

Algebraic Geometry 2, Exercises

Sheet 3, due May 3

Exercise 7

Let X be a topological space.

1. Let Y be a subspace of X . Then $\dim Y \leq \dim X$. If X is irreducible and finite-dimensional, and $Y \subsetneq X$ is closed, then $\dim Y < \dim X$.
2. Let $X = \bigcup_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}$ be an open covering. Then

$$\dim X = \sup_{\alpha} \dim U_{\alpha}.$$

3. Let I be the set of irreducible components of X . Then

$$\dim X = \sup_{Y \in I} \dim Y$$

4. Now suppose that X is a scheme. Then

$$\dim X = \sup_{x \in X} \dim \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$$

Exercise 8

1. Let k be a field, let $X = \mathbb{A}_k^2$ with coordinates T, U , and let $Z = V(TU, T^2)$. Show that $\dim Z = 1$, and that there exists no $f \in k[T, U]$ with $Z = V(f)$.
2. Let R be a discrete valuation ring, and let $A = R[[T]]$. Prove that $\dim A = 2$. Give examples of maximal ideals $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$ such that $\dim A_{\mathfrak{m}} = 1$ and $\dim A_{\mathfrak{m}} = 2$, respectively.

Exercise 9

Let k be a field of characteristic $\neq 2$, let $n \geq 1$, and consider the following subschemes of $M_{n \times n, k} = \mathbb{A}_k^{n^2}$:

$$\begin{aligned} SO_n &= \{M \in GL_{n,k}; {}^t M M = I_n\}, \\ \mathfrak{so}_n &= \{M \in M_{n \times n, k}; {}^t M = -M\}. \end{aligned}$$

Here I denotes the $n \times n$ unit matrix.

1. Show that $\mathfrak{so}_n \cong \mathbb{A}_k^{n(n-1)/2}$.
2. Show that $A \mapsto (I_n + A)^{-1}(I_n - A)$ defines an isomorphism between a dense open subscheme of \mathfrak{so}_n and a dense open subscheme of SO_n .
3. Deduce that SO_n is irreducible and that $\dim SO_n = \dim \mathfrak{so}_n$.