The embedded tangent space to a projective variety.

$X \subset \mathbb{P}^n_k$ projective.

$C(X) \subset \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$ the affine cone of X

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{A}^{n+1}_k \setminus \{0\} & \twoheadrightarrow & \mathbb{P}^n_k \\ \cup & & \cup \\ D(X_i) = V_i & \longrightarrow & U_i = D_+(X_i) \end{array}$$

(on closed points: $(x_0, \dots, x_n) \mapsto$ line through $(0, \dots, 0)$ and $(x_0, \dots, x_n)$)

$$k[X_0, \dots, X_n][X_i^{-1}] \hookleftarrow k\left[\frac{X_0}{X_i}, \dots, \frac{X_n}{X_i}\right]$$

subring of degree 0 elements.

$(a_0, \dots, a_n) \longleftrightarrow$ hom. max. ideal $(a_i X_j - a_j X_i)_{0 \leq i,j \leq n}$

ex. hom. prime ideal $(a_0 X_1 - a_1 X_0)$

$C(X) = Z(I_X)$ $\quad I_X \subset k[X_0, \ldots, X_n]$

$\cap$ $\quad$ hom. ideal of X

$\mathbb{A}^{n+1}_k$.

on closed points $C(X) =$ union of the lines through $(0, \ldots, 0)$ belonging to X.

The Zariski tangent space to $C(X)$ at $y \in C(X)$ closed point mapping to $x \in X$ is the subspace of

$$k^{n+1} = T_y \mathbb{A}^{n+1} = (k\,dX_0 \oplus \cdots \oplus k\,dX_n)^*$$

with equations $dP_1(y), \ldots, dP_r(y)$ where $(P_1, \ldots, P_r) = I_X$ (and P_i are homogeneous.)

$dP_1(y), \ldots, dP_r(y)$ are linear forms on $T_y \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$

$\qquad\qquad k^{n+1} \mathbin{/\!\!/}$

$dP_1(y), \dots, dP_n(y)$ are linear polynomials in $X_0, \dots, X_n$.

$$dP_i(y) \Longleftrightarrow \sum_{j=0}^{n} \frac{\partial P_i}{\partial X_j}(y)\, X_j$$

$Z(dP_1(y), \dots, dP_n(y))$ is a linear subspace of $\mathbb{P}_k^n$.

<u>Def</u>: $Z(dP_1(y), \dots, dP_n(y)) \subset \mathbb{P}_k^n$ is the embedded projective tangent space to X at x.

<u>ex</u>: It always passes through x.

(Euler's formula: $\forall$ F hom. of degree d

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} \frac{\partial F}{\partial X_i} X_i = dF$$
)

ex: In some sense, we can think of the projective tangent space as being "generated by the Zariski tangent space and x itself.

In fact: can write a natural exact sequence.

$$0 \longrightarrow k[y] \longrightarrow T_y C(X) \longrightarrow T_x X \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\overset{\shortparallel}{Z(dP_1(y), \dots, dP_r(y))} \subset T_y \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$$

Bertini's theorem:

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Recall: $\Gamma(\mathbb{P}^n_k, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)) = S_d$ the vector space of homogeneous polynomials of degree d in $n+1$ variables $/k$.

Also recall that $\forall\ f \in S_d$, the scheme of zeros $Z(f)$ is the scheme of zeros of f as a global section of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)$, $Z(f) \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ is a hypersurface of degree d, $I_{Z(f)} = Sf \subset S$

The sheaf of ideals $\mathcal{I}_{Z(f)}$ is the image of

$$f : \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(-d) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n} \text{ and } \mathcal{I}_{Z(f)} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(-d).$$

$Z(f)$ has an associated Weil divisor:

If we write $f = \prod_{i=1}^{r} f_i^{n_i}$ where f_i are irreducible and non proportional.

Then $\mathrm{Div}(f) = \sum_{i=1}^{r} n_i [Z(f_i)]$

($Z(f_i)$ is an integral Weil divisor $\forall i$)

Since $I_{Z(f)} = Sf$, we have that, for two polynomials f, g, $Z(f) = Z(g)$ as subschemes of $\mathbb{P}^n$ iff $\exists\ \lambda \neq 0 \in k$ s.t. $f = \lambda g$.

Fact: More generally, for any nonsingular projective variety X/k with invertible sheaf $\mathcal{L}$,

$\forall\, s, t \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L})$,

$$Z(s) = Z(t) \iff \exists\, \lambda \in k^* \text{ s.t. } t = \lambda s.$$

(Prop. II.7.7)

Def: $|\mathcal{L}| := \mathbb{P}\Gamma(\mathcal{L}) := \{\text{the set of lines in } \Gamma(\mathcal{L})\}$

$= \Gamma(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{0\} / k^*$ = set of closed points of $\mathbb{P}^n_k$ where $n+1 = \dim_k \Gamma(\mathcal{L})$.

is called the complete linear system of $\mathcal{L}$.

Recall that $\mathrm{Div}(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{r} n_i [D_i]$

where D_i are the irreducible components of $Z(s)$ (with their reduced induced scheme structures) and

$n_i = v_{D_i}(s)$ is the order of vanishing or the valuation of s at the generic point of D_i

note that $\mathrm{Div}(s)$ is effective $(n_i \geq 0 \ \forall i)$

We saw that $\mathcal{I}_{Z(s)} \cong \mathcal{O}_X(-\mathrm{Div}(s)) \subset \mathcal{K}_X$

Theorem (Bertini's): k alg. closed

X a nonsingular closed subvariety of $\mathbb{P}^n_k$.

Then the set of hyperplanes $H \subset \mathbb{P}^n_k$ such that

$H \not\supset X$ and $X \cap H$ is nonsingular is a

non-empty open subset of $|\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)| = \mathbb{P}^n_k$.

(closed points of)

Proof: Consider the product $X \times_k |\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)|$.

Recall (Ex II.3.23) that the set of closed points of $X \times_k |\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)|$ is the product of the sets of closed points of X and $|\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)|$.

Consider the subset

$$B := \left\{ (x, H) \;\middle|\; \begin{array}{l} x \in H, \text{ either } x \text{ is a singular} \\ \text{point of } X \cap H \text{ or } H \supset X \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\subset X \times_k |\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)|$$

<u>Claim:</u> B has a natural structure of a closed subscheme of $X \times_k |\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)|$.