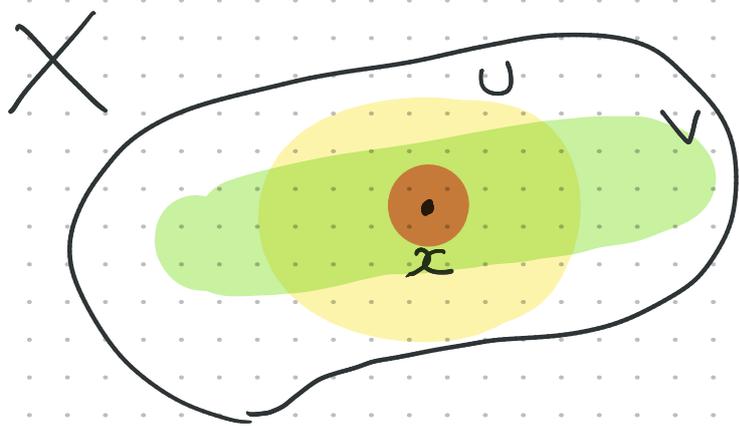


# Local Rings / Rings of germs

$X$  alg var  $x \in X$



Germ of a regular fun. at  $x$

is an eqv. class  $g$   $(U, f)$

where  $U \subset X$  open containing  
 $x$

&  $f$  a reg. fun. on  $U$ .

$(U, f) \sim (V, g)$  if  $\exists$  open  $W \ni x$

s.t.  $f|_W = g|_W$

Only the behaviour near  $x$   
matters.

$\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  = Set of germs of  
reg. fun. at  $x$ .

Examples:

$$X = \mathbb{A}^n, \quad x = (0, \dots, 0)$$

Any polynomial  $f \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$   
defines a germ. (drop  $U$ )

$$\frac{x_1 + x_2}{1 + x_3} \leftarrow \text{defined in an open } \ni (0, \dots, 0)$$

generally  $\frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{g(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \quad g(0, \dots, 0) \neq 0$

defines a germ at  $(0, \dots, 0)$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^n, 0} = \left\{ \frac{f}{g} \mid f, g \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \right. \\ \left. g(0, \dots, 0) \neq 0 \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^n, x} \quad x = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

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$$\left\{ \frac{f}{g} \mid g(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq 0 \right\}$$

$\mathcal{O}_{X, x}$  is a ring. }  $k$ -algebra  
 $\cup$   
 $k$  as constants. }

$U \subset X$  open

$$x \in U \quad \mathcal{O}_{X, x} = \mathcal{O}_{U, x}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1, [0:1]} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^1, 0}$$

\* ( $\mathcal{O}_{X, x}$  is rich even if  $X$  is not affine.)

\* For computing  $\mathcal{O}_{X, x}$ , can always reduce to  $X$  affine (choose an affine neighborhood).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f: X & \longrightarrow & Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ x & \longmapsto & y \end{array}$$

Pullback:

$$f^* : \mathcal{O}_{Y, y} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X, x}$$

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Example:  $X \subset \mathbb{A}^n$  closed

Germs of reg. fun at  $x \in X$ .

$\frac{f}{g}$   $f$  &  $g$  are poly.  
 $g(x) \neq 0$ .

$I(X) = \langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle$ , say.

Just as

$$k[X] = k[\mathbb{A}^n] / \langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,x} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^n, x} / \langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad X = V(xy) \\ x = (0,0)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,x} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^2,0} / \langle xy \rangle$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{f}{g} \mid g(0,0) \neq 0 \right\} / \langle xy \rangle$$

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$\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra.

$$\mathfrak{m} = \{ f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \mid f(x) = 0 \}$$

$$\mathfrak{m} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \xrightarrow[\text{at } x]{\text{eval}} \mathbb{k}$$

Prop:  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  has a unique max.

ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

Pf: Every non-unit ideal is contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

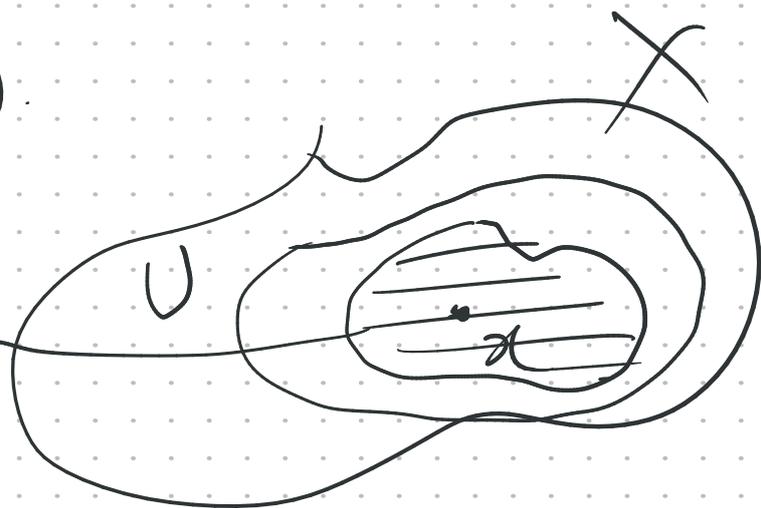
$\Leftrightarrow$  Every non-unit is contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

$\Leftrightarrow$  Everything not in  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a unit.

$\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \ni f$  not in  $\mathfrak{m}$

$$f(x) \neq 0.$$

$\swarrow$   $f$  non-zero  
 $\swarrow$   $1/f$  reg. on           



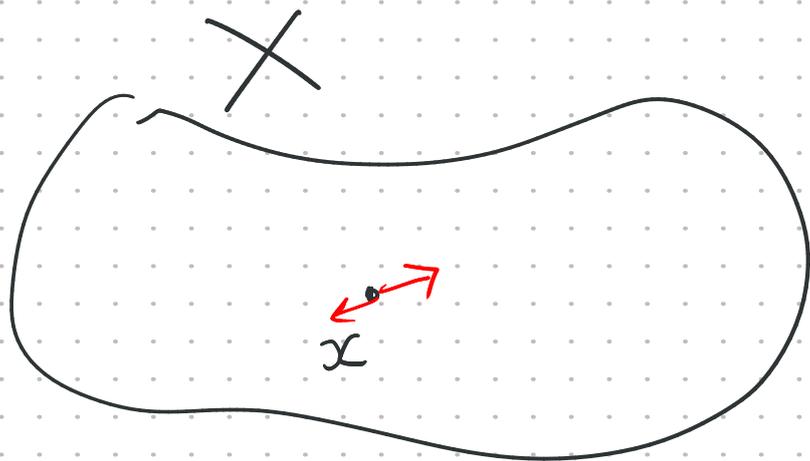
$\Rightarrow f$  is invertible in  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ .

□

A ring with a unique max id  
is called a Local ring.

So  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a local ring.

# Tangent spaces



Goal:  $T_x X$

$\parallel$   
Space of tangent  
vectors to X  
at x.

① A tangent vect. to  $X$  at  $x$  is  
a  $\mathbb{k}$ -alg. hom

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]/\varepsilon^2 \quad \text{⊗ (*)}$$

"infinitesimal curve on  $X$   
centered at  $x$ "

⊛  $X \subset \mathbb{A}^n$  closed

$$I(X) = \langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \supset \mathbb{k}[X]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \swarrow \\ & \downarrow & \\ & \mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]/\varepsilon^2 & \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{k}[X] \longrightarrow \mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]/\varepsilon^2$$

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$$\frac{\mathbb{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{(f_1, \dots, f_r)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]/\varepsilon^2$$

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$$\frac{\mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{\langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x_i \longmapsto a_i$$

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) \longmapsto \underline{p(a_1, \dots, a_n)}$$

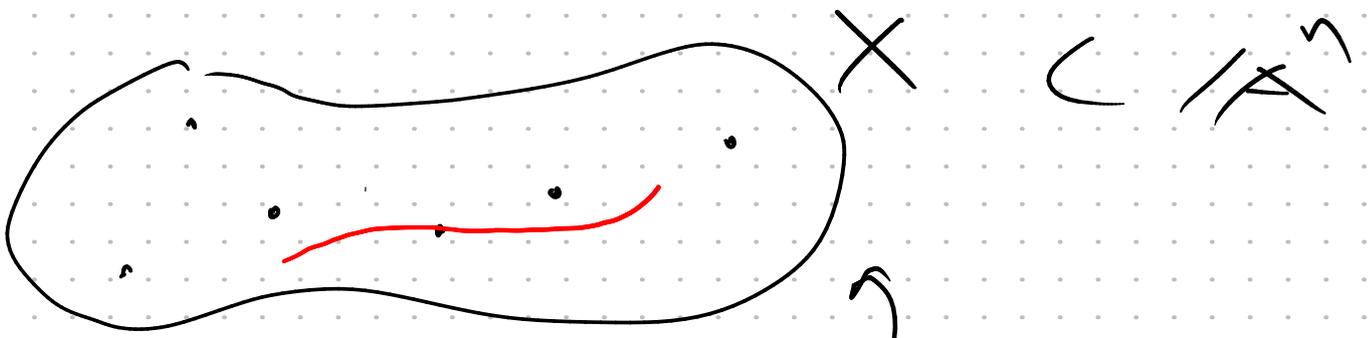
$$f_1, \dots, f_r \longmapsto 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \underline{f_i(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0.}$$

Hom

$$\frac{\mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{\langle f_i \rangle} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

↑  
Solutions to  $f_1 = 0$   
 $f_r = 0$   
 $\mathbb{R}$ -valued.



Homs  $k[x] \rightarrow k$  ← "point in X"

Homs  $k[x] \rightarrow k[t]$  "curve in X"



$k[t]$ -valued sol<sup>n</sup>s to

$$f_1 = 0$$

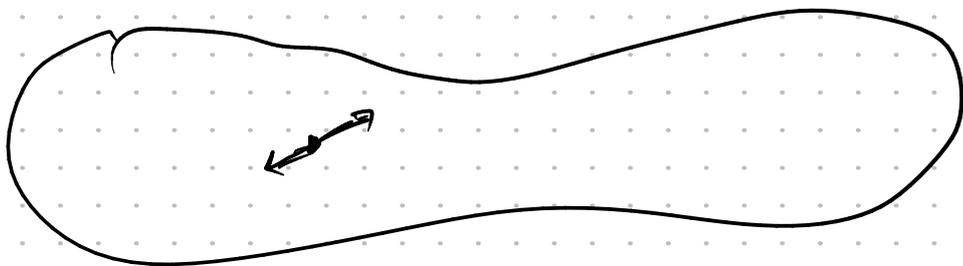
⋮

$$f_r = 0$$

$$x_i \mapsto a_i(t) \in k[t]$$

one-param family  $(t)$

of  $k$ -valued sol<sup>n</sup>s.



$$\underline{a + b\varepsilon}$$

$$\underline{k[x]} \rightarrow \underline{k[\varepsilon]/\varepsilon^2}$$

$k[\varepsilon]/\varepsilon^2$ -valued solutions

"Truncated polynomial"

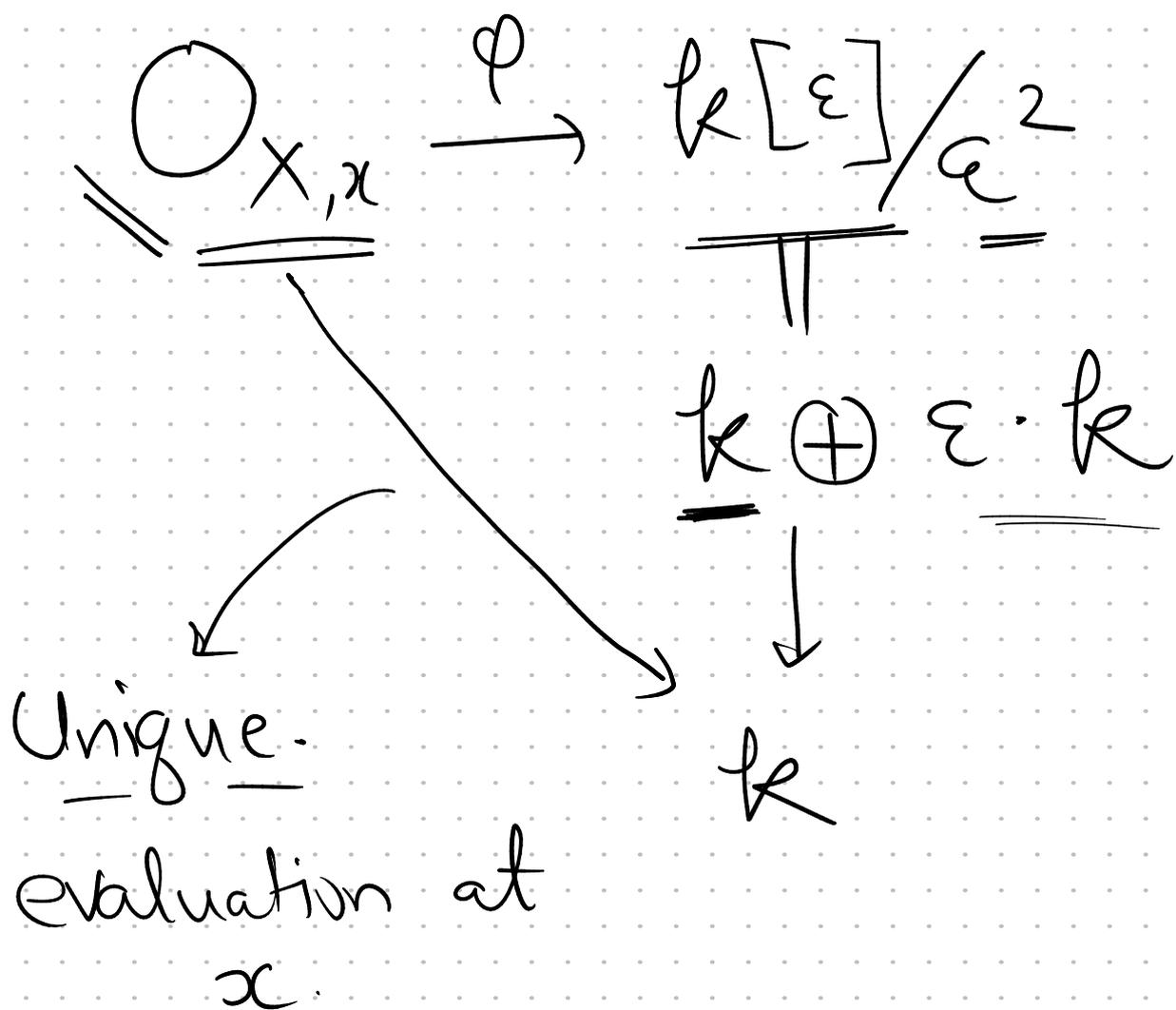
"infinitesimal curve"

Tangent vector is

①

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,a} \rightarrow k[a]/\varepsilon^2$$

"inf curve on  $X$  centered at  $x$ "



$$\varphi(f) = f(x) + \varepsilon \cdot \underline{\underline{\delta(f)}}$$

$$\delta: \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k$$

$\delta$  is  $k$ -linear.

$$a) \varphi(f_1 + f_2) = \varphi(f_1) + \varphi(f_2)$$

$$b) \varphi(f_1 f_2) = \varphi(f_1) \varphi(f_2)$$

$$c) \varphi(c) = c \quad c \in k$$

Translate in terms of  $\delta$

$$(a) \delta(f_1 + f_2) = \delta(f_1) + \delta(f_2)$$

$$(b) f_1 f_2(x) + \varepsilon \delta(f_1 f_2)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) + \varepsilon \delta(f_1) \\ f_2(x) + \varepsilon \delta(f_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= f_1 f_2(x) + \varepsilon \cdot \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \delta(f_2) \\ + f_2(x) \delta(f_1) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\delta(f_1 f_2) = f_1(x) \delta(f_2) + f_2(x) \delta(f_1)$$

$$(c) \delta(c) = 0 \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{k}$$

$\delta: \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k$  satisfying these  
are called derivations /  $k$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_{X,x} & \rightarrow & k[\epsilon] / \epsilon^2 \\ \updownarrow \varphi & & \cong \end{array}$$

Derivations /  $k$

$$\delta: \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k$$

$$\varphi(f) = f(x) + \epsilon \cdot \underline{\delta(f)}$$

$$\underline{T_x X} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k\text{-derivations} \\ \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k \end{array} \right\}$$

( $k$ -vector space)

# Derivations from a $k$ -vspace.

Geometrically

curve  $\rightsquigarrow$  derivation

infinitesimal  $\rightsquigarrow$  directional derivative

Last formulation.

Derivation

$$\mathcal{O}_{x,a} \rightarrow k$$

$$\cup$$

$m$

$$\cup$$

$m^2$

$\mathcal{O}$

$$\delta(\underline{f}\underline{g}) = \frac{f(x)}{\mathcal{O}} \delta(s) + \frac{g(x)}{\mathcal{O}} \delta(t)$$

Derivation  $\leftarrow$   $\mathbb{k}$ -v-space.

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$$

$\mathbb{k}$ -linear map.

Conversely any  $\mathbb{k}$ -lin. map  
 $\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  gives a derivation

$$T_x X \cong \text{Inf. curves at } x$$

$$\cong \text{Der at } x$$

$$\cong \underline{\underline{\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2, \mathbb{k})}}$$

Ex.  $\mathbb{A}^2$ .  $x = (0,0)$ .

$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^2,0}$

$$\mathfrak{m} = \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\mathfrak{m}^2 = \langle x^2, xy, y^2 \rangle$$

$$\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathbb{k}\langle x \rangle \oplus \mathbb{k}\langle y \rangle$$

( ) 2 dim

$$T_{\mathbb{A}^2,0} \cong \text{Hom}(\mathbb{k}^2, \mathbb{k})$$
$$\cong \mathbb{k}^2$$

$$X = V(x+y^2) \subset \mathbb{A}^2$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,x} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^2,0} / (x+y^2)$$

$$\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 = \left( \frac{\mathfrak{m}}{\mathfrak{m}^2} \right) / (x+y^2)$$

$$= \langle \underline{x, y} \rangle / \underline{(x+y^2)}$$

only linear terms matter  
(higher degree terms  $\in \mathfrak{m}^2$ )

$$\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 \text{ for } \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \cong \langle \underline{y} \rangle$$

Dual is also one-dim.

# Fundamental inequality

$$\dim \underline{T_x X} \geq \underline{\dim_x X}$$

Def. If equality holds,  
say that  $X$  is  
smooth or non-sing  
at  $x$ .

