

**Problem 1.**

- (i) (a) Suppose  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in V(J_1) \cup V(J_2)$ . WLOG let  $a \in V(J_1)$ . This means that for any  $P \in K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  we have  $P(a) = 0$ . Now for any  $Q \in J_1 \cap J_2$ , we have  $Q \in J_1$ , thus  $Q(a) = 0$  which implies  $a \in V(J_1 \cap J_2)$ . This shows that :

$$V(J_1) \cup V(J_2) \subseteq V(J_1 \cap J_2)$$

Now let  $a \in V(J_1 \cap J_2)$ . And for the sake of contradiction suppose there exists  $P \in J_1$  and  $Q \in J_2$  such that  $P(a) \neq 0$  and  $Q(a) \neq 0$ . Note that  $PQ \in J_1$  and  $PQ \in J_2$ . Therefore  $PQ \in J_1 \cap J_2$ . Since  $a \in V(J_1 \cap J_2)$ , then we have  $PQ(a) = P(a)Q(a) = 0$ . This shows that either  $P(a) = 0$  or  $Q(a) = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore at least for one of the  $J_1$  and  $J_2$ ,  $a$  is a root for all polynomials in that ideal. Let that be  $J_1$ , thus we have  $a \in V(J_1) \subseteq V(J_1) \cup V(J_2)$ . Now we have  $V(J_1 \cap J_2) \subseteq V(J_1) \cup V(J_2)$ , hence:

$$V(J_1) \cup V(J_2) = V(J_1 \cap J_2)$$

Again suppose  $a \in V(J_1) \cup V(J_2)$ , WLOG  $a \in V(J_1)$ . Consider a member of  $J_1 J_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P_i &\in J_1, Q_i \in J_2 \\ R &= P_1 Q_1 + P_2 Q_2 + \dots + P_l Q_l \in J_1 J_2 \\ \implies R(a) &= P_1(a) Q_1(a) + \dots + P_l(a) Q_l(a) \\ &= 0 Q_1(a) + \dots + 0 Q_l(a) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

And since  $R$  was an arbitrary member of  $J_1 J_2$ , then  $a \in V(J_1 J_2)$ . Then  $V(J_1) \cup V(J_2) \subseteq V(J_1 J_2)$ . Conversely suppose  $a \in V(J_1 J_2)$ . And again for the sake of contradiction suppose  $P \in J_1$  and  $Q \in J_2$  such that  $P(a) \neq 0$  and  $Q(a) \neq 0$ . Since  $PQ \in J_1 J_2$ , then  $P(a)Q(a) = 0$ . Which is a contradiction. Therefore at least one of  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  have  $a$  as a root. Thus  $a \in V(J_1)$  or  $a \in V(J_2)$ , which means  $a \in V(J_1) \cup V(J_2)$ . This shows that  $V(J_1 J_2) \subseteq V(J_1) \cup V(J_2)$ . This proves that:

$$V(J_1) \cup V(J_2) = V(J_1 J_2)$$

- (b) Let  $a \in V(\sum_{\lambda \in I} J_\lambda)$ . Now for any  $P \in J_i$ , since  $P + 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 \in \sum_{\lambda \in I} J_\lambda$  then  $P(a) = 0$ . Therefore for any  $P \in J_i$  we have  $P(a) = 0$ , Therefore  $a \in V(J_i)$ , hence  $a \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in I} V(J_\lambda)$ , therefore  $V(\sum_{\lambda \in I} J_\lambda) \subseteq \bigcap_{\lambda \in I} V(J_\lambda)$ . Now suppose  $a \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in I} V(J_\lambda)$ . Now any element in  $\sum_{\lambda \in I} J_\lambda$  is of the form  $\sum_{\lambda \in L} P_\lambda$  where  $P_\lambda \in J_\lambda$  and  $L$  is a finite subset of  $I$ . Now since  $a \in V(J_\lambda)$  for any  $\lambda$ , then  $P_\lambda(a) = 0$  for any  $\lambda \in L$ . Then we can see that  $\sum_{\lambda \in L} P_\lambda(a) = 0$ . Thus  $a \in V(\sum_{\lambda \in I} J_\lambda)$ :

$$V(\sum_{\lambda \in I} J_\lambda) = \bigcap_{\lambda \in I} V(J_\lambda)$$