

Algebra & geometry

Algebra

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

$$x^2 - y^2 = 0 \\ (x+y)(x-y)$$

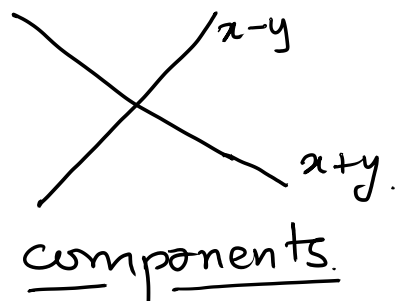
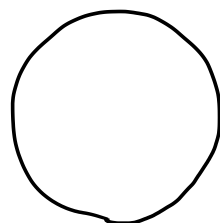
Factors

System of
equations
in n -var
over k

I

Poly. vanishing
on $S = I(S)$

Geometry



components

subset of
 k^n

Common Zero
locus of $I = V(I)$

S

Obs : ① $f, g \in I(S)$ then $af + bg \in I(S)$
 \forall poly. a & b .

② $f^n \in I(S)$ then $f \in I(S)$.

Def: subsets of $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ satisfying
① are called ideals & also
satisfying ② are called radical ideals.

Def: Subsets of k^n of the form $V(I)$ are called algebraic.

Thm (Hilbert's Nullstellensatz). Let k be algebraically closed (i.e. \mathbb{C} , not \mathbb{R})
Then

Rad. ideals of $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ \longleftrightarrow Alg subsets of k^n
is a bijection.

Sophie Germain: "Algebra is just written geometry; geometry is just drawn algebra."

(if your field is alg. closed.)

Ex. $k = \mathbb{R}$

$$I = k[x] \longrightarrow V(I) = \emptyset$$

$$I = (x^2 + 1) = \left\{ (x^2 + 1) \cdot f \mid f \in k[x] \right\} \longrightarrow V(I) = \emptyset.$$

$$k = \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow V(I) = \{\pm i\}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_k^n = (K^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}) / k^\times$$

$$= \{ (a_0, \dots, a_n) \mid \text{Not all } a_i = 0 \} / \sim$$

$$(a_0, \dots, a_n) \sim (\lambda a_0, \dots, \lambda a_n).$$

Zero of f only makes sense if f is homogeneous.

NS.

Homog. radical
ideals



Alg. subsets of
 \mathbb{P}_k^n

Examples - Points in \mathbb{P}^2

Thm: There are only finitely many
betti tables of ideals for k points
in \mathbb{P}^n .

Know the list for $n=1, n=2$.
Hopelessly open for higher n .

Next: One dim. alg. var. / \mathbb{C} .

$X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ a "curve" over \mathbb{C} .

i.e. locally looks like \mathbb{C}

i.e. topologically a surface.

Digression - A paradigm shift in pure math. towards abstraction.

Ex: Pre-modern

Group - A set of matrices closed under $*$ & inv.

e.g. $\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} \}$

$\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} \}$

modern

A set with an operation $*$...

$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

Representation

Manifold - A subset of \mathbb{R}^n satisfying ...

A set with a topology satisfying $*$

embedding

Alg. var - A subset of k^n or \mathbb{P}_k^n, \dots

A top. space with some extra alg. structure.

$X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^n$
embed

X

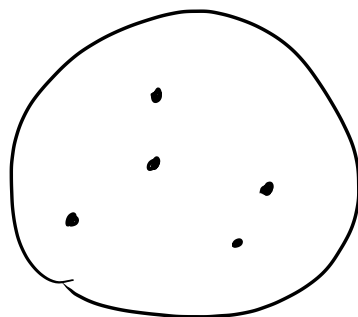
For dim 1 & 2

& smooth X , same as \mathbb{C} -manifold

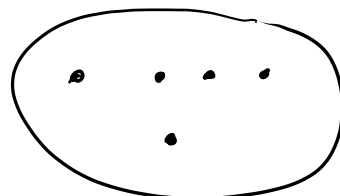
Ex: 5 points in \mathbb{P}^2

$$X = \{ \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot \}$$

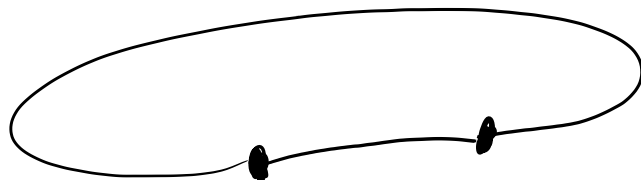
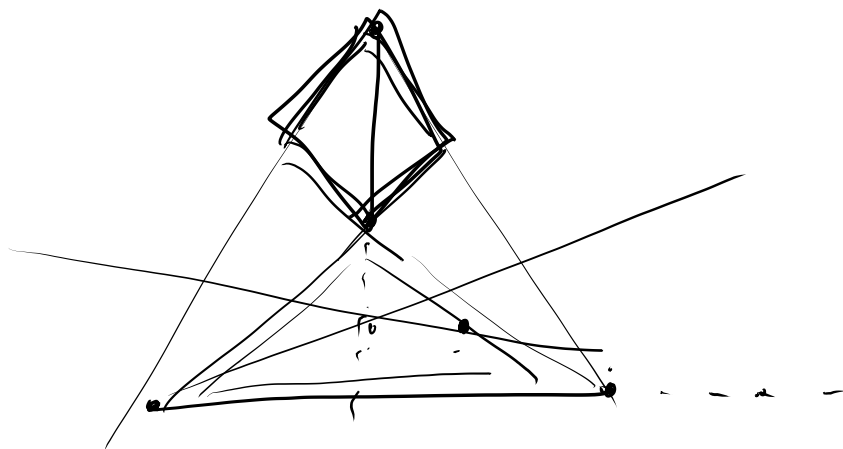
$$X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2 \quad \text{as}$$



or as

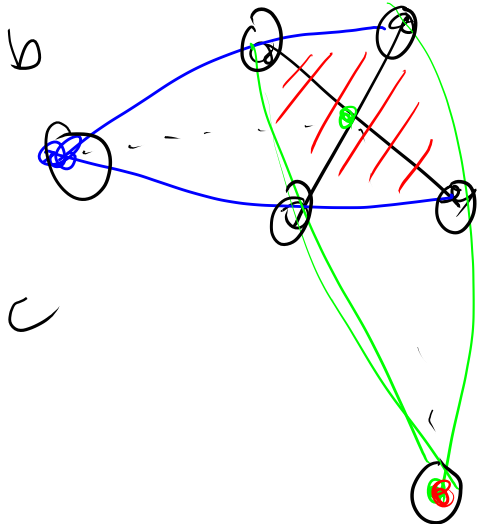
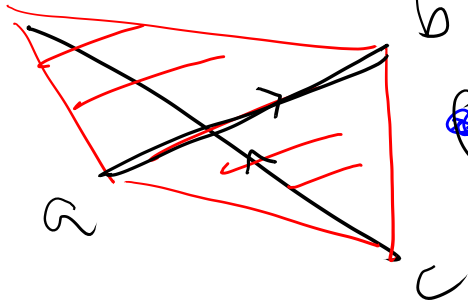


So ideals / betti tables are not
"intrinsic" to X but "extrinsic"
i.e. a function of how X sits in \mathbb{P}^n

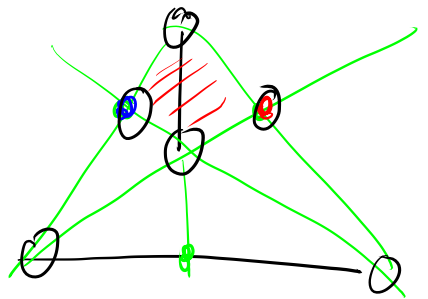


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