

$X, Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  quasi-projective varieties (irreducible)

$X \cap Y$  is a locally subset of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , can be  $\emptyset$

Assume  $X \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ : what about  $\dim(X \cap Y)$ ?

If  $X, Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  are linear subvarieties  $\Rightarrow X \cap Y$  is again linear  
 $\dim(X \cap Y) = \dim X + \dim Y - \dim \langle X \cup Y \rangle$

In partic.:  $X \cap Y \neq \emptyset$  if  $\dim X + \dim Y - \dim \langle X \cup Y \rangle \geq 0$

If  $X, Y \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  are affine lin. subvar.  $\Rightarrow X \cap Y$  is linear,  
but  $X \cap Y$  can be  $\emptyset$  even if  $\dim X + \dim Y - \dim \langle X \cup Y \rangle \geq 0$ , if  $X \cap Y \neq \emptyset$   
then the dim is given by the formula above.

If we don't know  $\dim \langle X \cup Y \rangle$ ,  $\dim \langle X \cup Y \rangle \leq n$

$$\dim X \cap Y \geq \dim X + \dim Y - n$$

Theorem (thm. of the intersection). Ass.  $K$  is algebraically closed,  $X, Y$  quasi-proj. subvarieties of  $\mathbb{P}^n_K$   
 $\dim X = r, \dim Y = s$  Ass.  $X \cap Y \neq \emptyset$   
 if  $Z$  is any irreducible component of  $X \cap Y$  then  
 $\dim Z \geq r + s - n$ .

For proj. varieties, if  $r + s - n \geq 0$  then  $X \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ .  
 $r + s - n$ : expected dimension for  $X \cap Y$

Pf. It is based on the

Krull principal ideal Theorem (Hauptideal theorem)

Ass.  $R$  is a commutative ring noetherian  
 $a \in R$  a non invertible element so  $(a)$  is proper  
 let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a prime ideal minimal over  $(a)$ :  $\mathcal{P}$  is  
 minimal in the set of prime ideals containing  $(a)$   
 Then  $\text{ht } \mathcal{P} \leq 1$ :  $\text{ht } \mathcal{P} = \sup$  lengths of finite  
 chains of prime ideals contained in  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Moreover if  $a$  is not a zero divisor,

then  $\text{ht } \mathcal{P} = 1$ .

Rmk 1: we can assume  $X, Y$  are proj. irred. varieties

taking the closure

$X, Y$  are open in some proj. var.; taking closures does not remain the same.  $\overline{X \cap Y} \neq \overline{X} \cap \overline{Y}$

$Z$  irred. comp. of  $X \cap Y \rightarrow Z$  irred. comp. of  $\overline{X \cap Y}$ .

Rmk 2  $X, Y$  proj. var.,  $X \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ ,  $Z$  irred. comp.

$\mathbb{P}^n = U_0 \cup \dots \cup U_n$ ,  $Z \cap U_i \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow$  we can work with

$X \cap U_i, Y \cap U_i, (X \cap Y) \cap U_i$ : the dim remain the same:  $X \cap U_i, Y \cap U_i$  are affine varieties, and

the irred. components of  $(X \cap U_i) \cap (Y \cap U_i)$  correspond to some of the irred. comp. of  $X \cap Y$

$$\overline{X \cap Y} = W_1 \cup \dots \cup W_m$$

$$X \cap Y = \underbrace{V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_p}_{\substack{\text{irred.} \\ \text{max } m}} \quad \overline{V_i} \subset \overline{X \cap Y}$$

$$\overline{V_i} \subseteq \underbrace{W_{j_i}}_{\substack{\text{irred.} \\ \text{max } m}} \text{ irred. and max } m \text{ in } \overline{X \cap Y}$$

$$\underbrace{W_{j_i} \cap (X \cap Y)}_{\substack{\text{open in } W_{j_i} \\ \text{irred.}}} \cong \underbrace{V_i}_{\substack{\text{irred.} \\ \text{max } m \text{ in } X \cap Y}}$$

closed in  $W_{j_i}$

$$\Rightarrow V_i = \underbrace{W_{j_i} \cap (X \cap Y)}_{\text{dense in } W_{j_i}}$$

We can reduce to the case  $X, Y \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  irred. affine varieties.

Case 1  $X$  is a hypersurface :  $\dim X = n-1$   
 $X, Y$  : claim  $\neq \emptyset$  ( $\dim Z \geq (n-1) + \delta - n = \delta - 1$ )  
 a)  $Y \subseteq X \Rightarrow X \cap Y = Y$  :  $\dim Y = \delta \geq \delta - 1$   
 b)  $Y \not\subseteq X$  :  $\dim Y = \delta - 1$   
 $\mathcal{I}(X) = (F)$   $F$  irred. polyn.

$$\mathcal{I}(X \cap Y) = \sqrt{\mathcal{I}(X) + \mathcal{I}(Y)} = \sqrt{\mathcal{I}(Y) + (F)} \subseteq K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

$$\mathcal{O}(Y) = K[Y] = \frac{K[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{\mathcal{I}(Y)}$$

$Z$  irred. comp. of  $X \cap Y$  :  $Z$  is a maximal irred. closed subset of  $X \cap Y \iff \mathcal{I}(Z)$  is a minimal prime ideal containing  $\mathcal{I}(X \cap Y)$

consider  $\mathcal{I}(X \cap Y) \subseteq \mathcal{O}(Y)$   $Z \subseteq X \cap Y \subseteq Y$   
 $\mathcal{I}(Z) \supseteq \mathcal{I}(X \cap Y) \supseteq \mathcal{I}(Y)$   
 $\frac{\mathcal{I}(X \cap Y)}{\mathcal{I}(Y)}$

$\mathcal{I}_Y(Z)$  is a min. prime ideal of  $\frac{\mathcal{O}(Y)}{\mathcal{I}(Y)}$  containing  $\frac{\mathcal{I}(X \cap Y)}{\mathcal{I}(Y)}$   
 $\frac{\mathcal{I}_Y(Z)}{\mathcal{I}_Y(X \cap Y)} = \frac{\mathcal{I}(Z) + \mathcal{I}(Y)}{\mathcal{I}(Y)} = \sqrt{(f)}$  where  $f = \frac{F}{1}$  function on  $Y$  def.

$f \neq 0$   
 because  
 $X \not\subseteq Y$

A prime ideal contains  $\sqrt{(f)} \iff$  it contains  $(f)$  : by the pol.  $F$

$\sqrt{(f)}$  is the intersection of the prime ideals containing  $(f)$ .

$\frac{\mathcal{I}_Y(Z)}{\mathcal{I}_Y(Y)}$  is a min. prime ideal containing  $(f)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \dim \mathcal{I}_Y(Z) \leq 1.$$

$(f) \neq 0$  if it is not invertible in  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$ : otherwise  
 $(f) = \mathcal{O}(Y)$   $V(f) = \emptyset$  but  $f=0$  defines  
 $X \cap Y$   $V(f) = X$   $V(f) = X \cap Y \neq \emptyset$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ht } \frac{I_Y}{I_Z}(Z) = 1$$

$f$  is not zero-divisor because  $f \neq 0$   
 and  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$  is integral domain.

$$\mathcal{O}(Y) \supseteq I_Y(Z)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(Z) = \frac{\mathcal{O}(Y)}{I_Y(Z)}$$

$$\mathcal{O}(Z) = \frac{k[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{I(Z)} \cong$$

$$\frac{\frac{k[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{I(Y)}}{I_Y(Z)/I(Y)}$$

$$\dim Z = \dim \mathcal{O}(Z) = \dim \mathcal{O}(Y) - \frac{\text{ht } I_Y(Z)}{I_Y(Z)} =$$

$$= \dim Y - 1.$$

$\dim X = n-1, Y \text{ dim } s \Rightarrow Z \begin{cases} s & \text{if } Y \subseteq X \\ s-1 & \text{if } Y \not\subseteq X \end{cases}$

Case 2  $\dim X = r$  Ass.  $I(X) = (F_1, \dots, F_{n-r})$

This implies that  $X = V(F_1) \cap \dots \cap V(F_{n-r})$

$n-r$  is the minimal possible number of generators for  $I(X)$ :

$\dim X = n-1 \Rightarrow n-r = 1$

$\dim X = n-2$ , the ideal cannot be generated by only 1 pol., otherwise  $\dim X = n-1$ : we need at least two

$\dim X = n-3$ , if  $I(X) = (F_1, F_2)$ :  $V(F_1)$  has  $\dim n-1$

$V(F_1) \cap V(F_2)$  the dim can decrease only by 1

because of case 1)

etc.

$X = V(F_1) \cap \dots \cap V(F_{n-r})$ :  $V(F_1) \cap V(F_2) \supseteq Z$  indep. comp.

$V(F_1)$  all its indep. comp. are indep. hypersurfaces:

$\forall i$ :  $V(F_1) = V(G_1) \cup \dots \cup V(G_{n-1})$   
 $V(G_i) \cap V(F_2)$   $\begin{cases} \supseteq V(F_2) & \text{if } V(G_i) \supseteq V(F_2) \\ \supseteq \text{indep. comp.} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  only if  $F_2, G_i$  differ by an unremovable elem.

$Z$  is the union of all indep. components of  $V(G_i) \cap V(F_2)$ : the indep. comp. of  $V(F_1) \cap V(F_2)$  are among them: each has  $\dim \geq n-2$

$\forall$  indep. comp. of  $V(F_1) \cap V(F_2)$ :  $W$ , consider  $W \cap V(F_3) = W \cap (V(H_1) \cup \dots \cup V(H_t)) \Rightarrow$  apply indep. hyp.

case 1) for each  $W \cap V(H_i)$ :  $\dim \begin{cases} \leq n-1 \\ \leq n-2 \\ \leq n-3 \end{cases}$

By induction we get

that  $\dim Z \geq s - (n-r) = s+r-n$

Case 3  $X \cap Y \cong (X \times Y) \cap \Delta_{\mathbb{A}^{2n}}$

$\Delta_{\mathbb{A}^{2n}} = \{(x_1 \dots x_n, x_1 \dots x_n) \mid (x_1 \dots x_n) \in \mathbb{A}^n\}$   
 $\updownarrow$  isomorph.

diagonal: affine linear subspace of  $\mathbb{A}^{2n}$  of dim  $n$

$\mathbb{A}^n$  dim  $\Delta_{\mathbb{A}^{2n}} = n$ ,  $(x_1 \dots x_n, x_{n+1} \dots x_{2n})$  coordinates in  $\mathbb{A}^{2n}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_{n+1} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ x_{n+1} - x_{2n} = 0 \end{array} \right.$  equations for  $\Delta_{\mathbb{A}^{2n}}$

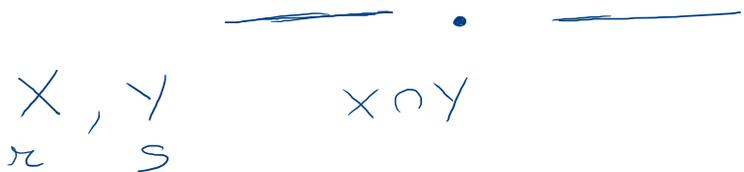
dim  $X \times Y = \text{dim } X + \text{dim } Y$ , irreducible (exercise)

In  $\mathbb{A}^{2n}$ :  $X \times Y$  dim  $r+s$   $(X \times Y) \cap \Delta_{\mathbb{A}^{2n}} \cong X \cap Y$   
 $\Delta_{\mathbb{A}^{2n}}$  dim  $n$

In the isom. irred. components  $\leftrightarrow$  irred. comp.

For  $(X \times Y) \cap \Delta_{\mathbb{A}^{2n}}$  we are in the situat. of case 2)

$\# Z$  dim  $Z \geq \text{dim}(X \times Y) + \text{dim} \Delta - 2n = r+s+m-2n = r+s-n$





But  $X = V(F_1) \cap V(G)$  intersection of two hypersurfaces

$$G = \begin{vmatrix} x_0 & x_1 & x_2 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_2 & x_3 & x_0 \end{vmatrix} \quad F_1 = \begin{vmatrix} x_0 & x_1 \\ x_1 & x_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$V(F_1)$  and  $V(G)$  are tangent along  $X$

$$G = x_0 F_1 - x_3 F_2 + x_2 F_3 \in \mathcal{I}_n(X)$$

$$V(G) \supseteq X \quad X \subseteq V(G) \cup V(F_1)$$

$$V(F_1) \supseteq X$$

Def.  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  proj. variety of dim  $r$   
 ( $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  aff. var. of  $\dots$ )

is a COMPLETE INTERSECTION if  
 $\mathcal{I}_n(X)$  is generated by  $n-r$  homog. pol.  
 $\mathcal{I}(X)$   $n-r$  polynom.

In partic.  $X$  is intersection of  $n-r$  hypersurfaces  
 " with multiplicity 1 "

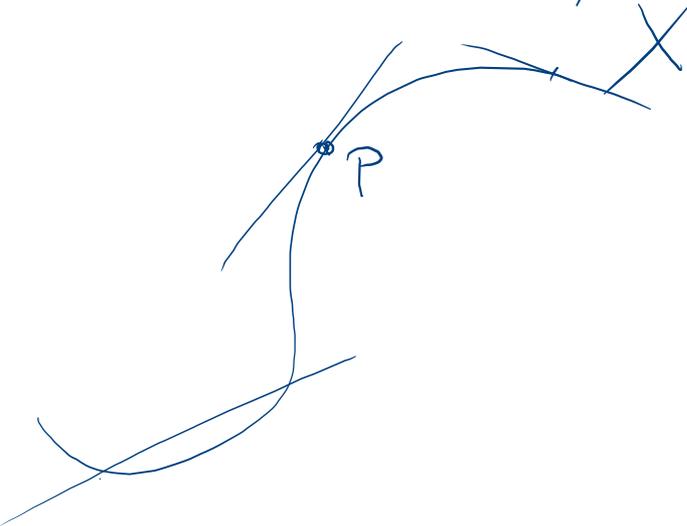
$X$  skew cubic: is set-theoretically intersection  
 of 2 hypersurfaces

Def.  $X$  of dim  $r$  is set-theoretically  
 complete intersection if it is the intersection of  
 $n-r$  hypersurfaces  $(K \text{ alg closed})$

$$\mathcal{I}_n(X) = \sqrt{(F_1, \dots, F_{n-r})}$$

or  $\mathcal{I}(X)$

$X$  is locally complete intersection



$$I_u(X) = (F_1, F_2, F_3)$$

$$P \rightsquigarrow U_P \quad \text{where}$$

$$V_P(F_1) \cap V_P(F_2) \cap \dots \cap V_P(F_r) \cap U_P = X \cap U_P$$