

Definition 0.1 — Saturation.

Let A be a ring and S be a multiplicative closed subset. The complement in A of the union of prime ideals that do not meet S is denoted by \overline{S} and is called the saturation of S . It is the smallest and unique multiplicatively closed subset that contains S .

Exercise 0.2 (3.8). • ii) \Rightarrow iii): For each $t \in T$, $t/1$ is a unit in $S^{-1}A$. We show that for each $t \in T$ there exists $x \in A$ such that $xt \in S$.

1. Let $t \in T$, then $t/1$ is a unit in $S^{-1}A$, so there exists a $a/s \in S^{-1}A$ such that $t/1 \cdot a/s = 1$.
2. We have

$$1 = \frac{t}{1} \cdot \frac{a}{s} = \frac{ta}{s} \quad (1)$$

$$\Longleftrightarrow 1 \cdot s = \frac{ta}{s} s \quad (2)$$

$$\Longleftrightarrow s = ta. \quad (3)$$

3. If we set $x := a$, then there exists a $x \in A$ such that $xt \in S$.

• iii) \Rightarrow iv): For each $t \in T$ there exists $x \in A$ such that $xt \in S$. We show that T is contained in the saturation of S .

1. Let $t \in T$, $x \in A$ such that $xt \in S$, and \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal that contains t .
2. Then $xt \in \mathfrak{p}$, so $\mathfrak{p} \cap S \neq \emptyset$, or in other words, prime ideals that contain t do not meet S .
3. Hence, t is also not contained in the union of prime ideals that do not meet S .
4. But it is contained in the complement of the union of prime ideals that do not meet S .
5. So t is in the saturation of S .

• iv) \Rightarrow v): Let T be contained in the saturation of S . We show that every prime ideal that meets T also meets S .

1. Let \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal such that $\mathfrak{p} \cap T \neq \emptyset$.
2. Then there is a $x \in \mathfrak{p}$ with $x \in T$.
3. x is also in \overline{S} because T is contained in the saturation of S .
4. This means that x is not in the union of prime ideals that do not meet S .
5. So if $x \in \mathfrak{p}$, then \mathfrak{p} must meet S .

• v) \Rightarrow i): Every prime ideal that meets T also meets S . We show