

(Melissa Zhang speaking)

$X =$  ambient space

$U, V \subset X$

$W = U \cap V$

§. Serre's Intersection Formula

(see e.g. Local Algebra)

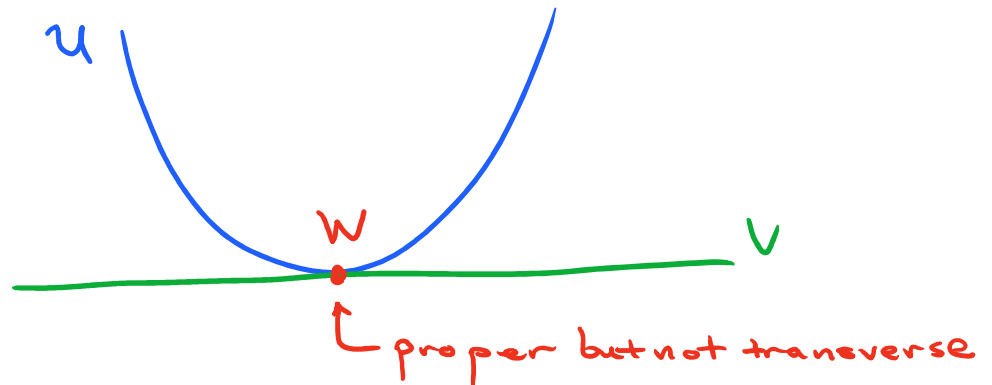
Hypotheses:

- Smooth affine varieties
- Intersect properly

$$\dim U + \dim V = \dim X + \dim W$$

e.g.  $\mathbb{A}^2 = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, y])$

$U = V(y - x^2)$        $V = V(y)$



Recall:  $\otimes$  is  $\cap$ :

$$\text{For } U, V \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n \\ R = \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{A}^n]$$

$$I := \mathcal{I}(U), \quad J = \mathcal{I}(V)$$

$$U \cap V = \{p \in \text{Spec } R \mid p \supseteq I, p \supseteq J\}$$

$$\cong \text{Spec}(R/I+J)$$

$$\cong \text{Spec}(R/I \otimes_R R/J)$$

Review: Tor

clearer notation:  
ring

$R =$  commutative ring with 1

$A, M = R$ -module

$-\otimes_R A$  is right exact

$\text{Tor} \iff$  Left-derived functor

i.e. to compute  $\text{Tor}_i^R(A, m)$

1. Projective resolution  
 $\dots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow 0$

2. Apply  $A \otimes_R -$   
 $\dots \rightarrow A \otimes_R P_1 \rightarrow A \otimes_R P_0 \rightarrow 0$

3. Take homology

Reducing to the diagonal:

$$u, v \subset \mathbb{A}^n, \quad R = \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{A}^n]$$

$$u \cap v = (u \times v) \cap \Delta \subset \mathbb{A}^n \times \mathbb{A}^n$$

$$R/p_u \otimes_R R/p_v = \left( R/p_u \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} R/p_v \right) \otimes \left( \frac{R \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} R}{\mathfrak{A}} \right) \cong R$$

where  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathcal{I}(\Delta) = \langle 1 \otimes x - x \otimes 1 \rangle$

$$\text{Tor}_1^R(R/p_u, R/p_v) \cong \text{Tor}_1^{R \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} R} \left( \frac{R \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} R}{\mathfrak{A}}, R/p_u \otimes_R R/p_v \right)$$

## Serre's Intersection Formula

Let  $R = \text{coord ring of } X$

Hypotheses:

- $u, v$  irred varieties in  $X$
- $W$  irred component of  $u \cap v$
- $u, v$  intersect properly at  $W$
- $W$  meets the smooth pts of  $X$

(i.e.  $A := R_{p_w}$ )

Then

$$d_{mX} \cdot \dots \cdot \Delta / \dots \cdot \dots$$

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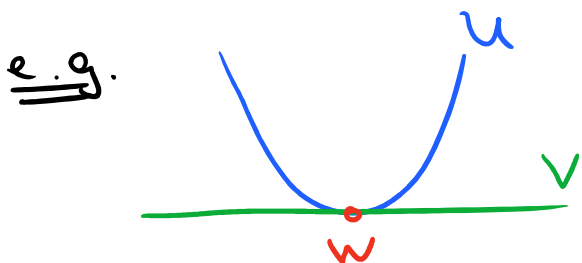
$$\chi = \sum_{i=0}^{\dim X} (-1)^i l_A \operatorname{Tor}_i^A (A/p_u, A/p_v)$$

(when  $W = \text{pt}$ :

$$\chi = \sum_{i=0}^{\dim X} (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \operatorname{Tor}_i^R (R/p_u, R/p_v)$$

### Thm [Serre]

- If  $U, V$  do not intersect properly at  $W$ , then  $\chi = 0$
- Otherwise  $\chi > 0$  and is equal to the intersection multiplicity at  $W$



$$R = \mathbb{C}[x, y]$$

$$p_u = (y - x^2)$$

$$p_v = (y)$$

1.  $0 \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{Y} R \rightarrow 0$  ← resolution for  $R/p_v = \mathbb{C}[x, y]/Y$

2.  $0 \rightarrow R/p_u \otimes_R R \xrightarrow{1 \otimes Y} R/p_u \otimes_R R \rightarrow 0$

$$0 \rightarrow R/p_u \xrightarrow{y} R/p_u \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[x] \xrightarrow{x^2} \mathbb{C}[x] \rightarrow 0$$

3.

$$h_1 = 0/0$$

$$h_0 = \mathbb{C}[x]/x^2$$

$$\text{Tor}_1 = 0$$

$$\text{Tor}_0 = \mathbb{C} + \mathbb{C}x$$

$$\dim = 0$$

$$\dim = 2$$

$$\implies [u] \cdot [v] = 2$$

Had a discussion about trying to find an example where higher Tor groups not all zero, but couldn't find one.