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On ideals defining products of closed subschemes of affine spaces (joint w/ Irana Swanson)
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Consider a proper ideal I in R (Noetherian)

Def. The stable assassinator of I is

$$A_R(I) = \bigcup_{c=1}^{\infty} \text{Ass}_R(R/I^c)$$

Thm (Brodmann, 1979) $\# A_R(I) < \infty$

Indeed, $\text{Ass}_R(R/I^c)$ stabilizes for all $c \gg 0$

Def. I has the persistence property if $\forall c \geq 1$

$$\text{Ass}_R(R/I^c) \subseteq \text{Ass}_R(R/I^{c+1})$$

Thm (Katz & Rathiff, 1988)

Any nonzero normal ideal in a Noetherian domain has the persistence property.

$$(I^c = \overline{I^c}, \forall c)$$

Def. $P \subset R$ prime, $P^{(c)} := P^c R_P \cap R$

$$\cdot P^{(0)} = P^0 = R$$

$$\cdot P^{(1)} = P$$

$$\cdot P^c \subseteq P^{(c)}$$

Ex. Let $R = \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]/(xy, xz, yz)$ & $P = (x, y)R$

then $P^c \subseteq P^{(c)} = P \quad \forall c \geq 1$.

basic setup

work with polynomial rings over a field k
and fix ideals $I \subseteq A = k[x_1, \dots, x_m]$ &

$$J \subseteq B = k[y_1, \dots, y_n]$$

$$\text{Let } C = A \otimes_k B, \quad IC \text{ \& } JC$$

$$K = IC + JC \leftrightarrow V(I) \times_{\text{Spec } k} V(J)$$

Questions: (1) Express $A_c(K)$ in terms of

$$A_c(IC) = A_A(I) \text{ \& } A_c(JC) = A_B(J)$$

(2) Conditions when persistence prop holds for K

(3) Express $K^{(c)}$ in terms of $I^{(a)}, J^{(b)}$ with
 $a, b \leq c$

(4) Express primary decomposition of K^c in terms
of corresponding data for I^a & J^b

Our answers:

$$(1) A(K) = \bigcup \left\{ P \in \text{Min} \left(\frac{C}{IC + JC} \right) \right\}$$

$P \in A(I)$
 $Q \in A(J)$

(2) If I or J is nonzero + normal, then K has
persistence property

$$(3) \forall c \geq 0, \quad K^{(c)} = \sum_{a+b=c} I^{(a)} J^{(b)}$$

Ex: If I & J are principal, then $I^{(a)} = I^a, \frac{I^{(a)}}{J^{(b)}} = J^b \cup a, b$

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Def A list of ideals $\{L_c\}_{c \geq 0}$ in C is a filtration

if $L_0 = C$ & $L_c \supseteq L_{c+1} \quad \forall c \geq 0$

Def Suppose $A(I, C) = \{P_1, \dots, P_r\}$

$$A(J, C) = \{Q_1, \dots, Q_s\}$$

For each $c \geq 1$, fix primary decomposition

$$(IC)^c = P_{c,1} \cap \dots \cap P_{c,r}$$

$$\& (Jc)^c = Q_{c,1} \cap \dots \cap Q_{c,s}$$

s.t. $\forall 1 \leq i \leq r$, $P_{c,i}$ is either P_i -primary or C

& $\forall 1 \leq j \leq s$, $Q_{c,j}$ is either Q_j -primary or C

Lem $\{P_{c,i} = \bigcap_{a=0}^c P_{a,i}\}_{c=0}^{\infty}$

(4) Over an algebraically closed field k :

$$\forall c \geq 0, \quad K^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \bigcap_{j=1}^s \underbrace{\left(\sum_{a=0}^c P_{a,i} \cdot Q_{c-a,j} \right)}_{L_{c,i,j}}$$