

# AG for NT 9

## 1 Recalling

Let  $X$  be a scheme, it is *reduced at*  $x \in X$  if the stalk  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a reduced ring (it has not nilpotent elements)

A scheme is *reduced* if it is reduced at all points

**Example.**  $\text{Spec}(k[x]/(x^2))$  is not reduced.

Varieties are always reduced.

A scheme is *irreducible* if it is irreducible as topological spaces.

A scheme is *integral* if it is reduced and irreducible.

**Example.**  $\text{Spec}(k[t]/f(t))$  is integral where  $f$  is a irreducible polynomial.

$\text{Spec}(A \times B)$  is not integral.  $A, B \neq 0$ .

A scheme is called *normal at*  $x \in X$  if  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a normal domain (i.e, it is integrally closed in its fraction field)

A scheme is *normal* if it is normal at all points in  $X$

*Remark.* (Easy to prove) A normal scheme is connected

**Example.** The scheme  $y^2 = x^3 - x^2$  (a loop) is not normal.

A scheme is *Dedekind* if it is normal and locally Noetherian of dimension 1. (By dimension, we mean the Krull dimension, i.e., the maximal length of a chain of irreducible closed subschemes)

A scheme is *Regular at*  $x \in X$ , if  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is regular, i.e.  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a local ring,  $\mathfrak{m}_x$  its maximal ideal,  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_x = k$ , then  $\dim \mathcal{O}_{X,x} = \dim_k (\mathfrak{m}_x/\mathfrak{m}_x^2)$

A scheme is *regular* if it is regular at all points

**Example.** The above example is not regular.

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be any morphism of schemes. Let  $V \subseteq Y$  be affine open,  $U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  to be affine open, then  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$  is an  $\mathcal{O}_Y(V)$ -algebra. If  $f$  is quasi-compact and for all  $U, V$  as before,  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$  is finitely generated as  $\mathcal{O}_Y(V)$ -algebra then  $f$  is of finite type.

A morphism is called *finite* if for all  $V \subset Y$  open affine,  $f^{-1}(V) \subset X$  is affine and of finite type as modules.

A morphism is called *flat* if  $f^\# : \mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a flat morphism of rings, i.e.,  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is flat as  $\mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)}$ -module.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $k$  be a field, and  $X$  a  $k$ -scheme of finite type. Let  $\bar{k}$  be an algebraic closure of  $k$ .  $X$  is *smooth at*  $x \in X$  if the points lying above it in  $X_{\bar{k}}$  are regular points.

$X$  is *smooth* if it is smooth at every points.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a morphism of finite type, suppose the rings are locally Noetherian,  $f$  is *smooth at*  $x \in X$  if it is flat and  $X_{f(x)} \rightarrow \text{Spec } k(f(x))$  is smooth at  $x$ .

## 2 Models

The following definition varies from author to author, but this is the “most general” definition (with the least assumption made, e.g. connected irreducible etc)

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $k$  be a field. A *curve* over  $k$  is a  $k$ -scheme of finite type, whose irreducible components have dimension 1.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $S$  be a scheme, a *curve* over  $S$  is a flat  $S$ -scheme whose fibers are curves over the corresponding residue fields.

From now on: let  $S$  be a Dedekind scheme. Let  $K = K(S)$  be its field of rational functions.

**Definition 2.3.** A *fibred surface* over  $S$  is an integral projective flat scheme over  $S$ ,  $X \rightarrow S$ , of dimension 2.

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $C$  be a smooth, projective, connected curve over  $K$ . A *model*  $\mathcal{C}$  over  $S$  of  $C$  is a normal fibred surface,  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow S$ , together with an isomorphism  $\mathcal{C}_\eta \cong C$  (where  $\eta$  is the general point on  $S$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C & \xrightarrow{\cong} & C \times K \cong C_\eta \\
 \downarrow & \swarrow & \searrow \\
 K & & C \\
 & \searrow & \swarrow \\
 & & S
 \end{array}$$

**Definition 2.5.** A rational map  $Y \dashrightarrow X$  is an equivalence class of maps  $(U, f_U : U \dashrightarrow X)$  where  $U$  is open,  $f$  is a morphism. Two maps are equivalent if they agree on a non-empty open intersection of their domain

**Definition 2.6.** A regular fibred surface  $X \rightarrow S$  is *minimal* if every birational map  $Y \dashrightarrow X$  of regular fibred surfaces is a birational morphism.

### Minimal regular model

**Theorem 2.7** (Liu, 9.3.21). *Let  $X \rightarrow S$  be a regular fibred surface with generic fiber  $X_\eta$  of arithmetic genus  $\geq 1$ . Then  $X$  admits a unique minimal model over  $S$  up to unique isomorphism.*

The arithmetic genus is  $1 - \chi_k(\mathcal{O}_X)$ . (where  $\chi$  is the Euler characteristic)

**Jacobian Criterion.** Let  $k$  be a field,  $X$  an affine variety, closed.  $X \subset \mathbb{A}_k^n$  (with local coordinates  $T_1, \dots, T_n$ ),  $x \in X(k)$ ,  $\alpha = V(I)$ . Let  $F_1, \dots, F_r$  to be generators for  $I$ . The Jacobian  $J = \left( \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial T_j} \right)_{1 \leq i \leq r, 1 \leq j \leq n} \in M_{r \times n}(k)$ . Then  $X$  is regular at  $x$  if and only if  $\text{rk } J_x = n - \dim \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ .

## 3 Examples

Let  $C = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Q}[x, y]/(y^2 - x^3 + 49))$ , this is a curve. Construct a regular model over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Let us try  $X = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}[x, y]/(y^2 - x^3 + 49))$ . Reduce  $y^2 - x^3 + 49$  modulo 7, we have  $y^2 = x^3$  which has singular point. Let  $\mathfrak{m} = (x, y, 7)$  then  $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_7}(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2) = 3 > 2$ . Hence the scheme  $X$  is not regular at  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

Consider

$$\tilde{X} := \text{Bl}_{\mathfrak{m}}(X) = \begin{cases} y^2 = x^3 - 7^2 \\ 7u = xw \\ 7v = yw \\ uy = xv \end{cases}$$

where  $u : v : w$  is projective coordinated. Is  $\tilde{X}$  regular? Regularity is local

$u = 1$

$$X_1 = \begin{cases} y^2 = x^3 - 7^2 \\ 7 = xw \\ 7w = yw \\ y = xv \end{cases}$$

This gives  $7v = yw = xzw = vxw = 7v$ ,  $X_1 = \begin{cases} x^2v^2 = x^3 - x^2w^2 \\ 7 = xw \end{cases}$  or in factorisation form  $X_1 =$

$\begin{cases} x^2(v^2 - x + w^2) = 0 \\ 7 - xw = 0 \end{cases}$ . We use Jacobian criterion  $J(x, v, w) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2v & 2w \\ -w & 0 & -x \end{pmatrix}$ .  $X$  is regular if and only if for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\text{rk } J = 2$ . Hence we try to solve the following system

$$\begin{cases} x^2(v^2 - x + w^2) \\ 7 - xw \\ -2vw \\ -2vx \\ x + 2w^2 \end{cases}$$

and see there are no solutions. Hence  $X_1$  is regular

$v = 1$

$$X_2 = \begin{cases} y^2 = x^3 - 7 \\ 7u = xw \\ 7 = yw \\ uy = x \end{cases}$$

We also see this is smooth regular

$w = 1$

$$X_3 = \begin{cases} y^2 = x^3 - 7 \\ 7u = x \\ 7v = y \\ uy = xv \end{cases}$$

Again this is regular

Hence we have that  $\tilde{X}$  is a regular model of  $C$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

We now consider a second example: Let  $C = \text{Proj}(\mathbb{Q}[x, y, z]/(y^2z - x^3 + 49z^3))$  be a projective curve. We want to find a regular model over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

We try  $Y = \text{Proj}(\mathbb{Z}[x, y, z]/(y^2z - x^3 + 49z^3))$ . Let us cover  $Y$  with three charts  $Y_1, Y_2$  and  $Y_3$  which correspond respectively to  $z = 1, y = 1$  and  $x = 1$ .

Look at  $Y_1$ , this is  $X$  of the previous example. So again, blow it up to get  $\tilde{X}$ .

$Y_2 = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}[x, z]/(z - x^3 + 49z^3))$ . If we look at the Jacobian, we get  $J(x, z) = (-3x^2, 1 + 3 \cdot 49z^2)$ , so we try to solve the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{cases} z - x^3 + 49z^3 = z(1 + 49z^2) - x^3 = 0 \\ -3x^2 = 0 \\ 1 + 3 \cdot 49z^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence  $Y_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is smooth and  $Y_2$  is regular

The same calculation for  $Y_3$  shows that  $Y_3$  is regular

$\tilde{Y}$  regular model is obtained by blowing up  $Y_1$  as in the first example.

## 4 Elliptic Curves

**Definition 4.1.** An *elliptic curve* over a field  $K$  is a pair  $(E, O)$  where  $E$  is a smooth projective curve of genus 1 over  $K$ , and  $O \in E(K)$ .

Let  $T = \text{Spec } A$  be an integral affine scheme.

$K$  be the field of rational functions,  $K = \text{Frac}(\mathcal{O}_X(V)) \cong \mathcal{O}_{X, \zeta}$  where  $\zeta$  is generic point

**Definition 4.2.** A *Weierstrass model* of  $(E, O)$  elliptic curve over  $T$  is a triple  $(f, W, \phi)$  where

- $f \in A[x, y, z]$  homogeneous polynomial (called Weierstrass polynomial).  $f(x, y, z) = y^2z + a_1xyz + a_3yz^2 - x^3 - a_2x^2z - a_4xz^2 - a_6z^3$
- $W = \text{Proj}(A[x, y, z]/(f(x, y, z)))$
- $\phi$  is an isomorphism  $\phi : E \xrightarrow{\sim} W \times_{\text{Spec } T} \text{Spec } K$  with  $O \mapsto (0 : 1 : 0)$

The Weierstrass model over  $K$  is defined similarly

**Theorem 4.3.** *If  $(E, O)$  is an elliptic curve and has a Weierstrass module over  $K$ , then it has a Weierstrass model over  $T$ .*

*Proof.* Idea: make  $f$  integral. Take the affine chart  $z = 1$ ,  $f(x, y) = \dots$ ,  $K = \text{Frac}(A)$ , there exists  $0 \neq l \in A$ , such that  $f_1 = l^6 f \in A[x, y]$ . Take change of coordinates  $l^2x = X$  and  $l^3y = Y$   $\square$

**Example.** Take  $y^2 = x^3 + x$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , this is the same as  $v^2 = u^3 + 16u$ .

Given a Weierstrass polynomial, we can define  $\Delta = \text{disc}(f)$  (it is also the discriminant of the model). The *minimal Weierstrass model* is a Weierstrass model which has minimal discriminant. Over  $\mathbb{Q}$  there exists a minimal Weierstrass model.

*Remark.* The minimal Weierstrass model do not need to coincide with the minimal regular model

**Example.** Let  $p$  be a prime in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and consider  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Consider  $y^2z = x^3 + 2x^2z + 4z^3$  is integral.  $\Delta = -2^8 \cdot 29$ . Recall the valuation  $v_p(n) = \text{ord}_p(n) = \max\{m \in \mathbb{N} : p^m | n\}$ , so

$$v_p(\Delta) = \begin{cases} 8 & p = 2 \\ 1 & p = 29 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

There is a theorem which say if for all  $p \in \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}$  we have  $0 \leq v_p(\Delta) < 12$ , then it is minimal. So  $X = \text{Proj}(\mathbb{Z}[x, y, z]/(yz^2 - x^3 - 2x^2z - 4z^3))$  is a minimal Weierstrass model. We show that it is not regular. Look at the affine chart  $z = 1$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = (x, y, 2)$  then  $\dim(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2) = 3 > 2$ . Hence not regular.