

MATH 624 HW2

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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 $k[V]_{\mathfrak{p}_a}$ 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:

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

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 $k[V]_{\mathfrak{p}_a}$, 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 $k[V]_{\mathfrak{p}_a}$ since $h(f \cdot 1 - g \cdot 0)$ is identically 0 on V .

Problem 3b

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

(a)

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

(b)

Homework 3

(a)

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

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(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 $\Delta(U_1 \cap_k U_2)$ 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 $\kappa(X) \cong \prod \kappa(X_i)$ 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 $U_2 = V(\langle x_1x_2 - x_1x_0 \rangle)$, 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 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 are 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 $f : \mathbb{P}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^m$ when $n > m$ must be a constant map.

Problem 5

(b)

Note that the function field of an 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 $Y = V(x_1x_2 - x_1)$ is 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 $R = \bigoplus_* R_*$ and $S = \bigoplus_* R_{d*}$. 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

Problem 7

Problem 8

Problem 9

Problem 10