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Let  $k = \bar{k}$  and  $R$  a ring containing ideals  $I, J$ .

**Definition 1.0.1** (Radical).

Recall that the *radical* of  $I$  is defined as

$$\sqrt{I} = \left\{ r \in R \mid r^k \in I \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

**Example 1.1.**

Let  $I = (x_1, x_2^2) \subset \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2]$ , so  $I = \{f_1 x_1 + f_2 x_2 \mid f_1, f_2 \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2]\}$ . Then  $\sqrt{I} = (x_1, x_2)$ , since  $x_2^2 \in I \implies x_2 \in \sqrt{I}$ .

Given  $f \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , take its value at  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and denote it  $f(a)$ . Set  $\deg(f)$  to be the largest value of  $i_1 + \dots + i_n$  such that the coefficient of  $\prod x_j^{i_j}$  is nonzero.

**Example 1.2.**

$\deg(x_1 + x_2^2 + x_1 x_2^3) = 4$

**Definition 1.0.2** (Affine Variety).

1. Affine  $n$ -space  $\mathbb{A}^n = \mathbb{A}_k^n$  is defined as  $\{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in k\}$ .

Remark: not  $k^n$ , since we won't necessarily use the vector space structure (e.g. adding points).

2. Let  $S \subset k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  to be a set of polynomials. Then define  $V(S) = \{x \in \mathbb{A}^n \mid f(x) = 0\} \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ .