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Prologue

0.1 References

- Gathmann's Algebraic Geometry notes[@AndreasGathmann515].

0.2 Notation

- If a property P is said to hold **locally**, this means that for every point p there is a neighborhood $U_p \ni p$ such that P holds on U_p .

Notation	Definition
$k[\mathbf{x}] = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$	Polynomial ring in n indeterminates

$k(\mathbf{x}) = k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$	Rational function field in n indeterminates
$\mathcal{U} \rightrightarrows X$	An open cover $\mathcal{U} = \{U_j \mid j \in J\}$
Δ_X	The diagonal $\{(x, x) \mid x \in X\} \subseteq X \times X$
\mathbb{A}_k^n	Affine n -space
$\mathbb{A}_k^n := \{\mathbf{a} = [a_1, \dots, a_n] \mid a_j \in k\}$	
\mathbb{P}_k^n	Projective n -space
$\mathbb{P}_k^n := (k^n \setminus \{0\})/x \sim \lambda x$	
$V(J), V_a(J)$	Variety associated to an ideal $J \trianglelefteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$
$I(S), I_a(S)$	Ideal associated to a subset $S \subseteq \mathbb{A}_k^n$
$A(X)$	Coordinate ring of a variety, $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I(X)$
$V_p(J)$	Projective variety of an ideal
$I_p(S)$	Projective ideal (?)
$S(X)$	Projective coordinate ring, $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I_p(X)$
f^h	Homogenization, $x_0^{\deg f} f\left(\frac{x_1}{x_0}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_0}\right)$
f^i	Dehomogenization, $f(1, x_1, \dots, x_n)$
\bar{X}	Projective closure of a subset
\mathcal{O}_X	Structure sheaf $\{f : U \rightarrow k \mid f \in k(\mathbf{x}) \text{ locally}\}$
$D(f)$	Distinguished open set, $D(f) = V(f)^c = \{x \in \mathbb{A}^n \mid f(x) \neq 0\}$

0.3 Summary of Important Concepts

- What is an affine variety?
- What is the coordinate ring of an affine variety?
- What are the constructions $V(\cdot)$ and $I(\cdot)$?
- What is the Nullstellensatz?
- What are the definitions and some examples of:
 - The Zariski topology?
 - Irreducibility?
 - Connectedness?
 - Dimension?
- What is the definition of a presheaf?
 - What are some examples and counterexamples?
- What is the definition of sheaf?
 - What are some examples?
 - What are some presheaves that are not sheaves?
- What is the definition of \mathcal{O}_X , the sheaf of regular functions?
 - How does one compute \mathcal{O}_X for $X = D(f)$ a distinguished open?
- What is a morphism between two affine varieties?
- What is the definition of separatedness?
 - What are some examples of spaces that are and are not separated?
- What is a projective space?
- What is a projective variety?
- What is the projective coordinate ring?
- How does one take the closure of an affine variety X in projective space?
- What is completeness?
 - What are some examples and counterexamples of complete spaces?

0.4 Useful Examples

0.4.1 Varieties

- $V(xy - 1) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2$ a hyperbola
- $V(x)$ a coordinate axis
- $V(x - p)$ a point.

0.4.2 Presheaves / Sheaves

- $C^\infty(\cdot, \mathbb{R})$, a sheaf of smooth functions
- $C^0(\cdot, \mathbb{R})$, a sheaf of continuous functions
- $\mathcal{O}_X(\cdot)$, the sheaf of regular functions on X
- $\underline{\mathbb{R}}(\cdot)$, the constant sheaf associated to \mathbb{R} (locally constant real-valued functions)
- $\text{Hol}(\cdot, \mathbb{C})$, a sheaf of holomorphic functions
- K_p the skyscraper sheaf:

$$K_p(U) := \begin{cases} k & p \in U \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

0.5 The Algebra-Geometry Dictionary

Let $k = \bar{k}$, we're setting up correspondences

Algebra	Geometry
$k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$	$\mathbb{A}_{/k}^n$
Maximal ideals $\mathfrak{m} = x_1 - p_1, \dots, x_n - p_n$	Points $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$
Radical ideals $J = \sqrt{J} \trianglelefteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$	$V(J)$ the zero locus
Prime ideals $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(k[x_1, \dots, x_n])$	Irreducible subsets
$I(S)$ the ideal of a set	$S \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ a subset
$I + J$	$V(I) \cap V(J)$
$\sqrt{I(V) + I(W)}$	$V \cap W$
$I \cap J, IJ$	$V(I) \cup V(J)$
$I(V) \cap I(W), \sqrt{I(V)I(W)}$	$V \cup W$
$I(V) : I(W)$	$\overline{V \setminus W}$
$k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I(X)$	$A(X)$ (Functions on X)
$A(X)$ a domain	X is irreducible
$A(X)$ indecomposable	X is connected
Krull dimension n (chains of primes)	Topological dimension n (chains of irreducibles)