

MATH 601 (DUE 10/9)

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1. RINGS OF FRACTIONS

Exercise. (Problem 3) Let $T \subset R$ be the subset consisting of all non zero divisors.

- Show that T is a multiplicative set.
- Let $s \in T$ and let $S = \{1, s, s^2, s^3, \dots\} \subset T$. Show that the following rings are isomorphic: $S^{-1}R$, the subring $R[1/s] \subset T^{-1}R$, and the quotient ring $R[x]/(sx - 1)$.

Proof.

- – Let $a, b \in T$. Let $c \in R$ be given. If $(ab)c = 0$, then $a(bc) = 0$. Since a is a non zero divisor, $bc = 0$. Since b is a non zero divisor, $c = 0$. Since R is a commutative ring throughout this handout, there is no need to check the case that $c(ab) = 0$. Thus ab is a non zero divisor, so T is closed under multiplication.
– $1 \in T$ since $\forall c \in R, c \cdot 1 = 0 \implies c = 0$.

Therefore, T is indeed a multiplicative set.

I have some idea, but I don't know how to solve this. There are a few mapping properties that we've covered:

- – The universal mapping property of the quotient. (Proposition 6 on Commutative Rings) Given $\pi : R \rightarrow R/I$ and $f : R \rightarrow S$ with some nice properties, there exists $\bar{f} : R/I \rightarrow S$ such that $\bar{f} \circ \pi = f$.
– The mapping property of polynomials. (Proposition 1 on Commutative Rings) Given $\phi_0 : R \rightarrow S$ and $s \in S$, there exists $\phi : R[x] \rightarrow S$.
– The universal property of rings of fractions. (Proposition (iv) of the Ring of Fractions.) Given $i : R \rightarrow S^{-1}R$ and $h : R \rightarrow T$ with some nice properties, there exists $\lambda : S^{-1}R \rightarrow T$ such that $h = \lambda \circ i$.

Let π be the canonical map from $R[x]$ into $R[x]/(sx - 1)$. Let $f : R[x] \rightarrow S^{-1}R$ be the homomorphism associated to the inclusion map $R \rightarrow S^{-1}R$ and the element $1/s \in S^{-1}R$. By the mapping property of polynomials, the existence of f is guaranteed.

By the universal property of the quotient, universal mapping property of the ring of fractions, there exist homomorphisms $\bar{f}, \bar{\pi}$, respectively, such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R[x] & \xrightarrow{\pi} & R[x]/(sx-1) \\
 & \searrow f & \uparrow \bar{\pi} \downarrow \bar{f} \\
 & & S^{-1}R
 \end{array}$$

Since π and f are both surjective, \bar{f} and $\bar{\pi}$ must be surjective in order for the diagram to commute. Then $\bar{f} \circ \bar{\pi} \circ f = \bar{f} \circ \pi = f$. Since f is surjective, this implies that $\bar{f} \circ \bar{\pi} = \text{Id}_{S^{-1}R}$. Similarly, $\bar{\pi} \circ \bar{f} = \text{Id}_{R[x]/(sx-1)}$. Therefore, $\bar{\pi}$ and \bar{f} are the inverse homomorphism of each other, so they are isomorphisms.

What about $R[1/s]$?

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2. MODULES

Exercise. (Problem 1) For each of the \mathbb{Z} -modules listed in the handout, answer the questions in the handout.

Proof.

- (a) $M = \mathbb{Z}^3 \times \mathbb{Z}/86\mathbb{Z}$.

Solve this problem!

- (b) $M = \prod_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$.

Solve this problem!

- (c) $M = \mathbb{Z}[1/p] \subset \mathbb{Q}$.

Solve this problem!

- (d) $M = \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$.

Solve this problem!

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3. THE QUADRATIC EQUATION

Exercise. (Problem 20)

Exercise. (Problem 21)

Exercise. (Problem 22)

4. FACTORIZATION IN INTEGRAL DOMAINS

Exercise. (Problem 5)

- Let k be a field and let $a \in k$. Construct a k -algebra isomorphism, $k[x, y]/(x - a) \rightarrow k[y]$. Justify your answer.
- Let $f(x, y) \in k[x, y]$. What is the image of $f(x, y)$ under the above isomorphism?

Proof.

- Let ϕ be defined such that $\phi(f(x, y) + (x - a)) = f(a, y)$.
 – Well-defined? Let $f(x, y) + (x - a) = g(x, y) + (x - a)$. Then $g(x, y) = f(x, y) + h(x, y)(x - a)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(g(x, y) + (x - a)) &= \phi((f(x, y) + h(x, y)(x - a)) + (x - a)) \\ &= f(a, y) + h(a, y)(a - a) \\ &= f(a, y) \\ &= \phi(f(x, y)).\end{aligned}$$

- k -algebra homomorphism? Let $c \in k, f, g \in k[x, y]$ be given.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(cf + (x - a)) &= \phi(cf + (x - a)) \\ &= cf(a, y) \\ &= c\phi(f + (x - a)).\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi((f + g) + (x - a)) &= (f + g)(a, y) \\ &= f(a, y) + g(a, y) \\ &= \phi(f + (x - a)) + \phi(g + (x - a)).\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi((fg) + (x - a)) &= (fg)(a, y) \\ &= f(a, y)g(a, y) \\ &= \phi(f + (x - a))\phi(g + (x - a)).\end{aligned}$$

- $\phi(f(x, y) + (x - a)) = f(a, y)$.

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Exercise. (Problem 6)

- Give an example of a field k , an element $a \in k$ and a reducible polynomial $f(x, y) \in k[x, y]$ of degree n in y such that $f(a, y) \in k[y]$ is irreducible and has degree n .
- Suppose given a polynomial $f \in k[x, y]$ which when viewed as an element of $k(x)[y]$ has degree n (in y) and content 1. Suppose there is some $a \in k$ such that $f(a, y) \in k[y]$ is irreducible and has degree n . Show that $f(x, y) \in k[x, y]$ is irreducible.
- Give an example of a field k , an element, $a \in k$, and a reducible polynomial $f(x, y) \in k[x, y]$, which when viewed as an element of $k(x)[y]$ has degree n and content 1 such that $f(a, y) \in k[y]$ is irreducible.

Proof.

- Let $k = \mathbb{Q}, a = 1, f(x, y) = xy$. Then the degree of $f(x, y)$ in y is 1. $f(x, y) = xy \in k[x, y]$ is reducible since x and y are not units in $k[x, y]$. However, $f(a, y) = 1y = y$ is irreducible in $k[y]$.
- Choose $f_1, \dots, f_n \in k[x]$ such that $f(x, y) = f_n(x)y^n + \dots + f_1(x)y^1 + f_0(x)$. Then $f(a, y) = f_n(a)y^n + \dots + f_1(a)y^1 + f_0(a)$. Let $h_1(x, y), h_2(x, y) \in k[x]$ be given such that $f(x, y) = h_1(x, y)h_2(x, y)$. Then $f(a, y) = h_1(a, y)h_2(a, y)$. Then $h_1(a, y)$ or $h_2(a, y)$ is a unit in $k[y]$ since $f(a, y)$ is irreducible in $k[y]$. Without loss of generality, we will assume $h_1(a, y)$ is a unit in $k[y]$.

It is given that $\deg_y(f(a, y))$, the degree of $f(a, y)$ in y , is n . Thus $\deg_y(h_1(a, y)) + \deg_y(h_2(a, y)) = n$. Since $\deg_y(h_1(a, y)) = 0$, $\deg_y(h_2(a, y)) = n$. Therefore, $\deg_y(h_2(x, y)) \geq n$.

On the other hand, $\deg_y(f(x, y)) = \deg_y(h_1(x, y)) + \deg_y(h_2(x, y))$, so $\deg_y(h_2(x, y)) \leq n$. Thus $\deg_y(h_2(x, y)) = n$. Let $g_1(x), \dots, g_n(x) \in k[x]$ such that $h_2(x, y) = g_n(x)y^n + \dots + g_1(x)y^1 + g_0(x)$. Then $f(x, y) = h_1(x, y)h_2(x, y) = (h_1(x, y)g_n(x))y^n + \dots + (h_1(x, y)g_1(x))y^1 + h_1(x, y)g_0(x)$.

Since $\deg_y(h_2(x, y)) = n$, $\deg_y(h_1(x, y)) = 0$. Thus, $h_1(x, y) \in k[x]$, so $h_1(x, y)g_i(x) \in k[x]$ for each i . Therefore, $h_1(x, y)g_i(x) = f_i(x)$ for each i .

Let $p \in k[x]$ be an irreducible. If $p \mid h_1(x, y)$, then $p \mid f_i(x) = h_1(x, y)g_i(x)$ for each i , so $\text{ord}_p(f_i) \geq 1$ for each i . Therefore, $\text{ord}_p(f(x, y)) \geq 1$, and thus $p \mid \text{cont}(f(x, y))$. However, since $\text{cont}(f(x, y)) = 1$, $p \nmid h_1(x, y)$. Thus $h_1(x, y)$ is a unit in $k[x]$ since it cannot be divided by any irreducibles. Since $h_1(x, y)$ is a unit in $k[x]$ and $k[y]$, it must consist only of a constant term, which is a unit in k . Hence, $h_1(x, y)$ is a unit in $k[x, y]$.

We have shown that for any $h_1(x, y), h_2(x, y) \in k[x, y]$, $h_1h_2 = f$ implies one of h_1 or h_2 is a unit. Therefore, $f(x, y)$ is an irreducible in $k[x, y]$.

- Let $k = \mathbb{Q}, a = 1, f(x, y) = (x - 1)y^2 + y$. Then $f(x, y)$, which when viewed as an element of $k(x)[y]$ has degree 1.

- The coefficient of y is 1, and $\text{ord}_p(1) = 0$ for any p because $1 \in k[x]^*$.
- The coefficient of y^2 , when $f(x, y)$ is viewed as an element of $k(x)[y]$ is $x - 1$.

Thus for any irreducible element $p \in k[x]$, $\text{ord}_p(x - 1) \geq 0$.

Therefore, $\text{ord}_p(f(x, y)) = 0$ for any irreducible element $p \in k[x]$. Thus $\text{cont}(f(x, y)) = 1$.

$f(a, y) = y \in k[y]$. This is irreducible because if $f_1f_2 = y$ for some $f_1, f_2 \in k[y]$, then $\deg(f_1) + \deg(f_2) = 1$ implies that one of f_1 or f_2 is a unit in k .

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