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1 Field of Fractions

Example 1.1. We have the following matrix identity:

$$\begin{pmatrix} p' & -q' \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q & q' \\ p & p' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p'q - pq' & 0 \\ p & p' \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence, we have the following logical equivalence when $p, p' \neq 0$:

$$\text{Rank} \begin{pmatrix} q & q' \\ p & p' \end{pmatrix} = 1 \iff p'q - pq' = 0$$

Proposition 1.2. Let R be an integral domain.

The following relation on $R \times (R \setminus \{0\})$ is an equivalence relation:

$$\frac{q}{p} = \frac{q'}{p'} \iff \text{Rank} \begin{pmatrix} q & q' \\ p & p' \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

Proof. We may divide our proof into three parts.

Part 1: The following equation suggests that this relation is reflexive:

$$\begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ p & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q & q \\ p & p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Part 2: The following equation suggests that this relation is symmetric:

$$\begin{pmatrix} q' & q \\ p' & p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q & q' \\ p & p' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Part 3: The following equation suggests that this relation is transitive:

$$p'(p''q - pq'') = p(p''q' - p'q'') + p''(p'q - pq'), \text{ where } p' \neq 0$$

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Example 1.3. We have the following matrix identity:

$$\begin{pmatrix} |P'|I & -Q'\underline{P}' \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q & Q' \\ P & P' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{P} & O \\ O & \underline{P}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |P'|Q\underline{P} - |P|Q'\underline{P}' & O \\ |P|I & |P'|I \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence, we have the following logical equivalence when $|P|, |P'| \neq 0$:

$$\text{Rank} \begin{pmatrix} Q & Q' \\ P & P' \end{pmatrix} = n \iff |P'|Q\underline{P} - |P|Q'\underline{P}' = O$$

Proposition 1.4. Let R be an integral domain.

The following relation on $M_{n,n}(R) \times M_{n,n}(R)$ is an equivalence relation:

$$\frac{Q}{P} = \frac{Q'}{P'} \iff \text{Rank} \begin{pmatrix} Q & Q' \\ P & P' \end{pmatrix} = n$$

Proof. We may divide our proof into three parts.

Part 1: The following equation suggests that this relation is reflexive:

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q & O \\ P & O \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Q & Q \\ P & P \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & -I \\ O & I \end{pmatrix}$$

Part 2: The following equation suggests that this relation is symmetric:

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q' & Q \\ P' & P \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Q & Q' \\ P & P' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} O & I \\ I & O \end{pmatrix}$$

Part 3: The following equation suggests that this relation is transitive:

$$\begin{aligned} |P'|(|P''|Q\underline{P} - |P|Q''\underline{P}'') &= |P|(|P''|Q'\underline{P}' - |P'|Q''\underline{P}'') \\ &\quad + |P''|(|P'|Q\underline{P} - |P|Q'\underline{P}'), \text{ where } |P'| \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Proposition 1.5. The quotient $\text{Frac } R$ of $R \times (R \setminus \{0\})$ under $\frac{q}{p} = \frac{q'}{p'}$ is a field.

Proof. We may divide our proof into two parts.

Part 1: Define addition as $\frac{q}{p} + \frac{q'}{p'} = \frac{p'q + pq'}{pp'}$. This operation is well-defined:

$$\begin{aligned} p_2p'_2(p'_1q_1 + p_1q'_1) - p_1p'_1(p'_2q_2 + p_2q'_2) &= \\ p'_1p'_2(p_2q_1 - p_1q_2) + p_1p_2(p'_2q'_1 - p'_1q'_2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This operation satisfies four axioms:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{q}{p} + \frac{q'}{p'}\right) + \frac{q''}{p''} &= \frac{p'p''q + p''pq' + pp'q''}{pp'p''} = \frac{q}{p} + \left(\frac{q'}{p'} + \frac{q''}{p''}\right) \\ \frac{q}{p} + \frac{q'}{p'} &= \frac{p'q + pq'}{pp'} = \frac{q'}{p'} + \frac{q}{p} \\ \frac{0}{1} + \frac{q}{p} &= \frac{p0 + 1q}{1p} = \frac{q}{p} \\ \frac{-q}{p} + \frac{q}{p} &= \frac{-pq + pq}{p^2} = \frac{0}{1} \end{aligned}$$

Part 2: Define multiplication as $\frac{q}{p} \frac{q'}{p'} = \frac{qq'}{pp'}$. This operation is well-defined:

$$(p_2 p'_2)(q_1 q'_1) = (p_2 q_1)(p'_2 q'_1) = (p_1 q_2)(p'_1 q'_2) = (p_1 p'_1)(q_2 q'_2)$$

This operation satisfies five axioms:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{q}{p} \frac{q'}{p'}\right) \frac{q''}{p''} &= \frac{qq'q''}{pp'p''} = \frac{q}{p} \left(\frac{q'}{p'} \frac{q''}{p''}\right) \\ \frac{q}{p} \frac{q'}{p'} &= \frac{q'q}{p'p} = \frac{q'}{p'} \frac{q}{p} \\ \frac{1}{1} \frac{q}{p} &= \frac{1q}{1p} = \frac{q}{p} \\ \frac{p}{q} \frac{q}{p} &= \frac{qp}{pq} = \frac{1}{1} \\ \frac{u}{l} \left(\frac{q}{p} + \frac{q'}{p'}\right) &= \frac{up'q + upq'}{lpp'} = \frac{u}{l} \frac{q}{p} + \frac{u}{l} \frac{q'}{p'} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\text{Frac } R$ is a field. Quod. Erat. Demonstrandum. \square

Proposition 1.6. The quotient $\text{Frac}_n R$ of $M_{n,n}(R) \times M_{n,n}^n(R)$ under $\frac{Q}{P} = \frac{Q'}{P'}$ is a ring, where every nonzero element is either a zero divisor or a unit.

Proof. We may divide our proof into three parts.

Part 1: Define addition as $\frac{Q}{P} + \frac{Q'}{P'} = \frac{|P'|Q\underline{P} + |P|Q'\underline{P'}}{|P||P'|I}$. This operation is well-defined:

$$\begin{aligned} |P_2||P'_2|I(|P'_1|Q_1\underline{P}_1 + |P_1|Q'_1\underline{P}'_1) - |P_1||P'_1|I(|P'_2|Q_2\underline{P}_2 + |P_2|Q'_2\underline{P}'_2) = \\ |P'_1||P'_2|I(|P_2|Q_1\underline{P}_1 - |P_1|Q_2\underline{P}_2) + |P_1||P_2|I(|P'_2|Q'_1\underline{P}'_1 - |P'_1|Q'_2\underline{P}'_2) = O \end{aligned}$$

This operation satisfies four axioms:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{Q}{P} + \frac{Q'}{P'}\right) + \frac{Q''}{P''} &= \frac{|P'| |P''| Q\underline{P} + |P''| |P| Q'\underline{P'} + |P| |P'| Q''\underline{P''}}{|P| |P'| |P''| I} = \frac{Q}{P} + \left(\frac{Q'}{P'} + \frac{Q''}{P''}\right) \\ \frac{Q}{P} + \frac{Q'}{P'} &= \frac{|P'|Q\underline{P} + |P|Q'\underline{P'}}{|P||P'|I} = \frac{Q'}{P'} + \frac{Q}{P} \\ \frac{O}{I} + \frac{Q}{P} &= \frac{|P|O\underline{I} + |I|Q\underline{P}}{|I||P|I} = \frac{Q}{P} \\ \frac{-Q}{P} + \frac{Q}{P} &= \frac{-|P|Q\underline{P} + |P|Q\underline{P}}{|P|^2 I} = \frac{O}{I} \end{aligned}$$

Part 2: Define multiplication as $\frac{Q}{P} \frac{Q'}{P'} = \frac{QPQ'P'}{|P||P'|I}$. This operation is well-defined:

$$\begin{aligned} ||P_2||P'_2|I|(|Q_1\underline{P}_1Q'_1\underline{P}'_1)|P_1||P'_1|I &= (|P_1||P'_1||P_2||P'_2|)^{n-1}(|P_2|Q_1\underline{P}_1)(|P'_2|Q'_1\underline{P}'_1) \\ &= (|P_1||P'_1||P_2||P'_2|)^{n-1}(|P_1|Q_2\underline{P}_2)(|P'_1|Q'_2\underline{P}'_2) \\ &= ||P_1||P'_1|I|(|Q_2\underline{P}_2Q'_2\underline{P}'_2)|P_2||P'_2|I \end{aligned}$$

This operation satisfies four axioms:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{Q}{P} \frac{Q'}{P'} \right) \frac{Q''}{P''} &= \frac{QPQ'P'Q''P''}{|P||P'||P''|I} = \frac{Q}{P} \left(\frac{Q'}{P'} \frac{Q''}{P''} \right) \\ \frac{I}{I} \frac{Q}{P} &= \frac{IIQP}{|I||P|I} = \frac{Q}{P} \\ \frac{U}{L} \left(\frac{Q}{P} + \frac{Q'}{P'} \right) &= \frac{|P'|U\underline{LQP} + |P|U\underline{LQ'P'}}{|L||P||P'|I} = \frac{U}{L} \frac{Q}{P} + \frac{U}{L} \frac{Q'}{P'} \\ \left(\frac{Q}{P} + \frac{Q'}{P'} \right) \frac{U}{L} &= \frac{|P'|Q\underline{PUL} + |P|Q'\underline{P'UL}}{|P||P'|L|I} = \frac{Q}{P} \frac{U}{L} + \frac{Q'}{P'} \frac{U}{L} \end{aligned}$$

Part 3: Assume that the nonzero element $\frac{Q}{P}$ is not a zero divisor.

This implies $Q \in M_{n,n}^n(R)$, so $\frac{Q}{P}$ has a multiplicative inverse $\frac{P}{Q}$:

$$\frac{P}{Q} \frac{Q}{P} = \frac{PQQP}{|Q||P|I} = \frac{I}{I}$$

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Proposition 1.7. Let R be an integral domain.

All field F containing R contains $\text{Frac } R$.

Proof. F contains R means there exists an embedding $i : R \rightarrow F$. Define a map by:

$$I : \text{Frac } R \rightarrow F, \frac{q}{p} \mapsto \frac{i(q)}{i(p)}$$

(1) As i is an embedding, I is well-defined and injective.

(2) As i is an embedding, I is a ring homomorphism.

Hence, I is an embedding, so F contains $\text{Frac } R$. Quod. Erat. Demonstrandum. □

Proposition 1.8. Let R be an integral domain, and $F = \text{Frac } R$. $\text{Frac } R[x]$ is isomorphic to $\text{Frac } F[x]$, namely, the field of Laurent polynomials $F[x, x^{-1}]$.

Proof. Define a map by:

$$I : \text{Frac } R[x] \rightarrow \text{Frac } F[x], \frac{\sum_{j=0}^n q_j x^j}{\sum_{j=0}^m p_j x^j} \mapsto \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{q_i}{1} x^i}{\sum_{j=0}^m \frac{p_j}{1} x^j}$$

(1) For all element of $\text{Frac } F[x]$, as there are finitely many terms upstairs and downstairs, it is possible to reduce the fraction, which proves that I is surjective.

(2) As $R \rightarrow F, a_i \mapsto \frac{a_i}{1}$ is an embedding, I is a field homomorphism, which is injective.

This implies I is a field isomorphism. Quod. Erat. Demonstrandum. □

Proposition 1.9.

$$\text{Frac } \mathbb{Z}[[x]] \neq \text{Frac } \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$$

Proof. It suffices to prove that $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \notin \text{Frac } \mathbb{Z}[[x]]$.

Assume to the contrary that:

$$\exists \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} a_n x^n \in \mathbb{Z}[[x]], \exists \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} b_n x^n \in \mathbb{Z}[[x]] \setminus \{0\}, \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} b_n x^n \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

As $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} b_n x^n \neq 0$, there exists a unique $b_m \neq 0$ with minimal $m \geq 0$.

As $b_m \neq 0$, there exists a positive number k , such that $k \nmid b_m$.

Consider the coefficient a_{m+k} :

$$\begin{aligned} a_{m+k} &= \frac{b_{m+k}}{0!} + \cdots + \frac{b_{m+1}}{(k-1)!} + \frac{b_m}{k!} + \frac{b_{m-1}}{(k+1)!} + \cdots + \frac{b_0}{(m+k)!} \\ (k-1)!a_{m+k}(\text{integer}) &= (k-1)! \left[\frac{b_{m+k}}{0!} + \cdots + \frac{b_{m+1}}{(k-1)!} \right] (\text{integer}) \\ &\quad + \frac{b_m}{k} (\text{not integer}) \\ &\quad + (k-1)! \left[\frac{b_{m-1}}{(k+1)!} + \cdots + \frac{b_0}{(m+k)!} \right] (\text{zero, as } m \text{ is minimal}) \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts to \mathbb{Z} is a group. Quod. Erat. Demonstrandum. □

2 Local Ring

Proposition 2.1. Let R be a commutative ring.

Any proper ideal \mathfrak{a} of R is contained in some maximal ideal \mathfrak{p} of R .

Proof. Let \mathcal{A} be the set of all proper ideal containing \mathfrak{a} .

As $\mathfrak{a} \in \mathcal{A}$, and every chain $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ has an upper bound $\bigcup_{\mathfrak{c} \in \mathcal{C}} \mathfrak{c} \not\supseteq 1$,

\mathcal{A} contains a maximal element. Quod. Erat. Demonstrandum. □

Definition 2.2. (Local Ring)

Let R be a commutative ring.

If R has a unique maximal ideal, then R is local.

Example 2.3. Every field F has a unique maximal ideal $\{0\}$, so F is local.

Example 2.4. \mathbb{Z} has two maximal ideals $2\mathbb{Z}, 3\mathbb{Z}$, so \mathbb{Z} is not local.

Example 2.5. $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ has two maximal ideals $(1 \pm 2i)\mathbb{Z}[i]$, so $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is not local.

Example 2.6. \mathbb{Z}_4 has a unique maximal ideal $2\mathbb{Z}_4$, so \mathbb{Z}_4 is local.

Example 2.7. \mathbb{Z}_6 has two maximal ideals $2\mathbb{Z}_6, 3\mathbb{Z}_6$, so \mathbb{Z}_6 is not local.

Example 2.8. Every polynomial ring $F[x]$ over field F has two maximal ideals $xF[x], (x+1)F[x]$, so $F[x]$ is not local.

Proposition 2.9. Let R be a commutative ring.

$$R \text{ is local} \iff R \neq \{0\} \text{ and } R \setminus R^\times \text{ is an ideal of } R$$

Proof. We may divide our proof into two parts.

“if” direction: Assume that $R \neq \{0\}$ and $R \setminus R^\times$ is an ideal of R .

As $R \neq \{0\}$, $R \setminus R^\times$ is a nonempty set containing all proper ideals of R .

As $R \setminus R^\times$ is an ideal, it is the unique maximal ideal of R , so R is local.

“only if” direction: Assume that R is local.

As R has at least one maximal ideal, $R \neq \{0\}$.

As R has at most one maximal ideal, this ideal is $R \setminus R^\times$.

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Proposition 2.10. Let R be an integral domain, but not a field. R is a local principal ideal domain iff for some nonzero, nonunit element r , $R \setminus \{0\} = R^\times r^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$.

Proof. We may divide our proof into two parts.

“if” direction: Assume that for some nonzero, nonunit element r , $R \setminus \{0\} = R^\times r^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$.

Now $R \neq \{0\}$ and $R \setminus R^\times = \{0\} \cup R^\times r^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} = Rr$ is an ideal of R .

“only if” direction: Assume that R is a local and principal ideal domain.

Take the generator r of $R \setminus R^\times$. For every $a \neq 0$, divide it by r whenever a is nonunit.

According to ascending chain property for ideals, this process terminates.

Hence, $r \in R^\times r^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$, so $R \setminus \{0\} = R^\times r^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ as r is not a zero-divisor.

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Example 2.11. As $F[[x]] \setminus \{0\} = F[[x]]^\times x^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$, every formal power series ring $F[[x]]$ over field F is local.

3 Localization of Ring

Definition 3.1. (Multiplicative Subset)

Let R be an integral domain, and D be a subset of R .

If $0 \notin D$ and $D^2 \subseteq D$, then D is multiplicative.

Example 3.2. Let R be an integral domain, and r be a nonzero element of R .

- (1) If r is not a zero divisor, then its nonzero multiple $rR \setminus \{0\}$ is multiplicative.
- (2) If r is not a nilpotent, then its nonnegative power $r^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ is multiplicative.

Definition 3.3. (Localization of Ring)

Let R be an integral domain, and D be a multiplicative subset of R .

Define the localization $D^{-1}R$ of R at D as the quotient of $R \times D$ under $\frac{a}{p} \sim \frac{a'}{p'}$.

Example 3.4. Let R be an integral domain, and r be a nonzero element of R .

- (1) If r is not a zero divisor, then define the localization of R at r as:

$$R_r = (rR \setminus \{0\})^{-1}R$$

- (2) If r is not a nilpotent, then define the localization of R at r as:

$$R_r = r^{\mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}}R$$

Example 3.5. Let R be an integral domain. The proper ideal \mathfrak{p} is prime iff \mathfrak{p}^c is multiplicative. In case that \mathfrak{p} is prime, define the localization of R at \mathfrak{p} as:

$$R_{\mathfrak{p}} = (\mathfrak{p}^c)^{-1}R$$

Theorem 3.6. (Production of Local Principal Ideal Domain)

Let R be a unique factorization domain with fraction field F .

If $D = (pR)^c$ for some prime element p , then R is a local principal ideal domain.

Proof. As $D^{-1}R \setminus \{0\} = (D^{-1}R)^{\times} p^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$, $D^{-1}R$ is a local principal ideal domain.

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