

# Commutative Algebra

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# 1 Something

**Note.** Examples of  $\text{Spec}(A)$  and  $\text{mSpec}(A)$

1.  $k$  field,  $A = k[x]$ , then  $\text{Spec}(A) = \{(0)\} \cup \{(f) \mid f \text{ irreducible}\}$ ,  $\text{Spec}(A) \setminus \{(0)\}$ . When  $k$  algebraically closed, the irreducible polynomials in  $k[x]$  are of the form  $b(x - a)$ ,  $a, b \in k \rightarrow \text{spec}(k[x]) = k$ .
2. What if  $k$  not algebraically closed?  $k = \mathbb{R}$ . We set nonlinear irreducible  $f \in k[x]$ . Goal: determine a geometric interpretation of  $(f) \in \text{Spec}(k[x])$  where  $\deg(f) > 1$  irreducible. Let  $k[x, y]$ , then  $(0) \subseteq (X) \subseteq (x, y)$  where all ideals in this chain are prime, but only  $(x, y)$  maximal,  $\text{Spec}(k[x, y]) \neq \text{mSpec}(k[x, y])$ . Hw: prove  $([x, y])$  is maximal. Generally, if  $(a, b) \in k^2$ , the ideal generated by  $x - a$  and  $y - b$ :

$$M_{(a,b)} = (x - a, y - b).$$

is maximal in  $k[x, y]$ . We can make a similar identification with at least some part of  $\text{mSpec}(k[x, y])$  with  $k^2$ , the  $k$ -plane.

3. etc.

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**Definition 1.** Given a field  $k$ , then a field  $F$  containing  $k$  so that addition and multiplication agree, we call  $F$  a field extension of  $k$  and  $k$  the base field and write:

$$\frac{F}{k} = f \text{ over } k.$$

**Note.** Given a field  $k$ , there is no natural way to give the set  $k^2$  the structure of a field:

$$(0, 1) \cdot (1, 0) = (0, 0) \text{ nonzero zero divisors and not a field.}$$

This is not to say that there are not definitions that turn  $k^2$  into a ring: Consider  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and define:

$$(a, b) \cdot (c, d) = (ac - bd, ad + bc).$$

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc).$$

**Remark.** Holy!!!

$\mathbb{R}^2$  with the multiplication defined above is a field extension of  $\mathbb{R}$  i.e. commonly known as  $\mathbb{C}$ :

$$\mathbb{C} \cong \frac{\mathbb{R}[x]}{x^2 + 1} = \mathbb{R}[i].$$

And this generalizes for other  $k$ , the underlying set!

# 2 Nilpotent elements and Nilradical

**Definition 2.** 1.  $x \in A$  is nilpotent if  $x^n = 0$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

2. the set of all nilpotent elements of  $A$  is called the **nilradical** of  $A$  and denoted:

$$\text{nilrad}(A) = \{a \in A \mid a^n = 0, \text{ some } n > 0\}.$$

3.  $A$  is reduced if  $\text{nilrad}(A) = (0)$  :

**Proposition 1.** A integral domain  $\rightarrow A$  reduced.

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**Proposition 2.** Furthermore  $\frac{A}{\text{nilrad}(A)}$  is always reduced.

**Proposition 3.**  $\text{nilrad}(A) = \bigcap_{P \in \text{Spec}(A)} P$

**Definition 3.** The jacobson radical of ring  $A$  is the intersection of all maximal ideals of  $A$ .

$$J\text{rad}(A) = \bigcap_{M \in \text{mSpec}(A)} M.$$

**Proposition 4.**  $x \in J\text{rad}(A) \Leftrightarrow 1 - xy \in A^x$  for all  $y \in A$ .

*Proof.*  $\rightarrow$  Assume  $x \in J\text{rad}(A)$  and  $1 - xy \notin A^x$  some  $y \in A$ . Then we know that  $1 - xy$  must be contained in some maximal ideal of  $A$ , denote it as  $M \subseteq A$  maximal ideal (any non-unit has to be in some maximal ideal). Since  $x \in M$ , then  $xy \in M$  (since  $x$  is in an ideal). Then,  $(1 - xy) + xy = 1 \in M$ , so  $M = A$  and hence is not a maximal ideal, a contradiction, so  $1 - xy$  can't be contained in a maximal ideal of  $A$ .

$\leftarrow$  Suppose  $x \notin J\text{rad}(A)$  some maximal  $M \subseteq A$  then the ideal generated by  $x$  and  $M$  must be all of  $A$  then  $u + xy = 1$  for some  $u \in M$  and  $y \in A \Leftrightarrow 1 - xy \in M$  and hence  $1 - xy \notin A^x$ .  $\square$

**Definition 4.**  $I \subseteq A$  ideal, the **radical** of the ideal  $I$  is the set

$$\sqrt{I} = \text{rad}(I) = \{x \in A \mid x^n \in I, \text{ some } n > 0\}.$$

**Remark.** In some sense, radical is a generalization of nilradical

$$\text{nilrad}(A) = \text{rad}((0)), (0) \subseteq A.$$

**Proposition 5.**  $\text{rad}(I) = \pi^{-1}(\text{nilrad}(\frac{A}{I}))$  where  $\phi : A \rightarrow \frac{A}{I}$

*Proof.*  $x \in \text{rad}(I) \Leftrightarrow x^n \in I$  some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $\pi(x^n) = \pi(x)^n = (x + I)^n = x^n + I = O_{\frac{A}{I}} = \pi(O_A)$ .

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