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Review: Regular functions. Given an affine variety  $X$  and  $U \subseteq X$  open, a *regular function*  $\varphi : U \rightarrow k$  is one locally (wrt the zariski topology) a fraction. We write the set of regular functions as  $\mathcal{O}_X$ .

**Example 1.1.**

$X = V(x_1x_4 - x_2x_3)$  on  $U = V(x_2, x_4)^c$ , the following function is regular:

$$\varphi : U \rightarrow k$$
$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} \frac{x_1}{x_2} & x_2 \neq 0 \\ \frac{x_3}{x_4} & x_4 \neq 0 \end{cases}.$$

Note that this is not globally a fraction.

**Definition 1.0.1** (Distinguished Open Sets).

A *distinguished open set*  $D(f) \subseteq X$  for some  $f \in A(X)$  is  $V(f)^c := \{x \in X \mid f(x) \neq 0\}$ .

These are useful because the  $D(f)$  form a base for the zariski topology.

**Proposition 1.1** (?).

For  $X$  an affine variety,  $f \in A(X)$ , we have

$$\mathcal{O}_X(D(f)) = \left\{ \frac{g}{f^n} \mid g \in A(X), n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

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*Proof .*

The first reduction we made was that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{O}_X(D(f))$  is expressible as  $\frac{g_a}{f_a}$  on distinguished opens  $D(f_a)$  covering  $D(f)$ . We also noted that  $\frac{g_a}{f_a} = \frac{g_b}{f_b}$  on  $D(f_a) \cap D(f_b)$ , so  $f_b g_a = f_a g_b$  in  $A(X)$ .

The second step was writing  $D(f) = \cup D(f_a)$ , and so  $V(f) = \cap_a V(f_a)$  implies that  $f \in I(V(\{f_a \mid a \in U\}))$ . By the Nullstellensatz,  $f \in \sqrt{\langle f_a \mid a \in U \rangle}$ , so  $f^N = \sum k_a f_a$  for some  $N$ . So construct  $g = \sum k_a g_a$ , then compute

$$g f_b = \sum_a k_a g_a f_b = \sum_a k_a g_b f_a = g_b \sum k_a f_a = g_b f^N.$$

Thus  $g/f^N = g_b/f_b$  for all  $b$ , and we can thus conclude

$$\varphi := \left\{ \frac{g_b}{f_b} \text{ on } D(f_b) \right\} = g/f^N.$$

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