In-Class Exercises 2

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Exercise 1. Irreducible components of a topological space

Revise section 2.7 and in particular proposition 2.7.7 of

https://ulthiel.com/math/wp-content/uploads/lecture-notes/Commutative-Algebra.pdf.

Exercise 2. Prime, primary, maximal and radical ideals

- 1. What is an ideal in a commutative ring?
- 2. What does it mean that an ideal is finitely generated? What are principal ideals?
- 3. What are prime, primary and radical ideals?
- 4. What is a maximal ideal?
- 5. What are equivalent ways to characterize maximal and prime ideals?
- 6. Use OSCAR (https://www.oscar-system.org/) to play with these notions:
 - Create polynomial rings and ideals.
 - Check if an ideal is prime, primary, radical or maximal.
 - Quotient a polynomial ring by an ideal.
 - Factor a multivariate polynomial.

Exercise 3. Noetherian rings

- 1. What is a Noetherian ring?
- 2. Is $\mathbb{C}[x_1,\ldots,x_n]$ a Noetherian ring? (Cf. Hilbert's basis theorem.)

Exercise 4. Unique factorization domains

- 1. What is an integral domain?
- 2. What is an irreducible element of an integral domain?
- 3. What is a unique factorization domain?