

Algebraic Geometry 11-12

Segre Embedding

For any $n, m \geq 0$, let $N = (n+1)(m+1) - 1$. The Segre morphism is

$$f: \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^m \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$$

$$([x_0: \dots: x_n], [y_0: \dots: y_m]) \longrightarrow [x_0 y_0: x_0 y_1: \dots: x_0 y_m: \\ x_1 y_0: x_1 y_1: \dots: x_1 y_m: \\ \vdots \\ x_n y_0: x_n y_1: \dots: x_n y_m]$$

Let $[z_{ij}: 0 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq m]$ denote the coordinates of \mathbb{P}^N .

Prop: \square The image $X = f(\mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^m)$ is a projective variety given by

$$X = Z(z_{ij} z_{kl} - z_{ik} z_{jl} : 0 \leq i, k \leq n, 0 \leq j, l \leq m).$$

\square f is a bijection, both f and f^{-1} are given by polynomial maps (f defines isomorphism).

Proof: We will prove here for $n=m=1$.

$$f: \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$$

\square Note $f(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1)$ is contained in X . conversely, let $z = [z_{00}: z_{01}: z_{10}: z_{11}] \in X$. We will show $z \in \text{Im}(f)$.

Assume $z_{00} \neq 0$ (other case can be dealt similarly).

Set $z_{00} = 1$, and $x_0 = y_0 = 1$, $x_1 = z_{10}$, $y_1 = z_{01}$.

Using $\boxed{z_{11} = z_{10} \cdot z_{01}}$,

$$f([x_0: x_1], [y_0: y_1]) = [1: y_1: x_1: x_1 y_1] = z.$$

□ Continue assuming $z_{00} = 1$ and consider affine variety

$$U_0 = X \cap \{z_{00} \neq 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^3 \\ = \{(z_{01}, z_{10}, z_{11}) : z_{11} = z_{01} \cdot z_{10}\} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^3$$

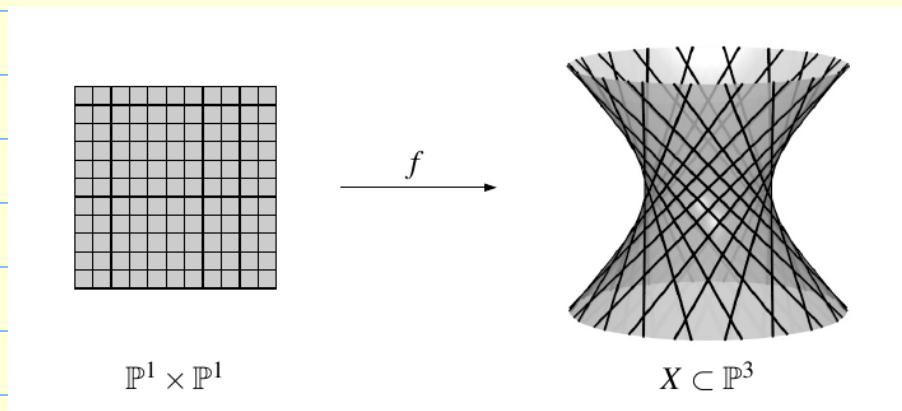
On the other hand,

$$V_0 = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{x_0 \neq 0, y_0 \neq 0\} \cong \mathbb{A}^1 \times \mathbb{A}^1 \cong \mathbb{A}^2 \\ = \{(x_1, y_1) \in \mathbb{A}^2\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} f: V_0 \rightarrow U_0 \\ (x_1, y_1) \rightarrow (y_1, x_1, x_1 y_1) \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{morphism} \\ \\ \text{morphism} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow f \text{ is isomorphism.}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} f^{-1}: U_0 \rightarrow V_0 \\ (z_{01}, z_{10}, z_{11}) \rightarrow (z_{01}, z_{10}) \end{array}$$

Similarly, f induces isomorphism for each affine chart and thus $f: \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow X$ is isomorphism of variety.



Corollary: The diagonal $\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^n} = \{(x, y) : x = y \in \mathbb{P}^n\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^n$ is closed.

Proof: Observe that

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^n} = \{[x_0 : \dots : x_n], [y_0 : \dots : y_n] \mid x_i y_j = x_j y_i \forall 0 \leq i, j \leq n\}.$$

In Segre embedding,

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^n} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^n \xrightarrow{f} X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N \quad (N = (n+1)^2 - 1)$$

$$f(\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^n}) = \left\{ Z = [z_{00} : \dots : z_{0n} : \dots : z_{nn}] \mid \begin{array}{l} z_{ij} z_{kl} = z_{il} z_{kj} \\ \text{and } z_{ij} = z_{ji} \end{array} \right\}$$

\swarrow Segre relations
 \uparrow Diagonal relation

So, $f(\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^n}) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$ is closed, hence
 $\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^n} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^n$ is closed.

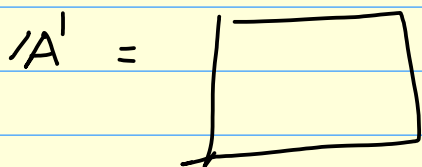
Corollary: Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ be a proj. variety, then
 $\Delta_X = \{(x, x) \mid x \in \mathbb{P}^n\} \subseteq X \times X$
 is closed.

Proof: Note that $\Delta_X = \underbrace{\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^n}}_{\text{closed}} \cap X \times X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^n$.

It is enough to show $X \times X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^n$ is closed.

HW: Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ and $Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}^m$ be closed subsets. Then
 $X \times Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^m$ is a closed subset and hence a projective
 variety using Plucker embedding.

Compactness: In Euclidean topology $k = \mathbb{C}$,



not compact



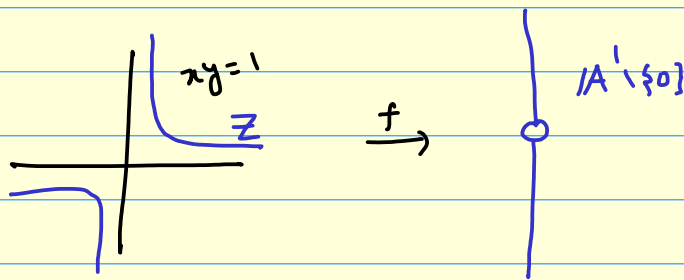
compact

But in Zariski topology, \mathbb{A}^1 and \mathbb{P}^1 is both compact!

Def: A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called closed if for every $A \subseteq X$ closed, $f(A) \subseteq Y$ is closed.

Eg: \square If X, Y are Hausdorff, X compact, then continuous map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is closed.

\square $f: \mathbb{A}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$ $f(z(xy=1)) = \mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}$ not closed!
 $(x, y) \rightarrow (y)$



$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{A}^1, \mathbb{A}^2 \text{ are compact but} \\ \text{not Hausdorff} \end{array} \right\}$

Def: A ringed topological space (X, \mathcal{O}_X) is called a **Variety**, if
 (i) There is a finite open cover $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$, such that U_i is an affine variety with sheaf of regular function $\mathcal{O}_{U_i} \cong \mathcal{O}_X|_{U_i}$; and
 (ii) $\Delta_X \subseteq X \times X$ is closed.

Def: We say a variety X is complete if for every variety Y , the projection $\pi: X \times Y \rightarrow Y$ is a closed map.

Theorem: The projective space \mathbb{P}^n is a complete variety.

We will first prove a technical proposition!

Proposition: The projection map $\pi: \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^m$ is closed.

Proof: Let $Z \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^m$ be a closed subset. Then

$$Z = Z(f_1, \dots, f_r), \text{ where } f_i(x, y) = \text{bihomogenous polynomial} \\ \text{in } (x_0, \dots, x_n; y_0, \dots, y_m).$$

Why bihomogenous?
In Segre coordinates $[z_{00}: \dots : z_{nm}]$, f_i should be homogenous \Rightarrow since $z_{e,k} = x_e \cdot y_k$, degree d poly in $z_{e,k}$'s means degree d bihomogenous polynomial in (x_0, \dots, x_n) and (y_0, \dots, y_m) .
Here, $f(x_0, \dots, x_n; y_0, y_1) = x_0^2 y_1 y_0 + x_0 x_1 y_0$ is deg 2 bihomog. poly.

We may assume f_1, \dots, f_r has bidegree d .
Consider a fixed point $a \in \mathbb{P}^m$;

$$g_i(x_0, \dots, x_n) := f_i(x_0, \dots, x_n, a_0, \dots, a_m) \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$$

Note that

$a \notin \pi(Z) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^m \Leftrightarrow$ there is no $x \in \mathbb{P}^n$ such that $(x, a) \in Z$.

$$\Leftrightarrow Z(g_1, \dots, g_r) = \emptyset$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\langle g_1, \dots, g_r \rangle} = \langle x_0, \dots, x_n \rangle$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists k_0, \dots, k_n \text{ such that } x_i^{k_i} \in \langle g_1, \dots, g_r \rangle$$

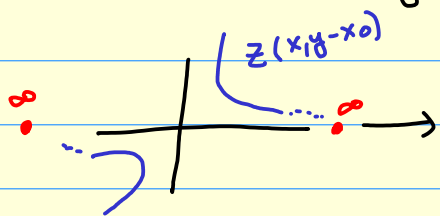
$$\Leftrightarrow k[x_0, \dots, x_n]_k \subseteq \langle g_1, \dots, g_r \rangle \text{ for } k = k_0 + \dots + k_n.$$

Conclusion: \mathbb{P}^n is complete.

HW: Show that a closed subvariety Y of a complete subvariety is complete. In particular, all projective varieties $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ are complete.

Eg: $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{A}^1 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{A}^1$ is a closed map.

$$([x_0:x_1], y) \rightarrow y$$



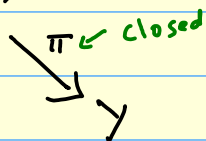
$$f(z(x_1 y - x_0)) = \mathbb{A}^1.$$



Prop: Let X be a complete variety. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism, then $f(X) \subseteq Y$ is a closed subvariety.

Proof: Consider the graph of f , $\Gamma_f := \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid y = f(x)\}$.

$$X \xrightarrow{(id, f)} X \times Y$$



We will show that Γ_f is closed in $X \times Y$: Consider the morphism $X \times Y \xrightarrow{(f, id)} Y \times Y$. (Use universal property!)

Then $\Gamma_f = (f, id)^{-1} \Delta_Y$. Recall Δ_Y is closed for any variety, hence Γ_f is closed.

Cor: For any complete connected variety X , $\mathcal{O}_x(X) \cong k$.

Proof: A regular function $f \in \mathcal{O}_x(X)$ defines a morphism

$$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1. \text{ Compose it with } i: \mathbb{A}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1, \\ i \circ f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \text{ and } (i \circ f)(x) \in \mathbb{A}^1.$$

By prop., $(i \circ f)(x) \in \mathbb{P}^1$ is closed and connected. (and not \mathbb{P}^1),

$$\Rightarrow (i \circ f)(x) = \{a\} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^1.$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is constant function. $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_x(X) \cong k$.

Grassmannian:

Def: Let r and n be positive integers and $r < n$. Grassmannian $G(r, n) = \{V \subseteq k^n : V \text{ is } r\text{-dim vector subspace}\}.$

Eg: $\mathbb{P}^r = G(1, r+1) = \{L \subseteq k^{r+1} \mid L \text{ is dim-1 vector subspaces}\}$
 $= \binom{k^{r+1} \setminus \{0\}}{\text{scaling}}.$

We will show that $G(r, n)$ is a projective variety.