

# II PROJECTIVE VARIETIES

## 1. Projective space and projective varieties

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Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{k}$  (still alg. closed). On  $V \setminus \{0\}$  we define a relation  $u \sim v \Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{k} \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $v = \lambda u$ .

This is an equivalence relation. The quotient set  $V/\sim$  is denoted by  $\text{PV}$  and called the projective space associated to  $V$ . Its elements are equivalence classes in  $V$ , so lines through the origin.

Dimension of  $\text{PV} := \dim V - 1$ .

The most common situation is when  $V = \mathbb{k}^{n+1}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . In this case  $\dim V = n+1$ , so  $\dim \text{PV} = n$ . Instead of  $\text{P}\mathbb{k}^{n+1}$  we write  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{k}}^n$  or more usually  $\mathbb{P}^n$ . We call  $\mathbb{P}^n$  the  $n$ -dimensional projective space. Its elements (which are lines through 0) are called projective points.

- $\mathbb{P}^1$  is projective line
- $\mathbb{P}^2$  is projective plane

When we work in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , we index coordinates in  $\mathbb{k}^{n+1}$  from 0 to  $n$ :  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

The equivalence class of the point  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is denoted by  $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n)$ . In literature there is also notation  $[x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n]$  or  $[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

So  $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n)$  is the line in  $\mathbb{k}^{n+1}$  through  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and the origin;  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  are called homogeneous coordinates of the point  $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n$ .  $x_0, \dots, x_n$  are not all zero.

The points  $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n)$  and  $(y_0 : y_1 : \dots : y_n)$  are equal  $\Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{k} \setminus \{0\}$  s.t.  $y_i = \lambda x_i \quad \forall i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

We can embed  $\mathbb{A}^n$  into  $\mathbb{P}^n$ . For each  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , we define  $U_i = \{(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n : x_i \neq 0\}$ . If  $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) = (y_0 : y_1 : \dots : y_n)$ , then  $y_j = \lambda x_j \quad \forall j = 0, \dots, n$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ , so  $x_i \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow y_i \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  the sets  $U_i$  are well defined.

We define a map:  $\mathbb{A}^n \longrightarrow U_i$   
 $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \longmapsto (x_1 : \dots : x_i : 1 : x_{i+1} : \dots : x_n)$ .

This is a bijection with the inverse

$$U_i \longrightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$$

$$(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) \longmapsto \left( \frac{x_0}{x_i}, \frac{x_1}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_{i-1}}{x_i}, \frac{x_{i+1}}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_i} \right).$$

This map is well defined, because  $\frac{\lambda x_i}{\lambda x_i} = \frac{x_i}{x_i}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  We can identify  $\mathbb{A}^n$  with  $U_i$ , (most commonly with  $U_0$ ) and consider it as a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

$U_0, U_1, \dots, U_n$  are usually called **affine charts** of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

$\mathbb{P}^n \setminus U_i$  consists of all points  $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n)$  with  $x_i = 0$ .

But  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n$  are not all zero, so we have

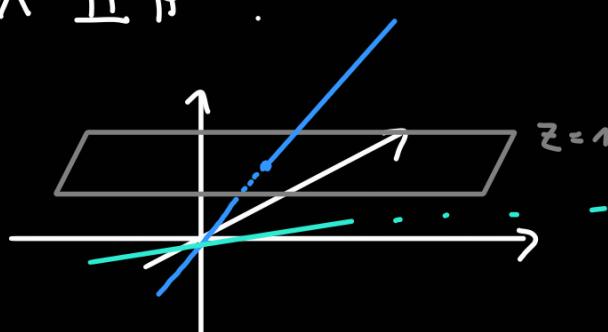
$$\mathbb{P}^n \setminus U_i \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$$

$$(x_0 : \dots : x_{i-1} : 0 : x_{i+1} : \dots : x_n) \longmapsto (x_0 : \dots : x_{i-1} : x_{i+1} : \dots : x_n)$$

This is a bijection. disjoint union

We have  $\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{A}^n \coprod \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ .

Example:  $\mathbb{P}^2$



Lines in  $xy$ -plane  
are in bijection  
with points in  $\mathbb{P}^1$ .

$\mathbb{A}^n \amalg \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$  → This is usually called  
the hyperplane at infinity.

We want to study zero loci of polynomials in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

In  $\mathbb{P}^n$  we have homogeneous coordinates:

$$(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) = (\lambda x_0 : \lambda x_1 : \dots : \lambda x_n) \text{ for } \lambda \neq 0$$

so  $F(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is not well defined. We restrict to homogeneous polynomials.

Definition: A polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is **homogeneous** of degree  $d$  if

$$f(\lambda x_0, \lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n) = \lambda^d f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

For each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{k} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Since  $\mathbb{k}$  is infinite, this is equivalent to that all monomials of  $f$  are of degree  $d$ .

Example:  $x_0^2 x_1 + x_2^3 - x_4 x_5 x_6$  is homogeneous of degree 3

$$x_0^3 x_1 + x_2^2 \text{ is not homogeneous}$$

$\overset{\uparrow}{\text{deg 3}} \quad \overset{\downarrow}{\text{deg 2}}$

Definition: Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  be a set of homogeneous polynomials. The set

$$V(S) := \{(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 0 \text{ for all } f \in S\}$$

is called the **projective zero locus** of  $S$ . A set  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  is a **projective variety** if  $X = V(S)$  for some set  $S$  of homogeneous polynomials.

If  $S = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$  we write  $V(f_1, \dots, f_m)$  instead of  $V(\{f_1, \dots, f_m\})$ .

Projective zero loci are well defined:

If  $f \in S$  is homogeneous of degree  $d$ , then  
 $f(\lambda x_0, \lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n) = \lambda^d f(x_0, \dots, x_n)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K} \setminus \{0\}$ .  
so we get  $f(\lambda x_0, \dots, \lambda x_n) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 0$ .

Remark:  $V(S)$  can mean affine zero locus or projective zero locus. When there can be confusion, we will write  $V_a(S)$  or  $V_p(S)$ .

### Examples of projective varieties

(1)  $\mathbb{P}^n = V(0)$

(2)  $\emptyset = V(1)$ , but also  $\emptyset = V(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

(3) If  $V$  is a vector subspace of  $\mathbb{K}^{n+1}$ , then  $\mathbb{P}V$  is a projective variety in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , because vector subspaces are defined by homogeneous linear equations.  $\mathbb{P}V$  is called the linear subspace of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

(4) Each point is a projective variety: If  $a = (a_0 : a_1 : \dots : a_n)$ , then  $V(a_i x_j - a_j x_i \mid 0 \leq i, j \leq n) = \{a\}$ . Proof: HW

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We may define varieties also in product of affine and projective spaces. For example, a variety in  $\mathbb{A}^m \times \mathbb{P}^n$  is a zero locus of a set of polynomials in  $\mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_m, y_0, \dots, y_n]$  that are homogeneous in the variables  $y_0, \dots, y_n$ .

Example:  $V(x_1^2 y_0^3 - x_2 y_1 y_2^2) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ .

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Example:  $V(x_0^4 x_1 y_2^2 - x_2^3 y_0 y_1) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$

$\mathbb{A}^m \times \mathbb{P}^{n_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{P}^{n_s}$  similarly

## 2. Connection between affine and projective varieties

Definition: (1) An affine variety  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$  is a **cone** (stozec) if  $0 \in X$  and for each  $a \in X$  and each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}$  we have  $\lambda a \in X$ .

(2) If  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$  is a cone then the **projectivization** of  $X$  is defined by

$$\text{IP}X := \{(a_0 : \dots : a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \in X \setminus \{0\}\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n.$$

(3) If  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  is a projective variety, then the **cone over  $X$**  is defined by  $C(X) := \{0\} \cup \{(a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \mid (a_0 : \dots : a_n) \in X\} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$ .

If  $X$  is a cone and  $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \in X$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}$ .

Since  $X$  is a cone, we have  $(\lambda a_0, \lambda a_1, \dots, \lambda a_n) \in X \Rightarrow \text{IP}X$  is well-defined.

Proposition: If  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$  is a cone, then  $\text{IP}X$  is a projective variety.

Proof:  $X$  is an affine variety, so  $X = V_a(S)$  for some  $S \subseteq \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ . We can assume that  $S = I_a(X)$ . Let  $f \in I_a(X)$  be arbitrary. Write  $f = \sum_{i=0}^d f_i$ , where each  $f_i$  is homogeneous of degree  $i$ . Take arbitrary  $a \in X$  and arbitrary  $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}$ . Since  $X$  is a cone, we have  $\lambda a \in X$ , so  $f(\lambda a) = 0$ .

$$0 = f(\lambda a) = \sum_{i=0}^d f_i(\lambda a) = \sum_{i=0}^d \lambda^i f_i(a)$$

This holds for each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}$ ,  $\mathbb{k}$  infinite  $\Rightarrow f_i(a) = 0 \ \forall i$

This holds for each  $a \in X$ , so  $f_i \in I_a(X)$  for each  $i$ .

We showed that  $I_a(X)$  can be generated by homogeneous

polynomials. Let  $I_a(X) = \langle S' \rangle$  where  $S'$  is a set of homogeneous polynomials. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}X &= \left\{ (a_0 : \dots : a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid (a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \overset{\text{''}}{X} \setminus \{0\} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (a_0 : \dots : a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid f(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 0 \quad \forall f \in S' \right\} \\ &= V_p(S') \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $S'$  is a set of homogeneous polynomials

□

We proved two more things:

Corollary: If  $S$  is a set of homogeneous polynomials then  $IPV_a(S) = V_p(S)$ .

Corollary:  $X$  cone  $\Rightarrow I_a(X)$  generated by hom. polynomials.

Proposition: The cone over a projective variety is a cone.

Proof: If  $X \neq \emptyset$ , then  $C(X) = \{0\}$  which is a cone.  
 Assume that  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  is a non-empty projective variety.  
 Then  $X = V_p(S)$  for some set  $S$  of non-constant polynomials. If  $f \in S$  is hom. of degree  $d$ , then  $f(\lambda a) = \lambda^d f(a) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{k}$  and  $\forall a \in X \Rightarrow f(0) = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} C(X) &= \{0\} \cup \{(a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \mid (a_0 : \dots : a_n) \in X\} \\ &= \{(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \mid f(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0 \quad \forall f \in S\} \\ &= V_a(S) \end{aligned}$$

We know  $0 \in C(X)$  and that if  $a \in V_a(S)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}$ , then  $f(\lambda a) = \lambda^d f(a) = 0$ , so  $\lambda a \in V_a(S)$ . □

We proved also:

Corollary: If  $S$  is a set of homogeneous polynomials then  $C(V_p(X)) = V_a(S)$ .

Corollary: The maps

$$\begin{aligned} X &\longmapsto \mathbb{P}X \\ C(X) &\longleftarrow X \end{aligned}$$

give bijective correspondence between the cones in  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1}$  and projective varieties in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

Proof: Both corollaries tell that  $\mathbb{P}X$  is a projective variety if  $X$  is a cone and that  $C(X)$  is a cone if  $X$  is a projective variety. We have to prove bijectivity.

Suppose  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$  is a cone. Then we know from one of the corollaries above that  $X = V_a(S)$  for a set of hom. poly.  $S \subseteq \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ . By the other two corollaries:

$$C(\mathbb{P}X) = C(\mathbb{P}V_a(S)) : C(V_p(S)) = V_a(S) = X.$$

Similarly  $\mathbb{P}(C(X)) = X$  if  $X$  is a projective variety.  $\square$

Corollary: Each projective variety is a zero locus of a finite set of homogeneous polynomials.

Proof:  $X = V_p(S)$  for some set  $S$  of hom. polynomials. Then  $C(X) = V_a(X)$ . Let  $J = I_a(C(X))$ . Then we know that  $S$  is finitely generated ( $\mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  noetherian)  $J = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ . We proved before that homogeneous parts lie in  $J$ , and they obviously generate  $S$ . So we have a finite set  $S'$  of hom. polynomials

that generate  $\mathcal{J}$ .

$$\Rightarrow X = \mathbb{P}(C(X)) = \mathbb{P}(V_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{J})) = \mathbb{P}(V_{\mathcal{A}}(S')) = V_p(S')$$

□

As in the affine case, we can use this corollary to prove:

Lemma: (1) If  $\{S_j\}_{j \in J} \subseteq \mathbb{K}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  is a family of sets of homogeneous polynomials, then

$$V_p(\bigcup_{j \in J} S_j) = \bigcap_{j \in J} V_p(S_j).$$

(2) If  $f_1, \dots, f_s, g_1, \dots, g_t \in \mathbb{K}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  are homogeneous polynomials, then

$$V_p(f_1, \dots, f_s) \cup V_p(g_1, \dots, g_t) = V_p(f_i g_j; 1 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq j \leq t).$$

Corollary: (1)  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{P}^n$  are projective varieties.

(2) The intersection of any family of projective varieties is a projective variety.

(3) The union of finitely many projective varieties is a projective variety.

Projective varieties are therefore exactly the closed sets on some topology on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  - Zariski topology on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

As in the affine case, the Zariski topology on subsets of  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is the relative topology.

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ . A set  $Z \subseteq X$  is Zariski-closed if there exists a proj. var.  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  s.t.  $Z = X \cap Y$ . If  $X$  is a proj. var., then its closed subsets are exactly the subvarieties.

As in the affine case, we also define distinguished open subsets:  $D(f) = \mathbb{P}^n \setminus V_p(f)$  where  $f$  is a hom. poly.

In a similar way we can define the Zariski topology in any product  $\mathbb{A}^m \times \mathbb{P}^{n_1} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{P}^{n_s}$ .

Definition: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ .  $X$  is **reducible** if  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$  for some proper closed subsets  $X_1, X_2 \subseteq X$ , **irreducible** otherwise.

If  $X$  is a proj. var., then  $X$  is reducible  $\Leftrightarrow X$  is a union of two proper subvarieties.

Theorem: Each proj. var.  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  can be written as  $X = X_1 \cup X_2 \cup \cdots \cup X_m$  where  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  are irreducible proj. var. Moreover, if  $X_i \not\subseteq X_j$  whenever  $i \neq j$ , then this decomposition is unique up to an order. In this case  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  are called **irreducible components** of  $X$ .

$$\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{A}^n \coprod \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$$

Recall:  $V_i = \{(x_0 : \dots : x_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n; x_i \neq 0\} = D(x_i)$

We identified  $V_i$  with  $\mathbb{A}^n$ .

$V_i = D(x_i)$  are open in Zariski topology, moreover,  $\{V_0, \dots, V_n\}$  is an open cover of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

$\Rightarrow$  We can consider  $\mathbb{A}^n$  as an open subset of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

We have 2 Zariski topologies on  $\mathbb{A}^n$ : one defined by affine varieties and one as a relative topology in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

Are they equal?

We will identify  $A^n$  with  $V_0$ .

Definition: Let  $f \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  be a homogeneous polynomial.

Dehomogenization of  $f$  is the polynomial

$$f^{(d)} := f(1, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n].$$

Dehomogenization is evaluation  $x_0=1$ , so it is a ring homomorphism, so:

$$(fg)^{(d)} = f^{(d)} \cdot g^{(d)},$$

$$(f+g)^{(d)} = f^{(d)} + g^{(d)}.$$

Definition: Let  $f \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  be a non-zero polynomial of degree  $d$ . Then

$$f^{(h)} := x_0^d f\left(\frac{x_1}{x_0}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_0}\right)$$

is a polynomial, called the homogenization of  $f$ .

Example:  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^3 - x_2 x_3 + 2x_2^4$

$$\deg f = 4 \Rightarrow f^{(h)}(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_0 x_1^3 - x_0^2 x_2 x_3 + 2 x_0^4$$

We have  $(fg)^{(h)} = f^{(h)} g^{(h)}$ , but  $(f+g)^{(h)} \neq \underbrace{f^{(h)} + g^{(h)}}_{\text{this polynomial may not be homogeneous}}$

Proposition: Each affine variety  $X \subseteq A^n \equiv V_0 \subseteq P^n$  is of the form  $X = Z \cap V_0$  for some projective variety  $Z$ . More precisely, if  $X = V_a(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ , we may take  $Z = V_p(f_1^{(h)}, \dots, f_m^{(h)})$ .

Proof: Let  $f_i$  be of degree  $d_i$  for each  $i$ .

$$Z \cap V_0 = V_p(f_1^{(h)}, \dots, f_m^{(h)}) \cap V_0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left\{ (a_0 : a_1 : \dots : a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid a_0 \neq 0, \forall i : f_i^{(h)}(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 0 \right\} \\
&= \left\{ (1 : \frac{a_1}{a_0} : \dots : \frac{a_n}{a_0}) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid a_0 \neq 0, \forall i : f_i^{(h)}(1, \frac{a_1}{a_0}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_0}) = 0 \right\} \\
&= \left\{ (1 : \frac{a_1}{a_0} : \dots : \frac{a_n}{a_0}) \in \mathbb{P} \mid a_0 \neq 0, \forall i : \underset{\text{def}}{f_i(a_0, \frac{a_1}{a_0}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_0})} = 0 \right\} \\
&= \left\{ (1 : \frac{a_1}{a_0} : \dots : \frac{a_n}{a_0}) \in \mathbb{P} \mid a_0 \neq 0, \forall i : f_i(1, \frac{a_1}{a_0}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_0}) = 0 \right\} \\
&\cong \left\{ (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{A}^n \mid \forall i, f_i(b_1, \dots, b_n) = 0 \right\} \\
&= V_a(f_1, \dots, f_n) = X
\end{aligned}$$

□

Corollary: Both Zariski topologies on  $\mathbb{A}^n$  coincide.

We often study open subsets of projective varieties. Such sets are called **quasiprojective varieties**. Important examples of quasiprojective varieties are proj. varieties and affine varieties.

Definition: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  be an affine variety. The **projective closure** of  $X$  is the smallest projective variety that contains  $X$ . Notation:  $\bar{X}$

In general  $\bar{X} \neq V_p(f_1^{(h)}, \dots, f_m^{(h)})$  if  $X = V_a(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ .

Example:  $X = V_a(x_1, x_2 - x_1^2) = \{(0,0)\}$ .  $\bar{X}$  also has to be one point:  $\bar{X} = \{[1:0:0]\}$ , but

$$V_p(x_1, x_0x_2 - x_1^2) = \{[1:0:0], [0:0:1]\} = \bar{X}.$$

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Proposition: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  be an affine variety and  $\bar{X} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  its projective closure. Then:

$$(1) \bar{X} \cap U_0 = X \quad (2) X \text{ irreducible} \Rightarrow \bar{X} \text{ irreducible}$$

(3) No irreducible component of  $\bar{X}$  lies in  $V_p(x_0)$  (=hyperplane at infinity).

Proof: (1) We know that  $X = Z \cap V_0$  for some projective variety  $Z$ .  $Z$  is a projective variety that contains  $X$ , so it also contains  $\bar{X}$ .

(2) Suppose that  $\bar{X} = Z_1 \cup Z_2$  for some projective varieties  $Z_1, Z_2$ . By (1) we get

$$X = \bar{X} \cap V_0 = (Z_1 \cap V_0) \cup (Z_2 \cap V_0)$$

$Z_1 \cap V_0$  and  $Z_2 \cap V_0$  are affine varieties, so irreducibility of  $X$  implies  $X = Z_i \cap V_0$  for some  $i=1,2$ .  $Z_i$  is a projective variety that contains  $X$ , so  $\bar{X} \subseteq Z_i \Rightarrow \bar{X}$  irreducible.

(3) Let  $\bar{X} = Z_1 \cup \dots \cup Z_m$  be the decomposition into irreducible components. Suppose that  $Z_1 \subseteq V_p(x_0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \bar{X} \cap V_0 = (Z_1 \cup \dots \cup Z_m) \cap V_0 \\ &= (Z_1 \cap V_0) \cup ((Z_2 \cup \dots \cup Z_m) \cap V_0) \\ &\quad \text{or} \\ &= (Z_2 \cup \dots \cup Z_m) \cap V_0 \end{aligned}$$

$Z_2 \cup \dots \cup Z_m$  is a projective variety that contains  $X$ , so it contains  $\bar{X}$  and therefore

$$Z_1 \subseteq Z_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq Z_m$$

$Z_1$  is irreducible, therefore  $Z_1 \subseteq Z_i$  for some  $i=2, \dots, m$ . This contradicts the fact that  $Z_i$  are components.  $\square$

### 3. Projective algebra-geometry correspondence

Definition: A ring/algebra  $R$  is **graded** if we can write it as a direct sum of abelian groups/ $\mathbb{k}$ -vector spaces  $R = \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} R_d$  such that  $R_d \cdot R_e \subseteq R_{d+e}$  for all  $d, e \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

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If  $f \in R_d$  and  $g \in R_e$ , then  $fg \in R_{d+e}$ .

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We say that elements of  $R_d \setminus \{0\}$  are **homogeneous** of degree  $d$ .

Example:  $R = \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is a graded  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra :

$R = \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} R_d$ , where  $R_d = \{0\} \cup \{\text{homogeneous polynomials of degree } d\}$ .

Let  $f \in R$ . Then  $f$  can be uniquely decomposed as  $f = \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} f_d$  where  $f_d \in R_d$  for each  $d$  and only finitely many  $f_d$ 's are nonzero. The decomposition  $f = \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} f_d$  is called the **homogeneous decomposition** of  $f$ .

If  $f \neq 0$ , then the **degree** of  $f$  is the largest  $d$  s.t.  $f_d \neq 0$ .

Definition: Let  $R$  be a graded ring/algebra. An ideal  $I \trianglelefteq R$  is **homogeneous** if it can be generated by homogeneous elements.

Example:  $I = (x_1, x_2 - x_1^2) = I(x_1, x_2)$  is a homogeneous ideal.

Example: If  $X$  is a cone, then we showed that  $I_a(X)$  is homogeneous.

Proposition: Let  $R = \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} R_d$  be a graded ring and  $J, J_1, J_2 \trianglelefteq R$ .

Then the following holds:

(1)  $J$  is homogeneous  $\Leftrightarrow$  for each  $f \in J$  with homogeneous decomposition  $f = \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} f_d$  we have  $f_d \in J$  for each  $d$ .

(2)  $J, J_1, J_2$  homogeneous  $\Rightarrow J_1 + J_2, J_1 \cap J_2, J_1 J_2, \sqrt{J}$  homogeneous

(3)  $J$  homogeneous, then  $R/J$  is a graded ring with the homogeneous decomposition:

$$R/J = \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} R_d/(R_d \cap J).$$

by isomorphism theorem  
 $(R_d + J)/J$

(4) If  $R$  is noetherian and  $J$  is a homogeneous ideal, then  $J$  can be generated by finitely many homogeneous elements.

Proof: Exercise.

Definition: (1) For a homogeneous ideal  $J \trianglelefteq \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  we define:  $V(J) = V_p(J) := \{x \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid f(x) \neq 0 \text{ for all } f \in J\}$ .

(2) For  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  we define the ideal of  $X$  as

$$I(X) = I_p(X) := \{f \in \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \text{ homogeneous} \mid f(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in X\}.$$

Remark: (1)  $V(J)$  is well defined, because it is defined only using homogeneous polynomials. If  $S$  is a homogeneous set of generators of  $J$ , then  $V_p(J) = V_p(S)$ .  $V_p(J)$  is a projective variety.

(2) The set of all homogeneous polynomials vanishing on  $X$  is not an ideal. To get  $I_p(X)$ , we must take the ideal generated by them.

Lemma: (1) If  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ , then  $I_p(Y) \subseteq I_p(X)$ .

(2) For homogeneous ideals  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$  we have  $V_p(I_2) \subseteq V_p(I_1)$ .

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Proposition: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  be a non-empty projective variety. Then  $I_p(X) = I_a(C(X))$ .

Proof: ( $\subseteq$ ): Let  $f \in I_p(X)$  and  $f = \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} f_d$  be the homogeneous decomposition of  $f$ .

We know that  $I_p(X)$  is a homogeneous ideal, so  $f_d \in I_p(X)$  for each  $d$ .

$$\Rightarrow f_d(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \quad \forall (x_0, \dots, x_n) \in X$$

$\Rightarrow f_d(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 0$  for each point in the cone

$$\Rightarrow f_d \in I_a(C(X)) \text{ for each } d \Rightarrow f \in I_a(C(X)).$$

( $\supseteq$ ): We proved that  $I_a(C(X))$  is a homogeneous ideal, so it is generated by homogeneous elements.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Let } I_a(C(X)) = (g_j \mid j \in J). \quad g_j \in I_a(C(X))$$

$$\Rightarrow g_j(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \quad \forall (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in C(X)$$

$$\Rightarrow g_j(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) = 0 \quad \forall (x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) \in X$$

$$\Rightarrow g_j \in I_p(X) \quad \forall j \in J \Rightarrow I_a(C(X)) \subseteq I_p(X)$$

□

Corollary:  $I_p(X)$  is always a radical ideal.

Theorem: If  $X$  is a projective variety, then  $V_p(I_p(X)) = X$ .

Proof: If  $X = \emptyset$ , then  $I_p(X) = k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $V_p(I_p(X)) = \emptyset$ .

If  $X \neq \emptyset$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} V_p(I_p(X)) &= \mathbb{P}V_a(I_p(X)) \xrightarrow{\text{previous proposition}} \mathbb{P}V_a(I_a(C(X))) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(C(X)) = X. \end{aligned}$$

□

As in the affine case, we have:

Proposition: If  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  is any set, then  $\bar{X} = V_p(I_p(X))$ .

Affine weak Nullstellensatz: If  $J \neq (1)$  is a proper ideal, then  $V_a(J) \neq \emptyset$ .

In projective case:  $V_p(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = \emptyset$

Definition: The ideal  $I_0 = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) \subset \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is called the irrelevant ideal.

Theorem [projective weak Nullstellensatz]: For a proper homogeneous ideal  $J \subset \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  we have  $V_p(J) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{J} = I_0$ .

Proof: ( $\Leftarrow$ ): Suppose  $\sqrt{J} = I_0 = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

$\Rightarrow x_i \in \sqrt{J}$  for each  $i \Rightarrow \forall i \exists N_i$  s.t.  $x_i^{N_i} \in J$ .

Suppose that  $(a_0 : a_1 : \dots : a_n) \in V_p(J)$ .

$\Rightarrow \forall i. a_i^{N_i} = 0 \Rightarrow a_i = 0 \quad \forall i \Rightarrow (0 : 0 : \dots : 0) \in V_p(J) \Rightarrow V_p(J) \neq \emptyset$   
(not a projective point)

( $\Rightarrow$ ): Suppose that  $V_p(J) = \emptyset$ .  $J \neq (1) \Rightarrow V_a(J) \neq \emptyset$

$J$  is a homogeneous ideal, so  $J = (S)$  where  $S$  is a of homogeneous polynomials. We know  $V_p(J) = V_p(S)$ ,  $V_a(J) = V_a(S)$ ,  $V_p(S) = \overline{\mathbb{P}V_a(S)}$   $\Rightarrow V_p(J) = \overline{\mathbb{P}\underbrace{V_a(S)}_{\text{non-empty cone}}}$

The only possibility is  $V_a(J) = \{(0, 0, \dots, 0)\}$ .

$\Rightarrow I_a(V_a(J)) = \sqrt{J} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

□

Theorem [projective Nullstellensatz]: For a homogeneous ideal  $J \subset \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  with  $\sqrt{J} \neq I$ , we have  $I_p(V_p(J)) = \sqrt{J}$ .

Proof: If  $V_p(J) = \emptyset$ , then  $J = (1)$  by the projective weak Nullstellensatz.

Then  $\sqrt{J} = (1) = I_p(V_p(J)) = I_p(\emptyset)$ .

Assume now that  $V_p(J) \neq \emptyset$ .  $J$  is a homogeneous ideal, so  $J = (S)$  for some set  $S$  of homogeneous polynomials.

$$\begin{aligned} I_p(V_p(S)) &= I_p(V_p(S)) = I_a(C(V_p(S))) = I_a(\underline{C(P(V_a(S)))}) \\ &= I_a(V_a(S)) = I_a(V_a(J)) = \sqrt{J} \\ &\quad \cong \text{affine Nullstellensatz} \end{aligned}$$

The maps  $I_p$  and  $V_p$  have similar properties as  $I_a$  and  $V_a$ . In some cases we need to assume that some ideal is not irrelevant.

Corollary: (1) We have a bijection:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{projective} \\ \text{varieties} \\ \text{in } \mathbb{P}^n \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{I_p} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{homogeneous radical ideals} \\ \text{in } \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \text{ different from} \\ I_0 = (x_0, \dots, x_n) \end{array} \right\}$$

(2) We have a bijection:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{irreducible} \\ \text{Projective} \\ \text{varieties} \\ \text{in } \mathbb{P}^n \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{V_p} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{homogeneous prime ideals} \\ \text{in } \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \text{ different} \\ \text{from } I_0 = (x_0, \dots, x_n) \end{array} \right\}$$

Definition: Let  $J \trianglelefteq \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ . The homogenization of  $J$  is the ideal generated by the homogenizations of all elements from  $J$ :

$$J^{(h)} = (f^{(h)} \mid f \in J) \trianglelefteq \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n].$$

Proposition: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  be an affine variety,  $\mathbb{A}^n \cong U_0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ . Let  $J = I_a(X)^{(h)} \trianglelefteq \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ . Then  $I_p(X) = J$  and  $\bar{X} = V_p(J) = V_p(I_a(X)^{(h)})$ .

Zariski closure

Proof: It is enough to prove that  $J = I_p(X)$ .

( $\subseteq$ ): It is enough to show that  $f^{(h)} \in I_p(X) \forall F \in I_a(X)$ . Let  $F \in I_a(X)$  be arbitrary.  $I_a(X) \trianglelefteq \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \subseteq \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ . Let  $a \in X$ ,  $a = (a_0 : a_1 : \dots : a_n)$ . Since  $X \subseteq U_0$ , we may assume that  $a_0 = 1$ .  
 $\Rightarrow f(1, a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0 \quad (f \in I_a(X), a \in X)$

$$f^{(h)}(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = a_0^{-d} f\left(\frac{a_1}{a_0}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_0}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow f^{(h)} \in I_p(X)$$

( $\exists$ ): It is enough to show that  $f \in J$  for each homogeneous  $f$  that vanishes on  $X$ .

Let  $f \in I_p(X)$ . If  $f = x_0 \cdot g$ , then also  $g \in I_p(X)$ , because  $X \subseteq U_0$  and  $x_0 \neq 0$  on  $X$ . So we assume that  $f$  is not divisible by  $x_0$ . Let  $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \in X$  be arbitrary.

We can assume  $a_0 = 1$ .

$$f \in I_p(X) \Rightarrow f(1, a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  The polynomial  $f(1, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  vanishes on  $X$ .

$$\Rightarrow f(1, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in I_a(X)$$

$$f = f(1, x_1, \dots, x_n)^{(h)} \Rightarrow f \in J$$

$\uparrow$  (not divisible by  $x_0$ )

□

Example:  $X = V(x_1, x_2 - x_1^2)$

The ideal  $(x_1, x_2 - x_1^2) = (x_1, x_2)$  is homogeneous.

$\downarrow$

$$\Rightarrow J^{(h)} = (x_1, x_2) \triangleleft k[x_0, x_1, x_2] \Rightarrow \bar{X} \subset V_p(x_1, x_2) = \{[1:0:0]\}.$$

Corollary: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  be a projective variety and

$$J_i = I_a(X \cap U_i) \text{ for } i=0, \dots, n; J_i \triangleleft k[x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n].$$

$$\text{Then } I_p(X) = J_0^{(h)} \cap J_1^{(h)} \cap \dots \cap J_n^{(h)}.$$

Proof:  $X = \bigcup_{i=0}^n (X \cap U_i) \quad | I_p$

$$I_p(X) = I_p\left(\bigcup_{i=0}^n (X \cap U_i)\right) = \bigcap_{i=0}^n I_p(X \cap U_i) \stackrel{\text{proposition}}{\downarrow} \bigcap_{i=0}^n I_a(X \cap U_i)^{(h)}.$$

□