

coursework 1

① first we notice that:

$$\mathcal{V}((p)+(q)) = \mathcal{V}((p)) \cap \mathcal{V}((q)) \quad , \quad \mathcal{V}((p) \cap (q)) = \mathcal{V}((p)) \cup \mathcal{V}((q)) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{V}(pq) = \mathcal{V}(p) \cup \mathcal{V}(q).$$

from a remark in the notes, we also note that $\mathcal{V}(\{p_i\}) = \mathcal{V}((\{p_i\}))$.

Therefore, we deduce:

$$\mathcal{V}(p+q) \subseteq \mathcal{V}(p) \cap \mathcal{V}(q) = \mathcal{V}((p)+(q)) \subseteq \mathcal{V}(pq) = \mathcal{V}(p) \cup \mathcal{V}(q).$$

② (a) \bar{A} of $A \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ is the smallest closed set in \mathbb{A}^n such that $A \subseteq \bar{A}$. we have that

$$\bar{A} = \mathcal{V}(\{p \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \mid p(A) = 0\}).$$

(b) we know that $A \subseteq \bar{A}$. we also have $\mathcal{I}(A) \supseteq \mathcal{I}(\bar{A})$ and $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}(A)) \subseteq \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}(\bar{A}))$ as these are order-reversing

\bar{A} is closed by definition, so \bar{A} is a c.a.a.v. this means we have $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}(\bar{A})) = \bar{A}$, so we have

$\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}(A)) \subseteq \bar{A}$. if we have $a \in A$, then $p(a) = 0 \forall p \in \mathcal{I}(A) \Rightarrow a \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}(A))$. $\therefore A \subseteq \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}(A))$. we know this is a closed set, and \bar{A} is the smallest such containing A , so $\bar{A} \subseteq \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}(A))$. $\therefore \bar{A} = \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}(A))$.

(c) Take $B = \{x \in \mathbb{A}^1 \mid x = n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and $C = \{x \in \mathbb{A}^1 \mid x = z \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Since B and C are both infinite, we see $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}(B)) = \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}(C)) = \mathbb{C}$, and also that $B \not\subseteq C$, as required.

d) consider $W = \mathcal{V}(x^2 - y)$ and the morphism $(x, y) \mapsto (x, xy)$. This satisfies $\psi^{-1}(W)$ being reducible.

③ (a) A subset S of a topological space X is compact iff given $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ a collection of open sets of X such that $S \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$, there exists $J \subseteq I$ such that $S \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in J} A_i$ with J finite. [every open cover has a finite subcover].

(b) It is clear to see that $\mathcal{V}(x^2 - y)$ is closed in the Zariski topology, as it is a c.a.a.v.

Additionally, $\mathcal{V}(x^2 - y) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{A}^2 \mid x^2 - y = 0\}$ which is clearly a bounded set and, with Zariski.

We could also see from "An Invitation to Algebraic Geometry" that a Zariski closed set in \mathbb{A}^n

is compact in the Zariski topology, and we would be done, noting this is because $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is Noetherian.

However, in the Euclidean topology, the bounded condition fails.

④ (a) An extension \bar{K} of K is the algebraic closure of K if $K \subset \bar{K}$ is algebraic, and \bar{K} is algebraically closed. Additionally, an algebraic closure of a field is a field that contains all the roots of all the polynomials over that field.

(b) Nullstellensatz $\Rightarrow \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I})) = \sqrt{\mathbb{I}}$.

$$\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I})) \neq \mathbb{I}(\emptyset) = \{f \in K[x_1, \dots, x_n] \mid f(p) = 0 \forall p \in \emptyset\} \subseteq \bar{K}^n.$$

so $\mathbb{I} \neq (1)$, as this is the whole thing, $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

⑤ (a) " \Rightarrow " injective \Rightarrow dominant:

Suppose $\varphi^*: \mathbb{C}[W] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[V]$ is injective. Then if we have $p \in \mathbb{C}[W]$ (non-zero), we see that $\varphi^*(p) \neq 0$. This tells us that $\exists v \in V$ such that $(\varphi^*(p))(v) \neq 0$. This implies that $\varphi(V)$ is not contained in any $\mathbb{V}(p)$ for $p \neq 0$. As every non-trivial open subset of W contains the open set where p doesn't vanish (for $p \neq 0$), this tells us that $\varphi(V)$ intersects every non-empty open subset of W , and \therefore dense.

" \Leftarrow " dominant \Rightarrow injective:

Suppose $\varphi(V) \subset W$ is dense. For any non-zero $g \in \mathbb{C}[W]$, consider $\varphi(V) \cap D(g)$. This is non-empty, due to the density. So, take $y \in \varphi(V) \cap D(g)$. Then $(\varphi^*(g))(y) \neq 0$, so $\varphi^*(g) \neq 0$.

\therefore we deduce $\ker \varphi^* = 0$, and φ^* is injective.

the open set where g doesn't vanish

(b) " \Leftarrow " φ defines an isomorphism $\Rightarrow \varphi$ surjective.

Suppose that $\varphi: V \rightarrow W$ is an isomorphism onto a subvariety X of W . Then we have:

$$V \xrightarrow{\sim} X \hookrightarrow W. \text{ Looking at the pullbacks, we get } \mathbb{C}[V] \leftarrow \mathbb{C}[X] \leftarrow \mathbb{C}[W].$$

The map $\mathbb{C}[X] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[V]$ is an isomorphism since $V \rightarrow X$ is an isomorphism.

Since we chose X to be a subvariety of W , the map $\mathbb{C}[W] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[X]$ is surjective.

So, we see that $\varphi^*: \mathbb{C}[W] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[V]$ is a composition of surjective maps, so itself is surjective.