

Definition: Given a ring R , we define projective n -space over R : $\mathbb{P}_R^n := \text{Proj } R[x_0, \dots, x_n]$

First properties of schemes:

- Def: (1) A scheme is connected/irreducible/quasi-compact if its underlying topological space is connected/irreducible/quasi-compact.
- (2) A scheme is reduced if, for all open sets $U \subset X$, $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ is reduced, i.e., has no nilpotent elements.
Equivalently (homework), for all points $x \in X$, the local ring $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ is reduced.
- (3) A scheme is integral if, for all open sets $U \subset X$,

the ring $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ is an integral domain ($=0 \Leftrightarrow U = \emptyset$)

(4) A scheme is locally Noetherian if it can be covered by affine sets $\text{Spec } A$ with A noetherian.

(5) A scheme is Noetherian if it is locally Noetherian and quasi-compact. Equivalently, it has a finite cover by open affine sets with noetherian rings of sections.

Prop.: A scheme is integral if and only if it is irreducible and reduced.

Proof: ^{Suppose X is integral.} Clearly, an integral scheme is reduced.

If $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ with X_1, X_2 closed.

Put $U_i = X \setminus X_i$: this is open.

$$U_1 \cap U_2 = (X \setminus X_1) \cap (X \setminus X_2) = X \setminus (X_1 \cup X_2) \\ = \emptyset$$

The sheaf property implies

$$\mathcal{O}_X(U_1 \sqcup U_2) = \mathcal{O}_X(U_1) \times \mathcal{O}_X(U_2) \\ \text{as rings.}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{product of restriction maps}}$

$\mathcal{O}_X(U_1) \times \mathcal{O}_X(U_2)$ is not an integral domain:

$$(1, 0) \cdot (0, 1) = (0, 0)$$

$(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$ are zero divisors unless one of

them is $(0, 0)$, which means that in $\mathcal{O}_X(U_1)$ or

$\mathcal{O}_X(U_2)$, we have $1=0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(U_1)=0$

$$\text{or } \mathcal{O}_X(U_2)=0$$

$$\Rightarrow V_1 = \emptyset \quad \text{or} \quad V_2 = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow X_1 = X \quad \text{or} \quad X_2 = X.$$

Conversely, suppose X is irreducible and reduced.

Let $U \subset X$ be open, $U \neq \emptyset$.

Choose $f, g \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$ s.t. $fg = 0$.

Recall $Z(f) := \{x \in U \mid f(x) \in \mathfrak{m}_x\}$ is closed in U

$$Z(g) := \{x \in U \mid g(x) \in \mathfrak{m}_x\} \quad "$$

Recall (homework) that a non-empty open subset of an irreducible space is irreducible.

$$fg = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Z(f) \cup Z(g) = Z(fg) = U$$

If $U \neq \emptyset$, then either $Z(f) = U$ or $Z(g) = U$.

If $Z(f) = U$, then for any open affine $\text{Spec } A \subset U$,

we have $f(p) \in pA_p \quad \forall p \subset A$ prime

$\Leftrightarrow f|_{\text{Spec} A} \in p \quad \forall p \subset A$ prime

$\Rightarrow f|_{\text{Spec} A} \in \text{nilradical} = \bigcap_{p \subset A \text{ prime}} p$

$= \{\text{nilpotent elements}\} \subset A$

$\Rightarrow f|_{\text{Spec} A}$ is nilpotent.

$\Rightarrow f|_{\text{Spec} A} = 0$ because A is reduced.

U is covered by open affine subsets, sheaf property

$\Rightarrow f = 0$. \square

Proposition: A scheme is locally noetherian if and only if, for every open affine $U = \text{Spec} A \subset X$, A is noetherian.

In particular, an affine scheme $X = \text{Spec} A$ is (locally) noetherian iff A is noetherian.

Proof: The "if" part is the definition.

For the other direction, assume X is locally noetherian, let $U = \text{Spec} A \subset X$ be open affine.

We will show that A is noetherian.

X has a cover by open affine sets with noetherian rings. If B is noetherian, then by the Hilbert basis theorem, $B[f^{-1}]$ is noetherian $\forall f \in B$.

$$= B[x] / (fx - 1)$$

\Rightarrow open sets of the form $\text{Spec} C$ with C noetherian form a basis of the topology of X .