

Construction of Hilb

Let $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ be a projective scheme over k . Let P be a poly.

Thm: Hilb_X^P is represented by a projective scheme / k .

Generally: Let $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{P}^n \times T$ be a flat family of projective schemes over T .

$\text{Hilb}_{\mathcal{X}}^P : S/T \mapsto \{Z \subset \mathcal{X}_S \text{ flat over } S \text{ with Hilb poly } P\}$.

Thm: $\text{Hilb}_{\mathcal{X}}^P$ is represented by a projective T -scheme.

Outline of the proof: ($X = \mathbb{P}_k^n$).

- Exhibit Hilb_X^P as a locally closed subscheme of a grassmannian.

Map $\text{Hilb}_X^P \rightarrow \text{Gr}$. Fix. m (to be chosen later).

On points:

$$(*) \quad [Z \subset X] \mapsto \left[\begin{array}{c} H^0(I_Z(m)) \subset H^0(O(m)) \\ \parallel \\ \text{subspace } \subset \text{Sym}^m(k^{n+1}) \\ \text{of rank } \dots \end{array} \right]$$

$\rightarrow m$ should be such that $H^0(I_Z(m))$ has fixed rank.

Hilb poly of I_Z is fixed, say Q . ($P+Q = \binom{n+d}{d}$).

So, $h^0(I_Z(m)) = Q(m)$ if $h^i(I_Z(m)) = 0$ for $i > 0$.

So we must choose $m \gg 0$ so that this happens. $\rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

Next, if this map (*) were to be an embedding, it must be injective on points.

i.e. we must be able to recover I_Z from $H^0(I_Z(m))$. — ②

The first technical step in the proof is the existence of an m such that ① and ② hold.

(depending on n, P)

Lemma (Uniform m -lemma): There exists m such that for any $Z \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ with Hilb poly P we have

① $H^i(I_Z(r)) = 0 \quad \forall i > 0 \text{ and } r \geq m.$

② The graded module $\bigoplus_{r \geq m} H^0(I_Z(r)) \subset \text{Sym}^* k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$

is generated in deg m .

Thus, by the uniform m -lemma we get a map $\text{Hilb}_X^P \rightarrow \text{Gr}$ which is injective. (at least on the level of k -points.)

Before we proceed, let us see if we have a natural transformation of functors $\text{Hilb}_X^P \rightarrow \text{Gr}$. Let T be a scheme, and

$Z \subset \mathbb{P}_T^n$ an object of $\text{Hilb}_X^P(T)$.

From this, we want an object of $\text{Gr}(\mathcal{O}(m), \underbrace{\text{Sym}^m(k^{n+1})}_V)$, i.e.

a sub-vector-bundle of $V \times \mathcal{O}_T$. From the pointwise description,

we know that this vector bundle should have fiber $H^0(I_{Z_t}(m))$

over $t \in T$. So we guess that this must be

$\pi_* I_Z(m)$, where $\pi: Z \rightarrow T$ is the projection.

From $0 \rightarrow I_Z(m) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_T^n}(m) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Z(m) \rightarrow 0$ we have

$0 \rightarrow \pi_* I_Z(m) \rightarrow V_m \otimes \mathcal{O}_T \rightarrow \pi_* \mathcal{O}_Z(m) \rightarrow 0$

↳ Fiberwise constant ranks but are they vector bundles! ↲

Questions we face :-

- Are $\pi_* \mathcal{I}_Z(m)$ and $\pi_* \mathcal{O}_Z(m)$ vector bundles?

(We know that $H^0(\mathcal{I}_Z(m))$ and $H^0(\mathcal{O}_Z(m))$ have fixed rank for all $t \in T$, but ~~th~~ is this enough to guarantee that π_* are locally free?)

This raises an important technical issue :-

What is the relationship between the sheaf $\pi_* \mathcal{F}$ and the various $H^0(\mathcal{F}_t)$ as $t \in T$? (or $R^i \pi_* \mathcal{F}$ and $H^i(\mathcal{F}_t)$)

Content : Cohomology and base Change.

We'll see that in our case the π_* do turn out to be vector bundles and hence ~~gr~~ we get a natural transformation

$$\underline{\text{Hilb}}_X^P \rightarrow \text{Gr}.$$

Finally, we must show that this is a locally closed embedding. That is, ~~at some~~ somehow we must characterize the image by ~~vanis~~ equations. Where do these equations come from?

Consider a point $S \in V_m$ of Gr . When does S come from an ideal \mathcal{I}_Z , where $Z \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ has Hilb poly P ?

We can set $\mathcal{I} =$ ideal gen. by S in $k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$. But it will define a subscheme of Hilb poly P iff its r^{th} graded piece has the correct rank. i.e. ~~##~~ (for $r \gg 0$). That is, the mult. maps

$$S \otimes \text{Sym}^r \langle x_0, \dots, x_n \rangle \longrightarrow \text{Sym}^{m+r} \langle x_0, \dots, x_n \rangle.$$

must have a prescribed rank, defined by minors!
these give the equations.

More formally, we ~~let~~ consider the universal sequence

$$0 \rightarrow S \rightarrow V_m \otimes \mathcal{O}_{Gr} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow 0$$

And let $Z \subset Gr \times \mathbb{P}^n$ be the subscheme cut out by S .

Now Z/Gr will not be flat with Hilb poly P

(not all S give the right hilb poly!).

but our Hilb is obtained by using the following -

Thm: There is a finite collection of polynomials P_1, \dots, P_k and locally closed subschemes $H_1, \dots, H_k \subset Gr$ s.t.

$Z|_{H_i} \rightarrow H_i$ is flat with Hilb poly P_i and

the stratification satisfies the universal property that if

$\varphi: T \rightarrow Gr$ is a map s.t. $Z_T \rightarrow T$ is flat with Hilb poly P_i then φ factors through $H_i \hookrightarrow Gr$.

Our Hilb ^{P} is one such stratum.

(In the proof, these H_i will be cut out by vanishing/non-vanishing of minors.).

Thm's name: Flattening Stratification.