

Algebraic Geometry

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Exercise 1: Let $X \subset \mathbb{A}_k^3$ be the union of the three coordinate axes.

- Compute generators for the ideal $I(X)$.
- Show that $I(X)$ cannot be generated by fewer than three elements.

Hint: in part b. one can use Nakayama's lemma after localising.

Exercise 2: Prove that every affine variety $X \subset \mathbb{A}_k^n$ consisting of only finitely many points can be written as the zero locus of n polynomials.

Hint: use interpolation and consider first the case that the x_1 -coordinates of the points are different.

Exercise 3: [Irreducible components]

Let X be a topological space and Y a non-empty irreducible subspace of X . Show, that there is a maximal irreducible subspace Y' in X containing Y , i.e. there is a $Y' \subseteq X$ irreducible such that $Y \subseteq Y'$ and for all irreducible $Y'' \subseteq X$ with $Y' \subseteq Y''$ we have $Y' = Y''$.

Exercise 4: Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}_k^n$ and $Y \subseteq \mathbb{A}_k^m$ be two affine varieties and consider their product variety $X \times Y$ in \mathbb{A}_k^{n+m} .

- Show, for every $b \in Y$ the map $i_b : X \rightarrow X \times Y : x \mapsto (x, b)$ is continuous.
- Show that the projections from $X \times Y$ to the X or Y map open sets to open sets.
- Show, if X and Y are irreducible, then so is $X \times Y$.