Algebraic Geometry.

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Chapter 1

Preliminaries

We assume that all rings are commutative, and have identity.

1.1 Noetherian Rings

Definition. Let R be a ring. We call a nondecreasing sequence $\{I_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{Z}^+}$ of ideals of R an **ascending chain of ideals**. We call R **Noetherian** if it satisfies the **ascending chain considition**; that is, if $\{I_n\}$ is an ascending chain of ideals of R, then there exists an $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ for which $I_n = I_m$ for all $n \geq n$.

Lemma 1.1.1. *If I is an ideal of a Noetherian ring R, then the factor ring ${}^{R}\!/_{I}$ is also Noethrian. In particular, the image of a Noetherian ring under any ring homomorphism is Noetherian.*

Proof. This follows by the isomorphism theorems for ring homomorphisms. ■

Theorem 1.1.2. *The following are equivalent for any ring R.*

(1) R is Noetherian.

(2) Every nonempty collection of ideals of R contains a maximal element under inclusion.

(3) Every ideal of R is finitelt generated.

Proof. Let R be Noetherian, and let $\mathcal{I}$ an nonempty collection of ideals of R. Choose an ideal $I_1 \in \mathcal{I}$. If I_1 is maximal, we are done. If not, then there is an ideal $I_2 \in \mathcal{I}$ for which $I_1 \subseteq I_2$. Now, if I_2 is maximal, we are done. Otherwise, proceeding inductively, if there are no maximal ideals of R in $\mathcal{I}$, then by the axiom of choice, construct the infinite strictly increasing chain

$$\dots \subseteq I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq \dots$$

of ideal of R. This contradicts that R is Noetherian, so $\mathcal{I}$ must contain a maximal element.

Now, suppose that any nonempty collection of ideals of R contains a maximal element. Let $\mathcal{I}$ the collection of all finitely generated ideals of R, and let I be any ideal of R. By hypothesis, $\mathcal{I}$ has a maximal element I'. Now suppose that $I \neq I'$, and choose an $x \in I \backslash I'$, then the ideal generated by I' and x is finitely generated, and so is in $\mathcal{I}$; but that contradicts the maximality of I'. Therefore we must have $I = I'$.

Finally, suppose every ideal of R is finitely genrated, and let $I = (a_1, \ldots, a_n)$. Let

$$I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq \ldots$$

an ascending chain of ideals of R for which

$$I = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} I_n$$

Since $a_i \in I$ for each $1 \leq j \leq n$, we have that $a_i \in I_{i_j}$ and $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Now, let $m = \max\{j_1, \ldots, j_n\}$ and coinsider the ideal I_m. Then $a_i \in I_m$ for each i, which makes $I \subseteq I_m$. That is, $I_n = I_m$ for some $n \geq m$; which makes R Noetherian. ■

Example 1.1. (1) Every principle ideal domain (PID) is Noetherian, since any collection of ideals has a maximal element.

(2) The rings $\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, and $k[x]$ (where k is a field) are Noetherian.

(3) The multivariate polynomial ring $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, x_2, \ldots]$ is not Noetheria, since the ideal $(x_1, x_2, \ldots)$ is not finitely generated.

Theorem 1.1.3 (Hilbert's Basis Theorem)**.** *If R is a Noetherian ring, then so is the polynomial ring $R[x]$.*

Proof. Let I be an ideal of $R[x]$, and let L be the set of all leading coefficients of polyonimials in I. Notice that since $0 \in I$, then $0 \in L$, so that L is nonempty. Moreover, let $f(x) = ax^d + \ldots$ and $g(x) = bx^e + \ldots$ polynomials in I of degree $\deg f = d$ and $\deg g = e$, with leading coefficients $a, b \in R$. Then for any $r \in R$, we have the coefficient $ra - b = 0$, or $ra - b$ is the leading coefficient of the polynomial $rx^e f - x^d g \in I$. In either case, we get $ra - b \in L$. This makes L an ideal of R. Now, since R is Noetherian L is finitely generated ; let $L = (a_1, \ldots, a_n)$. Then for every $1 \leq i \leq n$, let $f_i \in I$ the polynomial of degree $\deg f_i = e_i$ whose leading coefficient is a_i. Take, then $N = \max\{e_1, \ldots, e_n\}$. Then for any $d \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$, let L_d be the set of all leading coefficients of polynomials in I, of degree d, together with 0. Let $f_{di} \in I$ a polynomial of degree $\deg f_{di} = d$ with leading coefficient b_{di}. We wish to show that

$$I = (f_1, \ldots, f_n) \cup (f_{d1}, \ldots f_{nd})$$

Let $I' = (f_1, \ldots, f_n) \cup (f_{d1}, \ldots f_{nd})$. By construction, since the generators were chosen from I, $I' \subseteq I$. Now, if $I \neq I'$. Then there is a nonzero polynomial $f \in I$ of minimum degree not contained in I' (i.e $f \notin I'$). Let $\deg f = d$, and let a be the leading coefficient of f. Suppose that $d \geq N$. Since $a \in L$, a is an R-linear combination of the generators of L; i.e.

$$a = r_1 a_1 + \cdots + r_n a_n$$

where $r_1, \ldots, r_n \in R$. Let

$$g = r_1 x^{d-e_1} f_1 + \cdots + r_n x^{d-e_n} f_n$$

then $g \in I'$ and has degree $\deg g = d$ and leading coefficient a. Hence $f - g \in I'$ is of smaller degree, and by the minimality of f, $f - g = 0$, which makes $f = g \in I'$; a contradiction. THerefore $I = I'$

Now, if $d < N$, then $a \in L_d$, and so is an R-linear combniation of generators of L_d; that is

$$a = r_1 b_{d1} + \cdots + r_n b_{dn}$$

where $r_1, \ldots, r_n \in R$. Then let

$$g = r_1 f_{d1} + \cdots + r_n f_{dn}$$

then $g \in I'$ is a polynomial of degree $\deg g = d$ and leading coefficient a; which gives us the above contraditction.

Therefore, $I = I'$, and since I' is finitely generated, $R[x]$ is Noetherian. ∎

Corollary. *Let k be a field. Then the polynomial ring in n variables $k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ is Noetherian.*

Definition. Let k be a field. We call a ring R a **k-algebra** if k is contained in the center of R (i.e. $k \subseteq Z(R)$), and $1_k = 1_R$. We call R a **finitely generated** k-algbera if R is generated by k together with a finite set $\{r_1, \ldots, r_n\}$ of elements of R.

Definition. Let k be a field and R and S k-algebras. We call a map $\phi : R \to S$ a **k-algebra homomorphism** if ϕ is a ring homomorphism, and ϕ is the identity on k.

Lemma 1.1.4. *Let k be a field. Then a ring R is a finitely generated k-algebra if, and only if there exists a k-algebra homomorphism $\phi : k[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \to R$ taking $k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ onto R.*

Proof. If R is generated by elements $r_1, \ldots, r_n$ as a k-algebra, then define the map $\phi : k[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \to R$ by taking $x_i \to r_i$, for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, and $\phi(a) = a$ for all $a \in k$. Then ϕ extends to a ring homomorphism of $k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ onto R.

Conversly, let ϕ be a k-algebra homomorphism of $k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ onto R, such that the images $\phi(x_1), \ldots \phi(x_r)$ generate R as a k-algebra. Then R is finitely generated, and since $k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ is Notherian by the corollory to Hilbert's basis theorem, R is a quotient of a Noetherian ring, and hence R is Noetherian. This makes R a finitely generated k-algebra. ∎

Example 1.2. Let R be a k-algebra, for some field k, viewed as a finite dimensional vector space over k. In particular, let $R = {}^{k[x]}\!/\!_{(f(x))}$, where $f(x)$ is a nonzero polynomial over k. Then R is a finitely generated k-algebra, since it has a finite basis, and that basis serves as a generator for R as a k-algebra. Thus, we have the ideals of R are k-subspaces. Moreover, any ascending chain of ideals of R has at most $\dim_k R - 1$ distinct terms, which means that R satisfies the ascending chain condition.

1.2 Multivariate Polynomial Rings

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