

Definition. Recall that a semiprime ring is DL-closed if given any elements  $r, s$  s.t.  $r^3 = s^2$ , then there is a unique  $t$  s.t.  $t^2 = r$  and  $t^3 = s$ .

The 15th condition mentioned in the slides is simply that the canonical map  $K(D) \rightarrow G(D)$ , whose existence is forced by adjunction, is injective. Somebody asked whether that was always injective and this is the answer. It is trivially implied by 8 and equally trivially implies 5. Despite its triviality, it gives useful insight into rougeosity.

Here is a proof of the fact that if a prime contains an intersection of a compact set of primes in the domain topology, it contains at least one of them. Suppose  $U$  is such a set and that  $\bigcap_{P \in U} P \subseteq Q$ . If  $P \not\subseteq Q$ , then there is an element  $r_P \in P - Q$ . The sets  $Z(r_P)$  cover  $U$  and so there are  $P_1, \dots, P_n \in U$  s.t.  $\{Z(r_{P_i})\}$  covers  $U$ . Let  $r = \prod r_{P_i}$ . Then it is clear that  $r \in P$  for all  $P \in U$ , while  $r \notin Q$ .

Here is how you build a local representation. Assuming  $\zeta(P) = r \in R$ , it will equal  $r$  on an open set  $U_P$  containing  $P$ . It will do so on a basic open set containing  $P$  and the basic open sets are finite meets of sets of the form  $Z(r)$  which are clopen in the patch topology, hence compact in that any weaker topology. Thus we can assume that  $U_P$  is compact and open. Then  $U$  can be covered by finitely many, etc.

Here is the statement of the “main theorem” whose proof will be sketched in this talk:

0.1. THEOREM. *Let  $R$  be a commutative semiprime ring. Then the following are equivalent:*

DL-1.  *$R$  is DL-closed.*

DL-2.  *$R$  is isomorphic, under the canonical map, to the ring of global sections of the sheaf  $E_R$ .*

DL-3.  *$R$  is isomorphic to a ring of global sections of sheaf whose stalks are domains.*

DL-4.  *$R$  is in the limit closure of the domains.*

Three topologies: The domain topology has as subbase sets  $Z(r) = \{P \mid r \in P\}$ . The Zariski topology has as (sub)base sets  $N(r) = \{P \mid r \notin P\}$ . The patch topology takes all the sets  $N(r)$  and  $Z(r)$  as subbase. The last is compact, Hausdorff, and totally disconnected. It follows that all sets of the form  $N(r)$  and  $Z(r)$  are compact in all three topologies.

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