

# Chapter 0. Preparation

## 0.1 Categories

**0.1.1 Definition.** A *category*  $\mathcal{C}$  consists of:

1.  $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ : the class of the objects (which may not be a set);
2.  $\text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$ : the class of morphisms. For each morphism  $f \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$ , it has a **source**  $s(f)$  and a **target**  $t(f)$ , where both  $s(f)$  and  $t(f)$  are elements of  $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $X$  be the source of  $f$  and  $Y$  be the target of  $f$  we can denote  $f$  as  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . And we define  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$  (also  $\text{Hom}(X, Y)$  for short) as the class of morphisms with source  $X$  and target  $Y$ ; that is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) := s^{-1}(X) \cap t^{-1}(Y)$ .

Additionally, objects and morphisms should satisfy these properties:

1.  $\forall X, Y, Z \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ , there is a **composition**  $\circ : \text{Hom}(Y, Z) \times \text{Hom}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(X, Z)$ ,  $(g, f) \mapsto g \circ f$ . We also abbreviate  $g \circ f$  as  $gf$ .

And we can use a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ & \searrow g \circ f & \downarrow g \\ & & Z \end{array}$$

to describe.

2. The composition we defined above satisfies the **associative law**; that is  $\forall X, Y, Z, T \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y, g : Y \rightarrow Z, h : Z \rightarrow T$ , we have

$$(h \circ g) \circ f = h \circ (g \circ f).$$

And we can also use a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ g \circ f \downarrow & & \downarrow h \circ g \\ Z & \xrightarrow{h} & T \end{array}$$

to describe.

3.  $\forall X \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ , there is an **identity**  $1_X \in \text{Hom}(X, X)$ , such that for all  $Y, Z \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y, g : Z \rightarrow X$ , we have

$$f \circ 1_X = f, 1_X \circ g = g.$$

**0.1.2 Example.**

1. Let's begin with a simple example, the category of sets, denoted as **Set**.  $\text{Obj}(\text{Set})$  is the class of all sets (as we all know, it can't be a set because of the Russell's paradox).  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Set}}(A, B)$  are all maps from  $A$  to  $B$ . It's easy to check **Set** satisfies the concept of category.
2. The category of topological spaces, denoted as **Top**. The objects of **Top** are all topological spaces, and the morphisms are continuous maps.
3. The category of groups, denoted as **Grp**, in which objects are all groups and the morphisms are group homomorphisms; similarly, the category of abelian groups, denoted as **Ab**, in which objects are all abelian groups and the morphisms are group homomorphisms.
4. Let  $k$  be a field. The category of the vector spaces on  $k$  is denoted as **Vect** $_k$ , in which objects are all

vector spaces on  $k$  and morphisms are linear maps.

5. Let  $R$  be a ring (which may not be commutative). The category of the left modules on  $R$  is denoted as  ${}_R\mathbf{Mod}$ , in which objects are all modules on  $R$  and morphisms are  $R$ -module homomorphisms. Similarly, we have the category of right modules  $\mathbf{Mod}_R$ .
6. The category of topological spaces with basepoints, denoted as  $\mathbf{Top}^*$ . Objects of  $\mathbf{Top}^*$  are like  $(X, x_0)$ , where  $X$  is a topological space and  $x_0 \in X$ . A morphism  $f : (X, x_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$  is a continuous map from  $X$  to  $Y$  with  $f(x_0) = y_0$ .

**0.1.3 Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a category, and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a morphism. Then,

- call  $f$  a **monomorphism** if  $f\alpha_1 = f\alpha_2 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2$  for all objects  $Z$  and morphisms  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 : Z \rightarrow X$ ;
- call  $f$  an **epimorphism** if  $\beta_1 f = \beta_2 f \Rightarrow \beta_1 = \beta_2$  for all objects  $Z$  and morphisms  $\beta_1, \beta_2 : Y \rightarrow Z$ ;
- call  $f$  an **isomorphism** if there is  $g : Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $gf = 1_X$  and  $fg = 1_Y$ .



**Note** A mono and epi morphism may not be an isomorphism.

**0.1.4 Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a category. Define a category  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$  as follows:

- $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}) = \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ ;
- $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(X, Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, X)$ .
- $f \circ^{\text{op}} g = g \circ f, \forall g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(X, Y), f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(Y, Z)$ .

The category is called **opposite category** of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**0.1.5 Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  be two categories. A **(covariant) functor**  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is a map satisfying

1.  $\forall X \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C}), F(X) \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{D})$ ;
2.  $\forall f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y), F(f) \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(X), F(Y))$ ;
3.  $F(g \circ f) = F(g) \circ F(f)$ ;
4.  $F(1_X) = 1_{F(X)}$ .

It can be considered that this functor preserves commutative diagrams.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\
 & \searrow g \circ f & \downarrow g \\
 & & Z
 \end{array}
 \xrightarrow{\quad F \quad}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 FX & \xrightarrow{F(f)} & FY \\
 & \searrow F(g \circ f) & \downarrow F(g) \\
 & & FZ
 \end{array}$$

A **contravariant functor**  $G : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is a map satisfying

1.  $\forall X \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C}), G(X) \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{D})$ ;
2.  $\forall f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y), G(f) \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(G(Y), G(X))$ ;
3.  $G(g \circ f) = G(f) \circ G(g)$ ;
4.  $G(1_X) = 1_{G(X)}$ .

It can also be regarded as a covariant functor from  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\
 & \searrow g \circ f & \downarrow g \\
 & & Z
 \end{array}
 \xrightarrow{\quad G \quad}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 GX & \xleftarrow{G(f)} & GY \\
 & \nwarrow G(g \circ f) & \uparrow G(g) \\
 & & GZ
 \end{array}$$

**0.1.6 Example.**

1. The forgetful functor  $F : \mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  assigns to each topological space its underlying set and to each continuous map itself ("forgetting" its continuity). Similarly, there are forgetful functors  $\mathbf{Grp} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ ,  $\mathbf{Ab} \rightarrow \mathbf{Grp}$ ,  $\mathbf{Ab} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ , and so on.
2. The functor  $\pi_1 : \mathbf{Top}^* \rightarrow \mathbf{Grp}$  assigns to each topological space its fundamental group at the basepoint and to each continuous map to its induced homomorphism between fundamental groups.

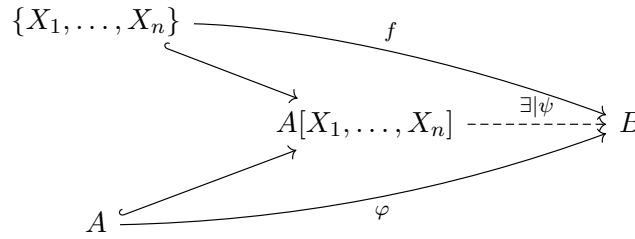
**0.1.7 Definition.** Let  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a functor. Then,

- say  $F$  is **faithful** if  $F : \text{Hom}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(FX, FY)$  is injective for all objects  $X, Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ;
- say  $F$  is **fully faithful** if  $F : \text{Hom}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(FX, FY)$  is bijective for all objects  $X, Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ;
- say  $F$  is **essentially surjective** if for each  $Z \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{D})$ , there is  $X \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$  such that  $FX \cong Z$ .

## 0.2 Rings and Ideals

Unless explicitly noted otherwise, all rings considered in this seminar are commutative rings with a unit. Note that the trivial ring  $0$  is within our consideration.

**0.2.1 Proposition.** Let  $A, B$  be rings. The polynomial ring  $A[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  has a universal property: for all ring homomorphism  $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$  and a map  $f : \{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \rightarrow B$ , there is a unique ring homomorphism  $\psi : A[X_1, \dots, X_n] \rightarrow B$  such that the following diagram



commutes.

**0.2.2 Definition.** Let  $A$  be a ring, and  $\{I_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  a family of ideals. Define the **sum** of  $\{I_\lambda\}$  by

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} I_\lambda := \left\{ \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} a_\lambda x_\lambda \mid a_\lambda \in A, x_\lambda \in I_\lambda, \text{ and there is finite } a_\lambda \neq 0 \right\}.$$

And if  $\Lambda$  is finite, define their **product** by

$$\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} I_\lambda := \left\{ \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} x_\lambda \mid x_\lambda \in I_\lambda \right\}.$$

It's trivial to check their sum and product are both ideals. Let  $I, J$  be two ideals. Then we have

$$IJ \subset I \cap J \subset I + J.$$

**0.2.3 Proposition.** Let  $A$  be a ring, and  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$ . Then we have

- $A/I$  is an integral domain if and only if  $I$  is a prime ideal;
- $A/I$  is a field if and only if  $I$  is a maximal ideal.

**0.2.4 Proposition.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a ring homomorphism,  $\mathfrak{p}$  a ideal in  $B$ , and  $\mathfrak{q} = f^{-1}(\mathfrak{p})$ . Then, if  $\mathfrak{p}$  is prime,  $\mathfrak{q}$  is prime; the converse holds if  $f$  is surjective.

**0.2.5 Proposition-Definition.** A ring  $A$  is said to be **Noetherian** if it satisfies the following three equivalent properties:

1. Any ideal in  $A$  is finitely generated.
2. Any increasing sequence of ideals in  $A$  is eventually stable.
3. Any non-empty set of ideals in  $A$  has a maximal element for the inclusion relation.

**0.2.6 Theorem. (Hilbert Basis)** If  $A$  is a Noetherian ring, then the polynomial ring  $A[X]$  is a Noetherian ring.

**Proof.**

Let  $I$  be an ideal in  $A[X]$ . We need to prove  $I$  is finitely generated.

If  $F = a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_nX^n \in A[X]$  with  $a_n \neq 0$ , we call  $a_n$  the leading coefficient of  $F$ .

Let  $J$  be the set of leading coefficients of all polynomials in  $I$ . It's easy to check that  $J$  is an ideal in  $A$ .

Since  $A$  is Noetherian, there are polynomials  $F_1, \dots, F_r \in I$  whose leading coefficients generate  $J$ .

Take an integer  $N$  larger than the degree of each  $F_i$ . For each  $m \leq N$ , let  $J_m$  be the ideal in  $A$  consisting of all leading coefficients of all polynomials  $F \in I$  such that  $\deg F \leq m$ . Let  $\{F_{mj}\}$  be a finite set of polynomials in  $I$  of degree  $\leq m$  whose leading coefficients generate  $J_m$ .

Let  $I'$  be the ideal generated by  $F_i$ 's and all the  $F_{mj}$ 's. It suffices to show that  $I = I'$ .

Suppose  $I'$  were smaller than  $I$ ; let  $G$  be an element of  $I$  of lowest degree that is not in  $I'$ .

If  $\deg G > N$  we can find polynomials  $Q_i$  such that  $\sum Q_i F_i$  and  $G$  have the same leading term. But then  $\deg(G - \sum Q_i F_i) < \deg G$ , so  $G - \sum Q_i F_i \in I'$ ; and hence  $G \in I'$ , contradicts.

Similarly, if  $\deg G = m \leq N$ , we can lower the degree by subtracting off  $\sum Q_j F_{mj}$  for some  $Q_j$ , which will also make a contradiction.

Therefore,  $I' = I$ . □

**0.2.7 Definition.** Let  $A$  be a ring. An  **$A$ -algebra** is a ring equipped with a homomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  (which is often but not always injective). It is said to be of **finite-type** if it is generated as an algebra by a finite number of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  of  $B$ , i.e., if every element of  $B$  is a polynomial function of the elements  $x_i$  with coefficients in  $A$ .

**0.2.8 Definition.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be an  $A$ -algebra and consider  $x \in B$ . We say that  $x$  is **integral** over  $A$  if it satisfies a unitary equation

$$x^n + f(a_{n-1})x^{n-1} + \dots + f(a_0) = 0,$$

where  $a_i \in A$ . (If  $f$  is the inclusion of  $A$  in  $B$ , we omit  $f$ .)

If  $b$  is integral over  $A$  for all  $b \in B$ , we say  $B$  is **integral** over  $A$ .

**0.2.9 Definition.** Let  $A$  be a ring. Its **Jacobson radical**  $\text{rad}(A)$  is defined to be the intersection of all its maximal ideals.

**0.2.10 Proposition.** Let  $A$  be a ring,  $I$  an ideal,  $x \in A$ , and  $u \in A^\times$ . Then  $x \in \text{rad}(A)$  if and only if  $u - xy \in A^\times$  for all  $y \in A$ . In particular, the sum of an element of  $\text{rad}(A)$  and a unit is a unit, and  $I \subset \text{rad}(A)$  if  $1 - I \subset A^\times$ .

**Proof.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ). Suppose there were  $y$  such that  $u - xy$  is not a unit. Then we have  $(u - xy)$  is a proper ideal. Hence, there is maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \supset (u - xy)$ . Since  $x \in \text{rad}(A) \subset \mathfrak{m}$ , we have  $u \in \mathfrak{m}$ , contradicts.

( $\Leftarrow$ ). Suppose there were a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  such that  $x \notin \mathfrak{m}$ . Then we have  $(x) + \mathfrak{m} = A$ , that is  $\exists y \in A, m \in \mathfrak{m}$  such that  $xy + m = u$ . Consequently,  $m = u - xy$  is a unit, contradicts. □

**0.2.11 Definition.** Let  $A$  be a ring, and  $I$  an ideal. Define the **radical** of  $I$  by

$$\sqrt{I} := \{f \in A \mid f^n \in I \text{ for some } n\}.$$

And we call  $\sqrt{(0)}$  the **nilradical**, and denote it by  $\text{nil}(A)$ .

## 0.3 Modules

**0.3.1 Definition.** Let  $A$  be a ring. An  $A$ -module  $M$  is an Abelian group, written additively, with a **scalar multiplication**,  $A \times M \rightarrow M, (a, m) \mapsto am$ , which satisfies ( $a, b \in A$  and  $m, n \in M$ )

1.  $a(m + n) = am + an$ ;
2.  $(a + b)m = am + bm$ ;

3.  $a(bm) = (ab)m$ ;
4.  $1 \cdot m = m$ .

A **submodule**  $N$  of  $M$  is a subgroup that is closed under scalar multiplication.

**0.3.2 Definition.** Let  $A$  be a ring and  $M, N$   $A$ -modules. A ( **$A$ -module**) **homomorphism** (or  **$A$ -linear map**)  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a homomorphism between abelian group which satisfies  $f(am) = af(m)$ ,  $\forall a \in A, m \in M$ .

Similar to abelian groups, we have the fundamental homomorphism theorem,

$$M / \ker f \cong \operatorname{im} f.$$

**0.3.3 Definition.** A (finite or infinite) sequence of module homomorphisms

$$\cdots \rightarrow M_{i-1} \xrightarrow{f_{i-1}} M_i \xrightarrow{f_i} M_{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots$$

is said to be **exact at**  $M_i$  if  $\ker f_i = \operatorname{im} f_{i-1}$ . The sequence is said to be **exact** if it is exact at every  $M_i$ , except an initial source or final target.

**0.3.4 Proposition.**

- The sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{f} M$  is exact if and only if  $f$  is injective.
- The sequence  $L \xrightarrow{f} M \rightarrow 0$  is exact if and only if  $f$  is surjective.

**0.3.5 Proposition-Definition.** Let  $f : M' \rightarrow M, g : M \rightarrow M''$  be module homomorphisms.

We call  $f$  a **retraction** if there is a homomorphism  $\alpha : M \rightarrow M'$  such that  $\alpha f = 1_{M'}$ .

We call  $g$  a **section** if there is a homomorphism  $\beta : M'' \rightarrow M$  such that  $g\beta = 1_{M''}$ .

If there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M'' \rightarrow 0,$$

the following three propositions are equivalent:

1.  $f$  is a retraction;
2.  $g$  is a section;
3. There is an isomorphism  $\varphi : M \xrightarrow{\sim} M' \oplus M''$  such that  $\varphi f$  is the inclusion and  $g\varphi^{-1}$  is the projection.

Under these conditions, we say the sequence **splits**.

**0.3.6 Definition.** Let  $A$  be a ring,  $M, N, P$  modules. We call a map  $f : M \times N \rightarrow P$   **$A$ -bilinear** if it is linear in each variable; that is, given  $m \in M$  and  $n \in N$ , the maps

$$m' \mapsto f(m', n), n' \mapsto f(m, n'),$$

are both  $A$ -linear.

**0.3.7 Definition.** Let  $A$  be a ring,  $M, N$  modules. The **tensor product**  $M \otimes_A N$  (or simply,  $M \otimes N$ ) of  $M$  and  $N$  is a module equipped with a  $A$ -bilinear map  $- \otimes - : M \times N \rightarrow M \otimes N$ ,  $(m, n) \mapsto m \otimes n$ , and it satisfies, for all  $A$ -bilinear map  $f : M \times N \rightarrow P$ , there is a unique  $A$ -linear map  $\varphi : M \otimes N \rightarrow P$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times N & & \\ \downarrow - \otimes - & \searrow f & \\ M \otimes N & \xrightarrow[\exists! \varphi]{} & P \end{array}$$

commutes.

## 0.4 Localization

**0.4.1 Definition.** Let  $S$  be a subset of ring  $A$ .  $S$  is said to be **multiplicative** if  $1 \in S$  and  $xy \in S, \forall x, y \in S$ . And if  $xy \in S \Rightarrow x \in S$  and  $y \in S$ , we call  $S$  is **saturated**. Let  $T$  be a subset of  $A$ . We call  $\{x \in A \mid \exists y \in A, xy \in T\}$  the **saturation** of  $T$ . It's easy to check the saturation of  $T$  is a saturated multiplicative set.

**0.4.2 Example.** Let  $A$  be a ring.

- For some  $f \in A$ ,  $S_f := \{f^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$  is a multiplicative subset.
- For some prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \subset A$ , the complement set  $A \setminus \mathfrak{p}$  is a multiplicative subset.

**0.4.3 Definition.** Let  $S$  be a multiplicative subset of ring  $A$ . Define a relation on  $R \times S$  by  $(x, s) \sim (y, t)$  if there is  $u \in S$  such that  $u(xt - ys) = 0$ . We can find that this relation is an equivalence relation. Denote by  $S^{-1}A$  or  $A_S$  the set of equivalence classes, and by  $x/s$  the class of  $(x, s)$ .

Define  $x/s \cdot y/t := (xy)/(st)$  and  $x/s + y/t := (tx + st)/(st)$ . It's easy to check these sum and product are well-defined, and under them,  $S^{-1}A$  forms a ring. It is called the **ring of fractions** with respect to  $S$  or the **localization** at  $S$ .

There is a natural homomorphism  $i : A \rightarrow S^{-1}A, a \mapsto a/1$ , and the image under  $i$  of an element in  $S$  is invertible.



**Note**  $i$  is not guaranteed to be injective or surjective.

We can find  $S^{-1}A$  has a universal property: for all ring homomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  where elements in  $f(S)$  are all invertible, there is a unique ring homomorphism  $\varphi : S^{-1}A \rightarrow B$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & & \\ \downarrow i & \searrow f & \\ S^{-1}A & \xrightarrow{\exists! \varphi} & B \end{array}$$

commutes.

**0.4.4 Definition.** Let  $A$  be a ring,  $f \in A$ , and  $\mathfrak{p}$  a prime ideal. We always denote  $S_f^{-1}A$  by  $A_f$  and  $(A \setminus \mathfrak{p})^{-1}A$  by  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

**0.4.5 Proposition.** Let  $S$  be a multiplicative subset of  $A$ , and  $S'$  be the saturation of  $S$ . Then we have  $S^{-1}A$  and  $S'^{-1}A$  are canonical isomorphism.

**0.4.6 Proposition.** Let  $A$  be a Noetherian ring, and  $S$  a multiplicative subset of  $A$ . Then we have  $S^{-1}A$  is Noetherian.

**Proof.**

Let  $i : A \rightarrow S^{-1}A$  be the natural homomorphism. It's sufficient to prove if ideals  $I_1, I_2 (I_1 \subseteq I_2)$  in  $S^{-1}A$  with  $i^{-1}(I_1) = i^{-1}(I_2)$ , then we have  $I_1 = I_2$ . Let  $a/s \in I_2$ . We have  $a/1 = (s/1)(a/s) \in I_2$ ; and hence  $a \in i^{-1}(I_2) = i^{-1}(I_1)$ . Therefore,  $a/1 \in I_1$  and then  $a/s = (1/s)(a/1) \in I_1$ .  $\square$

**0.4.7 Proposition.** Let  $S$  be a multiplicative subset of  $A$ . Then  $S^{-1}A = 0$  if and only if  $0 \in S$ .

**0.4.8 Theorem. (Scheinnullstellensatz)** Let  $A$  be a ring,  $I$  an ideal. Then we have

$$\sqrt{I} = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \supset I \text{ is prime ideal}} \mathfrak{p}.$$

**Proof.**

For all  $f \in \sqrt{I}$ , we have  $f^n \in I$  for some  $n$ ; and hence, for any prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \supset I$ ,  $f^n \in \mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow f \in \mathfrak{p}$ . Thus,  $\sqrt{I} \subset \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \supset I} \mathfrak{p}$ .

Next, it's sufficient to show for all  $f \in A \setminus I$ , there is a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \supset I$  such that  $f \notin \mathfrak{p}$ .

Consider the natural maps

$$A \xrightarrow{i_1} A/\sqrt{I} \xrightarrow{i_2} (A/\sqrt{I})_{\bar{f}},$$

where  $\bar{f}$  is the class of  $f$  in  $A/\sqrt{I}$ .

Choose a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  in  $(A/\sqrt{I})_{\bar{f}}$  (For  $f \notin \sqrt{I}$ , we have  $\bar{f}$  is not nilpotent; that is  $0 \notin S_{\bar{f}}$ . Thus, we have  $(A/\sqrt{I})_{\bar{f}} \neq 0$ . The maximal ideal exists.) And let's show  $i_1^{-1}i_2^{-1}(\mathfrak{m})$  is a prime ideal with  $f \notin i_1^{-1}i_2^{-1}(\mathfrak{m})$ .

Since  $\mathfrak{m}$  is prime, we have  $i_1^{-1}i_2^{-1}(\mathfrak{m})$  is prime. For  $\mathfrak{m} \neq (A/\sqrt{I})_{\bar{f}}$ , we have  $\bar{f}/1 \notin \mathfrak{m}$  and then  $\bar{f} \notin i_2^{-1}(\mathfrak{m})$ . Consequently,  $f \notin i_1^{-1}i_2^{-1}(\mathfrak{m})$ .  $\square$

**0.4.9 Definition.** Let  $A$  be a ring,  $S$  a multiplicative subset, and  $M$  a module. Define a relation on  $M \times S$  by  $(m, s) \sim (n, t)$  if there is  $u \in S$  such that  $u(tm - sn) = 0$ . It's easy to check this is an equivalence relation.

Denote by  $S^{-1}M$  or  $M_S$  the set of equivalence classes, and by  $m/s$  the class of  $(m, s)$ . Then  $S^{-1}M$  is an  $S^{-1}A$  module with addition given by  $m/s + n/t := (tm + sn)/st$  and scalar multiplication by  $a/s \cdot m/t = (am)/(st)$ . We call  $S^{-1}M$  the **localization of  $M$  at  $S$** .

It also has a universal property: Let  $i : M \rightarrow S^{-1}M, m \mapsto m/1$ ,  $N$  a  $S^{-1}A$ -module. For all  $A$ -linear map  $f : M \rightarrow N$ , there is a unique  $S^{-1}A$ -linear map  $\varphi : S^{-1}M \rightarrow N$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & & \\ \downarrow i & \searrow f & \\ S^{-1}M & \xrightarrow[\exists! \varphi]{} & N \end{array}$$

commutes.

**0.4.10 Definition.** Let  $A$  be a ring,  $M$  a module,  $f \in A$ , and  $\mathfrak{p}$  a prime ideal. We always denote  $S_f^{-1}M$  by  $M_f$  and  $(A \setminus \mathfrak{p})^{-1}M$  by  $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

**0.4.11 Proposition.** Let  $A$  be a ring,  $S$  a multiplicative subset, and  $M$  a module. Define a scalar multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} S^{-1}A \times (S^{-1}A \otimes_A M) &\rightarrow S^{-1}A \otimes_A M, \\ (a, b \otimes m) &\mapsto (ab) \otimes m, \end{aligned}$$

and then  $S^{-1}A \otimes_A M$  can be also seen as an  $S^{-1}A$ -module. As  $S^{-1}A$ -modules,  $S^{-1}M$  and  $S^{-1}A \otimes_A M$  are canonical isomorphism.

## 0.5 Transcendence Bases and Krull Dimension

**0.5.1 Definition.** Let  $K \subset L$  be a field extension. A subset  $B$  in  $L$  is said to be **algebraically free** over  $K$  (we also say that its elements are **algebraically independent**) if for any finite subset  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset B$  and any polynomial  $P \in K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , the equality  $P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$  implies  $P = 0$ . Otherwise, we say that the elements of  $B$  are **algebraically dependent**.

**0.5.2 Definition.** Let  $K \subset L$  be a field extension. A subset  $B$  in  $L$  is said to be an **algebraic generating set** over  $K$  if  $L$  is algebraic over the subfield  $K(B)$  generated by  $B$ .

**0.5.3 Definition.** Let  $K \subset L$  be a field extension. A subset  $B$  in  $L$  is a **transcendence basis** for  $L$  over  $K$  if it is both algebraically free and an algebraic generating set.

By Zorn's lemma, a transcendence basis always exists. These bases all have the same cardinality, called **transcendence degree** of  $L$  over  $K$ . We denote it by  $\partial_K(L)$ .

**0.5.4 Definition.** Let  $X$  be a set. A **chain** of subsets of  $X$  is a sequence  $X_0 \subsetneq X_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq X_n$ . Such a chain is said to be of **length**  $n$ .

**0.5.5 Definition.** The **Krull dimension** of  $A$  is the maximum of the lengths of chains of prime ideals of  $A$ . We denote it by  $\dim_K A$ .

**0.5.6 Theorem.** Let  $A$  be an integral domain which is a  $k$ -algebra of finite type. The Krull dimension of  $A$  is equal to the transcendence degree of  $\text{Fr}(A)$  over  $k$ :

$$\dim_K A = \partial_k \text{Fr}(A).$$

( $\text{Fr}(A)$  means the ring of fractions from  $A$ .)