

Lecture 4: First Properties of Schemes

Note Title

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Definition: A scheme X is irreducible if X is connected and irreducible.

$\text{Spec}(\prod_i A_i) = \prod_i \text{Spec}(A_i)$. An affine is connected iff not product.

$$\mathfrak{p} \triangleleft \prod_i A_i \text{ prime} \implies \mathfrak{p} = A_1 \times \dots \times \mathfrak{p}_i \times \dots \times A_n$$

\triangleleft prime A_i

$\text{Spec} A$ is irreducible iff $\text{nil}(A)$ is prime

ex. $k[x,y]/(xy)$

• $f \notin \text{Nil}(A) = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p}: \text{prime}} \mathfrak{p} \iff D(f) \neq \emptyset$

• $f_1, f_2 \notin \text{Nil}(A), D(f_1) \cap D(f_2) = D(f_1 f_2) = \emptyset$ iff $f_1 f_2 \in \text{Nil}(A)$

(0) NOT prime

Definition: A scheme X is reduced/integral

if $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ is reduced/integral, for every $U \subseteq X$ open

no nilpotent element

• $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ has no nilpotent element, $\forall U \iff \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ no nilpotent element, $\forall p$

• $X = \text{Spec} A$ affine scheme

X reduced iff $\text{nil}(A) = 0$

integral iff A integral domain

Proposition 1: A scheme is integral iff reduced & irreducible.

pf: (\implies) If $X \supseteq U_1 \sqcup U_2$, then $\mathcal{O}_X(U_1 \sqcup U_2)$

open NOT irreducible

$\mathcal{O}_X(U_1) \times \mathcal{O}_X(U_2)$ not integral

If $a \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$ nilpotent, $a^n = 0$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N} \implies$ NOT integral

(\Leftarrow) Now X reduced & irreducible
 U_i open
 U

$$f_1, f_2 = 0 \in \mathcal{O}_X(U) \rightsquigarrow U_i = \{p \in U \mid f_i \in \mathfrak{m}_p\}$$

closed subset of U

$$U_1 \cup U_2 = U \implies U_1 = U \text{ or } U_2 = U$$

open subset of irreducible space
 is again irreducible

f nilpotent iff $D(f) = \emptyset$ restrict to affine charts
 f_i nilpotent $\implies f_i = 0$
 X reduced

Definition: • A scheme X is locally Noetherian
 if $X = \bigcup_i \text{Spec } A_i$, A_i Noetherian.

• Noetherian = locally Noetherian + quasi-compact

X Noetherian $\implies X$ Noetherian every open cover has a finite subcover

ex. Every affine scheme is quasi-compact

ex. $\text{Spec } k[x_1, x_2, \dots]$ is NOT locally Noetherian

$$X = \coprod A'_i / \sim, \quad A'_i \xrightarrow{f_m} A'_j$$

is locally Noetherian but NOT Noetherian.

Proposition 2: A scheme X is Noetherian iff every affine open subset
 $U \cong \text{Spec } A$, A is a Noetherian ring.

pf: (\Leftarrow) obvious

(\Rightarrow) WLOG assume $X = \text{Spec} A \supseteq U = \text{Spec} B$
open

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & B \\ f & & \bar{f} \end{array} \Rightarrow B_{\bar{f}} = A_f$$

localization of a Noetherian ring is Noetherian.

It suffices to prove that

If $f_i \in A$ generate $1 \in A$, then A_{f_i} Noetherian $\Rightarrow A$ Noetherian
 $\{ \text{Spec} A_{f_i} \}$ covers A i.e. $\bigcup_i D(f_i) = \text{Spec} A \Leftrightarrow \bigcap_i V(f_i) = \emptyset$
 $V(\sum f_i)$

$$\varphi_i: A \longrightarrow A_{f_i}$$

Claim: $\mathfrak{a} \triangleleft A$, $\mathfrak{a} = \bigcap \varphi_i^{-1}(\varphi_i(\mathfrak{a}) \cdot A_{f_i})$

Now $\mathfrak{a}_i \triangleleft A$ ascending chain

$\varphi_i(\mathfrak{a}_j) \cdot A_{f_i}$ stabilizes since A_{f_i} is Noetherian

claim $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{a}_j$ stabilizes and A is Noetherian.

proof of the claim:

$$\bullet \mathfrak{a} \subseteq \bigcap \varphi_i^{-1}(\varphi_i(\mathfrak{a}) \cdot A_{f_i})$$

$$\bullet b \in \bigcap \varphi_i^{-1}(\varphi_i(\mathfrak{a}) \cdot A_{f_i})$$

$$\varphi_i(b) = \frac{a_i}{f_i^{n_i}} \in A_{f_i}, \quad a_i \in \mathfrak{a}, \quad n_i \geq 0, \quad \forall i$$

i finite, may assume $n_i = n$

$$\Rightarrow f_i^{m_i} (f^n b - a_i) = 0 \in A$$

again may assume $m_i = m_j$

$$\Rightarrow f_i^n b - a_i = 0 \text{ in } A \text{ or } f_i^n b \in \mathcal{O}_i$$

$$\left(1 = \sum_i c_i f_i \right)^{N \gg 0} \therefore b = \sum_i c_i f_i^n b \in \mathcal{O}$$

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$$1 = \sum_i c_i f_i^n$$

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ morphism of schemes

Definition. ① f open immersion if f induces an isomorphism of X w/ an open subscheme of Y

② f closed immersion if $X \xrightarrow[\text{top}]{} f(X)$, $\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_* \mathcal{O}_X$

ex. $\mathcal{O} \triangleleft A$, then $\text{Spec } A/\mathcal{O} \hookrightarrow \text{Spec } A$ closed immersion
this is the local model of closed immersion

In particular, $\mathcal{O} = \text{nil}(A)$, $\text{Spec}(A/\mathcal{O}) = (\text{Spec } A)_{\text{red}}$

Definition: f is of finite type if $Y = \bigcup_i \text{Spec } B_i$
 locally look like "varieties" & quasi-compact
 $f^{-1}(\text{Spec } B_i) = \bigcup_{j \text{ finite}} \text{Spec } C_{ij}$. $C_{ij} = B_i$ -algebra
 finitely generated quotient of polynomial ring

f is a finite morphism if $Y = \bigcup_i \text{Spec } B_i$
 $f^{-1}(\text{Spec } B_i) = \text{Spec } A_i$. $A_i = B_i$ -algebra & finite B_i -module
 f is closed & $f^{-1}(y)$ is finite

This reduces to the affine case $\text{Spec } A \xrightarrow{f} \text{Spec } B$
 $f^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}) = \text{Spec } A \times_{\text{Spec } B} k(\mathfrak{p}) \cong \text{Spec } \left(\underbrace{A \otimes_B k(\mathfrak{p})}_B \right)$
 finite dim'd $k(\mathfrak{p})$ -alg.
 Consequence of "going-up theorem"

Fact: $R = \text{finite dim'd alg.}/k$, finitely generated

$\Rightarrow R$ is Artinian

1. All prime ideals are maximal
2. only finitely many maximal ideal

ex. $\text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{Q}$ is NOT of finite type

ex. $V(x-y^2) \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1_x$ is a finite morphism

$$k[x,y]/(x-y^2) \leftarrow k[x]$$

$$k[x,y]/(x-y^2) = k[x] + k[x] \cdot y \text{ as module}$$

ex. Closed embedding are finite.