

Huybrechts 1.1.11:

Example of an irreducible analytic set, with a reducible germ?

Let $X = Z(g) \subset \mathbb{C}^2$, where

$g(z_1, z_2) = z_1^3 + z_1^2 - z_2^2$. Then X is analytic and $X = \text{Im}(\beta)$, where $\beta: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ is the holomorphic function of Exercise 1.1.15.

\mathbb{C} is irreducible, and the image of an irreducible set via a holomorphic map is irreducible. Hence X is irreducible.

Now, the germ of X at $(0,0)$ is reducible.

Indeed, $\beta(z) = (z^2 - 1, z(z^2 - 1))$,

so $\beta(1) = \beta(-1) = (0,0)$, and $\beta'(1) \neq (0,0)$, $\beta'(-1) \neq (0,0)$.

Let $U_1 \subset \mathbb{C}$ be an open disk centered at 1

of sufficiently small radius. Then

$\beta(U_1)$ is an analytic subset of \mathbb{C}^2 , by Corollary 1.1.12, since $\text{ord}(\beta'(1)) = 1$

is maximal. Similarly, if $U_{-1} \subset \mathbb{C}$ is an open disk of sufficiently small radius, then $\beta(U_{-1})$ is an analytic subset.

Finally, the germ of X at $(0,0)$ is the union of the germ X_1 of $\beta(U_1)$ and the germ X_{-1} of $\beta(U_{-1})$. So the germ of X

at $(0,0)$ is reducible.

Example of a reducible analytic set, whose induced germs are all irreducible?

Take X to be the union of two disjoint lines $z_1 = 0$ and $z_1 = 1$ in \mathbb{C}^2 .

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1.1.15 :

$$\beta: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2,$$

$$\beta(z) = (\underbrace{z^2 - 1}_{z_1}, \underbrace{z^3 - z}_{z_2})$$

$$\left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right)^2 - 1 = z_1$$

$$\text{Let } g(z_1, z_2) = z_1^3 + z_1^2 - z_2^2.$$

$$\text{Then } g(\beta(z)) = (z^6 - 3z^4 + 3z^2 - 1) + (z^4 - 2z^2 + 1) - 1 = 0.$$

Claim $\text{Im}(\beta) = Z(g)$.

$$(z^6 - 2z^4 + z^2)$$

Pf: If $z_1 \neq 0$ and $g(z_1, z_2) = 0$, then

$$0 = z_1 + 1 - \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right)^2 \Leftrightarrow z_1 = \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right)^2 - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$z_2 = \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right),$$

$$\text{So } (z_1, z_2) = \beta\left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right).$$

If $z_1 = 0$ and $g(z_1, z_2) = 0$, then $z_2 = 0$ and

$$\text{so } (z_1, z_2) = (0, 0) = \beta(1). \quad \square$$

Hence $\text{Im}(\beta)$ is analytic.

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$U \subset \mathbb{C}^m$ an open subset, $m \geq 2$ and

$f: U \setminus \{z_m = z_{m-1} = 0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a holomorphic function.

Then there exists a unique holomorphic

function $\tilde{f}: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ extending f .

Proof: We may assume that U is connected (otherwise, apply separately for each connected component).

Set $\Sigma := U \cap Z(\{z_{m-1}, z_m\})$. Then

$U \setminus \Sigma$ is connected and dense in U , by

Ex 1.1.8. If $p \in \Sigma$ and \tilde{f}_1, \tilde{f}_2 are

extensions of f to $(U \setminus \Sigma) \cup B_\varepsilon(p)$, for some

polydisc $B_\varepsilon(p)$, then $\tilde{f}_1 = \tilde{f}_2$, by the Identity Theorem,

since $U \cup B_\varepsilon(p)$ is connected, hence an extension \tilde{f} is

unique. Furthermore, it suffices to extend

f to $B_\varepsilon(p)$. So, we may assume $p=0$,

$U = B_\varepsilon(0)$, for some $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_m)$.

Let $\varepsilon' = (\varepsilon'_1, \dots, \varepsilon'_m)$, where

$0 < \varepsilon'_1 < \varepsilon_1, 0 < \varepsilon'_2 < \varepsilon_2$, but $\varepsilon'_3 = \varepsilon_3, \dots, \varepsilon'_m = \varepsilon_m$.

Then $B_{\varepsilon'}(0) \cap \Sigma$ contains $B_\varepsilon(0) \cap \Sigma$ and

f is holomorphic on $B_\varepsilon(0) \setminus \Sigma$, so it is holomorphic on

$B_{\varepsilon'}(0) \setminus B_\varepsilon(0)$. Now the proof of Prop 1.1.4

applies to extend f to $B_{\varepsilon'}(0)$, since it used only the strict inequalities $\varepsilon'_1 < \varepsilon_1$ and $\varepsilon'_2 < \varepsilon_2$. \square