

*All rings are commutative and unital. The letter  $k$  denotes an algebraically closed field. If  $f$  is an element of a ring  $A$ , we denote by  $(f) = \{af | a \in A\}$  the ideal generated by  $f$ .*

**Exercise 1.** Show that an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $A$  is maximal if and only if the quotient ring  $A/I$  is a field.

**Exercise 2.** (a) Let  $f_1, \dots, f_r$  be irreducible elements in  $R = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ . Assume that  $(f_i) \neq (f_j)$  for  $i \neq j$ . Show that

$$(f_1 \cdots f_r) = (f_1) \cap \cdots \cap (f_r).$$

(b) Is it still true when  $R$  is an arbitrary ring? (Give a proof or a counterexample.)

**Exercise 3.** Let  $f_1, \dots, f_r \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  and  $\varphi: \mathbb{A}_k^n \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^r$  the map defined by

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots, f_r(x_1, \dots, x_n)).$$

- (a) If  $Z$  is an irreducible closed subset of  $\mathbb{A}_k^r$ , is the subset  $\varphi^{-1}(Z) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^n$  closed? irreducible?
- (b) Let  $Y$  be an irreducible subset of  $\mathbb{A}_k^n$ . Is the subset  $\varphi(Y) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^r$  irreducible? Is its closure  $\overline{\varphi(Y)} \subset \mathbb{A}_k^r$  irreducible?
- (c) Find  $n, r$  and  $f_1, \dots, f_r$ , and a closed subset  $Y \subset \mathbb{A}_k^n$  such that  $\varphi(Y) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^r$  is not closed.

**Exercise 4.** (a) Let  $A$  be a ring and  $I$  an ideal of  $A$ . Show that  $I$  is radical if and only if  $A/I$  is reduced.

- (b) Show that every reduced finitely generated  $k$ -algebra is the coordinate ring  $A(Y)$  of some algebraic set  $Y \subset \mathbb{A}_k^n$  (for some  $n$ ).
- (c) Let  $Y \subset \mathbb{A}_k^n$  be an algebraic set. For a closed subset  $Z$  of  $Y$ , let  $I_Y(Z)$  be the kernel of the natural morphism of coordinate rings  $A(Y) \rightarrow A(Z)$ . Show that  $Y \mapsto I_Y(Z)$  induces a bijection between the closed subsets of  $Y$  and the radical ideals of  $A(Y)$ .

**Exercise 1.** For an isomorphism  $\varphi: \mathbb{A}^1 - 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1 - 0$ , we denote by  $\mathbb{A}^1 \sqcup_{\varphi} \mathbb{A}^1$  the glueing of  $\mathbb{A}^1$  with itself along  $\varphi$ . Let  $\chi: \mathbb{A}^1 - 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1 - 0$  be the morphism corresponding to the ring morphism  $\mathbb{Z}[x, x^{-1}] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[x, x^{-1}]$  mapping  $x$  to  $x^{-1}$ . Show that the schemes  $\mathbb{A}^1 \sqcup_{\text{id}} \mathbb{A}^1$  and  $\mathbb{A}^1 \sqcup_{\chi} \mathbb{A}^1$  are not isomorphic. [Hint: Look at the set of morphisms into  $\mathbb{A}^1$ .]

**Exercise 2.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a scheme morphism and  $y$  a point of  $Y$ . Consider the natural morphism  $\text{Spec } \kappa(y) \rightarrow Y$  and the fibre  $X_y = X \times_Y \text{Spec } \kappa(y)$ . Show that the projection  $X_y \rightarrow X$  induces a homeomorphism between  $X_y$  and  $f^{-1}\{y\}$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $k$  be a field. Let  $X = \text{Spec } k[X, Y, Z]/(XY - Z)$  and  $\mathbb{A}_k^1 = \text{Spec } k[T]$ . Consider the morphism  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^1$  corresponding to the  $k$ -algebra morphism  $k[T] \rightarrow k[X, Y, Z]/(XY - Z)$  mapping  $T$  to  $Z$ . Describe the fibre over each point of  $\mathbb{A}_k^1$ .

- Exercise 4.** (i) Let  $A$  be a ring, and  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in A$  elements generating the unit ideal. Assume that each ring  $A_{f_i}$  is noetherian. Show that the ring  $A$  is noetherian.
- (ii) Show that an open subscheme of a locally noetherian scheme is locally noetherian.
- (iii) Let  $X$  be a locally noetherian scheme, and  $U = \text{Spec } A$  an affine open subscheme of  $X$ . Using (i) and (ii), show that the ring  $A$  is noetherian.

*The topological space underlying a scheme  $X$  is denoted by  $X_{top}$ .*

**Exercise 1.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow S$  be two scheme morphisms. Consider the map

$$\varphi: (X \times_S Y)_{top} \rightarrow X_{top} \times Y_{top}$$

induced by the two projection morphisms  $X \times_S Y \rightarrow X$  and  $X \times_S Y \rightarrow Y$ .

- (i) Let  $x \in X_{top}$  and  $y \in Y_{top}$  be such that  $f(x) = g(y) = s \in S_{top}$ . Show that there is a homeomorphism

$$\varphi^{-1}\{(x, y)\} \simeq (\text{Spec}(\kappa(x) \otimes_{\kappa(s)} \kappa(y)))_{top}.$$

- (ii) What is the image of  $\varphi$ ?

**Exercise 2.** Let  $S$  be an affine scheme and  $X \rightarrow S$  a separated morphism (i.e. the diagonal morphism  $(\text{id}_X, \text{id}_X): X \rightarrow X \times_S X$  is a closed immersion). Show that the intersection of two affine open subschemes of  $X$  is affine.

**Exercise 3.** Let  $X$  be a scheme and  $\mathcal{Z}$  a closed subset of  $X_{top}$ . The purpose of this exercise is to prove the existence of a reduced scheme  $Z$  and a closed immersion  $f: Z \rightarrow X$  inducing a homeomorphism  $(Z)_{top} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ .

- (i) Show that  $Z$  and  $f$  exist when  $X$  is affine.
- (ii) Assume that  $Z$  and  $f$  exist. Show that for every morphism  $g: T \rightarrow X$  with  $T$  reduced and  $g(T_{top}) \subset \mathcal{Z}$ , there exists a unique morphism  $h: T \rightarrow Z$  such that  $g = f \circ h$ . [Hint: Begin with the case  $T$  affine.]
- (iii) For  $n = 1, 2$  let  $Z_n$  be a reduced scheme and  $f_n: Z_n \rightarrow X$  a closed immersion inducing a homeomorphism  $(Z_n)_{top} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ . Show that there exists a unique isomorphism  $\varphi: Z_1 \rightarrow Z_2$  such that  $f_1 = f_2 \circ \varphi$ .
- (iv) Conclude.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $A \rightarrow B$  be a ring morphism making  $B$  a free  $A$ -module of rank  $n$ . Show that the morphism  $\text{Spec } B \rightarrow \text{Spec } A$  is open.

*The letter  $k$  denotes a field.*

**Exercise 1.** Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be two closed subschemes of  $X$ . Show that  $(Y \times_X Z)_{\text{top}} = Y_{\text{top}} \cap Z_{\text{top}}$  as subspaces of  $X_{\text{top}}$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $X$  a scheme of finite type over  $\text{Spec } k$ . Assume that  $X$  is integral with function field  $K$  (the residue field  $\kappa(\eta)$  at the generic point  $\eta$ ). Show that  $\dim X$  coincides with the transcendence degree of  $K$  over  $k$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $K/k$  be a field extension, and  $A$  a finitely generated  $k$ -algebra. Show that  $\dim(A \otimes_k K) = \dim A$ .

**Exercise 4.** Let  $A, B$  two finitely generated  $k$ -algebras. Show that  $\dim(A \otimes_k B) = \dim A + \dim B$ .

**Exercise 5.** Let  $Z$  be a closed subscheme of  $\mathbb{A}_k^2$ . Consider the two projections  $p, q: \mathbb{A}_k^2 = \mathbb{A}_k^1 \times_{\text{Spec } k} \mathbb{A}_k^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^1$ . If  $\dim Z = 1$ , show that  $p|_Z$  or  $q|_Z$  is dominant (i.e. has dense image).

**Exercise 6.** Let  $S$  be a commutative  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded ring, and  $f \in S_0$ . Describe the open subscheme  $D_h(f) \subset \text{Proj}(S)$ , and give an example where it is not affine.

**Exercise 7** (Optional). Assume that  $k$  is algebraically closed. Let  $X$  be an integral scheme of finite type over  $k$ . Denote by  $X_{\text{Var}}$  the set of closed points in  $X$ , with its induced topology. Show that  $X \mapsto X_{\text{Var}}$  induces an equivalence of categories between:

- integral, quasi-projective schemes over  $\text{Spec } k$  and morphisms of schemes over  $\text{Spec } k$ ,
- and quasi-projective  $k$ -varieties and their morphisms.

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**Exercise 1.** Let  $X$  be a topological space.

- (i) If  $Y$  is a subset of  $X$ , show that  $\dim Y \leq \dim X$ .
- (ii) Assume that  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha$  with  $U_\alpha$  an open subset of  $X$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ . Show that  $\dim X = \sup_{\alpha \in A} \dim U_\alpha$ .

**Exercise 2.** Given  $f \in k[x, y]$ , we denote by  $\varphi_f: \mathbb{A}_k^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^1$  the map  $(u, v) \mapsto f(u, v)$ .

- (i) For  $t \in k = \mathbb{A}_k^1$ , recall why  $\varphi_f^{-1}\{t\}$  is an algebraic set in  $\mathbb{A}_k^2$ .
- (ii) Find  $f$  such that  $\varphi_f^{-1}\{t\}$  is irreducible for all  $t \in k$ .
- (iii) Find  $f$  such that  $\varphi_f^{-1}\{t\}$  is irreducible for all  $t \in k - \{0\}$  but  $\varphi_f^{-1}\{0\}$  is not irreducible.

**Exercise 3.** (i) Let  $R$  be a principal ideal domain. Show that  $\dim R \in \{0, 1\}$ .

- (ii) Let  $Y = V(y - x^2) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^2$ . Show  $A(Y)$  is a polynomial ring in one variable over  $k$ .
- (iii) Let  $Z = V(xy - 1) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^2$ . Show  $A(Z)$  is not a polynomial ring in one variable over  $k$ .
- (iv) Show that  $Y$  and  $Z$  are irreducible, and compute their dimensions.

**Exercise 4.** Consider the map  $\varphi: \mathbb{A}_k^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^2$  given by  $t \mapsto (t^2, t^3)$ . Show that  $\varphi(\mathbb{A}_k^1)$  is an irreducible closed subset  $Z \subset \mathbb{A}_k^2$ , and that the induced map  $\mathbb{A}_k^1 \rightarrow Z$  is bijective.

The letter  $k$  denotes an algebraically closed field. We denote the polynomial ring  $k[X_0, \dots, X_n]$  by  $S$ , and by  $S_d$  its homogeneous component of degree  $d$ .

**Exercise 1.** Let  $I \subset S$  be a homogeneous ideal. Show that the radical  $\sqrt{I}$  is a homogeneous ideal.

**Exercise 2.** Let  $I \subset S$  be a homogeneous ideal. Show that the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $Z_h(I) = \emptyset \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ .
- (b) The ideal  $\sqrt{I}$  is either equal to  $S$  or to  $S_+ = \bigoplus_{d>0} S_d$ .
- (c) There is an integer  $d$  such that  $S_d \subset I$ .

**Exercise 3.** (i) Show that an algebraic set  $Y$  of  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is irreducible if and only if its homogeneous ideal  $I(Y) \subset S$  is prime.

- (ii) Let  $f \in S$  be an irreducible homogeneous polynomial. Show that  $Z_h(f) \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  is irreducible.
- (iii) Show that  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is irreducible.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $f, g$  be two elements of  $S_1 - \{0\}$ . Assume that  $Z_h(f) \neq Z_h(g)$ . Show that  $Z_h(f) \cap Z_h(g) \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  is a linear subspace  $\mathbb{P}^{n-2}$  (in other words: find an element of  $GL_{n+1}(k)$  such that the induced bijection of  $\mathbb{P}^n$  sends  $Z_h(f) \cap Z_h(g)$  to  $Z_h(X_n, X_{n-1})$ ).

**Exercise 5.** (i) Assume that  $n = 1$  and  $a \in S_d - \{0\}$  with  $d \geq 1$ . Show that the cardinality of the set  $Z_h(a) \subset \mathbb{P}^1$  is between 1 and  $d$ .

- (ii) Assume that  $n = 2$ . Let  $f \in S_d - \{0\}$  with  $d \geq 1$  and  $g \in S_1 - \{0\}$ . If  $Z_h(g) \subset Z_h(f) \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ , show that  $g \mid f$ .
- (iii) Assume that  $n = 2$ . Let  $f \in S_d - \{0\}$  with  $d \geq 1$  and  $g \in S_1 - \{0\}$ . If  $Z_h(g) \not\subset Z_h(f) \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ , show that the cardinality of the set  $Z_h(f) \cap Z_h(g)$  is between 1 and  $d$ .

**Exercise 1.** (i) Let  $X$  be a variety and  $U$  a dense open subset of  $X$ . Show that the morphism  $\mathcal{O}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(U)$  is injective.

(ii) Let  $X$  be a variety and  $U, V$  two dense open subsets of  $X$  such that  $X = U \cup V$ . Show that  $\mathcal{O}(X) = \mathcal{O}(U) \cap \mathcal{O}(V) \subset \mathcal{O}(U \cap V)$ .

(iii) Use the two open subsets of  $\mathbb{P}^1$

$$\Omega_i = \mathbb{P}^1 - Z_h(X_i) = \{(x_0 : x_1) | x_i \neq 0\}$$

for  $i = 0, 1$  to compute  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{P}^1)$ .

(iv) Is  $\mathbb{P}^1$  affine?

**Exercise 2.** Let  $f \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , and  $U = \mathbb{A}^n - Z(f)$ . Let  $Y = Z(X_{n+1} \cdot f - 1) \subset \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$ . Show that the morphism  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$  given by  $(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  induces an isomorphism of varieties  $Y \rightarrow U$ .

**Exercise 3.** We say that a subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{A}^n$  is stable under the action of  $k^\times$  when for all  $\lambda \in k^\times$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in E \implies (\lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n) \in E.$$

Let  $Y$  be a closed subset of  $\mathbb{A}^n$  stable under the action of  $k^\times$ . Show that each irreducible component of  $Y$  is stable under the action of  $k^\times$ .

**Exercise 4.** (Time permitting, the solution will be explained on Nov 23th, otherwise on Nov 30th.) Let  $X$  be a quasi-projective variety.

(i) Show that the set of morphisms  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$  may be identified with the product of  $n$  copies of  $\mathcal{O}(X)$ .

(ii) Deduce that for any affine variety  $Y$ , the set of morphisms of varieties  $X \rightarrow Y$  may be identified with the set of  $k$ -algebra morphisms  $\mathcal{O}(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$ .

(iii) Give a counterexample with  $Y$  non-affine.

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**Exercise 1.** Let  $A$  be a ring and  $f \in A$ . Consider the localised ring  $A_f = A[x]/(xf - 1)$ . Show that  $A_f = 0$  if and only if  $f$  is nilpotent in  $A$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  be a ring morphism such that each element of  $\ker \varphi$  is nilpotent. Show that  $\text{Spec } \varphi: \text{Spec } B \rightarrow \text{Spec } A$  is a homeomorphism under any of the following assumptions:

- (i) The morphism  $\varphi$  is surjective.
- (ii) Let  $p$  be a prime number such that  $p \cdot 1 = 0$  in  $A$ . For each  $b \in B$  we may find an integer  $n \geq 0$  such that  $b^{p^n} \in \text{im } \varphi$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field. Show that every quasi-projective variety over  $k$  is covered by open affine varieties. [Hint : use the covering of  $\mathbb{P}_k^n$  by  $n + 1$  copies of  $\mathbb{A}_k^n$ .]

**Exercise 4.** Let  $n$  be an integer  $\geq 2$  and  $k$  an algebraically closed field.

- (i) Show that the morphism  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{A}_k^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{A}_k^n - 0)$  is bijective. [Hint : use Exercise 1 of the previous sheet, and the opens  $U_{X_i} = \mathbb{A}_k^n - Z(X_i)$ .]
- (ii) Deduce that the variety  $\mathbb{A}_k^n - 0$  is not affine.
- (iii) Let  $f \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{A}_k^n - 0)$ . Assume that  $f$  is  $k^\times$ -invariant, in other words that for every  $\lambda \in k^\times$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in k^n - \{0\}$  we have  $f(\lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Show that  $f$  is constant.
- (iv) Deduce that  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{P}_k^{n-1}) = k$ .



When  $\mathcal{F}$  is a presheaf on  $X$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{F}_x$  the stalk at  $x \in X$ , and by  $a(\mathcal{F})$  the sheaf associated with  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Exercise 1.** Let  $\pi: Y \rightarrow X$  be a local homeomorphism, and  $\Gamma_\pi$  its sheaf of sections. Show that for any  $x \in X$  the natural map  $(\Gamma_\pi)_x \rightarrow \pi^{-1}\{x\}$  is a bijection.

**Exercise 2.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be two presheaves on a topological space  $X$ .

- (i) Let  $x \in X$ . Show that the natural map  $(\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{G})_x \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_x \times \mathcal{G}_x$  is a bijection.
- (ii) Deduce that the natural morphism  $a(\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{G}) \rightarrow a(\mathcal{F}) \times a(\mathcal{G})$  is an isomorphism.

**Exercise 3.** Let  $E$  be a set and  $X$  a topological space. The value of the *constant sheaf*  $\underline{E}$  on an open subset  $U$  of  $X$  is the set of continuous maps  $U \rightarrow E$ , where  $E$  is endowed with the discrete topology. Show that  $\underline{E}$  is isomorphic to the sheaf associated with the presheaf taking the value  $E$  on every open subset of  $X$ .

**Exercise 4.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a presheaf on a topological space  $X$ .

- (i) Let  $x \in X$  and  $i: \{x\} \rightarrow X$  be the inclusion. Let  $E$  be a set, and  $\underline{E}$  the constant sheaf on  $\{x\}$  associated with  $E$  (i.e.  $\underline{E}(\{x\}) = E$  and  $\underline{E}(\emptyset) = \{*\}$ ). Show that the set of presheaf morphisms  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow i_*\underline{E}$  is in bijection with the set of maps  $\mathcal{F}_x \rightarrow E$ .
- (ii) Let  $j: U \rightarrow X$  be the inclusion of an open subset. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a presheaf on  $U$ . Show that the set of presheaf morphisms  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow j_*\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{F}|_U \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  are in bijection.

*All rings are unital and commutative.*

**Exercise 1.** Let  $A, B$  be two rings and  $S \subset A$  a multiplicatively closed subset. Show that the natural map  $\text{Hom}(S^{-1}A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, B)$  (Hom refers to ring morphisms) is injective, and that its image is the set of ring morphisms  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  such that  $\varphi(S) \subset B^\times$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $A$  be a ring.

- (i) Show that the set of nilpotent elements in  $A$  is the intersection of all prime ideals of  $A$ . [Hint: Use Sheet 5, Exercise 1.]
- (ii) Let  $I \subset A$  be an ideal. Show that the radical  $\sqrt{I}$  is the intersection of all prime ideals of  $A$  containing  $I$ . [Hint: Use (i) for the ring  $A/I$ .]
- (iii) Show that  $I \mapsto V(I)$  induces a bijection between the set of radical ideals of  $A$  and the set of closed subsets of  $\text{Spec } A$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $A$  be a ring and  $S \subset A$  a multiplicatively closed subset.

- (i) Show that (or recall how) an  $A$ -module morphism  $f: M \rightarrow N$  induces a  $S^{-1}A$ -module morphism  $S^{-1}f: S^{-1}M \rightarrow S^{-1}N$ .
- (ii) If the sequence of  $A$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

is exact, show that the induced sequence of  $S^{-1}A$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow S^{-1}M_1 \rightarrow S^{-1}M_2 \rightarrow S^{-1}M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $A$  be a ring and  $\mathfrak{p}$  a prime ideal of  $A$ . Let  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p})$  be the fraction field of  $A/\mathfrak{p}$ . We recall the ring  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is local with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Show that the fields  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p})$  and  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  are isomorphic.

**Exercise 1.** Let  $A$  be a commutative unital ring, and  $\mathfrak{p}$  a prime ideal of  $A$ . Show that the set  $\{\mathfrak{p}\}$  is closed in  $\operatorname{Spec} A$  if and only if the ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  is maximal in  $A$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  be a scheme and  $U$  an open subset of  $X$ . Show that  $(U, \mathcal{O}_X|_U)$  is a scheme.

**Exercise 3.** A topological space  $X$  is called *quasi-compact* if for every family  $\{U_i, i \in I\}$  of open subsets of  $X$  such that  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$  we may find a finite subset  $J \subset I$  such that  $X = \bigcup_{i \in J} U_i$ . Show that  $\operatorname{Spec} A$  is quasi-compact, when  $A$  is commutative unital ring.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $k$  be a field, and  $A = k[X_i | i \in \mathbb{N}]$  the polynomial ring in a countable infinite set of variables. Let  $I \subset A$  be the ideal generated by the variables  $X_i$  for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that the topological space  $\operatorname{Spec} A - V(I)$  is not quasi-compact. [Hint: Look at the chain of closed subsets  $\cdots \subset V(X_1, \dots, X_{s+1}) \subset V(X_1, \dots, X_s) \subset \dots$ ]

**Exercise 5.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  be a scheme and  $e \in \mathcal{O}_X(X)$  be such that  $e^2 = e$ . Let  $f = 1 - e$ . Show that there exists open subsets  $X_e$  and  $X_f$  of  $X$  such that  $X = X_e \cup X_f$  and  $X_e \cap X_f = \emptyset$ , and such that  $e|_{X_e} \in \mathcal{O}_X(X_e)^\times$  and  $f|_{X_f} \in \mathcal{O}_X(X_f)^\times$ . (For a ring  $R$  we denote by  $R^\times$  its set of invertible elements.)

**Exercise 1.** Find a morphism of ringed spaces  $\mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{Z}$  which is not a scheme morphism.

**Exercise 2.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two schemes. Show that the functor associating to an open subset  $U$  of  $X$  the set of scheme morphisms  $U \rightarrow Y$  is a sheaf on the topological space  $X$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{O}_X(X)$  and  $\varphi_f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  the corresponding morphism. Consider the open subset  $X_f = \varphi_f^{-1}(\mathbb{A}^1 - 0)$ . Show that  $x \in X_f$  if and only if  $f_x \in (\mathcal{O}_{X,x})^\times$ .

**Exercise 4.** Show that a scheme  $X$  is affine if and only if the canonical morphism  $X \rightarrow \mathrm{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_X(X))$  is an isomorphism.

**Exercise 5.** Let  $X$  be a scheme. Show that every irreducible closed subset of  $X$  is the closure of a unique point.

**Exercise 6.** Let  $X$  be a scheme and  $K$  a field. Show that a scheme morphism  $\mathrm{Spec} K \rightarrow X$  corresponds to the data of a point  $x \in X$  and a field extension  $\kappa(x) \rightarrow K$ .

**Exercise 7.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a scheme morphism of finite type. Assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are integral with generic points  $\eta_X$  and  $\eta_Y$ , and that  $f(\eta_X) = \eta_Y$ . Show that the following are equivalent:

- (a) The natural field extension  $\kappa(\eta_Y) \rightarrow \kappa(\eta_X)$  is an isomorphism.
- (b) There exists non-empty open subschemes  $U$  of  $X$  and  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$  and  $f$  induces an isomorphism  $U \rightarrow V$ .

**Exercise 8.** (i) Let  $X$  be a quasi-compact scheme, and  $f, a \in \mathcal{O}_X(X)$ . Assume that  $a|_{X_f} = 0$ . Show that there exists an integer  $n > 0$  such that  $f^n a = 0$ .

(ii) Assume that  $X$  has a finite cover by open affine subschemes  $U_i$  such that  $U_i \cap U_j$  is quasi-compact for each pair  $(i, j)$ . Let  $f \in \mathcal{O}_X(X)$  and  $b \in \mathcal{O}_{X_f}(X_f)$ . Show that for some  $n \geq 0$  the section  $f^n b \in \mathcal{O}_{X_f}(X_f)$  is the restriction of a section in  $\mathcal{O}_X(X)$ .

(iii) Assume that  $X$  has a finite cover by open affine subschemes  $U_i$  such that  $U_i \cap U_j$  is quasi-compact for each pair  $(i, j)$ . Show that the natural morphism  $\mathcal{O}_X(X)[1/f] \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X_f}(X_f)$  is a bijection for any  $f \in \mathcal{O}_X(X)$ .

(iv) Show that a scheme  $X$  is affine if and only if there are elements  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in \mathcal{O}_X(X)$  generating the unit ideal, and such that each  $X_{f_i}$  is affine. [Hint: Use (iii) and Exercise 4.]

(v) Deduce that a morphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is affine if and only if for any open affine subscheme  $V$  of  $Y$  the open subscheme  $f^{-1}V$  of  $X$  is affine.