

Definition: A projective variety is the set of zeros of a set of homogeneous polynomials in \mathbb{P}_k^n .

By analogy with the affine case, given

$$Y = Z(T) \quad , \quad T \subset k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$$

set of homogeneous polynomials

we define $I(Y) :=$ ideal generated by the set of homogeneous polynomials vanishing on Y .

Fact: $I(Y)$ is then a homogeneous ideal.

Def: An ideal $I \subset k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ is called homogeneous if it can be generated by homogeneous polynomials.

Equivalently, if $I_d :=$ subvector space of I generated by polynomials of degree d .

$$\text{then } I = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} I_d$$

Equivalently, $\forall P \in I$, if $P = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq d} P_i$ where P_i is the homogeneous component of P of degree i , then $\forall i, P_i \in I$.

Def: For a projective variety γ , its homogeneous coordinate ring is $S(\gamma) := k[x_0, \dots, x_n] / I(\gamma)$

Given an integer n , $\forall i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$, we have injective maps $\varphi_i: A_k^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^n$

$$(y_1, \dots, y_n) \mapsto (y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}, \frac{1}{y_i}, y_{i+1}, \dots, y_n)$$

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 i -th spot.

image of φ_i ? subset of \mathbb{P}_k^n where $x_i = 1$

this just means $x_i \neq 0$ because we can multiply by elements of k^* .

So image is $V_i := \{(a_0, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \neq 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}_k^n$

if $a_i \neq 0$, then $(a_0, \dots, a_n) \sim \left(\frac{a_0}{a_i}, \dots, 1, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_i}\right)$
 $\varphi_i \left(\frac{a_0}{a_i}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_i}\right)$

injectivity: exercise.

Note, $\mathbb{P}_k^n = \bigcup_{i=0}^n V_i$ because $\forall (a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n$
 $\exists i$ s.t. $a_i \neq 0$

If we set $Y_i := Z(x_i)$,

then $Y_i = \mathbb{P}_k^n \setminus V_i$

Y_i is closed by definition, so V_i is open.

Def: Y_i is a coordinate hyperplane.

More generally, given a polynomial M of degree 1

$M \in k[y_1, \dots, y_n]$ $Z(M)$ is a hyperplane in A^n

If $L \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ is homogeneous of degree 1,
then $Z(L)$ is a hyperplane in \mathbb{P}^n .

$$L = \sum_{i=0}^n r_i x_i$$

For each i , L can restrict to \mathbb{A}^n via φ_i as a hyperplane in \mathbb{A}^n

$$\begin{aligned} L \circ \varphi_i(t_1, \dots, t_n) &= L(t_1, \dots, t_{i-1}, 1, t_i, \dots, t_n) \\ &= r_0 t_1 + \dots + r_{i-2} t_{i-1} + r_{i-1} + r_i t_i + \dots + r_n t_n \end{aligned}$$

So L defines the polynomial

$$M := r_0 y_1 + \dots + r_{i-2} y_{i-1} + r_{i-1} + r_i y_i + \dots + r_n y_n$$

on \mathbb{A}^n via φ_i .

Homogenization and dehomogenization:

e.g.: \mathbb{P}^2

coordinates (X, Y, Z)

$\mathbb{A}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$
coordinates
 (x, y)

$\varphi_2 : \mathbb{A}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$

$(x, y) \mapsto (x, y, 1)$

$\mathbb{A}^2 \xrightarrow{?} U_2 \subset \mathbb{P}^2$

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 $\{z \neq 0\}$

$\left(\frac{X}{Z}, \frac{Y}{Z}\right) \xleftarrow{\varphi_2^{-1}} (X, Y, Z) = \left(\frac{X}{Z}, \frac{Y}{Z}, 1\right)$

Given a polynomial $P(x, y)$, we can homogenize it, and obtain a homogeneous polynomial in 3 variables.

This will be $z^d P\left(\frac{X}{z}, \frac{Y}{z}\right)$ where
 $d = \text{degree}(P)$

example: $P = x^2 + y^2 + 1$

$$z^2 P\left(\frac{X}{z}, \frac{Y}{z}\right) = z^2 \left(\frac{X^2}{z^2} + \frac{Y^2}{z^2} + 1 \right)$$

$$= X^2 + Y^2 + z^2$$

example: $x^3 + yx^5 - y + 1 + xy$

$$\rightsquigarrow z^3 X^3 + Y X^5 - z^5 Y + z^6 + z^4 XY$$

Given a homogeneous polynomial $Q \in k[X, Y, Z]$,
 we can dehomogenize it to obtain $P \in k[x, y]$
 by setting $z=1$, $X=x$, $Y=y$:

$$z^3 X^3 + Y X^5 - z^5 Y + z^6 + z^4 XY \rightsquigarrow x^3 + yx^5 - y + 1 + xy$$

$$k[y_1, \dots, y_n] \xrightarrow{H} k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$$

homogenize
using φ_i

$$P(y_1, \dots, y_n) \rightsquigarrow x_i^d P\left(\frac{x_0}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_{i-1}}{x_i}, \frac{x_{i+1}}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_i}\right) \quad d = \deg(P)$$

$$k[x_0, \dots, x_n] \xrightarrow{D} k[y_1, \dots, y_n]$$

dehomogenize.

$$Q(x_0, \dots, x_n) \mapsto Q(y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}, 1, y_i, \dots, y_n)$$

What we saw was that $D \circ H = \text{Id}$ from $k[y_1, \dots, y_n]$ to itself.

What about $H \circ D$? $k[x_0, \dots, x_n] \rightarrow k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$

$$Q(x_0, \dots, x_n) \rightsquigarrow P(y_1, \dots, y_n) := Q(y_1, \dots, 1, \dots, y_n)$$

example: $X_0^2 X_1^2 + X_1^2 X_2^2 - X_1 X_2^3 = X_1 (X_0^2 X_1 + X_1 X_2^2 - X_2^3)$

dehomogenize w.r.t. X_1 : $\leadsto X_1 = 1$

homogenize: $y_1^2 + y_2^2 - y_2^3$

$$\left(\left(\frac{X_0}{X_1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{X_2}{X_1} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{X_2}{X_1} \right)^3 \right) X_1^3$$

$$X_1 X_0^2 + X_2^2 X_1 - X_2^3 = \frac{X_0^2 X_1^2 + X_1^2 X_2^2 - X_1 X_2^3}{X_1}$$

So $H_0 D$ is not the identity!

For an affine variety Y , the Zariski topology

induces a topology on Y .

Def.: A quasi-affine variety is an open subset

of an affine variety.

Def. 1 A quasi-projective variety is an open subset of a projective variety.