

II PROJECTIVE VARIETIES

1. Projective space and projective varieties

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Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{k}$ (still alg. closed). On $V \setminus \{0\}$ we define a relation $u \sim v \Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{k} \setminus \{0\}$ such that $v = \lambda u$.

This is an equivalence relation. The quotient set $V/\sim$ is denoted by $\mathbb{P}V$ and called the projective space associated to V . Its elements are equivalence classes in V , so lines through the origin.

Dimension of $\mathbb{P}V := \dim V - 1$.

The most common situation is when $V = \mathbb{k}^{n+1}$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. In this case $\dim V = n+1$, so $\dim \mathbb{P}V = n$. Instead of $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{k}^{n+1}$ we write $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{k}}^n$ or more usually $\mathbb{P}^n$. We call $\mathbb{P}^n$ the n -dimensional projective space. Its elements (which are lines through 0) are called projective points.

- $\mathbb{P}^1$ is projective line
- $\mathbb{P}^2$ is projective plane

When we work in $\mathbb{P}^n$, we index coordinates in $\mathbb{k}^{n+1}$ from 0 to n : $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

The equivalence class of the point $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is denoted by $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n)$. In literature there is also notation $[x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n]$ or $[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

So $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n)$ is the line in $\mathbb{k}^{n+1}$ through $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and the origin; $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ are called homogeneous coordinates of the point $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n$. $x_0, \dots, x_n$ are not all zero.

The points $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n)$ and $(y_0 : y_1 : \dots : y_n)$ are equal $\Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{K} \setminus \{0\}$ s.t. $y_i = \lambda x_i \quad \forall i = 0, 1, \dots, n$.

We can embed $\mathbb{A}^n$ into $\mathbb{P}^n$. For each $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$, we define $U_i = \{(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n ; x_i \neq 0\}$.

If $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) = (y_0 : y_1 : \dots : y_n)$, then $y_j = \lambda x_j \quad \forall j = 0, \dots, n$ and $\lambda \neq 0$, so $x_i \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow y_i \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ the sets U_i are well defined.

We define a map: $\mathbb{A}^n \longrightarrow U_i$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \longmapsto (x_1 : \dots : x_i : 1 : x_{i+1} : \dots : x_n).$$

This is a bijection with the inverse

$$U_i \longrightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$$

$$(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) \longmapsto \left(\frac{x_0}{x_i}, \frac{x_1}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_{i-1}}{x_i}, \frac{x_{i+1}}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_i} \right).$$

This map is well defined, because $\frac{\lambda x_i}{\lambda x_i} = \frac{x_i}{x_i}$.

$\Rightarrow$ We can identify $\mathbb{A}^n$ with U_i , (most commonly with U_0) and consider it as a subspace of $\mathbb{P}^n$.

$U_0, U_1, \dots, U_n$ are usually called **affine charts** of $\mathbb{P}^n$.

$\mathbb{P}^n \setminus U_i$ consists of all points $(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n)$ with $x_i = 0$.

But $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n$ are not all zero, so we have

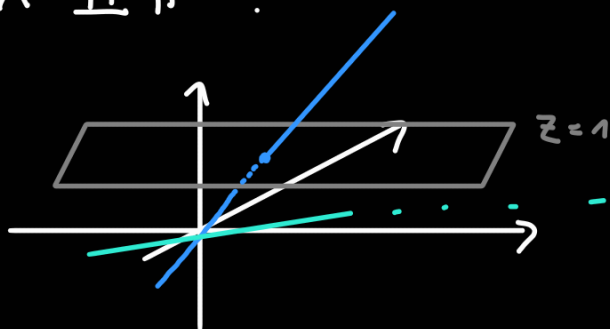
$$\mathbb{P}^n \setminus U_i \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$$

$$(x_0 : \dots : x_{i-1} : 0 : x_{i+1} : \dots : x_n) \longmapsto (x_0 : \dots : x_{i-1} : x_{i+1} : \dots : x_n)$$

This is a bijection. $\swarrow$ disjoint union

We have $\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{A}^n \sqcup \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$.

Example: $\mathbb{P}^2$



Lines in xy -plane are in bijection with points in $\mathbb{P}^1$.

$A^n \perp \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ → This is usually called the **hyperplane at infinity**.

We want to study zero loci of polynomials in $\mathbb{P}^n$.

In $\mathbb{P}^n$ we have homogeneous coordinates:

$$(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) = (\lambda x_0 : \lambda x_1 : \dots : \lambda x_n) \text{ for } \lambda \neq 0$$

so $f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is not well defined. We restrict to homogeneous polynomials.

Definition: A polynomial $f \in k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is **homogeneous of degree d** if

$$f(\lambda x_0, \lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n) = \lambda^d f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

For each $\lambda \in k \setminus \{0\}$.

Since k is infinite, this is equivalent to that all monomials of f are of degree d .

Example: $x_0^2 x_1 + x_2^3 - x_4 x_5 x_6$ is homogeneous of degree 3
 $x_0^3 x_1 + x_2^2$ is not homogeneous
 $\uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $\text{deg } 3 \quad \text{deg } 2$

Definition: Let $S \subseteq k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be a set of homogeneous polynomials. The set

$$V(S) := \{(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 0 \text{ for all } f \in S\}$$

is called the **projective zero locus** of S . A set

$X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ is a **projective variety** if $X = V(S)$ for some set S of homogeneous polynomials.

If $S = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ we write $V(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ instead of $V(\{f_1, \dots, f_m\})$.

Projective zero loci are well defined:

If $F \in S$ is homogeneous of degree d , then

$$F(\lambda x_0, \lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n) = \lambda^d F(x_0, \dots, x_n) \text{ for all } \lambda \in k \setminus \{0\}.$$

so we get $F(\lambda x_0, \dots, \lambda x_n) = 0 \Leftrightarrow F(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 0$.

Remark: $V(S)$ can mean affine zero locus or projective zero locus. When there can be confusion, we will write $V_a(S)$ or $V_p(S)$.

Examples of projective varieties

(1) $\mathbb{P}^n = V(0)$

(2) $\emptyset = V(1)$, but also $\emptyset = V(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

(3) If V is a vector subspace of k^{n+1} , then $\mathbb{P}V$ is a projective variety in $\mathbb{P}^n$, because vector subspaces are defined by homogeneous linear equations. $\mathbb{P}V$ is called the **linear subspace** of $\mathbb{P}^n$.

(4) Each point is a projective variety: If $a = (a_0 : a_1 : \dots : a_n)$, then $V(a_i x_j - a_j x_i \mid 0 \leq i, j \leq n) = \{a\}$. Proof: HW

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We may define varieties also in product of affine and projective spaces. For example, a variety in $A^m \times \mathbb{P}^n$ is a zero locus of a set of polynomials in $k[x_1, \dots, x_m, y_0, \dots, y_n]$ that are homogeneous in the variables $y_0, \dots, y_n$.

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Example: $V(x_0^3 x_1 y_2^2 - x_2^3 y_0 y_1) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$

$A^m \times \mathbb{P}^{n_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{P}^{n_s}$ similarly

2. Connection between affine and projective varieties

Definition: (1) An affine variety $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$ is a **cone** (stožec) if $0 \in X$ and for each $a \in X$ and each $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}$ we have $\lambda a \in X$.

(2) If $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$ is a cone then the **projectivization** of X is defined by

$$\mathbb{P}X := \{ (a_0 : \dots : a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \in X \setminus \{0\} \} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n.$$

(3) If $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ is a projective variety, then the **cone over X** is defined by $\mathcal{C}(X) := \{0\} \cup \{ (a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \mid (a_0 : \dots : a_n) \in X \} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$.

If X is a cone and $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \in X$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}$. Since X is a cone, we have $(\lambda a_0, \lambda a_1, \dots, \lambda a_n) \in X \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}X$ is well-defined.

Proposition: If $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$ is a cone, then $\mathbb{P}X$ is a projective variety.

Proof: X is an affine variety, so $X = V_{\mathbb{A}}(S)$ for some $S \subseteq \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$. We can assume that $S = I_{\mathbb{A}}(X)$. Let $f \in I_{\mathbb{A}}(X)$ is arbitrary. Write $f = \sum_{i=0}^d f_i$, where each f_i is homogeneous of degree i . Take arbitrary $a \in X$ and arbitrary $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}$. Since X is a cone, we have $\lambda a \in X$, so $f(\lambda a) = 0$.

$$0 = f(\lambda a) = \sum_{i=0}^d f_i(\lambda a) = \sum_{i=0}^d \lambda^i f_i(a)$$

This holds for each $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}$, $\mathbb{k}$ infinite $\Rightarrow f_i(a) = 0 \ \forall i$

This holds for each $a \in X$, so $f_i \in I_{\mathbb{A}}(X)$ for each i .

We showed that $I_{\mathbb{A}}(X)$ can be generated by homogeneous

polynomials. Let $I_a(X) = (S')$ where S' is a set of homogeneous polynomials. Then

$$\begin{aligned} PX &= \left\{ (a_0: \dots: a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid (a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \overset{V(S')}{X} \setminus \{0\} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (a_0: \dots: a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid f(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 0 \quad \forall f \in S' \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= V_p(S')$$

$\uparrow$
 S' is a set of homogeneous polynomials

□

We proved two more things:

Corollary: If S is a set of homogeneous polynomials then $IPV_a(S) = V_p(S)$.

Corollary: X cone $\Rightarrow I_a(X)$ generated by hom. polynomials.

Proposition: The cone over a projective variety is a cone.

Proof: If $X \neq \emptyset$, then $C(X) = \{0\}$ which is a cone.

Assume that $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ is a non-empty projective variety. Then $X = V_p(S)$ for some set S of non-constant polynomials. If $f \in S$ is hom. of degree d , then $f(\lambda a) = \lambda^d f(a) \quad \forall \lambda \in k$ and $\forall a \in X \Rightarrow f(0) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} C(X) &= \{0\} \cup \{(a_0, \dots, a_n) \in A^{n+1} \mid (a_0: \dots: a_n) \in X\} \\ &= \{(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^{n+1} \mid f(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0 \quad \forall f \in S\} \\ &= V_a(S) \end{aligned}$$

We know $0 \in C(X)$ and that if $a \in V_a(S)$, $\lambda \in k$, then $f(\lambda a) = \lambda^d f(a) = 0$, so $\lambda a \in V_a(S)$. □

We proved also:

Corollary: If S is a set of homogeneous polynomials then $CV_p(X) = V_a(S)$.

Corollary: The maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{P}X \\ C(X) & \xleftarrow{\quad} & X \end{array}$$

give bijective correspondence between the cones in A^n and projective varieties in $\mathbb{P}^n$.

Proof: Both corollaries tell that $\mathbb{P}X$ is a projective variety if X is a cone and that $C(X)$ is a cone if X is a projective variety. We have to prove bijectivity.

Suppose $X \subseteq A^{n+1}$ is a cone. Then we know from one of the corollaries above that $X = V_a(S)$ for a set of hom. poly. $S \subseteq k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$. By the other two corollaries:
 $C(\mathbb{P}X) = C(\mathbb{P}V_a(S)) = C(V_p(S)) = V_a(S) = X$.

Similarly $\mathbb{P}(C(X)) = X$ if X is a projective variety. $\square$

Corollary: Each projective variety is a zero locus of a finite set of homogeneous polynomials.

Proof: $X = V_p(S)$ for some set S of hom. polynomials. Then $C(X) = V_a(X)$. Let $J = I_a(C(X))$. Then we know that J is finitely generated ($k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ noetherian) $J = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$. We proved before that homogeneous parts lie in J , and they obviously generate J . So we have a finite set S' of hom. polynomials

that generate S .

$$\Rightarrow X = \mathbb{P}(C(X)) = \mathbb{P}(V_a(S)) = \mathbb{P}(V_a(S')) = V_p(S') \quad \square$$

As in the affine case, we can use this corollary to prove:

Lemma: (1) If $\{S_j\}_{j \in J} \subseteq K[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ is a family of sets of homogeneous polynomials, then

$$V_p(\bigcup_{j \in J} S_j) = \bigcap_{j \in J} V_p(S_j).$$

(2) If $f_1, \dots, f_s, g_1, \dots, g_t \in K[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ are homogeneous polynomials, then

$$V_p(f_1, \dots, f_s) \cup V_p(g_1, \dots, g_t) = V_p(f_i g_j; \substack{1 \leq i \leq s \\ 1 \leq j \leq t}).$$

Corollary: (1) $\emptyset$ and $\mathbb{P}^n$ are projective varieties.

(2) The intersection of any family of projective varieties is a projective variety.

(3) The union of finitely many projective varieties is a projective variety.

Projective varieties are therefore exactly the closed sets on some topology on $\mathbb{P}^n$ - **Zariski topology on $\mathbb{P}^n$** .

As in the affine case, the Zariski topology on subsets of $\mathbb{P}^n$ is the relative topology:

Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$. A set $Z \subseteq X$ is Zariski-closed if there exists a proj. var. $Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ s.t. $Z = X \cap Y$. If X is a proj. var., then its closed subsets are exactly the subvarieties.

As in the affine case, we also define distinguished open subsets: $D(f) = \mathbb{P}^n \setminus V_p(f)$ where f is a hom. poly.

In a similar way we can define the Zariski topology in any product $A^n \times \mathbb{P}^{n_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{P}^{n_s}$.

Definition: Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$. X is **reducible** if $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ for some proper closed subsets $X_1, X_2 \subsetneq X$, **irreducible** otherwise.

If X is a proj. var., then X is reducible $\Leftrightarrow X$ is a union of two proper subvarieties.

Theorem: Each proj. var. $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ can be written as $X = X_1 \cup X_2 \cup \dots \cup X_m$ where $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $X_1, \dots, X_m$ are irreducible proj. var. Moreover, if $X_i \subsetneq X_j$ whenever $i \neq j$, then this decomposition is unique up to an order. In this case $X_1, \dots, X_m$ are called **irreducible components** of X .

$$\mathbb{P}^n = A^n \sqcup \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$$

Recall: $U_i = \{(x_0 : \dots : x_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n; x_i \neq 0\} = D(x_i)$

We identified U_i with A^n .

$U_i = D(x_i)$ are open in Zariski topology, moreover, $\{U_0, \dots, U_n\}$ is an open cover of $\mathbb{P}^n$.

$\Rightarrow$ We can consider A^n as an open subset of $\mathbb{P}^n$.

We have 2 Zariski topologies on A^n : one defined by affine varieties and one as a relative topology in $\mathbb{P}^n$.

Are they equal?

We will identify A^n with U_0 .

Definition: Let $f \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ be a homogeneous polynomial.

Dehomogenization of f is the polynomial

$$f^{(d)} := f(1, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n].$$

Dehomogenization is evaluation $x_0=1$, so it is a ring homomorphism, so:

$$(fg)^{(d)} = f^{(d)} \cdot g^{(d)},$$

$$(f+g)^{(d)} = f^{(d)} + g^{(d)}.$$

Definition: Let $f \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be a non-zero polynomial of degree d . Then

$$f^{(n)} := x_0^d f\left(\frac{x_1}{x_0}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_0}\right)$$

is a polynomial, called the homogenization of f .

Example: $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^3 - x_2 x_3 + 2x_2^4$

$$\deg f = 4 \Rightarrow f^{(4)}(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_0 x_1^3 - x_0^2 x_2 x_3 + 2x_2^4$$

We have $(fg)^{(n)} = f^{(n)} g^{(n)}$, but $(f+g)^{(n)} \neq \underbrace{f^{(n)} + g^{(n)}}_{\text{this polynomial may not be homogeneous}}$

Proposition: Each affine variety $X \subseteq A^n \cong U_0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ is of the form $X = Z \cap U_0$ for some projective variety Z . More precisely, if $X = V_a(f_1, \dots, f_m)$, we may take $Z = V_p(f_1^{(n)}, \dots, f_m^{(n)})$.

Proof: Let f_i be of degree d_i for each i .

$$Z \cap U_0 = V_p(f_1^{(n)}, \dots, f_m^{(n)}) \cap U_0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \{ (a_0 : a_1 : \dots : a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid a_0 \neq 0, \forall i: f_i^{(h)}(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 0 \} \\
&= \{ (1 : \frac{a_1}{a_0} : \dots : \frac{a_n}{a_0}) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid a_0 \neq 0, \forall i: f_i^{(h)}(1, \frac{a_1}{a_0}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_0}) = 0 \} \\
&= \{ (1 : \frac{a_1}{a_0} : \dots : \frac{a_n}{a_0}) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid a_0 \neq 0, \forall i: d_i \cdot f_i(1, \frac{a_1}{a_0}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_0}) = 0 \} \\
&= \{ (1 : \frac{a_1}{a_0} : \dots : \frac{a_n}{a_0}) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid a_0 \neq 0, \forall i: f_i(1, \frac{a_1}{a_0}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_0}) = 0 \} \\
&\cong \{ (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in A^n \mid \forall i: f_i(b_1, \dots, b_n) = 0 \} \\
&= V_A(f_1, \dots, f_n) = X
\end{aligned}$$

Corollary: Both Zariski topologies on A^n coincide.

We often study open subsets of projective varieties. Such sets are called **quasiprojective** varieties. Important examples of quasiprojective varieties are proj. varieties and affine varieties.

Definition: Let $X \subseteq A^n \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ be an affine variety. The **projective closure** of X is the smallest projective variety that contains X . Notation: $\bar{X}$

In general $\bar{X} \neq V_P(f_1^{(h)}, \dots, f_m^{(h)})$ if $X = V_A(f_1, \dots, f_m)$.

Example: $X = V_A(x_1, x_2 - x_1^2) = \{(0,0)\}$. $\bar{X}$ also has to be one point: $\bar{X} = \{[1:0:0]\}$, but $V_P(x_1, x_0 x_2 - x_1^2) = \{[1:0:0], [0:0:1]\} = \bar{X}$.

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Proposition: Let $X \subseteq A^n = U_0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ be an affine variety and $\bar{X} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ its projective closure. Then:

- (1) $\bar{X} \cap U_0 = X$ (2) X irreducible $\Rightarrow \bar{X}$ irreducible
- (3) No irreducible component of $\bar{X}$ lies in $V_P(x_0)$ (=hyperplane at infinity).

Proof: (1) We know that $X = Z \cap U_0$ for some projective variety Z . Z is a projective variety that contains X , so it also contains $\bar{X}$.

(2) Suppose that $\bar{X} = Z_1 \cup Z_2$ for some projective varieties Z_1, Z_2 . By (1) we get

$$X = \bar{X} \cap U_0 = (Z_1 \cap U_0) \cup (Z_2 \cap U_0)$$

$Z_1 \cap U_0$ and $Z_2 \cap U_0$ are affine varieties, so irreducibility of X implies $X = Z_i \cap U_0$ for some $i=1,2$. Z_i is a projective variety that contains X , so $\bar{X} \subseteq Z_i \Rightarrow \bar{X}$ irreducible.

(3) Let $\bar{X} = Z_1 \cup \dots \cup Z_m$ be the decomposition into irreducible components. Suppose that $Z_1 \subseteq V_p(x_0)$.

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \bar{X} \cap U_0 = (Z_1 \cup \dots \cup Z_m) \cap U_0 \\ &= (Z_1 \cap U_0) \cup ((Z_2 \cup \dots \cup Z_m) \cap U_0) \\ &\quad \parallel \\ &= (Z_2 \cup \dots \cup Z_m) \cap U_0 \end{aligned}$$

$Z_2 \cup \dots \cup Z_m$ is a projective variety that contains X , so it contains $\bar{X}$ and therefore

$$Z_1 \subseteq Z_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq Z_m$$

Z_1 is irreducible, therefore $Z_1 \subseteq Z_i$ for some $i=2, \dots, m$.

This contradicts the fact that Z_i are components. $\square$

3. Projective algebra-geometry correspondence

Definition: A ring/algebra R is **graded** if we can write it as a direct sum of abelian groups/ k -vector spaces $R = \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} R_d$ such that $R_d \cdot R_e \subseteq R_{d+e}$ for all $d, e \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

If $f \in R_d$ and $g \in R_e$, then $fg \in R_{d+e}$. slovene: stopničast
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We say that elements of $R_d \setminus \{0\}$ are **homogeneous of degree d** .

Example: $R = k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is a graded k -algebra:
 $R = \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} R_d$, where $R_d = \{0\} \cup \{\text{homogeneous polynomials of degree } d\}$.

Let $f \in R$. Then f can be uniquely decomposed as $f = \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} f_d$ where $f_d \in R_d$ for each d and only finitely many f_d 's are nonzero. The decomposition $f = \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} f_d$ is called the **homogeneous decomposition** of f .

If $f \neq 0$, then the **degree** of f is the largest d s.t. $f_d \neq 0$.

Definition: Let R be a graded ring/algebra. An ideal $I \triangleleft R$ is **homogeneous** if it can be generated by homogeneous elements.

Example: $I = (x_1, x_2 - x_1^2) = I(x_1, x_2)$ is a homogeneous ideal.

Example: If X is a cone, then we showed that $I_a(X)$ is homogeneous.

Proposition: Let $R = \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} R_d$ be a graded ring and $J, J_1, J_2 \triangleleft R$.

Then the following holds:

(1) J is homogeneous $\Leftrightarrow$ for each $f \in J$ with homogeneous decomposition $f = \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} f_d$ we have $f_d \in J$ for each d .

(2) J, J_1, J_2 homogeneous $\Rightarrow J_1 + J_2, J_1 \cap J_2, J_1 J_2, \sqrt{J}$ homogeneous

(3) J homogeneous, then R/J is a graded ring with the homogeneous decomposition:

$$R/J = \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} R_d / (R_d \cap J).$$

$\parallel$ is isomorphism theorem
 $(R_d + J)/J$

(4) If R is noetherian and J is a homogeneous ideal, then J can be generated by finitely many homogeneous elements.

Proof: Exercise.

Definition: (1) For a homogeneous ideal $J \triangleleft k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ we define: $V(J) = V_p(J) := \{x \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid f(x) = 0 \ \forall \text{ homogeneous } f \in J\}$.

(2) For $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ we define the **ideal of X** as

$$I(X) = I_p(X) := \{f \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n] \text{ homogeneous} \mid f(x) = 0 \ \forall x \in X\}.$$

Remark: (1) $V(J)$ is well defined, because it is defined only using homogeneous polynomials. If S is a homogeneous set of generators of J , then $V_p(J) = V_p(S)$. $V_p(J)$ is a projective variety.

(2) The set of all homogeneous polynomials vanishing on X is not an ideal. To get $I_p(X)$, we must take the ideal generated by them.

Lemma: (1) If $X \subseteq Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$, then $I_p(Y) \subseteq I_p(X)$.

(2) For homogeneous ideals $I_1 \subseteq I_2$ we have $V_p(I_2) \subseteq V_p(I_1)$.

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Proposition: Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ be a non-empty projective variety. Then $I_p(X) = I_a(C(X))$.

Proof: ($\subseteq$): Let $f \in I_p(X)$ and $f = \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} f_d$ be the homogeneous decomposition of f .

We know that $I_p(X)$ is a homogeneous ideal, so $f_d \in I_p(X)$ for each d .

$$\Rightarrow f_d(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \quad \forall (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X$$

$\Rightarrow f_d(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 0$ for each point in the cone

$$\Rightarrow f_d \in I_a(C(X)) \text{ for each } d \Rightarrow f \in I_a(C(X)).$$

($\supseteq$): We proved that $I_a(C(X))$ is a homogeneous ideal, so it is generated by homogeneous elements.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Let } I_a(C(X)) = (g_j \mid j \in J), \quad g_j \in I_a(C(X))$$

$$\Rightarrow g_j(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \quad \forall (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in C(X)$$

$$\Rightarrow g_j(x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) = 0 \quad \forall (x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n) \in X$$

$$\Rightarrow g_j \in I_p(X) \quad \forall j \in J \Rightarrow I_a(C(X)) \subseteq I_p(X) \quad \square$$

Corollary: $I_p(X)$ is always a radical ideal.

Theorem: If X is a projective variety, then $V_p(I_p(X)) = X$.

Proof: If $X = \emptyset$, then $I_p(X) = k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ and $V_p(I_p(X)) = \emptyset$.

If $X \neq \emptyset$, then

$$\begin{aligned} V_p(I_p(X)) &= \mathbb{P} V_a(I_p(X)) \stackrel{\text{previous proposition}}{\downarrow} \mathbb{P} V_a(I_a(C(X))) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(C(X)) = X. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

As in the affine case, we have:

Proposition: If $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ is any set, then $\bar{X} = V_p(I_p(X))$.

Affine weak Nullstellensatz: If $J \neq (1)$ is a proper ideal, then $V_a(J) \neq \emptyset$.

In projective case: $V_p(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = \emptyset$

Definition: The ideal $I_0 = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is called the **irrelevant ideal**.

Theorem [projective weak Nullstellensatz]: For a proper homogeneous ideal $J \in k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ we have $V_p(J) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{J} = I_0$.

Proof: ($\Leftarrow$): Suppose $\sqrt{J} = I_0 = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

$\Rightarrow x_i \in \sqrt{J}$ for each $i \Rightarrow \forall i. \exists N_i$ s.t. $x_i^{N_i} \in J$.

Suppose that $(a_0 : a_1 : \dots : a_n) \in V_p(J)$.

$\Rightarrow \forall i. a_i^{N_i} = 0 \Rightarrow a_i = 0 \ \forall i \Rightarrow (0 : 0 : \dots : 0) \in V_p(J) \Rightarrow V_p(J) = \emptyset$
(not a projective point)

($\Rightarrow$): Suppose that $V_p(J) = \emptyset$. $J \neq (1) \Rightarrow V_a(J) \neq \emptyset$

J is a homogeneous ideal, so $J = (S)$ where S is a set of homogeneous polynomials. We know $V_p(J) = V_p(S)$, $V_a(J) = V_a(S)$, $V_p(S) = \mathbb{P} V_a(S) \Rightarrow V_p(J) = \mathbb{P} \underbrace{V_a(J)}_{\text{non-empty cone}}$

The only possibility is $V_a(J) = \{(0, 0, \dots, 0)\}$.

$\Rightarrow I_a(V_a(J)) = \sqrt{J} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$. □

Theorem [projective Nullstellensatz]: For a homogeneous ideal $J \in k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ with $\sqrt{J} \neq I_0$, we have $I_p(V_p(J)) = \sqrt{J}$.

Proof: If $V_p(J) = \emptyset$, then $J = (1)$ by the projective weak Nullstellensatz.

Then $\sqrt{J} = (1) = I_p(V_p(J)) = I_p(\emptyset)$.

Assume now that $V_p(J) \neq \emptyset$. J is a homogeneous ideal, so $J = (s)$ for some set s of homogeneous polynomials.

$$\begin{aligned} I_p(V_p(J)) &= I_p(V_p(s)) = I_a(\mathcal{C}(V_p(s))) = I_a(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{P}(V_a(s)))) \\ &= I_a(V_a(s)) = I_a(V_a(J)) = \sqrt{J} \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$ affine Nullstellensatz □

The maps I_p and V_p have similar properties as I_a and V_a . In some cases we need to assume that some ideal is not irrelevant.

Corollary: (1) We have a bijection:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{projective} \\ \text{varieties} \\ \text{in } \mathbb{P}^n \end{array} \right\} \xrightleftharpoons[V_p]{I_p} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{homogeneous radical ideals} \\ \text{in } k[x_0, \dots, x_n] \text{ different from} \\ I_0 = (x_0, \dots, x_n) \end{array} \right\}$$

(2) We have a bijection:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{irreducible} \\ \text{projective} \\ \text{varieties} \\ \text{in } \mathbb{P}^n \end{array} \right\} \xrightleftharpoons[V_p]{I_p} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{homogeneous prime ideals} \\ \text{in } k[x_0, \dots, x_n] \text{ different} \\ \text{from } I_0 = (x_0, \dots, x_n) \end{array} \right\}$$

Definition: Let $J \triangleleft k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$. The **homogenization** of J is the ideal generated by the homogenizations of all elements from J :

$$J^{(n)} = (f^{(n)} \mid f \in J) \triangleleft k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n].$$

Proposition: Let $X \subseteq A^n$ be an affine variety, $A^n \cong U_0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$.

Let $J = I_a(X)^{(n)} \triangleleft k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$. Then $I_p(X) = J$ and $\bar{X} = V_p(J) = V_p(I_a(X)^{(n)})$.
Zariski closure

Proof: It is enough to prove that $J = I_p(X)$.

[$\subseteq$]: It is enough to show that $f^{(n)} \in I_p(X) \forall f \in I_a(X)$. Let $f \in I_a(X)$ be arbitrary. $I_a(X) \triangleleft k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \subseteq k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$. Let $a \in X$, $a = (a_0 : a_1 : \dots : a_n)$. Since $X \subseteq U_0$, we may assume that $a_0 = 1$.

$$\Rightarrow f(1, a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0 \quad (f \in I_a(X), a \in X)$$

$$f^{(n)}(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = a_0^n f\left(\frac{a_1}{a_0}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_0}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow f^{(n)} \in I_p(X)$$

($\Rightarrow$): It is enough to show that $f \in J$ for each homogeneous f that vanishes on X .

Let $f \in I_p(X)$. If $f = x_0 \cdot g$, then also $g \in I_p(X)$, because $X \subseteq U_0$ and $x_0 \neq 0$ on X . So we assume that f is not divisible by x_0 . Let $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \in X$ be arbitrary.

We can assume $a_0 = 1$.

$$f \in I_p(X) \Rightarrow f(1, a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ The polynomial $f(1, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ vanishes on X .

$$\Rightarrow f(1, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in I_a(X)$$

$$f = f(1, x_1, \dots, x_n)^{(n)} \Rightarrow f \in J$$

$\uparrow$ (not divisible by x_0)

Example: $X = V(x_1, x_2 - x_1^2)$

The ideal $(x_1, x_2 - x_1^2) = (x_1, x_2)$ is homogeneous.

$$\Rightarrow J^{(n)} = (x_1, x_2) \triangleleft k[x_0, x_1, x_2] \Rightarrow \bar{X} = V_p(x_1, x_2) = \{[1:0:0]\}.$$

Corollary: Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ be a projective variety and

$J_i = I_a(X \cap U_i)$ for $i = 0, \dots, n$; $J_i \triangleleft k[x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n]$.

Then $I_p(X) = J_0^{(n)} \wedge J_1^{(n)} \wedge \dots \wedge J_n^{(n)}$.

Proof: $X = \bigcup_{i=0}^n (X \cap U_i) \quad / I_p$

$$I_p(X) = I_p\left(\bigcup_{i=0}^n (X \cap U_i)\right) = \bigcap_{i=0}^n I_p(X \cap U_i) \stackrel{\text{proposition}}{=} \bigcap_{i=0}^n I_a(X \cap U_i)^{(n)}$$