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Definition 1.0.1 (Affine Variety).

Let $k = \bar{k}$ be algebraically closed (e.g. $k = \mathbb{C}, \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$). A variety $V \subseteq k^n$ is an *affine k -variety* iff V is the zero set of a collection of polynomials in $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

Here $\mathbb{A}^n := k^n$ with the Zariski topology, so the closed sets are varieties.

Definition 1.0.2 (Affine Algebraic Group).

An *affine algebraic k -group* is an affine variety with the structure of a group, where the multiplication and inversion maps

$$\mu : G \times G \longrightarrow G$$

$$\iota : G \longrightarrow G$$

are continuous.

Example 1.1.

$G = \mathbb{G}_a \subseteq k$ the *additive group* of k is defined as $\mathbb{G}_a := (k, +)$. We then have a *coordinate ring* $k[\mathbb{G}_a] = k[x]/I = k[x]$.

Example 1.2.

$G = \mathrm{GL}(n, k)$, which has coordinate ring $k[x_{ij}, T]/\langle \det(x_{ij}) \cdot T = 1 \rangle$.

Example 1.3.

Setting $n = 1$ above, we have $\mathbb{G}_m := \mathrm{GL}(1, k) = (k^\times, \cdot)$. Here the coordinate ring is $k[x, T]/\langle xT = 1 \rangle$.

Example 1.4.

$G = \mathrm{SL}(n, k) \leq \mathrm{GL}(n, k)$, which has coordinate ring $k[G] = k[x_{ij}] / \langle \det(x_{ij}) = 1 \rangle$.

Definition 1.0.3 (Irreducible).

A variety V is *irreducible* iff V can not be written as $V = \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$ with each $V_i \subseteq V$ a proper subvariety.

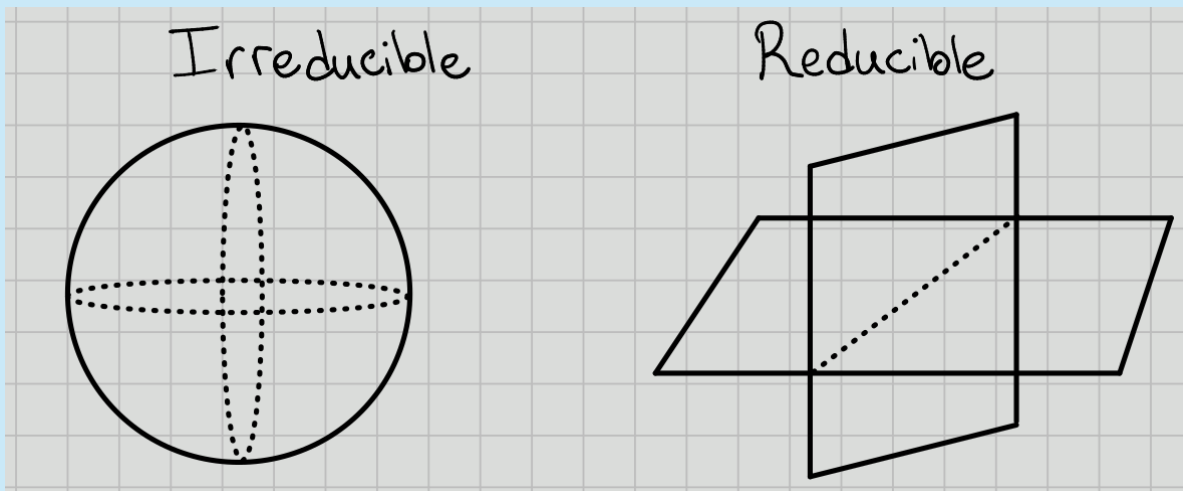


Figure 1: Reducible vs Irreducible

Proposition 1.1 (?)

There exists a unique irreducible component of G containing the identity e . Notation: G^0 .

Proposition 1.2 (?)

G is the union of translates of G^0 , i.e. there is a decomposition

$$G = \coprod_{g \in \Gamma} g \cdot G^0.$$

What is Γ ?

Proposition 1.3 (?)

One can define solvable and nilpotent algebraic groups in the same way as they are defined for finite groups, i.e. as having a terminating derived or lower central series respectively.