

## 1 Preliminaries (to do work)

The contents of this chapter are based on [1], [2] and [3].

**Definition 1.1** (Graded ring).

**Definition 1.2** (Graded ideal).

**Definition 1.3** (Graded module).

**Definition 1.4** (Persistence module, finite type).

**Definition 1.5** (Barcode).

**Definition 1.6** ( $\delta$ -interleaving).

**Definition 1.7** (Interleaving distance).

**Definition 1.8** ( $\delta$ -matching).

**Definition 1.9** (Bottleneck distance).

## 2 Structure Theorem

**Fact 2.1** (Structure theorem for finitely generated modules over a principal ideal domain). *Let  $M$  be a finitely generated module over a principal ideal domain. There exist a finite sequence of proper ideals  $(d_1) \supseteq (d_2) \supseteq \cdots \supseteq (d_n)$  such that*

$$M \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n R/(d_i).$$

**Theorem 2.1** (Structure). *Let  $(V, \pi)$  be a persistence module. There exist a finite set  $\text{bar}(V, \pi)$  of intervals and a function  $\mu : \text{bar}(V, \pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and there is a unique direct sum decomposition*

$$(V, \pi) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^N (I_i, c_i)^{m_i}.$$

*Proof.*  $(V, \pi)$  is of finite type, so it is a finite  $\mathbb{F}[x]$ -module. As  $\mathbb{F}$  is a field,  $\mathbb{F}[x]$  is a principal ideal domain, therefore,  $(V, \pi)$  is a finitely generated module over a principal ideal domain. Fact 2.1  $\square$

## 3 Stability Theorem

**Lemma 3.1.**

**Theorem 3.1** (Stability). *Given two persistence modules  $(V, \pi)$ ,  $(W, \phi)$ , we have*

$$d_{\text{int}}((V, \pi), (W, \phi)) = d_{\text{bot}}(\text{bar}(V, \pi), \text{bar}(W, \phi)).$$

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