

Geometric stability and Zariski geometries

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Example. Algebraic Geometry is a model theory of (algebraically closed) fields with the emphasis on positively quantifier-free definable sets (**Zariski-closed** sets).

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(L) Topological Language: The primitive n -ary relations of the language are exactly the ones that distinguish definable closed subsets of M^n , all n (that is the ones in \mathcal{C}), and every quantifier-free positive formula in the language defines a closed set (so is equivalent to an atomic one).

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More precisely:

1. the intersection of a finite family of closed sets is closed;
2. finite unions of closed sets are closed;
3. the domain of the structure is closed;
4. the graph of equality is closed;
5. any singleton of the domain is closed;
6. Cartesian products of closed sets are closed;
7. the image of a closed $S \subseteq M^n$ under a permutation of coordinates is closed;
8. for $a \in M^k$ and S a closed subset of M^{k+l} defined by a predicate $S(x, y)$ the *fibre over a*

$$S(a, M^l) = \{b \in M^l : M \models S(a, b)\}$$

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$$\text{pr}_{i_1, \dots, i_m} : \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \mapsto \langle x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m} \rangle, \quad i_1, \dots, i_m \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

is a continuous map, by L6:

the inverse image of a closed set S is closed. Indeed,

$$\text{pr}_{i_1, \dots, i_m}^{-1} S = S \times M^{n-m}$$

up to the order of coordinates.

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(QC) For any finitely consistent family $\{G_t : t \in T\}$ of closed subsets

$$\bigcap_{t \in T} G_t \text{ is non-empty.}$$

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A definable set S is called **irreducible** if there are no relatively closed subsets $S_1 \subseteq_{\text{cl}} S$ and $S_2 \subseteq_{\text{cl}} S$ such that $S_1 \subsetneq S_2$, $S_2 \subsetneq S_1$ and $S = S_1 \cup S_2$.

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Good dimension

We assume that to any non-empty projective S a non-negative integer called **the dimension of S** , $\dim S$, is attached.

We postulate the following properties of a good dimension notion:

(DP) **Dim of a point** is 0;

(DU) **Dim of unions:** $\dim(S_1 \cup S_2) = \max\{\dim S_1, \dim S_2\}$;

(SI) **Strong irreducibility:** For any irreducible $S \subseteq_{\text{cl}} U \subseteq_{\text{op}} M^n$ and its closed subset $S_1 \subseteq_{\text{cl}} S$, if $S_1 \neq S$ then $\dim S_1 < \dim S$;

(AF) **Addition formula:** For any irreducible $S \subseteq_{\text{cl}} U \subseteq_{\text{op}} M^n$ and a projection map $\text{pr} : M^n \rightarrow M^m$,

$$\dim S = \dim \text{pr}(S) + \min_{a \in \text{pr}(S)} \dim(\text{pr}^{-1}(a) \cap S).$$

(FC) **Fibre condition:** For any irreducible $S \subseteq_{\text{cl}} U \subseteq_{\text{op}} M^n$ and a projection map $\text{pr} : M^n \rightarrow M^m$ there exists $V \subseteq_{\text{op}} \text{pr} S$ (relatively open) such that

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More precisely: every definable substructure of finite Morley rank can be made Zariski in a natural language by removing a subset of smaller rank.

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