

# Zariski topology in $\mathbb{C}^n$

Reminder: a top. space  $X$  is a set with a collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of open & closed subsets such that:

- $U$  is open  $\iff X \setminus U$  closed
- $\emptyset, X$  open
- Any union  $\mathcal{A}$  of open subsets is open
- Finite intersection of open subsets is open
- $\emptyset, X$  closed
- Any intersection of closed subsets is closed
- Finite union of closed subsets is closed

Def (Zariski topology)  $I = \text{ideal in } \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$   
 $V(I) = \text{zero set of } I$  (all polynomials in  $I$  vanish)  
 $V(I)$  closed in Zariski topology.

Thm This is a top. space  $\mathbb{C}^n$

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Proof:  $\emptyset = \{1=0\} \quad \mathbb{P}^n = V(0)$   
 $\parallel$   
 $V(\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n])$

•  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha$  = any family of ideals

$$\bigcap_{\alpha} V(\mathcal{I}_\alpha) = V\left(\sum_{\alpha} \mathcal{I}_\alpha\right)$$

$$\sum_{\alpha} \mathcal{I}_\alpha = \{f_{\alpha_1} + \dots + f_{\alpha_k}\}$$

$f_{\alpha_i} \in \mathcal{I}_{\alpha_i}$

↑  
ideal

$f_{\alpha_i}$  vanishes on  $V(\mathcal{I}_{\alpha_i})$

$\Rightarrow$  vanishes on  $\bigcap_{\alpha} V(\mathcal{I}_\alpha)$

$\Rightarrow$  all  $f_{\alpha_i}$  vanish on  $\bigcap_{\alpha} V(\mathcal{I}_\alpha)$

$\Rightarrow f_{\alpha_1} + \dots + f_{\alpha_k}$  also vanishes.

Conversely, if  $p \in V\left(\sum_{\alpha} \mathcal{I}_\alpha\right)$

all functions from  $\sum_{\alpha} \mathcal{I}_\alpha$

vanish at  $p$

$\Rightarrow$  all functions from  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha$  vanish

$\Rightarrow p \in V(\mathcal{I}_\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha$

at  $p$

- $\Rightarrow p \in V(I_\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha$ , at  $p$
- $V(I_1) \cup V(I_2) = V(I_1, I_2)$  *Exercise.*
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Very weird topology:

Ex  $\mathbb{C}$  all ideals =  $(f)$

$$V(f) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{C}, & f=0 \\ \emptyset, & f = \text{const} \\ n \text{ points, } \deg f = n \end{cases}$$

$\uparrow$   
if  $f \neq 0$

All closed subsets = either  $\mathbb{C}$  or finite subset

Any finite subset is closed

(find a polynomial with given roots).

Open = complements to finite subsets.

( $\Rightarrow$  empty or dense in  $\mathbb{C}$  in "usual" topology).

$\uparrow$  if  $f \neq 0$

Rmk: Not Hausdorff; no disjoint

non-empty open sets

open subsets! Any two nonempty open subsets intersect,

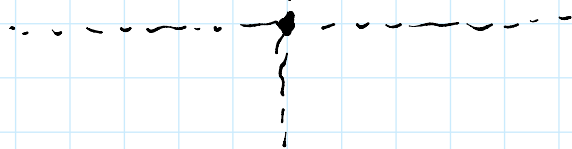
Ex: In  $\mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $\{x^2 = y^3\}$  closed

$\{x^2 \neq y^3\}$  open

In  $\mathbb{C}^2$ , complement to  $\{f=0\}$  is open

$$(0,0) = \bigvee (x,y) = \{x=0\} \cap \{y=0\}$$

$$\text{Complement to } (0,0) = \{x \neq 0\} \cup \{y \neq 0\}$$



↑ open cover of the complement  $\mathbb{C}^2 - \{(0,0)\}$ .

Fact: Zariski closed subset in  $\mathbb{C}^n \implies$  closed in "usual" topology

Zariski open subset in  $\mathbb{C}^n \implies$  open and dense in "usual" topology (or empty).

Caution: Zariski topology in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is NOT the product topology.

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 $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$

Thm:  $f: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$  algebraic function

$$f: (a_1, \dots, a_n) \longrightarrow (\varphi_1(a_1, \dots, a_n), \dots, \varphi_m(a_1, \dots, a_n))$$

$\varphi_i =$  some polynomials in  $n$  variables.

$$f^*: \mathbb{C}[y_1, \dots, y_m] \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

"pullback"

$$f^* y_i = \varphi_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

ring homomorphism

Last time:  $f^*: A \rightarrow B \iff f: \text{Spec } B \rightarrow \text{Spec } A.$

Claim:  $f$  is continuous in Zariski topology.

Recall:  $f$  is continuous  $\iff f^{-1}(\text{open subset}) = \text{open}$

$\iff f^{-1}(\text{closed subset}) = \text{closed}.$

$$f: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$$

closed subset of  $\mathbb{C}^m = V(\mathcal{I})$

$\mathcal{I} =$  ideal in  $\mathbb{C}[y_1, \dots, y_m]$

$$f^{-1}(V(\mathcal{I})) = \{p \in \mathbb{C}^n : f(p) \in V(\mathcal{I})\}$$

$= \{p : \text{all polynomials } g \in \mathcal{I} \}$

$$= \{ p : \text{all polynomials } g \in I \text{ in } \mathcal{O}_p \text{ vanish at } f(p) \}$$

$$= \{ p : g(\psi_1(p_1, \dots, p_n), \psi_2(p_1, \dots, p_n), \dots, \psi_m(p_1, \dots, p_n)) = 0 \}$$

$$f^*(g) = g(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_m)$$

$$\{ p : f^*(g) \text{ vanishes at } p \}$$

Conclusion:  $f^{-1}(V(I)) = V(f^*(I))$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(\text{closed}) \text{ is closed.}$$


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## Zariski's topology for Spec A

$A = \text{ring}$

$\text{Spec } A = \{ \text{prime ideals in } A \}$

$\mathfrak{I} = \text{ideal in } A$

$V(\mathfrak{I}) = \{ \text{prime ideals } \mathfrak{P} \supset \mathfrak{I} \}$

Zariski topology:  $V(\mathfrak{I})$  are closed

Note:  $A = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

$\mathfrak{P} = (x_1 - a_1, \dots, x_n - a_n) \leftarrow \text{maximal ideal}$

$\mathfrak{I} \subset \mathfrak{P} \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{I} \subset (x_1 - a_1, \dots, x_n - a_n)$

$$I \subset \mathcal{P} \Leftrightarrow I \subset (x_1 - a_1, \dots, x_n - a_n)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  all functions in  $I$  vanish at  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

Thm (a)  $\text{Spec } A$  is a topological space with Zariski topology

(b)  $f: A \rightarrow B$  ring homomorphism

$f: \text{Spec } B \rightarrow \text{Spec } A$  continuous function in Zariski topology

Proof: (a)  $\emptyset = V(A)$        $\text{Spec } A = V(0)$

$$\mathcal{P} \supset A \ni \mathcal{p} = A$$

but  $\mathcal{p}$  proper

Arbitrary intersections

$$\bigcap_{\alpha} V(I_{\alpha}) = \bigcap_{\alpha} \{ \mathcal{p} \supset I_{\alpha} \}$$
$$= \{ \mathcal{p} \supset \sum_{\alpha} I_{\alpha} \}$$

Finite unions

$$V(I_1) \cup V(I_2) = V(I_1, I_2)$$

$$\{ \mathcal{p}_{\text{prime}} \supset I_1 \} \cup \{ \mathcal{p} \supset I_2 \}$$

$I_1, I_2 =$  ideal generated by  $fg \ f \in I_1, g \in I_2$

- If  $p \supset I_1$ , then  $f \in p$ , since  $p$  is an ideal,  $fg \in p \Rightarrow$  all such  $fg \in p$
- If  $fg \in p$ , since  $p$  is prime, either  $f$  or  $g \in p \Rightarrow I_1 \subset p$  or  $I_2 \subset p$ .

Allows to define topology  
on  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}, \text{Spec } k[x]$   
 $k = \text{any field}$

$$(b) f^*: A \rightarrow B$$

$$f: \text{Spec } B \rightarrow \text{Spec } A$$

$V(I)$  closed

$$f^{-1}(V(I)) = \{ \text{prime ideals } p \text{ in } B \mid f(p) \supset I \}$$

$$f^*(p) \supset f^*(I) \iff f^{-1}(p) \supset I$$

Claim:  $f^{-1}(V(I)) = V(f^*(I))$



$V(J)$  is closed in  $\text{Spec } B$ .

Ex  $A = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

$\text{Spec } A \ni \text{maximal ideals in } A = \text{maximal ideals in } \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \text{ containing } J$   
 $= V(J) = \text{zero set of } J.$

$I = \text{ideal in } \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \iff \tilde{I} \text{ ideal in } \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \text{ containing } J$

$V(I) = V(\tilde{I}) \subset V(J)$

Zariski closed subsets of  $V(J)$   
 $=$  intersections of closed subsets in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with  $V(J)$   
 $=$  closed subsets in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  contained in  $V(J)$ .

Ex  $J = \{x^2 - y^3\}$   
 $V(J) \subset \mathbb{C}^2$

Zariski closed subsets of  $\{x^2 = y^3\}$

Zariski closed subset of  $\{x^2=y^3\}$   
 $V(I) \iff$  for ideal  
 $I$  contains  $x^2-y^3$ .

HW: Spec  $\mathbb{K}[x, x^{-1}]$