are open.

(b)

No. It is easy to show that the singular locus of a curve is affine since it is defined by the vanishing of formal derivatives; The normal locus is then the complement of a closed affine variety of codimension 1, which is never affine.

(c)