

How many lines intersect 4 random lines in space?

"Objects of algebraic geometry form algebraic varieties"

Projective space  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

Fix  $(n+1)$  dim v.s.  $V$ .

$\mathbb{P}^n = \{1\text{-dim subspace of } V^{n+1}\}$

Let  $U_i = \{[x_0: \dots : x_n] \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid x_i \neq 0\} = \{[\frac{x_0}{x_i}, \dots, 1, \frac{x_n}{x_i}]\}$

Let  $z_j = \frac{x_j}{x_i}$  - coordinates on  $U_i$ .

$U_i \cong \mathbb{A}^n$  ( $\mathbb{A}^n$ ).

Note  $\bigcup_{i=0}^n U_i = \mathbb{P}^n$  - covering of  $\mathbb{P}^n$  with  $(n+1)$  affine spaces

How to change coordinates?

$p = [x_0: x_1: \dots : x_n]$  with  $x_0, x_1 \neq 0$ .

$p \in U_0 \cap U_1 = (\frac{x_0}{x_1}, 1, \frac{x_2}{x_1}, \dots)$   
 $(1, \frac{x_1}{x_0}, \dots)$

$w_2 = \frac{z_2}{z_1} \cdot \frac{x_0}{x_1}, w_j = \frac{z_j}{z_1}, \text{ if } j \neq 0, w_0 = \frac{1}{z_1}$

Example: Riemann sphere.



Affine stratification:  $\mathbb{P}^n = U_0 \sqcup \{[x_0: x_1: \dots : x_n] \in \mathbb{P}^n\}$

Affine  
n-space  
 $x_n = 0$   
 $x_{n-1} \neq 0$

$\{[x_0: x_1: \dots : x_{n-1}: 0: 0]\} / \sim$   
 $\mathbb{P}^{n-1} = \{[x_0: \dots : x_{n-1}: 0]\} \sqcup \{[x_0: \dots : x_{n-2}: 0: 0]\} / \sim$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{A}^n \sqcup \mathbb{A}^{n-1} \sqcup \dots \sqcup \mathbb{A}^0$   
 $n^{\text{th}}$  coordinat.  $\neq 0$ .  $x_0 \neq 0$ , other = 0.

Homogenous polynomials define subspaces in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , but don't define functions!

• Hypersurfaces of degree  $d$ . (1 - one hom. pol. of degree  $d$ ).

{ Hypersurf. of degree  $d$  }  
in  $\mathbb{P}^n$

Example:  $\mathbb{P}^2$   
 $x, y, z$   
 $2ax^2 + 2bxy + 2cy^2 + 2dxz + 2eyz + 2fz^2 = 0$

Not allowed  $a = \dots = f = 0$ .

$\Downarrow$   
It's  $\mathbb{P}^5$ !

to describe it, we should look at h. polyn. degree  $d$ , but we are not allowed to make all parameters zero, so it is a projective space.

Hypersurface by its eqn  $\sum_{i_0+\dots+i_n=d} a_{i_0\dots i_n} x_0^{i_0} \dots x_n^{i_n}$   
 Think of eqn by coefficients  $\sum_{|I|=d} a_I x^I$ .  
 $(a_I) \neq$  not all  $= 0$ .

If we scale by non zero const, we get same hypersurface.  
 dimension  ~~$\binom{n+d}{d}$~~   $\binom{n+d}{d}$ .

Monomials form a basis

Bijection: mon. of degree  $d$  in  $n+1$  vector spaces.  $\longleftrightarrow$  Subsets of length  $d$  in  $\{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$ .

$x_0^2 x_1 x_3^3 x_4^2$  degree 8 in 5-v.s.

$\downarrow$   
 $(0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 3 \ 3 \ 3 \ 4 \ 4)$  subset of length 8 of  $\{1, \dots, 12\}$   
 $\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{matrix}$   
 number of times  $i$  appears is the power of  $x_i$ .

$\{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12\}$ .

$(1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 1, 11, 12)$   
 $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)$

$0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 3 \ 3 \ 3 \ 4 \ 4$

$x_0^2 x_1^1 x_2^6 x_3^3 x_4^2$