

① a) In the lecture notes, as a consequence of Nullstellensatz, we have the correspondence

$$\{ \text{maximal ideals in } \mathbb{C}[x] \} \leftrightarrow \{ \text{points in } \mathbb{A}^1 \}.$$

This can be seen by  $(x-a) \in \mathbb{C}[x] \leftrightarrow a \in \mathbb{A}^1$ .

$$\therefore \text{maxSpec}(\mathbb{C}[x]) = \{ (x-a) \mid a \in \mathbb{C} \}.$$

We initially notice that  $\mathbb{C}[x, y] \cong \mathbb{C}[x, y] / (xy-1)$  as  $(xy-1)$  is in the kernel of

$\varphi: \mathbb{C}[x, y] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ ,  $\varphi(x) = x$  and  $\varphi(y) = 1/x$ . We want to find the maximal ideals of the RHS.

These are of the form  $(x-a, y-a^{-1})$  for  $a \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . Since we still have that  $xy-1=0$ , we deduce that

$$(x-a, y-a^{-1}) = (x-a).$$

$$\therefore \text{maxSpec}(\mathbb{C}[x, y]) = \{ (x-a) \mid a \in \mathbb{C}^* \}.$$

$$b) \varphi^*(1/x)(t) = 1/x(\varphi(t)) = 1/x(1/t) = t \text{ for any } t \neq 0 \in \mathbb{A}^1.$$

$$\therefore \varphi^*(1/x) = y \in \mathbb{C}[y, 1/y].$$

as  $\varphi^*$  is a morphism of  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebras

$$\varphi^*(x) \cdot y = \varphi^*(x) \varphi^*(1/x) = \varphi^*(x \cdot 1/x) = \varphi^*(1) = 1, \text{ so we deduce } \varphi^*(x) = 1/y.$$

$$\therefore \varphi^*(2-x) = \varphi^*(2) - \varphi^*(x) = 2 - 1/y.$$

$$\text{similarly, } \varphi^*\left(2x^2 + \frac{2x^3+4x}{x^5}\right) = \varphi^*\left(2x^2 + \frac{2x^2+4}{x^4}\right) = \varphi^*(2x^2 + 1/x^4(2x^2+4))$$

$$= 2\varphi^*(x^2) + [(2 \cdot \varphi^*(x^2) + 4) \cdot \varphi^*(1/x^4)]$$

$$= 2 \cdot 1/y^2 + [(2 \cdot 1/y^2 + 4) \cdot y^4] = 2/y^2 + (2y^2 + 4y^4) = 2/y^2 + 2y^2 + 4y^4.$$

② a)  $(x, y, u) \mapsto (x, u)$  restricts to an isomorphism.

$$y = ux \text{ so } (x, y, u) = (x, ux, u) \mapsto (x, u)$$

$$\text{If } \varphi(a, ab, b) = \varphi(a', a'b', b') \text{ then } (a, b) = (a', b') \Rightarrow (a, ab, b) = (a', a'b', b')$$

so is injective.

By the nature of the map, surjectivity is clear to see. For every  $a' \in \mathbb{A}^2$  we can always

find  $a \in \mathbb{A}^3$  such that  $\varphi(a) = a'$ . We simply do this by picking the necessary coordinates.

$\therefore$  we have an isomorphism.

It is not enough to prove bijectivity: a bijective morphism is not necessarily an isomorphism!

b)  $(x, y, u) \mapsto (x, y)$  doesn't restrict to an isomorphism.

$$(x, ux, u) \mapsto (x, ux).$$

This is immediately clear when we see the surjectivity fails.

Due to  $y = ux$ , we will never be able to reach  $(0, y) \in \mathbb{A}^2$  for any  $y \neq 0$ .

$\therefore$  this cannot be an isomorphism.

c)  $\mathcal{O}_V(D(u))$  = the set of regular functions on  $D(u) \subseteq V$ .

$D(u) = \mathbb{A}^3 \setminus V(u) \rightarrow$  the open subset  $\rightarrow$  What's  $D(u)$ ?

$\mathcal{O}_V(\mathbb{A}^3 \setminus V(u))$  = the set of regular functions where  $u \neq 0$ .

=  $\mathbb{C}[V] \setminus \mathbb{C}(u)$  ?

→ ring → variety

③ Assume  $\bar{V}$  is irreducible. Let  $V = A \cup B$  where  $A, B$  are two closed sets that are irreducible. We want either  $V=A$  or  $V=B$ . Since  $V=AB$ , it follows that  $\bar{V}=\bar{A}\bar{B}$ . Since  $\bar{V}$  is irreducible, let's say we have  $\bar{V} = \bar{A}$ . The closure of  $A$  as a subset of  $V$  is  $\bar{A} \cap V = \bar{V} \cap V = V$ .

But,  $A$  is already closed in  $V$ , so  $V=A$ .

The exercise was the other direction:  $V$  irreducible implies closure of  $V$  irreducible.

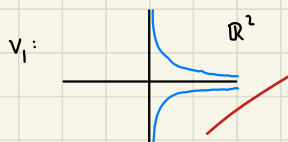
→ I thought  $V$  was a subset of  $A$ !

④ Algebraic sets are either finite, or the whole space. → This is for  $A^1$ , but  $V(y-\sin(x)) \subseteq A^2$ .

The set of roots for  $y = \sin(x)$  is infinite, and therefore this analytic set is not algebraic.

This is not projective or compact, so Chow's lemma still holds. But what is the projective closure?

⑤  $V_0 = V(xy^2)$   
 $V_1 = V(xy^2-1)$   
 $V_2 = V(xy^2-2)$



smooth :  $\dim T_x V = \dim V$

$\dim V_0 = 2$  ,  $\dim V_1 = 1$  ,  $\dim V_2 = 1$  → because  $\dim \mathbb{A}^2 - 1 = 1$ .

$\nabla f(a,b)$  :

$\nabla f(a,b) = (y^2, 2xy)|_{(a,b)} = (b^2, 2ab)$  → same for all 3.

The kernel has dimension 2 if and only if it is the zero matrix, if and only if  $b=0$ , which happens ONLY in the point  $(0,0)$  of  $V_0$ .

kernel of this  $\nabla$  is dimension 2, so  $V_0$  is smooth, whereas  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  aren't.

irreducible: cannot be written as a union of two proper subsets.

$V_0$  is irreducible.

Try this one again, checking the definitions and doing each step carefully!