

# Using Algebraic Geometry in F-Theory

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- Type-IIB String Theory: ~~all classical Lie Groups~~
- F-Theory: all classical Lie Groups as Gauge Group possible

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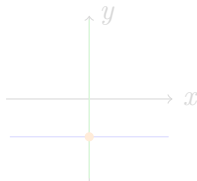
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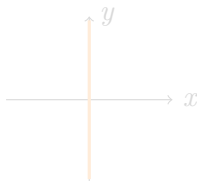
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## ■ Zero-set of polynomials

■  $V := \mathbf{V}(I) \equiv \mathbf{V}(x, y+1) := \{p \in \mathbb{R}^2 : f(p) = 0 \forall p \in I\}$



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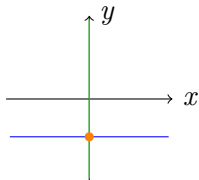
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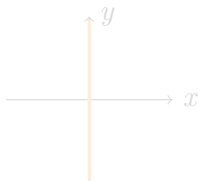
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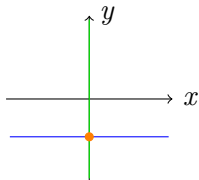
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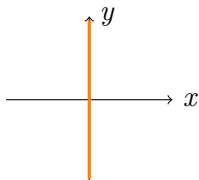
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$$V \cap W = \mathbf{V}(f_1, \dots, f_s, g_1, \dots, g_t),$$
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## Theorem

*$k$  algebraically closed. Then:*

$$\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{V}(I)) = \sqrt{I}.$$



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for  $k$  algebraically closed

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radical ideals		varieties
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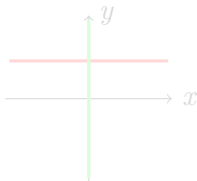
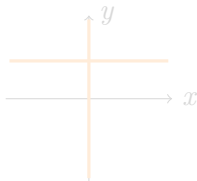
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- minimal decomposition:  $V_i \not\subset V_j$  for  $i \neq j$
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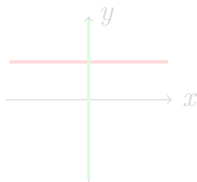
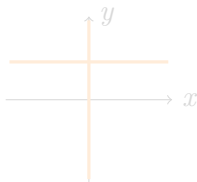
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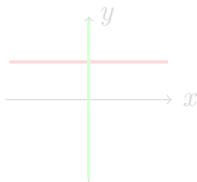
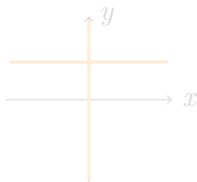
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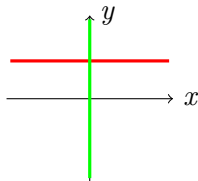
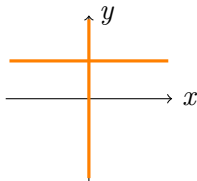
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A variety  $V \subset k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is irreducible if whenever  $V$  is written in the form  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  ( $V_1, V_2$  varieties), then either  $V_1 = V$  or  $V_2 = V$ .

- minimal decomposition:  $V_i \not\subset V_j$  for  $i \neq j$
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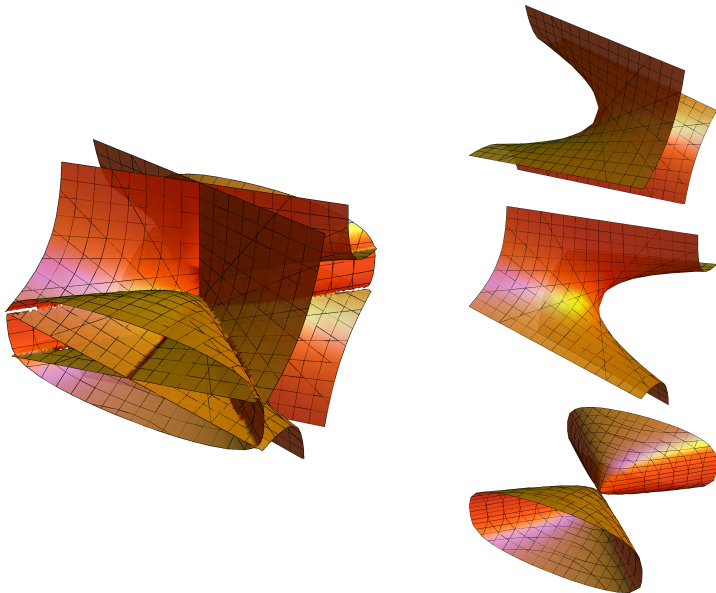
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prime ideal

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## Definition (for irreducible varieties)

*If local dimension in  $p = \text{global dimension}$ , then  $p$  is regular.*

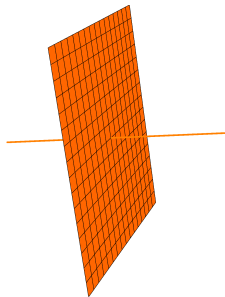
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# Singular Locus: Example

- Defining equations:  
 $\mathbf{V}(x) \cup \mathbf{V}(y, z) = \mathbf{V}(xy, xz)$
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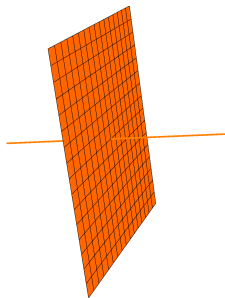
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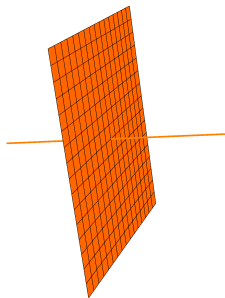
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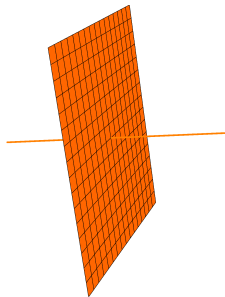
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$$0 = d_0 c_2^2 + b_0^2 c_1 - b_0 b_1 c_2$$

$$0 = d_1 b_0 c_2 - b_0^2 b_2 - c_2^2 d_2$$

$$0 = d_0 b_2 c_1 - b_0 b_2^2 - c_1^2 d_2$$

$$0 = d_1 c_1^2 - b_1 b_2 c_1 + b_2^2 c_2$$

$$0 = d_0 c_1^3 c_2^2 + b_0^2 c_1^4 - b_0 b_1 c_1^3 c_2 + c_2^3 (b_1 b_2 c_1 - b_2^2 c_2 - c_1^2 d_1)$$

$$0 = d_2 c_1^4 c_2^2 + (b_0 c_1^2 + c_2 (-b_1 c_1 + b_2 c_2)) \times \\ \times (b_0 b_2 c_1^2 + c_2 (-b_1 b_2 c_1 + b_2^2 c_2 + c_1^2 d_1))$$

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```
singular.lib('primdec.lib');
singular.lib('sing.lib');
R = singular.ring(0, '(b0,b1,b2,c1,c2,d0,d1,d2)', '
dp');
l1 = singular.ideal('d0*c2^2+b0^2*c1-b0*b1*c2','d1*
b0*c2-b0^2*b2-c2^2*d2').std();
l2 = singular.ideal('d0*b2*c1-b0*b2^2-c1^2*d2','d1*
c1^2-b1*b2*c1+b2^2*c2').std();
l3 = singular.ideal('d0*c1^3*c2^2-(-b0^2*c1^4+b0*b1*
c1^3*c2+c2^3*(-b1*b2*c1+b2^2*c2+c1^2*d1))','d2*
c1^4*c2^2+(b0*c1^2+c2*(-b1*c1+b2*c2))*(b0*b2*c1
^2+c2*(-b1*b2*c1+b2^2*c2+c1^2*d1))').std();

# Extract the matter curves
l1pr = l1.minAssGTZ();
l2pr = l2.minAssGTZ();
l3pr = l3.minAssGTZ();
```

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Every pair of the above equations defines two matter curves.

# I1

$CI1 = I1pr[2].std(); \# c2 = 0 = b0$

$CI2 = I1pr[1].std(); \# \text{complicated}$

# I2

$CI3 = I2pr[2].std(); \# b2 = 0 = c1$

$CI4 = I2pr[1].std(); \# \text{complicated}$

# I3

$CI5 = I3pr[2].std(); \# c2 = 0 = c1$

$CI6 = I3pr[1].std(); \# \text{complicated}$



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```
inters1 = (CI1+CI4+CI5).std();
inters2 = (CI2+CI3+CI5).std();
inters3 = (CI2+CI4+CI6).std();
inters4 = (CI1+CI2+CI6).std();
inters5 = (CI3+CI4+CI6).std();
singCI6 = singular.slocus(CI6).std();
inters6 = (CI5+singCI6).std();
inters61 = (CI5+CI6).std();
```

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```
inters1pr[1].std().dim() # -> codim 3  
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- Consider e.g.  $\mathbf{1}^{(1)}\mathbf{1}^{(2)}\bar{\mathbf{1}}^{(6)}$ :  $c_2 = 0 = b_0$  and
$$d_1 = \frac{b_1 b_2 d_0 + b_1 c_1 d_2 \pm \sqrt{b_1^2 - 4c_1 d_0} (b_2 d_0 - c_1 d_2)}{2c_1 d_0}.$$

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- Consider e.g.  $\mathbf{1}^{(1)}\mathbf{1}^{(2)}\bar{\mathbf{1}}^{(6)}$ :  $c_2 = 0 = b_0$  and
$$d_1 = \frac{b_1 b_2 d_0 + b_1 c_1 d_2 \pm \sqrt{b_1^2 - 4c_1 d_0} (b_2 d_0 - c_1 d_2)}{2c_1 d_0}.$$

- Then: 3-fold factorization

$$\begin{aligned} P_{T^2}|_{\mathbf{1}^{(1)}\mathbf{1}^{(2)}\bar{\mathbf{1}}^{(6)}} &= \frac{1}{4c_1 d_0} s_1 \left[ \left( b_1 \pm \sqrt{b_1^2 - 4c_1 d_0} \right) s_0 u + 2c_1 w \right] \\ &\quad \times \left[ \left( b_1 \mp \sqrt{b_1^2 - 4c_1 d_0} \right) d_2 s_0 s_1 u^2 + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Meaning: Torus  $\rightarrow$  three  $\mathbb{P}^1$

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