

Q. Suppose  $Z \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  dense  
&  $Z = \text{image of a morphism.}$   
on q.p. var  
Then  $Z$  open?

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Optional homework:

① above

② Image of  $V_d =$

$$Z(x^I x^J - x^k x^l)$$

## Segre Map

Goal: products of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ 's  
are  $\mathbb{P}^n$ 's.

easy for affine space since

$$\mathbb{A}^m \times \mathbb{A}^n = \mathbb{A}^{m+n}$$

Note  $\mathbb{P}^m \times \mathbb{P}^n$  not even homeo

to  $\mathbb{P}^{m+n}$

Identify  $\mathbb{P}^{(m+1)(n+1)-1}$  with

$M_{m+1, n+1}(k) / \text{scalar.}$

Define  $\varphi_{m,n}: \mathbb{P}^m \times \mathbb{P}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{(m+1)(n+1)-1}$

$$([x_0 : \dots : x_m], [y_0 : \dots : y_n]) \mapsto$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 y_0 & \dots & x_0 y_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_m y_0 & \dots & x_m y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix} (y_1 \dots y_n)$$

$\text{Im } \varphi_{m,n} = \text{Segre variety. "outer product"}$

Use <sup>homog</sup> coords

$$z_{ij} \leftrightarrow x_i y_j$$

Example  $\varphi_{1,1} : \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$

$$([x_0:x_1], [y_0:y_1]) \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x_0y_0 & x_0y_1 \\ x_1y_0 & x_1y_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note:  $\det = 0 \Rightarrow \text{rk} \leq 1$ .

Also  $\text{rk} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{rk} = 1$

Thus  $\varphi_{1,1}$  well def &

$$\text{Im } \varphi_{1,1} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 : \det = 0 \right\}$$

(lin alg: all rank 1 matrices are outer products)

Claim:  $\varphi_{1,1}(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \text{pt})$  is linear  
( $\leftrightarrow$  plane in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ )

PF.  $\text{pt} = [1:b]$

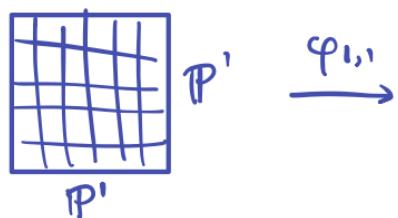
$$\varphi_{1,1}([x_0:x_1], [1:b])$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & bx_0 \\ x_1 & bx_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_{01} = b z_{00}$$

$$z_{11} = b z_{10}$$

intersection  
of 2 3-planes  
in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ .



Prop.  $\varphi_{m,n}$  injective.

Pf. Let  $M = (m_{ij}) \in \varphi_{m,n}(a, b)$

$$\text{WLOG } a_0 = b_0 = 1 \Rightarrow m_{00} = 1$$

Recover  $a, b$  from first col,  
row resp.  $\square$

Prop.  $\text{Im } \varphi_{m,n} = \{\text{rank 1 matrices}\}/\text{scale.}$

Pf. Use above lin alg fact or:

Say rk of  $M = (m_{ij}) = 1$

Scale so  $m_{00} = 1$   $(i^{\text{th}} \text{ col}$   
 $\text{is } m_{0i} \cdot 1^{\text{st}}$ )

$$\forall k, l \neq 0 \quad m_{kl} = m_{k0} m_{l0}$$

Take  $a, b$  to be first col / row.

## Algebraic structure on $\mathbb{P}^m \times \mathbb{P}^n$

$\varphi_{m,n}$  gives  $\mathbb{P}^m \times \mathbb{P}^n$  an alg.

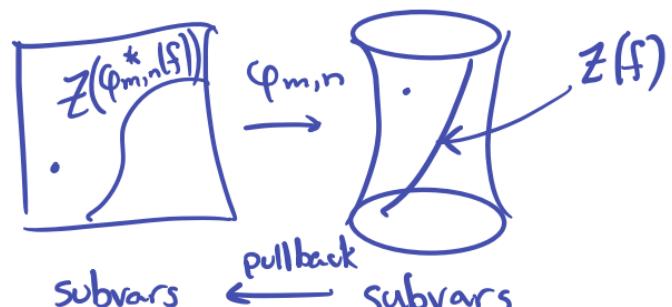
structure :

- varieties in  $\mathbb{P}^m \times \mathbb{P}^n$   
are intersections of vars  
in  $\mathbb{P}^N$  with  $\text{im } \varphi_{m,n}$   
(subspace Zar. topology)

- poly fns on  $\mathbb{P}^m \times \mathbb{P}^n$   
are poly fns on  $\text{im } \varphi_{m,n}$

Prop. Under this defn,  
 subvarieties of  $\mathbb{P}^m \times \mathbb{P}^n$   
 are zero sets of bihomog.  
 polys.  
 \* if  $x_i, y_i$  are coords on  
 $\mathbb{P}^m, \mathbb{P}^n$ , each monomial  
 has fixed deg in  $x_i$  & fixed  
 deg in  $y_i$ . If the deg's are  
 same, say the bihomog. poly  
 is balanced.

Pf. Given subvar of Segre var:  
 $Z(f_1, \dots, f_r)$   
 Each  $f_i$  pulls back to balanced  
 poly in  $x, y$ . If  $\deg f_i = d_i$ ,  
 pullback has bi-degree  $(d_i, d_i)$   
 e.g.  $\varphi_{m,n}^*(Z_{00}^2 - Z_{01}Z_{02})$   
 $= (x_0y_0)^2 - (x_0y_1)(x_0y_2)$



Other direction: Given

$f_1, \dots, f_r$  bihomog. in  $x_i, y_j$

can make each balanced

w/o changing zero set (cf last lecture):

replace  $f_i$  with

$$\{y_0 f_i, \dots, y_n f_i\} \quad \square$$

Notice: There are many more varieties in  $\mathbb{P}^m \times \mathbb{P}^n$  than just products of varieties:

product of vars  $\leftrightarrow$  polys factorable as  
 $(\text{poly in } x) \cdot (\text{poly in } y)$ .

- Another way to define products of proj vars:

$$k[X \times Y] = k[X] \otimes k[Y] ?$$

Probably  
~~Maybe with  $k(X)$ ?~~

- $X \times Y$  is a categorical product (satisfies univ property).

Given  $l_x: Z \rightarrow X$

$l_y: Z \rightarrow Y$

$\exists l: Z \rightarrow X \times Y$   
s.t.  $\pi_X \circ l = l_x$  same for  $Y$ .

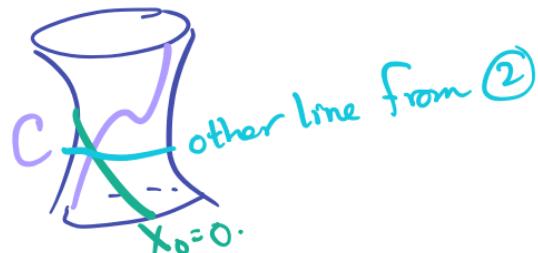
Example. Twisted cubic.

$C = \text{image of}$

$$[s:t] \mapsto [s^3 : s^2t : st^2 : t^3]$$

Observe  $C \subseteq \text{Segre}_{1,1} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^3$ .

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} s^3 & s^2t \\ st^2 & t^3 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$



$$\rightsquigarrow C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1.$$

Besides the eqn defining Segre<sub>1,1</sub>, there are 2 polys defining C in  $\mathbb{P}^3$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad z_{00}z_{10} - z_{01}^2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad z_{01}z_{11} - z_{10}^2$$

① Pulls back to C union a line:

$$\begin{aligned} & x_0y_0x_1y_0 - (x_0y_1)^2 \\ &= \underbrace{x_0(y_0^2x_1 - x_0y_1^2)}_f \leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{line } x_0 = 0 \\ \cup Z(f) \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

Check:  $\varphi_{1,1}$  maps  $Z(f)$  bij to C.

## Coord-free descriptions of $V_d$ & $Q_{m,n}$

$\exists$  natural map

$$\begin{aligned} k^{n+1} &\rightarrow \text{Sym}^d(k^{n+1}) \\ V &\longmapsto V^d \end{aligned}$$

projectivizing gives  $V_d$

$$\text{e.g. } V_1 : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} k^2 & \longrightarrow & \text{Sym}^2 k^2 \\ e_1, e_2 & & e_1^2 \quad e_1, e_2 \quad e_2^2 \end{array}$$

$$(xe_1 + ye_2) \longmapsto (xe_1 + ye_2)^2 = x^2(e_1^2) + xy(e_1e_2) + y^2(e_2^2)$$

Similarly  $Q_{m,n}$  comes from

$$k^{m+1} \times k^{n+1} \longrightarrow (k^{m+1}) \otimes (k^{n+1})$$

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$$\text{Sym}^d(V) = V^{\otimes d} / \text{rearranging terms.}$$













