

## Solutions to sheet 5

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(a) Let  $D_n$  be the subgroup of all diagonal matrices and consider

$$f: T_n \longrightarrow D_n, \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & a_{ii} \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then using  $a_{ii} \neq 0 \forall i$  we get:

$$f^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & * \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \cdot U_n.$$

$\Rightarrow T_n/U_n \cong D_n$  is an affine variety isomorphic to  $(K^*)^n$ .

(b) Identify  $\mathbb{P}^1$  with the set of lines in  $K^2$  and fix the line

$$L_0 = K \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \subseteq K^2. \quad \text{Consider now the morphism.}$$

$$f: SL_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1, \quad A \longmapsto A \cdot L_0.$$

Then  $f$  is surjective and

$$f^{-1}(L_0) = \{ A \in SL_2 \mid A \cdot L_0 = L_0 \} = T$$

Hence we obtain a bijection

$$f: SL_2/T \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^1.$$

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~~(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Consider  $G/H$  with the  $G$ -action by left multiplication.~~

~~Let  $\{Z_i \mid i \in G\}$  be the irreducible components, with  $Z_0 = G^\circ$  the identity component.~~

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)

Assume that  $H \cdot G^\circ \neq G$  is a proper subgroup. As it contains  $G^\circ$  it is of finite index in  $G$ . Let now  $X = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in G/H \cdot G^\circ} p_\alpha$

be a variety consisting of a finite disjoint union of ~~points~~ (closed) points indexed by the cosets  $\alpha \in G/H \cdot G^\circ$ . Consider the map

$$\varphi: G \longrightarrow X, \quad g \longmapsto p_\alpha \text{ if } g \text{ lies in the coset } \alpha \in G/H \cdot G^\circ.$$

This is a morphism of varieties, because each connected component of  $G$  gets contracted to one single point and such a contraction is a morphism of varieties. Moreover we have by definition

$$\varphi(g \cdot h) = \varphi(g) \quad \forall g \in G, h \in H.$$

Hence by the universal property of quotients we get a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \longrightarrow & G/H \\ & \searrow \varphi & \downarrow \tilde{\varphi} \\ & & X \end{array}$$

As  $\varphi$  is surjective, so is  $\tilde{\varphi}$ . But there cannot be a surjection between an irreducible space (like  $G/H$ ) and one with many irreducible components (like  $X$ ). Contradiction.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)

Let  $Z \subseteq G$  be any connected component and pick some element  $z \in Z$ . By (iii) we may write  $z = g \cdot h$  for  $g \in G^\circ$ ,  $h \in H$  (use  $G^\circ \subseteq G$  normal for this).

$$\Rightarrow h = g^{-1}z \in Z \cap H.$$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)

We claim that  $G^\circ \hookrightarrow G \rightarrow G/H$  is surjective. Pick for this any  $[z] \in G/H$  and any preimage  $z \in G$ . Then  $z$  lies in some connected component  $Z$ . By (ii) we can find  $h \in Z \cap H$ .

As  $G^\circ$  acts transitively on  $Z$ , we may therefore write

$$z = g \cdot h \text{ for some } g \in G^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow [z] = [g] \in G/H \text{ and } [z] \text{ lies in the image of } G^\circ.$$

Thus  $G/H$  is the image of the irreducible space  $G^\circ$ , hence irreducible itself.

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$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \quad (\text{cf. lin. alg.})$$

Decomposing the matrix in the middle, we get the additive Jordan decomposition as

$$g_s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

From this we get the multiplicative Jordan decomposition by setting

$$g_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + g_s^{-1} \cdot g_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Although we did all computations in the space of all matrices,  $g_s$  and  $g_n$  lie (as predicted by the general theory) in  $SL_3$ .

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(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in SL_{2,u}$

but  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin SL_{2,u}$

Let  $\lambda \in K, \lambda \neq 0 \neq 1$  be any element. Then

$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \in SL_{2,s}$

but  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \lambda \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin SL_{2,s}$ .

(b) From the lecture we know that  $SL_{2,u}$  is closed. Now  $SL_{2,u} \neq SL_2$  and the only open and closed subspace of the irreducible variety  $SL_2$  is  $SL_2$  itself. Hence  $SL_{2,u}$  cannot be open.

(c) Consider  $f: X = K \setminus \{0\} \longleftrightarrow SL_2$   
 $\lambda \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$

and assume  $SL_{2,s}$  is closed. Then by continuity of  $f$ , the set

$$K \setminus \{0, \pm 1\} = f^{-1}(SL_{2,s}) \subseteq X = K \setminus \{0, \pm 1\}$$

would be closed as well. But it is surely open and

$X$  irreducible, giving the desired contradiction.

(d) Let  $Z = SL_2 \setminus SL_{2,s}$ . We show that  $Z$  is not closed. Consider

$$g: K \longrightarrow SL_2, \lambda \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \lambda \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $g^{-1}(Z) = K \setminus \{0\}$  which is not ~~closed~~ <sup>closed</sup>. Hence  $Z$

cannot be closed as well.