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The goal is to develop a Theory of cotangent sheaf of a scheme.

Terminology: Let  $A$  be a commutative ring. An  $A$ -alg is a ring  $R$  with a ring homomorphism  $\varphi: A \rightarrow R$ .

- In this case  $R$  becomes an  $A$  module: For  $a \in A, r, s \in R, ar = \varphi(a)r$
- $R, R'$   $A$ -algs; a ring homomorphism  $f: R \rightarrow R'$  is an  $A$ -alg map if  $\forall (a, r) = a f(r) \forall a \in A, r \in R$ .

Emk: In practice we never mention the ring homomorphism  $A \rightarrow R$  imposing the  $A$  alg structure.

Derivations are suitable adaptations of the notion of derivatives

Def: Let  $R$  be an  $A$ -algebra and  $M$  be an  $R$  mod. An  $A$ -linear derivation from

$R$  to  $M$  is a map  $d: R \rightarrow M$  s.t

①  $d$  is  $A$ -linear: i.e.  $d(\alpha + \beta) = d(\alpha) + d(\beta)$  and  $d(\lambda \alpha) = \lambda d(\alpha) \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \lambda \in A$

②  $d(\alpha\beta) = \alpha d\beta + \beta d\alpha$ . (Leibniz rule).

The  $A$ -mod of  $\forall$   $A$ -linear der  $A \rightarrow R$  is denoted  $\text{Der}_A(R, M)$

Let  $(\tau, \mathcal{O}_\tau)$  a ringed space,  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_\tau$  be a sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_\tau$  algs,  $\mathcal{F}$  be an  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_\tau$ -mod. An  $\mathcal{O}_\tau$ -linear map  $d: \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_\tau \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is called a derivation if for every open  $U \in \tau$   $d_U: \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_\tau(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U)$  is an  $\mathcal{O}_\tau(U)$ -lin derivation.

Emk:  $d: R \rightarrow M$  be  $A$ -lin derivation. Then  $d(\varphi(a)) = 0 \forall a \in A$ . Indeed  $d(\varphi(a)) = \varphi(a)d(1)$  and  $d(1) = d(1 \cdot 1) = 1 \cdot d(1) + 1 \cdot d(1) \Rightarrow d(1) = 0$

Ex:  $\mathbb{k}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[x]$ ,  $\mathbb{k}$  field.

$f \mapsto \frac{d}{dx} f$  is a  $\mathbb{k}$ -lin derivation

$\mathbb{k}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[x] \xrightarrow{\frac{d}{dx}} \mathbb{k}[x]$   $d(f) = \frac{d}{dx} (f(x^2)) = 2x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x^2)$   
 $x \xrightarrow{\text{ring hom}} x^2 \xrightarrow{\frac{d}{dx}}$   
 is a derivation.

Thm/pt Given  $\varphi: A \rightarrow R$  as above, there is an  $R$ -mod denoted  $\Omega_{R/A}$  and an  $A$ -linear derivation  $d_{R/A}: R \rightarrow \Omega_{R/A}$  such that any  $A$ -lin derivation  $d: R \rightarrow M$  factors uniquely as  $d_{R/A}$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{d_{R/A}} & \Omega_{R/A} \\ & \searrow d & \swarrow \exists! \varphi_d \\ & & M \end{array}$$

where  $\varphi_d: \Omega_{R/A} \rightarrow M$  is  $R$ -linear.

- The pair  $(\Omega_{R/A}, d_{R/A})$  is unique up to a unique isom.
- $\Omega_{R/A} :=$  module of Kahler differentials of  $R$  over  $A$
- $d_{R/A} :=$  The universal derivation of the  $A$ -alg  $R$ .

Pf. • uniqueness

Given another pair  $(\tilde{\Omega}_{R/A}, \tilde{d}_{R/A})$  get a commutative diag

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & R & \\ \begin{array}{c} \swarrow d_{R/A} \\ \Omega_{R/A} \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} \searrow \tilde{d}_{R/A} \\ \tilde{\Omega}_{R/A} \end{array} \\ & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{d_{R/A}}} & \\ & \xleftarrow{\tilde{\varphi}_{\tilde{d}_{R/A}}} & \end{array}$$

Now note  $d_{R/A} = \tilde{\varphi} \cdot \varphi \cdot d_{R/A}$

By the uniqueness of the factorization  $\tilde{\varphi} \cdot \varphi = \text{id}$ .  
Similarly  $\varphi \cdot \tilde{\varphi} = \text{id}$ .

- Existence (i) Consider the set of symbols  $\{\bar{d}(a) \mid a \in R\}$

Let  $\Omega' :=$  free  $R$  mod with basis  $\{\bar{d}(a) \mid a \in R\}$ .

Set  $N =$   $R$ -submod spanned by  
 $\{\bar{d}(a) \mid a \in A\} \cup \{\bar{d}(a_1 + a_2) - \bar{d}(a_1) - \bar{d}(a_2) \mid a_1, a_2 \in R\}$   
 $\cup \{\bar{d}(a_1 a_2) - a_1 \bar{d}(a_2) - a_2 \bar{d}(a_1)\}$

Set  $\Omega_{R/A} = \frac{\Omega'}{N}$ , with  $d_{R/A}: R \rightarrow \Omega_{R/A}$   
 by  $d_{R/A}(a) = \text{image of } \bar{d}(a) \text{ in } \Omega'/N$ .

•  $d_{R/A}$  is an  $A$ -lin derivation.

- Universal properties: Given a derivation  $d: R \rightarrow M$

Define  $\bar{\varphi}: \Omega \rightarrow M$  by  $\bar{\varphi}(\bar{d}(a)) = d(a)$

$\therefore d$  derivation  $d(N) = 0$ , so get a unique map

$$\varphi_d: \Omega/N = \Omega_{R/A} \rightarrow M \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\varphi_d(d(a \text{ mod } N)) = d(a).$$

$$\text{" } \varphi_d(d_{R/A}(a))$$

Example  $R = A[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  polynomial ring.

$$\Omega_{R/A} \cong \text{free mod } R dx_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R dx_n$$

$$d_{R/A}: R \rightarrow \Omega_{R/A} \text{ is given by}$$

$$d_{R/A}(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} dx_i$$

Claim: Given a derivation  $d: R \rightarrow M$

$$d(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} d(x_i)$$

• Since both sides are  $A$ -linear enough to check for monom  $f = x_1^{a_1} \dots x_n^{a_n}$ .

So  $d$  factorizes as

$$R \xrightarrow{d_{R/A}} \bigoplus R dx_i = \Omega_{R/A}$$

$$d \searrow \quad \swarrow$$

$$M \xleftarrow{\quad} \quad \swarrow$$

$$d(x_i)$$

Proof: Let  $I$  be the kernel  $R \otimes_A R \rightarrow R$

$$x \otimes y \mapsto xy$$

Consider  $d_0: R \rightarrow I/I^2$  given by  $d_0(r_2) = \text{image of } 1 \otimes r_2 - r_2 \otimes 1 \in I/I^2$

Then  $(I/I^2, d_0) = (\text{module of Kähler differentials, universal derivation})$ .

Pf: Note  $R \otimes_A R \rightarrow R$  induces an isom

$$R \otimes_A R / I \xrightarrow{\sim} R$$

Since  $I \cdot I/I^2 = 0$ ,  $I/I^2$  is naturally an  $R$ -mod:

For  $r_2 \in R, y \in I/I^2$

$$r_2 \cdot y := (1 \otimes r_2) \cdot y = (r_2 \otimes 1) \cdot y$$

• Check  $d_0: R \rightarrow I/I^2$  is a derivation.

• Now given an  $A$ -lin derivation  $d: R \rightarrow M$

extends  $d$  uniquely to an  $R$ -lin map

$$\tilde{d}: R \otimes_A R \rightarrow M$$

$$\tilde{d}(r_1 \otimes r_2) = r_1 d(r_2)$$

We show  $\tilde{d}(I^2) = 0$ .

Claim: Consider  $R \otimes_A R$  as an  $R$ -mod via the map

$$R \rightarrow R \otimes_A R$$

$$r_1 \mapsto r_1 \otimes 1 \quad (\text{i.e. the left action})$$

Then  $I$  is gen by  $\{1 \otimes r_1 - r_1 \otimes 1 \mid r_1 \in R\}$  as an  $R$ -mod.

Pf: Take  $\sum x_i \otimes y_i \in I \Rightarrow \sum x_i y_i = 0$

$$\sum x_i \otimes y_i = \sum [x_i (1 \otimes y_i - y_i \otimes 1) + x_i y_i \otimes 1]$$

$$= \sum x_i (1 \otimes y_i - y_i \otimes 1) + \left( \sum x_i y_i \right) \otimes 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum x_i \otimes y_i - \sum (x_i \otimes y_i - y_i \otimes x_i) &= \sum x_i \otimes y_i - \sum (x_i \otimes y_i - y_i \otimes x_i) \\ &= \sum x_i \otimes y_i - \sum x_i \otimes y_i + \sum y_i \otimes x_i \\ &= \sum y_i \otimes x_i \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{d}(I^2) = 0$  follows once we show

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall (1 \otimes x - x \otimes 1)(1 \otimes y - y \otimes 1) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &\tilde{d}(1 \otimes xy - y \otimes x - x \otimes y + xy \otimes 1) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &d(xy) - y dx - x dy + xy d(1) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &d(xy) = y dx + x dy \end{aligned}$$

Note by  $\tilde{d}(d_0(\eta)) = \tilde{d}(1 \otimes \eta - \eta \otimes 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= d\eta - \eta d(1) \\ &= d\eta \end{aligned}$$

So we have a commutative diag

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & I/I^2 \\ & \nearrow d_0 & \searrow \tilde{d}|_{I/I^2} \\ R & \xrightarrow{d} & M \end{array}$$

The uniqueness of the factorization follows from the claim.

Thm. 1) Given an  $A$ -alg map  $R \xrightarrow{\psi} R'$ , there exists a unique map

$$d : \Omega_{R/A} \rightarrow \Omega_{R'/A} \text{ such that } d\psi(d_{R/A}(\eta)) = d_{R'/A}(\psi(\eta)).$$

2) For a multiplicatively closed subset  $S \subseteq R$  the canonical map  $R \xrightarrow{i} S^{-1}R$  induces an isom

$$S^{-1}(\Omega_{R/A}) \xrightarrow[S^{-1}(di)]{\cong} \Omega_{S^{-1}R/A}.$$

So in particular, for a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$ .

$$(\Omega_{R/A})_{\mathfrak{p}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \Omega_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}/A} \xrightarrow[\text{Use 3.}]{\text{H.W.}} \Omega_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}/A_{\mathfrak{q}}}$$

where  $\mathfrak{q}$  is the inverse image of  $\mathfrak{p}$  under  $A \rightarrow R$ .

3) Let  $A$  be an  $A_0$ -alg. The maps  $A_0 \xrightarrow{\psi} A \xrightarrow{\varphi} R$  induces an exact seq

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \Omega_{A/A_0} \otimes A R & \rightarrow & \Omega_{R/A_0} & \rightarrow & \Omega_{R/A} & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & d_{R/A_0}(\eta) & \mapsto & d_{R/A}(\eta) & & \end{array}$$

$$d_{A/A_0}(\alpha) \otimes \eta \mapsto \eta \cdot d_{R/A_0}(\varphi(\alpha)).$$

4) Given an ideal  $J \subseteq R$ , there is an exact seq

$$\dots \rightarrow \Omega_{R/A} \rightarrow \Omega_{R/A} \rightarrow 0 : \text{Canonical}$$

4) Given an ideal  $J \subseteq R$ , There is an exact seq

$$J/J^2 \rightarrow \Omega_{R/A} \otimes_R R/J \rightarrow \Omega_{R/J/A} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{Co-normal sequence}$$

$$d(\text{mod } J^2) \xrightarrow{\quad} d_{R/A}(\alpha) \otimes 1 \xrightarrow{\quad} \tau_* d_{R/J/A}(\tau(\text{mod } J))$$

5) Let  $B$  be an  $A$ -alg. The natural map

$$\Omega_{R/A} \otimes_A B \rightarrow \Omega_{R \otimes_A B/B} \text{ is an isom of } R \otimes_A B \text{ mods}$$

$$d_{R/A}(\alpha) \otimes b \mapsto b d_{R \otimes_A B/B}(\alpha \otimes 1) = d_{R \otimes_A B/B}(\alpha \otimes b)$$

Pf. In (3), (4), The idea is to apply  $\text{Hom}_R(-, M)$  and check the resulting sequences are left exact, for  $M \in \text{Mod}_R$  (for 3),  $M \in \text{Mod}_{R/J}$  (for 4) We just check (4)

Note for  $\alpha, \beta \in J$ ,

$$d_{R/A}(\alpha\beta) = \alpha d_{R/A}(\beta) + \beta d_{R/A}(\alpha) \in J \Omega_{R/A}$$

$$\text{So } d_{R/A}(\alpha\beta) = 0 \in \Omega_{R/A} \otimes_R R/J.$$

Thus the map  $J \rightarrow \Omega_{R/A} \otimes_R R/J$  sends  $J^2$  to zero.

For  $M \in \text{Mod}_{R/J}$  The resulting seq is

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Hom}_R(J/J^2, M) & \leftarrow & \text{Hom}_R(\Omega_{R/A} \otimes_R R/J, M) & \leftarrow & \text{Hom}_{R/J}(\Omega_{R/J/A}, M) & \leftarrow & 0 \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \\ \text{Hom}_R(J/J^2, M) & \leftarrow & \text{Der}_A(R, M) & \leftarrow & \text{Der}_A(R/J, M) & \leftarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Since  $R \rightarrow R/J$  is sur, The injectivity is clear. To check the exactness in the middle, take  $d \in \text{Der}_A(R, M)$  s.t.  $d(J) = 0$ .

Then the induced  $A$ -lin map  $\bar{d}: R/J \rightarrow M$  is also a derivation; and  $d$  is the image of  $\bar{d}$ . (End of 05.11.2025)

e.g:  $R = \frac{\mathbb{C}[x, y]}{(x^3 + y^2)}$ ,

$$\frac{\mathbb{C}[x, y]}{(x^3 + y^2)^2} \xrightarrow{d} \Omega_{\mathbb{C}[x, y]/\mathbb{C}} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[x, y]} \frac{\mathbb{C}[x, y]}{x^3 + y^2} \rightarrow \Omega_{R/\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{So } \Omega_{R/\mathbb{C}} \cong \frac{\frac{\mathbb{C}[x, y]}{(x^3 + y^2)} dx \oplus \frac{\mathbb{C}[x, y]}{(x^3 + y^2)} dy}{3x^2 dx + 2y dy}$$

Def.  $R$  is called a finite type  $A$  algebra if  $\exists$  finitely many elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in R$  s.t. any elt of  $R$  is a polynomial

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Rmk: This means the  $A$ -alg map from the polynomial ring  $A[Y_1, \dots, Y_n] \rightarrow R$  is surjective  
 $Y_i \mapsto x_i$

Let  $I$  be the kernel. So  $R \cong A[Y_1, \dots, Y_n]/I$ .

H.W.  $R$  is a finite type (f.t)  $A$  alg iff  $R \cong \frac{A[Y_1, \dots, Y_n]}{I}$  for some  $n$ , and  $I$ .

Prop.  $R$  f.t  $A$ -alg. Then  $\Omega_{R/A}$  is a finitely generated  $R$  module

Pf. Use commutator eq.

## Globalize

$X \rightarrow S$  be a morphism of schemes.  $\Delta: X \rightarrow X \times_S X$  be the diagonal map.

Claim:  $\exists$  an open  $U \subseteq X \times_S X$  s.t.  $\Delta$  factors as  $X \xrightarrow{\Delta_U} U \hookrightarrow X \times_S X$ , where  $\Delta_U$  is a closed immersion.

Pf. Choose an affine open covering  $S = \cup S_i$ ,  $X = \cup U_i$  where  $V_i$  maps to  $S_i$ .

Take  $U = \cup V_i \times_{S_i} V_i = \cup V_i \times_{S_i} V_i$ .

$\Delta_U^{-1}(V_i \times_{S_i} V_i) = V_i$ . Thus, we have a factorization of  $\Delta$

$$X \xrightarrow{\Delta_U} U \rightarrow X \times_S X$$

$(\Delta_U^{-1})(V_i \times_{S_i} V_i) = V_i$ , and  $\Delta_{U|V_i}: V_i \rightarrow V_i \times_{S_i} V_i$  is the diagonal map. As  $V_i$  is affine  $\Delta_{U|V_i}$  is a closed immersion  $\forall i$ .  
 So  $\Delta_U$  is a closed immersion.

Def Let  $X \rightarrow S$  be a morphism of schemes. Consider the diagonal map  $\Delta: X \rightarrow X \times_S X$ .

Choose an open  $U \subseteq X \times_S X$  s.t. we have a factorization  $X \xrightarrow[\text{closed}]{\Delta_U} U \rightarrow X \times_S X$

Let  $\mathcal{I}_U = \text{Ker}(\mathcal{O}_U \rightarrow \Delta_{U*} \mathcal{O}_X)$

Define  $\Omega_{X/S} = \Delta^*(\mathcal{I}_U/\mathcal{I}_U^2)$  - This  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -mod sheaf is the sheaf of Kähler differentials of the scheme  $X$ .

Define  $\Omega_{X/S} = \mathcal{I}^*(\mathcal{I}_U/\mathcal{I}_U^2)$  - This  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -mod sheaf of Kähler differentials of the  $S$ -scheme  $X$ .

Prop.  $\Omega_{X/S}$  indeed does not depend on the choice of  $U$ .

For two choices  $U', U \subseteq X \times_S X$ , one can also take the factorization  $X \xrightarrow{\Delta_{U \cup U'}} X \times_S X \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_1} U \cup U'$ . Using the diagram  $X \xrightarrow{\Delta_{U \cup U'}} U \cup U' \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_1} U$ , conclude  $\mathcal{I}_{U \cup U'} = \mathcal{I}_U \cup \mathcal{I}_{U'}$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{U \cup U'}^*(\mathcal{I}_{U \cup U'}/\mathcal{I}_{U \cup U'}^2) = \mathcal{I}_{U \cup U'}^*(\mathcal{I}_U/\mathcal{I}_U^2 \oplus \mathcal{I}_{U'}/\mathcal{I}_{U'}^2)$

Proof. There is a  $\mathcal{I}^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_S)$  linear derivation

$d_{X/S}: \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \Omega_{X/S}$  such that for any  $\mathcal{I}^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_S)$  linear derivation  $d$  factors uniquely through  $d_{X/S}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O}_X & \xrightarrow{d} & \mathcal{F} \text{ f Mod } \mathcal{O}_X \\ & \searrow d_{X/S} & \uparrow \exists! \\ & & \Omega_{X/S} \end{array}$$

So  $(\Omega_{X/S}, d_{X/S}) \leftarrow$  The unique (up to isom) with this property.

Proof.  $\Omega_{X/S}$  is a quasi-coherent sheaf.

Pf. Fix an  $U \subseteq X \times_S X$  s.t we have factorization

$$X \xrightarrow[\text{closed}]{\Delta_U} U \xrightarrow[\text{open}]{\text{pr}_1} X \times_S X$$

Then  $\mathcal{I}_U$  is q.coh since  $\mathcal{I}_U = \text{Ker}(\mathcal{O}_U \rightarrow (\mathcal{A}_U)_* \mathcal{O}_X)$

and  $\Delta_U$  is a closed immersion. So  $(\mathcal{A}_U)_* \mathcal{O}_X$  is q.coh.  $\mathcal{D}$

So  $\mathcal{I}_U/\mathcal{I}_U^2 \leftarrow \mathcal{D}$  coh and  $\mathcal{I}_U^*(\mathcal{I}_U/\mathcal{I}_U^2)$  is  $\mathcal{D}$  coh.

Prop. Choose affine opens  $U \subseteq X, V \subseteq S$ , s.t  $U$  maps to  $V$ .

By our construction  $\Omega_{U/V}$  is qcoh with  $\Omega_{U/V}(U) = \Omega_{\mathcal{O}_X(U)/\mathcal{O}_S(V)}$

Again by qcoh of  $\Omega_{X/S}$ ,  $\Omega_{X/S}|_U \cong \widetilde{\Omega_{\mathcal{O}_X(U)/\mathcal{O}_S(V)}}$

So  $\Omega_{X/S}$  is obtained by gluing  $\widetilde{\Omega_{\mathcal{O}_X(U)/\mathcal{O}_S(V)}}$  and  $\Omega_{X/S}$  is obtained by gluing the corresponding local universal derivations.

Proof.  $\varphi: X \rightarrow S$  be the morphism inducing the  $S$ -scheme structure on  $X$ . For  $x \in X$ ,  $(\Omega_{X/S})_x \cong \Omega_{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathcal{O}_{S,\varphi(x)}}$

Pf. W.L.O.G both  $X, S$  are affine

$$\text{so } (\Omega_{X/S})_x \cong \left( \Omega_{\mathcal{O}_X(x)/\mathcal{O}_S(\varphi(x))} \right)_x$$

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Use results from Kähler differentials and localization.

Prop Let  $X \rightarrow S$  be a finite type morphism,  $S$  is a noetherian. Then  $\Omega_{X/S}$  is a coherent sheaf.

Proof follows from the more general observation and that  $\Omega_{X/S}$  is quasi-coherent.

Prop Let  $A$  be a commutative ring.  $R$  be a finite type  $A$ -alg. Then  $\Omega_{R/A}$  is a finitely gen  $R$ -mod.

Pf Write  $R = A[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I$ .

The conormal seq gives a sur

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{A[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I} / A \otimes_A R &\longrightarrow \Omega_{R/A} \\ \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n R dx_i & \end{aligned}$$

## Regularity vs Kähler differentials

Terminology:  $F, \mathcal{O}_X$  module where  $X$  is a scheme. The fiber of  $F$  at  $x \in X$  is  $F_x / m_x F_x$ , where  $m_x$  is the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ .

Note  $F_x / m_x F_x$  is a  $k(x) := \mathcal{O}_{X,x} / m_x$  vector space.

Prop Let  $(R, m)$  a noetherian local ring containing a field  $k$  such that the composition

$$k \rightarrow R \rightarrow R/m \text{ is an isomorphism}$$

Then the natural map  $m/m^2 \rightarrow \Omega_{R/k} \otimes_R R/m$  is an isom.

Pf The conormal seq gives an exact seq

$$m/m^2 \rightarrow \Omega_{R/k} \otimes_R R/m \rightarrow \Omega_{R/m/k} \rightarrow 0$$

Since  $\Omega_{R/m/k} = 0$ , we have a surjective map

$$m/m^2 \rightarrow \Omega_{R/k} \otimes_R R/m$$

We claim that this map is also injective. For that take an  $R/m = k$  mod  $M$ . We check that

the induced map

$$\text{Der}_k(R, M) = \text{Hom}_k(\Omega_{R/k} \otimes_R R/m, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_k(m/m^2, M)$$

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is surjective. Here  $M$  is thought of as an  $R$ -mod by  $R \rightarrow R/m$ .

Fix a  $k$ -lin map  $\varphi: m/m^2 \rightarrow M$ .

Note that the inclusion map  $k \rightarrow R$  gives a  $k$ -linear section (a right inverse) of the surjection. Thus as a  $k$ -vector space  $R \cong k \oplus m$  and  $R/m^2 \cong k \oplus m/m^2$ .

Define  $d\varphi: R/m^2 \rightarrow M$  by setting  $d\varphi|_k = 0$  and  $d\varphi(m/m^2) = \varphi$

Claim:  $d\varphi$  is a  $k$ -linear derivation.

Pf  $k$ -linearity is clear. We check that  $d\varphi$  satisfy the Leibniz rule.

for  $x, y \in R$ , write  $\bar{x} = \lambda x + \alpha x \in R/m^2$   
 $\bar{y} = \lambda y + \alpha y \in R/m^2$   
 where  $\lambda x, \lambda y \in k, \alpha x, \alpha y \in m/m^2$

Then  $\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} = \lambda x \lambda y + \lambda y \alpha x + \lambda x \alpha y$

So  $d\varphi(\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}) = \lambda x d\varphi(\alpha y) + \lambda y d\varphi(\alpha x)$  [∵  $d\varphi|_k = 0$ ]  
 $= (\lambda x + \alpha x) d\varphi(\lambda y + \alpha y)$   
 $+ (\lambda y + \alpha y) d\varphi(\lambda x + \alpha x)$  [∵  $d\varphi|_k = 0$ ,  $m \cdot M = 0$ ]  
 $= \bar{x} d\varphi(\bar{y}) + \bar{y} \cdot d\varphi(\bar{x})$  □

Since  $d\varphi$  maps to  $\varphi$ , we get the surjectivity.

Prop:  $X$  be an  $k$ -scheme,  $x \in X$  be a  $k$ -rational point (i.e. there is a  $k$ -scheme map  $\text{Spec}(k) \rightarrow X$  with image  $x$ )

Then, The fibres of  $\Omega^1_{X/k}$  at  $x$  is isom to  $m_x/m_x^2$

Pf:  $(\Omega^1_{X/k})_x \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}} \mathcal{O}_{X,x}/m_x \cong \Omega^1_{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}/k} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}} \mathcal{O}_{X,x}/m_x$   
 As  $x$  is a  $k$ -rat point  $k \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}/m_x$  is an isom.  
 Use the last result.

Prop: Let  $L \supseteq k$  be a finite field extension.  
 $\Omega^1_{L/k} = 0 \iff L \supseteq k$  is separable. (HW)

Def: A field extension  $K \subseteq L$  is called finitely generated if  $\exists x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$  s.t. any elt of  $L$  can be written as  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)/g(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  where  $f, g$  are some polynomials with coef in  $K$ .  
 Equivalently,  $L$  is the quotient field of a f.t  $k$  algebra which is a domain.

$\Gamma \dots \subset \mathbb{C}(X)[Y]$

is a domain.

Eg: a)  $\mathbb{C} \subseteq \frac{\mathbb{C}(X)[Y]}{(Y^2 - X^3)}$

b)  $X/\mathbb{k}$  f.t integral scheme;  $\eta$  be the generic pt of  $X$ .

Then  $\mathbb{k}(X) := \mathcal{O}_{X,\eta}$  is a finitely gen field extension of  $\mathbb{k}$ .

Thm: Let  $\mathbb{k}$  be a perfect field (i.e.  $\text{ch}(\mathbb{k})=0$  or  $\text{ch}(\mathbb{k})=p, \mathbb{k}=\mathbb{k}^p$ )  
 $K \subseteq L$  be a finitely generated field extension;  
 $n = \text{transcendence degree of } K \subseteq L$ .

Then  $\exists$  a transcendence basis  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  of  $K \subseteq L$  s.t  
 $\mathbb{k}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \subseteq L$  is finite and separable.

prop: Let  $\mathbb{k}$  be an algebraically closed field.

Then  $\dim_L \Omega_{L/\mathbb{k}} = \text{trdeg}_{\mathbb{k}} L$  (in fact equal)

Pf Let  $d = \text{trdeg}_{\mathbb{k}} L$ . Since  $\mathbb{k}$  is algebraically closed,  
we can find a transcendence basis  $\mathbb{k} \subset \mathbb{k}(x_1, \dots, x_d) \subseteq L$   
such that

$$\mathbb{k}(x_1, \dots, x_d) \subseteq L \text{ (finite) separable.}$$

We have an exact seq

$$\Omega_{\mathbb{k}(x_1, \dots, x_d)/\mathbb{k}} \rightarrow \Omega_{L/\mathbb{k}} \rightarrow \Omega_{L/\mathbb{k}(x_1, \dots, x_d)} \rightarrow 0$$

Since  $\Omega_{L/\mathbb{k}(x_1, \dots, x_d)} = 0$ , and  $\Omega_{\mathbb{k}(x_1, \dots, x_d)/\mathbb{k}} \cong \bigoplus_{\mathbb{k}(x_1, \dots, x_d)} L$

Choose a f.t  $\mathbb{k}$ -alg  $A$  s.t  $\text{Frac}(A) = L$ .

Then  $\Omega_{L/\mathbb{k}} \cong \Omega_{A/\mathbb{k}} \otimes_A \text{Frac}(A)$ . Since  $\Omega_{A/\mathbb{k}}$  is f.g/A,  
 $\exists 0 \neq f \in A$  such that  $\Omega_{A/\mathbb{k}} \otimes_A A[\frac{1}{f}] \cong \Omega_{A_f/\mathbb{k}}$  is free.

Take a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $A_f$ . Note  $\mathbb{k} \rightarrow A_f \rightarrow A_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is an isom  
as  $\mathbb{k}$  is alg closed.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 &\cong (\Omega_{A_f/\mathbb{k}})_{\mathfrak{m}} \otimes_{A_f} A_{\mathfrak{m}} \\ \Rightarrow \text{rk}_{A_f} \Omega_{A_f/\mathbb{k}} &= \dim_{A_{\mathfrak{m}}} (\Omega_{A_f/\mathbb{k}})_{\mathfrak{m}} \otimes_{A_f} A_{\mathfrak{m}} = \text{rk}_{A_{\mathfrak{m}}} \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

But  $\text{rk}_{A_{\mathfrak{m}}} \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 \geq \dim A_{\mathfrak{m}} = \dim A = \text{trdeg}_{\mathbb{k}} L$

So  $\text{rk}_L \Omega_{L/\mathbb{k}} = \text{rk}_{A_f} \Omega_{A_f/\mathbb{k}} = \text{trdeg}_{\mathbb{k}} L$ .

Thm: Let  $\mathbb{k}$  be an algebraically closed field.  
 $X/\mathbb{k}$  be a finite type integral scheme. Then  $X$  is  
regular at  $x$  (i.e.  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a regular ring) iff

$X/k$  is a finite type integral scheme.  $X$  is regular at  $x$  (i.e.  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a regular ring) iff  $(\Omega_{X/k})_x$  is a free  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  module

Pf. Since the involved statements are local at  $x$ , w.l.o.g. we can assume  $X = \text{Spec}(R)$ , where  $R$  is a finite type  $k$ -alg, which is a domain, and  $x$  corresponds to the prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq R$

Consider the conormal sequence

$$\ast \quad \frac{PR_{\mathfrak{p}}}{\mathfrak{p}^2 R_{\mathfrak{p}}} \longrightarrow \Omega_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}/k} \otimes_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}} \frac{R_{\mathfrak{p}}}{PR_{\mathfrak{p}}} \longrightarrow \Omega_{k(\mathfrak{p})/k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{where } k(\mathfrak{p}) = \frac{R_{\mathfrak{p}}}{PR_{\mathfrak{p}}} = \text{Frac}(R_{\mathfrak{p}})$$

Assume  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is regular. Then  $\dim_{k(\mathfrak{p})} \frac{PR_{\mathfrak{p}}}{\mathfrak{p}^2 R_{\mathfrak{p}}} = \dim R_{\mathfrak{p}}$

By the Lemma above,  $\dim_{k(\mathfrak{p})} \Omega_{k(\mathfrak{p})/k} = \dim R_{\mathfrak{p}} = \dim k(\mathfrak{p})$

$$\text{So } \dim_{k(\mathfrak{p})} \Omega_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}/k} \otimes_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}} k(\mathfrak{p}) \leq \dim R_{\mathfrak{p}} = \dim k(\mathfrak{p}) \\ = \dim(X) \quad [\because R \text{ is f.t./}k \text{ and } R \text{ is a domain}]$$

We claim that the above inequality is in fact an equality.

Indeed, the L.H.S. is the min # of gens of the  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -mod  $\Omega_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}/k}$ . In case of strict inequality  $\Omega_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}/k}$  is gen. by  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  where  $n < \dim X$ .

But  $\Omega_{\text{Frac}(R)/k} = \Omega_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}/k} \otimes_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}} \text{Frac}(R_{\mathfrak{p}})$  is then gen. by the images of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in the localization. This contradicts the Prop above.

The freeness of  $\Omega_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}/k}$  now follows from the lemma below.

Lemma: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  be a noetherian domain,  $M$  be a finitely generated  $A$ -module such that

$$\dim_{A/\mathfrak{m}} M/\mathfrak{m}M = \dim_{\text{Frac}(A)} M \otimes_A \text{Frac}(A)$$

Then  $M$  is a free module

Pf. Let  $\mu = \dim_{A/\mathfrak{m}} M/\mathfrak{m}M$ .

Consider an exact seq  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow A^{\otimes \mu} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  where  $K$  is the kernel where the map  $A^{\otimes \mu} \rightarrow M$  comes from a choice of min set of generators of  $M$ .

Applying  $\otimes_A \text{Frac}(A)$  to the above exact seq, get  $K \otimes_A \text{Frac}(A) = 0$ .

But  $A$  is a domain  $\Rightarrow K$  is torsion free

So  $K \otimes_A \text{Frac}(A) = 0 \Rightarrow K = 0$ .  $\square$

• Now assume  $\Omega_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}/k} \cong (\Omega_{R/k})_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is free.

Then there is  $f \notin \mathfrak{p}$  s.t.  $\Omega_{R/k} \otimes_R R[1/f]$  is locally free.

Choose a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \in R$  of  $R[1/f]$  that contains

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Choose a maximal ideal  $m \in R$  of  $R[\frac{1}{f}]$  that contains  $p$ .

$\Omega_{R_m/f}$  is locally free of rank  $\dim X = \dim R_m$ .

But  $\Omega_{R_m/f} \otimes_{R_m} \frac{R_m}{m^2} \xrightarrow{\sim} m/m^2$   
 (it, as  $k$  is alg closed)

So  $\dim R_m = \text{rank}_{R_m} (\Omega_{R_m/f}) = \dim m/m^2$

$\Rightarrow R_m$  is regular

Now we use the (non-trivial) fact that localization of a regular local ring is regular to conclude  $R_f \simeq (R_m)_{pR_m}$  is regular.

Prop. Let  $X$  be a finite type <sup>integral</sup> scheme over an algebraically

<sup>closed field</sup>  
 Then  $\text{Regular locus of } X := \{x \in X \mid X \text{ is reg at } x, \text{ i.e. } \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \text{ is reg}\}$   
 $= \{x \in X \mid (\Omega_{X/k})_x \text{ is free}\}$

In particular 1) The regular locus of  $X$  is open in  $X$

2)  $X$  is regular  $\Leftrightarrow \Omega_{X/k}$  is a locally free module of rank  $\dim X$ .