

PROBLEMS FROM 6.1,6.2 **ALGEBRAIC CURVES**

problem 6.8

Let U be an open subset of a variety V , $z \in k(V)$ suppose $z \in O_P(V) \forall P \in U$. Show that $U_z = \{P \in U | z(P) \neq 0\}$ is open, and that the function from $U \rightarrow k = A^1$ defined by $P \rightarrow z(P)$ is continuous.

solution:

let $f \in \tau(V)$; $S_f = \{P \in V | f(P) = 0\} = V \cap V(f)$ which is a closed set.

now $P \in U_z \implies \exists f, g \in \tau V$ s.t. $z = f/g, g(P) \neq 0$

$P \in V \cap V \setminus S_f \cap V \setminus S_g \subset U_z$ [as $\forall P' \in V \cap V \setminus S_f \cap V \setminus S_g$ $z = f/g$ and $z(P') \neq 0$]

so there is an open nbd of P in $U_z \implies U_z$ is open.

let $r \in k$

$U'_z = \{P \in U | z(P) \neq r\}$

similarly $\forall P \in U'_z P \in V \cap V \setminus S_{(f-rg)} \cap V \setminus S_g \implies U'_z$ is open $\implies z^{-1}(P)$ is closed.

now in k any closed set S is finite.

so, $z^{-1}(S) = \cup_{p \in S} z^{-1}(p) \implies z^{-1}(S)$ is closed

so, $P \longleftarrow z(P)$ is a continuous function.

problem 6.9

let $X = A^2 - \{(0,0)\}$, an open subvariety of A^2 . Show that $\tau(X) = \tau(A^2) = k[X, Y]$

solution:

clearly, $\tau(A^2) \subseteq \tau(X)$

let $z \in \tau(X) = \cap_{P \in X} O_P(A^2), P \neq (0,0)$

so, $z(P)$ defined at 0 $\implies \exists f, g \in \tau(A^2) = k[x, y]$ s.t. $z = f/g, g(P) \neq 0$

let $f/g = f_1/g_1$ (where g.c.d. of $f_1, g_1 = 1$)

so, $g_1(a, b) \neq 0 \forall (a, b) \neq (0,0)$

so, if \deg_{g_1} in $k[X][Y]$ is non zero then it has infinitely many roots which is not possible.

so, g_1 is a constant polynomial.

so, $z \in k[x, y]$

remark:

$A^2 - \{(0,0)\}$ is not an affine variety.

lets assume $X = A^2 - \{(0,0)\}$ be an affine variety and $I(X) = I$

so, $\tau(X) = k[x, y]/I = k[x, y] \implies I = (0) \implies X = V(I) = A^2$ which is not true.

so, X is not an affine variety.

problem 6.12

let X be a variety, $z \in k(X)$. show that the pole set of z is closed. If

$z \in O_P(X)$, there is a neighborhood U_P of P s.t. $z \in \tau(U_P)$; so, $O_P(X)$ is the union of all $\tau(U_P)$

solution:

$$J = \{G | zG \in \tau(X)\}$$

clearly pole set of $z = X \cap V(J)$

so, pole set is a closed set.

now $z \in O_P(X) \implies P \in X \setminus V(J) \implies P \in U_P \subset X \setminus V(J)$

so, $z \in O_S(X) \forall S \in U_P \implies z \in \tau(U_P)$

$P \in U_P \implies \tau(U_P) \subseteq O_P(X)$

so, $O_P(X) = \cup_P \tau(U_P)$