

Synthetic Algebraic Geometry

Talk II

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Recall: Propositions are certain types! The terms correspond to the proofs, that the proposition holds.

Notation. Let X be a type.

- We write $X \sqcup X'$ for the sum type.
- we have two equivalent ways to think about subtypes of X and we use the following notation to jump between the two

$$(x : X \vdash Ux : \text{Prop}) \longmapsto \{x : X \mid Ux\} \equiv (\sum_{x:X} Ux) \subset X$$

$$(x : X \vdash x \in U : \text{Prop}) \longleftarrow U \subset X$$

- If U is a proposition indexed by terms $x : X$ then we write $\forall x : X, Ux \equiv \prod_{x:X} Ux$
- The propositional truncation of X is some $\eta_X : X \rightarrow \|X\|$ such that ¹

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\forall} & P : \text{Prop} \\ \eta_X \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! & \\ \|X\| & & \end{array}$$

Axiom 1 (Loc). R is a local ring.

Let A denote a finitely presented $(R-)$ algebra, i.e. its merely of the form

$$A = R[X_1, \dots, X_n] / (f_1, \dots, f_m)$$

Definition 0.1. The spectrum is type of R -algebra homomorphisms

$$\text{Spec } A = \text{Hom}_R(A, R)$$

A type is a affine, or , an affine scheme, if it is merely of the form $\text{Spec } A$ for some finitely presenteted algebra.

Lemma 0.2 (The Fundamental Theorem of AG). *Picking a presentation gives an equivalence*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Spec}(R[X_1, \dots, X_n] / (f_1, \dots, f_m)) &\rightarrow \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in R^n \mid f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \ \forall i\} \\ \phi &\mapsto (\phi(X_1), \dots, \phi(X_n)) \end{aligned}$$

¹I emphasize its important that P is a proposition. If P is more generally a set, one has to show, that the map $A \rightarrow P$ actually does not depend on the term $a : A$. This is called Lemma von Kraus

Axiom 2 (Duality). The **duality map**

$$\begin{aligned} A &\rightarrow R^{\text{Spec } A} \\ f &\mapsto (x \mapsto x(f)) \end{aligned}$$

is an R -algebra isomorphism between A and the algebra of R -valued functions on $\text{Spec } A$. We may use this as a coercion, i.e for $f : A, x : \text{Spec } A$ we may write $f(x) \equiv x(f)$.

Lemma 0.3 (Weak field). *For any $x : R$, $x \neq 0$ iff x is invertible. More generally, a vector is non-zero iff one of its entries is non-zero.*

1 Affines have no choice

Recall the type theoretic principle of choice

Proposition 1.1 (Type theoretic principle of choice). *Given a relation R depending on $x : A$ and $y : B$*

$$\left(\prod_{x:A} \{y : B \mid xRy\} \right) \simeq \{f : A \rightarrow B \mid \forall x : A, xR(fx)\}$$

Definition 1.2. A type A has choice, if for any type family B_x over $x : A$ we have

$$(\forall x : A, \|B_x\|) \rightarrow \left\| \prod_{x:A} B_x \right\|$$

Example 1.3. *If A has choice then any surjection $g : B \rightarrow A$ merely has a section $f : A \rightarrow B$. This follows by applying choice to the type family of fibers of g*

$$B_x \equiv \{y : B \mid \underbrace{xRy}_{\equiv gy=x}\}$$

and then use 1.1.

In synthetic algebraic geometry, we don't expect affine schemes to have choice:

Example 1.4. *We want to see that the local ring R does not have choice. For any $x : R$, consider the proposition*

$$(x \neq 0) \vee (1 - x \neq 0) \equiv \|(x \neq 0) \sqcup (x \neq 1)\|$$

this merely holds by 0.3 and (Loc). A section would correspond to a term in

$$p : \prod_{x:R} (x \neq 0) \sqcup (x \neq 1)$$

We want to show that such a term is impossible. Consider the function²

$$\begin{aligned} f : R &\rightarrow R \\ x &\mapsto \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{ if } px \text{ is } \text{isn } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , \text{ if } px \text{ is } \text{isn } x \neq 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

which is an idempotent element in the algebra R^R . By Duality and 0.2 this is an idempotent polynomial $f : R[X]$, which is nonzero, e.g. at 1 by Loc. Moreover $f(0) = 0$ but every idempotent polynomial with this property is zero: We can factor $f = X \cdot g$ and then $f = f^n = X^n g^n$ so all coefficients vanish.

Remark 1. Secretly we have shown in the last example, that R is connected, i.e. every function $R \rightarrow 1 \sqcup 1$ is constant.

²If A, B are types, $p : A \sqcup B$, we write $p \text{ isn } A$ for the decidable proposition $\sum_{a:A} \text{inl}(a) = p$

2 The last axiom

Definition 2.1. for $f : A$, define the *principal open subsets* of $\text{Spec } A$

$$D(f) = \{x : \text{Spec } A \mid \text{isInv}(f(x))\}$$

Lemma 2.2. For $f : A$ we have $D(f) \simeq \text{Spec}(A_f)$

Proof.

$$\text{Spec } A_f = \text{Hom}_R(A_f, R) = \{x : \text{Hom}_R(A, R) \mid \text{isInv}(x(f))\} = D(f)$$

by the universal property of the localization. \square

Axiom 3. for any family B of merely inhabited types over $\text{Spec } A$ we merely find a principal open cover $\text{Spec } A = \bigcup_i D(f_i)$ and local sections $\prod_{x:D(f_i)} Bx$:

$$(\forall x : X, \|Bx\|) \rightarrow \left\| \underbrace{\sum_{n:\mathbb{N}} \sum_{(f_1, \dots, f_n): A^n} \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n D(f_i) = \text{Spec } A \right)}_{\text{principal open cover}} \times \prod_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\prod_{x:D(f_i)} Bx}_{\text{local sections}} \right\|$$

There is this connection of principal open covers to algebra:

Proposition 2.3 (Unimodularity). *Given $f_1, \dots, f_n : A$ we have $(f_1, \dots, f_n) = A$ iff $\bigcup_i D(f_i) = \text{Spec } A$*

We prove this later. Hence the axiom can be restated by just using commutative algebra and not principal open covers.

Lemma 2.4. *If $(f_1, \dots, f_n) = (1)$ then $(f_1^k, \dots, f_n^k) = (1)$ for all $k \geq 1$.*

Proof. Express the goal through 2.3. and then use

$$D(f_i) = \{x : X \mid \underbrace{f_i(x) \neq 0}_{\leftrightarrow f_i(x)^k \neq 0}\} = D(f_i^k)$$

\square

Proposition 2.5 (Rewrite along equivalence). *If $f : A' \simeq A$ and B is a family of propositions over A , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \{a' : A' \mid B(fa')\} &\simeq \{a : A \mid Ba\} \\ (a', x) &\mapsto (fa', x) \end{aligned}$$

Example 2.6. For some A and $g, g' : A$ define

$$g \mid_A g' \equiv \|\{h : A \mid hg =_A g'\}\|$$

Claim: For any $g, g' : A$, we have

$$g \mid_A g' \leftrightarrow \forall x : \text{Spec } A, gx \mid_{Rg'} x$$

Proof. \rightarrow is obvious using that the duality map is an algebra isomorphism.

\leftarrow . For any $x : \text{Spec } A$ we merely find some $h : R$ with $h \cdot g(x) = g'(x)$, i.e. we define our family of inhabited types as

$$Bx = \{h : R \mid h \cdot g(x) = g'(x)\}$$

By zariski local choice we merely find some principal open cover $\text{Spec } A = \bigcup_{i=1}^n D(f_i)$ and local sections

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{x:D(f_i)} \{h_i : R \mid h_i \cdot g(x) = g'(x)\} \\ & \stackrel{1.1}{\simeq} \{h_i : D(f_i) \rightarrow R \mid (h_i x) \cdot g(x) = g'(x)\} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Duality}}{\simeq} \left\{ h_i : A_{f_i} \mid h_i \cdot \frac{g}{1} =_{A_{f_i}} \frac{g'}{1} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We can multiply h_i by high enough powers of f_i to obtain some $h_i : A$ with $h_i \cdot g = g' \cdot f_i^n$ for some $n : \mathbb{N}$. we may assume that n does not depend on $i = 1, \dots, n$ by taking the maximum and multiplying the h_i again with enough powers of f_i . Now use 2.4 to write $1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \ell_i f_i^n$ for some $\ell_i : A$ and then

$$\left(\sum_i \ell_i h_i \right) \cdot g = \sum_i \ell_i f_i^n g' = 1 g' = g'$$

□

3 Topology

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- A subtype $U \subset X$ is open (closed) iff the proposition $x \in U$ is open (closed) for all $x : X$.

Definition 3.2. Let A be an fin pres. algebra.

- For $f_1, \dots, f_n : A$ define the closed subset, the *vanishing locus*

$$V(f_1, \dots, f_n) = \{x : \text{Spec } A \mid \bigwedge_{i=1}^n f_i(x) = 0\} \stackrel{0.2}{=} \text{Spec}(A/(f_1, \dots, f_n))$$

- a subset of $\text{Spec } A$ is called Zariski open iff its merely of the form

$$D(f_1, \dots, f_n) = \{x : \text{Spec } A \mid \bigvee_{i=1}^n f_i(x) \neq 0\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^n D(f_i)$$

Example 3.3. For any open subtype $U \subset Y$ and any map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ the preimage $\{x : X \mid f(x) \in U\}$ is open.

Lemma 3.4. The Open subsets of X contain \emptyset, X (e.g. $D(1) = X$) and are stable under finite unions and intersections (0.3). Furthermore

3.1 Proof of the unimodularity

Lemma 3.5 (Complements of closed sets). *for any f_1, \dots, f_n we have $V(f_1, \dots, f_n)^c = D(f_1, \dots, f_n)$.*

Proof. The vector $(f_1(x), \dots, f_n(x))$ is non-zero if $f_i \neq 0$ for some i by 0.3

□

Unimodularity follows from setting $g = 1$ in

Lemma 3.6. $D(g) \subset \bigcup_i D(f_i)$ iff $g \in \sqrt{(f_1, \dots, f_n)}$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} D(g) \subset D(f_1, \dots, f_n) &\stackrel{3.5}{=} V(f_1, \dots, f_n)^c \\ &\leftrightarrow \emptyset = V(f_1, \dots, f_n) \cap D(g) = \text{Spec}((A/(f_1, \dots, f_n))_g) \quad | \text{nullstellensatz} \\ &\leftrightarrow (A/(f_1, \dots, f_n))_g = 0 \\ &\leftrightarrow g \in \sqrt{(f_1, \dots, f_n)}. \end{aligned}$$

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4 Subsets of affines

We want to equip the set $\text{Spec } A$ with some kind of topology. On one hand, there is the pointwise definition of open. On the other hand, there is also the *Zariski topology* on $\text{Spec } A$, i.e. where the principal opens form a basis of the topology, i.e. the Zariski open subsets. We need the third axioms to show that those two notions of topology coincide.

Lemma 4.1. *The map that evaluates every coefficient*

$$\begin{aligned} A[T] &\rightarrow (\text{Spec } A \rightarrow R[T]) \\ g = \sum_{j=0}^k g_j T^j &\mapsto g^* = \left(x \mapsto \sum_{j=0}^k g_j(x) T^j \right) \end{aligned}$$

is an equivalence.

Proof. Observing $\text{Spec } A[T] \simeq \text{Spec } A \times \text{Spec } R[T]$ (by the universal property of the polynomial ring) gives

$$R^{\text{Spec } A[T]} \simeq R^{\text{Spec } A \times \text{Spec } R[T]} \simeq (\text{Spec } A \rightarrow R^{\text{Spec } R[T]})$$

Conclude by rewriting along duality at $A[T]$ and $R[T]$.

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4.1 Closed subsets

Lemma 4.2. *A proposition is closed iff its merely of the form $g = 0$ for some $g : R[T]$*

Proof. A polynomial is zero iff all its coefficients are zero.

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Lemma 4.3. *We have $V(f_1, \dots, f_n) \subset V(g_1, \dots, g_m)$ iff $(g_1, \dots, g_m) \subset (f_1, \dots, f_n)$.*

Proof. Such an inclusion corresponds to a map $\text{Spec}(A/(f_1, \dots, f_n)) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A/(g_1, \dots, g_m))$ over $\text{Spec } A$. We conclude by fully faithfulness of Spec .

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Example 4.4. Classically, Consider an inclusion of subsets $V(x^2) \subset V(x)$ inside $\text{Spec } R[x]$. Now it does hold $(x) \not\subset (x^2)$. Instead, classically we have an inclusion of subsets of $\text{Spec } A$ $V(I) \subset V(J)$ iff $J \subset \sqrt{I}$. So only if we consider them as closed subschemes we get the condition $J \subset I$. Hence internally the vanishing locus carries more structure than just the underlying set!

Proposition 4.5. Let $C \subset \text{Spec } A$ be closed. Then there exists a unique finitely generated ideal $I \subset A$ such that $C = \text{Spec}(A/I)$

Proof. For any $x : X$ we merely find some $g : R[X]$ such that $x \in C$ iff $g = 0$. By Zariski Local choice we find a principal open cover $\text{Spec } A = \bigcup D(f_i)$ and a term in

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{x:D(f_i)} \{g : R[T] \mid x \in C \leftrightarrow g = 0\} \\ & \stackrel{1.1}{\simeq} \{g : D(f_i) \rightarrow R[T] \mid \forall x : D(f_i), x \in C \leftrightarrow gx = 0\} \\ & \stackrel{4.1}{\simeq} \{g : A_{f_i}[T] \mid \forall x : D(f_i), x \in C \leftrightarrow g^*x = 0\} \\ & \simeq \{g : A_{f_i}[X] \mid \{x : D(f_i) \mid x \in C\} = V((g_j)_j)\} \end{aligned}$$

The finitely generated Ideals $I_i = (g_j)_j \subset A_{f_i}$ satisfy $I_i \cdot A_{f_i f_j} = I_j \cdot A_{f_i f_j}$ because under duality they both determine the functions $D(f_i f_j) \rightarrow R$ that vanish on $C \cap D(f_i f_j)$. By commutative algebra the ideals $I_i \subset A_{f_i}$ glue uniquely to some finitely generated ideal I such that $I \cdot A_{f_i} = I_i$. \square

4.2 Opens subsets

Lemma 4.6. Let $U \subset \text{Spec } A$. U is Zariski-open iff there merely exists some $g : A[T]$ such that $x \in U \leftrightarrow g^*x \neq 0$ for all $x : \text{Spec } A$.

Proof. For any $x : \text{Spec } A$, the proposition $g_0(x) \neq 0 \vee \dots g_n(x) \neq 0$ is equivalent to $\sum_{i=0}^n g_i(x)T^i \neq 0$ in $R[T]$ by 0.3. \square

Example 4.7. A proposition (a subtype of $\text{Spec } R \simeq 1$) is open iff its merely of the form $g \neq 0$ for some $g : R[T]$.

Theorem 4.8. A subtype $U \subset \text{Spec } A$ is open iff it is Zariski-open.

Proof. The backwards direction is easy: If $U = D(f_1, \dots, f_n)$, then $x \in U$ iff $f_1(x) \neq 0 \vee \dots \vee f_n(x) \neq 0$.

Conversely, let U be an open subtype. For any $x : \text{Spec } A$ $x \in U$ is merely of the form $g \neq 0$ for some $g : R[T]$. By Zariski-Local choice we find a principal open cover $\text{Spec } A = \bigcup D(f_i)$ and a term in

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{x:D(f_i)} \{g : R[T] \mid x \in U \leftrightarrow g \neq 0\} \\ & \stackrel{1.1}{\simeq} \{g : D(f_i) \rightarrow R[T] \mid \forall x : D(f_i), x \in U \leftrightarrow gx \neq 0\} \\ & \stackrel{4.1}{\simeq} \{g : A_{f_i}[T] \mid \forall x : D(f_i), x \in U \leftrightarrow g^*x \neq 0\} \\ & \simeq \{g : A_{f_i}[T] \mid \{x : D(f_i) \mid x \in U\} = D((g_j)_j)\} \end{aligned}$$

i.e. for all i , $U \cap D(f_i)$ is Zariski open subset of $D(f_i)$. By the next lemma this is enough. \square

Lemma 4.9. Let $f : A$. Every Zariski-open $U \subset D(f)$ of a principal open is Zariski open in $\text{Spec } A$

Proof. Its enough to check that principal opens of principal opens are principal open. For this use that localization of a localization is a localization. \square

5 Line bundles

Definition 5.1. • An n -dimensional (R -)vectorspace is an R -module V such that its merely equal to R^n

$$\mathbf{RVect}_n \equiv \sum_{V:\mathbf{RMod}} \|V =_{\mathbf{RMod}} R^n\|$$

- Let $X = \text{Spec } A$. The type of rank n vectorbundle on X is

$$X \rightarrow \mathbf{RVect}_n$$

- Let $\mathcal{L} : X \rightarrow \mathbf{RVect}_n$ be a vectorbundle. The type of global section of \mathcal{L} is

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}) \equiv \prod_{x:X} \mathcal{L}_x$$

which becomes an A -module by setting

$$(a \cdot s)_x \equiv a(x) \cdot s_x$$

Example 5.2. *The trivial rank n vector bundle is*

$$\mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus n} \equiv (x : X \mapsto (R^n : \mathbf{RVect}_n))$$

Lemma 5.3 (using Zariski Local Choice). *Every vectorbundle $\mathcal{L} : X \rightarrow \mathbf{RVect}_n$ is locally trivial, i.e. there exists an open cover $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$ such that $\mathcal{L}|_{U_i} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{U_i}^{\oplus n}$, i.e.*

$$\prod_{x:U_i} (\mathcal{L}_x \simeq R^n)$$

6 Schemes

Now we are finally able to state the definition of a scheme.

Definition 6.1. A type X is a scheme if there merely exists a finite cover of open subtypes $(U_i)_i$ such that each U_i is affine.