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Homework 3  
Due: Friday, February 9

1. Let  $X$  be the affine scheme

$$X = \operatorname{Spec} \frac{\mathbb{Z}[x, y, z]}{(x^2 + y^2 - z^2)}.$$

Let  $K$  be any field. Carefully explain the bijection between:

- Maps of schemes  $\operatorname{Spec} K \rightarrow X$ ; and
- Triples  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in K$  such that  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = \gamma^2$ .

*This should explain why  $\operatorname{Mor}(\operatorname{Spec} K, X)$  is called the set of  $K$ -points of  $X$ ; it is often written as  $X(\operatorname{Spec} K)$ , or even  $X(K)$ .*

2. Liu, 2.3.7.

3. Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $S = \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$  with the usual grading. Consider the set  $D_+((3)) \subseteq \operatorname{Proj}(S)$  and the point  $P = (7, x^2 + y^2) \in \operatorname{Proj}(S)$ .

- (a) Show that  $(7, x^2 + y^2)$  really is a prime ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]$  which doesn't contain  $(x, y)$ .
- (b) Find an element  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$  such that  $f \in S_+$  is homogeneous and

$$P \in D_+(f) \subset D_+(3).$$