

List of Schemes

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Part I

List of Algebraic Varieties

1 A Quartic Curve

Let $A = \mathbb{Z}[x, y]/f$ where

$$f = (y - x^2 + 5x - 5)(y + x^2 - 5x + 5) - 1 = uv - 1 \quad (1)$$

where we set $u = y - x^2 + 5x - 5$ and $v = y + x^2 - 5x + 5$. Note that from the expression of f in (1) we see that u and v are units in A . Here we are describing A as a quotient of a polynomial ring, but we can also describe it as a finite module extension over a polynomial ring. Namely, we can write it as $A = \mathbb{Z}[y][\sqrt{g}]$ where

$$f = y^2 - (x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3)(x - 4) = y^2 - g, \quad (2)$$

where $g = (x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3)(x - 4)$. The expression of f in (2) is nice because we can read off information like the discriminant of A over $\mathbb{Z}[y]$. Basically from (2) we can read off useful information of A viewed as a finite module extension, whereas from (1) we can read off useful information of A viewed as a quotient. Both expressions give rise to the same ring A at the end of the day. Next we set $X = \operatorname{Spec} A$. To get an idea of what X looks like, we consider the canonical morphism $X \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{Z}$. For each positive prime p , we obtain the fiber $X_p = X_{\mathbb{F}_p}$ of this canonical morphism at the prime ideal $\langle p \rangle$:

$$X_p = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{F}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A) = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{F}_p[x, y]/f).$$

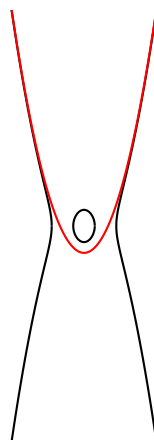
We also obtain the fiber $X_0 = X_{\mathbb{Q}}$ of this canonical morphism at the generic point $\langle 0 \rangle$:

$$X_{\mathbb{Q}} = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A) = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{Q}[x, y]/f).$$

Note $X_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is just the pullback of the morphism $\operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{Z}$ with respect to the canonical map $X \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{Z}$. We can specialize even further by setting X_K to be the pullback of the composite $\operatorname{Spec} K \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{Z}$ with respect to the canonical map $X \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{Z}$, where K/\mathbb{Q} is some field extension:

$$X_K = \operatorname{Spec}(K \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A) = \operatorname{Spec}(K[x, y]/f).$$

The closed points of X_K correspond to the maximal ideals of $K[x, y]/f$, and when K is algebraically closed, these correspond to the points of the variety $V_K(f)$. Note in general we have $X_K(K) = X(K) \times \operatorname{Aut} K$, thus in particular $X_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{R}) = X(\mathbb{R}) = C$ where we can view C as the black curve below:



The thick black curve is C whereas the thick red curve is $V_{\mathbb{R}}(u) = D$. The closed points of $X_{\mathbb{R}}$ correspond to the points of C : they have the form $\mathfrak{m}_{a,b} = \langle x - a, y - b \rangle$ where $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $f(a, b) = 0$ (i.e. such that $(a, b) \in C$). There's also the generic point $\eta \in X_{\mathbb{R}}$ corresponding to the 0 ideal, however this doesn't correspond to any point of C . Notice that C and D do not intersect: this is because u is a unit in A (and hence a unit in $\mathbb{R} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A$). The point is that $u(\mathfrak{p}) := u \bmod \mathfrak{p} \neq 0$ for all $\mathfrak{p} \in X_{\mathbb{R}}$.

If we equip $X(\mathbb{R})$ with the Euclidean topology. Then we see that it is disconnected since

$$X(\mathbb{R}) = (\{u > 0\} \cap X(\mathbb{R})) \cup (\{u < 0\} \cap X(\mathbb{R})),$$

however in the Zariski topology, $X(\mathbb{R})$ is irreducible since f is irreducible over \mathbb{R} , so certainly $X(\mathbb{R})$ is connected in the Zariski topology. The Jacobian matrix of f is given by

$$J_f = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x f \\ \partial_y f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x^3 + 30x^2 - 70x + 50 \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}.$$

In particular, it's easy to see that $J_f(a, b) := J_f \bmod \mathfrak{m}_{a,b} \neq 0$ for all closed points $\mathfrak{m}_{a,b} \in X(\mathbb{R})$. It follows that $X(\mathbb{R})$ is smooth. Alternatively, we have

$$df = \partial_x f dx + \partial_y f dy = (4x^3 + 30x^2 - 70x + 50)dx + 2ydy.$$

Thus when we set $df = 0$, then for $y \neq 0$, we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4x^3 + 30x^2 - 70x + 50}{2y}. \quad (3)$$

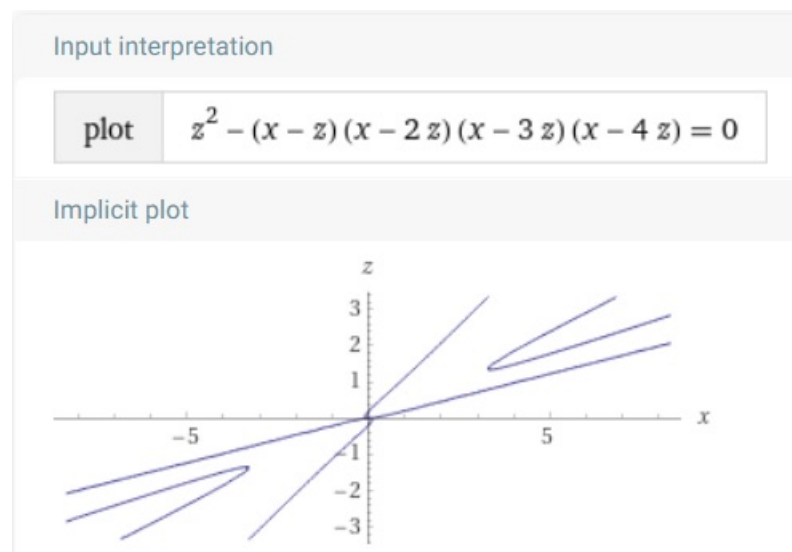
The DeRham complex of A is given by

$$\Omega_A := 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow$$

Now, we want to see what the curve looks like at in affine neighborhood of the point at infinity $[0 : 1 : 0]$. To do this let $\tilde{A} = \mathbb{Z}[x, z]/\tilde{f}$ where

$$\tilde{f} = \tilde{y}^2 - (\tilde{x} - \tilde{y})(\tilde{x} - 2\tilde{y})(x - 3\tilde{y})(x - 4\tilde{y}), \quad (4)$$

and set $\tilde{X} = \text{Spec } \tilde{A}$. To get an idea of what $\tilde{X}_{\mathbb{R}}$ looks like, we shall look at its \mathbb{R} -valued points $\tilde{X}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{R}) = V_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f}) = \tilde{C}$ pictured below



The closed points of $\tilde{X}_{\mathbb{R}}$ have the form $\tilde{\mathfrak{m}}_{\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}} = \langle \tilde{x} - \tilde{a}, \tilde{y} - \tilde{b} \rangle$ where $(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $\tilde{f}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) = 0$. We have a ring isomorphism $\tilde{\varphi}: \tilde{A}_{\tilde{y}} \rightarrow A_y$ given by $\tilde{\varphi}(\tilde{x}) = x/y$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(\tilde{y}) = 1/y$, with inverse $\varphi: A_y \rightarrow \tilde{A}_{\tilde{y}}$ given by $\varphi(x) = \tilde{x}/\tilde{y}$ and $\varphi(y) = 1/\tilde{y}$. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}(\tilde{\mathfrak{m}}_{\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}}) &= \varphi(\langle \tilde{x} - \tilde{a}, \tilde{y} - \tilde{b} \rangle) \\ &= \langle x/y - \tilde{a}, 1/y - \tilde{b} \rangle \\ &= \langle x - \tilde{a}y, 1 - \tilde{b}y \rangle \\ &= \langle x - \tilde{a}y, y - 1/\tilde{b} \rangle \\ &= \langle x - \tilde{a}/\tilde{b}, y - 1/\tilde{b} \rangle \\ &= \langle x - a, y - b \rangle \\ &= \mathfrak{m}_{a,b}, \end{aligned}$$

where we set $a = \tilde{a}/\tilde{b}$ and $b = 1/\tilde{b}$. It follows that ${}^a\tilde{\varphi}(\mathfrak{m}_{a,b}) = \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}_{\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}}$. Now observe that

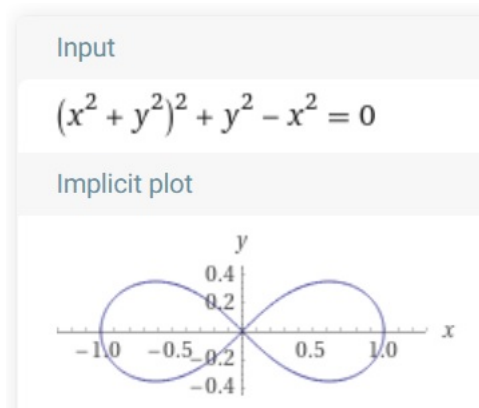
$$d\tilde{x} = \frac{ydx - xdy}{y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad d\tilde{y} = -\frac{dy}{y^2}.$$

2 The Lemniscate of Bernoulli

Let $A = \mathbb{Z}[x, y]/f$ where

$$f = (x^2 + y^2)^2 + y^2 - x^2,$$

and we set $X = \text{Spec } A$. One can show that the set of integer solutions to the equation $f = 0$ is given by $\{(\pm 1, 0), (0, 0)\}$. On the other hand, the \mathbb{R} -valued points $X(\mathbb{R})$ can be visualized below



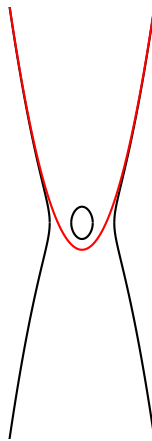
$$f = (y - x^2 + 5x - 5)(y + x^2 - 5x + 5) - 1 = uv - 1 \quad (5)$$

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Next we set $X = \text{Spec } A$. To get an idea of what X looks like, we first look at its \mathbb{R} -valued points: $X(\mathbb{R}) = \text{Spec } \mathbb{R} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A = \text{Spec } \mathbb{R}[x, y]/f$. We can visualize the \mathbb{R} -valued points of X in the picture below:



The thick black curve is $X(\mathbb{R}) = V_{\mathbb{R}}(f)$ whereas the thick red curve is $V_{\mathbb{R}}(u)$. Notice that $V_{\mathbb{R}}(u)$ and $X(\mathbb{R})$ do not intersect: this is because u is a unit in A (and hence a unit in $\mathbb{R} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A$). The point is that $u(\mathfrak{p}) := u \bmod \mathfrak{p} \neq 0$ for all $\mathfrak{p} \in X$. The closed points of $X(\mathbb{R})$ have the form $\mathfrak{m}_{a,b} = \langle x - a, y - b \rangle$ where $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $f(a, b) = 0$. There's also the generic point $\eta \in X(\mathbb{R})$ corresponding to the 0 ideal.

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Thus when we set $df = 0$, then for $y \neq 0$, we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4x^3 + 30x^2 - 70x + 50}{2y}. \quad (7)$$

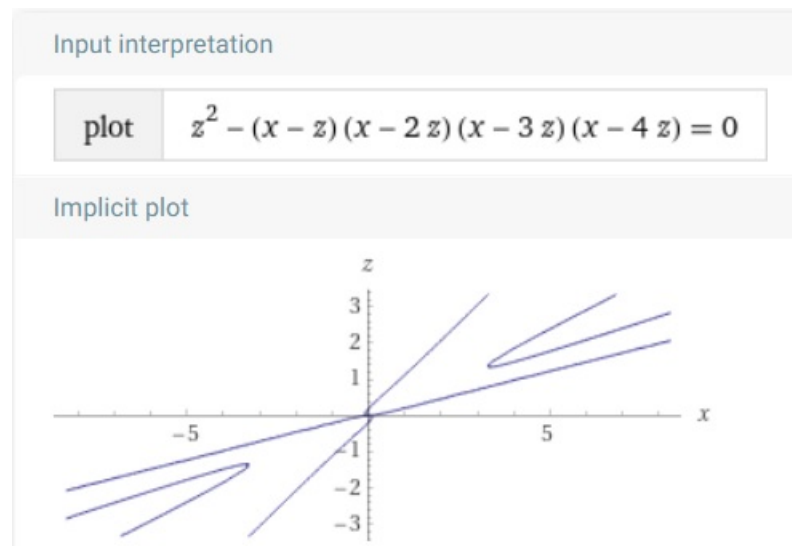
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$$\tilde{f} = \tilde{y}^2 - (\tilde{x} - \tilde{y})(\tilde{x} - 2\tilde{y})(x - 3\tilde{y})(x - 4\tilde{y}), \quad (8)$$

and set $\tilde{X} = \text{Spec } \tilde{A}$. We can visualize the \mathbb{R} -valued points of \tilde{X} in the picture below



The closed points of $\tilde{X}(\mathbb{R})$ have the form $\tilde{\mathfrak{m}}_{\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}} = \langle \tilde{x} - \tilde{a}, \tilde{y} - \tilde{b} \rangle$ where $(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $\tilde{f}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) = 0$. We have a ring isomorphism $\tilde{\varphi}: \tilde{A}_{\tilde{y}} \rightarrow A_y$ given by $\tilde{\varphi}(\tilde{x}) = x/y$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(\tilde{y}) = 1/y$, with inverse $\varphi: A_y \rightarrow \tilde{A}_{\tilde{y}}$ given by $\varphi(x) = \tilde{x}/\tilde{y}$ and $\varphi(y) = 1/\tilde{y}$. Notice that

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where we set $a = \tilde{a}/\tilde{b}$ and $b = 1/\tilde{b}$. It follows that ${}^a\tilde{\varphi}(\mathfrak{m}_{a,b}) = \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}_{\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}}$. Now observe that

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3 A Blowup Algebra

Let $R = \mathbb{K}[x, y]/\langle y^2 - x^3 - x^2 \rangle$, let $Q = \langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle$ (we drop the overlines from \bar{x} and \bar{y} in just write x and y in order to simplify notation in what follows), and equip R with the Q -filtration making $R = (Q^n)$ into a filtered ring.

Let $\varphi: R[u, v] \rightarrow \text{bl}(R)$ be the unique surjective R -algebra homomorphism such that $\varphi(u) = xt$ and $\varphi(v) = yt$. The kernel of φ is an ideal of $R[u, v]$ which is homogeneous in the variables u, v :

$$\ker \varphi = \langle v^2 - (x+1)u^2, xv - yu \rangle.$$

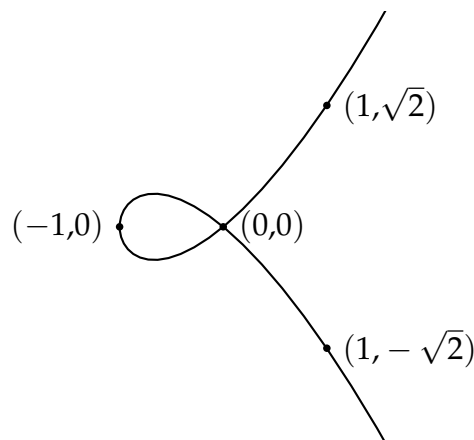
Thus we see that $\text{bl}(R) \cong \mathbb{k}[x, y, u, v]/\mathfrak{a}$ where

$$\mathfrak{a} = \langle v^2 - (x+1)u^2, xv - yu, y^2 - x^3 - x^2 \rangle.$$

In particular, $\text{bl}(R)$ corresponds to an algebraic subset $Z \subseteq \mathbb{A}_{x,y}^2 \times \mathbb{P}_{u,v}^1$. Let $A = R[v]/\langle v^2 - (x+1), xv - y \rangle$, so A corresponds to the affine open $U = Z \cap (\mathbb{A}^2 \times D(u))$. We can localize further by setting $B = A_x = R[v]/\langle v - y/x \rangle$, so B corresponds to the affine open $V = Z \cap (D(x) \times D(u))$. We have a canonical ring homomorphism $\iota: R \rightarrow A$ where ι is the inclusion map. Let us try to understand this homomorphism from a geometric point of view. Let $X = V_{\mathbb{k}}(y^2 - x^3 - x^2)$ be affine algebraic subset of $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^2$ defined by the equation $y^2 = x^3 + x^2$. The closed points of $\text{Spec } R$ are in one-to-one correspondence with the points of V : they are all of the form

$$\mathfrak{p}_{(a,b)} = \langle x - a, y - b \rangle$$

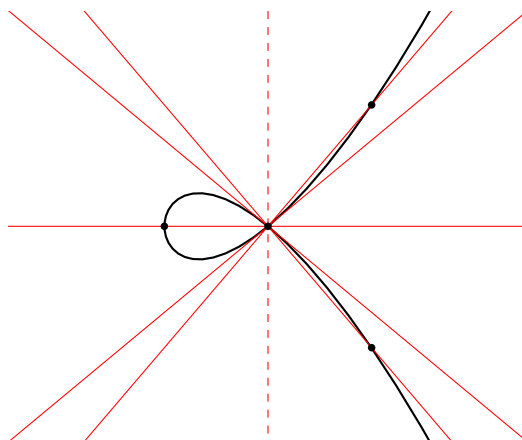
where $(a, b) \in X$, that is, where $a, b \in \mathbb{k}$ such that $b^2 = a^3 + a^2$. If $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{R}$, we can visualize the closed points of $\text{Spec } R$ as below:



Note that $\text{Spec } R$ also has a generic point η corresponding to the zero ideal of R . The closed points of $\text{Spec } A$ correspond to the points of the affine open set U : they have the form

$$\mathfrak{p}_{(a,b),[1:t]} = \langle x - a, y - b, v - t \rangle$$

where $a, b, t \in \mathbb{k}$ such that $b^2 = a^3 + a^2$, $at = b$, and $t^2 = a + 1$. Note that if $a \neq 0$, then we automatically get $t^2 = a + 1$. If $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{R}$, we can visualize the points of $\text{Spec } A$ as below:



In particular, for $a \neq 0$, the prime $\mathfrak{p}_{(a,b),[1:t]}$ corresponds to the point $(a, b) \in X$ together with the unique line $y = tx$ that passes through that point and the origin, where t represents the slope of that line. There are two points lying over the origin: namely $\mathfrak{p}_{(0,0),[1:1]}$ and $\mathfrak{p}_{(0,0),[1:-1]}$, corresponding to the origin $(0,0) \in V$ together with the lines $y = x$ and $y = -x$ respectively. The map $\iota: R \rightarrow A$ induces a continuous map ${}^a\iota: \text{Spec } A \rightarrow \text{Spec } R$ given by

$${}^a\iota(\mathfrak{p}_{(a,b),[1:t]}) = \mathfrak{p}_{(a,b)}.$$

This corresponds to the projection map $\pi: U \rightarrow X$ given by

$$\pi(a, b, t) = (a, b).$$

Notice that in the image above there are “missing” points. For instance, we drew a vertical dashed line in the image above; it should correspond to the line $x = 0$, but it has nowhere to go under this projection. In fact, this missing line corresponds to the extra point in $\text{Proj}(\text{bl}(R))$ which doesn’t belong to A .

Definition 3.1. A **hyperelliptic curve** is an algebraic curve of genus $g > 1$, given by an equation of the form

$$y^2 + h(x)y = f(x),$$

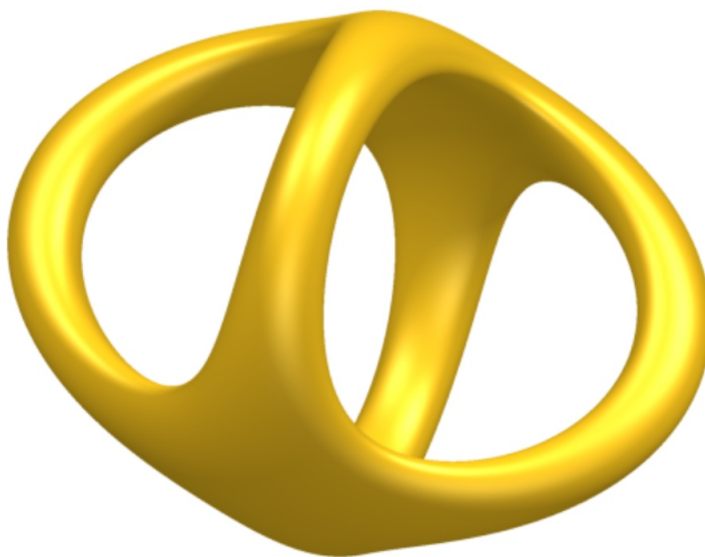
where f is a polynomial of degree $n = 2g + 1 > 4$ or $n = 2g + 2 > 4$ with n distinct roots and $h(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $< g + 2$ (if the characteristic of the ground field is not 2, one can take $h(x) = 0$).

4 A Surface

Let $a \in \mathbb{k}$ and let $S_t = V_{\mathbb{k}}(f_t) \subseteq \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^3$ where

$$f_t = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1)^2 + (x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 1)^2 - t = g_1^2 + g_2^2 - t = \|g\|^2 - t$$

where $g = (g_1, g_2)$, where $g_1 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1$ and $g_2 = x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 1$. When $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{R}$ and $t = 0.1$, we can picture $S_{0.1}$ as below:



The Jacobian matrix of f_t is given by

$$J_{f_t} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x f_t \\ \partial_y f_t \\ \partial_z f_t \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 g_1 \\ x_2 (g_1 + g_2) \\ x_3 g_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We write $\Delta_t = V(J_{f_t}) = \{a \in \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^3 \mid J_{f_t}(a) = 0\}$. Given $a \in \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^3$, we have $a \in \Delta_t$ if and only if $a = \mathbf{0}$ or $a \in V_{\mathbb{k}}(g_1, g_2)$ (meaning $g_1(a) = g_2(a) = 0$). In particular, if $t \neq 0, 2$, then S_t has no singular points since $S_t \cap \Delta_t = \emptyset$ in this case. If $t = 2$, then $\mathbf{0}$ is a singular point since $\mathbf{0} \in S_2 \cap \Delta_2$. If $t = 0$, then S_0 has lots of singular points. For instance, $\{(\pm 1, 0, \pm 1), (\pm 1, 0, \mp 1)\}$ are all singular points.

We can describe S_t as being the fibre at $t \in \mathbb{k}$ with respect to the morphism of affine \mathbb{k} -schemes $\pi: S \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}, \tau}^1$ (here we are indicating that the coordinate ring of $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}, \tau}^1$ is given by $\mathbb{k}[\tau]$) where $S = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{k}[x_1, x_2, x_3, \tau]/f_\tau)$ and where π corresponds to the morphism of \mathbb{k} -algebras $\iota: \mathbb{k}[\tau] \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[x_1, x_2, x_3, \tau]/f_\tau$ (which is just inclusion map). In particular, let $\varepsilon_t: \text{Spec } \mathbb{k} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}, \tau}^1$ be the morphism of affine \mathbb{k} -schemes which corresponds to the \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism $\mathbb{k}[\tau] \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[\tau]/\langle \tau - t \rangle \simeq \mathbb{k}$ which sends τ to $t \in \mathbb{k}$. Then S_t is the pullback of $\pi: S \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}, \tau}^1$ with respect to $\varepsilon_t: \text{Spec } \mathbb{k} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}, \tau}^1$. In particular, the corresponding \mathbb{k} -algebra of S_t is given by

$$\mathbb{k}[x_1, x_2, x_3]/f_t \simeq (\mathbb{k}[x_1, x_2, x_3, \tau]/f_\tau) \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} \mathbb{k}[\tau]/\langle \tau - t \rangle.$$

Note that the morphism of affine \mathbb{k} -schemes $\pi: S \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}, \tau}^1$ is flat since the inclusion map of \mathbb{k} -algebras $\iota: \mathbb{k}[\tau] \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[x_1, x_2, x_3, \tau]/f_\tau$ is flat.

5 An Elliptic Curve

We study the elliptic curve E defined by the equation $y^2 = x^3 - 51$. One calculates its discriminant to be $\Delta = 2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 51^2$.

6 Degeneration to a Monomial Ideal

Let \mathbb{k} be a field, let $R = \mathbb{k}[x, y]$, let $R' = \mathbb{k}[x', y']$, and let $S = \mathbb{k}[x, y, x', y']/J$ where

$$J = \langle x \rangle \langle x - x', y - y' \rangle = \langle x^2 - xx', xy - xy' \rangle.$$

We also set $X = \operatorname{Spec} R$, $X' = \operatorname{Spec} R'$, and $Y = \operatorname{Spec} S$. Thus we have two morphisms of \mathbb{k} -schemes $Y \rightarrow X$ and $Y \rightarrow X'$ which correspond to the \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphisms $R \rightarrow S$ and $R' \rightarrow S$ respectively. For each $p = (a, b) \in \mathbb{k}^2$, we set $\mathfrak{m}_p = \langle x - a, y - b \rangle$, and similarly for each $p' = (a', b') \in \mathbb{k}^2$, we set $\mathfrak{m}'_{p'} = \langle x' - a', y' - b' \rangle$. Let Y_p denote the fiber of Y over p and let $Y'_{p'}$ denote the fiber of Y over p' . Then $Y_p \simeq \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^0$ whereas

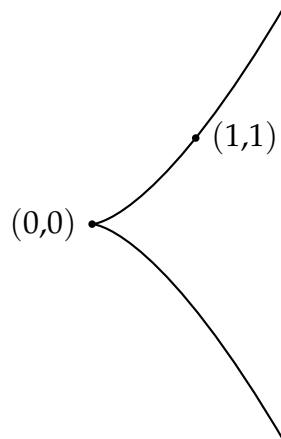
$$Y'_{p'} \simeq \begin{cases} \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^1 \sqcup \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^0 & \text{if } p' \neq 0 \\ \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{k}[x, y]/\langle x^2, xy \rangle) & \text{if } p' = 0. \end{cases}$$

7 Cuspidal Cubic

Example 7.1. Let \mathbb{k} be a field and let $S = \mathbb{k}[x, y]/f$ where $f = y^2 - x^3$. Then we have

$$\Omega_{S/\mathbb{k}} = \frac{Sdx \oplus Sdy}{-3x^2dx + 2ydy}.$$

In order to better understand what kind of object $\Omega_{S/\mathbb{k}}$ is, we digress a bit and explain how one should think S in terms of geometry. Let $X = \operatorname{Spec} S$. For each $p = (a, b)$ in \mathbb{k}^2 such that $b^2 = a^3$, we have a maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m}_p = \langle x - a, y - b \rangle$ of S (or alternatively we can consider \mathfrak{m}_p as a closed point of X) and we set $\mathbb{k}_p := S/\mathfrak{m}_p \simeq \mathbb{k}$ to be the corresponding residue field (which is just \mathbb{k} but equipped with an S -module action coming from p). If \mathbb{k} is algebraically closed, then these are all of the maximal ideals of S , however if \mathbb{k} is not algebraically closed, then there will be more maximal ideals than just this. For instance, suppose $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{R}$. Then the set of all such closed points forms the curve below:



However X contains more closed points than just this (alternatively S contains more maximal ideals than just this). Indeed, for each $p = (a, b)$ in \mathbb{C}^2 such that $b^2 = a^3$, one gets an \mathbb{R} -algebra homomorphism $e_p: S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by $x \mapsto a$ and $y \mapsto b$. We call e_p a **\mathbb{C} -valued point** of S (or a \mathbb{C} -valued point of X). For any such \mathbb{C} -valued point, we set $\mathfrak{m}_p := \ker e_p$. Then all maximal ideals of S are obtained this way (i.e. as the kernel of a \mathbb{C} -valued point). Furthermore, for two such points p, p' , we have $\mathfrak{m}_p = \mathfrak{m}_{p'}$ if and only if $e_{\sigma p} = e_{p'}$ for some $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$, where $\sigma p = \sigma(a, b) = (\sigma a, \sigma b)$. This holds more generally in the case where $\mathbb{k} \neq \mathbb{R}$. Indeed, choose an algebraic closure $\bar{\mathbb{k}}$ of \mathbb{k} . Then we have natural bijections:

$$\{\text{maximal ideals of } S\} \simeq \{\text{closed points of } X\} \simeq \{\bar{\mathbb{k}}\text{-valued points of } X\}/\sim,$$

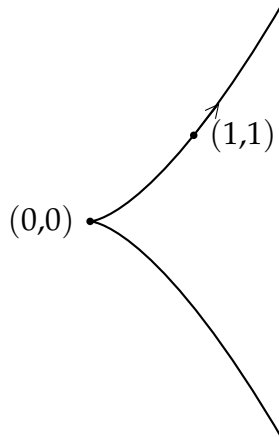
where $p \sim p'$ if $p = \sigma p'$ for some $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{k}}/\mathbb{k})$. With this in mind, recall that for each closed point p of X , we have

$$\text{Hom}_S(\Omega_{S/\mathbb{k}}, \mathbb{k}_p) = \{\text{point derivations } \partial: S \rightarrow \mathbb{k}_p\}.$$

Thus we can think of $\text{Hom}_S(\Omega_{S/\mathbb{k}}, \mathbb{k}_p)$ as the set of all tangent vectors at p . For instance, the point derivations at the origin $\mathbf{0} = (0,0)$ correspond to all vectors $v = (v_x, v_y) \in \mathbb{k}^2$ since $v_x \tilde{\partial}_x|_0 + v_y \tilde{\partial}_y|_0$ vanishes on $2ydy - 3x^2dx$. On the other hand, the point derivations at the point $p = (1,1)$ correspond to all vector $v \in \mathbb{k}^2$ such that $-3v_x + 2v_y = 0$ since

$$(v_x \tilde{\partial}_x|_p + v_y \tilde{\partial}_y|_p)(2ydy - 3x^2dx) = -3v_x + 2v_y = 0.$$

For instance, the point derivation $(1/3)\tilde{\partial}_x|_p + (1/2)\tilde{\partial}_y|_p$ can be visualized on the curve as the tangent vector centered at $(1,1)$ as below:



8 Parametrizing Field Extensions

Let \mathbb{k} be a field and fix an algebraic closure $\bar{\mathbb{k}}$ of \mathbb{k} . Let

$$A = \mathbb{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n] / \langle y_1 - e_1, \dots, y_n - e_n \rangle = \mathbb{k}[x, y] / \langle y - e \rangle,$$

where e_i is the i th elementary symmetric polynomial:

$$e_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0 \\ \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_i \leq n} x_{j_1} \cdots x_{j_i} & \text{if } k \leq n \\ 0 & \text{if } k > n \end{cases}$$

We view A as a $\mathbb{k}[y]$ -algebra via the \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism $\mathbb{k}[y] \rightarrow A$ which sends y_i to \bar{y}_i . Similarly, we view $\mathbb{k}[x]$ as an A -algebra via the \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism $A \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[x]$ which sends \bar{y}_i to e_i . Thus we have \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism $\varphi: \mathbb{k}[y] \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[x]$ which sends y_i to e_i . Geometrically speaking, the \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism φ corresponds to the morphism of affine \mathbb{k} -schemes $e: \mathbb{A}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$, where $\mathbb{A}^n := \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^n$, which sends a $\bar{\mathbb{k}}$ -valued point $r = (r_1, \dots, r_n) \in \mathbb{A}^n(\bar{\mathbb{k}})$ to the $\bar{\mathbb{k}}$ -valued point $e(r) = (e_1(r), \dots, e_n(r)) \in \mathbb{A}^n(\bar{\mathbb{k}})$. Then the \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism $\mathbb{k}[x, y] \twoheadrightarrow A \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[x]$ corresponds to the graph of e :

$$\Gamma_e: \mathbb{A}^n \xrightarrow{\sim} X := \text{Spec } A \subset \text{Spec } (\mathbb{k}[x, y]) \simeq \mathbb{A}^n \times_{\mathbb{k}} \mathbb{A}^n,$$

which is given on $\bar{\mathbb{k}}$ -valued points $r \in \mathbb{A}^n(\bar{\mathbb{k}})$ by $r \mapsto (r, e(r))$. Finally the \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism $\mathbb{k}[y] \rightarrow A$ corresponds to a projection map $X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$ which is given on $\bar{\mathbb{k}}$ -valued points $(r, c) \in X(\bar{\mathbb{k}})$ by $(r, c) \mapsto c$. Note that since the e_i are algebraically independent, φ induces an isomorphism of \mathbb{k} -algebras of $\mathbb{k}[y]$ onto its image $\mathbb{k}[e] = \mathbb{k}[e_1, \dots, e_n]$. Thus we may identify $\varphi: \mathbb{k}[y] \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[x]$ with $\mathbb{k}[e] \subseteq \mathbb{k}[x]$.

Now for each $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \mathbb{A}^n(\bar{\mathbb{k}})$, let $e_c: \mathbb{k}[y] \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{k}(c) \subseteq \bar{\mathbb{k}}$ be the \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism given by $e_c(y_i) = c_i$, let $\mathfrak{m}_c = \ker e_c$, and let π_c be the monic polynomial in $\mathbb{k}(c)[t]$ given by

$$\pi_c := t^n + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i c_i t^{n-i} = t^n + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i e_i(r) t^{n-i} = \prod_{i=1}^n (t - r_i),$$

where $r_i = r_{c,i}$ is the i th root of π_c in $\bar{\mathbb{k}}$ (for each c we arbitrarily fix an ordering $\mathbf{r}_c = \mathbf{r} = r_1, \dots, r_n$ of the roots of π_c , for instance, if $\bar{\mathbb{k}} = \mathbb{C}$, then we can order them likeso: given $z = re^{i\theta}$ and $z' = r'e^{i\theta'}$ are two nonzero complex numbers expressed in polarized form with $r, r' > 0$ and $\theta, \theta' \in [0, 2\pi)$, then we say $z \geq z'$ if either $r > r'$ or $|r| = |r'|$ and $\theta > \theta'$, and we extend this by setting $z \geq 0$). Let $G_c = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{k}(\mathbf{r}_c, c)/\mathbb{k}(c))$ and finally let

$$A_c = A \otimes_{\mathbb{k}[\mathbf{y}]} \mathbb{k}(c) \simeq \mathbb{k}[\mathbf{x}]/\langle c - e \rangle$$

be the fiber of A over \mathfrak{m}_c .

Proposition 8.1. *With the notation as above, we have a bijection*

$$G_c \backslash S_n \cong |\text{Spec } A_c|.$$

Proof. Then B_c is finite as a \mathbb{k} -vector space. Indeed, let $\varphi: B_c \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{k}}$ be a \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism. Then φ is completely determined by what it does to $\bar{\mathbf{y}}$, say $\bar{\mathbf{y}} \mapsto \gamma$ where $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n) \in \bar{\mathbb{k}}$. Note that in $\mathbb{k}[\mathbf{y}, t]$ we have the polynomial identity:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (t - y_i) = t^n + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i e_i t^{n-i}.$$

In particular, since $\bar{e} = c$ in B_c , this implies

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (t - \gamma_i) = t^n + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i c_i t^{n-i} = \pi_c,$$

which implies $\gamma = \rho \mathbf{r} = (r_{\rho(1)}, \dots, r_{\rho(n)})$ for some permutation $\rho \in S_n$. Without loss of generality, assume $\varphi(\bar{\mathbf{y}}) = \mathbf{r}$. Then every \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism $B_c \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{k}}$ must have the form $\varphi\rho$ where ρ is a permutation of $\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_n$. In particular, there are only finitely many \mathbb{k} -algebras $B_c \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{k}}$, and each of them surjects onto L_c . The maximal ideals of B_c are precisely of the form $\ker(\varphi\rho)$. Furthermore, we have $\ker(\varphi\rho) = \ker(\varphi\rho')$ if and only if $\rho' = \sigma\rho$ where $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(L_c/\mathbb{k})$ is viewed as the permutation of $\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_n$ which corresponds to how σ permutes the roots r_1, \dots, r_n . Thus the fiber over \mathfrak{m}_c is bijection with the quotient

$$\text{Gal}(L(c)/\mathbb{k}) \backslash S_n.$$

Now we projectivize everything. Let $\tilde{A} = A[z]$ and let

$$\tilde{B} = A[\mathbf{y}, z]/\langle x_1 - e_1, zx_2 - e_2, \dots, z^{n-1}x_n - e_n \rangle.$$

Let $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n): \mathbb{A}_{\bar{\mathbb{k}}}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_{\bar{\mathbb{k}}}^n$ be the morphism given by $f_i(\mathbf{r}) = e_i(\mathbf{r})$ for all $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, \dots, r_n) \in \bar{\mathbb{k}}^n$. For each $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \bar{\mathbb{k}}$, let π_c be the monic polynomial in $\bar{\mathbb{k}}[t]$ given by

$$\pi_c = t^n + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i c_i t^{n-i} = \prod_{i=1}^n (t - r_i)$$

where $r_i = r_{i,c}$ is the i th root of π_c in $\bar{\mathbb{k}}$ (for each c we arbitrarily fix an ordering $\mathbf{r}_c = \mathbf{r} = (r_1, \dots, r_n)$ of the roots of π_c). In particular f is an isomorphism.

Also let $L(c) = \mathbb{k}(\mathbf{r})$ be the splitting field of π_c over \mathbb{k} contained in $\bar{\mathbb{k}}$. Note that if $c' = (c'_1, \dots, c'_n) \in \bar{\mathbb{k}}^n$ with $c \neq c'$, then we may have $L(c) = L(c')$ even though $\pi_c \neq \pi_{c'}$ and $\mathbf{r}_c \neq \mathbf{r}_{c'}$. there exists a unique $\mathbf{r} \in \text{map}$ is onto. Indeed, note that in $\mathbb{k}[x, t]$ we have the polynomial identity:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (t - x_i) = t^n + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i e_i t^{n-i}.$$

Now given any closed point $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \bar{\mathbb{k}}$, form the monic polynomial in $\bar{\mathbb{k}}[t]$:

$$\pi_c = t^n + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i c_i t^{n-i}.$$

Then Then in $\bar{\mathbb{k}}[t]$ $\pi_c = t^n + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i c_i t^{n-i} = \prod_{i=1}^n (t - r_i)$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (t - y_i) = t^n + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i e_i t^{n-i}.$$

Algebraically speaking, the morphism f corresponds to the \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism $\varphi: \overline{\mathbb{k}}[x] \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{k}}[y]$ given by $\varphi(x_i) = e_i$. Note that $\ker \varphi = 0$ since the e_i are algebraically independent, thus $f(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^n)$

$$\overline{f(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^n)} = \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^n$$

. is a we may also identify φ with the inclusion map

Alternatively, We factor f as

$$\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^n \xrightarrow{\Gamma_f} \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^n \times \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^n \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^n,$$

where the first morphism Γ_f , called the graph of f , takes r to $(r, f(r))$ and where the second morphism π_2 is the projection map onto the second coordinate, that is, it takes (r, c) to c . Algebraically speaking, the morphism Γ_f corresponds to the \mathbb{k} -algebra homomorphism

$$\mathbb{k}[x] \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} \mathbb{k}[y] = \mathbb{k}[x, y] \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[x]$$

□

9 Gluing

Consider the affine scheme

$$Z := \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{k}[s, t, u] / \langle u^3 - st \rangle \cong \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{k}[x^3, y^3, xy].$$

We can think of Z as the quotient of $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^2$ by the group of third roots of unity with an isolated singularity at the origin. We resolve this singularity as follows: for $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ let $U_i = \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{k}[u_i, v_i] \simeq \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^2$. We glue the U_i together via

$$\begin{array}{lll} u_2 = u_1^{-1} & u_3 = v_1^2 u_1 & u_3 = u_2^3 v_2^2 \\ v_2 = u_1^2 v_1 & v_3 = v_1^{-1} & v_3 = u_2^{-2} v_2^{-1}. \end{array}$$

More precisely, we have the following gluing datum:

$$\begin{aligned} U_2 \supset D(u_2) &:= U_{2,1} \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\varphi_{1,2}} U_{1,2} := D(u_1) \subset U_1 \\ U_3 \supset D(v_3) &:= U_{3,1} \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\varphi_{1,3}} U_{1,3} := D(v_1) \subset U_1 \\ U_2 \supset D(u_2 v_2) &:= U_{3,2} \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\varphi_{2,3}} U_{2,3} := D(u_3 v_3) \subset U_3 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{array}{lll} \varphi_{1,2}(u_2) = u_1^{-1} & \varphi_{1,3}(u_3) = v_1^2 u_1 & \varphi_{2,3}(u_3) = u_2^3 v_2^2 \\ \varphi_{1,2}(v_2) = u_1^2 v_1 & \varphi_{1,3}(v_3) = v_1^{-1} & \varphi_{2,3}(v_3) = u_2^{-2} v_2^{-1}. \end{array}$$

One checks that the $\varphi_{i,j}$ satisfy the cocycle equation. For instance,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{1,2} \varphi_{2,3}(u_3) &= \varphi_{1,2}(u_2^3 v_2^2) \\ &= u_1^{-3} (u_1^2 v_1)^2 \\ &= u_1 v_1^2 \\ &= \varphi_{1,3}(u_3). \end{aligned}$$

Let \tilde{Z} denote the scheme obtained by this gluing datum. Next, let

$$Z := \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{k}[s, t, u] / \langle u^3 - st \rangle \cong \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{k}[x^3, y^3, xy].$$

We can think of Z as the quotient of $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^2$ by the group of third roots of unity. We have maps

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 &\rightarrow Z, & (u_1, v_1) &\mapsto (u_1 v_1^2, u_1^2 v_1, u_1 v_1) \\ U_2 &\rightarrow Z, & (u_2, v_2) &\mapsto (u_2^3 v_2^2, v_2, u_2 v_2) \\ U_3 &\rightarrow Z, & (u_3, v_3) &\mapsto (u_3, u_3^2 v_3^2, u_3 v_3), \end{aligned}$$

which glue to a morphism $\pi: \tilde{Z} \rightarrow Z$. One checks that the restriction $\pi^{-1}(Z \setminus \{0\}) \rightarrow Z \setminus \{0\}$ is an isomorphism. The closed subscheme $\pi^{-1}(\{0\})$ (with the reduced scheme structure) can be identified with the union (inside a $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{k}}^2$) of two projective lines intersecting in a single point.

10 Example

Let $A = \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3] / \langle f_1, f_2, f_3 \rangle = \mathbb{k}[\mathbf{x}] / \mathbf{f}$ where

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= x_0^2 \\ f_2 &= x_0 x_1 \\ f_3 &= x_0 x_2^d - x_1 x_3^d \end{aligned}$$

and let $X = \text{Proj } A \subseteq \mathbb{P}^3$.

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