

Exercises to „Algebraic geometry I“, 3

EXERCISE 1 (3 points). Give an example of a product which does not exist in the category of finite-dimensional \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces.

REMARK 1. An argument to show that such products must be canonically isomorphic to the products in the category of all \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces if they exist has been sketched in the lecture. This is easy to carry out in detail but is a bit laborious and probably merits more than 3 points. A more straightforward approach is to look at the morphism sets which may occur in the category of finite-dimensional vector spaces and to look for an example where the universal property of products would force a morphism set to be of a different type.

EXERCISE 2 (4 points). Give an example of a category \mathcal{A} and a morphism $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ in \mathcal{A} which is a Mono- and Epimorphism but not an Isomorphism in \mathcal{A} .

Let \mathbf{k} be an algebraically closed field.

EXERCISE 3 (4 points). Give an example of algebraic varieties X and Y over \mathbf{k} and of a pair of morphisms (α, β) from X to Y which has no equalizer in the categories of varieties or prevarieties over \mathbf{k} .

EXERCISE 4 (4 points). Let X be a prevariety over \mathbf{k} . Show that the affine open subsets of X form a topology base of X .

EXERCISE 5 (5 points). Let \mathfrak{B} be a topology base for the topological space X and \mathcal{G} a sheaf of sets on \mathfrak{B} satisfying the following version of the sheaf axiom:

If $U = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ is an open covering of $U \in \mathfrak{B}$ by elements of \mathfrak{B} , then $g \rightarrow (g|_{U_i})$ maps $\mathcal{G}(U)$ bijectively onto the set of all $(g_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{G}(U_i)$ such that $g_i|_W = g_j|_W$ when $i, j \in I$ and $W \in \mathfrak{B}$ is contained in $U_i \cap U_j$.

Show that the canonical morphism $\mathcal{G} \xrightarrow{\gamma_{\mathcal{G}}} \text{Sheaf}(\mathcal{G})|_{\mathfrak{B}}$ is an isomorphism.

REMARK 2. Of course the assertion also holds for sheaves of rings and groups, with the same proof.

Solutions should be submitted Friday, November 10 in the lecture.