

Def: For an ideal $I \subset k[x_0, \dots, x_n] =: S$

we denote $I_d := I \cap S_d \subset I$

$$\Rightarrow \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} I_d \subset I$$

Lemma: I is homogeneous iff $I = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} I_d$.

Proof: exercise

Link between affine and projective:

$$\mathbb{A}_k^n = k^n$$

$$\mathbb{P}_k^n = k^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} / k^*$$

$\forall i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$, we have injective maps

$$\varphi_i: \mathbb{A}_k^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^n \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{\scriptsize } i\text{-th coordinate} \\ \downarrow \\ (y_1, \dots, y_n) \end{array}$$
$$(y_1, \dots, y_n) \longmapsto (y_1, \dots, 1, \dots, y_n)$$

proof of injectivity: exercise.

We denote the image of φ_i by U_i :

this is the locus where $x_i = 1 \Leftrightarrow x_i \neq 0$ (on \mathbb{P}^n)

$$U_i = \{(a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid a_i \neq 0\}$$

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

Note: $\mathbb{P}^n = \bigcup_{i=0}^n U_i$ $\left(\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{k}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} / \mathbb{k}^* \right)$
 $\forall (a_0, \dots, a_n), \exists i$ s.t. $a_i \neq 0$
 $\Rightarrow (a_0, \dots, a_n) \in U_i$.

Also if $Y_i := \mathbb{P}^n \setminus U_i$

$$\text{then } Y_i = \{(a_0, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i = 0\} = \mathcal{Z}(x_i)$$

is closed $\Rightarrow U_i$ is open.

Def: The γ_i are the coordinate hyperplanes.

In A^n we also have coordinate hyperplanes:

if $k[\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n]$ is the coordinate ring of $A^n = k^n$;
then $Z_i := Z(\gamma_i)$ is a coordinate hyperplane.

Def: More generally, given a polynomial of degree 1
in $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$, its zero locus is called a hyperplane in k^n .

If $L \in S_1$ (i.e., L is homogeneous of degree 1)
 $L \neq 0$, then $Z(L)$ is a hyperplane in \mathbb{P}^n .

Def: In A^n , a hypersurface of degree d is the
zero locus of a polynomial of degree d .

In \mathbb{P}^n , a hypersurface of degree d is the zero locus of a homogeneous polynomial of degree d .

Homogenization and dehomogenization:

e.g.: \mathbb{P}^2 : coordinates (X, Y, Z)

\mathbb{A}^2 : " (x, y)

$\varphi_\varepsilon : \mathbb{A}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$

$(a, b) \mapsto (a, b, 1)$

image is U_2

" $\{(A, B, C) \mid C \neq 0\}$

$\varphi_\varepsilon^{-1}(A, B, C) = \left(\frac{A}{C}, \frac{B}{C}\right) \longleftarrow (A, B, C) \quad C \neq 0$
 $\left(x = \frac{X}{Z}, y = \frac{Y}{Z}\right)$

Given a polynomial $P(x, y)$, we can homogenize it to obtain a homogeneous polynomial in X, Y, Z .

e.g.: $xy - 1 \rightsquigarrow \frac{X}{Z} \cdot \frac{Y}{Z} - 1$ and clear

denominators $\rightarrow XY - Z^2$

This was homogenization: denote it by $H: k[x, y] \rightarrow k[x, y, z]$

Dehomogenization: given a homogeneous polynomial in X, Y, Z , we "evaluate it" at $(x, y, 1)$ to obtain

its dehomogenization: $XY - Z^2 \rightsquigarrow xy - 1$,

denote this by $D: k[x, y, z] \rightarrow k[x, y]$

We have $D \circ H = \text{Id}_{k[x, y]}$

However, $H \circ D \neq \text{Id}_{k[x, y, z]}$, e.g. $XYZ - Z^3$

then $H \circ D (XYZ - Z^3) = XY - Z^2$.

We have $\mathbb{Z}(H(P(x,y))) \cap U_2 = \mathbb{Z}(P(x,y)) \subset U_2$.
(exercise)

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

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

Now assume k is algebraically closed.

Nullstellensatz: There is a 1-to-1 inclusion reversing correspondence between affine varieties (algebraic subsets of A^n) and radical ideals in

$A := k[y_1, \dots, y_n]$, given by

$$\gamma \longmapsto I(\gamma)$$

$$Z(I) \longleftarrow I$$

Recall: An ideal is radical if $I = \sqrt{I}$, where

$$\sqrt{I} := \{ p \in A \mid \exists m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } p^m \in I \} \supset I.$$

Homogeneous nullstellensatz: There is a 1-to-1

inclusion reversing correspondence between projective varieties (or algebraic subsets of \mathbb{P}^n) and homogeneous radical ideals in $S_+ := \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} S_d$ given by

$$\gamma \longmapsto I(\gamma)$$

$$Z(I) \longleftarrow I$$

where $Z(I)$ is the set of common zeros of all the homogeneous elements of I .

Dimension: $\dim \mathbb{A}^n = \dim k^n = n$

$$\dim \mathbb{P}^n = \dim k^{n+1} - 1 = n$$

We want to define the dimension of an arbitrary variety. (= affine or quasi-affine or projective or quasi-projective)

in k^n , if $Y := Z(y_0 + y_1 + y_2 - y_n) \subset k^n$

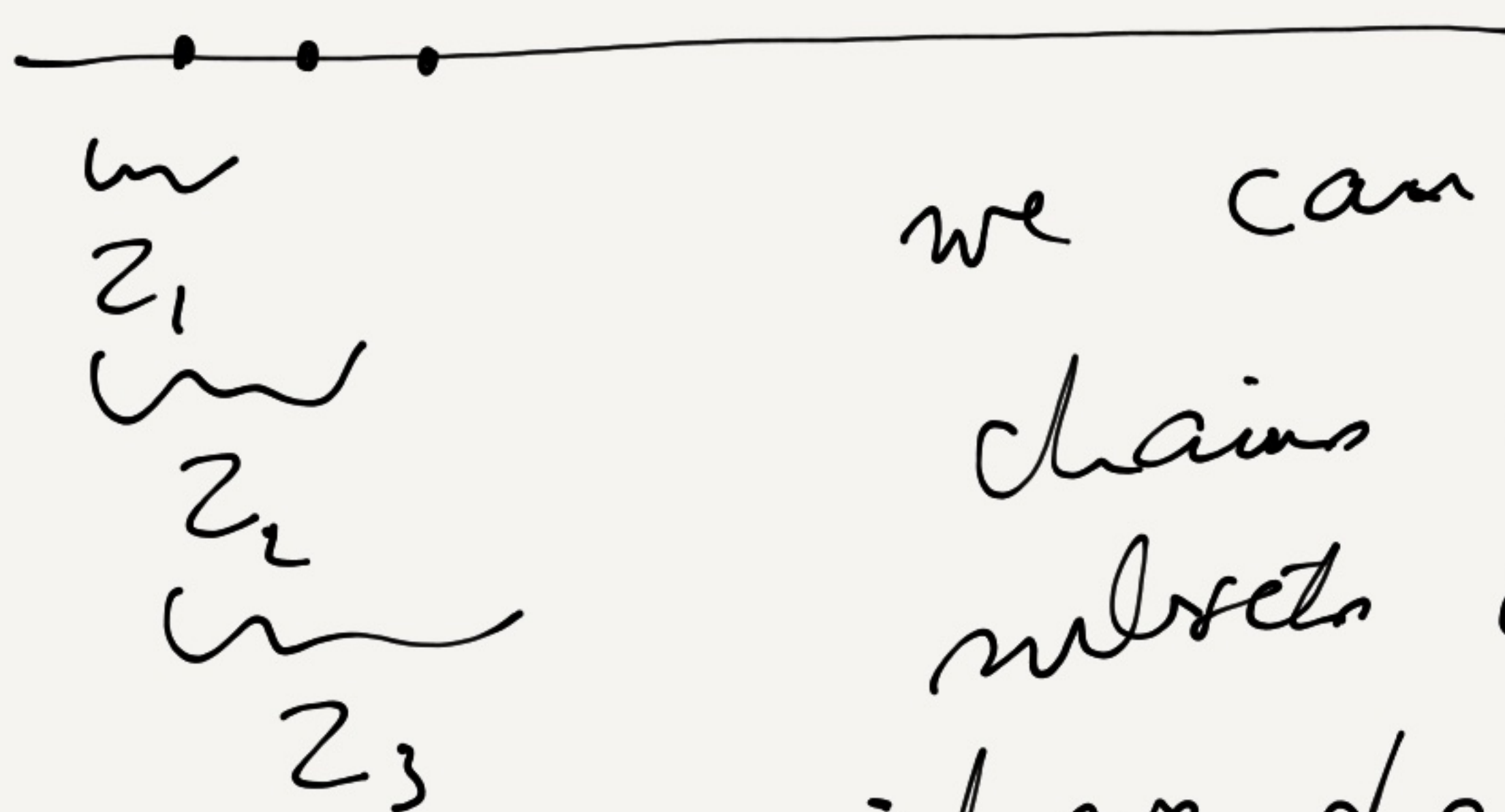
should have dimension $n-1$

$Y \supset Y \cap Z(y_0)$ should have dim. $n-2$.

essentially, we could do this n times.

This gives us the idea of defining the dimension of a variety in terms of descending chains of closed subsets.

For this to make sense, we need the idea of irreducibility:



we can get descending chains of closed subsets of any length if we don't require irreducibility $\Rightarrow \dim X \geq n \quad \forall n$.

Def: A topological space Y is called irreducible if $Y \neq \emptyset$ and $\forall Y_1, Y_2$ non-empty closed subsets of Y , we have

$$Y_1 \cup Y_2 = Y \Rightarrow Y_1 = Y \text{ or } Y_2 = Y$$

Definition: A topological space is called noetherian if it satisfies the descending chain condition for closed subsets, i.e., \forall sequence of closed subsets

$$Y_1 \supseteq Y_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq Y_n \supseteq \dots$$

$$\exists n \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq m \quad Y_m = Y_n.$$