MATH 603 Notes

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1 More on Commutative Rings

Let $a, b \in R$. Then $a|b \iff \exists a' \in R, b = aa'$; A semi ring on $(R, \leq)$ defined by $a \leq b \iff a|b$. Note that $\leq$ is usally not a partial order: let $b \in R^\times$, then $a \leq ab \leq a$, but $a \neq ab$.

Proposition 1.1. $a \sim b$ iff $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$ iff $(a) = (b)$ is an equivalence relation.

For R a domain, the induced relation gives a well-defined definition of greatest common divisor.

Definition 1.1. The **gcd** of a, b, denoted by $gcd(a, b)$, if exists, is any $d \in R$ such that $d|a, b$ and for any other d' satisfying the condition, $d'|d$.

Definition 1.2. The **lcm** of a, b, denoted by $lcm(a, b)$, if exists, is any $d \in R$ such that $a, b|d$ and for any other d' satisfying the condition, $d|d'$.

Proposition 1.2. If $gcd(a, b)$ exists, then $gcd(a, b) = sup\{d : d \leq a, b\}$. If $lcm(a, b)$ exists, then $lcm(a, b) = \inf\{d : a, b \leq d\}$.

Note that maximal/minimal elements always exists by Zorn's lemma. However, the unique supremum/infimum may not exist. We have our following example:

Example 1.1. Take $R = [\sqrt{-3}]$. Let $a = 4 = (1 + \sqrt{-3})(1 - \sqrt{-3})$ and $b = 2(1 + \sqrt{-3})$. Then, $(1 + \sqrt{-3})$ and 2 are both maximal divisors, but they are not comparable since the only divisors of 2 are $\{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$ by norm reasons, and none divides $1 + \sqrt{-3}$.

Proposition 1.3. Let $a, b \in R$ be given. Then the following hold: $gcd(a, b) = d$ exists iff (d) is the unique maximal prinipal ideal such that $(a) + (b) \subseteq (d)$. Dually, $lcm(a, b) = c$ exists iff $(c) = (a) \cap (b)$. If both holds, then $a \cdot b = lcm(a, b) \cdot gcd(a, b)$

Proof. Easy exercise. Note that the inclusion can be proper, for example, take $R = k[x, y]$ and ideals $(x), (y)$. Then (1) is the gcd, but the containment is proper. □

Recall that $Id(R)$ is partially ordered by inclusion.

Definition 1.3. $(Id(R), +, \cap, \cdot, \leq)$ is the lattice of ideals of R.

Note that $+, , \cap$ are simply the sums and intersection, but $\cdot$ is the ideal generated by the products, i.e the set of finite sums of products.

Theorem 1.1. Let $Id^\infty(R)$ be the set of non-finitely generated ideals for R; the following are equivalent:

1. $Id^\infty(R)$ is non-empty;
2. There exists an infinite non-stationary chain of ideals (σ_i), where $\sigma_i \in Id(R)$;

Proof. For $1 \implies 2$, let I be a non-finitely generated ideal of R and pick $x_1 \in\in I$. Let $\sigma_1 = (x_1)$. Because the ideal is non-finitely generated, we can pick $x_2 \in I$ such that $x_2 \notin \sigma_1$. Let $\sigma_2 = (x_1, x_2)$. Continue inductively gives us an infinite non-stationary chain of ideals.

For $2 \implies 1$, take the union of all the ideals in the infinite non-stationary chain. It is an ideal and it cannot be finitely generated. $\square$

Theorem 1.2. (Cohen's lemma): Let $Id^\infty(R) \neq \emptyset$. Then, it has a maximal element and any such maximal element is prime.

Before proving Cohen's lemma, we need the following technical lemma:

Lemma 1.3. Let I be an ideal. Define $(I : a) := \{b \in R : ab \in I\}$. If $I + (x)$ and $(I : x)$ are both finitely generated, then I is finitely generated.

Proof of Lemma 1.3. By assumption, there is finite set $\{\alpha_i := a_i + f_i x : a_i \in I, f_i \in R, i = 1, ..., k\}$ that generate $I + (x)$, and a finite set $\{b_j : j = 1, ..., l\}$ that generate $(I : x)$. We claim that the set $\{a_i, b_j x : i \in I, j \in J\}$ generate the entire I: since $I \subseteq I+(x)$, we can write any element $\pi \in I$ as a finite linear combination $\pi = \sum_{i=1}^k g_i \alpha_i = \sum_{i=1}^k g_i(a_i + f_i x)$, where $g_i \in R$. We note that $\pi - \sum_{i=1}^k g_i a_i = \sum_{i=1}^k g_i f_i x$ is in I; it follows that $\sum_{i=1}^k g_i f_i \in (I : x)$, so $\sum_{i=1}^k g_i f_i x$ is generated by the set $\{b_j x\}$, and we are done. $\square$

With the lemma in hand, now we can prove Theorem 1.2

Proof of Theorem 1.2. Zorn's lemma implies $Id^\infty(R)$ has maximal elements. Let I one such maximal element, and suppose it is not prime. Then, there exists $xy \in I$ and WLOG suppose $x \notin I$. By maximality, $I + (x)$ must be finitely generated. By definition, we have $y \in (I : x)$. Lemma 1.3 implies $(I : x)$ is not finitely generated, and in particular, $I \subseteq (I : x)$. Applying maximality again, we have $I = (I : x)$, which forces $y \in I$, a contradiction. $\square$

2 Euclidean Rings

Definition 2.1. A **<u>Principal Ideal Ring</u>** is any ring R i which every ideal is principally generated. If R is a domain, then R is called a **<u>PID</u>**.

Definition 2.2. A **Factorial Ring** is any ring R in which all units can be written as a finite product of irreducible elements, unique up to a unit. If R is domain, then it is called a **UFD**.

Note that if the ring R it is not a domain, $x|y$ and $y|x$ does not imply $x = uy$ for some unit u. Let us prove that this holds for a domain: suppose $x = ys$ and $y = xt$, and $x, y \neq 0$ then $x = xts$, which implies $x(1 - ts) = 0$. This forces $1 - ts = 0$, and t, s are then units. We can concoct counterexamples when R is not a domain accordingly: let $R = k[x]/(x^3 - x)$ and take $a = x$, $b = x^2$. Clearly, $a|b$ and $b = x^2 \cdot x = x^3$, so $b|a$. However, x is not a unit.

Definition 2.3. A **Noetherian Ring** is any ring R such that any ideal is finitely generated.

Definition 2.4. Let R be a domain. A **Euclidean norm** on R is any map $\phi : R \to \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $\phi(x) = 0$ iff $x = 0$ and for every $a, b \in R$ with $b \neq 0$, then there exists $q, r \in R$ such that $a = bq + r$ with $\phi(r) < \phi(b)$. A **Euclidean Domain** is any domain equipped with a Euclidean norm.

Example of Euclidean domains include $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}[i]$. A non-trivial example $R = F[t]$, with $\phi(p(t)) = 2^{deg(p(t))}$. A non-example is $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{6}]$ for it is not a PID.

Proposition 2.1. Eucldiean Domains are PIDs.

Proof. By the well-ordering principal, for every ideal I in a Euclidean domain, there exists an element other than 0 of the smallest norm. It is easy exercise that such element generate the entire ideal. $\square$

Proposition 2.2. (The Euclidean Algorithm): Given $a, b \in R$, $b \neq 0$. Set $r_0 = a, r_1 = b$, and continue inductively $r_{i-1} = r_i \cdot q_i + r_{i+1}$. Then, $r_i = 0$ for $i > \phi(b)$ and if $r_{i_0} \geq 1$ maximal with $r_{i_0} \neq 0$, then $r_{i_0} = gcd(a, b)$.

Proof. Note that the remainder is strictly decreasing, so r_i must become 0 after $\phi(b)$ steps. Note that once $r_{i+1} = 0$, we have $r_i|r_n$ for all $n \leq i$. Coversely, it is clear that any divisor of a, b divdes all r_n for $n \leq i$. $\square$

3 Principal Ideal Domains

Theorem 3.1. (Charaterization) For A domain R, the following are equivalent:

1. R is a PID.
2. every $p \in Spec(R)$ is principal.

Proof. One direction is trivial; for the other direction, assume that every prime is principal. Then, Cohen's Lemma implies $Id^{\infty}(R) \neq \emptyset$; In particular, every ideal is finitely generated, so the ring is Noetherian. We may apply Zorn's lemma on the set of non-principally generated ideal (since every chain stablizes and has a maximal element), and let P be a maximal non-principally generated ideal. Suppose it is not prime, and let $xy \in P$ with $x \notin P$. Then, $P \subset (P : x)$ and $P \subset P + (x)$ properly. By maximality, we have $(P : x) = (c)$, and $(I : c) = (d)$. By definition, we have $cd \in I$; moreover, suppose $x \in I$, then $x = cr = cdt$ for some $r, t \in R$. Thus, $I = (cd)$ is principal, a contradiction. $\square$

Proposition 3.1. PIDs are UFDs.

Proof. Let $a \in R$ such that a is non-zero and not a unit. Then, there exists $p \in Spec(R)$ such that $(a) \subseteq p$. Hence R being a PID implies $\exists \pi \in R$ such that $p = (\pi)$. Hence, π must be prime and $\pi | a$. Set $a_1 = a$, $\pi_1 = \pi$, and let a_2 be the element such that $\pi_1 a_2 = a_1$. If a_2 is not a unit, find $(a_2) \subset (\pi_2)$, where π_2 is prime. Let a_3 be the element such that $\pi_2 a_3 = a_2$. Continue inductively until a_n is a unit. The process must terminate, for otherwise we get an infinite chain of distinct principal ideals (a_i) that does not stablize(stablizing is equivalent to $(a_n) = (a_{n+1})$ for some n, which implies they differ by a unit). $\square$

Corollary 3.1.1. Let R be a PID; let $P \subset R$ be a set of representatives for the prime elements up to association. For every $a \in R$, $\exists \epsilon \in R^\times$ and $e_\pi \in \mathbb{N}$ such that almost all $e_\pi = 0$. Then, every $a \in R$ can be written as $a = \epsilon \prod_{\pi \in P} \pi^{e_\pi}$. We proceed to recover gcd and lcm, up to associates.

Note that the above corollary generalizes to the quotient field by replacing $\mathbb{N}$ with $\mathbb{Z}$.

4 Unique Factorization Domains

Definition 4.1. The following are equivalent for a domain R:

1. R is a UFD.
2. Every minimal prime ideal (prime of height 1) is principal and every non-zero, non-invertible elements in contained in finitely many primes.

Proof. $1 \implies 2$: For every non-zero prime P, pick $x \in P$ has factor. One of the prime factors must be in P, and it follows by minimality that P must be generated by such prime factor. For the second part, the finite factorization of the element gives precisely the finite primes that it is contained in. $2 \implies 1$:given $x \in R$, the finitely many primes containing x are principally generated by prime elements, which gives a factorization.

$\square$

Remark: we recover the gcd and lcm definition using the same factorization as Corollary 3.1.1.

Theorem 4.1. (Gauss Lemma)Let R be a UFD; then $R[t]$ is a UFD.

To prove the theorem, we need the following lemma on contents:

Definition 4.2. Let $f(t) = a_0 + ... + a_n t^n$ be given. Then, the **<u>content</u>** of f, denoted $C(f)$, is the GCD of all coefficients. In particular, $C(f) | a_i$ for all i, and $f_0 := f/(C(f))$ has content 1.

Lemma 4.2. Let R be a UFD, then the following hold: (1). $C(f) : R[t] \to R$ given by $f \mapsto C(f)$ is multiplicative; in particular, if $C(f) = C(g) = 1$, then $C(fg) = 1$.

Proof of lemma 4.2. given $f(t) = a_0 + ... + a_n t^n$ and $g(t) = b_0 + ... + b_m t^m$. If one of f, g is constant, then it is easy exercise; suppose neither is constant, then set $f = f_0 \cdot C(f)$ and $g = g_0 \cdot C(g)$. Clearly we have $C(f) \cdot C(g) | C(fg)$. Hence it suffices to prove that $C(f_0 g_0) = 1$. Equivalently, let $\pi \in R$ be a prime element, we want to show there exists a coefficient $c_k \in f_0 g_0$ such that π does not divide c_k. Suppose

$\pi | c_k = \sum_{i+j=k} a_i b_j$ for all k. Because $C(f_0) = C(g_0) = 1$, then there exists minimal a_i, b_j such that π does not divide a_{i_0}, b_{j_0}. Then, π does not divede $C_{i_0+j_0}$.

□

Proposition 4.1. Let $K := \text{Quot}(R)$, and $f \in K[t]$. Then, let d be the least common multiple of the denominators of the coefficients of f. Then, $f = df/d$, and $df \in R[t]$. Define $C_K(f) = C(df)/d$. It is standard to check the analog for lemma 4.2 holds for C_K as well.

Proposition 4.2. Let R be a UFD. For any irreducible $f \in R[t]$, either f is a constant and thus prime in R, or f is primitive, i.e $C(f) = 1$.

Proof. If f is a constant, the first part of the proposition is obvious; now suppose f has degree > 0; then f can be factored into its primitive part and content; if $C(f) \neq 1$, we either have a non-trivial factorization of f or f will be a constant multiplied by a unit, a contradction. □

Theorem 4.3. Let R be a UFD. For $f(t) \in R[t]$, let $K := \text{Quot}(R)$. Then, the following are equivalent:

1. $f(t)$ is prime
2. $f(t)$ is irreducible
3. Either f is an irreducible constant in R or f is irreducible in $K[t]$ and $C_K(f) = 1$.

Proof. $1 \implies 2$ holds in every domain: suppose a is prime and $a = bc$. Then by primeness, we have $a|b$ or $a|c$. WLOG, suppose $a|b$, such that $ax = b$ and $a = axc$, so $cx - 1 = 0$, which implies c is a unit.

$2 \implies 1$ in UFDs: suppose f is an irreducible and $f|gh$, then we have some l such that $fl = gh$. Because g, h, l can be uniquely written as a product of irreducibles up to permutation and units, we see that the irreducible f must appear on the RHS once, i.e $f|g$ or $f|h$.

For $2 \implies 3$: If f is a constant, then it become a unit in the field of fractions; suppose $deg(f) > 0$, so irreducibility implies $C(f) = 1$. Suppose by contradiction that f is reducible over $K[t]$, and let $f = gh$ for $g, h \in K[t]$ be a factorization in $K[t]$. Note that given $g, h \in K[t]$, there is some $x_g, x_h \in K$ such that $x_g g, x_h h \in R[t]$ and $C(x_h h) = C(x_g g) = 1$. Then, $x_g x_h f = (x_g g)(x_h h) \in R[t]$. By Proposition 4.2, we have $C(x_g x_h f) = x_g x_h C(f) = 1$, which implies $x_g x_h = 1$ (up to a unit in R). However, this implies $f = (x_g g)(x_h h)$, a contradiction.

So we are left to prove $3 \implies 2$. Suppose f is not a constant and f primitive and irreducible. Suppose $f = gh \in R[x]$. WLOG g is a unit in $K[x]$, so g is a nonzero element of R. Now g divides all the coefficients of f, so g is a unit in R. □

Proposition 4.3. $R[t_i]_{i \in I}$ is UFD if R is UFD.

Proof. By induction it suffices to show that $R[t]$ is a UFD. The idea is that $K[t]$ is PID so it is a UFD. A factorization in $K[t]$ will correspond to a factorization in $R[t]$ by the equivalence of 2 and 3 in Theorem 4.3. □

5 Noetherian Rings

Definition 5.1. A commutative ring R is called a **Noetherian** ring if every chain of ideals in R is stationary.

Proposition 5.1. The following are equivalent:
1. Every chain of ideals is stationary.
2. All ideals are finitely generated.
3. $Spec(R) \subseteq Id^f(R)$.

Terminology: the condition 1 is called the ACC (Ascending Chain Condition).

Proof. By Cohen's lemma, we deduce 2 $\iff$ 3; 1 $\iff$ 2 is an easy exercise. $\square$

For non-commutative rings, it is possible that a ring is left Noetherian but not right Noetherian.

Example 5.1. $R = \{\begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ 0 & m \end{bmatrix} : p, q \in \mathbb{Q}; m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is left Noetherian but not right Noetherian.

Proposition 5.2. (Basic Properties) Let R be a Noetherian ring. The the following hold:
1. If $\mathfrak{a}$ is an ideal of R, then $R/\mathfrak{a}$ is Noetherian if R is Noetherian.
2. If $\Sigma \subset R$ is a multiplicative system, then R_Σ is Noetherian.
3. The radical of an ideals $\mathfrak{a}$, $rad(\mathfrak{a})$, has a power contained in $\mathfrak{a}$.
4. Let $Spec_{min}(\mathfrak{a}) := \{p \in Spec(R) : \mathfrak{a} \subseteq p,\ p \text{ minimal}\}$ is finite.

Proof. To 1. Ideals in $R/\mathfrak{a}$ corresponds bijectively to ideals in R that contains $\mathfrak{a}$. Finite generation of ideals in R clearly implies the finite generation of ideals in the quotient.

To 2. $Spec(R_\Sigma)$ corresponds bijectively to primes in $Spec(R)$ with empty intersection with Σ. We also have p finite generated implies p^e f.g.

To 3. Suppose $rad(\mathfrak{a}) = (r_1, ., ., , r_n)$ f.g. For every i, we have $r_i^{n_i} \in \mathfrak{a}$ for some n_i. Take $n = \sum n_i$ and $nil(\mathfrak{a})^n \subset \mathfrak{a}$.

To 4. The first method to prove this is by contradiction: let $A = \{\mathfrak{a} : Spec_{min}(\mathfrak{a}) \text{ is infinite}\}$. Then A has maximal elements. Let $\mathfrak{a}_o$ be maximal. Note that $\mathfrak{a}_o$ cannot be prime for it is over itself. Suppose it is not prime, then there exists $xy \in \mathfrak{a}$ with both x and y not in $\mathfrak{a}$; for every prime ideal P containing $\mathfrak{a}$, P contains either x or y. By pigeonhole, there must be infinite such primes containing either $\mathfrak{a} + (x)$ or $\mathfrak{a} + (y)$, which contradicts maximality.

The second method is using the fact that $Spec(R)$ is a Noetherian topological space, which has finitely many irreducible components.

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The third method is through primary decomposition. An ideal I is irreducible if $I = a_1 \cap a_2$ then, $I = a_1$ or $I = a_2$. For principal ideals, this is equivalent to the generator being irreducible.

Proposition 5.3. If R is Noetherian, then every ideal $I \in R$ is in the finite intersection of irreducible ideals in R.

Proof. By contradction, let X be the set of ideals that does not satisfy the proposition. Then, X is non-empty, and by Noetherian assumption, there is a maximal element $\mathfrak{a}_0$. Then, $\mathfrak{a}_0$ is not irreducible, for it would be the intersection of itself. Therefore, there exists I_0, I_1 such that $a_0 = I_0 \cap I_1$, where a_0 is properly contained in both. By maximality, I_0, I_1 are both finite intersection of irreducibles, and we can decompose a_0 based on such, a contradction. □

Definition 5.2. Let R be a commutative ring. Then an ideal $I \subset R$ is primary if for all $x, y \in R$ we have: if $xy \in I$, $x \notin I$, then ther exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $y^n \in I$.

In general, a power of prime ideal is not primary. If $I = \mathfrak{m}^n$ for some maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m}$, then I is in fact primary.

Proposition 5.4. Let R be Noetherian, and $\mathfrak{a} \in Id(R)$ be a irreducible ideal. Then, $\mathfrak{a}$ is primary, and $nil(\mathfrak{a})$ is prime.

Proof. Exercise □

These two facts imply $Spec_{min}$ must be finite. In general, quotient of UFD and PID are not UFD or PID. but this holds for Noetherian rings.

Theorem 5.1. Let R be a Noetherian ring. Then the following hold:
1. (Hilbert Basis Theorem): $R[t_1, ..., t_n]$ is Noetherian.
2. Every finitely generated R-algebra S is Noetherian.
3. The power series ring $R[[x]]$

Proof. Note that 1 $\implies$ 2 since every finitely generated algebra is a quotient of polynomial rings over finitely many variable. To prove 1, by induction it suffices to show for $i = 1$. We now present a proof that applies for both 1 and 3. Let $I \in R[t]$ be an ideal. Claim: I is f.g. Inductively, we may choose elements $f_i \in I$ with $deg(f_i)$ being minimal in $I \setminus (f_1, ..., f_{i-1})$. If the process terminates, then we are done; otherwise, let a_i be the leading coefficient of f_i, and the chain of ideals $(I_i := (a_1, ..., a_i))$ must stablizes by Noetherian assumption on R. Suppose it stablizes at step N, and moreover suppose by contradction that $f_1, ..., f_N$ does not generate $\mathfrak{a}$. Then, consider the elment f_{N+1}, which by our argument is not contained in $(f_1, ..., f_N)$ and of minimal degree. The leading coefficient of f_{N+1} is expressed as $a_{N+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mu_i a_i$. Then, we cook up

$$g = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mu_i f_i x^{deg(f_{N+1}) - deg(f_i)}$$

where $g \in (f_1, ..., f_N)$ by construction, and $f_{N+1} - g \notin (f_1, ..., f_N)$. However, $f_{N+1} - g$ has degree strictly less than f_N since we cancelled the leading term, which is impossible. □

6 Valuation Rings

Proposition 6.1. Let R be a domain. Then the following are equivalent:
1. The ideals in R are totally ordered by inclusion.
2. The principal ideals in R are totally ordered by inclusion, i.e $id(R)$ is a chain
3. For every $x \in \mathrm{Quot}(R)$, if $x \notin R$ then $x^{-1} \in R$.

Proof. $1 \implies 2$ is trivial; for $2 \implies 3$, suppose $\frac{a}{b} \notin R$; then since the principal ideals are totally ordered, the elements are totally ordred by divisibility. Hence, $b \not| a$ implies $a|b$, so $\frac{b}{a} \in R$. For $3 \implies 1$, suppose we are given ideals I, J. If there exists $j \in J$ such that $j \notin I$, then $\frac{i}{j} \in R$ for all $i \in I$, for otherwise there exists i' such that $\frac{j}{i'} \in R$, which implies $j \in I$. Thus, $I \subseteq J$. □

Definition 6.1. A ring R satisfy one of the conditions above is called a (Krull) **Valutation Ring**.

Example 6.1. $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} = \{\frac{q}{l} \in \mathbb{Q} : gcd(l, p) = 1\}$ is a valuation ring with maximal ideal (p). The valuation on v_p is defined by $v(\frac{q}{l}) = r$ where r is the maximal natural number such that $p^r|q$. The natural extension of such valuation on the entire $\mathbb{Q}$ is $v(\frac{p}{q}) = v(p) - v(q)$.

Proposition 6.2. (Properties) Let R be a valuation ring, and K be its quotient field. The the following hold:
1. R is local, and $m = \{x \in R : x^{-1} \notin R\}$. The maximal ideal is called **valuation ideal** of R.
2. $\Gamma_R := K^\times/R^\times$ is totally ordered by $xR^\times \leq yR^\times$ iff $yR \subseteq xR$ iff $x|y$ in $R^\times$. The group is called the **value group** of R.
3. The natural map $v_R : K \to \Gamma_R \cup \{\infty\}$, $v(0) = \infty$ satisfies $v(xy) = v(x) + v(y)$ and $v(x + y) \geq min(v(x), v(y))$. Such map is called the (canonical) **valuation** of R.

Proof. To 1, note that by Proposition 6.1.1, the ideals are linearly ordered, so there exists a unique maximal ideal, and the ring is local. In a local ring, the maximal ideal is precisely the non-units.

To 2, the statement is obvious from 6.1.2 that elements in R are totally ordered by divisibility.

To 3, it is clear that if $x|y$, then $x|x + y$. Therefore, $v(x + y) \geq min\{v(x), v(y)\}$. □

Note R is the set $\{x \in K : v_R(x) \geq 0\}$; $\mathfrak{m}$ is the set $\{x \in K : v_R(x) > 0\}$;

Definition 6.2. Let R be a domain, and K be a field, $(\Gamma, +, \leq)$ be a totally orderedd abelian group. Let $v : K \to \Gamma \cup \{\infty\}$ be a map satisfying
1. $v(x) = \infty$ iff $x = 0$
2. $v(xy) = v(x) + v(y)$
3. $v(x + y) \geq min(v(x), v(y))$

Then, the map v is called a **valuation** of K.

Proposition 6.3. $R_v = \{x \in K : v(x) \geq 0\}$ is a valuation ring. The map $\tau : \Gamma_{R_v} \to \Gamma$, given by $xR_v^\times \mapsto v(x)$ is an order preserving embedding. Moreover, $v = \tau \circ v_{R_v} : K \to \Gamma \cup \{\infty\}$.

Proof. It is easy to check $R_v = \{x \in K : v(x) \geq 0\}$ is a ring from the definition of a valuation above. To see that it is valuation ring, note that $v(\frac{x}{y}) = v(x) - v(y) = -v(\frac{y}{x})$. Therefore one of them is ≥ 0 and thus in R_v. The order on Γ_{R_v} is given by $xR_v^\times \leq yR_v^\times$ iff $x|y$ in $R_v^\times$ iff $v(\frac{y}{x}) \geq 0$ iff $v(x) \leq v(y)$. The final composition is easy to check by definition. $\square$

Given a valuation ring, $R \subset K$, every embedding of totally ordered groups $\Gamma_R \to \Gamma$ gives rise to a valuation.

Definition 6.3. The following are equivalent definitions for equivalence of valuations on K:
1. Two valuations v, w on K are equivalent if $R_v = R_w$.
2. Two valuations v, w on K are equivalent if $\mathfrak{m}_v = \mathfrak{m}_w$
3. Given $v : K \to \Gamma_v \cup \{\infty\}$ and $w : K \to \Gamma_w \cup \{\infty\}$, with embeddings $\tau_v : \Gamma_{R_v} \to \Gamma_v$ $\tau_w : \Gamma_{R_w} \to \Gamma_w$. Then, v, w are equivalent if there exists an order preserving isomorphism $\tau_{vw} : \tau_v(\Gamma_{R_v}) \to \tau_w(\Gamma_{R_w})$ that fits into the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{tikzcd}
\Gamma_{R_v} \arrow[r] & \tau_v(\Gamma_{R_v}) \arrow[r] \arrow[d, "\tau_{vw}"] & \Gamma_v \\
\Gamma_{R_w} \arrow[r] & \tau_w(\Gamma_{R_w}) \arrow[r] & \Gamma_w
\end{tikzcd}$$

To see that the above definitions are indeed equivalent, note that $1 \implies 2$ is trivial; for $2 \implies 1$, suppose there exists $a \in R_v - \mathfrak{m}_v$ such that $a \notin R_w - \mathfrak{m}_w$. Then, by properties of a valuation ring, $a^{-1} \in R_w$ and in particular, it is not in the maximal ideal, so it is a unit, and $a \in R_w$. For $1 \implies 3$: if $R_v = R_w$, then $\Gamma_{R_v} = \Gamma_{R_w}$ by definition. For $k \in \tau_v(\Gamma_{R_v})$, pick a representative $\tau_v^{-1}(k) \in \Gamma_{R_v} = \Gamma_{R_w}$, and define $\tau_{vw}(k) = \tau_w(\tau_v^{-1}(k))$. It is standard to verify the map is an order-preserving isomorphism. For the converse, the map is also easy to construct given the isomorphism τ_{vw}.

Definition 6.4. A valuation ring R is called **discrete**, if $v_R(K) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ as ordered abelian groups. An element π such that $v_R(\pi)$ generates $\mathbb{Z}$ is called a **uniformizing parameter**.

Example 6.2. $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \subset \mathbb{Q}$ is a discrete valuation ring. The uniformation parameter is $p\epsilon$ with ϵ a unit.

A valuation ring R is called rank 1 if $v_r(K)$ satisfies the Archimedian axiom, i.e for $\forall \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma_R, \gamma_1 > 0$, $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\gamma_2 \leq n \cdot \gamma_2$. A totally ordered group Γ is Archimedian if there is an ordered preserving embedding into the reals. In relation to absolute values,

Definition 6.5. An absolute value of a field K is any map $|-| : K \to \mathbb{R}^+_{\geq 0}$ iff it satisfies the norm axioms. An absolute value is called **non-Archimedian** or **ultra-metric** if $|x + y| \leq max\{|x|, |y|\}$.

Example 6.3. Let $|-| : K \to \mathbb{R}$ be a non-Archimedian absolute value. Then $v(-) := -log(|-|) : K \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ is rank 1 valuation. Conversely, let $v : K \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ be a rank one valuation, then $|-|_v := e^{-v(-)} : K \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is a non-Archimedian absolute value.

Theorem 6.1. The following facts about possible valuations

1. If $K|F_p$ algebraic, then no non-trivial valuations exists on K.
2. If v is a valuation of $F(t)$ such v is trivial on F, then $R_v = F[t]_{p(t)}$, where $p(t)$ irreducible or $R_v = F[\frac{1}{t}]_{(\frac{1}{t})}$.
3. If v is a non-trivial valuation on $\mathbb{Q}$, then $R_v = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ for some p prime.

Proof. For 1, let $K|F_p$ be an algebraic extension. Then, any element $a \in K$ is a root to the polynomial of the form $x^{p^k-1} - 1$. A valuation on K satisfies $0 = v(1) = v(a^{p^k-1}) = (p^k - 1)v(a) = v(a)$. Thus, the valuation must be trivial.

For $2, 3$, refer to HW7 problem 6. □

Theorem 6.2. (Ostrowski's Theorem)Every non-trivial absolute value on $\mathbb{Q}$ is equivalent to either the usual real absolute value or a p-adic absolute value.

In general, the space of all valuations on K, denoted $Val(K)$, is called the Zariski-Riemann space. Moreover, $Val(K)$ carries a topology called a patch topology, or constrcutible topology, which makes the space compact and totally disconnected. The space is usually very complicated.

Theorem 6.3. (Chevalley's Theorem for extension of Valuations) Let A be a domain, $p \in Spec(a)$ a prime ideal, Then, there exists a valuation ring R of $K = Quot(A)$ such that $\mathfrak{m}_R \cap A = p$.

Proof. Replace A with A_p if needed, so that we may assume A is local with maximal ideal p. Let $H = \{B \subset K : B \text{ local}, \mathfrak{m}_B \cap A = p\}$. Then, it is easy to check that the union of a chain of ascending local rings is again a local ring, with maximal ideal containing p. Applying Zorn's lemma gives us the maximal local ring R containing A such that $\mathfrak{m}_R \cap A = p$. It remains to show that R is local.

Suppose $x \in K$ but $x \notin R$. Suppose neither $x, \frac{1}{x}$ is in R; if either $x, \frac{1}{x}$ is integral over R, then $R[x]$ has a maximal ideal lying over p. After localization, we get a local ring lying over A that strictly contains R, which contradicts maximality. In particular, $\frac{1}{x}$ is not integral over R, and we claim that $\mathfrak{p}^e$ in $R[\frac{1}{x}]$ is not the entire ring: suppose other wise, then $1 = a_0 + \frac{a_1}{x} + ... + \frac{a_n}{x^n}$, where $a_i \in p$. Multiplying x^n to both sides yields $(1 - a_0)x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + ... + a_n = 0$, and since $1 - a_0$ is a unit, this shows x is integral over R, a contradiction. Thus, $R[\frac{1}{x}]$ localized at p^e gives us a local ring with maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m}'$ lying over p. ($p \subseteq A \cap \mathfrak{m}'$, then apply maximality). This contradicts maximality of R, therefore one of $x, \frac{1}{x}$ is in R. □

7 Artin Rings

Definition 7.1. A commutative ring R is called **Artin**, if every descending chain of ideals (I_n) is stationary.

Proposition 7.1. Let R be Artinian. Then the following hold:

1. If Σ is a multiplicative system, then $\Sigma^{-1}R$ is also Artinian.
2. If $I \subset R$ is an ideal. Then, R/I is Artinian.
3. An integral Artinian domain is a field.
4. $Spec(R) = Max(R)$ is finite.

Proof. To $1, 2$, ideals under localization and quotients have nice correspondence with those in R that respects inclusion.

To 3, given any $a \neq 0 \in R$, where R is an Artinian domain, the chain $(a) \subseteq (a^2) \subseteq (a^3)...$ must stablize, so $(a^{n+1}) = (a^n)$ for some n. But this implies $a^n = a^{n+1}r$, which implies $a^n(1-ar) = 0$. By R being a domain, we get a is invertible.

To 4, let $p \in Spec(R)$. Then, R/p is an Artinian domain. Then, R/p must be a field. Thus, all primes are maximal.

If $\mathfrak{m}_1, \mathfrak{m}_2...$ is infinite, then we claim $\mathfrak{m}_1 \supset \mathfrak{m}_1\mathfrak{m}_2 \supset ... \supset \mathfrak{m}_1\mathfrak{m}_2\mathfrak{m}_3....$ does not stabilize: suppose otherwise $\mathfrak{m}_1\mathfrak{m}_2...\mathfrak{m}_k = \mathfrak{m}_1...\mathfrak{m}_{k+1} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}_{k+1}$ for some k. By primeness, this implies $\mathfrak{m}_j \subseteq \mathfrak{m}_{k+1}$ for some $1 \leq j \leq k$, which contradicts maximality. ☐

Lemma 7.1. If R is Artin or Noetherian of Krull dimension 0, then $J(R) = N(R)$ is nilpotent.

Proof. In Artinian rings or any ring of Krull dimension 0, all prime ideals are maximal, and we get the equality $J(R) = N(R)$.

In the case of R is Artin, by DCC, $(N^n(R))_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ stablizes at an ideal I where $I \subseteq N(R)$. Suppose $I \neq 0$. Then, let H be the set of all ideals of R whose product with I is not 0. The set is non-empty since I is in H; by artinian assumption, the set has a minimal element, call it $\mathfrak{a}$. By construction, there exists $x \in a$ such that $(x)I \neq 0$, so we must have $(x) = \mathfrak{a}$ by minimality. However, $((x)I)I = (x)I$, so $(x)I = (x)$. In particular, this implies $xi = x$ and consequently $xi^n = x$ for some $i \in N(R)$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. However, i is nilpotent, which contradicts the assumption that $x \neq 0$.

In the case where R is Noetherian, we simply note that $N(R) = rad((0))$, and $nil((0))^k \subseteq (0)$ for k large enough by proposition 5.2.3, ☐

If R is Artin or Noetherian of dimension 0, then every prime is both maximal and minimal, which means $Max(R)$ is finite. We now present a proof of structure theorem for Artin rings, with an arguement that also applies for Noetherian rings of dimension 0 without knowing a priori that they are in fact equivalent.

Theorem 7.2. (Structure Theorem) If R is Artin or Noetherian of dimension 0 with $Max(R) = \{m_1, ..., m_r\}$ is finite. Moreover, $R \cong R/(m_1)^n \times ... \times R/m_r^n$. Hence, R is a product of local Artinian rings.

Proof. We know the $J(R)^n = (\cap_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{m}_i)^n = 0$ for some n by Lemma 7.1. The goal is to use the Chinese Remainder Theorem and shwo that $R \cong R/(0) = R/J(R)$ has the desired form. First, we note that $\mathfrak{m}_i + \mathfrak{m}_j = 1$ by maximality, so $(\mathfrak{m}_i)$ are pairwise coprime. Furthermore, this implies that $\mathfrak{m}_i^n + \mathfrak{m}_j^n = 1$ for all i, j: if not, then there exists minimal prime p over $\mathfrak{m}_i^n + \mathfrak{m}_j^n$, which implies $\mathfrak{m}_i^n \subseteq p$ and $\mathfrak{m}_i^n \subseteq p$, which in turn implies $\mathfrak{m}_i \subseteq p$ and $\mathfrak{m}_j \subseteq p$, which is impossible. Thus, $(\mathfrak{m}_i^n)$ are also pairwise coprime. It follows that $0 = (J(R))^n = \prod \mathfrak{m}_i^n$, since intersection of ideals is product of ideals when the ideals are coprime. It is then a straight application of Chinese Remainder Theorem that $R \cong R/(m_1)^n \times ... \times R/m_r^n$.

Lastly, note that each ring of the form $R/(\mathfrak{m}^k)$ is local: any suppose $\mathfrak{m}^k \subset p$ for p prime, then for every $m \in \mathfrak{m}$, we have $m^k \in p$, so by primeness we have $m \in p$, and $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq p$. Thus, the only prime ideal is the image of $\mathfrak{m}$. ☐

Theorem 7.3. (Relations of Artin Rings and Noether Rings) Let R be a commutative ring. The the following are equivalent:

1. R is an Artin ring
2. R is Noether and Krull dimension of R is 0.

Proof. Step one is reduce to the case where R is local by structure theorem, since product of Noetherian rings is Noetherian and product of Artin rings is Artin.

Now assume $(R, \mathfrak{m})$ is a local Artin ring. For $k > 0$, we have the exact sequence of R-modules

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{m}^k/\mathfrak{m}^{k+1} \xrightarrow{i} R/\mathfrak{m}^{k+1} \xrightarrow{p} R/\mathfrak{m}^k \longrightarrow 0$$

where i is the inclusion map and p is the canonical projection. By proposition 9.2, which we will prove latter, $R/\mathfrak{m}^{k+1}$ is Noetherian provided both $R/\mathfrak{m}^k$ and $\mathfrak{m}^k/\mathfrak{m}^{k+1}$ are Noetherian. Moreover, R being Artinian implies $\mathfrak{m}^k = 0$ for k large enough, and we have $R/\mathfrak{m}^k \cong R$ for k large enough. Our goal is to inductively show $R/\mathfrak{m}^k$ Noetherian for all k: when $k = 1$, R/m is a field and thus Noetherian; now suppose $R/\mathfrak{m}^n$ is Noetherian.

Note $\kappa := R/\mathfrak{m}$ is a field, and κ acts on $\mathfrak{m}^n/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ in the following way: $\overline{r} \cdot \overline{m} := \overline{rm}$, So, $\mathfrak{m}^n/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ has a canonical κ-vector space structure.

In particular, there is an inclusion preserving bijection

$$\{\kappa - \text{vector subspaces of } \ \mathfrak{m}^n/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}\} \iff \{R - \text{ideals } \mathfrak{n} \ : \mathfrak{m}^{n+1} \subseteq \mathfrak{n} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}^n\} = \epsilon$$

Note R Artinian implies $R/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ is Artinian. Thus, the set ϵ is finite, and $\mathfrak{m}^n/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ is a finite dimensional vector space. This condition forces ϵ to satisfy both ACC and DCC, and by ideal correspondence, $\mathfrak{m}^k/\mathfrak{m}^{k+1}$ as an R-module satisfies ACC and is thus Noetherian.

For the converse, let $(R, \mathfrak{m})$ be a Noetherian local ring of dimension 0. Note we also have $\mathfrak{m}^k = 0$ for k large enough, since $\mathfrak{m} = N(R)$, which is nilpotent by proposition 7.1.

We proceed inductively as before: if $k = 0, 1$ then $R/\mathfrak{m}^k$ is clealy Artin. Now suppose it holds for $k = n$ such that $R/\mathfrak{m}^n$ is Artin. By using the same arguemnt as before, $R/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ is Noetherian and satisfies ACC, so $\mathfrak{m}^n/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ is again finite dimensional, which forces $\mathfrak{m}^n/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ satisfying DCC as well. □

8 Krull's Theorem on Noetherian Rings

Definition 8.1. Let R be a commutative ring; $\mathfrak{a} \subset R$ a proper ideal. Consider $\mathfrak{a}^n$ and the projection $p_n : R/\mathfrak{a}^{n+1} \to R/\mathfrak{a}^n$. Then, $(R/\mathfrak{a}^n, p_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a projective system. The limit $\widehat{R} := \varprojlim R/\mathfrak{a}^n$, together with $i : R \to \widehat{R}$ is called **$\mathfrak{a}$-adic completion** of R.

Proposition 8.1. The kernel of the inclusion $\pi : R \to \widehat{R}$ is the intersection of all $\mathfrak{a}^n$.

Proof. We note $a \in ker(\pi)$ iff $\pi(a) = 0$ iff $pr_n(a) = 0$ for all n iff $a \in \cap_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{a}^n$. □

The reason we refer i as the inclusion map is because when R is Noetherian and local/integral, the kernel of i is trivial by the following theorem by Krull.

Theorem 8.1. (The Intersection Theorem) Let R be a Noetherian ring that is local or integral. Let $\mathfrak{a} \subset R$ be a proper ideal. Then, $\cap_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{a}^n = 0$. In particular, the inclusion map in the $\mathfrak{a}$-adic completion is injection.

Proof. Suppose R is Notherian and local with maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m}$. By Noetherian assumption, the ideal $\mathfrak{a}_0 := \cap \mathfrak{a}^k$ is finitely generated. Moreover, $\mathfrak{m}_0 := \cap \mathfrak{m}^k$ is f.g with $\mathfrak{a}_0 \subseteq \mathfrak{m}_0$. We then have $\mathfrak{m} \cdot \mathfrak{m}_0 = \mathfrak{m}_0$, and apply Nakayama's lemma, we get $\mathfrak{m}_0 = (0)$.

Now suppose R is Noetherian and integral, and choose $\mathfrak{m}$ be a maximal ideal over $\mathfrak{a}$. The integral assumption implies $\phi : R \to R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ is injective, and we reduce to the local case. $\square$

Example 8.1. The intersection theorem does not hold for generic Noetherian Rings. For example, in $\mathbb{Z}/6$, which is not a domain nor local, and the ideal $I = (2)$ is idempotent. Thus, $\cap_{i=0}^{\infty} = I$.

Definition 8.2. Given a ring R and I an ideal, we equip R with **I-adic topology** given by the following basis $\{x + I^n : x \in R, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Moreover, a sequence of points (x_n) is called **Cauchy** if for every $k > 0$, there exists N such that for $m, n > N$, we have $x_n - x_m \in I^k$.

It is standard to verify that this is well-defined basis. Heuristically, the larger n the smaller the open neighborhood is. In particular, the intersection theorem says if R is Noetherian and integral/local, then the I-adic topology is Hausdorff. (an element evetually lives outside of I^n for n large enough). Then, the I-adic completion $\widehat{R}_I$ is the topological completion of R.

It is easy to extend the whole package of definitions up to this point to R-modules. Given an R-modules M equipped with a choice of I-adic topology and a submodule N, it is natural to ask whether the subspace topology and I-adic topology on N agrees. The Artin-Rees lemma gives us a positive answer in the case when the ring is Noetherian and M is finitely generated.

Theorem 8.2. (Artin-Rees Lemma) Let R be a Noetherian ring and I an ideal. Let M be a finitely generated R-module and $N \subset M$ a submodule. Then, there exists an integer $k \geq 1$ such that for $n \geq k$, we have

$$I^n M \cap N = I^{n-k}(I^k M \cap N)$$

Before proving Theorem 8.2, we first set up some necessary tools.

Definition 8.3. Let R be a ring and $I \subset R$ an ideal. Then, the **blow-up algebra** of R is the graded R-algebra

$$B_I R := \oplus_{i=0}^{\infty} I^i$$

Note that when R is Noetherian, I is finitely generated as an R-module, and the generators generate $B_I R$ as an R-algebra, which implies $B_I R$ is a Noetherian ring as well.

Definition 8.4. Let R be a ring and $I \subset R$ an ideal, and let M be an R-module. A filtration $M = M_0 \supset M_1 \supset \ldots$ is called an **I-filtration** if $IM_n \subset M_{n+1}$ for all n. The filtration is called I-stable if $IM_n = M_{n+1}$ for n-large enough. Given an I-filtration J of M, define the **blow-up** module as $B_J M := \oplus_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i$.

Note that $B_J M$ has a natural $B_I R$-module structure. We now introduce a proposition that relates stability and finite generation of blow-up modules.

Proposition 8.2. Let R be a ring, $I \subset R$ an ideal, and let M a finitely generated R-module with I-filtration $J : M = M_0 \supset M_1 \supset ...$, where each M_i is finitely generated. Then, the filtration J is I-stable iff the $B_I R$-module $B_J M$ is finitely generated.

Proof. Easy Exercise. □

We are now ready to prove Artin-Rees:

Proof of Theorem 8.2. Note $B_J M \cap N$ has a natural $B_I R$-module structure, which makes it a submodule of $B_J M$. In particular, if J is an I-stable filtration of M, then $B_j M$ is finitely generated over a Noetherian ring $B_I R$, so the submodule $B_J M \cap N$ is a finitely generated $B_I R$-module, which implies the desired equality. □

Theorem 8.3. If R is Noetherian, then all $\mathfrak{a}$-adic completions of R is Noetherian.

Proof. Let $(f_1, ..., f_n)$ be a set of generators for a given $\mathfrak{a}$. There is a natural surjection from the power series ring $R[[x_1, ..., x_n]] \to \widehat{R}_{\mathfrak{a}}$ given by the map $x_i \mapsto f_i$. Then, $\widehat{R}_{\mathfrak{a}}$ is a quotient of a Noetherian ring and is thus Noetherian. □

Definition 8.5. Let R be a ring. For $r \in R$, define $Spec_{min}(r) := \{p \in Spec(R) : (r) \subset p \text{ minimal}\}$. For a set of elements $\{r_1, ..., r_n\}$, define similarly $Spec_{min}(r) = \{p \in Spec(R) : (r_1, .., r_n) \subset p \text{ minimal}\}$

Definition 8.6. For $p \in Spec(R)$, the **height** of p is the krull dimension of R_p. The **coheight** is the krull dimension of R/p.

Proposition 8.3. $height(p) + coheight(p) \leq$ Krull dimension of R.

Proof. Trivial. □

Definition 8.7. For $q \in Spec(R)$, the symbolic n-th power of q is defined as $q^{(n)} := q^n R_q \cap R$. In other words, $q^{(n)} = \{r \in R : sr \in q^n \text{ for some } s \in R \setminus q :\}$

Lemma 8.4. $q^{(n)} R_q = (qR_q)^n$. '

Proof. Suppose $x \in (qR_q)^n$, then $x = x_1 ... x_n$ where $x_i = \frac{r}{s}$, where $r_i \in q$ and $s_i \in R \setminus q$. It is clear that $(\prod s_i)x \in q^n$, so $x = \frac{\prod x_i}{\prod s_i} \in q^{(n)} R_q$; on the other hand, if $y \in q^{(n)} R_q$, then $y = \frac{m}{n}$ where $m \in q^{(n)}$ and $n \in R \setminus q$. By definition, there exists $s \in R/q$ such that $sm = q_1 ... q_n \in q^n$, where $q_i \in q$. Then, $y = \frac{m}{n} = \frac{q_1 \cdots q_n}{sn} = \prod \frac{q_i}{sn} \in (qRq)^n$. □

Lemma 8.5. For $q \in Spec(R)$, the nth symbolic power $q^{(n)}$ is primary. If $ax \in q^{(n)}$, and $x \notin q$, then $a \in q^{(n)}$.

Proof. Note that $q^{(n)}$ is the contraction of the ideal $q^n R_q$, which is a power of maximal ideal and thus primary. Thus, $q^{(n)}$ is primary as well. By definition, if $ax \in q^{(n)}$, then $a(sx) \in q^n$ with $s, x \notin q$, which implies $a \in q^{(n)}$. $\square$

Theorem 8.6. (Krull's Principal Ideal Theorem/ Hauptidealsatz) Let R be a Noetherian ring. Then, for all non-units $r \in R$, one has $height(q) \leq 1$ for all $q \in Spec_{min}(r)$, with equality when r is not a zero-divisor.

Proof. Suppose there exists a chain $q_0 \subset q$ of prime ideals, and we want to show that $height(q_0) = 0$, so that $height(q) \leq 1$. We may localize at q so that we may assume R is local with maximal ideal q. By the assumption that p is minimal over r, the ring $R/(x)$ is Noetherian and of dimension 0, hence Artinian. Thus, the chain

$$(r) + q_0^{(n)}$$

stablizes. Say we have $(r) + q_0^{(k)} = (r) + q_0^{(k+1)}$. It follows that $q_0^{(k)} \subset (r) + q_0^{(k+1)}$, so for any $f \in q_0^{(k)}$ we may write $f = ar + g$ with $g \in q_0^{(k+1)}$. It is immediate that $ar \in q_0^{(k)}$, but $r \notin q_0$ by minimality, so $a \in q_0^{(k)}$

From this we have $q_0^{(k)} = (x)q_0^{(k)} + q_0^{(k+1)}$. Taking things modulo $q_0^{(k+1)}$, we have $x \in J(R)$, and an application of Nakayama's lemma says $q_0^{(k)} = q_0^{(k+1)}$. We further localize to R_{q_0}, and Lemma 8.4 and another application of Nakayama's lemma gives us $(q_0 R_{q_0})^k = 0$. In other words, the maximal ideal $q_0 R_{q_0}$ is nilpotent in the local ring R_{q_0}. It follows that $q_0 R_{q_0} \subseteq N(R_{q_0})$, which forces $q_0 R_{q_0}$ to be the unique prime ideal. We have R_{q_0} is of dimension 0, as desired.

For the second part of the statement, if $height(q) = 0$, then q is nilpotent in R_q, and let n be minimal such that $r^n = 0 \in R_q$, which implies $sr^n = 0 \in R$ for some $s \neq 0$. By minimality, $sr^{n-1} \neq 0$, so r must be a zero divisor.

$\square$

Definition 8.8. A sequence of elements $r_1, ..., r_n$ is called a **regular** sequence if $(x_1, ..., x_d)$ is a proper ideal for all $d \leq n$, and r_i is not a zerodivisor in $R/(r_1, ..., r_{i-1})$ for all $i \leq n$.

We have a generalization of the PIT for a system of elements:

Theorem 8.7. (Krull's Dimension Theorem) Let R be a Noether ring, and $r = (r_1, ..., r_m)$ a system. Then $Spec_{min}(r)$ contains prime ideals of height $\leq m$, with equality when r is regular.

Proof. We proceed by induction: $n = 1$ is PIT; now assume the dimension theorem holds for $n = m$. Given $r = (r_1, ..., r_{m+1})$, and $p \in Spec_{min}(r)$, let $q \subset p$ be a maximal prime ideal contained in p. Our goal is to show that $ht(q) = m$, which immediately implies that $ht(p) = m + 1$. By localizing at p, we may assume that R is local with maximal ideal p.

Since q is properly contained in p, we have WLOG that $r_{m+1} \notin q$ by minimality. Consider $\mathfrak{a} = q + (r_{m+1})$, $q \subset \mathfrak{a} \subseteq p$. Then, $nil(\mathfrak{a}) = p$ since p is the only prime ideal containing a. By definition, we have $r_i \in p$ for all $i = 1, ..., m + 1$, and there exists $a_i \in R$ and $s_i \in q$ such that $r_i^{n_i} = s_i + a_i r_{m+1}$. Thus, we have $r_i^{n_i} \in (s_1, ...s_m, r_{m+1})$, and a prime containing $(s_1, ...s_m, r_{m+1})$ will contain all r_i as well. It follows that p

is minimal over $(s_1, ...s_m, r_{m+1})$. Let $s = (s_1, ..., s_m)$. The image of p under the quotient map $R \to R/s$ is minimal over r_{m+1}. Therefore by PIT, $\overline{p}$ has height at most 1, which forces the image of q having height 0, which means q is minimal over $(s_1, ..., s_m)$. By induction hypothesis, we are done.

Note that in our proof, $\overline{p}$ has height 1 when r_{m+1} is not a zero-divisor under the quotient by PIT, which is equivalent to saying the system is regular.

□

Corollary 8.7.1. Let R be Noether. Then, the following hold:

1. Every descending sequence of prime ideals is staionary.
2. if $ht(p) = m$, then there exists a regular system of length m with p a minimal prime over it.

Proof. To 1: every prime ideal in a Noetherian ring is finitely generated. In particular, given p we can find a system of generators $(r_1, ..., r_m)$ for p such that p is minimal over the system by definition. Then, $ht(p) \leq m$ by dimension theorem.

To 2: we proceed by induction: it is trivial if $m = 1$ by taking the system $r = (0)$. Inductively suppose $m = k + 1$. Let $p_1 \subset ... \subset p_k \subset p_{k+1} = p$ be a chain of length $k + 1$. Then, p_k is minimal over a regular system $(x_1, ..., x_k)$. First, quotient out the bottom prime so the ring is assumed to be integral. By Noetherian assumption, there is only a finite set of primes $\{q_i\}$ minmial over $(x_1, ..., x_k)$. Then by prime avoidance, p cannot be contained in the union of $\{q_i\}$, otherwise contradicting minimality. Therefore, we may choose an element $x_{k+1} \notin (x_1, ..., x_k)$ such that p is minimal over $(x_1, ..., x_{k+1})$, and it is regular.

□

9 Modules over special classes of rings

9.1 Modules over PIDs

Lemma 9.1. Let R be a PID and M a free R-module. Given a submodule $N \subset M$, there exists $y, y_1 \in N$ and $v \in Hom_R(M, R)$ such that the following hold:

1. $M = Ry_1 \oplus ker(v)$;
2. $N = Ry \oplus (N \cap ker(v))$

Proof. The proof is trivial if $N = 0$, so assume N is not trivial. First, note that for any $\phi \in Hom_R(M, R)$, the image $\phi(N)$ is an ideal of R and thus principally generated by some element $a_\phi \in R$. Let

$$\Sigma = \{a_\phi : \phi \in Hom_R(M, R)\}$$

Then, Σ is not empty becuase $0 \in \Sigma$. Since PID are noetherian, Σ has a maximal element. Let v be the homomorphism such that $v(N) = (a_v)$ is maximal, and $y \in N$ be the element such that $v(y) = a_1$. To see that a_1 is not trivial, it suffices to demonstrate one homomorphism where N is not contained in the kernel. Let $(x_1, ..., x_n)$ be a basis for $M = \oplus_{i=1}^n Rx_i$. Since $N \neq 0$, there must the projection map onto the ith summand restricts to a homomorphism where N is not contained in the kernel.

The next step is to demonstrate a_1 divides all $\phi(y)$ for $\phi \in Hom_R(M, R)$. Note that ideal generated by a_1 and $\phi(y)$ is principal, and let b be its generator. Then, we may write $b = r_1 a_1 + r_2 \phi(y)$ for some $r_1, r_2 \in R$. Consider the homomorphism $r_1 v + r_2 \phi \in Hom_R(M, R)$, which sends y to $r_1 v(y) + r_2 \phi(y) = b$. Therefore by maximality, we must have $(a_1) = (b)$, and it follows that $a_1 | \phi(y)$.

In particular, we have $a_1 | \pi_i(y)$, where π_i is the projection onto the Rx_i summand. In other words, $y = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_1 b_i) x_i$ for $b_i \in R$. By factoring out the a_1 term from the coefficients, we get $y_1 := \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i) x_i$ where

$v(y_1) = 1$. The claim is that $M = Ry_1 \oplus ker(v)$ and $N = Ry \oplus (N \cap ker(v))$. For the first equality, we note that every $x \in M$ can be written as $x = v(x)y_1 + (x - v(x)y_1)$, where $(x - v(x)y_1) \in ker(v)$ by a direct verification. For the second equality, for every $x' \in N$, we have $x' = v(x')y_1 + (x' - v(x')y_1)$. Note that $a_1|v(x')$, so $v(x')y_1 \in Ry$; by similarly reasoning, we have $(x' - v(x')y_1) =\in N$ and $v(x' - v(x')y_1) = 0$. Both sums are easily seen to be direct. □

Theorem 9.2. Every submodule of a finitely generated free module over PID is free.

We use induction on rank. Suppose $N \subset M$ is of rank 0, then it must be torsion and any non-zero submodule of a free module is torsion free. Thus, $N = 0$ and it is free. Suppose the statement holds for submodules of rank m. For submodule N of rank $m+1$, we decompose $N = Ry \oplus N \cap ker(v)$, where $N \cap ker(v)$ must be of rank m. It follows from the induction hypothesis that N is a direct sum of free modules and thus free.

Note that we may alter the proof slightly by choosing a well-ordered basis for M if it is not finitely generated and use transfinite induction to prove the result in general.

Theorem 9.3. (Invariant Factors Theorem) Let R be a principal ideal domain and M a free R-module, $N \subset M$ a submodule. Then, there exists R-basis $A = (\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_m)$ of M and $\delta_1|\delta_2|...|\delta_n$ in R such that $\delta_1\alpha_1..., \delta_n\alpha_n$ is an R-basis for N, unique up to association.

Proof. We induct on rank of M: if rank of $M = 0$, then there is nothing to prove. Suppose the statement holds for $rk(M) = n$. Since $M = Ry_1 \oplus ker(v)$, we know there is a basis $y_2, ..., y_n$ of $ker(v)$ and $\delta_2|...|\delta_n$ such that $\delta_2\alpha_2..., \delta_n\alpha_n$ is an R-basis for $N \cap ker(v)$. We are left to show that $\delta_1 := a_1$ divides all δ_i, and in particular it suffices to prove $\delta_1|\delta_2$. The proof follows from the similar vein as in Lemma 9.1, based on the maximality of δ_1.

□

Theorem 9.4. (Structure Theorem) Let R be a PID, and M a finite R-module. Then, there exists non-units $\delta_1|...|\delta_n$ unique up to association such that $M \cong \oplus R/(\delta_i) \oplus R^f$

Proof. Let $(x_1, ..., x_n)$ be a system of generators for M. Let $f : R^n \to M$ be the morphism given by $e_i \mapsto x_i$. Then, the kernel is a submodule of R^n, so by invariant factors theorem we get a basis $(e'_1, ..., e'_n)$ for R^n and a basis $\delta_1 e'_1, ..., \delta_m e'_m$ for $ker(f)$. By isomorphism theorem, we have

$$M \cong R^n/ker(f) = Re'_1 \oplus ... \oplus Re'_n/R\delta_1 e'_1 \oplus ... \oplus \delta_m e'_m \cong \oplus R/(\delta_i) \oplus R^{n-m}$$

For uniqueness, given $M \cong \oplus R/(\delta_i) \oplus R^f$ and the projection $p : R^n \to M$. We get $N = ker(p)$ has basis required in the invariant factors theorem, which is unique. □

Corollary 9.4.1. The following hold for finitely generated modules over PID:
1. M is torsion free iff M is free.
2. The torsion submodule of M is finitely generated.

Example 9.1. For a finitely generated abelian group A, $A \cong \mathbb{Z}/(d_1) \oplus ... \oplus \mathbb{Z}/(d^r) \oplus \mathbb{Z}^f$

Example 9.2. (Jordan Canonical Form) Let k be a field and V a finite dimensional vector space over k. Fix some $\varphi \in End(V)$. Then, V becomes a $k[t]$-module by

$$p(t) \cdot v = p(\varphi)(v)$$

By Cayley-Hamilton, V is a finite-torsion $F[t]$ module. Hence, $V \cong F[t]/(\delta_1) \oplus ... \oplus F[t]/(\delta_n)$, with $\delta_1 | ... | \delta_n$. Let $\delta_1 = t^{n_i} + ... + e_n$. Then R/δ_i has basis $R_i = \langle I, t, ..., t^{n_i - 1} \rangle$, and $V = R_1 \oplus ... \oplus R_n$. In matrix form, we recover the jordan decomposition of φ.

9.2 Noetherian/Artinian Modules

Let R be a (not necessarily commutative) ring, and M be a (left/right/bi) module. We say that M satisfies ACC/DCC iff thet set of submodules satisfies ACC/BCC with respect to inclusion.

Example 9.3. If R is a Noetherian/artinian ring. Then it is a Noetherian/Artinian module over itself.

Proposition 9.1. (Characterization) Let M be an R-module. Then the following hold:

1. $M.$ satisfies ACC/DCC if every subset of submodules has maximal/minimal elements with respect to inclusions.
2. $M.$ satisfies ACC iff every submodule is finitely generated.

Proof. To 1: Suppose X is a subset of submodules. If the subset has no maximal/minimal elements, then there exists a non-stablizing ascending/descending chain of submodules, so M cannot satisfy ACC/DCC. Conversely, if there is a infinite ascending/descending chain of submodules of M, then collection of the submodules in the chain is a subset with no maximal/minimal elements.

To 2: If $N \subseteq M$ is not finitely generated, we may inductivly choose elements in $x_i \in M \setminus M_{i-1}$, where $M_{i-1} := (x_1, ..., x_{i-1})$ is the module generated by the elements in the parenthesis. Then, $(M_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a non-stablizing ascending chain. Conversely, if $(M_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a non-stablizing ascending chain of submodules, then $\cup_{i=0}^{\infty} M_i$ is a submodule that is not finitely generated. □

Proposition 9.2. (Properties) The following hold:

1. If M satisfies ACC/DCC, then every submodule of M and quotient module of M satisfies ACC/DCC.
2. The category of R-modules satisfiying ACC/DCC has finite products and coproducts.
3. Localization preserves ACC/DCC.

Proof. To 1: Trivial. To 2: Consider the projection $p : M \to M/IM$. The inverse image p^{-1} takes a submodule to a submodule, and it is (proper) inclusion preseving. Thus, every ascending/descending chain in M/IM, M/IM lifts to an ascending/descending chain in M. To 3: In **R-Mod**, finite product and coproducts agree, and it suffices to consider the direct product $M \times N$. If $M \times N$ has ascending/descending chain of submodules, then the projection map onto M and N takes the chain to ascending/descending chains as well. If both chains stablize after some finite degree n, then it is clear that the original chain stablize after degree n as well. To 4: consider the inclusion $i : M \to \Sigma^{-1}M$. The inverse image i^{-1} takes a submodule to a submodule, and it is (proper) inclusion preseving(a submodule in $\Sigma^{-1}M$ is equal to the localization of its contraction). Thus, every ascending/descending chain in $\Sigma^{-1}M$ lifts to an ascending/descending chain in M. □

Proposition 9.3. For R-module M, the following hold:

1. Given a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M_0 \longrightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{p} M_2 \longrightarrow 0$$

We have M_1 satisfies ACC/DCC iff M_0 and M_2 satisfies ACC/DCC.

2. Let

$$0 \longrightarrow M_0 \longrightarrow M_1 \longrightarrow ... \longrightarrow M_n \longrightarrow 0$$

Then, (M_{2k}) satisfies ACC/DCC iff (M_{2k+1}) does so.

Proof. To 1: assume M_1 satisfies ACC/DCC: then M_0 is canonically a submodule of M_1 and M_2 is a quotient M_1, so they satisfy ACC/DCC by Proposition 9.2.1; now supoose M_1 does not satisfy ACC/DCC, which means there is a non-stablizing ascending/descending chain $C = (C_n)$ of submodules. Now $C \cap M_1$ is naturally a chain of submodules of M_0, and $p(C)$ is an ascending/descending chain of submodules of M_2. Suppose by contradiction that both chain stabilizes, which means there exists N such that $C_N + M_0 = C_{N+1} + M_0$ and $C_N \cap M_0 = C_{N+1} \cap M_0$. However, the first equality implies $C_{N+1} - C_N \subset M_0$ for ascending ($C_N - C_{N-1}$ for descending), and combined with the second equality we have $C_N = C_{N-1}$, a contraction.

To 2, we may break the long exact sequence to short exact sequences by adding in the kernel and cokerknel terms. The result is then a simple corollary of part 1.

□

Recall the discussion on composition series of R-modules. If a composition series exist, then all such have the same length and the same simple factors up to permutation. $0 \subseteq M_1 \subseteq M_2 \subseteq ... \subseteq M_n = M$ such that $\overline{M_i} = M_i/M_{i-1}$ is simple.

Proposition 9.4. Let M be a (left) modules. Then, M has a (left) composition series iff M satisfies ACC and DCC.

Proof. Let $0 \subseteq M_1 \subseteq M_2 \subseteq ... \subseteq M_n = M$ be a composition series, and make induction on n. For $n = 1$, the module is simple and it automatically satisfies ACC and DCC. For inductive step, suppose $0 \subseteq M_1 \subseteq M_2 \subseteq ... \subseteq M_n$ is a composition series, so M_n satisfies ACC and DCC. Then, there exists the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M_n \xrightarrow{f} M_{n+1} \xrightarrow{g} M_{n+1}/M_n \longrightarrow 0$$

and by proposition 9.2, M_{n+1} satisfies ACC and DCC sicne M_{n+1}/M_n is simple.

Suppose M satisfies ACC and DCC. In particular, M has minimal submodules M_1 by DCC, which must be simple. Proceed inductively, and consider the set $M' = \{N | M_1 \subset N\}$, which also has minimal elements, say M_2. Then, M_2/M_1 must be simple. By ACC, the sequence must terminate and we get a finite composition series. □

10 Integral extensions

10.1 Basic Facts

Definition 10.1. A commutative ring extension is any injective ring homomorphism $R \hookrightarrow S$. Notation $S|R$. $x \in S$ is called **integral** or **algebraic** if it is a root of a monic polynomial in $R[t]$.

Example 10.1. $\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}$. The only integral elements are elements in $\mathbb{Z}$. In general, if R is a UFD, then $x \in S$ integral over R iff $x \in R$. For example, $\mathbb{Z}[t] \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}[t]$.

Proposition 10.1. Let $S|R$ be a ring extension. Then, the following are equivalent:

1. x is integral over R.
2. $R[x]$ is a finite R-module
3. There exists M finite R-module such that $xM \subset M$.

Proof. $1 \implies 2 \implies 3$ is exercise. For $3 \implies 1$, let $M = \sum_{i=1}^{N} Rx_i$, and $\Pi = (x_1, ..., x_N)$ a system of generators. Then, $x\Pi = (x_1, ..., x_N) \cdot A_x$ for some matrix $A_x = (a_{i,j}) \in R^{N \times N}$. Hence, $\Pi \cdot (xI_n - A_x) = 0$. We get $\Pi \cdot det(\tilde{A})I_n = 0$, i.e $det(\tilde{A}) \cdot x_i = 0$. Then, $det(\tilde{A}) = 0$. Hence, $det(\tilde{A}) = x^N - tr(A)x^{N-1} + ... + (-1)^N det(A)$. □

Proposition 10.2. Let $S|R$ be a ring extension.

1. If $x_1, ..., x_n \in S$ are integral over R. Then, $R[x_1, ..., x_n]$ is a finite R-module.
2. $\tilde{R} := \{x \in S : x \text{ integral over } R\}$ is a subring containing R.
3. If $I \in Id(R)$, and $\tilde{I} = \{x \in S : x \text{ integral over } I\}$ is an ideal containing I. In particular, it is $N(I\tilde{R})$.

Proof. To 1: exercise. To 2. exercise. To 3: For the $\tilde{I} \subseteq N(i\tilde{R})$ direction, let $x \in \tilde{R}$ be integral over I, i.e $x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + ... = 0$. $x^n = (-a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + ...) \in I\tilde{R}$, hence $x \in n(I\tilde{R})$. □

Definition 10.2. Let $S|R$ be a ring extension. Define $\tilde{R} = \{x \in S : xalgebraicover\text{R}\}$ is called integral closure of R. $S|R$ is called integral if $\tilde{R} = S$. R is called integrally closed in S if $\tilde{R} = R$.

Definition 10.3. Let R be a domain and K its quotient field. R is called inetgral closed if R is integrally closed in K.

Example 10.2. $\mathbb{Z}$ is closed. $\mathbb{Z}(\sqrt{-3})$is not closed. UFD are integrally closed.

Theorem 10.1. Let R be a domain. Then, R is integrally closed iff $R = \cap R_v$ where R_v is a valuation ring over R in the quotient field.

Proposition 10.3. The following hold

1. (Transitivity) Let $S_2|S_1|R$ be ring extensions. Then, $S_2|R$ is inetgral iff $S_2|S_1$ is integral and $S_1|R$ is integral as well.
2. (Functoriality) If $b \in Id(S)$, $b \neq S$, and $a = b \cap R$, $\tilde{a} = b \cap \tilde{R}$. $\overline{S}/b|\tilde{R}/\tilde{a}|R/a$ is integral. But usually, $\tilde{R}/\tilde{a} \not\subset R/\tilde{a}$
3. Let Σ be a multiplicative system. Then, $\tilde{R}_\Sigma$ is integral closed of R_Σ, and $(\tilde{R})_\Sigma = \tilde{R_\Sigma}$.

Proof. Exercise. □

10.2 Going-Up Theorem

Theorem 10.2. (Going-Up) Let $S|R$ be a integral ring extension. Then, the following hold:

1. For every $p \in Spec(R)$, there exists $q \in Spec(S)$ such that $q \cap R = p$. Moreove, if $q_1 \subset q_2$ and $q_1 \cap R = q_2 \cap R = p$, then $q_1 = q_2$.
2. (Going-up) Let $p_1 \subseteq p_2 \subseteq .... \subseteq p_n$ be a chain in $Spec(R)$, resp $Spec(S)$, such that $m < n$ and $q_m \cap R = p_m$, then the chain in $Spec(S)$ can be extened to length m. In particular, Krull dimension of R equals the Krull dimension of S.

Lemma 10.3. If S is a domain, then S is a field iff R is a field. In particular, if $\mathfrak{m}$ is maximal in S, then $\mathfrak{m} \cap R$ is also maximal.

Proof. First, assume R is a field. Take $x \neq 0 \in S$, there exists $a_0, ..., a_{n-1} \in R$ such that $a_0 + ... + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x^n = 0$. WLOG, $a_0 \neq 0$. Then $x(x^{n-1} + ... + a_1) = -a_0$ is invertible, so $x \in S^\times$.

Finally, if $\mathfrak{n} \in Max(S)$ and $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{n} \cap R$. Then, $S/\mathfrak{n}$ is integral over $R/\mathfrak{m}$. □

Lemma 10.4. Let $q_1 \subset q_2$ satisfy $q_1 \cap R = q_2 \cap R$. Then, $q_1 = q_2$.

Proof. Let $R' = R/(q_1 \cap R)$, and $S' = S/q_1$. Then S' is a domain integral over R'. We may localize at q. □

Proof. Proof of Theorem 10.2 To prove the lying over property: let $p \in Spec(R)$ be given. Consider $R_p \subset S_p$. Then, S_p over R_p is integral. In particular, R_p is local and p is maximal. Using Lemma 10.3, we take any maximal ideal in S_q finishes.

To prove the Going-up, it suffices to show $n = 2$ and $m = 1$: suppose we have $p_1 \subset p_2$ with q_1 such that $q_1 \cap R = p_1$. Want ot find q_2 such that $q_2 \cap R = q_1$ to extend the chain. $S_{p_2}|R_{p_2}$ is integral.

□

The theorem is about behavior of $Spec(R)$ in its integral closure.

Recall that given an extension fo rings $i : R \to S$, we have a map $i^* : Spec(S) \to Spec(R)$ given by $q \mapsto q \cap R$; conversely, we also have $i_* : Id(R) \to Id(S)$ given by $\mathfrak{a} \mapsto \mathfrak{a}S$. Then, Theorem 10.2.1 basically says i^* is surjective if i is an integral extension.

11 Noether Normalization Theorem

Let k be a field; $R|k$ be a algebra of finite type.

Theorem 11.1. (Noether Normalization Theorem) Let $R = k[x_1, ..., x_n]$ be a k-algebra of finite type. Then, there exists $t_1, ..., t_d \in R$, $d \leq n$ such that $\{t_i\}$ algebraically independent over R and R is integral over $R_0 := k[t_1, ..., t_d]$, a polynomial ring over d variables.

Proof. If all variables are algebraic over k, then $R = k[x_1, ..., x_n]$ is a finite dimensional vector space. Suppose R is not algebraic over k, so there exists $t \in R$ such that $p(t) \neq 0$ for every $p \in k[x]$. Make inductions on on all k-algebras of finite type, $S = k[x_1, ..., x_m]$, with $m < n$. If the variables are all algebraically independent, then we are done; suppose otherwise, The key technical point is special changes of variables: let $x = (x_1, ..., x_n)$. We can do the change of variables such that we may single out a x'_n with the total degree as the leading monomial. The reduction is that one variable become algebraic over extension of k adjoining the rest. □

Let k be a base field, $R = [x_1, ..., x_n]$ a finitely generated k-algebra. The Noether Normalization theorem says that R is a finite module over a polynomial ring with variables less or equal to n. The new set of variables is called a Noether Basis of R over k.

Theorem 11.2. Let $R = k[x_1, ..., x_n]$ be a finitely generated k-algebra, and K be the quotient field. Then the following hold:

1. If $T = (t_1, ..., t_d)$ is a Noether Basis, then T is a transcendence basis for $K|k$
2. R is strongly catenary, i.e every maximal sequence of prime ideals has length $n = d$.

Proof. induction to 2: if $d = 1$, then the ring is a PID and every non-zero prime ideal is maximal. Take the quotient of the top prime and use going up. □

Definition 11.1. Let R be a commutative ring, and $f \in R$. Then, $V(f) := \{\mathfrak{m} \in Max(R), f \in \mathfrak{m}\}$. This is called the set of zeros of f in R. More general, given $I \in Id(R)$, we denote $V(I)\{\mathfrak{m} \in Max(R), I \subset \mathfrak{m}\}$

Example 11.1. Let $R = k[x_1, ..., x_n]$. Then, every maximal ideal of R is of the form $(x_1 - a_1, ..., x_n - a_n)$ for $a_i \in k$.

Theorem 11.3. (Hilbert Nullstellensatz) Let $R = k[x_1, ., x_n]$ be a k-algebra of finite type.

1. If R is a field, then R is a finite extension of k. In particular, $p \in Spec(R)$ is maximal iff R/p is algebraic over k.
2. Given $\mathfrak{a} \in Id(R)$, then $N(\mathfrak{a}) = J(\mathfrak{a})$
3. Let $g, f_1, ..., f_m \in R$ be given. Then, the zeros of $f_1, ..., f_m$ are contained in the zeroes of g iff there exists $N > 0$, $\lambda_i \in R$ such that $g^N = f_1\lambda_1 + ... + f_m\lambda_m$.

Proof. To 1: By contradiction, suppose $R|k$ is not algebraic. Then, by Noether Normalization, there exists $T = (t1, ..., t_d)$ such that $R|R_0 := k[t_1, ..., t_d]$ a finite extension. which leads to a contradiction.

To 2, Let $f \in J(\mathfrak{a})$, and suppose by contradiction that $f \notin N(\mathfrak{a})$. Then, $\Sigma = \{1, f^1, f^2, ...\}$ is a multiplicative system, and $R_\Sigma = R[\frac{1}{f}]$ is an R-algebra of finite type. let $\mathfrak{m}_\Sigma$ be a maxmimal ideal. Let $\mathfrak{m} = (\mathfrak{m}_\Sigma)^c$ is maximal in R. Then, $f \notin \mathfrak{m}$.

To 2: setg $\mathfrak{a} = (f_1, .., f_m)$. Then, $V(\mathfrak{a}) \subset V(g)$. Show $g \in N(\mathfrak{a})$.

$\square$