

Ex 3: $X = X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_r$ pure dim, Since $\deg X = \sum_{i=1}^r \deg X_i \Rightarrow r=1$ (1)
 $\Rightarrow X$ is irreducible

(1) Proof of the hint:

$H = V(f)$ linear hypersurface plane and K contains 2-points

Ref 7.15

If $X \not\subset H$, then by Bézout's theorem:

$$\# |X \cap H| \leq \deg X \cdot \deg f = 1 \quad (\text{Corollary 7.19(a)})$$

but we have at least 2 points

Hence, we can not apply Bézout's th. $\Rightarrow X \subset H$.

Assume X is not a line $\Rightarrow \exists A, B, C \in X$ different, such that $C \notin AB$.

(corresponding vectors $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$ are lin. independent)

Then by LA $\exists$ a hyperplane H containing A and B , but not C

$$A, B \in H \Rightarrow X \subset H \Rightarrow C \in X \subset H \quad \downarrow$$

Hint

It follows $X = \text{line}$.

(2) Induction on $\dim X = r$

Same $\deg X = 1 + X$ pure-dim. $\Rightarrow X$ irreducible
 $\uparrow$
 same arg. as in (1)

Any linear subspace has $\deg = 1$ (by Example 7.14)

Assume $\dim X = r \geq 2$, $\deg X = 1$

Take a H hyperplane with $X \not\subset H = V(f)$

By Bézout's Theorem $\deg Y = \deg I(Y) \leq \deg(I(X) + f) = \deg X \cdot \deg f = 1$

$$Y = V(I(X) + f) = X \cap V(f)$$

$$I(Y) = \sqrt{I(X) + f} \supseteq I(X) + f$$

It follows, $\deg I(X) = 1$ $\deg Y = 1$ and $\dim Y = \dim X - 1 = r - 1$

Moreover, Y is pure-dim. by Ex 2, so By question (1):

Y is a linear subspace, $Y = P(U)$, $\dim U = r$ linearly independent

(*) Assume a hyperplane H contains $A_1, \dots, A_{r+1} \in X$, s.t. $\dim \langle \vec{A}_1, \dots, \vec{A}_{r+1} \rangle = r+1$

Then $X \subset H$ (otherwise $\nexists$ by Bézout's theorem)

If $X \neq P(U)$, with $\dim U = r+1$

Then $\exists r+2$ points $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{r+1}, A_{r+2}$

s.t. $\dim \langle \vec{A}_1, \dots, \vec{A}_{r+1} \rangle = r+1$ and $\vec{A}_{r+2} \notin \langle \vec{A}_1, \dots, \vec{A}_{r+1} \rangle$

$\exists$ a hyperplane H , $\vec{A}_1, \dots, \vec{A}_{r+1} \in H$ and $\vec{A}_{r+2} \notin H$

By (*) $X \subset H$, but $A_{r+2} \in X$ and $A_{r+2} \notin H$ ∇

So X is a $P(u)$, with $u = \langle \vec{A}_1, \dots, \vec{A}_{r+1} \rangle$, $\dim u = r+1$

Ex 4

$$X_1 = A \cup B \cup C \cup D \cup E$$

both cubics.

$$X_2 = B \cup C \cup E \cup A \cup F$$

$X_i = V(f_i)$, $f_i =$ product of 3 lin. polyn

$$\deg f_i = 3$$

$$\deg X_i = 3$$

Note that by Bézout's Th.

$$l_1 \cap X_{i_1} = \{A, B, C\}$$

$$l_2 \cap X_i = \{D, E, F\}$$

Hence $f_i(S) \neq 0$

Choose, $\alpha, \beta \in K$ s.t. $(\alpha f_1 + \beta f_2)(S) = 0$

$$\alpha, \beta \neq 0$$

$\alpha f_1 + \beta f_2 \neq 0$ otherwise $f_1 = \gamma f_2$ and

$$X_1 = V(f_1) = V(f_2) = X_2 \quad \nabla$$

$$* \quad \tilde{f} = \alpha f_1 + \beta f_2, \quad \tilde{X} = V(\tilde{f}) \quad \deg \tilde{X} = 3$$

$$\tilde{X} \cap l_1 = \{S, A, B, C\} \Rightarrow \text{Bézout theorem} \quad l_1 \text{ is a component of } \tilde{X}$$

$$\tilde{X} \cap l_2 = \{S, D, E, F\} \Rightarrow l_2 \text{ is a component of } \tilde{X}$$

$$\tilde{X} = l_1 \cup l_2 \cup \ell$$

$$Q, P, R \in X_1, X_2 \Rightarrow Q, P, R \in \tilde{X} \text{ but } \notin l_1, l_2 \Rightarrow Q, P, R \in \ell.$$