

# Universal Algebraic Geometry: Equational Domains and Co-Domains

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## Domains in Commutative Algebra

A commutative associative ring  $A$ ,  $A \neq 0$ , is called a **domain** if it has no zero-divisors.

**Zero-divisors** are non-zero elements  $a, b \in A$  with  $a \cdot b = 0$ .

## Domains in Classical Algebraic Geometry

Let  $k$  be a field.

### Theorem 1






For any positive integer  $n$  and any algebraic sets  $Y, Z \subseteq k^n$  over  $k$  the set  $Y \cup Z$  is algebraic over  $k$ .

### Theorem 2

Let  $Y$  be an algebraic set over  $k$ . Then

$Y$  is irreducible  $\iff k[Y]$  is a domain.

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## Basic Notions of Universal Algebraic Geometry

- $\mathbb{L}$  — a first-order **language**
- $\mathcal{A} = \langle A \mid \mathbb{L} \rangle$  — an algebraic structure in the language  $\mathbb{L}$
- $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  — a finite set of variables
- $T_{\mathbb{L}}(X)$  — the set of all terms in  $\mathbb{L}$  with variables in  $X$
- $At_{\mathbb{L}}(X)$  — the set of all atomic formulas in  $\mathbb{L}$  with variables in  $X$ :

$$(t = s), \quad R(t_1, \dots, t_{n_R}),$$

$t, s, t_1, \dots, t_{n_R}$  — terms;  $R$  — predicate from  $\mathbb{L}$

- atomic formulas  $\varphi \in At_{\mathbb{L}}(X)$  are called **equations** in the language  $\mathbb{L}$
- any subset  $S \subseteq At_{\mathbb{L}}(X)$  is called a **system of equations**

## Algebraic Set, Radical, Coordinate Algebra

$S \subseteq \text{At}_{\mathbb{L}}(X)$  — a system of equations

**Algebraic set over  $\mathbb{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{A}$**

$$V_{\mathcal{A}}(S) = \{ (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n \mid \mathcal{A} \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \ \forall \varphi \in S \}$$

**The radical of a system  $S$  = the radical of an algebraic set**  
 $Y = V_{\mathcal{A}}(S)$

$$\text{Rad}_{\mathcal{A}}(S) = \text{Rad}(Y) = \{ \varphi \in \text{At}_{\mathbb{L}}(X) \mid \mathcal{A} \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \\ \forall (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in Y \}$$

**The coordinate algebra of an algebraic set  $Y$**

is the  $\mathbb{L}$ -structure

$$\Gamma(Y) = \langle T_{\mathbb{L}}(X)/\text{Rad}(Y) \mid \mathbb{L} \rangle$$

with the natural interpretation of symbols from  $\mathbb{L}$  on the factor-set  $T_{\mathbb{L}}(X)/\text{Rad}(Y)$ .

## Equationally Noetherian Algebraic Structures

### Definition

An algebraic structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is called **equationally Noetherian** if for any positive integer  $n$  and any system of equations

$$S(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

there exists a finite subsystem

$$S_0 \subseteq S$$

such that

$$V_{\mathcal{A}}(S_0) = V_{\mathcal{A}}(S).$$

## Unification Theorem A (classification of irreducible coordinate algebras)

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an equationally Noetherian algebraic structure in a language  $\mathbb{L}$ . Then for a finitely generated algebraic structure  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathbb{L}$  the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1  $\text{Th}_{\forall}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \text{Th}_{\forall}(\mathcal{C})$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{Ucl}(\mathcal{A})$ ;
- 2  $\text{Th}_{\exists}(\mathcal{A}) \supseteq \text{Th}_{\exists}(\mathcal{C})$ ;
- 3  $\mathcal{C}$  embeds into an ultrapower of  $\mathcal{A}$ ;
- 4  $\mathcal{C}$  is discriminated by  $\mathcal{A}$ ;
- 5  $\mathcal{C}$  is a limit algebraic structure over  $\mathcal{A}$ ;
- 6  $\mathcal{C}$  is an algebraic structure defined by a complete atomic type in the theory  $\text{Th}_{\forall}(\mathcal{A})$  in  $\mathbb{L}$ ;
- 7  $\mathcal{C}$  is the coordinate algebra of an irreducible algebraic set over  $\mathcal{A}$  defined by a system of equations in the language  $\mathbb{L}$ .

## Unification Theorem C (classification of all coordinate algebras)

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an equationally Noetherian algebraic structure in a language  $\mathbb{L}$ . Then for a finitely generated algebraic structure  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathbb{L}$  the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{Qvar}(\mathcal{A})$ , i.e.,  $\text{Th}_{\text{qi}}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \text{Th}_{\text{qi}}(\mathcal{C})$ ;
- 2  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{Pvar}(\mathcal{A})$ ;
- 3  $\mathcal{C}$  embeds into a direct power of  $\mathcal{A}$ ;
- 4  $\mathcal{C}$  is separated by  $\mathcal{A}$ ;
- 5  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subdirect product of finitely many limit algebraic structures over  $\mathcal{A}$ ;
- 6  $\mathcal{C}$  is an algebraic structure defined by a complete atomic type in the theory  $\text{Th}_{\text{qi}}(\mathcal{A})$  in  $\mathbb{L}$ ;
- 7  $\mathcal{C}$  is the coordinate algebra of an algebraic set over  $\mathcal{A}$  defined by a system of equations in the language  $\mathbb{L}$ .

## The Zariski Topology and Irreducible Algebraic Sets

### Definition

The **Zariski topology** on  $A^n$  is the topology with the family of algebraic subsets  $Y \subseteq A^n$  as a prebase of closed sets.

**FACT:**  $\mathcal{A}$  is equationally Noetherian  $\iff$  the Zariski topology on  $A^n$  is Noetherian for every positive integer  $n$ .

### Definition

An algebraic set  $Y$  is called **irreducible** if it is not a finite union of proper algebraic subsets.

# EQUATIONAL DOMAINS AND CO-DOMAINS

## Equational Domains

### Theorem 1

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### Theorem 2

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$$Y \text{ is irreducible} \iff k[Y] \text{ is a domain.}$$

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### Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an equational domain in a functional language  $\mathbb{L}$  and  $Y$  an algebraic set over  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then

$Y$  is irreducible  $\iff \Gamma(Y)$  is an equational domain.

## Equational Domains and Co-Domains

### Domain

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**DOMAINS:** every non-empty closed in the Zariski topology set is algebraic.

### Co-domain

An algebraic structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is called an **equational co-domain** if for every positive integer  $n$  and every algebraic sets  $Y_1, \dots, Y_m \subseteq A^n$  over  $\mathcal{A}$  the set  $Y_1 \cup \dots \cup Y_m$  is not an algebraic over  $\mathcal{A}$  (if the union  $Y_1 \cup \dots \cup Y_m$  is proper).

**CO-DOMAINS:** every non-empty algebraic set is irreducible.

## Theorem

For an arbitrary algebraic structure  $\mathcal{A}$  in a functional language  $\mathbb{L}$  the following conditions are equivalent:

- $\mathcal{A}$  is an equational domain;
- every non-empty closed in the Zariski topology set is algebraic;
- there exists a system of equations  $S(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ , such that  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies to (infinite) universal formula

$$\varphi = \forall x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \left( \bigwedge_{(t=s) \in S} t = s \iff [(x_1 = x_2) \vee (x_3 = x_4)] \right).$$

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**REMARK:** If  $\mathcal{A}$  is equationally Noetherian then  $\varphi$  have to be finite! In this case we have

**THEOREM:**

$$\{\text{axioms for } \mathbf{Ucl}(\mathcal{A})\} = \{\text{axioms for } \mathbf{Qvar}(\mathcal{A})\} \cup \{\varphi\}.$$

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If  $\mathcal{A}$  is equationally Noetherian then conditions above are equivalent to:

- $\mathbf{Qvar}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathbf{Ucl}(\mathcal{A})_e$ ;
- $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \equiv_{\forall} \mathcal{A}$ .

# DOMAINS IN RINGS, IN GROUPS, IN ALGEBRAS OVER A RING

Equational domain:

$$\forall x, y \left( \bigwedge_{f \in S} f(x, y) = 0 \iff [(x = 0) \vee (y = 0)] \right)$$

Domain:

$$\forall x, y \quad (x \cdot y = 0 \iff [(x = 0) \vee (y = 0)])$$

## Equational Domains in Commutative Associative Rings

Equational domain:

$$\forall x, y \left( \bigwedge_{f \in S} f(x, y) = 0 \iff [(x = 0) \vee (y = 0)] \right)$$

Domain:

$$\forall x, y \quad (x \cdot y = 0 \iff [(x = 0) \vee (y = 0)])$$

### Statement

Let  $A$  be a commutative associative ring with 1. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1  $A$  is a domain;
- 2  $A$  is an equational domain in the language  $\mathbb{L}_R = \{+, -, \cdot, 0, 1\}$ ;
- 3  $A$  is an equational domain in the language  $\mathbb{L}_{rA} = \mathbb{L}_R \cup \{a, a \in A\}$ .

## Domains in Groups

**Definition (G. Baumslag, A Myasnikov, V. Remeslennikov, 1999)**

A group  $G$  is called a **domain** if it has no zero-divisors.

An element  $1 \neq x \in G$  is called a **zero-divisor** if there exists  $1 \neq y \in G$ , such that  $[x, y^g] = 1$  for all  $g \in G$ .

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Let  $G$  be a group. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1  $G$  is a domain;
- 2  $G$  is an equational domain in the language

$$L_{\text{gr}G} = \{\cdot, {}^{-1}, 1\} \cup \{g, g \in G\}.$$

Let  $K$  be a commutative associative ring with 1 and  $A$  an algebra over  $K$ .

### Definition

We name  $A$  a **domain** if it has no zero-divisors.

We name an element  $0 \neq a \in A$  a **zero-divisor** if there exists an element  $0 \neq b \in A$ , such that

$$\text{id}\langle a \rangle \cdot \text{id}\langle b \rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{id}\langle b \rangle \cdot \text{id}\langle a \rangle = 0.$$

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## Statement

Let  $A$  be an algebra over a commutative associative ring  $K$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1  $A$  is a domain;
- 2  $A$  is an equational domain in the language

$$\mathbb{L}_{K\text{alg}A} = \{+, -, \cdot, 0, \alpha \cdot, \alpha \in K\} \cup \{a, a \in A\}.$$

## Zero-Divisors

Elements  $0 \neq a, b \in A$  are **zero-divisors** if

$$\text{id}\langle a \rangle \cdot \text{id}\langle b \rangle = \text{id}\langle b \rangle \cdot \text{id}\langle a \rangle = 0.$$

LIE ALGEBRAS:  $[\text{id}\langle a \rangle, b] = 0$ .

ASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRAS WITH 1:

$$acb = bca = 0 \quad \text{for all } c \in A.$$

COMMUTATIVE ASSOCIATIVE ALGEBRAS:  $a \cdot b = 0$ .

FOR ALL ABOVE: domain = prime algebra.

# EXAMPLES

## Equational Domains in Groups

- 1 every non-abelian free group
- 2 every non-abelian torsion-free hyperbolic group
- 3 every non-abelian simple group
- 4 free product  $A * B$  of any groups  $A$  and  $B$  (exception  $\mathbb{Z}_2 * \mathbb{Z}_2$ )

## Equational Domains in Algebras over a Field

- 1 free algebra, free associative algebra, free commutative algebra, free commutative associative algebra, free non-abelian Lie algebra over a field
- 2 every simple algebra over a field with non-trivial multiplication
- 3 every prime algebra
- 4 free product  $A * B$  of Lie algebras over a field if  $A$  and  $B$  are domains

## Equational Co-Domains

- 1 every torsion free abelian group
- 2 every torsion-free module over a commutative associative domain
- 3  $\prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}^{(i)}$  for any algebraic structure  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $|I| = \infty$   
( $\mathcal{A}^{(i)} \cong \mathcal{A}$ )

## NOT Equational Domains

- 1 free semigroup
- 2 every non-trivial commutative monoid with cancelations
- 3 every non-trivial abelian, nilpotent, solvable group
- 4 every non-trivial abelian, nilpotent, solvable Lie algebra