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THE TOPOLOGICAL NATURE OF ALGEBRAIC CONTRACTIONS

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Abstract: One shows that if $c: W \rightarrow W/V$ is the coequalizer of a constant map and a closed immersion in the category of affine schemes of a countable type over a field \mathcal{K} , then c is also a topological coequalizer with respect to the Zariski topologies. If $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} and W/V has the induced product topology, then c is on compact balls a topological coequalizer with respect to the strong topology on W . Finally, if W_m is a closed orbit under the action of G on W , the group quotient of W by G exists if and only if the group quotient of W/W_m by G exists.

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§ 0. Introduction. Let \mathcal{K}/G be the category of based affine schemes of a countable type over a field \mathcal{K} . The main references here are [2] and [3]. If (W, \mathcal{Q}) is an element of \mathcal{K}/G , $W = \text{Spec } A$ for some countably generated \mathcal{K} algebra A , $\mathcal{Q} \in W$ and $\mathcal{Q} = \text{Spec } \mathcal{K}$. Suppose that (Y, \mathcal{Q}) is another element of \mathcal{K}/G and

$$i: (Y, \mathcal{Q}) \rightarrow (W, \mathcal{Q})$$

is a closed immersion in \mathcal{K}/G . This implies that Y is the zeroes in W of an ideal in A .

Then, from [2], we know that the cokernel of i in \mathcal{K}/G is the map

$$c : (W, \mathcal{Q}) \rightarrow (\text{Spec}(\mathcal{K} + I), V) .$$

Definition 1. The map c is called the algebraic contraction of V in W . We write $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{K} + I) = W/V$.

In this paper, we will demonstrate the following propositions.

§ 1) Algebraic contractions are surjective.

§ 2) If $c : (W, \mathcal{Q}) \rightarrow (W/V, V)$ is an algebraic contraction, then, as a scheme of countable type over \mathcal{K} , $W - V$ is isomorphic to $W/V - V$.

§ 3) If $c : (W, \mathcal{Q}) \rightarrow (W/V, V)$ is an algebraic contraction and U is an affine open of W/V containing V , then, the restriction

$$c' : (c^{-1}(U), \mathcal{Q}) \rightarrow (U, V)$$

is an algebraic contraction.

§ 4) c is the topological cokernel of i if V, W and W/V are endowed with the Zariski topologies.

Consider the situation when \mathcal{K} is \mathbb{C} (or \mathbb{R}), the field of complex numbers (or the field of real numbers). Suppose that \mathcal{K} has the usual topology. We endow $\mathcal{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$, the set theoretic product of \mathcal{K} indexed by the natural numbers \mathbb{N} , with the product topology. Let (W, \mathcal{Q}) be an element in \mathcal{K}/G . $W = \text{Spec } A$ and A has the form $\mathcal{K}[X_1, \dots, X_m, \dots] / J$ where J is an ideal in the polynomial ring $\mathcal{K}[X_1, \dots, X_m, \dots]$ in a countable number of variables. Then, W can be identified with a closed

affine subscheme of the affine space \mathbb{A}^N , and the topology on W induced by the product topology on \mathbb{A}^N is called the product topology on W .

Now, suppose that C_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots$, are compact subsets of W and that C_i° denotes the interior of C_i in the product topology. Furthermore, we require that

- 1) $C_i \subset C_{i+1}$.
- 2) $C_{i+1}^\circ - C_i \cup \{R\}$, for some $R \in W$, is connected.
- 3) $W = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i$.

In this situation, we make the following definition.

Definition 2. U is a strong open subset of W (with respect to the C_i) if and only if $U \cap C_i$ is open in C_i with respect to the product topology, $i = 1, 2, \dots$. The collection of strong open subsets of W form a strong topology (with respect to the C_i).

§ 5) Suppose that \mathbb{A} is \mathbb{C} (or \mathbb{R}), and that W is an affine scheme of finite type over \mathbb{A} . If W has the product topology and V (more precisely, V reduced) has smooth components, then there is a strong topology on W/V such that

$$c: W \rightarrow W/V$$

is a topological cokernel.

We point out the following theorem to be found in Kelly [6], p. 145, which shows that there are substantial difficulties in extending this result to all elements (W, Q)

of k/G .

16 Theorem. If an infinite number of coordinate spaces are non-compact, then each compact subset of the product is nowhere dense.

Let G be an algebraic group acting on an affine scheme $W = \text{Spec } A$ of finite type over k . Suppose that the action of G on W is closed and that k is algebraically closed. The reader is referred to Mumford [8], for the notions that we now introduce. Our notation is the following:

i) A^G is the collection of elements in A invariant under G .

ii) R is the collection of (closed) orbits of W under the action of G .

iii) I_κ is the (reduced) defining ideal of κ , κ an element of R .

Note that every closed subset of W (Zariski topology) contains a maximal ideal M of A and if k is algebraically closed, an element of A must take on a value in k at M . Therefore, as one can easily show,

$$A^G = \bigcap_{\kappa \in R} (k + I_\kappa) .$$

We consider $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_m$, a finite number of orbits of G and their union

$$W_m = \bigcup_{i=1}^m \kappa_i .$$

The action of G on W induces an action of G on the algebraic contraction W/W_m . Furthermore, let $W^G = \text{Spec } A^G$ and $c^G: W \rightarrow W^G$ be the map of affine schemes induced by the inclusion $A^G \rightarrow A$. We state now informally the results to be demonstrated in § 6. More precision will be found in § 6.

§ 6) A categorical quotient (W^G, c^G) of W by G exists, c^G is submersive and W^G is an affine scheme of countable type over \mathcal{K} if and only if the corresponding assertion for W/W_m (instead of W) is true.

The section in which the result i) above is proven, is § i, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$.

§ 1 The surjectivity of algebraic contractions

We use the notation of § 0. Let $c^*: \mathcal{K} + I \rightarrow A$ be the inclusion map of \mathcal{K} algebras corresponding to an algebraic contraction c . Suppose that J is a prime ideal of $\mathcal{K} + I$ which generates A . Then,

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i j_i$$

where $j_i \in J$ and $a_i \in A$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. If $t \in I$,

$$t = \sum_{i=1}^m (t a_i) j_i \in J,$$

and, thus, $J \supset I$. But, I is maximal in $\mathcal{K} + I$. This implies that $I = J$. As I is an ideal in A , it is impossible that it generates A . Therefore, JA is a (proper) ideal of A , and, as

$$J' \cap (\mathfrak{k} + I) = J$$

for a minimal prime ideal J' of JA , it follows that c is surjective.

§ 2. Algebraic contractions outside points of contraction

Again, we use the notation of § 0. Let

$$f_1, \dots, f_m, \dots$$

be a generating set of I as an A module. Then,

$$W - V = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \text{Spec}(A_{f_m})$$

where A_{f_m} is the localization of A at f_m . Also,

$$W/V - \{V\} = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \text{Spec}((\mathfrak{k} + I)_{f_m})$$

where $(\mathfrak{k} + I)_{f_m}$ is the localization of $\mathfrak{k} + I$ at f_m .

We must show that, under the induced map

$$c_m^* : (\mathfrak{k} + I)_{f_m} \rightarrow A_{f_m},$$

$(\mathfrak{k} + I)_{f_m}$ is isomorphic to A_{f_m} as a \mathfrak{k} algebra.

Clearly, c_m^* is an injection. Suppose that

$$x = \frac{a}{(f_m)^n} \in A_{f_m}$$

It follows that

$$x = \frac{af_m}{(f_m)^{n+1}}$$

belongs to $(\mathfrak{k} + I)_{f_m}$.

§ 3 . Affine localizations of algebraic contractions
are algebraic contractions

The result promised in § 0 is an immediate consequence of the next proposition.

Proposition 1. In the category of countably generated \mathcal{A} algebras, localization preserves equalizers.

Proof. Let $i : E \rightarrow A$ be the equalizer of $f, g : A \rightarrow B$ in the category of countably generated \mathcal{A} algebras. Suppose, furthermore, that S is a multiplicative system in E . We need to show that E_S is the equalizer of $f_S, g_S : A_S \rightarrow B_{f \circ i(S)}$. Note that $f \circ i(S) = g \circ i(S)$.

i) $i_S : E_S \rightarrow A_S$, the map i localized at S , is injective. $i_S(a/b) = 0$ implies that $i(a)/i(b) = 0$. There is an $s' \in S$ so that $i(s')i(a) = 0$. Then, $i(s'a) = 0$ and $s'a = 0$ in E_S . Hence, $a/b = 0$.

ii) $f_S \circ i_S(a/b) = g_S \circ i_S(a/b)$. This is clear.

iii) Suppose that $f_S(a/b) = g_S(a/b)$. Then there is an $s' \in S$ so that

$$f \circ i(s')(f(a) - g(a)) = 0 .$$

As $f \circ i(s') = g \circ i(s')$,

$$f(i(s')a) - g(i(s')a) = 0 .$$

Therefore, $i(s')a \in E$, and

$$a/i(b) = i(s')a/i(s'b')$$

belongs to E_S .

i), ii), and iii) imply Proposition 1.

§ 4. Algebraic contractions are topological quotients with respect to the Zariski topology

Let U be an open neighborhood of V . We must show that $c(U)$ is open in W/V . As c is an isomorphism outside V , this will be done if we show that $c(U')$ is open in W/V for an open neighborhood U' of V contained in U .

U is covered by affine opens $W_{f_m} = \text{Spec}(A_{f_m})$. As $W - U$ and V have no points in common,

$$\sum_m (f_m) + I = A .$$

Here, $\sum_m (f_m)$ is the ideal generated by the f_m . Hence,

$$1 = f + t$$

where $f \in \sum_m (f_m)$ and $t \in I$. But,

$$c(W_f) = (W/V)_f$$

is open in W/V . As $W_f \subset U$ and W_f is a neighborhood of V , we may take $U' = W_f$.

§ 5. Algebraic contractions can be topological quotients for appropriate strong topologies

We reduce to the case when $W = k^n$, $n < \infty$, $k = \mathbb{C}$ (or \mathbb{R}) .

Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 W & \xrightarrow{c} & W/V \\
 i \downarrow & & \downarrow i' \\
 \mathbb{A}^m & \xrightarrow{c'} & \mathbb{A}^m/V
 \end{array}$$

where i' is induced because of the functoriality of co-equalizers. Here, \mathbb{A}^m and W have the product topologies. Then, if J is the ideal of W , i' corresponds to the natural map

$$\mathbb{A}^m + I + J \rightarrow (\mathbb{A}^m + I)/J$$

of \mathbb{A}^m algebras and is thus a closed immersion. Suppose that there are compact subsets C'_i of \mathbb{A}^m/V defining a strong topology on \mathbb{A}^m/V such that the algebraic contraction c' is a topological quotient. A diagram chase shows that

$$C_i = C'_i \cap W/V$$

are compact subsets of W/V defining a strong topology on W/V such that c is a topological quotient.

Hence, we need only show:

Suppose that \mathbb{A}^m is \mathbb{C} (or \mathbb{R}) and that \mathbb{A}^m is affine m space. If \mathbb{A}^m has the product topology and V is a closed affine subscheme of \mathbb{A}^m with smooth components, then there is a strong topology on \mathbb{A}^m/V such that $c: \mathbb{A}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^m/V$ is a topological cokernel.

This result, however, is an easy consequence of the next proposition, setting $C_i = c(\overline{B}_i)$.

Proposition 2. Let V be a closed affine subscheme

of \mathbb{R}^n , $n < \infty$, $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{C}$ (or \mathbb{R}). Suppose that V has smooth components and that \bar{B}_κ is the closed ball of radius κ in \mathbb{R}^n about 0. If \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^n/V have the product topology

$$c: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n/V$$

restricts to a topological quotient

$$c: \bar{B}_\kappa \rightarrow c(\bar{B}_\kappa)$$

Proof. Note that

$$c: \bar{B}_\kappa - (V \cap \bar{B}_\kappa) \rightarrow c(\bar{B}_\kappa) - (c(V))$$

is a homeomorphism. Hence, we are finished if we show that every open neighborhood U of $V \cap \bar{B}_\kappa$ is mapped to an open neighborhood $c(U)$ of $c(V)$.

V_1, \dots, V_j will be the components of V and V_i will have some defining equations

$$F_i^1 = \dots = F_i^{m_i} = 0$$

where m_i is an integer bigger than zero and $1 \leq i \leq j$.

We assume, furthermore, that

$$m_1 \geq m_2 \geq \dots \geq m_j.$$

Set

$$S = \{ (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_j) \mid 1 \leq s_i \leq m_i \}.$$

Then, if, for $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_j) \in S$,

$$F_s = F_1^{s_1} F_2^{s_2} \dots F_j^{s_j}$$

and the elements of S are enumerated

$$s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m,$$

$m = m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot \dots \cdot m_j$. c can be written

$$c = ((F_{\rho_1})^{\gamma_1}, \dots, (F_{\rho_m})^{\gamma_m}, G_{m+1}, \dots)$$

where $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$ are integers bigger than zero, and where $(F_{\rho_1})^{\gamma_1}, \dots, (F_{\rho_m})^{\gamma_m}, G_{m+1}, \dots$ belong to I , the ideal of V , and generate the \mathcal{K} algebra $\mathcal{K} + I$. Notice that we need to take powers of the F_{ρ_i} , $1 \leq i \leq m$, as I need not be reduced; and that the product topology on \mathcal{K}^n / V is independent of the generators chosen for $\mathcal{K} + I$.

Let $D_\xi = \{x \in \mathcal{K} \mid |x| \leq \xi\}$, G_ξ be the product of D_ξ m times and

$$G'_\xi = (F_\xi \times \prod_{i=m+1}^{\infty} \mathcal{K}_i)$$

where $\mathcal{K}_i = \mathcal{K}$, $i = m+1, m+2, \dots$.

Claim: For each $P \in \overline{B}_\kappa$, there is an open set U' containing P with the property:

If $\sigma > 0$ (thus, $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$), there is a $\xi > 0$ such that every point of

$$c^{-1}(G'_\xi \cap c(U'))$$

lies within a (Euclidean) distance σ of $V \cap U'$.

Assume that the claim is known. As \overline{B}_κ is compact, for each $\sigma > 0$, there is a $\xi > 0$ such that every point of $c^{-1}(G'_\xi \cap c(\overline{B}_\kappa))$ lies within a distance σ of $V \cap \overline{B}_\kappa$. If U is an open neighborhood of $V \cap \overline{B}_\kappa$ and $B(U)$ is its boundary, let

$$\sigma = \min \{d(R, R') \mid R \in \overline{B}_\kappa \cap V, R' \in B(U)\}.$$

Here, d denotes the Euclidean distance and $0 < \sigma < \infty$ as both $\bar{B}_\kappa \cap V$ and $B(U)$ are compact. Clearly,

$$c^{-1}(G_\xi \cap c(\bar{B}_\kappa)) \subset U$$

and

$$G_\xi \cap c(\bar{B}_\kappa) = c(c^{-1}(G_\xi \cap c(\bar{B}_\kappa)))$$

is open. Hence, the proof of Proposition 2 will be complete as soon as the claim is demonstrated.

Proof of Claim: Consider $P \in \bar{B}_\kappa \cap V$. The V_i , $i = 1, \dots, j$, can be arranged so that

$P \in \bigcap_{i=1}^q V_i$ and $P \notin \bigcup_{i=q+1}^j V_i$ for some integer q satisfying $1 < q \leq j$. By choosing appropriate linear combinations of

$$F_i^1, \dots, F_i^{m_i},$$

for $i \geq q+1$, one can guarantee that

$$F_i^\nu(P) \neq 0$$

for $i \geq q+1$ and $1 \leq \nu \leq m_i$. Hence, there is a closed (compact) ball $\bar{B}_\varphi(P)$ of radius φ around P such that

$$F_i^\nu(Q) \neq 0$$

for $Q \in \bar{B}_\varphi(P)$, $i \geq q+1$ and $1 \leq \nu \leq m_i$. Also, if

$$\theta = \min \{ |F_i^\nu(Q)| \mid Q \in \bar{B}_\varphi(P), i \geq q+1, 1 \leq \nu \leq m_i \},$$

$\theta > 0$ as $\bar{B}_\varphi(P)$ is compact. Thus, if for all $s \in S$ and $Q \in \bar{B}_\varphi(P)$,

$$|F_s(Q)| < \xi,$$

then

$$|(F_1^{\wedge 1}(Q) \cdot F_2^{\wedge 2}(Q) \cdot \dots \cdot F_j^{\wedge j}(Q))^{r_0}| < \xi$$

and

$$|F_1^{\wedge 1}(Q) \cdot F_2^{\wedge 2}(Q) \cdot \dots \cdot F_q^{\wedge 2}(Q)| < \xi^{1/r_0} / \theta^{j-2}.$$

Hence, we can assume that

$$P \in \bigcap_{i=1}^j V_i$$

and that I is reduced.

Next, we show that if ξ is small enough and $Q \in \in \overline{B}_\rho(P)$,

*) For some i , $1 \leq i \leq j$,

$$F_i^1(Q), F_i^2(Q), \dots, F_i^{m_i}(Q)$$

must be small.

Suppose, for instance, that F_1^μ , $1 \leq \mu \leq m_1$, is not small. As

$$|F_1^\mu(Q) \cdot F_2^{\wedge 2}(Q) \cdot \dots \cdot F_j^{\wedge j}(Q)| < \xi,$$

$$|F_2^{\wedge 2}(Q) \cdot \dots \cdot F_j^{\wedge j}(Q)|$$

must be small for $(\mu, \wedge 2, \dots, \wedge j) \in S$. Induction, then, implies that one has small values

$$F_i^1(Q), \dots, F_i^{m_i}$$

for some i such that $2 \leq i \leq j$. Otherwise, F_1^μ is small for $1 \leq \mu \leq m_1$, in which case *) is true.

The proof is reduced to the case where V has one reduced smooth component.

We select defining equations F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m for V . Let $Q \in \bar{B}_\varphi(P)$. For every $i, 1 \leq i \leq m$, F_i can be written

$$F_i(X) = \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial X_1}(Q)(X_1 - Q_1) + \dots + \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial X_m}(Q)(X_m - Q_m) +$$

higher degree terms

where $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m)$ and $Q = (Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_m)$.

If φ is small enough, the higher degree terms can be disregarded. Let

$$A(Q) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial X_1}(Q) & \dots & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial X_m}(Q) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial F_m}{\partial X_1}(Q) & \dots & \frac{\partial F_m}{\partial X_m}(Q) \end{bmatrix}$$

$A(Q) \cdot (X - Q) = \xi$ is the equation of the subspace of \mathbb{R}^m parallel to the tangent space $T(Q)$ to V at Q whose distance from $T(Q)$ and, hence, Q is determined by ξ . The coefficients of $A(Q)$ are bounded as $Q \in \bar{B}_\varphi(P)$, a compact set. Therefore, for a given $\sigma > 0$, there is an $\xi > 0$ such that a point X in $\bar{B}_\varphi(P)$ satisfying $|F_i(X)| < \xi$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ must lie within a distance σ of $V \cap \bar{B}_\varphi(P)$. Taking $U = B_\varphi(P)$, the interior of $\bar{B}_\varphi(P)$, the proof is complete.

Example 1. If, in Proposition 2, one takes the product topology on \mathbb{R}^m/V , $c: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m/V$ is not necessarily the topological quotient. Let $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{R}$ and

$m = 2$. Suppose V is the Y axis. Then, the image of the open subset

$$U = \{(x, y) \mid x < e^{-y}\}$$

of \mathbb{A}^2 under c is not open. For instance, the sequence

$$X_m = (e^{1/m}, 1/m)$$

lies outside U but converges to the image of the Y axis under c .

§ 6. Some geometric invariant theory

Our notation is that of § 0. First, we collect some results which will be useful.

Let $W^G = \text{Spec } A^G$ and $c^G: W \rightarrow W^G$ be the map defined by the inclusion $A^G \rightarrow A$. Then, according to Mumford [8], p. 8, a categorical quotient (W^G, c^G) of W by G exists and c^G is submersive when the following conditions hold.

i) If $\sigma: G \times W \rightarrow W$ defines the operation of G on W and $P_2: G \times W \rightarrow W$ is the second projection, then

$$c^G \circ \sigma = c^G \circ P_2 .$$

ii) \mathcal{O}_W^G is the subsheaf of invariants of $c^G_* (\mathcal{O}_W)$.

iii) If X is an invariant closed subset of W , $c^G(X)$ is closed in W^G ; if $X_i, i \in I$, form a set of invariant closed subsets of W , then

$$c^G(\bigcap_{i \in I} X_i) = \bigcap_{i \in I} c^G(X_i) .$$

As in Mumford [8], p.28, one can deduce that iii) is implied by the relation:

$$\text{iii')} \quad \sqrt{(\sum_{i \in I} A_i)} \cap A^G = \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} (A_i \cap A^G)}$$

where the A_i are G invariant ideals in A corresponding to the X_i . Note that the radical operation $\sqrt{\quad}$ commutes with \cap .

Next, we restate the first result promised in § 0.

Proposition 3. Suppose that W_m is the finite union of orbits $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_m$ of G . A categorical quotient (W^G, c^G) of W by G exists, c^G is submersive and W^G is an affine scheme of countable type over \mathcal{A} if and only if, for the induced action of G on W/W_m , a categorical quotient (W_m^G, c_m^G) of W_m by G exists, c_m^G is submersive and W_m^G is an affine scheme of countable type over \mathcal{A} . Moreover, if W^G exists, $W^G = W_m^G$.

Proof. There is a countable subset R'' of R such that $\bigcup_{\kappa \in R''} \kappa$ is dense in W and $R' = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_m\} \subset R''$.

If we write $R'' = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_i, \kappa_{i+1}, \dots\}$, it follows that

$$A^G = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (\mathcal{A} + I_{\kappa_i}) .$$

Define now

$$E_1 = \mathcal{A} + I_{\kappa_1} ,$$

$$E_2 = \mathcal{A} + (I_{\mathcal{N}_2} \cap (\mathcal{A} + I_{\mathcal{N}_1}))$$

and, inductively, for each positive integer $j > 0$,

$$I) \quad E_{j+1} = \mathcal{A} + (I_{\mathcal{N}_{j+1}} \cap E_j).$$

Then, for each integer $j > 0$, by means of induction, one can prove without difficulty that

$$II) \quad E_j = \bigcap_{i=1}^j (\mathcal{A} + I_{\mathcal{N}_i}).$$

Let $B = \bigcap_{\mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{R}'} (\mathcal{A} + I_{\mathcal{N}})$. Relations I and II imply

$$\mathcal{A} + (I_{\mathcal{N}_j} \cap E_m) = \bigcap_{i=1}^m (\mathcal{A} + I_{\mathcal{N}_i}) \cap (\mathcal{A} + I_{\mathcal{N}_j})$$

for each integer $j > m$, the order in \mathcal{R}'' being immaterial. Hence, on taking countable intersections,

$$A^G = B^G = \bigcap_{\mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{R}''} (\mathcal{A} + I_{\mathcal{N}}). \quad \text{Let } c_m^G: W/W_m \rightarrow W^G \text{ be the}$$

affine map of schemes defined by the inclusion $A^G \rightarrow B$.

For both W and W/W_m , Condition) above is obviously true. One can derive Condition ii) for both W and W/W_m from Proposition 1. Hence, in order to complete the proof of Proposition 3, it is necessary to show that iii) is valid for W if and only if it is valid for W/W_m .

As $\text{Spec } E_j \rightarrow \text{Spec } E_{j+1}$ has been shown in § 4 to be a topological quotient, for each integer $j > 0$, so is the composite

$$\text{Spec } E_1 \rightarrow \text{Spec } E_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{Spec } E_m.$$

Therefore, the map

$$\text{Spec } A \rightarrow \text{Spec } \bigcap_{i=1}^m (\mathcal{K} + I_{\mathcal{K}_i})$$

is the topological quotient shrinking each \mathcal{K}_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, to a point. Hence

$$\text{III) } \sqrt{\left(\sum_{i \in I} A_i \right)} \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^m (\mathcal{K} + I_{\mathcal{K}_i}) \right) = \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} (A_i \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^m (\mathcal{K} + I_{\mathcal{K}_i}) \right))}.$$

Intersecting this last equality with $B^G = A^G = \bigcap_{\mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{R}''} (\mathcal{K} + I_{\mathcal{K}})$,

we discover that $\sqrt{\left(\sum_{i \in I} A_i \right)} \cap A^G = \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} (A_i \cap A^G)}$ when

iii') is valid for W/W_m . Since every G invariant ideal B' in B is of the form $A' \cap B$ for some G invariant ideal A' in A , the validity of iii') for W implies the validity of iii') for W/W_m . q.e.d.

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