## What are...Kähler differentials, part 2?

Or: Tangent bundles

## Tangent bundles



Vector bundle = a linear algebra generalization of a cylinder

- Idea To every point of the space we attach a vector space so that these fit together to form another space of a desired type (manifold, or variety, or...)
  - Today Tangent sheaves / bundles = tangent vector spaces at each point

The affine plane



Recall The coordinate ring of the affine plane is  $R = \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ 

Differentials It is easy to see that

 $\Omega_R = Rdx \oplus Rdy$ 

**Bimodules and multiplication** 



Recall Bimodule = "a wall that you can hit with a ball from two sides"

• Example  $R \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} R$  for an  $\mathbb{K}$ -module R

• Multiplication map  $\delta \colon R \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} R \to R$  given by  $f \otimes g \mapsto fg$ 

For a  $\mathbb{K}$ -algebra R let  $\Omega_R$  be as before, and  $J = \ker \delta$ 

 $\Omega_R \cong J/J^2$  as *R*-modules

- **Example** For the affine plane, J is spanned by  $1 \otimes x x \otimes 1$  and  $1 \otimes y y \otimes 1$ ; and  $dx \mapsto 1 \otimes x - x \otimes 1$  and  $dy \mapsto 1 \otimes y - y \otimes 1$  is the isomorphism
- ► For a variety *V*, we can define a sheaf (cotangent bundle)  $\Omega_V$  via pullback  $i^*(\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2)$  (details omitted)

**Lemma 14.8** (Ideal sequence). Let  $i: Y \to X$  be the inclusion of a closed subscheme.

- (a) If  $\mathscr{F}$  is a quasi-coherent sheaf on Y then  $i_*\mathscr{F}$  is quasi-coherent on X.
- (b) There is an exact sequence

$$0 \to \mathscr{I}_{Y/X} \to \mathscr{O}_X \to i_*\mathscr{O}_Y \to 0$$

of quasi-coherent sheaves on X, where the second non-trivial map is the pull-back of regular functions as in Example 13.10 (a). Its kernel  $\mathcal{I}_{Y|X}$  is called the **ideal sheaf** of Y in X.

For details and the picture see https://agag-gathmann.math.rptu.de/class/alggeom-2021/alggeom-2021.pdf

## Example



• Recall Projective space  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is the circle  $S^1$ 

• Example The tangent bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is an infinite cylinder

Thank you for your attention!

I hope that was of some help.