

Problem set 2

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1) X Hausdorff

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$A \subseteq X$ irreducible $\Leftrightarrow A$ is a singleton

Proof:

\Leftarrow : obvious

\Rightarrow :

Assume $x, y \in A$ $x \neq y$

$\Rightarrow \exists U, V \subseteq X$ open, $U \cap V = \emptyset$ $x \in U$, $y \in V$

$\Rightarrow U^c \cap A$ and $V^c \cap A$ are closed in A

$\Rightarrow (U^c \cap A) \cup (V^c \cap A) = ((U \cap A) \cap (V \cap A))^c = (\emptyset)^c = A$

$x \notin (U^c \cap A) \Rightarrow U^c \cap A \neq A$

$y \notin (V^c \cap A) \Rightarrow V^c \cap A \neq A$

$\Downarrow \Rightarrow A$ is a singleton

2) $f: X \rightarrow Y$ continuous.

Y and every fibre of f are irred. $\Rightarrow X$ is irred.

Proof:

Assume X reducible

$\Rightarrow \exists U_1, U_2$ open, $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow f(U_1), f(U_2)$ open (if $f(U_1) \cap f(U_2) = \emptyset$ Y to Y irred)

if $f(U_1) \cap f(U_2) \neq \emptyset$

take $y \in f(U_1) \cap f(U_2)$

$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(\{y\}) \cap U_1$ open in $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ and $\neq \emptyset$

$f^{-1}(\{y\}) \cap U_2$ open in $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ and $\neq \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow (f^{-1}(\{y\}) \cap U_1) \cap (f^{-1}(\{y\}) \cap U_2) = \emptyset$ (because $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$)

\hookrightarrow to $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ irred \square

3) X irred top. space of finite dimension n .

$Y \subseteq X$ show $\dim(Y) \leq \dim(X)$

Proof:

Set $\emptyset \neq Y_0 \subsetneq Y_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq Y_n \subseteq Y$, Y_i closed, irred.

$\Rightarrow \emptyset \neq \overline{Y_0} \subseteq \overline{Y_1} \subseteq \dots \subseteq \overline{Y_n} \subseteq X$, closed, irred

show $\overline{Y_i} \not\subseteq \overline{Y_{i+1}}$ because

$$Y_i = \overline{Y_i} \cap Y \neq \overline{Y_{i+1}} \cap Y = Y_{i+1} \Rightarrow \overline{Y_i} \not\subseteq \overline{Y_{i+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(X) \geq \dim(Y)$$

\square

4) $f: R \rightarrow S$ hom. of local rings

show $f^{-1}(m_S) = m_R \Leftrightarrow f(m_R) \subseteq m_S$

Proof:

\Rightarrow : $f(m_R)$ is ~~proper~~ ^{proper} ideal $\Rightarrow f(m_R) \subseteq m_S$

\Leftarrow : $m_R \subseteq f^{-1}(m_S)$ obvious

$f^{-1}(m_S)$ is proper ideal $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(m_S) \subseteq m_R$

\square

5) $GL_n(k)$ is an affine algebraic variety of dimension n^2 .

Proof

~~Let $GL_n(k)$ be the set of invertible $n \times n$ matrices over k .~~

$Mat_n(k)$ is isomorphic to $k^{n^2} \xrightarrow{\sim} A^{n^2}$

$$\det: A^{n^2} \rightarrow k \in k[x_1, \dots, x_{n^2}]$$

$$V(\det) = A^{n^2} \setminus GL_n(k) \Rightarrow D(\det) = GL_n(k)$$

this is an affine variety after Proposition 4.17

analogue to the proof of Prop. 4.17

$$\det \cdot x_{n^2+1} - \det(x_1 - 1) \in k[x_1, \dots, x_{n^2+1}]$$

$$V(x_{n^2+1} \cdot \det - 1) = D(\det) = GL_n(k)$$

and $\dim V(x_{n^2+1} \cdot \det - 1) = (n^2 + 1) - 1$ after Prop. 2.25(c)

$$\Rightarrow \dim(GL_n(k)) = n^2$$

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