

Algebraic Geometry

study varieties, solutions to sets of polynomials

Remark, we work over $\mathbb{C}$
all our pictures are in $\mathbb{R}$

Def. $\mathbb{C}^n$ is called "affine n -space / $\mathbb{C}$ "
(also written A^n , $A^n_{\mathbb{C}}$, $A^n(\mathbb{C})$)

In AG, the philosophy is to study space, via
functions on them.

for $\mathbb{C}^n$, these are $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

Def. Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, we define

$$\begin{aligned} V(S) &= \{p \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid f(p) = 0 \ \forall f \in S\} \\ &= \bigcap_{f \in S} \{p \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid f(p) = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

such a set is called a variety, or an
algebraic subset of $\mathbb{C}^n$.

Rmk. - $V(S) = V(I)$ for $I \subseteq (S)$

$$- V(I+J) = V(I) \cap V(J)$$

$$- V(IJ) = V(I \cap J) = V(I) \cup V(J)$$

$$- V(0) = \mathbb{A}^n$$

$$- V(1) = \emptyset$$

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Def. Let $Y \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$. We let $I(Y) = \{f \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \mid f(y) = 0 \forall y \in Y\}$

Rmk. If $f^n \in I(Y)$ then $f \in I(Y)$. That is, $I(Y)$ is a radical ideal

Def. R a comm. ring, $I \subseteq R$ an ideal is called radical

$$\text{if } \forall f^n \in I, f \in I$$

We let $\sqrt{I} = \{f \in R \mid \exists n f^n \in I\}$ called the radical of I

This is an ideal of R

$$\text{e.g., } \sqrt{(0)} = \text{nil}(R)$$

Rmk. $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is Noetherian, so any ideal I is f.g., so any variety is a finite intersection of "hypersurfaces", i.e. $V(f)$

$\mathbb{C}$, fns on $\mathbb{C}^n$ or $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

what are fns on a variety $Y \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$?

we want these to be polynomials, but what is the precise ring?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] & \longrightarrow & \text{Fun}(Y, \mathbb{C}) \\ f & \longmapsto & f|_Y \end{array}$$

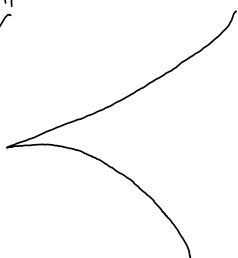
has kernel $I(Y)$!

Def. for a variety $Y \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$, let $\mathcal{O}(Y) = \frac{\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{I(Y)}$

That is, two fns are identified if they restrict to the same function on Y .

algebraic properties of $\mathcal{O}(Y) \longleftrightarrow$ geometric properties of Y

e.g. $\{y^2 = x^3\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$
 Y

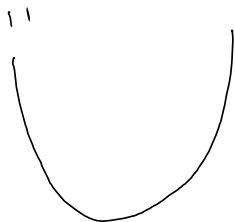


$$\mathcal{O}(Y) = \frac{\mathbb{C}[x, y]}{(y^2 - x^3)} \quad \begin{array}{cc} x & y \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \end{array}$$

$$\cong \mathbb{C}[t^2, t^3] \text{ via } t^2 \mapsto x, t^3 \mapsto y$$

i.e. $t = \frac{y}{x}$, which is not defined on Y

$$Y = V(y - x^2) \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$$



$$\mathcal{O}(Y) = \frac{\mathbb{C}[x, y]}{(y - x^2)} \cong \mathbb{C}[t] = \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^1)$$

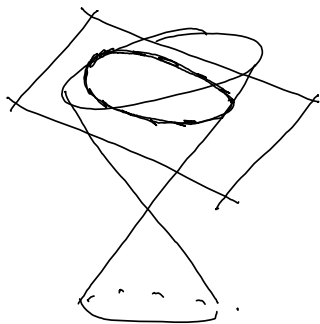
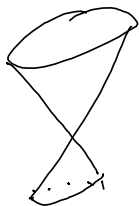
$$\begin{array}{ccc} x & \xrightarrow{\quad} & t \\ y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & t^2 \end{array}$$

and indeed, $\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C} \\ (x, y) & \longmapsto & x \end{array}$ is an "isomorphism"

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$$V = V(z^2 - (x^2 + y^2)) \quad Z = V(z^2 - (x^2 + y^2), x + y + z)$$



Now, fix a variety Y , we can do the same thing we did with $\mathbb{C}^n$ replaced with Y .

Def. Let $S \subseteq \mathcal{O}(Y)$, $V(S) := \{p \in Y \mid f(p) = 0 \ \forall f \in S\}$
 $\hookrightarrow$ alg. subset of Y

Then $V(S) = V(\sqrt{S}) = V(\sqrt{\mathcal{I}(S)})$ as before

Let $Z \subseteq Y$, $\mathcal{I}(Z) := \{f \in \mathcal{O}(Y) \mid f(z) = 0 \ \forall z \in Z\}$

Big Theorem, Let Y be a variety,

$\{\text{radical ideals of } \mathcal{O}(Y)\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{\text{alg. subsets of } Y\}$

$\mathcal{I} \longmapsto V(\mathcal{I})$

$\mathcal{I}(Z) \longleftarrow Z$

s.t., $V(\mathcal{I} + \mathcal{J}) = V(\mathcal{I}) \cap V(\mathcal{J})$

$V(\mathcal{I} \mathcal{J}) = V(\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{J}) = V(\mathcal{I}) \cup V(\mathcal{J})$

- after reversing

this restricts to

* $\{\text{max. ideals of } \mathcal{O}(Y)\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{\text{pts of } Y\}$

* Let $\mathfrak{m}_p = \mathcal{I}(p)$, $p \in Y$. $\mathcal{O}(Y)/\mathfrak{m}_p \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}$
 $f \mapsto f(p)$

Rmk, there is a subtle inconsistency to resolve here.

Suppose we had $Z \subseteq Y \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$

$Y \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$ algebraic

$Z \subseteq Y$ algebraic

Questions

- Is Z an algebraic subset of $\mathbb{C}^n$?
i.e. is algebraicity transitive?
- What does $I(Z)$ mean? Is it an ideal of $\mathcal{O}(Y)$ or $\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^n)$?

It doesn't matter, based on the correspondence principle!

$$Z \subseteq Y \Leftrightarrow I(Y) \subseteq I(Z)$$

$$\{\text{ideals of } \mathcal{O}(Y)\} \cong \{\text{ideals of } \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^n) \text{ containing } I(Y)\}$$



$\{\text{alg. subsets of } Y\}$

$\cong$

$\{\text{alg. subsets of } \mathbb{C}^n \text{ containing } I(Y)\}$

$\{\text{max. ideals of } \mathcal{O}(Y)\}$
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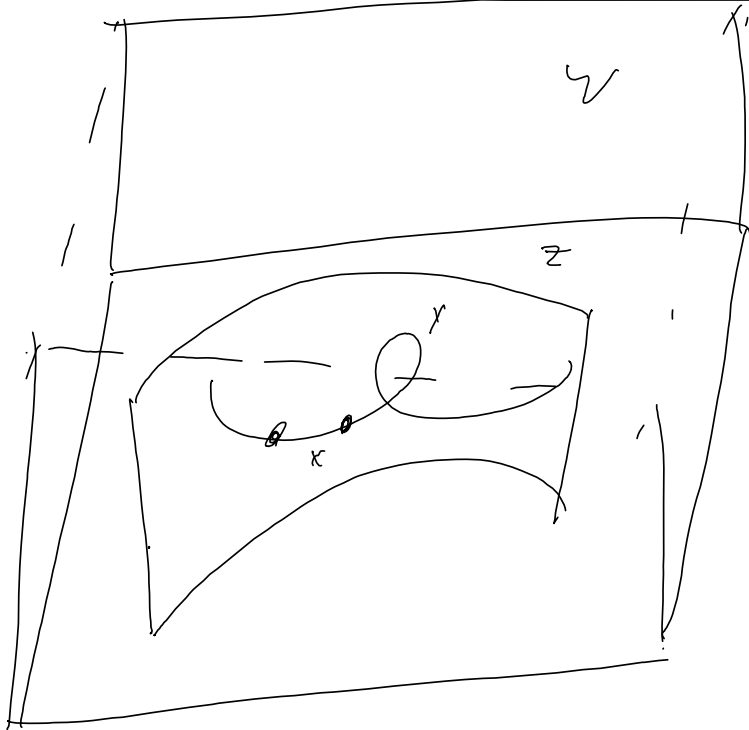
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$\{\text{max. ideals of } \mathbb{C}^n \text{ containing } I(Y)\}$
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$\{\text{pts of } Y\}$

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$\{\text{pts of } \mathbb{C}^n \text{ containing } I(Y)\}$



3rd is from since $\frac{R/I}{J/I} = R/J$

Take again $Z \subseteq Y \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^n) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{O}(Y) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{O}(Z) \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow \\
 & & \frac{\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^n)}{I(Y)} & & \frac{\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^n)}{I(Z)} \\
 & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & \frac{\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^n)/I(Y)}{I(Z)/I(Y)} \\
 & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & \frac{\mathcal{O}(Y)}{I(Z)}
 \end{array}$$

Morphisms of varieties

let $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$, $Y \subseteq \mathbb{C}^m$ varieties.

A map $X \rightarrow Y$ is the restriction of a polynomial function $\mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$

This forms a category Var

$$\text{Thm. } \underline{\text{Var}}(X, Y) \cong \underline{\text{C-Alg}}(\mathcal{O}(Y), \mathcal{O}(X))$$
$$\varphi \longmapsto (f \longmapsto f \circ \varphi)$$

Take e.g. $Y = \mathbb{C}^m$ itself.

To define a map $X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ is to define

m maps $X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, i.e. m elements of $\mathcal{O}(X)$,

i.e. a map $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$

More generally, let $\mathcal{O}(X) = \underline{\mathbb{C}[y_1, \dots, y_m]}$ the y_i are the

coordinate functions on X . Give $\mathcal{O}(X) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathcal{O}(Y)$. Then $\alpha(y_i)$ are supposed to be "pullbacks" of coordinate fns along some map $X \rightarrow Y$

so we define $X \longrightarrow Y$ via

$$x \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \alpha(y_1)(x) \\ \vdots \\ \alpha(y_m)(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

e.g., $\mathbb{C}[x, y] \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}[x]$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & x \\ x \mapsto & \nearrow & \\ y \mapsto & \nearrow & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}^2 & \longleftarrow & \mathbb{C}^1 \\ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} & \longleftarrow & x \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \square$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}[x] & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C}[x, y] \\ x \mapsto & \nearrow & x \end{array} \quad \square \longrightarrow \text{---}$$

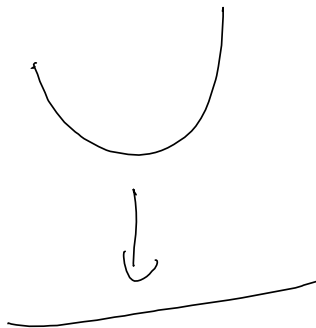
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C} & \longleftarrow & \mathbb{C}^2 \\ x & \longleftarrow & \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}[t] & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C}[x, y] \\ t \mapsto & \nearrow & x+y \end{array}$$

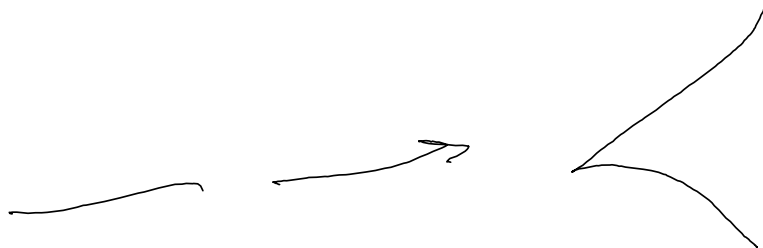
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C} & \longleftarrow & \mathbb{C}^2 \\ x+y & \longleftarrow & \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{C}[x] \rightarrow \frac{\mathbb{C}[x, y]}{(y - x^2)}$$

$$x \mapsto x$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc} x \mapsto t^3 & & \\ y \mapsto t^2 & & \\ \frac{\mathbb{C}[x, y]}{(x^2 - y^3)} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{C}[t] \\ & \searrow & \uparrow \\ & \mathbb{C}[t^3, t^2] & \end{array}$$



$$t \mapsto (t^3, t^2)$$