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1.1 Affine Varieties

1.8

Let Y be an affine variety of dimension r in \mathbb{A}^n . Let H be a hypersurface in \mathbb{A}^n , and assume that $Y \not\subseteq H$. Then every irreducible component of $Y \cap H$ has dimension $r - 1$.

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Suppose that $H = Z(f)$ with f irreducible in $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$. Then the projection of f in $A(Y) := k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I(Y)$ is not equal to $\bar{0}$ since by assumption $(f) \not\subseteq I(Y)$. Since $A(Y)$ is a domain (due to the irreducibility of Y), the element \bar{f} is not a zero divisor. Assuming that $Y \cap H \neq \emptyset$, we have that \bar{f} is not a unit in $A(Y)$. To see this, let $P \in Y \cap H$. Then $I(Y), (f) \subset \mathfrak{m}_P$, the maximal ideal of $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ corresponding to P . This implies $(\bar{f}) \subset \mathfrak{m}_P/I(Y)$, the latter being a maximal ideal in $A(Y)$. Thus, \bar{f} is not a unit.

We apply Theorem 1.11A to get that every minimal prime ideal \mathfrak{p} in $A(Y)$ containing \bar{f} has height 1. The irreducible components of $Y \cap H$ and the minimal prime ideals containing (\bar{f}) correspond, and since each of these prime ideals has height 1, the corresponding varieties have dimension $r - 1$ by Theorem 1.8A.

1.2 Projective Varieties

2.12

The d-Uple Embedding. For given $n, d > 0$, let M_0, M_1, \dots, M_N be all the monomials of degree d in the $n + 1$ variables x_0, \dots, x_n , where $N = \binom{n+d}{n} - 1$. We define a mapping $\rho_d: \mathbb{P}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$ by sending the point $P = (a_0, \dots, a_n)$ to the point $\rho_d(P) = (M_0(a), \dots, M_N(a))$ obtained by substituting the a_i in the monomials M_j . This is called the d -uple embedding of \mathbb{P}^n in \mathbb{P}^N . For example, if $n = 1, d = 2$, then $N = 2$, and the image Y of the 2-uple embedding of \mathbb{P}^1 in \mathbb{P}^2 is a conic.

- Let $\theta: k[y_0, \dots, y_N] \rightarrow k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ be the homomorphism defined by sending y_i to M_i , and let \mathfrak{a} be the kernel of θ . Then \mathfrak{a} is a homogeneous prime ideal, and so $Z(\mathfrak{a})$ is a projective variety in \mathbb{P}^N .
- Show that the image of ρ_d is exactly $Z(\mathfrak{a})$. (One inclusion is easy. The other will require some calculation.)
- Now show that ρ_d is a homeomorphism of \mathbb{P}^n onto the projective variety $Z(\mathfrak{a})$.
- Show that the twisted cubic curve in \mathbb{P}^3 (Ex. 2.9) is equal to the 3-uple embedding of \mathbb{P}^1 in \mathbb{P}^3 , for suitable choice of coordinates.

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Let $Q = \rho_d(P) = (M_0(a), \dots, M_N(a))$. Let $F \in \mathfrak{a} = \ker \theta$. Then $F(M_0, \dots, M_N) = 0$ as a polynomial, which implies $F(M_0(a), \dots, M_N(a)) = 0$. Since F was arbitrary, $Q \in Z(\mathfrak{a})$.

Now let $Q = (y_0, \dots, y_N) \in Z(\mathfrak{a})$. Suppose without loss of generality that $y_0 \neq 0$. It follows that $Q = (y_0^d, y_0^{d-1}y_1, \dots, y_0^{d-1}y_N)$. Suppose that $M_0 = x_0^d, M_1 = x_0^{d-1}x_1, \dots, M_n = x_0^{d-1}x_n$.

Proposition 1.1. For all $j = 0, \dots, N$, we have that

$$M_0^{d-1}M_j = M_0^{i_0}M_1^{i_1} \dots M_n^{i_n} \quad (1)$$

for some $i_j \geq 0$ with $\sum_j i_j = d$.

Proof. Suppose $M_j = x_0^{i_0} \dots x_n^{i_n}$ where $\sum_j i_j = d$. We have

$$M_0^{d-1} M_j = x_0^{(d-1)d+i_0} x_1^{i_1} \dots x_n^{i_n} \quad (2)$$

$$= x_0^{(d-1)i_0+i_0+(d-1)\sum_{j \geq 1} i_j} x_1^{i_1} \dots x_n^{i_n} \quad (3)$$

$$= x_0^{di_0} (x_0^{d-1} x_1)^{i_1} \dots (x_0^{d-1} x_n)^{i_n} \quad (4)$$

$$= M_0^{i_0} M_1^{i_1} \dots M_n^{i_n} \quad (5)$$

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Let $P = (y_0, \dots, y_n)$. Then, by the proposition, we have that $Q = (M_0(P), M_1(P), \dots, M_N(P)) = \rho_d(P)$, as was to be shown.

1.3 Morphisms

3.20

Let Y be a variety of dimension ≥ 2 , and let $P \in Y$ be a normal point. Let f be a regular function on $Y - P$.

a) Show that f extends to a regular function on Y .

b) Show this would be false for $\dim Y = 1$.

See (III, Ex. 3.5) for generalization.

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If we show that f restricted to $V - P$ extends to a regular function on $V \subseteq Y$ for any affine neighborhood V of P , then by gluing we will have shown that f extends to a regular function on Y . So, assume that Y is affine.

The function $f = c/d \in K(Y)$ for regular functions $c, d \in A(Y)$. If we can show that the ideal quotient $((c) : (d)) = \{h \in A(Y) : hc \in (d)\}$ is equal to $A(Y)$, then it follows that $c/d \in A(Y)$. By assumption, $f \in \mathcal{O}_Q$ for all $Q \neq P \in Y$. Let \mathfrak{m}_Q denote the maximal ideal of $A(Y)$ corresponding to Q . Then the localized ideal $((c) : (d))_{\mathfrak{m}_Q}$ is equal to $A(Y)_{\mathfrak{m}_Q} = \mathcal{O}_Q$ for all $Q \neq P$ since $c/d \in \mathcal{O}_Q$. It remains to show that $((c) : (d))_{\mathfrak{m}_P} = A(Y)_{\mathfrak{m}_P} = \mathcal{O}_P$. If $\mathfrak{p}A(Y)_{\mathfrak{m}_P}$ is a prime ideal of \mathcal{O}_P not equal to the maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m}_P A(Y)_{\mathfrak{m}_P}$, then $((c) : (d))_{\mathfrak{m}_P} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}A(Y)_{\mathfrak{m}_P}$ since c/d is in the local ring corresponding to the subvariety defined by \mathfrak{p} , and hence $((c) : (d))_{\mathfrak{p}} = A(Y)_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Assume by way of contradiction that $((c) : (d))_{\mathfrak{m}_P} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}_P A(Y)_{\mathfrak{m}_P}$. Then, $\sqrt{((c) : (d))_{\mathfrak{m}_P}} = \mathfrak{m}_P$.

Let a_1, \dots, a_s be a regular sequence in $\mathfrak{m}_P A(Y)_{\mathfrak{m}_P}$ with $s > 1$. By Theorem 8.22A of Chapter II of Hartshorne part (2), such a sequence exists. We have shown that $a_1^{r_1}, a_2^{r_2} \in ((c) : (d))_{\mathfrak{m}_P}$ for some $r_1, r_2 > 0$ with $a_1^{r_1-1}, a_2^{r_2-1} \notin ((c) : (d))_{\mathfrak{m}_P}$. Thus,

$$a_1^{r_1} c = e_1 d, \quad e_1 \notin (a_1) \quad (6)$$

and

$$a_2^{r_2} c = e_2 d, \quad e_2 \notin (a_2) \quad (7)$$

Thus,

$$a_1^{r_1} a_2^{r_2} c = e_1 a_2^{r_2} d = e_2 a_1^{r_1} d \quad (8)$$

which implies

$$e_1 a_2^{r_2} = e_2 a_1^{r_1} \quad (9)$$

Since $e_1 \notin (a_1)$ and $a_2 \notin (a_1)$, a_2 is a zero divisor in the ring $A(Y)_{\mathfrak{m}_P}/(a_1)$. This contradicts the fact that a_1, a_2 is a regular sequence in $\mathfrak{m}_P A(Y)_{\mathfrak{m}_P}$.

Thus, we conclude that $((c) : (d))_{\mathfrak{m}_P} = A(Y)_{\mathfrak{m}_P}$, and hence $f \in \mathcal{O}_P$. This shows that $((c) : (d)) = A(Y)$ which implies $f \in A(Y)$, and hence f extends to a regular function on Y .

2.1 Sheaves

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- For any morphism of sheaves $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$, show that for each point P , $(\ker \phi)_P = \ker(\phi_P)$ and $(\operatorname{im} \phi)_P = \operatorname{im}(\phi_P)$.
- Show that ϕ is injective (surjective) iff induced map on stalks ϕ_P is injective (surjective) for all P .
- Show that the sequence of sheaves $\cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{i-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^i \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots$

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- Since stalks are defined as a filtered colimit and kernels are a particular type of limit (pullback) and [filtered colimits commute with finite limits](#) isomorphism $(\ker \phi)_P = \ker(\phi_P)$ is automatic.

To show a similar thing for the image we first note that $(\operatorname{im} \phi)_P \simeq ((\operatorname{im}_{pre} \phi)^+)_P \simeq (\operatorname{im}_{pre} \phi)_P$, where the first isomorphism is by definition and the second one using the fact that sheafification has the same stalks as original presheaf. Now we conclude noticing that $\operatorname{im}_{pre} \phi \simeq \ker(\operatorname{coker} \phi)$, i.e. it is a finite limit of finite colimits and since again stalks are filtered colimits they commute with finite limits and colimits (in for instance abelian category) we conclude that $(\operatorname{im} \phi)_P \simeq \operatorname{im}(\phi_P)$.

- We show that a map of sheaves $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is injective iff it induced maps on stalks are injective (proof for surjectivity is essentially identical).

Consider the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(U) & \xrightarrow{\phi_U} & \mathcal{G}(U) \\ \downarrow \iota_1 & & \downarrow \iota_2 \\ \prod_{P \in U} \mathcal{F}_P & \xrightarrow{\prod \tilde{\phi}_P} & \prod_{P \in U} \mathcal{G}_P \end{array}$$

Note that since section of a sheaf on an open set is determined by its stalks, ι_1 and ι_2 are both injective.

Suppose $\tilde{\phi}_P$ is injective for all P . Take two sections $f, g \in \mathcal{F}(U)$, since $\prod \tilde{\phi}_P$ and ι_1 are injective (former by the hypothesis that $\tilde{\phi}_P$ are injective), their composition is injective. If ϕ_U were not injective, we could find two different sections that go to the same class in $\prod \mathcal{G}_P$, which would contradict injectivity of $\prod \tilde{\phi}_P \circ \iota_1$.

Similarly if ϕ_U is injective then if some of $\tilde{\phi}_P$ were not injective, its composition with ι_1 would not be injective contradicting commutativity of the diagram above.

- We have to show that $\cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{i-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^i \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots$ is exact iff induced sequence of stalks are exact for all P .

Assuming that sequence of sheaves is exact we show induced sequences are exact at all stalks. By the previous section $\operatorname{im} \phi_P^i \simeq (\operatorname{im} \phi^i)_P \simeq (\ker \phi^{i+1})_P \simeq \ker \phi_P^{i+1}$.

Now assume that all sequences of stalks are exact. By the same reasoning as before we see that $\operatorname{im} \phi^i \simeq \ker \phi^{i+1}$ (since they are isomorphic on each stalk and hence are equal).

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For any open set $U \subseteq X$ the functor $\Gamma(U, \cdot)$ from sheaves on X to abelian groups is left-exact.

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Given exact sequence of sheaves

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}' \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathcal{F}'' \rightarrow 0$$

We have to show that

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}') \xrightarrow{\phi_U} \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\gamma_U} \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}'')$$

exact.

Injectivity of ϕ_U follows from definition.

We show that $\ker \gamma_U = \operatorname{im} \phi_U$.

($\ker \gamma_U \supseteq \operatorname{im} \phi_U$) Is immediate by functoriality of $\Gamma(U, \cdot)$ and hypothesis.

($\ker \gamma_U \subseteq \operatorname{im} \phi_U$) Let $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ and $\gamma_U(s) = 0$. By hypothesis and “1.2” we know that the induced sequences of stalks are all exact. In particular for all $P \in U$ induced sequences are all exact. Which means that each stalk $s_P = \phi_P(k_P)$, i.e. there is some section $k \in \mathcal{F}'(U)$ and an open set V_P such that $s|_{V_P} = \phi(k)|_{V_P}$. Hence we can form an open cover $U = \bigcup_{P \in U} V_P$. Notice that by definition they agree on overlaps and hence we get a full section of \mathcal{F}' on U (call it $q \in \mathcal{F}'(U)$) and since all the stalks of $\phi_P(q_P) = s_P$ for all $P \in U$ and hence are equal on U .