

# Personal Notes for Commutative Algebra

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### Abstract

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## About the Course:

The course website is <https://metaphor.ethz.ch/x/2017/hs/401-3132-00L/>.

The topic includes

- Basics about rings, ideals and modules
- Localization
- Primary decomposition
- Integral dependence and valuations
- Noetherian rings
- Completions
- Basic dimension theory

Prerequisite:

Rings, homomorphism, ideals, quotient rings, zero divisors, prime/maximal ideals, fields.

Convention: Ring, we mean a commutative ring with identity.  $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{R})$  is the prime spectrum of a ring  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\text{Spm}(\mathcal{R})$  is the maximal spectrum.

In particular for a ring homomorphism  $f : R \rightarrow S$ . We have  $f(1_R) = 1_S$ .

Remark: we allow  $1=0$  but then  $R=0$ . Caution, by definition  $1 \neq 0$  in a field .

## 1 Rings, ideals, radicals

### 1.1 Lecture 1. Motivation and Basics by Paul Steinmann

In differential geometry, we have the theorem of level sets:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a regular value of  $f$  then  $f^{-1}(0)$  is a submanifold.*

In algebraic geometry, we look at  $f^{-1}(0)$  for polynomial  $f$ . More precisely, fix an algebraic-closed field  $\mathbb{K}$  and an integer  $n > 0$ , consider the ring  $R := \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Def: For a subset  $S \subset R$  we define the **affine algebraic variety** by

$$V(S) := \{x \in \mathbb{K}^n \mid \forall f \in S, f(x) = 0\} \subset \mathbb{K}^n \quad (1)$$

**Remark 1.2.** With the affine algebraic varieties defined above, we have:

- $V(\emptyset) = \mathbb{K}^n$
- $V(\{1\}) = \emptyset$
- For an non empty collection of subsets  $(S_i)_{i \in I}$   $S_i \subset R$  we have

$$\cap_{i \in I} V(S_i) = V(\cup_{i \in I} S_i)$$

- $S$  and  $S'$  are subsets in  $R$

$$V(S) \cup V(S') = V(\{fg | f \in S, g \in S'\})$$

as a consequence,  $(V(S))_{S \subset R}$  form the closed sets of a topology on  $\mathbb{K}^n$  called **Zariski topology**.

**Example 1.3.**  $n=2$ ,  $R = \mathbb{K}[X_1, X_2]$

$V(\{X_1\})$  is the  $X_2$  axis in  $\mathbb{K}^2$

$V(\{X_2 - X_1^2\})$  is the parabola in  $\mathbb{K}^2$

**Definition 1.4.** Conversely for all subset  $X \subset \mathbb{K}^n$ , consider

$$I(X) := \{f \in R | \forall x \in X : f(x) = 0\} \subset R.$$

**Remark 1.5.** Fact: For  $S$  in  $R$  and  $X$  subset in  $\mathbb{K}^n$ , we have,

- $S \subset I(V(S))$
- $X \subset V(I(X))$
- For  $S \subset S' \subset R$ , we have  $V(S) \supset V(S')$
- For  $X \subset X' \subset \mathbb{K}^n$ , we have  $I(X) \supset I(X')$
- $I(X) \subset R$  is an ideal.

**Definition 1.6.** The **radical of an ideal**  $\mathfrak{a} \subset R$  is  $\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a}) := \{a \in R | \exists n \geq 1 \text{ s.t. } a^n \in \mathfrak{a}\} \subset R$ . An ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subset R$  with  $\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a}) = \mathfrak{a}$  is called **radical**.

**Remark 1.7.** Fact, for every ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subset R$  we have  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \text{rad}(\mathfrak{a})$ .

$\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a})$  is an ideal, proof in exercise.

For  $X \subset \mathbb{K}^n$  the ideal  $I(X)$  is radical.

**Theorem 1.8.** (*The Hilbert's Nullstellensatz*) For any ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subset R$  we have

$$I(V(\mathfrak{a})) = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{a}).$$

An important consequence of the theorem:

the maps  $V$  and  $I$  induce the one to one correspondence between

$$\{\text{radical ideals in the polynomial ring}\} \iff \{\text{affine algebraic varieties}\}$$

and this correspondence inverse the inclusion.

**Example 1.9.** For any point  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{K}^n$  the ideal

$$I(x) = \mathfrak{m}_x := (X_1 - x_1, \dots, X_n - x_n)$$

is maximal.

*Proof.* If not, then there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subset R$  s.t.

$$R \supsetneq \mathfrak{a} \supsetneq \mathfrak{m}_x,$$

but then by the Nullstellensatz,

$$\emptyset \subsetneq V(\mathfrak{a}) \subsetneq V(\mathfrak{m}_x) = \{x\},$$

which makes the contradiction.  $\square$

Weak Nullstellensatz the ideals  $\mathfrak{m}_x$  are precisely the maximal ideals of  $\mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , where  $\mathbb{K}$  needs to be algebraically closed

**Example 1.10.**  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, n = 1$ .  $X^2 + 1$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ . And  $\mathbb{R}[X]/(X^2 + 1) \cong \mathbb{C}$  is maximal. Consequence, we have a bijection

$$\{\text{max ideals of } R \text{ polynomial ring } \mathbb{K}[X_1, \dots, X_n]\} \iff \{\text{Points in } \mathbb{K}^n\}$$

Let  $A$  be a ring. Remember

An element  $a \in A$  is **nilpotent** if there  $\exists n > 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $a^n = 0$ .

An element  $a \in A$  is a **zero divisor** if there is an element  $b \in A, b \neq 0$  s.t.  $ab = 0$ .

Fact: every nilpotent element is a zero divisor but not conversely.

**Example 1.11.** take  $(0, 1) \in A \times A$  then  $(0, 1) \cdot (1, 0) = (0, 0)$

**Definition 1.12.** The ideal  $N : \text{rad}((0))$  is called the **nil radical** of  $A$ .

Then we have:

1.  $\mathcal{N}$  is the set of all nilpotent elements of  $A$
2.  $A/\mathcal{N}$  has no nilpotent elements.

*Proof.* 1. From definitions. 2. Let  $x \in A$  s.t.  $\bar{x} \in A/\mathcal{N}$  is nilpotent. Let  $n > 0$  s.t.  $\bar{x}^n = 0$  then  $x^n \in \mathcal{N}$ . Thus there exists  $k > 0$  s.t.  $(x^n)^k = 0$  hence  $x^{nk} = 0$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{N}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 1.13.** *The nil radical of  $A$  is the intersection of all prime ideals of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Denote by  $\mathcal{N}'$  the intersection of all prime ideals of  $A$ . For any nilpotent element  $f \in A$  with  $n > 0$  s.t.  $f^n = 0$ , We have  $f^n \in \mathfrak{p}$  for every prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Hence  $f \in \mathfrak{p}$ . We conclude  $f \in \mathcal{N}'$ . Conversely, suppose  $f \in A$  is not nilpotent. Define  $\Sigma := \{\mathfrak{a} \subset A \text{ ideal} \mid \forall n > 0 : f^n \notin \mathfrak{a}\}$ . We will apply Zorn's lemma. We have

1.  $(0) \in \Sigma$ , so  $\Sigma$  is nonempty,
2.  $\Sigma$  is partially ordered by inclusion.
3. For any chain  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \subset \Sigma$ , the set  $\mathfrak{a} := \cup_{i \in I} a_i$  is an ideal and for all  $n > 0$ , we have  $f^n \notin \mathfrak{a}$ , hence  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Sigma$ . By Zorn's lemma we conclude that there is a maximal element  $\mathfrak{p} \in \Sigma$ . We show that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a prime ideal.

For any  $x, y \notin \mathfrak{p}$ , consider the ideals  $\mathfrak{p} + (x), \mathfrak{p} + (y)$ . They strictly contain  $\mathfrak{p}$  and are thus not in  $\Sigma$ . Let  $n, m > 0$  s.t.  $f^n \in (x), f^m \in \mathfrak{p} + (y)$ . We conclude that  $f^{n+m} \in \mathfrak{p} + (xy)$ , so  $\mathfrak{p} + (xy) \notin \Sigma$ . Hence  $xy \notin \mathfrak{p}$ , which means,  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a prime ideal so  $f \notin \mathcal{N}'$ .  $\square$

Remember let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a ring morphism. And  $\mathfrak{p} \subset B$  a prime ideal. Then  $f^{-1}(\mathfrak{p})$  is a prime ideal of  $A$ . Caution: Not true for maximal ideals in general.

**Proposition 1.14.** *Let  $\mathfrak{a} \subset A$  be an ideal,  $\pi : A \rightarrow A/\mathfrak{a}$ . There is a one to one correspondence between ideals of  $A/\mathfrak{a}$  and ideals in  $A$  which contain  $\mathfrak{a}$  via  $\mathfrak{c} = \pi^{-1}(\mathfrak{b})$*

**Corollary 1.15.** *Let  $\mathfrak{a} \subset A$  be an ideal, then  $\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a})$  is the intersection of all prime ideals which contain  $\mathfrak{a}$ .*

*Proof.* consider the homomorphism  $\pi : A \rightarrow A/\mathfrak{a}$ . Then  $\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a}) = \pi^{-1}(\mathcal{N}_{A/\mathfrak{a}})$ . By the above proposition  $\mathcal{N}_{A/\mathfrak{a}}$  is the intersection of all prime ideals of  $A/\mathfrak{a}$ . By the correspondence we conclude the statement.  $\square$

**Definition 1.16.** The **Jacobson Radical**  $\mathcal{R}$  of  $A$  is the intersection of all maximal ideals in  $A$ .

**Proposition 1.17.** We have  $x \in \mathcal{R} \iff \forall y \in A : 1 - xy$  is a unit.

*Proof.* “ $\implies$ ” let  $x \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $y \in A$  s.t.  $1 - xy$  is not a unit. Then  $1 - xy \in \mathfrak{m}$  for some maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$ . But  $x \in \mathcal{R} \subset \mathfrak{m}$ , hence  $1 \in \mathfrak{m}$  contradiction.

“ $\impliedby$ ” let  $x \notin \mathcal{R}$  then  $x \notin \mathfrak{m}$  for some maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$ . Since  $\mathfrak{m}$  is maximal we conclude that  $(x) + \mathfrak{m} = A$ . Hence there exists  $y \in A$ ,  $u \in \mathfrak{m}$  s.t.  $xy + u = 1$ . We conclude that  $1 - xy \in \mathfrak{m}$ , so in particular,  $1 - xy$  is not a unit.  $\square$

## 1.2 Lecture 2. local rings, coprime ideals, ideal quotients by Paul Steinmann

**Definition 1.18.** A ring  $A$  is called a **local ring** if  $A$  admits precisely one maximal ideal;

**Example 1.19.**

- Every field is a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} = 0$ , because every nonzero element is a unit.
- $\mathbb{K}[[X]]$  is the ring of formal power series over a field  $\mathbb{K}$ , it has a unique maximal ideal  $(X)$ . One can check that every element with nonzero constant term is invertible. i.e.  $(a_0(1 - g))^{-1} = a_0^{-1}(1 + g + g^2 + \dots)$

**Proposition 1.20.**

- Let  $A$  be a ring and  $\mathfrak{m} \neq (1)$  is an ideal of  $A$  s.t. every  $x \in A - \mathfrak{m}$  is a unit of  $A$ , then  $A$  is a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ .
- Let  $A$  be ring and  $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$  is a maximal ideal s.t. any element of  $1 + \mathfrak{m} = \{1 + a | a \in \mathfrak{m}\}$  is a unit in  $A$ . Then  $A$  is a local ring.

*Proof.* For first part, every proper ideal consists of non-units, hence is contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$ . In other words, an element is a unit iff it is not contained in any maximal ideal. For the second part, let  $x \in A - \mathfrak{m}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{m}$  is maximal, we have  $(x) + \mathfrak{m} = (1)$ , hence,  $\exists y \in A, t \in \mathfrak{m}$ , s.t.  $xy + t = 1$ , which implies  $xy = 1 - t \in 1 + \mathfrak{m}$ . Thus  $xy$  is a unit which implies that  $x$  is a unit. Now use the first part.  $\square$

**Definition 1.21.** A ring  $A$  is called **semilocal** if  $A$  admits finitely many maximal ideals.

**Example 1.22.**

- $\mathbb{Z}$  is not semilocal.
- Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\mathbb{Z}/(m\mathbb{Z})$  is a semilocal ring with maximal ideals  $d\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  for prime number  $d|m$ .
- In particular, for  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  prime,  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  is local ring.

Reminder: Let  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset A$  be ideals their sum is

$$\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{b} := \{a + b | a \in \mathfrak{a}, b \in \mathfrak{b}\},$$

Which is the smallest ideal containing  $\mathfrak{a} \cup \mathfrak{b}$ . Also infinite sums  $(\mathfrak{a}_i)_{i \in I} \subset A$  ideals,

$$\sum_{i \in I} \mathfrak{a}_i := \left\{ \sum_{i \in I} x_i | x_i \in \mathfrak{a}_i, x_i = 0 \text{ for almost all } i \right\}$$

And we also have

$$\mathfrak{a} \cdot \mathfrak{b} \text{ or } \mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} = \left\{ \sum_{i \in I} x_i y_i | x_i \in \mathfrak{a}, y_i \in \mathfrak{b}, \text{ all but finitely many terms are } 0 \right\}.$$

**Definition 1.23.** Two ideals  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset A$  are called **coprime**<sup>1</sup> if  $\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{b} = (1)$

**Remark 1.24.** If  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset A$  are coprime ideals then  $\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{a} \cdot \mathfrak{b}$ .

For general ideals  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset A$  :

$$(\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{b}) \cdot (\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{b}) \subset \mathfrak{a} \cdot \mathfrak{b} \subset \mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{b}.$$

However, for coprime ideals, we also have  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \supset \mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{b}$ , because  $1 = a + b$  for  $a \in \mathfrak{a}, b \in \mathfrak{b}$ , then  $\forall x \in \mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{b}$  we have  $x = x \cdot 1 = x(a + b) = xa + xb \in \mathfrak{a} \cdot \mathfrak{b}$ .

**Proposition 1.25.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{a}_n \subset A$  be ideals, denote  $\varphi : A \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} (A/\mathfrak{a}_i)$  for the canonical homomorphism.

- (i) if  $\mathfrak{a}_i, \mathfrak{a}_j$  are coprime for  $i \neq j$ , then  $\prod_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i = \cap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i$ .
- (ii)  $\varphi$  is surjective iff  $\mathfrak{a}_i, \mathfrak{a}_j$  are coprime for  $i \neq j$ .
- (iii)  $\varphi$  is injective iff  $\cap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i = (0)$ .

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<sup>1</sup>In some literature, it is called **comaximal**



*Proof.* (iii) Note that  $\ker \varphi = \cap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i$ .

(i) by induction on  $n$ . For  $n = 2$  it is checked above. Suppose  $n > 2$  let  $\mathfrak{b} := \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathfrak{a}_i = \cap_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathfrak{a}_i$ . Since  $\mathfrak{a}_i + \mathfrak{a}_n = (1)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . We have  $x_i + y_i = 1$  for some  $x_i \in \mathfrak{a}_i, y_i \in \mathfrak{a}_n$ . Thus  $\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (1 - y_i) \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{a}_n}$ . We conclude that  $\mathfrak{a}_n + \mathfrak{b} = (1)$ , s.t.

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i = \mathfrak{b} \mathfrak{a}_n = \mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{a}_n = \cap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i$$

(ii) “ $\implies$ ”, Suppose  $\varphi$  is surjective. Let  $i \neq j$ , There exists an element  $x \in A$  s.t.  $\varphi(x) = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , nonzero only at the  $i$ -th entry. Thus  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{a}_i}$  and  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{a}_j}$ . So  $1 = (1 - x) + x \in \mathfrak{a}_i + \mathfrak{a}_j$ .

“ $\impliedby$ ” We show that for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  there exists an element  $x \in A$  s.t.  $\varphi(x) = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , nonzero at the  $k$ -th entry. Let  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . For every  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{k\}$ . We have  $\mathfrak{a}_k + \mathfrak{a}_j = (1)$ , and thus there are elements  $u_j \in \mathfrak{a}_k, v_j \in \mathfrak{a}_j$  s.t.  $u_j + v_j = 1$ . Define  $x := \prod_{i \neq k} v_i$ . Then  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{a}_j}, \forall j \neq k$  and  $x = \prod_{i \neq k} (1 - u_i) \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{a}_k}$ . Hence,  $\varphi(x) = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$  nonzero in the  $k$ -th entry.

As a result, if each pair  $\mathfrak{a}_i, \mathfrak{a}_j$  is coprime, we have

$$A / \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i \right) \cong \prod_{i=1}^n (A / \mathfrak{a}_i).$$

□

**Proposition 1.26.** *Let  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset A$  be ideals s.t.  $\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a}), \text{rad}(\mathfrak{b})$  are coprime. Then  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$  are coprime.*

*Proof.* In fact, we have

$$\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{b}) = \text{rad}(\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a}) + \text{rad}(\mathfrak{b})) = \text{rad}((1)) = (1)$$

Details in the exercise sheet.

□

**Proposition 1.27.**

(i) Let  $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n \subset A$  prime ideals and let  $\mathfrak{a} \subset A$  be an ideal which is contained in  $\cup_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{p}_i$  then  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{p}_j$  for some  $j$ .

(ii) Let  $\mathfrak{a}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{a}_n \subset A$  be ideals and  $\mathfrak{p} \subset A$  a prime ideal s.t.  $\mathfrak{p} \supset \cap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i$ . Then  $\mathfrak{p} \supset \mathfrak{a}_i$  for some  $i$ . If  $\mathfrak{p} = \cap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i$ , then  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{a}_i$  for some  $i$ .

*Proof.* Induction on  $n$ . For  $n = 1$ , easily checked. For  $n > 1$ . Assume that  $\mathfrak{a} \not\subset \mathfrak{p}_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . We show  $\mathfrak{a} \not\subset \cup_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{p}_i$ . By induction hypothesis we know that  $\forall k, \mathfrak{a} \not\subset \cup_{i \neq k}^n \mathfrak{p}_i$ , so there exists  $x_k \in \mathfrak{a}$  s.t.  $x_k \notin \mathfrak{p}_i, \forall i \neq k$ . We choose an  $x_k$  for each  $\mathfrak{p}_k$  in the above manner. If  $x_k \notin \mathfrak{p}_k$  for some  $k$ , then we are done. If not, then  $x_k \in \mathfrak{p}_k$  for all  $k$ . Consider  $y := \sum_{k=1}^n \prod_{j \neq k} x_j$ . We have  $y \in \mathfrak{a}$  and  $y \equiv \prod_{j \neq k} x_j \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_k}, \forall k$ . Since  $x_j \notin \mathfrak{p}_k$  for  $j \neq k$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_k$  is a prime ideal, we conclude that  $y \notin \mathfrak{p}_k$  for all  $k$  hence  $\mathfrak{a} \not\subset \cup_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{p}_i$ .  
(ii) Suppose for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  we have  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset \mathfrak{a}_i$ . Then there are  $x_i \in \mathfrak{a}_i$  with  $x_i \notin \mathfrak{p}$  for all  $i$ . And thus  $\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \in \prod_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i \subset \cap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i$ . Since  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a prime ideal  $\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \notin \mathfrak{p}$ , hence  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset \cap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i$ . If  $\mathfrak{p} = \cap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{a}_i \subset \mathfrak{a}_k$  for all  $k$ , which produce the last part.  $\square$

**Definition 1.28.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset A$  be two ideals. Their **ideal quotient** is

$$(\mathfrak{a} : \mathfrak{b}) := \{x \in A \mid x\mathfrak{b} \subset \mathfrak{a}\}.$$

The **annihilator** of an ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subset A$  is

$$\text{Ann}(\mathfrak{a}) := \{(0) : \mathfrak{a}\}.$$

Notation: For  $x \in A$  we write  $(a : x) := (a : (x))$ .

Fact: (i) The ideal quotient of two ideals is again an ideal.

(ii) The set of zero divisors of  $A$  is

$$D = \cup_{x \neq 0} \text{Ann}(x) = \cup_{x \neq 0} (\text{Ann}(x))$$

*Proof.* (i) (ii) The first equality is just by definition. The the second equality.

$$D = \text{rad}(D) = \text{rad}(\cup_{x \neq 0} \text{Ann}(x)) = \cup_{x \neq 0} \text{rad}(\text{Ann}(x)),$$

where we extend  $\text{rad}$  to arbitrary subsets.  $\square$

Properties: Let  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset A$  be ideals

(i)  $\mathfrak{a} \subset (\mathfrak{a} : \mathfrak{b})$

(ii)  $(\mathfrak{a} : \mathfrak{b})\mathfrak{b} \subset \mathfrak{a}$

(iii)  $((\mathfrak{a} : \mathfrak{b}) : \mathfrak{c}) = (\mathfrak{a} : \mathfrak{b} \cdot \mathfrak{c}) = ((\mathfrak{a} : \mathfrak{c}) : \mathfrak{b})$

(iv) for ideals  $(\mathfrak{a}_i)_{i \in I} \subset A$ ,  $(\cap_{i \in I} \mathfrak{a}_i : \mathfrak{b}) = \cap_{i \in I} (\mathfrak{a}_i : \mathfrak{b})$

(v) for ideals  $(\mathfrak{b}_i)_{i \in I} \subset A$ ,  $(\mathfrak{a} : \sum_{i \in I} \mathfrak{b}_i) = \cap_{i \in I} (\mathfrak{a} : \mathfrak{b}_i)$ .

**Definition 1.29.** Let  $\mathfrak{a} \subset A$  be an ideal  $f : A \rightarrow B$  a ring homomorphism. We define the **extension** of  $\mathfrak{a}$  by  $f$  to be the ideal

$$\mathfrak{a}^e := f_*(\mathfrak{a}) := Bf(\mathfrak{a})$$

, Which is just the ideal in  $B$  generated by  $f(a)$   
For an ideal  $\mathfrak{b} \subset B$ . We define the **contraction** of  $\mathfrak{b}$  via  $f$  to be the ideal

$$\mathfrak{b}^c := f^*(\mathfrak{b}) := f^{-1}(\mathfrak{b})$$

By definition, the extension and contraction always preserves inclusion  $\subset$ , but it does not necessarily preserve the proper inclusion  $\subsetneq$

**Proposition 1.30.** Properties: Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a ring homomorphism ,  $\mathfrak{a} \subset A$   $\mathfrak{b} \subset B$  ideals. Then :

- (i)  $\mathfrak{a} \subset f^*f_*(\mathfrak{a}) = \mathfrak{a}^{ec}$ ,  $\mathfrak{b} \supset f_*f^*(\mathfrak{b}) = \mathfrak{b}^{ce}$ .
- (ii)  $f^*(\mathfrak{b}) = f^*f_*f^*(\mathfrak{b})$ ,  $f_*(\mathfrak{a}) = f_*f^*f_*(\mathfrak{a})$ .
- (iii) Denote by  $C$  the set of contracted ideals in  $A$  and by  $E$  the set of extended ideals in  $B$ , then

$$C = \{\mathfrak{a} \subset A \mid f^*f_*(\mathfrak{a}) = \mathfrak{a}\},$$

$$E = \{\mathfrak{b} \subset B \mid f_*f^*(\mathfrak{b}) = \mathfrak{b}\}.$$

And  $f_* : C \rightarrow E$  is a bijection with inverse  $f^*$ .

*Proof.* For (i),  $\mathfrak{a} \subset f^{-1}f(\mathfrak{a}) \subset f^{-1}f_*(\mathfrak{a}) = f^*f_*(\mathfrak{a})$ . For (ii)  $\mathfrak{b} \supset f(f^{-1}(\mathfrak{b}))$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  is an ideal so  $\mathfrak{b} \supset f_*f^*(\mathfrak{b})$ . Part (iii) is left as an exercise.  $\square$

## 2 Modules

### 2.1 Lecture 3. Modules, Exact sequences by Professor Kowalski

Outline of this chapter

- Definition examples and Nakayama's Lemma
- exact sequences , snake lemma
- tensor products

- Algebra over a ring

Roughly speaking, module is “vector spaces for rings”. It is closely related to fibre bundles in geometry. For the convention, we still fix commutative ring  $\mathcal{A}$  with unit.

**Definition 2.1.** A **module**  $M$  over  $\mathcal{A}$  is an Abelian group with a linear action of  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $M$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A} \times M &\rightarrow M \\ (a, x) &\mapsto ax\end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}a(x + y) &= ax + ay \\ (a + b)x &= ax + bx \\ a(bx) &= abx \\ 1x &= x\end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.2.** 1.  $\{0\}$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module

2. if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a field  $\mathcal{A}$ -module is just  $\mathcal{A}$ -vector space.

3.  $I \subset \mathcal{A}$  ideal; then  $I$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module (a submodule of  $\mathcal{A}$ )

4.  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}$ , an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module is an abelian group.

**Definition 2.3.**  $M$  and  $N$  are  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is  **$\mathcal{A}$ -linear** if  $f(ax + by) = af(x) + bf(y)$ . The set of such  $\rho : M \rightarrow N$  is denoted  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N)$ . It is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module with

$$\begin{aligned}(f + g)(x) &= f(x) + g(x), \\ (af)(x) &= af(x).\end{aligned}$$

If  $Q \xrightarrow{h} M \xrightarrow{f} N \xrightarrow{g} P$ , then  $g \circ f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, P)$  and  $g \circ (f \circ h) = (g \circ f) \circ h$ . Also,  $\text{id}_M \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, M)$ . In other word,  $\mathcal{A}$ -module is a category.

**Definition 2.4.**  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an **isomorphism** iff  $\exists g : N \rightarrow M$  s.t.  $g \circ f = \text{id}_M$  and  $f \circ g = \text{id}_N$ .

**Remark 2.5.**  $Q \rightarrow (h)M \rightarrow (f)N \rightarrow (g)P$ , then for any  $P$ , we get

$$f^* : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, P) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Q, P)$$

$$g \mapsto g \circ f$$

and

$$f_* : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Q, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Q, N)$$

$$h \mapsto f \circ h$$

They are  $\mathcal{A}$ -linear, because for example

$$\begin{aligned} (f^*(ah + bg))(x) &= ((ah + bg) \circ f)(x) \\ &= (ah + bg)(f(x)) \\ &= ah(f(x)) + bg(f(x)) \\ &= (af^*(h) + bf^*(g))(x). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2.6.** Suppose  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module and  $N \subset M$  as submodule, then  $M/N$  has the structure of  $\mathcal{A}$ -module such that the canonical projection  $\pi : M \rightarrow M/N$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -linear.  $a(x+N) = ax+N$  is well defined because  $aN \subset N$ .

**Definition 2.7.**  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a morphism of  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules.

- $\text{Ker}(f) = f^{-1}(\{0\}) \subset M$  is a submodule of  $M$ .
- $\text{Im}(f) = f(M) \subset N$  is a submodule of  $N$ .
- $\text{Coker}(f) = N/\text{Im}(f)$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.

**Remark 2.8.** 1.  $\text{ker}(f) = 0 \iff f$  is injective.

2.  $\text{coker}(f) = 0 \iff f$  is surjective.

3. if  $f : M \rightarrow N$  and  $M' \subset \text{ker}(f)$ , then we get an induced linear map  $\bar{f}$ , s.t the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{f} & N \\ \downarrow \pi & \nearrow \bar{f} & \\ M/M' & & \end{array}$$

commutes. It properly defined by  $\bar{f}(x + M') = f(x)$  since  $f(M') = \{0\}$   
Then we have

$$\text{Im}(\bar{f}) = \text{Im}(f),$$

and

$$\text{Ker}(\bar{f}) = \text{Ker}(f)/M'.$$

In particular, if  $M' = \text{Ker}(f)$ , we get an isomorphism

$$M/\text{Ker}(f) \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} \text{Im}(f).$$

If  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module and  $(M_i)_{i \in I}$  a family of submodules then  $\cap_{i \in I} M_i$  is a submodule. If  $X \subset M$  be a subset then the intersection of all submodules containing  $X$  is a submodule containing  $X$ , called the submodule generated by  $X$ , denote it by  $\langle X \rangle$ . One checks that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X \rangle &= \{\text{linear combination of elements of } X\} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_i^K a_i x_i \mid 0 \leq K \in \mathbb{Z}, a_i \in \mathcal{A}, x_i \in X (\text{equivalently almost all } a_i \text{ are zero}) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We write

$$\sum_{i \in I} M_i = \langle \cup_{i \in I} M_i \rangle$$

**Definition 2.9.** If  $M$  satisfies  $M = \langle X \rangle$  with  $X$  finite, then  $M$  is called *finitely generated*.

Warning: A submodule of a finitely generated module is not necessarily finitely generated.

**Example 2.10.**

$$A = \mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_n, \dots].$$

$A$  is finitely generated by 1 however, the ideal  $I = (X_1, \dots, X_n, \dots)$  is not finitely generated

**Lemma 2.11.**

1.  $L \supset M \supset N$  are  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules, then there is an isomorphism

$$(L/N)/(M/N) \rightarrow L/M$$

$$(x + N) + M/N \mapsto x + M$$

Rigorously:  $\pi : L \longrightarrow L/M$  is surjective  
 $\implies \bar{\pi} : L/N \rightarrow L/M$  is surjective  
and  $\text{Ker}(\bar{\pi}) = M/N$  so

$$(L/N)/(M/N) \cong \text{Im}(\bar{\pi}),$$

by Remark 2.8.

$$2. (M_1 + M_2)/M_2 \cong M_1/(M_1 \cap M_2)$$

**Definition 2.12.**  $I \subset A$  ideal;  $M$  module  $IM = \langle \{ax | a \in I, x \in M\} \rangle \subset M$  as a submodule.

$M/IM$  is naturally an  $A/I$ -module.

**Definition 2.13.**  $(M_i)_{i \in I}$  is a family of  $A$ -modules

1.  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$  is an  $A$ -module with  $a(x_i) = (ax_i)$ .
2.  $\oplus_{i \in I} M_i \subset \prod_{i \in I} M_i$  is the submodule of  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$  s.t.  $x_i = 0$  for all but finitely many  $i \in I$ .

Cartesian product and direct product are the same when there only finitely many summand. If  $M_i = M, \forall i \in I$ , we denote  $M^{(I)} := \oplus_i M_i$ . When  $I$  is finite, we denote it by  $M^I$ .

**Definition 2.14.** An  $A$ -module  $M$  is called **free** if there exists a set  $I$  s.t.  $M$  is isomorphic to  $A^{(I)}$ .

**Example 2.15.**

1. if  $A$  is a field, then every  $A$ -module is free.
2.  $A = \mathbb{Z} : \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  is not free.
3. **Warning!** A submodule of a free module is not necessarily free. (e.g. ideals in  $A$ )
4. If  $A \neq \{0\}$ ,  $n, m \geq 0$  are integer and  $A^n \cong A^m$  then  $n = m$ .  $I \subset A$  maximal ideal, then we get an isomorphism of  $A/I$ -vector spaces,

$$(A/I)^n \cong (A/I)^m \implies n = m.$$

This is called the **invariant basis number property**, all nontrivial commutative ring has the property.

**Proposition 2.16.** (*Nakayama's lemma*)

$M$  finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -module,  $I \subset$  Jacobson radical of  $\mathcal{A}$ , which is the intersection of all maximal ideals in  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $IM = M$ , then  $M = \{0\}$ . e.g.  $\mathcal{A}$  being a local ring and  $I = \mathfrak{m}$  the only maximal in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $M \neq 0$ , and let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be a generating set with  $n \geq 1$  minimal. Since  $IM = M$ , we have  $x_n \in IM$ , so

$$x_n = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i y_i, y_i \in M, a_i \in I$$

where  $y_i = \sum_j b_{ij} x_j$ . Then we have

$$x_n = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j$$

$$c_j = \sum_i a_i b_{ij} \in I$$

$$\implies (1 - c_n)x_n = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_j x_j$$

and  $(1 - c_n) \equiv 1 \pmod{I} \implies c_n \in$  the Jacobson radical, then  $1 - c_n$  is invertible by Proposition 1.17.

$$x_n = (1 - c_n)^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_j x_j,$$

which contradict the minimality of the generating set.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.17.**  $M$  fin. gen.  $\mathcal{A}$ -module,  $I \subset$  Jacobson radical,  $N \subset M$ . If  $M = IM + N$ , then  $M = N$ .

*Proof.*  $I(M/N) = (IM + N)/N = (M/N)$ , then by Nakayama's lemma we know

$$M/N = 0.$$

$\square$

**Corollary 2.18.**  $\mathcal{A}$  local ring,  $\mathfrak{m} \subset \mathcal{A}$  the maximal ideal.  $M$  fin. gen. Then if  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in M$  are such that their classes modulo  $\mathfrak{m}$  form a basis of  $M/\mathfrak{m}M$  as  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{m}$ -vector space, then they generate  $M$ .

*Proof.*  $N = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$  and apply Nakayama's lemma.  $\square$



## Exact sequence

**Definition 2.19.** (1)  $M' \rightarrow (f)M \rightarrow (g)M''$  is **exact** if  $\text{Im}(f) = \text{ker}(g)$   
(2)  $M' \rightarrow (f_1)M \rightarrow (f_2)M'' \rightarrow \dots$  is **exact** if it is exact at each node.

**Example 2.20.**

1.  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{g} M''$  is exact, is equivalent to say that  $g$  is injective
2.  $M' \xrightarrow{f} M \rightarrow 0$  is exact, it is equivalent to say that  $f$  is surjective.
3. "Short exact sequence"  $0 \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M'' \rightarrow 0$  For instance,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M' & \xrightarrow{f} & M' \oplus M'' & \xrightarrow{g} & M'' \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & x & \longmapsto & (x, 0) & & \\ & & & & (x, y) & \longmapsto & y \end{array}$$

the splitting sequence is exact. In fact short exact sequence of free modules always splits.

4.  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}$ , for non-free modules, for example

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}/w\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & x & \longmapsto & 2x & & \\ & & & & x & \longmapsto & x \text{ mod } 2 \end{array}$$

the exact sequence does not split.

## 2.2 Lecture 4. Snake Lemma, Tensor Product by Professor Kowalski

**Proposition 2.21.** (Snake Lemma) Suppose we have such a commutative diagram, each row is exact,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M' & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & M'' & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow f' & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow f'' & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & N' & \longrightarrow & N & \longrightarrow & N'' & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

then we have a map  $\delta : \text{Ker}(f'') \rightarrow \text{Coker}(f')$  s.t.

$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(f') \rightarrow \text{Ker}(f) \rightarrow \text{Ker}(f'') \xrightarrow{\delta} \text{Coker}(f') \rightarrow \text{Coker}(f) \rightarrow \text{Coker}(f'') \rightarrow 0$   
is exact.

*Proof.* Consider the kernels and cokernels with the induced map between them. For notion consideration, we write  $Ker(f')$  as  $K'$  and  $Coker(f')$  as  $C'$  and so on. We have the extended commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & K' & \xrightarrow{\hat{u}} & K & \xrightarrow{\hat{v}} & K'' \\
& & \downarrow k' & & \downarrow k & & \downarrow k'' \\
0 & \longrightarrow & M' & \xrightarrow{u} & M & \xrightarrow{v} & M'' \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow f' & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow f'' \\
0 & \longrightarrow & N' & \xrightarrow{u'} & N & \xrightarrow{v'} & N'' \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow q' & & \downarrow q & & \downarrow q'' \\
& & C' & \xrightarrow{\bar{u}} & C & \xrightarrow{\bar{v}} & C'' \longrightarrow 0,
\end{array}$$

where the maps  $k', k, k''$  are inclusion of the kernels as submodules and  $q', q, q''$  are canonical projections, hence each column become exact now.  $\bar{u}, \bar{v}$  are the morphism induced on quotient modules while  $\hat{u}, \hat{v}$  are restrictions of  $u, v$  on submodules. One can check the induced maps on Cokernels are well defined, for example, for  $\bar{v}$  to be well defined, because  $q'' \circ v' \circ f = q'' \circ f'' \circ v = 0$ , thus  $Im(f) \subset Ker(q'' \circ v')$ . One can also check that the above diagram is commutative. For example  $x \in K'$ , we have  $f(\hat{u}(x)) = f(u(x)) = u'(f'(x)) = 0 \implies \hat{u}(x) \in K$ , then we have  $u \circ k' = k \circ \hat{u}$ .

1. Exactness at  $K'$

We already know  $\hat{u} = u|_{Ker(f')}$ ,  $u$  injective implies that  $\hat{u}$  is injective.

2. Exactness at  $K$

We easily check that  $Im(\hat{u}) \subset Ker(\hat{v})$ , because  $k'' \circ \hat{v} \circ \hat{u} = v \circ u \circ k' = 0$ , by the fact  $k''$  is injective, we know  $\hat{v} \circ \hat{u} = 0$ . For the converse inclusion, if  $x \in Ker(\hat{v}) = Ker(v) \cap Ker(f)$ , then  $x \in Im(u) \cap Ker(f)$ .  $\exists y \in M'$  s.t.  $u(y) = x \implies f(u(y)) = 0 \implies u'(f'(y)) = 0$ . Then because  $u'$  is injective,  $f'(y) = 0 \implies y \in K' \implies x = \hat{u}(y)$ . Then we conclude  $Ker(\hat{v}) \subset Im(\hat{u})$ , thus  $Ker(\hat{v}) = Im(\hat{u})$ .

3. Exactness at  $C''$

$q'' \circ v' = \bar{v} \circ q$ ,  $q'', v', q$  are all surjective, then we conclude that  $\bar{v}$  has to be surjective.

4. Exactness at  $C$

We easily verify that  $\bar{v} \circ \bar{u} = 0$ , i.e.  $\bar{v} \circ \bar{u} \circ q' = q'' \circ v' \circ u' = 0$  and

$q'$  is surjective  $\implies \bar{v} \circ \bar{u} = 0$ . For the converse inclusion, we choose  $x + \text{Im}(f) \in \text{Ker}(\bar{v})$ , where  $x \in N$ .  $\bar{v}(x + \text{Im}(f)) = 0 = q'' \circ v'(x)$ .  $v'(x) \in \text{Ker}(q'') = \text{Im}(f'')$ .  $\exists y \in M''$  s.t.  $f''(y) = v'(x)$ . On the other hand,  $v$  is surjective  $\implies \exists z \in M$  s.t.  $v(z) = y$ . Then, we have  $f''(v(z)) = v'(x) = v'(f(z))$ . Then we choose  $\tilde{x} = x - f(z)$ ,  $\implies x + \text{Im}(f) = \tilde{x} + \text{Im}(f)$  &  $v'(\tilde{x}) = 0$ . Then there exists  $w \in N'$  s.t.  $u'(w) = \tilde{x}$ . Then, we check that  $q \circ u'(w) = q(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{x} + \text{Im}(f)$ , thus  $\bar{u}(q(w)) = \tilde{x} + \text{Im}(f) \implies \bar{u}(w + \text{Im}(f')) = x + \text{Im}(f)$ . Then we conclude  $\text{Ker}(\bar{v}) \subset \text{Im}(\bar{u})$ .

5. Construct  $\delta$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & K' & \xrightarrow{\hat{u}} & K & \xrightarrow{\hat{v}} & K'' \\
& & \downarrow k' & & \downarrow k & & \downarrow k'' \\
0 & \longrightarrow & M' & \xrightarrow{u} & M & \xrightarrow{v} & M'' \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow f' & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow f'' \\
0 & \longrightarrow & N' & \xrightarrow{u'} & N & \xrightarrow{v'} & N'' \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow q' & & \downarrow q & & \downarrow q'' \\
& & C' & \xrightarrow{\bar{u}} & C & \xrightarrow{\bar{v}} & C'' \longrightarrow 0,
\end{array}$$

$\delta$

For an element  $x \in K''$ ,  $k''(x) = x \in M''$  and  $f''(x) = 0$ .  $\because v$  is surjective,  $\therefore \exists y \in M$  s.t.  $v(y) = x$ . Then  $f''(x) = f''(v(y)) = v'(f(y)) = 0 \implies f(y) \in \text{Ker}(v') = \text{Im}(u')$ . Therefore, there exists  $z \in N'$  s.t.  $u'(z) = f(y)$ . The choice of  $z$  is unique once we fix  $y$ , because  $u'$  is injective. **We define**  $\delta : K'' \longrightarrow C', x \mapsto [z] = z + \text{Im}(f')$ . For  $\delta$  to be well defined, it can not depend on the choice of  $y$  and  $z$ . Choose another  $\tilde{y} \in M$  and corresponding  $\tilde{z} \in N'$  s.t.  $v(\tilde{y}) = x$  and  $u'(\tilde{z}) = f(\tilde{y})$ . We have  $v(\tilde{y} - y) = 0$ ,  $\exists w \in M'$  s.t.  $u(w) = \tilde{y} - y$ . Then  $f(u(w)) = u'(f'(w)) = f(\tilde{y} - y) = f(\tilde{y}) - f(y)$ . Then we have  $u'(\tilde{z}) - u'(z) = u'(f'(w))$ . Since  $u'$  is injective, we have  $\tilde{z} = z + f'(w)$ , thus  $\tilde{z} + \text{Im}(f') = z + \text{Im}(f')$ . Then we conclude that  $\delta$  is well defined.

6. Exactness at  $K''$

For  $x \in K$ , we formally write

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta(\hat{v}(x)) &= u'^{-1}(f(v^{-1}(k''(\hat{v}(x))))) + Im(f') \\
&= u'^{-1}(f(v^{-1}(v(k(x))))) + Im(f') \\
&= u'^{-1}(f(k(x))) + Im(f') \\
&= 0 \text{ because } f \circ k = 0. \\
&\implies Im(\hat{v}) \subset Ker(\delta)
\end{aligned}$$

For the converse inclusion.  $\forall x \in Ker(\delta)$ , we trace back to the construction of  $\delta$ , and select the corresponding  $y \in M$ ,  $z \in N'$ , where  $v(y) = x$  and  $u'(z) = f(y)$ .  $\because x \in Ker(\delta), \therefore z \in Im(f')$ .  $\implies \exists w \in M'$  s.t.  $f'(w) = z$ . Then we choose another  $\tilde{y} = y - u(w)$ , one verifies that  $v(\tilde{y}) = v(y) - v(u(w)) = v(y) = x$ . (this is legal, because we know  $\delta$  does not depend on the choice of  $y$ ) Also, we know  $f(\tilde{y}) = f(y) - f(u(w)) = f(y) - u'(f'(w)) = f(y) - u'(z) = 0$ . Then we know  $\tilde{y} \in Ker(f) = K$ , we conclude that  $\hat{v}(\tilde{y}) = x$ , thus  $Ker(\delta) \subset Im(\hat{v})$ .

7. Exactness at  $C'$

For  $x \in K''$ , we formally write

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{u}(\delta(x)) &= \bar{u}(u'^{-1}(f(v^{-1}(k''(x))))) + Im(f') \\
&= (q \circ u')(u'^{-1}(f(v^{-1}(k''(x))))) \\
&= q(0 + f(v^{-1}(k''(x)))) \\
&= 0 \\
&\implies Im(\delta) \subset Ker(\bar{u})
\end{aligned}$$

For the converse inclusion, we choose an element  $z + Im(f') \in Ker(\bar{u})$ . Then  $\bar{u}(z + Im(f')) = q \circ u'(z) = 0$ , then we have  $\exists y \in M$  s.t.  $u'(z) = f(y)$ . Also we have  $v'(u'(z)) = v'(f(y)) = 0, \implies f''(v(y)) = 0$ .  $v(y) \in Ker(f'') = K''$ . We can check that  $\delta(v(y)) = z + Im(f')$ . Hence, we conclude that  $Ker(\bar{u}) \subset Im(\delta)$ .

□

**Example 2.22.** (*Application of snake lemma*) We have such a commutative diagram, each row is exact. Suppose the middle map is isomorphism.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & M' & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & M'' \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow f' & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow f'' \\
0 & \longrightarrow & N' & \longrightarrow & N & \longrightarrow & N'' \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

then we have a map  $\delta : Ker(f'') \longrightarrow Coker(f')$  s.t.

$$0 \longrightarrow Ker(f') \longrightarrow \{0\} \rightarrow Ker(f'') \xrightarrow{\delta} Coker(f') \longrightarrow \{0\} \longrightarrow Coker(f'') \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact. Thus we get  $\delta : Ker(f'') \longrightarrow Coker(f')$  is an isomorphism.

**Proposition 2.23.**

If  $0 \longrightarrow M' \xrightarrow{u} M \xrightarrow{v} M'' \longrightarrow 0$  is exact, then for any  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $N$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(M'', N) & \xrightarrow{v^*} & Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N) & \xrightarrow{u^*} & Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(M', N) \\ & & f & \longmapsto & f \circ v & & \\ & & & & g & \longmapsto & g \circ u \end{array} \quad (*)$$

is exact, in general  $u^*$  is not surjective. Also,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(N, M'') & \xrightarrow{u_*} & Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(N, M) & \xrightarrow{v_*} & Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(N, M') & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & f & \longmapsto & u \circ f & & \\ & & & & g & \longmapsto & v \circ g \end{array} \quad (**)$$

is exact but  $u_*$  is in general not always injective.

More precisely, we have **right exactness of functor**  $Hom(\_, N)$ :

$$M' \xrightarrow{u} M \xrightarrow{v} M'' \longrightarrow 0 \text{ is exact} \iff (*) \text{ is exact for all } N$$

and **Left exactness of functor**  $Hom(N, \_)$ :

$$0 \longrightarrow M' \xrightarrow{u} M \xrightarrow{v} M'' \text{ is exact} \iff (**) \text{ is exact for all } N.$$

*Proof.* For “ $\implies$ ” part of the first statement, we assume  $M' \xrightarrow{u} M \xrightarrow{v} M'' \longrightarrow 0$  is exact. Let  $N$  be  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, then we check that:

$$1. \ u^* \circ v^* = 0$$

$$\text{Let } f : M'' \longrightarrow N, (u^* \circ v^*)(f) = f \circ v \circ u = f \circ (v \circ u) = 0$$

$$2. \ v^* \text{ is injective}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } f : M'' \longrightarrow N \text{ be such that } v^*(f) = f \circ v = 0 &\implies f(Im(v)) = 0 \\ &\implies f = 0 \text{ because } v \text{ is surjective.} \end{aligned}$$

3.  $\text{Ker}(u^*) \subset \text{Im}(v^*)$

Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be such that  $u^*(f) = f \circ u = 0$ . Then  $f(\text{Im}(u)) = 0$  so  $f(\text{Ker}(v)) = 0$ , so there is  $\bar{f} : M/\text{Ker}(v) \rightarrow N$  s.t.  $\bar{f} \circ p = f$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{f} & N \\ \downarrow p & \nearrow \bar{f} & \\ M/\text{Ker}(v) & & \end{array}$$

We know that  $v$  induces an isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Im}(v) = M'' & \xleftarrow{v} & M & \xrightarrow{f} & N \\ & \nwarrow \bar{v} & \downarrow p & \nearrow \bar{f} & \\ & & M/\text{Ker}(v) & & \end{array}$$

$\bar{v}^{-1}$  (curved arrow from  $M/\text{Ker}(v)$  to  $M''$ )

Let  $f' = \bar{f} \circ \bar{v}^{-1} \in \text{Hom}(M'', N)$ , we compute  $v^*(f') = f' \circ v = \bar{f} \circ \bar{v}^{-1} \circ v = \bar{f} \circ p = f$  thus  $f \in \text{Im}(v^*)$

We then give an example where the surjectivity of  $u^*$  fails

Consider  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\times 2} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$  is exact.

$$\begin{aligned} v^* : \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, N) &\rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, N) \\ f &\mapsto f \circ (\times 2) \end{aligned}$$

is not surjective if  $N = \mathbb{Z}$ , because  $f = \text{Id}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , we want to find a map  $g$  such that the following diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\times 2} & \mathbb{Z} \\ & & \downarrow \text{Id} & \nearrow ?g & \\ & & \mathbb{Z} & & \end{array}$$

but there is no  $g$  such that  $g \circ (\times 2) = \text{Id}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  because every morphism in  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z})$  is of the form  $\times q$ , where  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Conversely, for the “ $\Leftarrow$ ” part of the first statement, assume  $(*)$  is always exact. We want to show that  $M' \xrightarrow{u} M \xrightarrow{v} M'' \rightarrow 0$  is exact,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M'', N) & \xrightarrow{v^*} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N) & \xrightarrow{u^*} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M', N) \\ & & f & \longmapsto & f \circ v & & \\ & & & & g & \longmapsto & g \circ u \end{array}$$

1. Let  $N = \text{Coker}(v)$  and  $[p : M'' \longrightarrow \text{Coker}(v)] \in \text{Hom}(M'', N)$ , then  $v^*(p) = p \circ v = 0$ . Since  $v^*$  is injective, we have  $p = 0$ , in other words  $M'' = \text{Ker}(p) = \text{Im}(v)$  so  $v$  is surjective.
2. Take  $N = M''$  and  $f = \text{Id}_{M''}$ ,  $(u^* \circ v^*)(f) = 0$  means  $\text{Id}_{M''} \circ v \circ u = 0 \implies v \circ u = 0$ , hence  $\text{Im}(u) \subset \text{Ker}(v)$ .
3. Take  $N = M/\text{Im}(u)$ , and  $p : M \longrightarrow N$  projection, we have  $u^*(p) = p \circ u = 0$ . So  $p \in \text{Ker}(u^*)$ , so there exists  $f \in \text{Hom}(M'', N)$  s.t.  $v^*(f) = f \circ v = p$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M' & \xrightarrow{f} & N = M/\text{Im}(u) \\
 \uparrow v & \nearrow p & \\
 M & & 
 \end{array}$$

Hence  $\text{Ker}(v) \subset \text{Ker}(p)$  and  $\text{Ker}(v) \subset \text{Im}(u)$ , then we can conclude that  $\text{Ker}(v) = \text{Im}(u)$ .

The above steps proves the first statement and proof of the second statement is similar.  $\square$

## Tensor Product

**Definition 2.24.**  $M, N, P$  are  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules, A map  $f : M \times N \longrightarrow P$  is called  **$\mathcal{A}$ -bilinear** if

$$f(ax + by, z) = af(x, z) + bf(y, z)$$

$$f(x, ay + bz) = af(x, y) + bf(x, z)$$

$$\text{Bil}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N, P) = \{ \text{all } \mathcal{A}\text{-bilinear maps from } M \times N \text{ to } P \}.$$

$\text{Bil}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N, P)$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.

**Definition 2.25.**  $M, N$  are  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules and the **tensor product** gives an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $M \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} N$  such that  $\text{Bil}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N; P) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} N, P)$ .  $\text{Bil}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N; P)$  is obviously an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, with sum and scalar multiplication performed value-wise.

**Theorem 2.26.**  $M, N$  are  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules. There exists a pair  $(T, \beta)$  where  $T$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module and  $\beta : M \times N \longrightarrow T$  s.t. any  $\mathcal{A}$ -bilinear map  $b : M \times N \longrightarrow P$

factors through  $(T, \beta)$ , i.e. there exists a unique  $f : T \rightarrow P$  s.t. the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times N & \xrightarrow{b} & P \\ \downarrow \beta & \nearrow \exists! f & \\ T & & \end{array}$$

This is what we call **universal property**. One can check that if it exists, it is unique.

### 2.3 Lecture 5. Properties of Tensor Product

The motivation of tensor product is to “classify” bilinear/multilinear maps between modules over some ring  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Definition/Theorem 2.27.**  *$M$  and  $N$  are  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules, **there exists a best possible bilinear map**  $M \times N \rightarrow M \otimes N$ . That is to say : there exists a module  $T$  (denoted  $M \otimes N$  or  $M \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} N$ ) and a bilinear map  $f : M \times N \rightarrow T$ . By “best possible”, we mean: For all module  $P$  and all bilinear map  $b : M \times N \rightarrow P$ , there exists a unique  $\tilde{b} : T \rightarrow P$  s.t. the following diagram commutes.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times N & \xrightarrow{b} & P \\ \downarrow f & \nearrow \exists! \tilde{b} & \\ T & & \end{array}$$

What’s more  $(T, f)$  is **strongly unique** which means **it is unique up to unique isomorphism**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times N & \xrightarrow{f'} & T' \\ \downarrow f & \nearrow \exists! k & \\ T & \xleftarrow{\exists! j} & T' \end{array}$$

*Proof.* **Uniqueness**

The uniqueness is just the direct result of universal property. By definition,  $f$  is bilinear. Apply the universal property with  $P = T'$ ,  $b = f'$ , then we know  $j := \tilde{b} : T \rightarrow T'$ . Similarly, we can construct  $k$  by swapping  $T, T'$ .



Consider  $k \circ j : T \rightarrow T$ , apply the universal property with  $P := T$ ,  $b := f$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times N & \xrightarrow{f} & T \\ \downarrow f & \nearrow \exists! \tilde{b} & \\ T & & \end{array}$$

We know  $\exists! \tilde{b}$  s.t. the diagram commutes. Then we have  $\tilde{b} \circ f = f$ , but another obvious map having this property is just  $id_T$ . Then, we get to the conclusion  $k \circ j = id_T$  by the uniqueness of  $\tilde{b}$ . Similarly, we get  $j \circ k = id_T$ . Altogether, we conclude that  $(T, f)$  is unique up to unique isomorphism.

### Existence

Form the free module  $C := \mathcal{A}^{M \times N}$ , where

$$\mathcal{A}^{(M \times N)} = \left\{ \sum_{(x,y) \in M \times N} a_{(x,y)}(x, y) \left| a_{(x,y)} \in \mathcal{A}, \text{ almost all } a_{(x,y)} = 0 \right. \right\}.$$

We'd better mention the universal property of the free module  $\mathcal{A}^{(M \times N)}$ , every map  $q : M \times N \rightarrow P$  can be extended to  $\tilde{q} : \mathcal{A}^{(M \times N)} \rightarrow P$

Let submodule  $D \subseteq C$ , then there is an induced map  $\bar{g} : M \times N \rightarrow C/D$  for defining map  $g : M \times N \rightarrow C$  of the free module. Then we consider a certain submodule  $D$  with the following two equivalent definitions

- $D$  is the smallest submodule for which all the induced map  $\bar{g} : M \times N \rightarrow C/D$  is bilinear.
- $D$  is the submodule generated by the following elements

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (x + x', y) - (x, y) - (x', y) \\ (x, y + y') - (x, y) - (x, y') \\ a(x, y) - (ax, y) \\ a(x, y) - (x, ay) \end{array} \right| \forall a \in \mathcal{A}, \forall x, x' \in M, \forall y, y' \in N \right\}$$

The equivalence of two definition can be explained by the definition of “bilinear maps”.

We want to show that  $C/D$  is what we are looking for. First, we claim, for all bilinear map  $b : M \times N \rightarrow P$ ,  $Ker(\tilde{b}) \supseteq D$ .

The proof is to just check it by hand, e.g.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{b}((x + x', y) - (x, y) - (x', y)) \\
&= \tilde{b}((x + x', y)) - \tilde{b}((x, y)) - \tilde{b}((x', y)) \\
&= b(x + x', y) - b(x, y) - b(x', y) \\
&= 0 \text{ (by } b \text{ is bilinear)}
\end{aligned}$$

The characterization of  $\tilde{b}$  determines its restriction of  $g(M \times N) \subseteq T$ . Clear by construction that  $g(M \times N)$  generates  $T$ . We get the conclusion that  $\bar{g} : M \times N \rightarrow C/D = T$ .  $\square$

Also note that, in general

$$S := \{m \otimes n \mid (m, n) \in M \times N\} \neq M \otimes N$$

, e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}^n \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  but  $S$  generates  $M \otimes N$  as we saw in the proof.

**Example 2.28.** *Natural isomorphisms,  $\exists!$  isomorphisms*

1.  $M \otimes N \cong N \otimes M$
2.  $(M \otimes N) \otimes P \cong M \otimes (N \otimes P)$
3.  $M \otimes (N_1 \oplus N_2) \cong (M \otimes N_1) \oplus (M \otimes N_2)$
4.  $\mathcal{A} \otimes M \cong M$

*Proof.* we prove part 3. Consider a map:

$$\begin{aligned}
b : M \times (N_1 \oplus N_2) &\rightarrow M \otimes N_1 \oplus M \otimes N_2 \\
(m, (n_1, n_2)) &\mapsto (m \otimes n_1, m \otimes n_2).
\end{aligned}$$

We can check that  $b$  is bilinear, for example

$$\begin{aligned}
& b(m + m', (n_1, n_2)) \\
&= ((m + m') \otimes n_1, (m + m') \otimes n_2) \\
&= (m \otimes n_1 + m' \otimes n_1, m \otimes n_2 + m' \otimes n_2) \\
&= (m \otimes n_1, m \otimes n_2) + (m' \otimes n_1, m' \otimes n_2) \\
&= b(m, (n_1, n_2)) + b(m', (n_1, n_2)).
\end{aligned}$$

As a result the bilinear map  $b$  must factor through  $M \otimes (N_1 \oplus N_2)$ , and we denote the corresponding map  $f : M \otimes (N_1 \oplus N_2) \rightarrow M \otimes N_1 \oplus M \otimes N_2$ .

$$f(m \otimes (n_1, n_2)) = (m \otimes n_1, m \otimes n_2).$$

We use the terminology **pure tensor** to name the tensors like  $x \otimes y \in M \otimes N$ , obviously,  $M \otimes N$  is linearly generated by pure tensors. We want to show that  $f$  is an isomorphism. Need to find the inverse map  $g$  of  $f$ .

define

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 : M \otimes N_1 &\longrightarrow M \otimes (N_1 \oplus N_2) \\ (m \otimes n_1) &\longmapsto m \otimes (n_1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

similarly, we can construct

$$\begin{aligned} g_2 : M \otimes N_2 &\longrightarrow M \otimes (N_1 \oplus N_2) \\ (m \otimes n_2) &\longmapsto m \otimes (0, n_2) \end{aligned}$$

Then, we define  $g = g_1 \oplus g_2$ . We want to show  $f \circ g = id, g \circ f = id$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g(m \otimes n, m' \otimes n_2) &= f(m \otimes (n_1, 0) + m' \otimes (0, n_2)) \\ &= (m \otimes n_1, 0) + (0, m' \otimes n_2) \\ &= (m \otimes n_1, m' \otimes n_2) \end{aligned}$$

Then  $f \circ g = id$  on pure tensors, hence it is identity on all tensors, because  $f \circ g$  is linear, and pure tensor generates the whole tensor product module.  $\square$

Consider  $\mathcal{A}^m = \mathcal{A} \oplus \mathcal{A} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{A}$  (finite free module), by the isomorphism 4 in the above example

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A} &\cong \mathcal{A} \\ x \otimes y &\mapsto xy \end{aligned}$$

also by iterating (3) and (4), we get

$$\mathcal{A}^m \otimes \mathcal{A}^n \cong \mathcal{A}^{mn},$$

compared to the known result

$$\mathcal{A}^m \oplus \mathcal{A}^n \cong \mathcal{A}^{m+n}.$$

More directly, if  $e_1^{(1)}, \dots, e_m^{(1)}$  standard basis for  $\mathcal{A}^m$ ,  $e_1^{(2)}, \dots, e_n^{(2)}$  standard basis for  $\mathcal{A}^n$ , then

$$\left\{ e_i^{(1)} \otimes e_j^{(2)} \mid m \geq i \geq 1, n \geq j \geq 1 \right\}$$

form a basis of  $\mathcal{A}^m \otimes \mathcal{A}^n$  and induces  $\cong \mathcal{A}^{mn}$

To see this directly, consider a bilinear map  $f : \mathcal{A}^m \times \mathcal{A}^n \longrightarrow P$ , where  $P$  is some module.

$$\mathcal{A}^m \ni x = x_1 e_1^{(1)} + \dots + x_m e_m^{(1)}, \quad x_i \in \mathcal{A}$$

$$\mathcal{A}^n \ni y = y_1 e_1^{(1)} + \dots + y_n e_n^{(1)}, \quad y_i \in \mathcal{A}$$

Then

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{\substack{i=1 \dots m \\ j=1 \dots n}} x_i y_j f(e_i^{(1)} \otimes e_j^{(2)}),$$

where we can define  $f(e_i^{(1)} \otimes e_j^{(2)}) =: a_{ij} \in P$ . Generally, given an  $mn$ -tuple  $(a_{ij})$  in  $P$  we may define a bilinear  $f : \mathcal{A}^m \times \mathcal{A}^n \longrightarrow P$  by the above formula.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (e_i^{(1)}, e_j^{(2)}) & \mapsto & e_i^{(1)} \otimes e_j^{(2)} \\ \mathcal{A}^m \times \mathcal{A}^n & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{A}^{\oplus \{e_i^{(1)} \otimes e_j^{(2)}\}} \\ \downarrow f & \swarrow \exists! \tilde{f} \text{ s.t. } \tilde{f}(e_{ij}) = a_{ij} & \\ P & & \end{array}$$

**Remark 2.29.** More generally, we may define the  $n$ -fold tensor products  $M_1 \otimes \dots \otimes M_n$ .

$$\{\text{multilinear maps } :M_1 \times \dots \times M_n \longrightarrow P\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{linear maps } :M_1 \otimes \dots \otimes M_n \longrightarrow P\}$$

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\{\text{inner products on } V\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{linear functions on } V \otimes V\}$$

**Remark 2.30. Extension of scalars** Consider a ring morphism  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  and an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $M$ , we can construct a  $\mathcal{B}$ -module

$$M_{\mathcal{B}} := M \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{B},$$

where  $\mathcal{B}$  is regarded as an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module via  $f$ , i.e.  $a \cdot b = f(a)b$ . And the  $\mathcal{B}$  action on  $M_{\mathcal{B}}$  is like  $b \cdot (m \otimes z) := m \otimes bz$

**Example 2.31.**

- $M = \mathcal{A}^m \implies M_{\mathcal{B}} = \mathcal{B}^m$
- $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B} = \mathbb{C} \implies (\mathbb{R}^n)_{\mathbb{C}} := (\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{C}^n$

## 2.4 Lecture 6. Flatness

The meaning of  $x \otimes y$  depends on the modules to which we regard  $x$  and  $y$  are belonging. In fact, one can have  $x \in M' \subseteq M$  and  $y \in N' \subset N$  but

$$M' \otimes N' \ni x \otimes y \neq x \otimes y \in M \otimes N$$

**Example 2.32.**  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $M' = 2\mathbb{Z} \subseteq M = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $N' = \mathbb{Z}/2 = N$ , then  $2\mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \ni 2 \otimes 1 \neq 0$ , but  $\mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \ni 2 \otimes 1 = 0$

In summary, we no  $M' \subset M, N' \subset N$  does not indicate that  $M' \otimes N' \subset M \otimes N$ , which means the simple inclusion is not an injective morphism.

But  $\otimes$  is indeed a **bifunctor**. Given module morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} f : M' &\longrightarrow M \\ g : N' &\longrightarrow N \\ \exists ! f \otimes g : M' \otimes N' &\longrightarrow M \otimes N \\ x \otimes y &\longmapsto f(x) \otimes g(y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(f \circ f') \otimes (g \circ g') = (f \otimes g) \circ (f' \otimes g')$$

For example, we always consider the case  $g = 1_N$  with  $N$   $\mathcal{A}$ -module, then each morphism  $f : M' \longrightarrow M$  is mapped to  $f \otimes 1_N : M' \otimes N \longrightarrow M \otimes N$ .

**Definition 2.33.**  $N$  is **flat** if  $\forall f : M' \longrightarrow M$  s.t.

$$f : \text{injective} \implies f \otimes 1_N \text{ is injective}$$

In other words,

$$M' \subset M \implies "M' \otimes N \subset M \otimes N"$$

**Example 2.34.**

- $\{0\}$  is a flat  $\mathcal{A}$ -module
- $\mathcal{A}$  is a flat  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, because  $M \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{A} = M$  and  $f = f \otimes 1_{\mathcal{A}}$

**Lemma 2.35.** Let  $(N_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of modules over  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\oplus_{i \in I} N_i$  is flat iff each  $N_i$  is flat.

*Proof.* Suppose each  $N_i$  is flat. Let  $M' \xrightarrow{f} M$  be injective. Suppose,

$$M' \otimes (\oplus_i N_i) \xrightarrow{f \otimes 1} M \otimes (\oplus_i N_i)$$

is not injective, i.e.  $z \in \text{Ker}(f \otimes 1_N) \neq 0$ . Let  $N$  denote  $\oplus_i N_i$  and the  $i$ -th projection  $\pi_i : N \rightarrow N_i$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 \neq z & \in & \oplus_i (M' \otimes N_i) \xrightarrow{\rho'_i} M' \otimes N_i \\ & & \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ & & M' \otimes (\oplus_i N_i) \xrightarrow{1_{M'} \otimes \pi_i} M' \otimes N_i \\ & & \downarrow f \otimes 1_N \qquad \downarrow f \otimes 1_{N_i} \\ & & M \otimes (\oplus_i N_i) \xrightarrow{1_M \otimes \pi_i} M \otimes N_i \\ & & \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ & & \oplus_i (M \otimes N_i) \xrightarrow{\rho_i} M \otimes N_i \end{array}$$

$z \neq 0 \implies \exists i \in I$  s.t.  $\rho'_i(z) \neq 0 \implies (f \otimes 1_{N_i})(\rho'_i(z)) \neq 0 \in M \otimes N_i$ . But  $(f \otimes 1_{N_i})(\rho'_i(z)) = \rho_i(f \otimes 1_N(z))$  is the  $i$ -th component of  $(f \otimes 1_N)(z) = 0$  by assumption, which gives the contradiction. The converse is simpler.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.36.** *If  $M$  is a free  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, then it is a flat module.*

*Proof.* We already know  $\mathcal{A}$  is flat, then by the previous lemma, we know  $\oplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}$  is flat.  $\square$

**Example 2.37.** *Consider a system of linear equations*

$$S : f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \dots = f_m(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0,$$

where these  $f_i$ 's has coefficients in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $S$  has solution over  $\mathbb{R}$  iff  $S$  has solution over  $\mathbb{C}$  (This claim works for any field extension  $L/K$  instead of  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}$ ) A simple proof goes like: " $\implies$ " is trivial, for the converse, we take the real or the imaginary part of a complex solution.

For a second proof:

$$M' = \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{f} M = \mathbb{R}^m,$$

where  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ .  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $N = \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}i$  is free, then by the above corollary, we know  $N$  is flat. Then  $S$  has a solution over  $\mathbb{R}$  iff  $\text{Ker}(f) \neq 0$ ,

and  $S$  has a solution over  $\mathbb{C}$  iff  $\text{Ker}(f \otimes 1_{\mathbb{C}}) \neq 0$ . If  $f \otimes 1$  is not injective, by the definition of flat module, we know  $f$  is not injective, which conclude the proof. This second proof works for arbitrary field extension, because the field extensions are always free modules over the initial field.

**Proposition 2.38.** (Right exactness of  $\otimes N$ )

Consider an exact sequence of  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules

$$M' \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M'' \longrightarrow 0$$

Then we have

$$M' \otimes N \xrightarrow{f \otimes 1} M \otimes N \xrightarrow{g \otimes 1} M'' \otimes N \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact for arbitrary  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $N$ .

*Proof.* Obviously  $g \otimes 1$  is surjective. We only need to prove the exactness at  $M \otimes N$ . As for the easier inclusion,  $\text{Im}(f \otimes 1) \subseteq \text{Ker}(g \otimes 1)$  because  $(g \otimes 1) \circ (f \otimes 1) = (g \circ f) \otimes 1 = 0$ . Then it remains to show

$$\frac{M \otimes N}{\text{Im}(f \otimes 1)} \xrightarrow{\psi} M'' \otimes N$$

is an isomorphism.  $\psi$  is induced by  $g \otimes 1$ , well defined because  $\text{Im}(f \otimes 1) \subseteq \text{Ker}(g \otimes 1)$ .

Now, we construct a two-sided inverse  $\varphi$  of  $\psi$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M'' \otimes N & \xrightarrow{\exists \varphi} & \frac{M \otimes N}{\text{Im}(f \otimes 1)} \\ \uparrow & \nearrow \exists \varphi_0 & \uparrow \\ M'' \times N & & \\ \uparrow g \times 1 & \nearrow \varphi_1 & \\ M \times N & & \end{array}$$

Consider the map  $\varphi_1$ , it is the composition of the canonical projection and the defining map of tensor product.  $\varphi_1(x, y) \mapsto x \otimes y + \text{Im}(f \otimes 1)$ . Consider  $(x'', y) \in M'' \times N$ , which is the image of  $(x, y)$  under  $g \times 1$ . Then we can define  $\varphi_0(x'', y) := \varphi_1(x, y)$ . It is well-defined, because if there is another  $(x_1, y)$  also map to  $(x'', y)$ , the difference

$$x - x_1 \in \text{Ker}(g) = \text{Im}(f),$$

hence  $\exists z \in M' \ x - x_1 = f(z) \implies (x - x_1) \otimes y = (f \otimes 1)(z \otimes y)$  Then

$$\varphi_1(x, y) - \varphi(x_1, y) = (x - x_1) \otimes y + \text{Im}(f \otimes 1) = 0.$$

Then it remains to check  $\varphi_0$  is bilinear so that  $\varphi_0$  lifts to a  $\varphi$  on  $M'' \otimes N$ . Also we need to check the  $\varphi$  is indeed the two-sided inverse of  $\psi$ .

Consider  $\varphi_0(x'', ay + bv)$  and  $\varphi_0(ax'' + bw'', y)$ . Chose  $x$  and  $w$  in the preimages  $g^{-1}(x'')$  and  $g^{-1}(w'')$ . By the linearity of  $g$ , we can safely choose  $ax + bw$  in the pre-image of  $ax'' + bw''$  Knowing that  $\varphi_1$  is bilinear (because the defining map of tensor product is bilinear and canonical projection is linear), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_0(x'', ay + bv) &= \varphi_1(x, ay + bv) \\ &= a\varphi_1(x, y) + b\varphi_1(x, v) = a\varphi_0(x'', y) + b\varphi_0(x'', v) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_0(ax'' + bw'', y) &= \varphi_1(ax + bw, y) \\ &= a\varphi_1(x, y) + b\varphi_1(w, y) = a\varphi_0(x'', y) + b\varphi_0(w'', y). \end{aligned}$$

Explicitly, with  $x \in g^{-1}(x'')$ ,

$$\varphi(x'' \otimes y) = x \otimes y + \text{Im}(f \otimes 1)$$

and

$$\psi(x \otimes y + \text{Im}(f \otimes 1)) = g(x) \otimes y$$

$\implies$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \circ \varphi(x'' \otimes y) &= g(x) \otimes y = x'' \otimes y \\ \varphi \circ \psi(x \otimes y + \text{Im}(f \otimes 1)) &= x_1 \otimes y + \text{Im}(f \otimes 1) = x \otimes y + \text{Im}(f \otimes 1), \end{aligned}$$

where in the last line  $x_1$  is another representative in  $g^{-1}(x'')$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.39.**  *$N$  is flat iff  $\otimes N$  preserves the exactness of any sequence of modules*

*Proof.* Any exact sequence can be split up into short exact sequence, and the flatness does indicate it preserve the exactness of short exact sequence.  $\square$

**Example 2.40.** *An ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{A}$ , and  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module,*

$$M \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a} \cong M/\mathfrak{a}M,$$

where  $\mathfrak{a}M := \{\sum x_i m_i | x_i \in \mathfrak{a}, m_i \in M\}$ .  $\mathfrak{a}M$  is a submodule of  $M$ .



*Proof.*

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{a} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a} \longrightarrow 0$$

is an exact sequence (of  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules). Tensoring it with  $M$ , we have

$$\mathfrak{a} \otimes M \xrightarrow{\psi} M \longrightarrow M \otimes \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a} \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact, where  $\psi$  is induced by the inclusion  $\mathfrak{a} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\psi : x \otimes m \mapsto xm$ .  $\text{Im}(\psi) = \mathfrak{a}M$ . Then by the exactness, we have

$$M \otimes \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a} \cong M/\text{Im}(\psi) = M/\mathfrak{a}M.$$

□

**Example 2.41.**

$$\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/\gcd(m, n)\mathbb{Z}.$$

*Pf.* Take  $M = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathfrak{a} = n\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{a}M = (n\mathbb{Z} + m\mathbb{Z})/m\mathbb{Z} = \gcd(m, n)\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ .  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

Then by the result of Example 2.40, we have

$$M \otimes \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{m\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}} \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}}{\gcd(m, n)\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\gcd(m, n)\mathbb{Z}} = M/\mathfrak{a}M.$$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is flat iff  $n = \pm 1, 0$ , i.e.  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{0\}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}$ . This is easy to prove, consider the following short exact sequence for  $|n| \geq 2$ ,

$$0 \longrightarrow n\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0,$$

Suppose  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is flat. Tensoring it with the above exact sequence, we get

$$0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0,$$

which gives the contradiction.

Fact

Any finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is of the form

$$M = \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus (\oplus_{i \in I} (\mathbb{Z}/n_i\mathbb{Z}))$$

, the second part of  $M$  is denoted  $M_{tors}$ , then we get the corollary that a finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is flat iff  $M_{tors}$  vanishes.

**Definition 2.42.**  $\mathcal{A}$  a ring,  $M$  an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, we call  $M$  **torsion free** if  $\forall a \in \mathcal{A}$  non-zerodivisor.  $m \in M$   $am = 0 \implies m = 0$

**Theorem 2.43.**

1.  $M$  if flat  $\implies M$  is torsion free
2. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is PID,  $M$  is torsion free  $\implies M$  is flat.

*Proof.* Bosch section 4.2 □

Some other facts about tensor product

**Example 2.44.** For  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{F}$  being a field,  $V, W$  finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$

$$\begin{aligned} V^* \otimes W &\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}}(V, W) \\ l \otimes w &\mapsto [v \mapsto l(v)w] \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Localization

#### 3.1 Lecture 7 : Localization of rings

**Motivation** For  $\mathcal{A}$  an integral domain, we defined the quotients field  $\text{Frac}(\mathcal{A})$ . In general, one may want to invert part of  $\mathcal{A}$ . For example, we may consider  $\mathbb{Z}[1/2] = \{a/(2^n) | a \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Each  $2^n \in \mathbb{Z}[1/2]$  is invertible. For a subset  $0 \notin S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , we can define  $\mathcal{A}[1/S]$  to be the subring of  $\text{Frac}(\mathcal{A})$  generated by  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\{1/s | s \in S\}$ .

**Definition 3.1.** A set of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $S$  is **multiplicatively closed** if

- $1 \in S$
- $s, t \in S \implies st \in S$

For a set  $S \subset \mathcal{A}$ , we can define its **multiplicative closure**

$$\overline{S} := \left\{ s_I = \prod_{i_n} s_{i_n} \mid I = (i_1, \dots, i_n), \forall n, s_{i_n} \in S \right\}$$

A set  $S$  is multiplicatively closed iff  $S = \overline{S}$ . And we see that  $\mathcal{A}[1/S] = \mathcal{A}[1/\overline{S}]$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a ring  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  a multiplicatively closed set, define a relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathcal{A} \times S$ :

$$(a, s) \sim (a', s') \iff \exists t \in S \text{ s.t. } as't = a'st$$

**Lemma 3.3.** “ $\sim$ ” is indeed a equivalence relation.

*Proof.* reflectivity and symmetricity are trivial, for the transtivity

$$\begin{aligned}
& (a, s) \sim (a', s') \sim (a'', s'') \\
& \implies \\
& \exists t \in S : as't = a'st \\
& \exists t' \in S : a's''t' = a''s't' \\
& as''(tt's') = as'ts''t' = a's''t'st = a''s(tt's') \\
& \implies (a, s) \sim (a'', s'')
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 3.4.** We define  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A} : (\mathcal{A} \times S / \sim)$ . And we denote the equivalence class of  $(a, s)$  by  $a/s$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** There are well defined maps:

$$\begin{aligned}
+ : S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \times S^{-1}\mathcal{A} &\longrightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{A}, \quad (a/s, a'/s') \mapsto \frac{as' + a's}{ss'} \\
\cdot : S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \times S^{-1}\mathcal{A} &\longrightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{A}, \quad \left(\frac{a}{s}, \frac{a'}{s'}\right) \mapsto \frac{aa'}{ss'} \\
0_{S^{-1}\mathcal{A}} &= \frac{0}{1} \text{ and } 1_{S^{-1}\mathcal{A}} = \frac{1}{1}
\end{aligned}$$

Then  $(S^{-1}\mathcal{A}, 0_{S^{-1}\mathcal{A}}, 1_{S^{-1}\mathcal{A}}, +, \cdot)$  is a ring.

One can check that the above ring operation and  $0, 1$  are well-defined.  
e.g.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{0}{1} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{0}{1} \\
& \iff \frac{a \cdot 0}{b \cdot 1} = \frac{0}{1} \\
& \iff \frac{0}{b} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{0}{1} \\
& \iff \exists t \in S : 0 \cdot 1 \cdot t = 0 \cdot b \cdot t
\end{aligned}$$

**Remark 3.6.** The above definition does not exclude the possibility that  $S$  contains zero. But if  $0 \in S$  then we trivially have  $\frac{1}{1} = \frac{0}{1}$ , thus  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A} = \{0\}$ .

We say  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$  is **localization of  $\mathcal{A}$  with respect to  $S$** . When  $\mathcal{A}$  is an integral domain,  $S = \mathcal{A} - \{0\}$  is multiplicative closed, the  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A} = \text{Frac}(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Lemma 3.7.** *There exists a ring morphism  $\iota$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$  s.t each  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  maps to  $a/1 \in S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ . It has to following property*

- (a)  $\iota(S) \subset (S^{-1}\mathcal{A})^\times$
- (b)  $\text{Ker}(\iota) = \{a \in \mathcal{A} | sa = 0 \text{ for some } s \in S\}$
- (c) Suppose  $\mathcal{A} \neq \{0\}$ . Then  $\iota$  is injective  $\iff S$  contains no zero divisors.
- (d)  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A} = \{0\} \iff S \ni 0$
- (e)  $\iota$  is isomorphism  $\iff S \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\times$

*Proof.* We can easily check that  $\iota$  thus defined is indeed a ring morphism.

- (a)  $s \in S$ .  $\iota(s) = s/1$  and  $s/1 \cdot 1/s = 1$ , then  $s$  is a unit in  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ .
- (b)  $a \in \text{Ker}(\iota) = \{b \in \mathcal{A} | \frac{b}{1} = \frac{0}{1}\} \iff \exists t \in S : t(a1 - 01) = ta = 0$ .
- (c) derived from (a) and (b).
- (d)  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A} = \{0\} \iff \frac{0}{1} = \frac{1}{1} \iff$  there exists an element  $t \in S$  s.t.  $t \cdot 1 = 0$ ,  $\iff t = 0 \in S$ .
- (e) “ $\implies$ ” Suppose  $\mathcal{A} \neq \{0\}$ , then  $\iota$  is isomorphism  $\iff \iota$  is surjective and injective. The surjectivity is equivalent to  $\forall \frac{a}{s} \in S^{-1}\mathcal{A} : \exists c \in \mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $\frac{a}{s} = \frac{c}{1}$  while the injectivity is equivalent to  $S$  has no zero divisors according to (c). Then we know,  $\frac{1}{s} = \frac{c}{1} \implies \exists t \in S$ , such that  $t(s \cdot c - 1) = 0$ , and by the fact  $S$  has no zero divisors  $s \cdot c = 1$ , which means  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\times$ . “ $\impliedby$ ” Assume  $\mathcal{A} \neq \{0\}$ .  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\times$ , then  $S$  does not contain any zero divisors.  $\forall \frac{a}{s} \in S^{-1}\mathcal{A}, \exists v \in S$  s.t.  $sv = 1$ . Then  $\frac{a}{s} = \frac{av}{1} \in \text{Im}(\iota)$ , because  $asv = a$ .

If  $\mathcal{A} = \{0\}$ , the claim is trivially true.

□

**Example 3.8.**  $X$  any set  $U \subseteq X$  any subset.  $\mathcal{A} := \{\text{functions } f : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  is a ring of the the multiplication is defined value-wisely,  $S := \{f \in \mathcal{A} | f(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in U\}$  is multiplicatively closed. Question, what is the localization  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ ?

**Lemma 3.9.** *Let  $B := \{\text{functions } U \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$ . Then the natural map  $j : S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \longrightarrow B$  is an isomorphism  $\frac{a}{s} \mapsto [U \ni x \mapsto \frac{a(x)}{s(x)} \in \mathbb{R}]$*

*Proof.*  $j$  is well-defined: Say  $\frac{a}{s} = \frac{a'}{s'}$ . Thus  $\exists t \in S, as't = a'st/$ . Then  $(a(x)s(x) - a'(x)s'(x))t(x) = 0$ , where  $t(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in U$ . Then by the properties of real numbers  $\frac{a(x)}{s(x)} = \frac{a'(x)}{s'(x)}$ .

Try defining  $k : B \longrightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ ,  $b \longmapsto \tilde{b}/1$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{b} : X &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \tilde{b} &= \begin{cases} b(x), & x \in U \\ 0, & x \notin U \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$j \circ k = 1, b \in B \quad \frac{\tilde{b}(x)}{1(x)} = b(x) \forall x \in U$$

$k \circ j = 1$  Say  $b = j(\frac{a}{s})$ , what we want is  $\tilde{b}/1 = a/s$ , i.e.  $\exists t \in S : (a \cdot 1 - \tilde{b} \cdot s)t = 0$ .

Take  $t : 1_U = [x \mapsto 1 \text{ for } 1 \in U \text{ and } 0 \text{ for } x \notin U]$  □

### Universal property of localization

Recall  $\text{Hom}(M \otimes N, P) \cong \{\text{bilinear } M \times N \longrightarrow P\}$  and  $\text{Hom}(\oplus_i M_i, N) \cong \prod_i \text{Hom}(M_i, N)$ .

**Lemma 3.10.**  $\text{Hom}(S^{-1}\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \cong \{f : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B} \text{ s.t. } f(S) \subseteq \mathcal{B}^\times\}$  where an element  $\tilde{f} \in \text{Hom}(S^{-1}\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$

$$\tilde{f}\left(\frac{a}{s}\right) := f(a)f(s)^{-1}$$

$$f(a) := \tilde{f}\left(\frac{a}{1}\right).$$

i.e. every morphism  $f : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $f(S) \subseteq \mathcal{B}^\times$ , there exists a unique morphism  $\tilde{f} : S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $f = \tilde{f} \circ \iota$ , where  $\iota$  is the canonical morphism  $\iota : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{A} : a \mapsto \frac{a}{1}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} S & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathcal{B} \\ & & \downarrow \iota & \nearrow \exists! \tilde{f} & \\ & & T & & \end{array}$$

This universal property of localization can serve as an alternative definition of localization.  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$  is defined to be a pair  $(T, \iota)$

*Proof.* Want:  $\forall f$  as above  $\exists! \tilde{f}$  s.t.  $\tilde{f} \circ \iota = f$

Uniqueness:

$$\tilde{f}(a/s) = \tilde{f}(a/1)\tilde{f}(s/1)^{-1} = f(a)f(s)^{-1}$$

Existence :

Take  $\tilde{f}(a/s) := f(a)f(s)^{-1}$ , check that it is well defined:

$$\frac{a}{s} = \frac{a'}{s'} \xrightarrow{?} f(a)f(s)^{-1} = f(a')f(s')^{-1}$$

This is guaranteed,  $\exists t \in S : as't = a'st \implies (f(a)f(s') - f(a')f(s))f(t) = 0$   
and  $f(t) \in \mathcal{B}^\times \implies f(a)f(s') - f(a')f(s) = 0$   $\square$

**Example 3.11.** (*Most Important Examples*)

- $\mathcal{A} \ni f$ ,  $S_f := \{f^n | n \geq 0\}$  is multiplicatively closed.  $\mathcal{A}_f := S_f^{-1}\mathcal{A}$
- $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{A}$  is a prime ideal, then  $\mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{p}$  is multiplicatively closed (By the definition of prime ideals). We can define (In fact then  $\mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{p}$  is multiplicatively closed is equivalent to  $\mathfrak{p}$  is prime)  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}} := S_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$

*Caution that if  $\mathfrak{p} = (f)$ , usually  $\mathcal{A}_{(f)} \neq \mathcal{A}_f$*

Consider  $\varphi : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ . We have defined in ( 1.29) the extension and contraction of ideals as  $\mathfrak{b}^c = \varphi^*(\mathfrak{a}) := \varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{b})$  and  $\mathfrak{a}^e = \varphi_*(\mathfrak{a}) := \mathcal{B}\varphi(\mathfrak{a})$  **Notice that  $\mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  prime  $\implies \varphi^*(\mathfrak{q})$  prime, thus  $\varphi^* : \text{Spec}(\mathcal{B}) \longrightarrow \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A})$ .**

Back to the special case  $\iota : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ .

**Lemma 3.12.**  *$S$  is a multiplicative set in a ring  $\mathcal{A}$ , then for the canonical morphism  $\iota : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ :*

- (a) For any ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\iota_*(\mathfrak{a}) = \{a/s | a \in \mathfrak{a}, s \in S\}$  and
- (b) For a general ideal  $\mathfrak{q} \subseteq S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\iota^*(\mathfrak{q}) \xrightarrow{\text{bij}} \mathfrak{q} \cap \{\frac{a}{1} | a \in \mathcal{A}\}$ .
- (c)  $\iota_*(\mathfrak{a}) = S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \iff \mathfrak{a} \cap S \neq \emptyset$
- (d) For any ideal  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\iota_*(\iota^*(\mathfrak{b})) = \mathfrak{b}$

*Proof.*

- (a) Denote  $V := \iota(\mathfrak{a}) = \{\frac{a}{1} | a \in \mathfrak{a}\}$ , and then we check that  $\iota_*(\mathfrak{a}) := S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \cdot V = \{\frac{a}{s} | a \in \mathfrak{a}, s \in S\}$ .

- (b) Similarly, we choose an ideal  $\mathfrak{q} \subseteq S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$  and check that  $\iota^*(\mathfrak{q}) := \iota^{-1}(\mathfrak{q}) \ni a \mapsto \frac{a}{1} \in \mathfrak{q}$  and for an  $\frac{b}{1} \in \mathfrak{q} \cap \{\frac{c}{1} | c \in \mathcal{A}\} \mapsto b \in \mathcal{A}$ , which gives the one to one correspondence. Notice that  $\mathfrak{q} \cap \{\frac{a}{1} | a \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is not necessarily an ideal in  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ . The explicit presentation of  $\iota^*$  and  $\iota_*$  shows that they preserve the proper inclusion “ $\subsetneq$ ”
- (c)  $\iota_*(\mathfrak{a}) = S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \iff \exists a \in \mathfrak{a}, s \in S \text{ s.t. } a/s = 1/1 \iff \exists t \in S \text{ s.t. } \mathfrak{a} \ni ta = ts \in S, \text{ then } \mathfrak{a} \cap S \neq \emptyset$ . Conversely,  $\mathfrak{a} \cap S \neq \emptyset$ , any  $a \in \mathfrak{a}, a = s \in S$ , then  $a/s = 1/1$ .
- (d) See Proposition 1.30,  $\iota_*(\iota^*(\mathfrak{b})) \subset \mathfrak{b}$  in general. For the converse inclusion, if  $a/s \in \mathfrak{b}$ , then  $a/s \cdot s/1 = a/1 \in \mathfrak{b}$ , which means  $a \in \iota^*(\mathfrak{b}) \implies a/s \in \iota_*(\iota^*(\mathfrak{b}))$ .

□

### 3.2 Lecture 8: Properties of localization of rings and localization of module

Recall  $\iota : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$

- $\iota_*(\mathfrak{a}) = \{\frac{a}{s} | a \in \mathfrak{a}, s \in S\}$
- $\iota_*\iota^*(\mathfrak{b}) = \mathfrak{b}, \forall \mathfrak{b} \subseteq S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$
- $\iota_*\mathfrak{a} = (1) \iff \mathfrak{a} \cap S \neq \emptyset$

**Proposition 3.13.**  *$S$  is a multiplicative set in a ring  $\mathcal{A}$ , then for the canonical morphism  $\iota : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ :*

$$\iota_* : \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}) | \mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset \text{ } (S \subseteq \mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{p})\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{Spec}(S^{-1}\mathcal{A})\}$$

*is bijection with the inverse  $\iota^*$ .*

*Proof.* The proof contains the following points

- (a)  $\mathfrak{p}$  prime  $\iff \iota^*\mathfrak{p}$  prime,
- (b)  $\iota^*\iota_*\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}$ ,
- (c)  $\iota_*(\mathfrak{a}) = S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \iff \mathfrak{a} \cap S \neq \emptyset$ ,
- (d)  $\iota_*\iota^*\mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{q}$  (true for any  $\mathfrak{q}$ , not necessarily prime),

of which (c) and (d) have been proved in Lemma 3.12.

See Proposition 1.30,  $\iota^* \iota_* \mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathfrak{p}$  is a general fact. For the converse inclusion,  $\iota^* \iota_* \mathfrak{p} = \iota^{-1}(\iota_* \mathfrak{p}) \stackrel{?}{\subseteq} \mathfrak{p}$ , choose an  $a \in \iota^{-1}(\iota_* \mathfrak{p})$ ,  $\iota(a) = \frac{a}{1} \in \iota_* \mathfrak{p} \implies \exists b \in \mathfrak{p}, s \in S$  s.t.  $\frac{a}{1} = \frac{b}{s} \implies ast = bt \in \mathfrak{p}$  and  $s, t \in S \subseteq \mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{p} \implies a \in \mathfrak{p}$  because  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a prime ideal.

$\mathfrak{p}$  prime  $\stackrel{?}{\implies} \iota_* \mathfrak{p}$  prime. Consider  $\frac{a}{s} \cdot \frac{b}{t} \in \iota_* \mathfrak{p}$ , then  $\frac{ab}{st} = \frac{c}{u}, c \in \mathfrak{p}, u \in S$ , then  $\exists v \in S : abuv = cstv$ , where  $uv \in S$   $cstv \in \mathfrak{p}$ ,  $uv \notin \mathfrak{p} \implies ab \in \mathfrak{p} \implies$  at least one of  $a, b \in \mathfrak{p} \implies$  at least one of  $\frac{a}{s}, \frac{b}{t} \in \iota_* \mathfrak{p}$ .  $\square$

With the one to one correspondence, we can see that  $\iota^*$  and  $\iota_*$  preserve the inclusion, whats more, they preserve “ $\subsetneq$ ”

- $\mathfrak{q}_1 \subseteq \mathfrak{q}_2 \iff \iota^* \mathfrak{q}_1 \subseteq \iota^* \mathfrak{q}_2$
- $\mathfrak{p}_1 \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_2 \iff \iota_*(\mathfrak{p}_1) \subseteq \iota_*(\mathfrak{p}_2)$ .

**Definition 3.14.**  $k(\mathfrak{p}) := \text{Frac}(\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p})$  is called the **residue field at (the point) prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$** . Then the above bijection induces isomorphism  $k(\iota^* \mathfrak{q}) \cong k(\mathfrak{q})$ .

$$k(\iota^* \mathfrak{q}) = \text{Frac}(\mathcal{A}/\iota^* \mathfrak{q}) \cong \text{Frac}(S^{-1} \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}) = k(\mathfrak{q})$$

*Proof.* Claim: there is an injective homomorphism from the integral domain  $\mathcal{A}/\iota^* \mathfrak{q}$  to  $S^{-1} \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\iota} : \mathcal{A}/\iota^* \mathfrak{q} &\longrightarrow S^{-1} \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q} \\ a + \iota^* \mathfrak{q} &\longmapsto \frac{a}{1} + \mathfrak{q} \end{aligned}$$

$\iota_* \iota^* \mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{q} \implies \text{Ker}(\bar{\iota}) = 0 + \iota^* \mathfrak{q}$ . And see for example [this stack exchange answer](#), a injective morphism of integral domains induces a injective morphism of fraction fields. The induced morphism of fraction field is

$$\text{Frac}(\bar{\iota}) : \frac{a + \iota^* \mathfrak{q}}{b + \iota^* \mathfrak{q}} \longmapsto \frac{\frac{a}{1} + \mathfrak{q}}{\frac{b}{1} + \mathfrak{q}}$$

Lets check that it is in fact surjective:

$$\frac{\frac{f_1}{s_1} + \mathfrak{q}}{\frac{f_2}{s_2} + \mathfrak{q}} \sim \frac{\frac{f_1 s_2}{1} + \mathfrak{q}}{\frac{f_2 s_1}{1} + \mathfrak{q}} = \text{Frac}(\bar{\iota}) \left( \frac{f_1 s_2 + \iota^* \mathfrak{q}}{f_2 s_1 + \iota^* \mathfrak{q}} \right)$$

$\square$



**Example 3.15.**  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $\mathfrak{p} = (p)$  where  $p$  is a prime number.  $k(\mathfrak{p}) = \text{Frac}(\mathbb{Z}/p) = \mathbb{Z}/p$ .

If  $\mathfrak{p} = (0)$ ,  $k(\mathfrak{p}) = \text{Frac}(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Q}$ .

If  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{m}$  a maximal ideal.  $\iff \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}$  is a field and  $k(\mathfrak{p}) = \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}$

**Example 3.16.**  $\mathfrak{p} = (y) \subseteq \mathcal{A} = \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ ,  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p} \cong \mathbb{C}[x]$ ,  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \cong \mathbb{C}(x)$

**Example 3.17.**  $S = S_f = \{f^n : n \geq 0\} \implies S^{-1}\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_f = \mathcal{A}[1/f]$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p} \cap S \neq \emptyset \iff \text{some } f^n \in \mathfrak{p} \iff f \in \mathfrak{p}$ . Then  $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}_f) \cong \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}) | f \notin \mathfrak{p}\}$

**Example 3.18.**  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f = 2$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_f = \mathbb{Z}[1/2]$

$\{\text{primes in } \mathbb{Z}[1/2]\} \cong \{(0), (3), (5), \dots\} \subseteq \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$

**Example 3.19.**  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ , there is a bijection between  $\{\text{maximal ideals in } \mathcal{A}\}$  and  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . The maximal ideal  $\{f \in \mathbb{C}[x, y] | f(X_0, Y_0) = 0\} = (x - X_0, y - Y_0)$  corresponds to the point  $(X_0, Y_0) \in \mathbb{C}^2$

Fix  $f \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ ,  $f \neq 0$ , e.g.  $f = y - x^2$  Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\text{maximal ideals in } \mathcal{A}_f = \mathbb{C}[x, y, 1/f]\} \\ & \xleftrightarrow{\text{bij}} \{\text{maximal ideal } \mathfrak{m} \in \mathbb{C}[x, y] \text{ s.t. } f \notin \mathfrak{m}\} \\ & \xleftrightarrow{\text{bij}} \{(X, Y) \in \mathbb{C}^2 | f(X, Y) \neq 0\} \end{aligned}$$

Then we know that the  $\text{Spm}(\mathcal{A}) \cong \mathbb{C}^2$  while  $\text{Spm}(\mathcal{A}_f)$  is bijective to the complement of zero loci of  $f$ .

The localization at an element has the functorial property, for  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{A} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{A}_f & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{A}_{fg} \\ & & \searrow & \nearrow & \\ & & & & \end{array}$$

**Example 3.20.**  $\mathcal{A}$  an integral domain,  $\mathcal{A}_f \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{fg}$  ( $\frac{a}{(f)^n} = \frac{ag^n}{(fg)^n}$ ),  $\text{Frac}(\mathcal{A}) = \cup_f \mathcal{A}_f$ . For any  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}_f) \subseteq \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_f \implies k(\mathfrak{p})$

$\{f \in \mathcal{A} : f \notin \mathfrak{p}\} = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : f(\mathfrak{p}) \neq 0\}$ , where  $f(\mathfrak{p}) \in k(\mathfrak{p})$  is the image of  $f$ .

**Aside:**  $\mathcal{A}$  is a local ring  $\iff \exists! \mathfrak{m} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}) \iff \exists \text{ideal } \mathfrak{m} \text{ with } 1 + \mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\times$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}$  maximal,  $\iff \mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\times$   
 $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  prime  $\implies \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}} := S_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$

**Proposition 3.21.**

(a)  $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}) \cong \{\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}) \mid \mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}\}$

(b) For  $\iota : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow S_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathfrak{p}} := \iota_*(\mathfrak{p})$ ,

$\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is called the **localization of  $\mathcal{A}$  at  $\mathfrak{p}$** .  $\iota_*$  is inclusion preserving.

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.13,

$$\text{Spec}(S_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1}\mathcal{A}) \stackrel{\iota_*}{\cong} \{\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}) \mid \mathfrak{q} \cap S_{\mathfrak{p}} = \emptyset \ (\mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathfrak{p})\},$$

which finishes the proof of part (a). On the other hand,  $\iota_*$  is inclusion preserving,  $\implies$  every prime ideal in  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . using this and the fact that any ideal is contained in some maximal ideal, we see that  $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is the maximal ideal.  $\square$

**Example 3.22.**  $\mathfrak{p} = (p) \subseteq \mathbb{Z} = \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  is local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  generated by image of  $\mathfrak{p}$ .  $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \cong \{\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) \mid \mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}\} = \{(0), (p)\}$

For residue field  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}/\mathfrak{p}_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong \mathbb{Z}/(p)$ , this isomorphism is by the first part of the first prop of today's lecture. And in general

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}_{\mathfrak{p}} = k(\mathfrak{p})$$

**Definition 3.23.** A **germ at  $p$**  is an equivalence class  $[(U, f)]$  of pairs  $(U, f)$ , where  $p \in U \subseteq \Omega$  and  $f : U \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  holomorphic. And  $(U_1, f_1) \sim (U_2, f_2)$  iff  $f_1 = f_2$  on some open neighborhood of  $p$  inside  $U_1 \cap U_2$

**Lemma 3.24.**  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  open  $\mathcal{A}$  is the set of holomorphic germs  $f : \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Fix  $p \in \Omega$ . and set  $\mathfrak{p} = \{f \in \mathcal{A} \mid f(p) = 0\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$

*Proof.* Want  $\mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^{\times}$

This is just a way of saying : if  $f(p) \neq 0$ , then there is an open neighborhood of  $p$  on which  $1/f$  is defined and holomorphic.  $\square$

**Example 3.25.**  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{C}[x, y], \mathfrak{p} = (y)$

$$\text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}) \cong \{\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}) \mid \mathfrak{q} \subseteq (y)\}$$

Then, the only choice of  $\mathfrak{q}$  is just  $(y), (0)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a local ring with two primes, and residue field  $\mathbb{C}(x)$ .

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{C}[x, y], \mathfrak{p} = (x, y)$$

$$\text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}) \cong \{\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}) \mid \mathfrak{q} \subseteq (x, y)\}$$

Then

$$\text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}) \cong \{(x, y)\} \cup \{(f) : 0 \neq f \in \mathbb{C}[x, y] \text{ irreducible}, f(0, 0) = 0\} \cap \{(0)\}.$$

The second set is just the set of plane curves passing through 0

### localization of module

**Definition 3.26.**  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  and  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module. Then we define the **localization of module**

$$(m, s) \in M \times S, (m, s) \sim (m', s') \iff \exists t \in S : tsm' = ts'm$$

and we denote the equivalence class of  $(m, s)$  by  $\frac{m}{s}$ , and we see that  $S^{-1}M$  is in fact an  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ -module:

$$\frac{a}{s} \cdot \frac{m}{t} = \frac{am}{st}$$

**Lemma 3.27.**  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} M \cong S^{-1}M$ , where the map is  $\frac{a}{s} \otimes m \mapsto \frac{am}{s}$

*Proof.* We can define the inverse

$$\frac{1}{s} \otimes m \longleftarrow \frac{m}{s}$$

and then check it is well-defined. □

Moreover, we can also define the localization of morphisms,

**Definition 3.28.** Given  $f : M \rightarrow N$  a morphism of  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.  $S^{-1}$ . We define

$$S^{-1}f : S^{-1}M \rightarrow S^{-1}N$$

$$\frac{m}{s} \mapsto \frac{f(m)}{s}.$$

It is a well-defined morphism of  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ -modules and it has the functorial property

$$S^{-1}(f \circ g) = S^{-1}f \circ S^{-1}g$$

e.g.  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A})$ , then we have the localization  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  and the localization of module :  $M_{\mathfrak{p}} := S_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1}M \cong \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} M$ .

Next time: we will focus other local properties i.e. properties of  $M$  that depends only on  $M_{\mathfrak{p}}, \forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A})$

### 3.3 Lecture 9: Localization of Modules and Noetherian Rings

Recall that given a multiplicative closed set  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , we can define  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ . Also we can define **localization of modules**:  $S^{-1}M \cong S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} M$ . The localization of module defines a functor  $S^{-1}: f : M \rightarrow N$ , induces a morphism of  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ -modules  $S^{-1}f : S^{-1}M \rightarrow S^{-1}N$  and  $S^{-1}(f \circ g) = S^{-1}f \circ S^{-1}g$ . Moreover  $S^{-1}$  is an exact functor:

$$M' \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M''$$

is exact, then so is

$$S^{-1}M \xrightarrow{S^{-1}f} S^{-1}M \xrightarrow{S^{-1}g} S^{-1}M''.$$

*Proof.*  $g \circ f = 0 \implies S^{-1}g \circ S^{-1}f = 0$ , then we have  $\text{Ker}(S^{-1}g) \supseteq \text{Im}(S^{-1}f)$ . For the converse inclusion, consider an element  $\frac{x}{s} \in \text{Ker}(S^{-1}g) | x \in Ms \in S$ ,  $S^{-1}g(\frac{x}{s}) = \frac{g(x)}{s} = \frac{0}{1}$ ,  $\implies \exists t \in S$  s.t.  $g(tx) = tg(x) = 0$ .  $\text{Im}(f) = \text{Ker}(g) \implies \exists y : f(y) = tx$ . Then we check that  $\frac{x}{s} = (S^{-1}f)(\frac{y}{st}) = \frac{f(y)}{st} = \frac{tx}{st} = \frac{x}{s}$ , which concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.29.**  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$  is flat  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.

*Proof.* Let  $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M$  be injective(exact). What we want is

$$0 \rightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} M' \rightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} M$$

is exact because it is just

$$0 \rightarrow S^{-1}M' \rightarrow S^{-1}M$$

$\square$

**Lemma 3.30.**  $S^{-1}$  commutes with:

- *finite sums*
- *finite intersections*
- *Kernel* ( $\text{Ker}(S^{-1}M \rightarrow S^{-1}N) \cong S^{-1}(\text{Ker}(M \rightarrow N))$ )
- *quotients*
- *tensor products* ( $S^{-1}(M \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} N) \cong S^{-1}M \otimes_{S^{-1}\mathcal{A}} S^{-1}N$ )

*Proof.* We just prove the last one of it by constructing the isomorphism explicitly,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} y}{s} &\mapsto \frac{x}{s} \otimes_{S^{-1}\mathcal{A}} \frac{y}{1} \sim \frac{x}{1} \otimes_{S^{-1}\mathcal{A}} \frac{y}{s} \\ \frac{x}{s} \otimes_{S^{-1}\mathcal{A}} \frac{y}{t} &\mapsto \frac{x \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} y}{st} \end{aligned}$$

□

## Local Properties

$M$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module

**Lemma 3.31.** *Being zero is a local property i.e. the followings are equivalent:*

- (a)  $M = 0$
- (b)  $M_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{p}$  primes
- (c)  $M_{\mathfrak{m}} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{m}$  maximals

**Claim 1:** Let  $x \in M$ , then  $x \neq 0 \iff \text{Ann}(x) := \{a \in \mathcal{A} | ax = 0\} \neq (1)$

*Proof.*  $x \neq 0 \iff 1 \cdot x \neq 0 \iff 1 \notin \text{Ann}(x) \iff \text{Ann}(x) \neq (1)$  □

**Calim2:**  $\mathfrak{m}$  maximal  $x \in M$ . Then  $x \notin \text{Ker}(M \longrightarrow M_{\mathfrak{m}}) \iff \text{Ann}(x) \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ .

*Proof.*  $x \in \text{Ker}(M \longrightarrow M_{\mathfrak{m}}) \iff \exists s \in \mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{m}$  s.t.  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{0}{s}, \exists t \in \mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{m} : tsx = 0 \iff \text{Ann}(x) \not\subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ . □

*Proof.* (of Lemma 3.31). It suffices to prove that (c) $\implies$ (a), which amounts to show that  $M \neq 0 \implies \exists \mathfrak{m} \subset \mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $M_{\mathfrak{m}} \neq 0$

Let  $0 \neq x \in M$ , by Claim 1,

$\implies \text{Ann}(x) \neq (1) \implies \exists \text{maximal ideal } \mathfrak{m} \supseteq \text{Ann}(x)$ . Then by Claim 2,  $x \notin \text{Ker}(M \longrightarrow M_{\mathfrak{m}}) \implies M_{\mathfrak{m}} \neq 0$  □

**Proposition 3.32. (Injectivity/Surjectivity are local)**

$M$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, then the following are equivalent.

- (a)  $M \xrightarrow{\phi} N$  is injective/surjective
- (b)  $M_{\mathfrak{p}} \xrightarrow{\phi_{\mathfrak{p}}} N_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is injective/surjective for all  $\mathfrak{p}$  primes

(c)  $M_{\mathfrak{m}} \xrightarrow{\phi_{\mathfrak{m}}} N_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is injective/surjective for all  $\mathfrak{m}$  maximal.

*Proof.* We prove the statements about surjectivity.

$M \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow K = N/\phi(M) \longrightarrow 0$  is exact.

$\implies M_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow N_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow K_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow 0$  is exact  $\forall \mathfrak{p}$ .

$\phi$  is surjective  $\iff K = 0$

$\iff K_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0, \forall \mathfrak{p}$  by Lemma 3.31

$\iff K_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0 \forall \mathfrak{p}$

$\iff \phi_{\mathfrak{p}}$  surjective  $\forall \mathfrak{p}$  prime. We can replace the prime ideal by maximal ideal and prove it similarly.

For the statement of injectivity, we can analogously prove it by starting from the exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow \text{Ker}(\phi) \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{\phi} N$   $\square$

**Proposition 3.33. (Flatness is local)**

$M$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, then the followings are equivalent.

(a)  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $M$  is flat

(b)  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module  $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is flat  $\forall \mathfrak{p}$  prime

(c)  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{m}}$ -module  $M_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is flat  $\forall \mathfrak{m}$  maximal ideals.

*Proof.* We prove e.g. (a) $\iff$ (b): Suppose  $N \hookrightarrow P$ , want  $N \otimes M \hookrightarrow P \otimes M$

$M \iff (N \otimes M)_{\mathfrak{m}} = (N_{\mathfrak{m}} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{m}}} M_{\mathfrak{m}}) \hookrightarrow P_{\mathfrak{m}} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{m}}} M_{\mathfrak{m}} = (P \otimes M)_{\mathfrak{m}} \forall \mathfrak{m}$

$\iff N_{\mathfrak{m}} \hookrightarrow P_{\mathfrak{m}} \forall \mathfrak{m}$

$\iff N \hookrightarrow P$  by Proposition 3.32.  $\square$

**Definition 3.34. (Lemma)**

(a)  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies the **ascending chain condition on ideals** (All the sequence  $\mathfrak{a}_1 \subseteq \mathfrak{a}_2 \subseteq \dots$  stabilizes, i.e.  $\exists n_0$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{a}_n = \mathfrak{a}_{n_0} \forall n \geq 0$ )

(b) Every ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  is finitely generated.

(c)  $\{\text{ideals in } \mathcal{A}\}$  satisfies the **maximal property**: i.e. Every subset contains a maximal element. That is : For any nonempty collection  $S$  of ideals in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\exists \mathfrak{a} \in S$  s.t.  $\forall \mathfrak{b} \in S \implies \mathfrak{b} \not\supset \mathfrak{a}$

Then,  $\mathcal{A}$  is called **Noetherian**

*Proof.* (a) $\implies$ (b). Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  ideal. we may assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is **NOT** finitely generated. Inductively construct  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots \in \mathfrak{a}$  such that  $(x_1) \neq 0$  and  $\mathfrak{a} \supsetneq (x_1, x_2) \supsetneq (x_1)$  and also  $\mathfrak{a} \supsetneq (x_1, x_2, x_3) \supsetneq (x_1, x_2)$ , but then this sequence contradict the **ACC**

(a) $\implies$ (c)

Let  $\emptyset \neq S \subseteq \{\text{ideals in } \mathcal{A}\}$ . If  $S$  violates the maximal property, then start from arbitrary ideal  $\mathfrak{a}_1$ , we can find  $\mathfrak{a}_1 \subsetneq \mathfrak{a}_2 \in S$ . Similarly, we can find  $\mathfrak{a}_{j+1} \supsetneq \mathfrak{a}_j, \forall j \in \mathcal{N}$  by the countable choice axiom. Then the ACC fails.

(c) $\implies$ (a), If ACC fails,  $\exists \mathfrak{a}_1 \subsetneq \mathfrak{a}_2 \subsetneq \dots$ . Take  $S := \{\mathfrak{a}_1, \mathfrak{a}_2, \mathfrak{a}_3 \dots\}$ . Then  $S$  violates Maximal property.

(b) $\implies$ (a), Let  $\mathfrak{a}_1 \subseteq \mathfrak{a}_2 \subseteq \dots$ . Want to show that  $\exists n_0, \mathfrak{a}_n = \mathfrak{a}_{n_0} \forall n \geq n_0$   
 $\mathfrak{a} := \cup_n \mathfrak{a}_n$ . We know that every ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  is finitely generated. Then  $\mathfrak{a}$  is also finitely generated by assumption (b). Then Assume it to be finitely generated by  $r$  elements  $\{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$ , with  $x_j \in \mathfrak{a}_{n_j}$ . Choose  $n_0 = \max\{n_1, \dots, n_r\}$ , then we have  $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathfrak{a}_{n_0} \implies \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}_{n_0} \implies \mathfrak{a}_n = \mathfrak{a}_{n_0}, \forall n \geq n_0$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.35. (Lemma)**

$M$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module. The followings are equivalent:

- (a)  $M$  has **ACC** on submodules
- (b) Every submodule of  $M$  is finitely generated
- (c)  $M$  has the **maximal property** on submodules

Then, we call  $M$  a **Noetherian  $\mathcal{A}$ -module**.

*Proof.* The proof is just identical.  $\square$

Note that  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian ring  $\iff \mathcal{A}$  is a Noetherian  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.

**Lemma 3.36.** Let  $0 \longrightarrow M' \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M'' \longrightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence of  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules. Then  $M$  is Noetherian  $\iff$  both  $M', M''$  Noetherian.

*Proof.*  $\Leftarrow$ , Use ACC. Let  $N_1 \subseteq N_2 \subseteq \dots$  be submodules of  $M$ . Want to show that  $\exists n_0 : (n \geq n_0) \implies N_n = N_{n_0}$ . Consider  $N_j'' := \text{Image of } N_j \text{ in } M''$ .  $N_1'' \subseteq N_2'' \subseteq \dots$  By ACC of  $M''$ ,  $N_n'' = N_{n_0}'' \forall n \geq n_0$ . Do the same for  $N_j' := M' \cap N_j$  ( $M' \hookrightarrow M$ )

Need: if  $N_i \subseteq N_j \subseteq M$  and  $N_i'' = N_j'', N_i' = N_j'$ , then  $N_i = N_j$ . (Five

Lemma)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & N'_i & \longrightarrow & N_i & \longrightarrow & N''_i \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
0 & \longrightarrow & N'_j & \longrightarrow & N_j & \longrightarrow & N''_j \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

For the  $\implies$  direction, we can use the definition of Noetherian module to prove directly that **Any submodule of a Noetherian module is Noetherian** and **Any quotient module of Noetherian module is Noetherian**(See part of proof of Corollary 3.38).  $\square$

In general, any finitely generated module over an Noetherian ring is Noetherian.

**Theorem 3.37.** (*Hilbert basis theorem*)  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian  $\implies \mathcal{A}[X]$  is Noetherian.

**Corollary 3.38.**  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian  $\implies \mathcal{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  Noetherian  $\mathcal{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]/\mathfrak{a}$  Noetherian  $\forall \mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

*Proof. of Theorem 3.37* Let  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{A}[x]$ . We want to show  $\mathfrak{a}$  finitely generated. Consider the ideal  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  generated by leading coefficients of elements of  $\mathfrak{a}$  i.e. for an element  $ax^n + \dots \in \mathfrak{a}$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{L}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian,  $\mathcal{L}$  is finitely generated,  $\implies \mathcal{L} = (t_1, \dots, t_r)$ ,  $t_i \in \mathcal{L} \exists f_1, \dots, f_r \in \mathfrak{a} : f_j = t_j x^{n_j} + \dots$ . Set  $N := \max(n_1, \dots, n_r)$  and we construct  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $M := \bigoplus_{j=0}^N \mathcal{A}x^j \subseteq \mathcal{A}[x]$ .  $M \cap \mathfrak{a}$  is finitely generated because  $M \cong \mathcal{A}^N$  as  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Noetherian  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $\implies \mathcal{A}^N$  is Noetherian  $\mathcal{A}$ -module:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}^N \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}^{N-1} \longrightarrow 0$$

Using the above exact sequence, we can apply Lemma 3.36 and induct on  $n$ .

And finally, we claim that

$$\mathfrak{a} = (f_1, \dots, f_r) + M \cap \mathfrak{a}$$

The  $\subseteq$  part is obvious.

**The remaining part of the proof is left till the next lecture.**  $\square$



## 4 Noetherian Ring and Nullstellensatz

### 4.1 Lecture 10

Recall:

**Theorem 4.1.**  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian  $\implies \mathcal{A}[x]$  Noetherian.

*Proof.*  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{A}[x]$  want to show that  $\mathfrak{a}$  is finitely generated.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{a}' &= \{\text{Leading coefficients of } \mathfrak{a}\} \\ &= \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \{a \in \mathcal{A} : \exists ax^n + \dots \in \mathfrak{a}\}\end{aligned}$$

Because  $\mathfrak{a}$  is Noetherian,  $\mathfrak{a}'$  is finitely generated.

Let  $f \in \mathfrak{a}$  with  $f = ax^n + \dots$ , where  $n \geq (n_1, \dots, n_r)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{a}' &= (a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ &\implies a = c_1 a_1 + \dots + c_r a_r \text{ with } c_1, \dots, c_r \in \mathcal{A} \\ &\implies \exists f_1 = a_1 x^{n_1} + \dots, f_r = a_r x^{n_r} \in \mathfrak{a} \\ \text{know } f - (c_1 x^{n-n_1} f_1 + \dots + c_r x^{n-n_r} f_r) &= (a - \sum c_j a_j) x^n + \dots \\ &= 0 + \text{some terms of degree less than } n - 1\end{aligned}$$

Last time : we constructed  $M_n := \bigoplus_{j=0}^n \mathcal{A} x^j \cap \mathfrak{a}$  is finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.  $M_N$  is finitely generated. If we iterated it for  $n, n-1, \dots, N$ ,  $\implies \mathfrak{a} \subseteq (f_1, \dots, f_r) + M_N \subseteq \mathfrak{a}$ , then the equality holds and  $\mathfrak{a}$  is finitely generated.  $\square$

#### Applications:

- $\mathcal{A}[x_1, \dots, x_r]/\mathfrak{a}$  Noetherian if  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian.
- Recall that a variety  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}^d$  is a subset defined by polynomial equations, i.e.  $V = V(S)$  for some  $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_d] =: \mathcal{A}$ .  $V(S) = \{X \in \mathbb{C}^d : f(X) = 0 \forall f \in S\}$ . Note  $V(S) = V(\langle S \rangle)$ , where  $\langle S \rangle$  is the ideal generated by  $S$ . Hilbert basis theorem  $\implies \forall$  varieties  $V \exists$  finite  $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_d]$  such that  $V = V(S)$ . **Any set of polynomial equations is the same as some finite system.**

*Proof.* Given  $S$ , we have  $\mathfrak{a} = \langle S \rangle$ . By Hilbert basis theorem  $\implies \mathfrak{a}$  finitely generated  $\iff \mathfrak{a} = (f_1, \dots, f_r)$   $\square$

Non-Example:

$\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \dots]$  is not Noetherian:  $\mathfrak{m} := (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  is Not finitely generated. If  $S \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$  is finite, we may find some  $x_n$  not occurring in any element of  $S$ :  $\implies x_n \notin \langle S \rangle, x_n \in \mathfrak{m}$

**Lemma 4.2.**  *$\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian  $\implies$  any homomorphic image of  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian:*

*Proof.* The image if of the form  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a}$  for some  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ .  $0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{a} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a} \longrightarrow 0$ . Because there is a one to one inclusion preserving correspondence between the  $\{\text{ideals in } \mathcal{A}\}$  and  $\{\text{ideals in } \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a}\}$ . The maximal condition also holds in  $\mathcal{A}\mathfrak{a}$   $\square$

**Lemma 4.3.** *Localization of Noetherian ring are Noetherian  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is multiplicative set  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ , e.g.  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}, \mathcal{A}_f$  are Noetherian if  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian.*

*Proof.* There is a one to one inclusion preserving correspondence between  $\{\text{ideals in } \mathcal{A}\}$  and  $\{\text{ideals in } S^{-1}\mathcal{A}\}$ . Then the maximal property is also inherited to  $S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$   $\square$

**Definition 4.4.** *An  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra is a ring  $\mathcal{B}$  together with a homomorphism  $f : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}$ .*

**Example 4.5.**  $\mathcal{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra, with the obvious choice of  $f$ .

**Example 4.6.**

Any ring is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z} &\longrightarrow \mathcal{B} \\ n &\longmapsto n \cdot 1_{\mathcal{B}} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4.7.** *If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a field  $\mathbb{F}$ , any ring homomorphism between  $\mathbb{F}$  and a nonzero ring  $\mathcal{B}$  is injective,  $\mathbb{F} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}$ . Thus an  $\mathbb{F}$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  is “the same as” a ring  $\mathcal{B}$  that contains  $\mathbb{F}$  as a subfield*

**Example 4.8.** *Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be any field of characteristic  $p$ , if  $p = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra, if  $p > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  is an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -algebra.*

**Definition 4.9.** *WE say that an  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra is there exists  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $\mathcal{B}$  is generated by  $f(\mathcal{A}), x_1, \dots, x_n$ .*

By the Hilbert basis theorem, we know if  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian, the finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  is Noetherian.

Given two  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{g} \mathcal{C}$ . A morphism of  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra is defined to be a ring homomorphism that commutes with  $f, g$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{B} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C} \\ \uparrow & \nearrow & \\ \mathcal{A} & & \end{array}$$

Now we come back to the proof of the statement

*Proof.*  $\mathcal{B}$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra

$$\iff \exists n \geq 0 \quad \exists h : \mathcal{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}, h \text{ surjective}$$

then we have the derivation:  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian  $\implies \mathcal{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  Noetherian, it surjectively maps to  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  is a homomorphism image of a Noetherian ring, then we have  $\mathcal{B}$  is Noetherian.  $\square$

**Definition 4.10.** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra. We say that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a **finite  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra** if it is finitely generated as  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.

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**Example 4.11.**

| $\mathcal{B}$                        | finite | finitely generated |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| $\mathbb{Z}$                         | $T$    | $T$                |
| $\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$              | $T$    | $N/A$              |
| $\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$ | $F$    | $T$                |
| $\mathbb{Q}$                         | $F$    | $F$                |

**Theorem 4.12.** Assume  $\mathbb{K}$  a field  $\mathbb{K} \subseteq \mathbb{L}$ , where  $\mathbb{L}$  is also a field. Assume  $\mathbb{L}$  is a finitely generated  $\mathbb{K}$ -algebra. Then  $\mathbb{L}$  is a finite  $\mathbb{K}$ -algebra  $\iff \mathbb{L}/\mathbb{K}$  is a finite field extension.

**Corollary 4.13.** The maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_d]$  are all of the form  $\mathfrak{m}_X = (x_1 - X_1, \dots, x_d - X_d)$  for some  $X \in \mathbb{C}^d$ .

*Proof.* Thm  $\implies$  Cor, Let  $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  be any maximal ideal, then  $\mathbb{L} = \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{m}$  is a field.

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_d] = \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{q} \mathbb{L} = \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{m} \\ \searrow \quad \quad \quad \nearrow j \\ \quad \quad \quad \end{array}$$

Note:  $\mathbb{L}$  is a finitely generated  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra, generated by  $q(x_1), \dots, q(x_d)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thm} &\implies \mathbb{L}/j(\mathbb{C}) \text{ is finite field extension} \\ &\implies \mathbb{L} \cong \mathbb{C} (\mathbb{C} \text{ algebraically closed}) \end{aligned}$$

Set  $X := (j^{-1}(q(x_1)), \dots, j^{-1}(q(x_d))) \in \mathbb{C}^d$ . Check  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}_X$   $\square$

**Corollary 4.14.** Let  $d \geq 1$ . Then  $\mathbb{C}(x_1, \dots, x_d)$  is **NOT** a finitely generated  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra.

*Proof.*  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{L} = \mathbb{C}(x_1, \dots, x_d)$ , then  $\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{K}$  NOT finite (by thm)  $\implies \mathbb{L}$  is NOT finitely generated  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra.

This proof also works when  $\mathbb{C}$  replaced with any field  $\mathbb{K}$ .

Alternatively, we can also prove this directly, Let  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in \mathbb{K}(x_1, \dots, x_d)$ , each  $f_i = \frac{g_i}{h_i} \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_d]$ . Set  $u := 1 + x_1 h_1 \cdot \dots \cdot h_n$ .  $\implies 1/u \notin \mathbb{K}[f_1, \dots, f_n]$  because denominator is coprime to the denominators of the  $f_j$ .  $\square$

Then we come back to the proof of the Theorem [4.12](#)

*Proof.* Any  $\mathbb{L}$  generated by  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Any  $\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{K}$  NOT finite. Then the transcendence degree  $d$  is larger than 1  $\iff$  after reordering  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_d$  algebraically independent over  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $x_{d+1}, \dots, x_n$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{K}(x_1, \dots, x_d)$ .  $\square$

## 4.2 Lecture 11

Recall,  $\mathbb{F}$  a field.  $V$  a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ .  $S \subseteq V$  is linear independent.  $\forall$  distinct  $\{s_1, \dots, s_n\} \subseteq S$ ,  $\forall c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $c_1 s_1 + \dots + c_n s_n = 0 \implies c_i = 0$

**Theorem 4.15.**  $S \subseteq V$ , vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

- (a) Suppose  $S$  is linear independent. Then  $S$  is **maximal**  $\iff S$  spans  $V$ .
- (b) Suppose  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V$  is maximal linear independent =: "basis", Suppose  $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\} \subseteq V$  linearly independent. Then  $m \leq n$

- (c) Any two bases have the same cardinality(= the dimension of  $V$ ).
- (d) Every vector spaces has a basis.
- (e) Every linearly independent subset  $S \subseteq V$  extends to a basis.
- (f) If  $S \subseteq V$  spans  $V$ , then  $\exists$  basis  $T \subseteq S$

Then what will happen when we replace “linearly independent” by “algebraic independent”? Now let  $E/F$  be a field extension call  $S \subseteq E$  **algebraically independent over  $F$** , if  $\forall$  distinct  $\{s_1, \dots, s_n\} \subseteq S$ ,  $\forall p \in F[X_1, \dots, X_n]$   $p(s_1, \dots, s_n) = 0 \implies p = 0$ .

**Theorem 4.16.**  $E/F$  field extension.

- (a) Suppose  $S \subseteq E$  is algebraic independent. Then  $S$  is maximal  $\iff E/F(S)$  is an algebraic field extension (Union of finite field extension).
- (b) If  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq E$  (algebraic independent maximal)=: “**transcendence basis**” and  $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\} \subseteq E$  algebraic independent then  $m \leq n$
- (c) Any two transcendence bases have the same cardinality(Then we can define the transcendence degree of  $E/F$ , denote it by  $\text{tr.deg}(E/F)$ )
- (d) Every  $E/F$  has a transcendence basis.
- (e) Any algebraic independent  $S \subseteq E$  extends to a transcendence basis.
- (f) If  $S \subseteq E$  and  $E/F(S)$  is algebraic, then exists transcendence basis  $T$  of  $E/F$  and  $T \subseteq S$

*Proof.* (a) “ $\implies$ ” Assume  $S$  maximal algebraic independent. Want:  $E/F(S)$  is algebraic. Let  $\alpha \in E$ , want:  $F(\alpha, S)/F(S)$  is finite. If  $\alpha \in S$ , then done. If not,  $S \cup \{\alpha\}$  is not algebraic independent. So we can find  $s_1, \dots, s_n \in S$  and a nontrivial polynomial relation between  $s_1, \dots, s_n$ . This relation must involve  $\alpha$ . Then  $\exists m \geq 1$ ,  $p_0, \dots, p_m \in F[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  s.t  $\alpha^m p_m(s_1, \dots, s_n) + \dots + \alpha p_1(s_1, \dots, s_n) + p_0(s_1, \dots, s_n) = 0$  with  $p_m \neq 0 \implies [F(\alpha, s_1, \dots, s_n) : F(s_1, \dots, s_n)] \leq m \implies \alpha$  is algebraic over  $F(S)$ . “ $\impliedby$ ”, If  $E/F(S)$  is algebraic, Want  $S$  maximal. Indeed, suppose otherwise  $\exists \alpha \in E, \alpha \notin S$  s.t.  $S \cup \{\alpha\}$  is algebraic independent. Then  $\alpha$  is algebraic over  $F(S)$ , by assumption.  $\exists m \geq 1$

$$\alpha^m + \frac{p_{m-1}(s_1, \dots, s_n)}{q_{m-1}(s_1, \dots, s_n)} \alpha^{m-1} + \dots = 0$$

for some  $s_1, \dots, s_n \in S, p_i, q_i \in F[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  Multiply the denominators in the above equation, we get a nontrivial polynomial relation involving  $s_1, \dots, s_m, \alpha$ . Contrary to the assumed algebraic independence of  $S \cap \{\alpha\}$

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**Example 4.17.**

$$\text{tr.deg}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) = 0$$

$$\text{tr.deg}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Q}) = \infty$$

$$\text{tr.deg}(F(t_1, \dots, t_n)/F) = n$$

If  $E/F(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is algebraic, then  $\text{tr.deg}(E/F)$  is  $n$

$$\text{tr.deg}(F/F) = 0 \iff (E/F) \text{ is algebraic.}$$

And then we resume our goal in last lecture. Give a field extension  $L/K$  such that  $L$  is finitely generated as  $K$ -algebra, then  $L/K$  is finite.

*Proof.* Write,  $L = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle_{K\text{-alg}}$ .  $r := \text{tr.deg}(L/K)$ . Conclusion  $\iff r = 0$ . Suppose not. Then  $r \geq 1$ . By part (f) of the Theorem 4.16 that after relabeling,  $\{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$  is a transcendence basis of  $L/K$ . Each  $x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n$  is algebraic over  $K(x_1, \dots, x_r) =: M \implies L/M$  is finite.  $\text{~~~~~}1$

**Lemma 4.18.** Let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  be rings s.t.  $\mathcal{C}$  is finitely generated as  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{C}$  is also finitely generated  $\mathcal{B}$ -module. Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra.

*Proof.* (Of Lemma)  $\mathcal{C} = \langle y_1, \dots, y_m \rangle_{\mathcal{B}\text{-mod}}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle_{\mathcal{A}\text{-alg}}$  write  $x_i = \sum_j b_{ij} y_j$  for some  $b_{ij} \in \mathcal{B}$ .  $y_i \cdot y_j = \sum_k b_{ijk} y_k$ .  $\mathcal{B}_0 := \mathcal{A}[\{b_{ij}\} \cup \{b_{ijk}\}] \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ .  $\mathcal{B}_0$  finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra  $\implies$  (Hilbert basis theorem)  $\mathcal{B}_0$  : Noetherian,  $\mathcal{C} = \{\text{polynomials in } \{x_j\} \text{ with coefficients in } \mathcal{A}\}$  and by substitution if equals  $\{\text{linear combinations of } y_i \text{ with coefficients in } \mathcal{B}_0\} \implies \mathcal{C}$  is a finite  $\mathcal{B}_0$ -module.  $\implies \mathcal{C}$  is a Noetherian,  $\mathcal{B}_0$ -module.  $\implies$  the  $\mathcal{B}_0$ -submodule  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  is finitely generated.  $\implies \mathcal{B}$  is finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra

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Relation to Nullstellensatz  $\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a}) = I(V(\mathfrak{a}))$ , where  $K = \overline{K}$  field.  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq K[t_1, \dots, t_d] = \mathcal{A}$ .  $V(\mathfrak{a}) : \{X \in K^d, f(X) = 0 \forall f \in \mathfrak{a}\}$ .  $I(S) = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : f(X) = 0 \forall X \in S\}$  and  $\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a}) = r(\mathfrak{a}) = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : f^n \in \mathfrak{a} \text{ for some } n\}$

*Proof.*  $r(\mathfrak{a}) \subseteq I(V(\mathfrak{a}))$ ,  $f \in r(\mathfrak{a}) \implies f^n \in \mathfrak{a} \implies f^n|_{V(\mathfrak{a})=0}$ , and  $K$  is an integral domain  $\implies f|_{V(\mathfrak{a})=0} = 0 \implies f \in I(V(\mathfrak{a}))$ .

For the converse inclusion recall that  $r(\mathfrak{a}) = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \ni \mathfrak{a}, \text{prime}} \mathfrak{p}$ . suppose  $f \notin r(\mathfrak{a})$ . Want:  $f \notin I(V(\mathfrak{a}))$ . Choose  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{p} \not\ni f$ . Then  $0 \neq \bar{f} \in \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p} \implies (\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p})_{\bar{f}} = (\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p})[\frac{1}{\bar{f}}] \neq 0$ . Choose a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq (\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p})_{\bar{f}} =: \mathcal{B}$ . Set  $L := \mathcal{B}/\mathfrak{m}$  a field,  $L$  is finitely generated  $K$ -algebra.  $\implies L/K$  is finite  $\implies L = K$  because  $\bar{K} = K$ . Set  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$ ,  $X_j = \text{image of } t_j \text{ in } L$ . Check that  $f(X) \neq 0, X \in V(\mathfrak{a}) \implies f \notin I(V(\mathfrak{a}))$ .  $\square$

## 5 Primary Decomposition

Consider  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$  a PID. We may write uniquely  $\alpha = \epsilon(p_1)^{n_1} \cdots (p_k)^{n_k}$  where  $\epsilon$  unit and  $p_j$  distinct primes and  $(\alpha) = (p_1^{n_1}) \cap \dots \cap (p_k^{n_k})$ . We call this the primary decomposition of  $(\alpha)$ . What happens to a general ring?

**Definition 5.1.**  $\mathcal{A}$  is a general ring. An ideal  $\mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is **primary** iff every zerodivisor in  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}$  is nilpotent.

Recall  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is prime iff the only zerodivisor in  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}$  is 0. We know

$$\text{prime} \implies \text{primary}$$

Equivalently, we can define: an ideal  $\mathfrak{q}$  is primary if, whenever  $xy \in \mathfrak{q}$ , we have either  $x \in \mathfrak{q}$  or  $y \in \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q})$

**Definition 5.2.** An ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is **decomposable** if we may write  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_n$ , where each  $\mathfrak{q}_i$  is primary. We call this a **primary decomposition**.

**Proposition 5.3.**  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian,  $\implies$  every  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is decomposable.

As part of the proof, we discuss the **Noetherian induction** first.

recall the idea of induction in general. **Induction:**  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$

(I)  $S$  has a minimal element.

(II)  $1 \in S$  and “ $n \in S \implies n+1 \in S$ ”

$\implies S = \mathbb{N}$

Similarly, we can consider **Noetherian Induction**. For  $\mathcal{A}$  a Noetherian ring

(I) Every  $S \subseteq \{\text{ideals in } \mathcal{A}\}$  has maximal element.

(II) Let  $S \subseteq \{\text{ideals in } \mathcal{A}\}$  s.t.

(a)  $(1) \in S$

(b)  $\forall \mathfrak{a} : [\mathfrak{b} \supsetneq \mathfrak{a} \implies \mathfrak{b} \in S] \implies [\mathfrak{a} \in S]$   
Then  $S = \{\text{ideals in } \mathcal{A}\}$

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**Lemma 5.4.**  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian,  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is an ideal.  $\implies \mathfrak{a}$  decomposable:  
 $\exists$  primary ideals  $\mathfrak{q}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{q}_n \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_n$ , where  $\mathfrak{q}$  primary  
 $\iff xy \in \mathfrak{q} \implies x \in \mathfrak{q}$  or  $y^n \in \mathfrak{q}$  for some  $n$

*Proof.* Define: An ideal  $r$  is **irreducible** if whenever  $r = r' \cap r''$ , we have either  $r = r'$  or  $r = r''$ . Notice (6) = (2)(3) is not irreducible.

**Claim1:**  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian. Then irreducible  $\implies$  primary.

Proof of Claim1

Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  irreducible. Let  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $xy \in \mathfrak{a}$ . Assume  $x \notin \mathfrak{a}$ . Want  $\exists n, y^n \in \mathfrak{a}$ . For notational simplicity, we may replace  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a}$  and reduce to the case  $\mathfrak{a} = (0)$ . (We want to construct an ascending sequence of ideals.) Consider the ideals  $\text{Ann}(y^n)$ . These ideals go up as  $n$  increases  $\implies \text{Ann}(y^n) = \text{Ann}(y^{n+1})$  for some  $n$  because  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian. Then we know,  $xy = 0, x \in \text{Ann}(y), (x) \subseteq \text{Ann}(y)$ .

**subclaim:**  $\text{Ann}(y) \cap (y) = 0$ .

Assuming the subclaim, (since  $(0)$  is irreducible) deduce that either  $\text{Ann}(y) = (0) \implies x \in (0)$  or  $(y^n) = (0) \implies y^n = 0$ . Now we turn to prove the subclaim: Let  $z \in \text{Ann}(y) \cap (y^n)$ . Then  $z = y^n t, t \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $zy = 0 \implies ty^{n+1} = 0 \implies t \in \text{Ann}(y^{n+1}) = \text{Ann}(y^n) \implies z = ty^n = 0$ . This finishes the proof of subclaim thus also the proof of Claim1.

**Calim2:**  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian,  $S := \{\text{ideals in } \mathcal{A} \text{ that are finite intersection of irreducible ideals}\} \implies S = \{\text{ideals in } \mathcal{A}\}$ .

Proof of Claim2: Consider the complement  $S^c = \{\text{ideals in } \mathcal{A} \text{ that are not finite intersections of irreducible ideals}\}$ . Want:  $S^c = \emptyset$ . If not, then it contains a maximal element  $\mathfrak{a}$ . Claim  $\mathfrak{a} \neq (1)$ , because  $\mathfrak{a}$  not irreducible.

$\implies \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{b} \cap \mathfrak{c}, \mathfrak{b} \supsetneq \mathfrak{a}, \text{ and } \mathfrak{c} \supsetneq \mathfrak{a}$

$\mathfrak{a}$  maximal in  $S^c, \mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{c} \notin S^c. \implies \mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{c} \in S$ . So  $\mathfrak{b}$  and  $\mathfrak{c}$  are finite intersections of irreducible ideals  $\implies \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{b} \cap \mathfrak{c}$  is a finite intersection of irreducible ideals. contradiction. Alternatively, by Noetherian induction, it suffices to show if  $\mathfrak{a}$  has the property that **all strictly larger ideals  $\mathfrak{b} \supsetneq \mathfrak{a}$  belong to  $S$**  Then  $\mathfrak{a} \in S$ . If not, then  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{b} \cap \mathfrak{c}, \mathfrak{b} \supsetneq \mathfrak{a} \implies \mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{c} \in S$ . conclude as before.  $\square$

Basics on primary ideals:



**Lemma 5.5.** *Let  $\mathfrak{q}$  primary. Then  $\mathfrak{p} := \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q})$  is prime. It is the smallest prime containing  $\mathfrak{q}$ .*

*Proof.* It suffices to show  $\mathfrak{p}$  is prime. ( $\mathfrak{p}$  = intersection of all prime ideals containing  $\mathfrak{q}$ , hence contained in any such prime, hence is the minimal such prime.) Let  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $xy \in \mathfrak{p}$ ,  $x \notin \mathfrak{p}$ . Want  $y \in \mathfrak{p}$ .  
 $(xy)^n \in \mathfrak{q}$  for some  $n$ .  $x^n \notin \mathfrak{q} \implies (y^n)^m \in \mathfrak{q}$  for some  $m \implies y \in \mathfrak{p}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 5.6.** *If  $\mathfrak{q}$  is primary with radical  $\mathfrak{p}$ , we call  $\mathfrak{q}$   **$\mathfrak{p}$ -primary**.*

**Lemma 5.7.** *If  $\mathfrak{q}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{q}_n$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary, then  $\mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_n$  is  $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary.*

*Proof.* Read  $\mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_n = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}_1) \cap \dots \cap \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}_n) = \mathfrak{p} \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}$ . Then it left to show  $\mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_n$  is primary.

Suppose  $xy \in \mathfrak{q}$ ,  $x \notin \mathfrak{p}$ . Want  $y \in \mathfrak{q}$ . We have  $xy \in \mathfrak{q}_i$ ,  $x \notin \mathfrak{p} \implies y \in \mathfrak{q}_i \forall i \implies y \in \mathfrak{q}$   $\square$

Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  prime. In general, a  $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary ideal  $\mathfrak{q}$  need not be a power of  $\mathfrak{p}$ , and a power of  $\mathfrak{p}$  need not be primary. For example: If  $\mathfrak{m}$  maximal ideal,  $\mathfrak{q}$  any ideal, and  $\mathfrak{m} = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q})$ , then  $\mathfrak{q}$  is primary.

*Proof.* Then  $\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{q} = \text{Nil}(\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q})$  is both a maximal ideal and the intersection of all prime ideals  $\implies \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}$  has exactly one prime ideal,  $\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{q}$ . ( $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}, \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{q}, \mathfrak{q}$ ) is a local ring. To show that  $\mathfrak{q}$  is primary, we must show any zero divisors in  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}$  is Nilpotent (belongs to  $\text{Nil}(\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}) = \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{q}$ ) In other words, want if  $x \in \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}$ ,  $x \notin \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{q}$ , then  $x$  not a zero divisor. Because  $x \in \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}$  and  $x \notin \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{q} \implies \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}$  is local ring with unique prime  $\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{q} \implies x$  is a unit.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.8.**  $\mathfrak{m}$  maximal,  $\implies \mathfrak{m}^n$  is  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary  $\forall n$

**Example 5.9.**  $\mathfrak{m} = (X, Y) \subseteq K[X, Y] \implies \mathfrak{m}^n$  is primary.

**Example 5.10.**  $\mathfrak{q} = (X^2, Y) \subseteq K[X, Y]$  is  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary.

**Example 5.11.**  $\mathfrak{a} = \prod_{j=1}^J (X - z_j)^{n_j} \subseteq \mathbb{C}[X]$  for some distinct  $z_1, \dots, z_J \in \mathbb{C}$ .  
Then  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_J$ ,  $\mathfrak{q}_j = ((X - z_j)^{n_j})$   $\mathfrak{p}_j = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}_j) = (X - z_j)$

**Example 5.12.**  $\mathfrak{q}_1 = (X, Y)^2 = (X^2, XY, Y^2) \subseteq K[X, Y]$ ,  $\mathfrak{p} = (X, Y)$ .  
 $\mathfrak{q}_2 = (Y) \implies \mathfrak{p}_2 = (Y)$   
 $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \mathfrak{q}_2 = (XY, Y^2)$

How do we talk about the uniqueness of primary decomposition? Sometimes you shrink a primary decomposition  $\mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_n$ .  $\mathfrak{p}_j = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}_j)$

- (a) If  $\mathfrak{p}_i = \mathfrak{p}_j$  for some  $i \neq j$ , then we can replace  $\mathfrak{q}_i$  with  $\mathfrak{q}_i \cap \mathfrak{q}_j$  and delete  $\mathfrak{q}_j$ .
- (b)  $\mathfrak{q}_j \supseteq \cap_{i:i \neq j} \mathfrak{q}_i$ , then we can delete  $\mathfrak{q}_j$ .

**Definition 5.13.** If we can't do (a) or (b), we call the resulting decomposition **minimal**. Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  ideal, we define  $\text{Ass}(\mathfrak{a}) := \{\text{prime ideals of the form } \text{rad}(\mathfrak{a} : x) \text{ for some } x \in \mathcal{A}\}$  to be **the set of associated ideals of  $\mathfrak{a}$** . (recall  $y \in (\mathfrak{a} : x) \iff y \text{ maps } x \text{ into } \mathfrak{a} \iff yx \in \mathfrak{a}$ )

**Theorem 5.14.** Let  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_n$  be a minimal primary decomposition. Then  $\{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n\} = \text{Ass}(\mathfrak{a})$ . In particular, the set  $\{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n\}$  is independent of the choice of minimal primary decomposition.

**Lemma 5.15.** Let  $\mathfrak{q}$   $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary,  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ .

- (a)  $x \in \mathfrak{q} \implies (\mathfrak{q} : x) = (1)$
- (b)  $x \notin \mathfrak{q} \implies (\mathfrak{q} : x)$  is  $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary.
- (c)  $x \notin \mathfrak{p} \implies (\mathfrak{q} : x) = \mathfrak{q}$

We first show that the lemma leads to the theorem.

*Proof.*  $\{\mathfrak{p}_j\} \supseteq \text{Ass}(\mathfrak{a})$ . Let  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a} : x) = \mathfrak{p}$  is prime. want  $\mathfrak{p} = \text{some } \mathfrak{p} + j$ .  $\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a} : x) = \cap \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}_j : x) = \cap_{x \notin \mathfrak{q}_j} \mathfrak{p}_j \implies \mathfrak{p} = \text{some } \mathfrak{q}_j$   $\lll\lll\lll\lll\lll\lll\lll 1$   $\square$

## 5.2 Lecture 13

Recall the First uniqueness theorem for Minimal Primary Decomposition(MPD).

Let  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_n$  be a minimal primary decomposition. Then  $\{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n\} = \text{Ass}(\mathfrak{a})$ . In particular, the set  $\{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n\}$  is independent of the choice of minimal primary decomposition.

$\mathfrak{a}$  decomposable with  $\mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_n$  being any of the MPD. take  $\mathfrak{p}_i = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}_i)$   
 $\text{Ass}(\mathfrak{a}) = \{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n\}$

**Example 5.16.** *MPD's need not be unique:*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{a} &= (xy, x^2) \\ &= (x) \cap (x, y)^2 \\ &= (x) \cap (x^2, y)\end{aligned}$$

but  $\mathfrak{p}_1 = (x)$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_2 = (x, y)$

And now we come back to the proof of the Lemma 5.15

*Proof.* (a) let  $yz \in (\mathfrak{q} : x), y \notin (\mathfrak{q} : x)$ .

Want: some  $z^n \in (\mathfrak{q} : x)$

Know:  $xyz \in \mathfrak{q}, xy \notin \mathfrak{q}$  because  $\mathfrak{q}$  is primary  $\implies$  some  $z^n \in \mathfrak{q}$ .  
 $\implies (\mathfrak{q} : x)$  is primary.

(b) Want:  $\text{rad}(\mathfrak{q} : x) = \mathfrak{q}$

Suppose  $y^n \in (\mathfrak{q} : x)$

Want:  $y \in \mathfrak{p}$ .

Know  $xy^n \in \mathfrak{q}, x \notin \mathfrak{q} \implies y \in \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}) = \mathfrak{p}$

(c)  $x \notin \mathfrak{p} \implies (\mathfrak{q} : x) = \mathfrak{q}$ , the  $\supseteq$  part is obvious. For the " $\subseteq$ " suppose  $y \in (\mathfrak{q} : x)$ , i.e.  $xy \in \mathfrak{q}$ . Know  $x \notin \mathfrak{p}$  because  $\mathfrak{q}$  is primary,  $\implies y \in \mathfrak{q}$

□

**Proposition 5.17.** *If  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian, then  $\exists x \in \mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $(\mathfrak{q} : x) = \mathfrak{p}$  (necessarily  $x \notin \mathfrak{q}$ )*

*Proof.*  $\mathfrak{p}$  finitely generated ideal  $x \in \mathfrak{p} \implies$  some  $x^n \in \mathfrak{q} \implies$  some  $\mathfrak{p}^n \subseteq \mathfrak{q}$   
Choose  $n \geq 1$  minimal with this property. Then  $\mathfrak{p}^{n-1} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{q} \implies \exists x \in \mathfrak{p}^{n-1}, x \notin \mathfrak{q}$ .

Claim:  $(\mathfrak{q} : x) = \mathfrak{p}$ .

" $\subseteq$ ": True, because we have seen that  $(\mathfrak{q} : x)$  is  $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary.

" $\supseteq$ ": If  $y \in \mathfrak{p}$ , then  $xy \in \mathfrak{p}^n \subseteq \mathfrak{q} \implies y \in (\mathfrak{q} : x)$

□

**Example 5.18.**  $k$  is field, and  $\mathcal{A} = k[t]$ ,  $\mathfrak{q} = (t^N), N \geq 1, \mathfrak{p} = (t)$ .

$x \in \mathcal{A} \implies x = ct^n + c't^{n+1} + \dots$ , where  $c \neq 0, n \geq 0, n =: \text{ord}_t(x)$  for example:  $x = t^4 + 4t^2, \text{ord}_t(x) = 2, \frac{x}{1} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}, \left(\frac{x}{1}\right) = \left(\frac{t^4}{1}\right)$

Then  $(\mathfrak{q} : x) = (t^m)$ , where  $m = \max(N - n, 0)$

$x \in \mathfrak{q} \iff n \geq N \iff m = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
x \notin \mathfrak{q} &\iff m \geq 1 \implies (\mathfrak{q} : x) \text{ is } \mathfrak{p}\text{-primary.} \\
x \in (t^{N-1}), \text{ but } x \notin (t^N) &\implies (\mathfrak{q} : x) = \mathfrak{p} \\
x \notin \mathfrak{p} &\iff n = 0 \iff m = N \implies (\mathfrak{q} : x) = \mathfrak{q}
\end{aligned}$$

Now we come to the proof of Theorem 5.14

*Proof.* Given a MPD  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{q}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_n$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ , we can compute  $(\mathfrak{a} : x) = \bigcap_j (\mathfrak{q}_j : x)$

$$rad(\mathfrak{a} : x) = \bigcap_{j: \mathfrak{q}_j \not\ni x} \mathfrak{p}_j$$

Since this decomposition is minimal, we may find for each  $i$  an element  $x \in \bigcap_{j \neq i} \mathfrak{q}_j$ ,  $x \notin \mathfrak{q}_i$   
 $\implies rad(\mathfrak{a} : x) = \mathfrak{p}_i$   
 $\implies \mathfrak{p}_i \in Ass(\mathfrak{a})$ .  
 $(\mathfrak{q}_i \not\subseteq \bigcap_{j \neq i} \mathfrak{q}_j)$

Conversely, if  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a prime of the form  $\mathfrak{p} = rad(\mathfrak{a} : x)$  for some  $x$ , then  $\mathfrak{p} = \bigcap_{j: \mathfrak{q}_j \not\ni x} \mathfrak{p}_j \implies \mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_j$  for some  $j$ .  $\implies Ass(\mathfrak{a}) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n\}$   $\square$

This completes the proof the Theorem 5.14. Moreover, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian, we may find for each  $i$  an element  $x$  with  $(\mathfrak{a} : x) = \mathfrak{p}_i$ , by applying the final part of the last lemma.

**Note that**  $rad(\mathfrak{a}) = \bigcap \mathfrak{p}_j$  if  $\mathfrak{a} = \bigcap \mathfrak{q}_j$  is a MPD. We want to define **Zero-divisors modulo  $\mathfrak{a}$** ,

$$\begin{aligned}
Z(\mathfrak{a}) &:= \{x \in \mathcal{A} \mid \exists y \in \mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{a} \text{ s.t. } xy \in \mathfrak{a}\} \\
&= \bigcup_{y \in \mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{a}} (\mathfrak{a} : y) \\
&\stackrel{(*)}{=} \bigcup_{y \in \mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{a}} rad((\mathfrak{a} : y))
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* of the  $(*)$ , if some power  $x^n$  of  $x$  satisfies  $x^n \in (\mathfrak{a} : y)$ , i.e.  $x^n y \in \mathfrak{a}$ , then we may choose  $n \geq 1$  minimal with thei property. Then  $x \cdot x^{n-1} y \in \mathfrak{a}$  but  $x^{n-1} y \notin \mathfrak{a}$ . As  $x \in (\mathfrak{a} : x^{n-1} y) \implies (*)$   $\square$

**Proposition 5.19.**  $\mathfrak{a} = \bigcap \mathfrak{q}_j$  MPD,  $\implies Z(\mathfrak{a}) = \bigcup \mathfrak{p}_j$ .

*Proof.*  $rad(\mathfrak{a} : y) = \bigcap_{j: \mathfrak{q}_j \not\ni y} \mathfrak{p}_j$ ,  
 $Z(\mathfrak{a}) \subseteq \bigcup \mathfrak{p}_j$ : Let  $x \in Z(\mathfrak{a})$ . We want to show that  $x$  is contained in some  $\mathfrak{p}_j$ . The fact that  $x \in Z(\mathfrak{a}) \implies (\mathfrak{a} : x) \not\subseteq \mathfrak{a}$ . On the other hand, we know  $(\mathfrak{a} : x) = \bigcap_j (\mathfrak{q}_j : x)$  and we know  $(\mathfrak{q}_j : x)$  is  $\mathfrak{p}_j$ -primary ideal if  $x \notin \mathfrak{q}_j$ , or  $(\mathfrak{q}_j : x) = \mathfrak{q}_j$  if  $x \notin \mathfrak{p}_j$ .

If  $x \notin \mathfrak{p}_j \forall j$ , then  $(\mathfrak{q}_j : x) = \mathfrak{q}_j \implies (\mathfrak{a} : x) \cap \mathfrak{q}_j = \mathfrak{a}$ , contrary to the hypothesis that  $x \in Z(\mathfrak{a})$ .

For the reverse inclusion, suppose  $x \notin Z(\mathfrak{a})$ . Want to show that  $x \notin \mathfrak{p}_j \forall j$ . Alternatively, we might try to show  $\cup \mathfrak{p}_j \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{a})$ .

Recall: give  $j$ , we can find  $y$  s.t.  $rad(\mathfrak{a} : y) = \mathfrak{p}_j$ . Necessarily,  $y \notin \mathfrak{a}$ . So if  $x \in \mathfrak{p}_j$ , then  $x \in rad(\mathfrak{a} : y) \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{a})$  because  $rad(\mathfrak{a} : y) = \cap_{j: \mathfrak{q}_j \not\supseteq y} \mathfrak{p}_j$   $\square$

A good example for intuition,  $\{z_1, \dots, z_n\} \subseteq k$  where  $k$  is a field.  $\mathfrak{a} = \cap \mathfrak{q}_j, \mathfrak{q}_k = (t - z_j)^{N_j}$  and  $\mathcal{A} = k[t]$ . by the theorem  $0 \neq x \in \mathcal{A} \implies n_j := ord_{t-z_j}(x) := \text{largest } n_j \geq 0 \text{ such that } (t - z_j)^{n_j} \text{ divides } x$ .

Then  $x \in Z(\mathfrak{a}) \iff \exists j : n_j \geq 1$ .

$x \in rad(\mathfrak{a}) \iff \forall j, n_j \geq 1$ . **NB:**  $n_j$  = order of vanishing of  $x$  at  $z_j$ ,  $n_j \geq c \iff$  first  $c$  Taylor coefficients of  $x$  at  $z_j$

**Definition 5.20.**  $Ass(\mathfrak{a}) \ni \mathfrak{p}$  is either *minimal/isolated* if  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a minimal element of  $Ass(\mathfrak{a})$  (We usually denote the set of isolated primes in  $Ass(\mathfrak{a})$  by  $Ass'(\mathfrak{a})$ ) or *embedded* if  $\mathfrak{p}_1 \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_2 \implies V(\mathfrak{p}_1) \supseteq V(\mathfrak{p}_2)$  embedded in  $V(\mathfrak{p}_1)$ .

**Example 5.21.**  $\mathfrak{p}_1 = (x), \mathfrak{p}_2 = (x, y)$   
 $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{p}_1 \cap \mathfrak{p}_2^2 = (xy, x^2)$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  is isolated/minimal while  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  is embedded.

Then we state the second unique decomposition theorem:

**Theorem 5.22.** In any MPD  $\mathfrak{a} = \cap \mathfrak{q}_j$ ,  $\{\mathfrak{q}_j : \mathfrak{p}_j \text{ is minimal}\}$  depends only upon  $\mathfrak{a}$ . More precisely, for  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  minimal, we have  $\mathfrak{q}_j = \iota^*(\iota_*(\mathfrak{a}))$ , where  $\iota : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}_j}$

Recall that for a multiplicative set  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\iota : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ :

$\mathfrak{p}$  prime ,

$\mathfrak{p} \cap S \neq \emptyset \implies \iota_*(\mathfrak{p}) = (1)$

$\mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset \implies \iota^*(\mathfrak{p})$  prime and  $\iota^*\iota_*(\mathfrak{p}) = \mathfrak{p}$ .

**Lemma 5.23.**  $\iota^*\iota_*(\mathfrak{a}) = \cup_{s \in S} (\mathfrak{a} : s)$

*Proof.*  $x \in \iota^*\iota_*(\mathfrak{a}) \implies \frac{x}{1} \in \iota_*\mathfrak{a} = \{\frac{y}{s} : y \in \mathfrak{a}, s \in S\}$

“ $\subseteq$ ”: Suppose  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{s}$  for some  $y \in \mathfrak{a}, s \in S$ . Then  $\exists t \in S$  s.t.  $t(xs - y) = 0 \implies stx = yt \in \mathfrak{a} \implies x \in (\mathfrak{a} : st)$ , where  $st \in S$ .

“ $\supseteq$ ”: Say  $x \in (\mathfrak{a} : s)$  for some  $s \in S$ . Thus  $xs =: y \in \mathfrak{a}$ . Then  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{s} \in \iota^*\iota_*\mathfrak{a}$   $\square$

**Lemma 5.24.**  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is multiplicative set  $\mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  primary and  $\mathfrak{p} = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q})$ .  
Then:

$$(a) \quad \mathfrak{p} \cup S \neq \emptyset \implies \iota_* \mathfrak{q} = (1)$$

$$(b) \quad \mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset (\iota_* \mathfrak{p} \text{ is prime}) \implies \iota_* \mathfrak{q} \text{ is } \iota_* \mathfrak{p}\text{-primary and } \iota^* \iota_* \mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{q}.$$

$$(c) \quad S \cap \mathfrak{q} = \emptyset \iff S \cap \mathfrak{p} = \emptyset$$

*Proof.* (a) Suppose  $\mathfrak{p} \cap S \neq \emptyset$ , Say  $s_0 \in \mathfrak{p} \cap S$ .  $\implies \exists n \geq 1 : s_0^n \in \mathfrak{q} \cap S$

$$\iota_* \mathfrak{q} = \left\{ \frac{x}{s} : x \in \mathfrak{q}, s \in S \right\}$$

$$\text{Want } \frac{1}{1} \in \iota_* \mathfrak{q} \implies \frac{1}{1} = \frac{s_0^n}{s_0^n} \in \iota_* \mathfrak{q}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Suppose } \mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset. \text{ Then } \text{rad}(\iota_*(\mathfrak{q})) = \iota_*(\text{rad}(\mathfrak{q})) = \iota_* \mathfrak{p}.$$

Let  $\frac{x}{s}, \frac{y}{t} \in S^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ , Suppose  $(\frac{x}{s})\frac{y}{t} \in \iota_* \mathfrak{q}, \frac{y}{t} \notin \iota_* \mathfrak{q}$ , Want : some  $(\frac{x}{s})^n \in \iota_* \mathfrak{q}$  □

### 5.3 Lecture 14

Last lecture we ended before we prove the second uniqueness theorem of primary decomposition 5.24. Now we continue:

*Proof.* Last time  $\text{rad}(\iota_* \mathfrak{q}) = \iota_* \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}) = \iota_* \mathfrak{p}$ .

Note : we may assume  $\mathfrak{q} = (0)$ , because localization is exact, hence commutes with taking quotients

$$S^{-1}(\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}) \cong S^{-1}\mathcal{A}/\iota_* \mathfrak{q}$$

Thus take  $\mathfrak{q} = (0)$ , Assume  $S \cap \mathfrak{q} = \emptyset$ , i.e.  $S \not\ni 0$

Want:

$$(i) \quad \iota : \text{injective (i.e. } \iota^*(0) = \iota^* \iota_*(0) \stackrel{?}{=} (0))$$

$$(ii) \quad \iota_*(0) = (0)_{S^{-1}\mathcal{A}} \text{ is primary.}$$

These implies the remaining assertions (for  $\mathfrak{q} = (0)$ ).

Proof of (i):

By the general fact that  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{0}{1} \iff \exists s \in S : xs = 0 \iff x = 0$  or  $S$  contains a zerodivisor  $s : xs = 0$ ,

$$(i) \iff S \text{ contains no nonzero zerodivisors.}$$

$\Longleftrightarrow ((0) \subseteq \mathcal{A} \text{ is primary}) \ S \text{ contains no nilpotents}$

$\Longleftrightarrow S \cap \mathfrak{p} = \emptyset \Longleftrightarrow S \cap \mathfrak{q} = \emptyset \Longleftrightarrow S \not\subseteq 0$

Thus (i) holds.

proof of (ii):

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Zerodivisors} \\ \text{in } S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \end{array} \right\} &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x}{s} : x \in \mathcal{A}, s \in S \\ \text{such that } \exists \frac{y}{t} \in S^{-1}\mathcal{A} \text{ nonzero} \\ \text{so that } \frac{x}{s} \frac{y}{t} = \frac{0}{1} \end{array} \right\} \\
&= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x}{s} : \exists y \in \mathcal{A} \text{ with } y \cdot t \neq 0, \forall t \in S \\ \text{s.t. } \exists u \in S \text{ with } xuy = 0 \\ \text{where } uy \neq 0 \end{array} \right\} \\
&= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x}{s} : s \in S \\ x \in \mathcal{A} \text{ is zerodivisor} \end{array} \right\} \\
&= \left\{ \frac{x}{s} : s \in S, x \in \mathcal{A} \text{ is nilpotent} \right\} ((0) \subseteq \mathcal{A} \text{ is primary}) \\
&= Nil(S^{-1}\mathcal{A}), (\text{ by the general fact that radical commutes with localizations})
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\{\text{zerodivisors in } S^{-1}\mathcal{A}\} = Nil(S^{-1}\mathcal{A})$ , so  $(0)_{S^{-1}\mathcal{A}}$  is primary.  $lllllllll1$

The  $\Leftarrow$  direction of (c) is trivial. For the " $\Rightarrow$ " direction of (c) Suppose  $\exists s \in S \cap \mathfrak{p}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{p} = rad(\mathfrak{q})$ ,  $\exists n \geq 1$  s.t.  $s^n \in \mathfrak{q}$ .  $S$  multiplicative closed  $\Rightarrow s^n \in S$ . Thus  $s \in S \cap \mathfrak{q}$ . So  $S \cap \mathfrak{p} \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow S \cap \mathfrak{q} \neq \emptyset$

□

**Definition 5.25.** In that case call  $\mathfrak{q}_j$  the  $\mathfrak{p}_j$ -primary component of  $\mathfrak{q}$ .

**Lemma 5.26.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  decomposable. Then  $Ass'(\mathfrak{a}) = \{\text{minimal primes } \mathfrak{p} \text{ containing } \mathfrak{a}\}$

*Proof.*  $llllllllll2$

□

**Theorem 5.27.**  $\mathcal{A} \supseteq \mathfrak{a} = \cap_{j=1}^n \mathfrak{q}_j$  MPD. If  $\mathfrak{p} \in Ass'(\mathfrak{a})$ , then

$$\mathfrak{q}_j = \iota^* \iota_* \mathfrak{a}, \iota : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}_j}$$

As a Corollary

$\mathfrak{q}_j$  depends only on  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{p}_j$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}\iota^* \iota_* \mathfrak{a} &= \iota^* (\iota_* (\cap \mathfrak{q}_i)) = \iota^* (\cap \iota_* \mathfrak{q}_i) = \cap \iota^* \iota_* \mathfrak{q}_i \\ &= \begin{cases} \mathfrak{q}_i : i = j \\ (1) : i \neq j \end{cases} \text{ (By the lemma from start of the class)}\end{aligned}$$

For the second identity, we must check that  $\forall i \neq j, S \cap \mathfrak{q}_i \neq \emptyset \iff \mathfrak{q}_i \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}_j$

If  $\mathfrak{p}_i \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}_j, x \in \mathfrak{p}_i, x \notin \mathfrak{p}_j$  then some  $x^n \in \mathfrak{q}_i, \mathfrak{p}_i = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}_i), x^n \notin \mathfrak{p}_j$  because  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  is prime  $\implies \mathfrak{q}_i \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}_j$   $\square$

**Definition 5.28.** An  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $M$  is called **Artin** or **Artinian** if it satisfies either of the following equivalent conditions:

- (i) **DCC** descending chain condition: if  $M \supseteq M_1 \supseteq M_2 \supseteq \dots$ , then  $\exists n_0$  s.t.  $M_n = M_{n_0} \forall n \neq n_0$
- (ii) **MIN** minimal condition: Every collection of submodules has minimal element. The proof of (i)  $\iff$  (ii) same as the proof in definition of Noetherian ring.

**Definition 5.29.**  $\mathcal{A}$  is an **Artin ring** if it satisfies the following equivalent conditions

- (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  is an Artin  $\mathcal{A}$ -module
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A}$  DCC on ideals
- (iii)  $\mathcal{A}$  MIN on ideals

**Lemma 5.30.** If  $0 \longrightarrow M' \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M'' \longrightarrow 0$  is a short exact sequence of modules, then  $M$  Artin  $\iff M', M''$  Artin.

**Corollary 5.31.** Any finitely generated modules over an Artin ring is Artin.

**Corollary 5.32.**  $\mathcal{A}$  Artin  $\iff \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a} : \text{Artin} \forall \mathfrak{a}$  ideals.

**Example 5.33.**

- $\mathbb{Z}$  is not Artin,  $(2) \supsetneq (2^2) \supsetneq (2^3) \dots$
- Any finite ring is Artin + Noetherian e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0$
- Any finite product of Artin ring is Artin.



- $k$  is field,  $\mathfrak{m} := (X_1, \dots, X_n) \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n] = \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{m}^l$  is Artin  $\forall l \geq 0$  where  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{m}^l$  is finite dimensional vector space over  $k$ .
- $k[X]/(X^l)$  is Artin  $\forall l \geq 0$
- $k[X^2, X^3]/(X^{10})$  is Artin
- $k[X]$  is NOT Artin.

**Lemma 5.34.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  Artin. Then every prime in  $\mathcal{A}$  is maximal  $\mathcal{A}$  has only finitely many primes, hence the Jacobson radical  $Jac(\mathcal{A}) = Nil(\mathcal{A})$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  be prime. Set  $\mathcal{B} := \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  Artin, integral domain. Want  $\mathcal{B}$  is a field.

Let  $0 \neq x \in \mathcal{B}$ , Want  $x \in \mathcal{B}^\times$

Consider  $(x) \supseteq (x^2) \supseteq (x^3) \supseteq \dots$   $\mathcal{B}$  Artin  $\implies \exists n \geq 0 : (x^n) = (x^{n+1})$ ,  $\exists u \in \mathcal{B} : x^n = ux^{n+1} \implies 1 = ux$  because  $\mathcal{B}$  is an integral domain. Then  $x \in \mathcal{B}^\times$  as required.

Consider distinct maximal ideals  $\mathfrak{m}_1, \mathfrak{m}_2, \dots \in \mathcal{A}$ . Consider  $\mathfrak{m}_1 \supseteq \mathfrak{m}_1 \cap \mathfrak{m}_2 \supseteq \mathfrak{m}_1 \cap \mathfrak{m}_2 \cap \mathfrak{m}_3 \supseteq \dots$  Choose  $n_0 : \mathfrak{m}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{m}_{n_0} = \mathfrak{m}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{m}_n \forall n \geq n_0 \implies \mathfrak{m}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{m}_{n_0} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}_n \implies \mathfrak{m}_n = \mathfrak{m}_j$  for some  $j \leq n_0$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.35.**  $\mathcal{A}$  is Artin  $\implies \mathcal{N} := Nil(\mathcal{A})$  is nilpotent:  $\exists n \geq 0, \mathcal{N}^n = (0)$

**Remark 5.36.**

$$\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n k[X_i]/(X_i^i)$$

hence  $\mathcal{N} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (X_i)$ , where  $(X_i) \subseteq k[X_i]/(X_i^i)$   $\mathcal{N}^n = (0), \mathcal{N}^{n-1} \neq (0)$ , If  $n < \infty, \mathcal{A}$  is Artin. If  $n = \infty, \mathcal{A}$  is NOT Artin,  $\mathcal{A}$  not Nilpotent.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{J} := Nil(\mathcal{A}) = Jac(\mathcal{A})$  by the lemma. Consider  $\mathcal{J} \supseteq \mathcal{J}^2 \supseteq \mathcal{J}^3 \supseteq \dots$   $\mathcal{A}$  is Artin  $\implies \mathcal{J}^n = \mathcal{J}^{n+1}$  for some  $n$ , Want  $\mathcal{J}^n = (0)$

Denote  $\mathcal{I} := \mathcal{J}^n$ . Note that  $\mathcal{J}\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}$ , if we know that  $\mathcal{I}$  were finitely generated, suppose  $\mathcal{I} \neq (0)$ . Then Nakayama lemma  $\implies \mathcal{I} = (0)$

Let  $l$  be a minimal element of  $\{\text{ideals } l \subseteq \mathcal{I} : \mathcal{J}^n l \neq (0)\}$ . Then  $\exists 0 \neq x \in l$  with  $\mathcal{J}^n(x) \neq (0)$ . Then  $(x \subseteq l \subseteq \mathcal{I}), \mathcal{J}^n(x) \neq (0)$ , so by minimality,  $l = (x)$ .  $\mathcal{J}^n(x) = \mathcal{J}^{n+1}(x) = \mathcal{J}^n \mathcal{J}(x)$ . Want  $\mathcal{J}(x) = (x)$

If not, then  $\mathcal{J}(x)$  is a nonut now  $(x)$  finitely generated, so we conclude by Nakayama  $\square$

## 6 Dimension Theory

### 6.1 Lecture 15

**Definition 6.1.** The **Krull dimension** of a nonzero ring  $\mathcal{A}$ , denoted  $\dim(\mathcal{A})$ , is the supremum of all  $r \geq 0$  s.t.  $\exists$  chain of primes in  $\mathcal{A}$  of length  $r$ :  $\mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_r$

**Example 6.2.**

- $k$  a field,  $\implies (0)$  is the only prime  $\implies \dim(k) = 0$
- $\dim(\mathbb{Z}) = 1$
- (NOT OBVIOUS)  $\dim(k[x_1, \dots, x_n]) = n$  and  $\dim(\mathcal{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]) = \dim(\mathcal{R}) + n$ .
- $\dim(\mathcal{A}) = 0 \iff$  every prime is maximal.

**Theorem 6.3.**  $\mathcal{A}$  an Artin ring  $\iff \mathcal{A}$  Noetherian and  $\dim(\mathcal{A}) = 0$ .

Recall last lecture, by the Proposition 5.34 says all primes in Artin ring is maximal,  $\dim(\mathcal{A}) = 0$ .

**Lemma 6.4.**  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian,  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  ideal  $\implies \exists n \geq 0 : \text{rad}(\mathfrak{a})^n \subseteq \mathfrak{a}$

*Proof.*  $\text{rad}(\mathfrak{a})$  is finitely generated, suppose it is generated by a finite set  $\{x_i | i = 1, \dots, r\}$ . Choose  $N \geq 0$  large enough that  $x_j^N \in \mathfrak{a}, \forall j = 1, \dots, r$ . Any  $x \in \text{rad}(\mathfrak{a})$  may be written  $x = \sum a_j x_j \implies x^n = (\sum a_j x_j)^n = \mathcal{A}$ -linear combination of  $x_1^{n_1} \dots x_r^{n_r}$  where  $n_1 + \dots + n_r = n$ . We can take  $n$  large enough ( $n \geq N \times r + 1$ ), then at least one of  $n_j$  is larger than  $N$  for each term  $\implies x^n \in \mathfrak{a}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 6.5.**  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian,  $\mathfrak{q}$  is  $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary,  $\exists n \geq 0 : \mathfrak{q} \supseteq \mathfrak{p}^n$ . (By definition)

**Lemma 6.6.** Suppose  $(0) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is a finite product of maximal ideals. Then under this assumption,

$$\mathcal{A} \text{ is Artin} \iff \mathcal{A} \text{ is Noetherian}$$

*Proof.* Say  $(0) = \mathfrak{m}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{m}_r$ . Each  $k_j := \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{m}_j$  is a field. Define  $M_0 := \mathcal{A}$ ,  $M_1 := \mathfrak{m}_1$ ,  $M_2 := \mathfrak{m}_1 \mathfrak{m}_2, \dots, M_r = (0)$ .

Then  $M_j/M_{j+1} (j = 0, 1, \dots, r-1)$  is a  $k_{j+1}$ -vector space. Moreover:

$$\{\mathcal{A}\text{-submodule of } M_j/M_{j+1}\} \xleftrightarrow{bij} \{k_{j+1}\text{-vector subspace of } M_j/M_{j+1}\}$$

In general, if  $V$  is a vector space over a field  $k$ , then  $V$  is Artin  $\iff \dim_k(V) < \infty \iff V$  is Noetherian. Thus  $M_j/M_{j+1}$  is Artin  $\iff M_j/M_{j+1}$  is Noetherian.

To conclude, we apply the following Lemma:

**Lemma 6.7.** *If  $M = M_0 \supseteq M_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq M_r = \{0\}$  is a chain of modules over a ring then  $M$  is Noetherian iff each  $M_j/M_{j+1}$  is Noetherian and  $M$  is Artin iff  $M_j/M_{j+1}$  is Artin.*

*Proof.* Induction on  $r$ , check it for  $r = 0$ . For  $r \geq 1$ ,

$$0 \longrightarrow M_1 \longrightarrow M_0 \longrightarrow M_0/M_1 \longrightarrow 0$$

Recall Lemma 3.36 and Lemma 5.30, we know  $M_1$  Noetherian (Artin)  $\iff$  each  $M_j/M_{j+1}$  is Noetherian (Artin) □

□

Now we come back to the proof of Theorem 6.3

*Proof. Want:* Artin  $\iff$  Noetherian +  $\dim = 0$

**Know:** Artin  $\iff \dim = 0$

By Lemma 6.6, it reduces to showing

- (i) Artin  $\iff (0) =$  finite product of maximal ideals.
- (ii) Noetherian  $\implies (0) =$  finite product of maximal ideals +  $\dim = 0$ .

For the part (i). Recall  $\mathcal{A}$  Artin  $\implies \{\text{primes} \in \mathcal{A}\} = \{\mathfrak{m}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{m}_r\}$  finite set of maximal ideals.

$$(\mathfrak{m}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{m}_r)^N \subseteq (\mathfrak{m}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{m}_r)^N = \text{Jac}(\mathcal{A})^N = (0)$$

for some  $N$  by a proposition in last lecture.

For part (ii),  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian  $\implies (0) = \cap_j \mathfrak{q}_j$  :MPD with  $\mathfrak{p}_j = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}_j)$ .

$(\dim = 0) \implies$  Each  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  is maximal  
 $\implies$  Every  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  is isolated/minimal  
 $\implies \{\text{primes in } \mathcal{A}\} = \{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_r\}$  are all maximal.

Consider  $(\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_r)^N \subseteq (\mathfrak{p}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{p}_r)^N \subseteq (0)$ , where  $(\mathfrak{p}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{p}_r) = \text{Nil}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{rad}(0)$  and we can conclude the last inclusion by Lemma 6.4  $\square$

**Definition 6.8.** A ring  $\mathcal{A}$  is called **primary** iff  $(0)$  is primary.

**Proposition 6.9.**  $\mathcal{A}$  is Artin. Then  $\mathcal{A}$  local  $\iff$  primary.

*Proof.* “ $\implies$ ”:

$(\mathcal{A} : \mathfrak{m})$  is local  $\iff \mathfrak{m}$  is the unique prime ideal.

$\implies \mathfrak{m} = \text{Jac}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Nil}(\mathcal{A})$

$\implies \mathfrak{m}^N = 0$  for some  $N \geq 0$

$\mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{m} = \mathcal{A}^\times \implies \mathfrak{m} = \{\text{zero divisors}\} = \text{Nilpotents} = \text{Non-units}$  because  $(0)$  is primary.

“ $\impliedby$ ”,  $(0)$  primary  $\implies \mathfrak{p} = \text{rad}(0)$  is the smallest prime  $\implies$  maximal

$\implies \mathfrak{p}$  the unique prime in  $\mathcal{A}$

$\implies \mathfrak{p}$ : the unique maximal in  $\mathcal{A}$

$\implies (\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{m} := \mathfrak{p})$  is local.  $\square$

Question: What are the Artin integral domains?

Answer: The fields.  $(0)$  prime  $\implies (0)$  maximal  $\implies \mathcal{A}$  is a field.

**Proposition 6.10.** Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{m})$  Noetherian local ring. Then either

(i)  $\mathfrak{m}^n \neq \mathfrak{m}^{n+1} \forall n \geq 0$

(ii) Some  $\mathfrak{m}^n = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  Artin.

*Proof.* Need to show the negation of (i) leads to (ii).

That (i) is false is equivalent to  $\exists n : \mathfrak{m}^n = \mathfrak{m}^{n+1} \iff \mathfrak{m}\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{a} : \mathfrak{m}^n$ , because  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian we know  $\mathfrak{a}$  is finitely generated. Then by Nakayama lemma we know  $\mathfrak{a} = (0)$

Let  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  be a prime. Then  $\mathfrak{m}^n \subseteq \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ . Take radical to get  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{m}$ . Indeed,  $r(\mathfrak{m}^n) = r(0) \implies \mathfrak{m} = \cap_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{p} \implies \mathfrak{m}$  unique prime  $\implies \dim(\mathcal{A}) = 0 \implies \mathcal{A}$  is Artin.  $\square$

**Example 6.11.**

- $\mathbb{Z}/(p^n)$ : Artin local
- $k[[x]]$ : Noetherian  $\mathfrak{m} = (x)$  not Artin local
- $k[[x]]/(x^n)$ : Artin local
- $k[x^2, x^3]/(x^{10})$ : Artin local  $\mathfrak{m} = (x^2, x^3)$

*In the first three examples, the maximal ideal is principal while in the last example it is not.*

In fact we can describe every Artin ring in terms of Artin local ring.

**Theorem 6.12.** *Every Artin ring is a finite direct product of local Artin local rings, unique up to reordering/isomorphism.*

*Proof.*  $\mathcal{A}$  Artin  $\implies \mathcal{A}$  Noetherian with  $\dim 0 \implies \exists(0) = \cap \mathfrak{q}_j$  : MPD with  $\mathfrak{p}_j = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}_j)$  being maximal.  $\exists n \geq 0$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{q}_j \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_j^{n \vee j}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  maximal  $\implies$  the  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  are pairwise coprime  $\implies \mathfrak{q}_j$  are pairwise coprime. Then we know from Chinese remainder theorem: the map

$$\mathcal{A}/\cap_j \mathfrak{q}_j \longrightarrow \prod_j \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}_j$$

is an isomorphism, Which means

$$\mathcal{A} \cong \prod_i \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}_j$$

is a finite product of Artin local rings.

Uniqueness: Suppose  $\phi : \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\cong} \prod_j \mathcal{A}_j$  finite product of Artin local ring. Let  $\phi_i : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_i$ ,  $\phi_j = pr_j \circ \phi$ . Define  $\mathfrak{q}'_i := \text{Ker}(\phi_i)$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}'_i \cong \mathcal{A}_i$ . By the above lemma we know Artin local indicate primary. Then we know  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{q}'_i$  primary  $\mathfrak{q}'_i$  is primary.  $\llllllllll$   $\square$

## 6.2 Lecture 16 Krull's Intersection Theorem

**Theorem 6.13.** (*Krull intersection theorem*)  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian,  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \text{Jac}(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $M$  finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -module. Then

$$\cap_{i>0} \mathfrak{a}^i M = \{0\}$$

**Corollary 6.14.** *In the above setting,*

$$\cap_{i \geq 0} \mathfrak{a}^i = (0)$$

**Example 6.15.** (Nonexample)  $k$  a field,  $\mathcal{A} : \cup_{n \geq 1} k[[X^{1/n}]]$  “formal power series with positive rational exponents”.  $\mathcal{A}$  is a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} : \{\mathfrak{a} = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}} c_i X^i \mid c_0 = 0\}$ .  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{m} = k$ .

In particular,  $\mathfrak{m} = \text{Jac}(\mathcal{A})$ , hence it satisfies the requirement for ideals in the above theorem. But  $\cap_{i \geq 0} \mathfrak{m}^i = \mathfrak{m}$ . Indeed,  $\mathfrak{m}$  is spanned over  $k$  by  $X^\alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ . But  $X^\alpha = (X^{\alpha/i})^i \in \mathfrak{m}^i \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}^i \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \forall i \geq 1$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  forms a Non-example of Non-Noetherian ring,  $\mathfrak{m}$  is not finitely generated.

*Proof.* (of Theorem 6.13)  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \text{Jac}(\mathcal{A})$ , which suggests us to try Nakayama’s Lemma 2.16.  $M' := \cap_{i \geq 0} \mathfrak{a}^i M$ .  $M$  finitely generated Noetherian module  $\implies M'$  is Noetherian and  $M'$  is finitely generated. Want to show  $M' = 0$ . By Nakayama lemma, it reduce to showing that  $\mathfrak{a}M' = M'$ .

Unfortunately, **ideal multiplication and intersection of modules do not in general commute**, so this is not so clear, we can at most claim  $\mathfrak{a}M' \subseteq M'$  (easy to check).

To proceed, we need the following lemma:

**Lemma 6.16.** (Artin-Rees)  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian,  $\mathfrak{a}$  be any ideal in  $\mathcal{A}$ .  $M$  finitely generated module and  $M' \subseteq M$  as a submodule. Then  $\exists k \geq 0$  so that  $\forall i \geq k$

$$\mathfrak{a}^i M \cap M' = \mathfrak{a}^{i-k} (\mathfrak{a}^k M \cap M')$$

Then, by Artin-Rees Lemma 6.16,  $\mathfrak{a}^i M \cap M' = \mathfrak{a}^{i-k} (\mathfrak{a}^k M \cap M')$ . But  $\mathfrak{a}^i M \cap M' = M' = \mathfrak{a}^k M \cap M'$ . Take  $i = k + 1 : M' = \mathfrak{a}M'$ . Then use the Nakayama Lemma 2.16,  $\implies M' = 0$  done.

□

The “ $\supseteq$ ” part of Artin-Rees Lemma 6.16 is clear, because  $\mathfrak{a}^{i-k} (\mathfrak{a}^k M \cap M') \subseteq \mathfrak{a}^i M \cap \mathfrak{a}^{i-k} M'$ .

Our aim next is to prove “ $\subseteq$ ” part of Artin-Rees lemma.

**Definition 6.17.** Let  $I$  be a **monoid** (Set with associative binary operation and with identity). An  **$I$ -graded ring** is a ring together with a decomposition  $\mathcal{A} = \oplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_i \mathcal{A}_j \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{i+j}$ . Thus  $1 \in \mathcal{A}_0$

**Example 6.18.**  $\mathcal{A} = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ ,  $I = \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , and  $\mathcal{A}_i := \{\text{homogeneous elements of degree } i\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \mathcal{A}_i$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  graded ring.

Another example is still the same  $\mathcal{A}$  but with  $I = (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})^n$  and  $\mathcal{A}_I = kX_1^{i_1} \dots X_n^{i_n}$

**Definition 6.19.** A **graded module**  $M$  over a graded ring  $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i$  is a module equipped with a decomposition  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$  s.t.  $\mathcal{A}_i \cdot M_j \subseteq M_{i+j}$ . A **graded submodule**  $M' \subseteq M$  is then a submodule for which  $M' = \bigoplus_{i \in I} (M' \cap M_i)$ . A **graded ideal**  $\mathfrak{a}$  is graded submodule of  $\mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{a} = \bigoplus_i (\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathcal{A}_i)$ . We call elements of  $\mathcal{A}_i \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  or  $M_i \subseteq M$  **homogeneous**. Elements of  $\mathcal{A}_i$  or  $M_i$  are homogeneous of degree  $i$ .

**Example 6.20.**  $\mathcal{A} = k[x, y]$  with its  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ -grading. Then  $\mathfrak{a} = (x^2 + y)$  is NOT a graded ideal. Indeed,  $\mathfrak{a} \neq \sum_{i \geq 0} (\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathcal{A}_i) \not\supseteq x^2 + y$ .

One way to see this is to use the  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^2$ -grading and visualized. Try to show  $\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathcal{A}_1 = 0$ . Since  $x^2 \in \mathcal{A}_2$  and  $y \in \mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus \mathcal{A}_i$ , this implies that  $x^2 + y \notin \sum (\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathcal{A}_i)$

**Lemma 6.21.** Let  $M$  be graded module over a graded ring  $\mathcal{A}$ .

- (i) A submodule  $M' \subseteq M$  is a graded submodule  $\iff M'$  is generated by homogeneous elements.
- (ii) Moreover, if  $M'$  is a graded submodule and finitely generated as module, then it is generated by finitely many homogeneous elements.

*Proof.* (i)  $M' \subseteq M$  is graded  $\iff M' = \sum_i (M' \cap M_i) \implies M'$  generated by some homogeneous elements  $(x_\alpha)_\alpha$ , where  $x_\alpha \in M_{i(\alpha)}$   
 Suppose  $M'$  generated by homogeneous elements  $\{x_\alpha\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i (M_i \cap M') &\subseteq M' \subseteq \sum_\alpha \mathcal{A} x_\alpha \\ &= \sum_{j, \alpha} \mathcal{A}_j x_\alpha \\ &\subseteq \sum_{j, \alpha} M_{i(\alpha)+j} \cap M' \text{ (By def of graded-module)} \\ &\subseteq \sum_i (M_i \cap M'). \end{aligned}$$

- (ii)  $M' \subseteq M$  graded, finitely generated.

Similar proof. But now we start with a possibly infinite generating set

of homogeneous elements  $H$  and a finite generating set  $F$ . And notice that each element in  $H$  can be expressed as a finite linear expansion by elements in  $H$ . Then altogether, we can select a finite homogeneous generating set in  $H$ .  $\square$

Recall the setup for Artin-Rees.  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian ring,  $\mathfrak{a}$  is an ideal and  $M$  finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -module. Consider a  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ -graded ring. We denote by  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}} := \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \mathfrak{a}^i := \{(x_i)_{i \geq 0} : x_i \in \mathfrak{a}^i, \text{ with } x_i = 0 \text{ for almost all } i\}$ .  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_j = \mathfrak{a}^j = \{(x_i)_{i \geq 0} \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}} : x_i = 0, \forall i \neq j\}$ . Multiplication on  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  linearly extends the maps:

$$\mathfrak{a}^i \times \mathfrak{a}^j \longrightarrow \mathfrak{a}^{i+j}$$

This is a natural source of graded  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ -modules.  $\tilde{M} = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M_i$  coming from  $\mathfrak{a}$ -filtration  $(M_i)$ :

- $M_i$  is a submodule of some module  $M$ .
- $\mathfrak{a}M_i \subseteq M_{i+1} \implies \mathfrak{a}^j M_i \subseteq M_{i+j}$
- $M_{i+1} \subseteq M_i$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{a}^i \times M_j \longrightarrow M_{i+j}$  is defined.

$\tilde{M}$  is a graded  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ -module.

**Definition 6.22.** We call a  $\mathfrak{a}$ -filtration **stable** if  $\exists k \geq 0 : \forall i \geq k, \mathfrak{a}M_i = M_{i+1} \implies (\mathfrak{a}^j M_i = M_{i+j})$ .

Because  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  is Noetherian, we know  $\mathfrak{a}$  is finitely generated by elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Then we know  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  is finitely generated as an  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra by  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , then by Hilbert Basis Theorem 3.37, we know  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  is Noetherian.

**Lemma 6.23.** Suppose  $(M_i) : \mathfrak{a}$ -filtration and  $\tilde{M}$  is graded  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ -module. Then  $\tilde{M}$  is finitely generated  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ -module iff the  $\mathfrak{a}$ -filtration  $(M_i)$  is stable.

*Proof.* “ $\Leftarrow$ ”. By definition,  $(M_i)$  stable  $\implies \tilde{M} = \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \sum_{i \leq k} M_k$ , where we claim that each  $M_k$  is finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -module. This is true because  $M$  is finitely generated ring over a Noetherian ring  $\mathcal{A}$ , thus it is Noetherian. And submodule of a Noetherian module is Noetherian. Then  $\tilde{M}$  is finitely generated  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ -module.

“ $\Rightarrow$ ”. Assume  $\tilde{M}$  is finitely generated  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ -module, then we can choose  $k$  large enough such that

$$\tilde{M} = \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \sum_{i \leq k} M_k.$$



If we pick  $j$ -th component for  $j \geq k$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_j &= \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_j \cdot M_0 + \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{j-1}M_1 + \dots + \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{j-k}M_k \\ &= \mathfrak{a}^j M_0 + \dots + \mathfrak{a}^{j-k}M_k \\ &\subseteq \mathfrak{a}^{j-k}M_k \end{aligned}$$

Then together with the definition of  $\mathfrak{a}$ -filtration, we know  $\mathfrak{a}^{j-k}M_k = M_j$ , thus the filtration is stable.  $\square$

### 6.3 Lecture 17: Artin-Rees, Krull principal ideal theorem

Now we come back to the proof of Artin-Rees Lemma 6.16 thus the Krull-intersection theorem 6.13. Last time we proved the following are equivalent  $(\mathcal{A} - \text{Noetherian}), \mathfrak{a}$  any ideal,  $(M_i)_{i \geq 0} : \mathfrak{a}$ -filtration,  $\mathfrak{a}M_i \subseteq M_{i+1}$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \mathfrak{a}^i, \quad \tilde{M} = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M_i$$

(i)  $(M_i)$  is stable, i.e. if  $\exists k \geq 0 : \forall i \geq k, \mathfrak{a}M_i = M_{i+1} \implies (\mathfrak{a}^j M_i = M_{i+j})$ .

(ii)  $\tilde{M}$  is finitely generated  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ -module.

$\tilde{\mathcal{A}} : \text{Noetherian} \iff \mathcal{A} \text{ Noetherian} \implies \mathfrak{a} : \text{finitely generated as an } \mathcal{A} \text{ module}$ .  
Suppose  $\mathfrak{a}$  is generated as  $(x_1, \dots, x_r)$ . By the Hilbert basis theorem,  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}} : \text{Noetherian}$  can be derived from  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  being finitely generated as an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module by  $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathfrak{a}^1 = (\tilde{\mathcal{A}})_1$ .

*Proof.* of Artin-Rees lemma

Assume its hypothesis, choose  $\forall i \geq 0, M_i := \mathfrak{a}^i M$  : then it is a stable  $\mathfrak{a}$ -filtration ( $\mathfrak{a}M_i = \mathfrak{a} \cdot \mathfrak{a}^i M = \mathfrak{a}^{i+1} M = M_{i+1}$ )

$M'_i = \mathfrak{a}^i M \cap M'$ : an  $\mathfrak{a}$ -filtration.  $\tilde{M}' := \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M'_i$ .  $\tilde{M}$  is naturally a  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ -submodule of  $\tilde{M}$

$M'_i = \mathfrak{a}^{i-k} M'_k \iff (\text{conclusion of Artin-Rees lemma}) \iff (M'_i) \text{ stable} \iff (\tilde{M}', \text{finitely generated } \tilde{\mathcal{A}}\text{-module})$

But we can derive this from  $(M_i) \text{ stable} \implies \tilde{M} \text{ is finitely generated } \tilde{\mathcal{A}}\text{-module} \implies (\tilde{M}' \text{ is finitely generated } \tilde{\mathcal{A}}\text{-module})$  because  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  is Noetherian and  $\tilde{M}$  is Noetherian.  $\square$

Recall The theorem of Krull intersection says that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is Noetherian,  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \text{Jac}(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $M$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, then  $\bigcap_i \mathfrak{a}^i M = 0$ . Then we have the following corollaries

Cor2 Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian,  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \text{Jac}(\mathcal{A})$ , then

$$\cap_i \mathfrak{a}^i = 0$$

Cor3 Suppose  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{m})$  Noetherian, local,  $\mathfrak{m} = \text{Jac}(\mathcal{A})$ , then

$$\cap_i \mathfrak{m}^i = 0$$

**Exercise 6.24.** Deduce Krull intersection theorem from Cor3

### Kernel of localization with respect to a prime

Question: Let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A})$ . What is  $\text{Ker}(\mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}})$ ?

**Definition 6.25.** The  *$n$ th symbolic power*  $\mathfrak{p}^{(n)}$  of  $\mathfrak{p}$  is defined by  $\mathfrak{p}^{(n)} := \iota^*((\iota_* \mathfrak{p})^n) = \iota^*(\iota_*(\mathfrak{p}^n))$  for  $\iota : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . This is a  $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary ideal.  $(\iota_*(\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}) = \iota_*(\mathfrak{a})\iota_*(\mathfrak{b}))$

**Theorem 6.26.**  $\mathcal{A}$ -Noetherian, then  $\text{Ker}(\mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \cap_{i \geq 0} \mathfrak{p}^{(i)}$ .

*Proof.* We know  $\text{Ker}(\mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \iota^*((0)) \stackrel{?}{=} \cap_{i \geq 0} \iota^*(\iota_*(\mathfrak{p})^i)$ . The last equality is guaranteed by the Cor3 above because  $(0) = \cap_{i \geq 0} \iota_*(\mathfrak{p})^i$ .

Note that  $(\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}, \iota_*(\mathfrak{p}))$  is local, Noetherian.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.27.** (A special use of Krull dimension theorem)  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian local integral domain:  $(0) \text{ prime} \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \text{ maximal} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ . Then the following are equivalent:

(i)  $\exists$  prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  with  $(0) \subsetneq \mathfrak{p} \subsetneq \mathfrak{m}$

(ii)  $\forall f \in \mathfrak{m}, \exists$  prime  $\mathfrak{p} \ni f$  s.t.  $(0) \subsetneq \mathfrak{p} \subsetneq \mathfrak{m}$

**Example 6.28.**  $\mathcal{A} = k[[X, Y]] \supseteq \mathfrak{m} = (X, Y) \supseteq (0)$ . There exists  $(0) \subsetneq \mathfrak{p} \subsetneq \mathfrak{m}$ , e.g.,  $\mathfrak{p} = (X)$ . The conclusion says that  $\forall f \in \mathfrak{m} \exists$  prime  $\mathfrak{p} \ni f$  with  $(0) \subsetneq \mathfrak{p} \subsetneq \mathfrak{m}$ , e.g.  $f = Y \in \mathfrak{m}$

NB (ii)  $\implies$  (i) is clear: take  $f = 0$

**Definition 6.29.**  $\dim(\mathcal{A}) = \sup\{t \geq 0 : \exists \text{ chain of primes } \mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_t \subseteq \mathcal{A}\}$

For prime  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ : **height**  $ht(\mathfrak{p}) := \sup\{t \geq 0 | \exists \text{ chain } \mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_t = \mathfrak{p}\}$

$$ht(\mathfrak{p}) = \dim(\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}})$$

**Coheight:**  $coht(\mathfrak{p}) := \sup\{t \geq 0 | \exists \mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_t \subseteq \mathcal{A}\}$

$$coht(\mathfrak{p}) = \dim(\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p})$$

Another version:

**Lemma 6.30.**  $0 \neq f$  (non-unit)  $\in \mathcal{A}$  : Noetherian integral domain. Then any minimal prime  $\mathfrak{m}_0$  of  $(f)$  satisfies  $ht(\mathfrak{m}_0) = 1$   
 $\mathfrak{m}_0 \supseteq (f)$  minimal for this property “ $\mathfrak{m}_0 \in Ass'((f))$ ”

Reduce Lemma 6.30 to Lemma 6.27, we may assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is local with  $\mathfrak{m}$  the maximal ideal:

- replace  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{m}}$ ,  $\iota : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{m}}$
- replace  $\mathfrak{m}$  by  $\iota_*(\mathfrak{m})$
- replace  $f$  by  $f/1 = \iota(f)$

Then there are bijections

$$\{\text{primes } \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{primes of } \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{m}}\}$$

and

$$\{\text{primes } \mathfrak{p} \ni f\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{primes of } \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{m}} | \mathfrak{p} \ni f/1\}$$

So assume  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{m})$  Noetherian local domain,  $\mathfrak{m} := \mathfrak{m}$ .

Know  $\mathfrak{m} \in Ass'((f))$ , i.e.,  $\nexists$  prime  $\mathfrak{p} \ni f$  s.t.  $(0) \subsetneq \mathfrak{p} \subsetneq \mathfrak{m}$  (We know  $\mathfrak{p} \ni f \neq 0$ , if  $f \in \mathfrak{p} \subsetneq \mathfrak{m}$ , then  $\mathfrak{m}$  would not be a minimal prime of  $(f)$ ).

Want  $ht(\mathfrak{m}) = 1$ , i.e.,  $1 = \sup T$  where  $T := \{t \geq 0, \exists \text{ chain } \mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_t = \mathfrak{m}\}$ . which is equivalent to

- $(0) \subsetneq \mathfrak{m}, (\Leftarrow \mathfrak{m} \ni f \neq 0)$  ,  $T \ni 1$
- $\nexists$  prime  $\mathfrak{p} : (0) \subsetneq \mathfrak{p} \subsetneq \mathfrak{m}$  ,  $T \not\ni 2$

Now we come back to the proof of Lemma 6.27.

*Proof.* “(i)  $\implies$  (ii)” in Lemma 6.27

(ii)  $\iff dim(\mathcal{A}/(f)) \geq 1, \forall f \in \mathfrak{m}$ , there are two bijections:  $\mathfrak{m} \longleftrightarrow$  a maximal ideal in  $\mathcal{A}/(f)$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} \supsetneq \mathfrak{p} \supsetneq (f) \longleftrightarrow$  a prime ideal in  $\mathcal{A}/(f)$ .

Consider the canonical projection  $\pi : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}/(f)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  : prime s.t.  $\mathfrak{m} \supsetneq \mathfrak{p} \not\ni f$ .

Assume the negation of (ii)  $\iff dim(\mathcal{A}/(f)) = 0$ . Then by Theorem 6.3,  $\frac{\mathcal{A}}{(f)}$  is Artin.  $\implies \exists k$  s.t.,  $\forall i \geq k$   $\mathfrak{p}^{(k)} + (f) = \mathfrak{p}^{(i)} + (f)$

Indeed,  $\frac{\mathfrak{p}^{(k)} + (f)}{(f)}$  is a descending chain in  $\frac{\mathcal{A}}{(f)}$

The negation of (ii)  $\implies \exists f \in \mathfrak{m}$  s.t.  $\forall \mathfrak{p}$  prime, either  
(a). NOT  $(0 \subsetneq \mathfrak{p} \subsetneq \mathfrak{m})$

or

(b).  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supseteq f$

Case (a). OK  $\implies$  NOT (i) for this  $\mathfrak{p}$

Case (b). We focus on this now.

Know:  $f \notin \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ .

Want:  $\mathfrak{p} = (0)$

As above,  $\exists k, \forall i \geq k$ :

$$\mathfrak{p}^{(k)} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}^{(i)} + (f) \quad (*)$$

Claim:

$$\mathfrak{p}^{(k)} = \mathfrak{p}^{(i)} + f\mathfrak{p}^{(k)} : \quad (**)$$

*Proof.* of Claim:

“ $\supseteq$ ” OK

“ $\subseteq$ ”. Let  $x \in \mathfrak{p}^{(k)}$ . By (\*)  $\exists y \in \mathfrak{p}^{(i)}, z \in \mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $x = y + fz$

$x - y = fz \in \mathfrak{p}^{(k)}$

$\implies z \in (\mathfrak{p}^{(k)} : f) = \mathfrak{p}^{(k)}$  ( $\mathfrak{p}^{(k)}$  is  $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary and  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supseteq f$ )

Taking  $i \geq k$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}^{(k)} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}^{(i)} + f\mathfrak{p}^{(k)}$ , hence we have prove the claim.  $\square$

Then consider the module  $M := \mathfrak{p}^{(k)}/\mathfrak{p}^{(i)}$ . (Claim:  $\mathfrak{p}^{(k)} = \mathfrak{p}^{(i)} + f\mathfrak{p}^{(k)} \implies$

$$\mathfrak{p}^{(k)}/\mathfrak{p}^{(i)} = (\mathfrak{p}^{(k+1)} + f\mathfrak{p}^{(k)})/\mathfrak{p}^{(i)} = f\mathfrak{p}^{(k)}/\mathfrak{p}^{(i)}$$

$\mathcal{A}$  is local Noetherian, then  $(f) \subseteq \text{Jac}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathfrak{m}$

$$(f)M = M \implies M = \mathfrak{p}^{(k)}/\mathfrak{p}^{(i)} = 0 \text{ by Nakayama } 2.16$$

$\implies \mathfrak{p}^{(i)} = \mathfrak{p}^{(k)}, \forall i \geq k \implies \mathfrak{p}^{(k)} = \cap_i \mathfrak{p}^{(i)} =$  (by Theorem 6.26 )

$\text{Ker}(\mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \{0\}$  the last equality because  $\mathcal{A}$  is a domain.  $\mathfrak{p}^k \subseteq$

$\mathfrak{p}^{(k)} = (0)$  (because  $\mathcal{A}$  is a domain)  $\implies \mathfrak{p} = (0)$  as desired.  $\square$

**Remark 6.31.** If  $0 \neq f \in \mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_N]$ ,  $Z(f)$  being the zero loci of  $f$ . Then every irreducible component  $X$  of  $Z(f)$  has dimension  $N - 1$ .

$Z(f) \longleftrightarrow \text{prime } \mathfrak{p} \ni f$

$X \longleftrightarrow \text{minimal primes } \mathfrak{p} \supseteq (f)$

$\text{codim}_{\mathbb{C}^N}(X) = 1 \iff \text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}) = 1$

Recall from linear algebra: if  $V$  is finite dimensional vector space over field  $k$ , and  $l$  is a nonzero linear functional on  $V$ , then

$$\dim(\ker(V)) = \dim(V) - 1$$

Krull dimension theorem is a variant for polynomials.

## 6.4 Lecture 18 Krull Dimension Theorem

**Theorem 6.32.** (Krull's principal ideal theorem)  $\mathcal{A}$  a Noetherian ring and  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  is non-unit and non-zerodivisor.  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}'((a))$ , i.e.  $\mathfrak{p} \supseteq (a)$  is minimal. Then  $ht(\mathfrak{p}) = 1$

Recall:  $\dim(\mathcal{A}) = \sup\{t \geq 0 \mid \exists \text{chain } \mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_t \subseteq \mathcal{A}\}$   
 $\mathfrak{p}$  prime:  $ht(\mathfrak{p}) = \sup\{t \geq 0 \mid \exists \text{chain } \mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_t = \mathfrak{p}\}$

**Definition 6.33.**  $\mathfrak{a}$  is any ideal in  $\mathcal{A}$ . The **height** of  $\mathfrak{a}$ ,  $ht(\mathfrak{a}) = \inf\{ht(\mathfrak{p}) \mid \mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathfrak{a}\}$  and **coheight**  $coht(\mathfrak{a}) = \sup\{coht(\mathfrak{p}) \mid \mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathfrak{a}\}$

Then the Theorem 6.32 is equivalent to “if  $a$  is non-unit and non-zerodivisor, then  $ht((a)) = 1$ ”

*Proof.*  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian,  $\implies (0)$  decomposable, where  $(0) = \cap_i \mathfrak{q}_i$ , minimal primary decomposition,  $\mathfrak{p}_i = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{q}_i)$

Recall:

$$\{\text{zero-divisors in } \mathcal{A}\} = \cup_i \mathfrak{p}_i,$$

thus  $a \notin \mathfrak{p}_i \forall i$ . Let  $i$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathfrak{p}_i$  (exists because  $\{\mathfrak{p}_i\} \supseteq \{\text{minimal primes of } \mathcal{A}\}$ )

$$a \in \mathfrak{p}, a \notin \mathfrak{p}_i \implies \mathfrak{p}_i \subsetneq \mathfrak{p} \implies ht(\mathfrak{p}) \geq 1$$

Want:  $ht(\mathfrak{p}) = 1$ . If not, we can find a longer chain  $\mathfrak{p}'' \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}' \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}$ , we assume  $\mathfrak{p}''$  minimal, and then after changing the index (if necessary) that  $\mathfrak{p}'' = \mathfrak{p}_i$ .

Now replace  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}_i$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}'$  by  $\mathfrak{p}'/\mathfrak{p}_i$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}$  by  $\mathfrak{p}/\mathfrak{p}_i$ ,  $a$  by its image.

Then  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian integral domain,  $0 \neq a \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $a \in \mathfrak{p}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p} \supset (a)$ , minimal.

Then by Lemma 6.30  $\implies \nexists \mathfrak{p}' : (0) \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}' \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}$  □

**Geometric Interpretation:** suppose  $k = \bar{k}$ , Suppose  $\mathcal{A} = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/\mathfrak{q}$  (some prime  $\mathfrak{q}$ )  $\longleftrightarrow X = V(\mathfrak{q})$  irreducible variety in  $k^n$ , where  $V(\mathfrak{q}) = \{z \mid f(z) = 0 \forall f \in \mathfrak{q}\}$ .

Then  $\dim(\mathcal{A}) \longleftrightarrow \dim(X) := \sup\{t \geq 0 : \exists \text{chain of irreducible subvarieties } X = X_0 \supsetneq X_1 \supsetneq \dots \supsetneq X_t\}$

$\{\text{primes in } \mathcal{A}\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{primes } \mathfrak{p} \text{ in } k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \mid \mathfrak{p} \supsetneq \mathfrak{q}\}$  one to one corresponds to  $Y \subseteq X$  irreducible subvarieties. (this correspondence is inclusion reversing)

$ht(\mathfrak{p}) \longleftrightarrow codim_X(Y) := \sup\{t \geq 0 \mid \exists \text{ chain of irreducible subvarieties such that } X = X_0 \supsetneq X_1 \supsetneq \dots \supsetneq X_t = Y\}$

$\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  any ideal with  $rad(\mathfrak{a}) = \mathfrak{a} \longleftrightarrow Z \subseteq X$  closed subvariety

$\mathfrak{p}_i \in Ass'(\mathfrak{a})$  i.e.  $\mathfrak{p}_i \supseteq \mathfrak{a}$  minimal  $\longleftrightarrow$  irreducible components  $Y_i \subseteq Z$

$codim_X(Z) = \inf_{Y_i} \{codim_X(Y_i) \mid Y_i \text{ is irreducible component of } Z\}$

$coht(\mathfrak{p}) = dim(\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}) \longleftrightarrow dim(Y)$

$coht(\mathfrak{a}) = dim(\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{a}) = \sup_i \{coht(\mathfrak{p}_i)\}$

$dim(Z) = \sup\{dim(Y_i) \mid Y_i \text{ is irreducible component of } Z\}$

Krull principal intersection theorem says : “Every irreducible component of a hypersurface in  $X$  has codimension 1”

$ht(\mathfrak{a}) = 1 : codim_X(Z) = 1, X, \emptyset \neq Z \longleftrightarrow \mathfrak{a} = (a)$ , where  $Z = \{p \in X : a(p) = 0\}$  (subset cut out by one equation) and  $a \neq 0$  non-unit

$\mathfrak{p}_i \supseteq \mathfrak{a}$  minimal  $ht(\mathfrak{p}) = 1 \longleftrightarrow codim_X(Y_i) = 1 \longleftrightarrow Y_i \subseteq Z$  irreducible component.

**Theorem 6.34.** (Krull dimension theorem) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian,  $r \geq 1$ ,  $a_1, \dots, a_r \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_r)$ ,  $\mathfrak{p} \in Ass'(\mathfrak{a})$ . Then  $ht(\mathfrak{p}) \leq r$ .

Geometrically: “every subvariety cut out by  $\leq r$  equations has codimension  $\leq r$ ”

*Proof.* Induct on  $r \geq 1$ . Suppose  $\exists$  chain  $\mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_t = \mathfrak{p}$

Want  $t \leq r$ . Replace  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}$ . Reduce to the case  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{p})$   $\mathcal{A}$ -Noetherian local domain and  $\mathfrak{p}$  maximal ideal in  $\mathcal{A}$ . We know  $\mathfrak{p}$  is the minimal among those primes containing  $\mathfrak{a}$ ,  $\implies \mathfrak{p}$  is the only prime that contain  $\mathfrak{a}$ .

So  $\mathfrak{p}_t = \mathfrak{p}$  containing  $\mathfrak{a}$  being minimal  $\mathfrak{p}_{t-1} \not\supseteq \mathfrak{a} \exists$  generator of  $\mathfrak{a}$  not in  $\mathfrak{p}_{t-1}$ . Suppose  $a_r \notin \mathfrak{p}_{t-1}$ .

We may assume, enlarging the chain as necessary, that there are no prime between  $\mathfrak{p}_{t-1}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_t$ . (Varying that  $\mathcal{A}$ : Noetherian to see that  $\exists$  a maximal prime  $\mathfrak{q}$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{p}_{t-1} \subsetneq \mathfrak{q} \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_t$ , then add  $\mathfrak{q}$  to our chain.)

$\mathfrak{p}_{t-1} \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_{t-1} + (a_r) \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_t \implies “\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_t \text{ is the only prime containing } \mathfrak{p}_{t-1} + (a_r)”$

$\implies (\mathfrak{p}_{t-1} + (a_r)) = \mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathfrak{a} \ni a_i$

$\implies \exists N \geq 1 : a_i^N = a'_i + a_r y_i \in \mathfrak{p}_{t-1} + (a_r)$

Define  $\mathfrak{a}' := (a'_1, \dots, a'_{r-1}) \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_{t-1}$ .

Want:  $\mathfrak{p}_{t-1} \in Ass'(\mathfrak{a}')$ . If we can show this, then our inductive hypothesis gives  $t-1 \leq r-1 \implies t \leq r$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}' \in Ass'(\mathfrak{a}')$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{p}' \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_{t-1} \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_t = \mathfrak{p}$  (Such

a  $\mathfrak{p}'$  exists.)

To show that  $\mathfrak{p}' = \mathfrak{p}_{t-1}$ , it suffices to show  $ht(\mathfrak{p}/\mathfrak{p}') \leq 1$  in  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}'$ . Let  $\bar{a}_r :=$  images of  $a_r$  in  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}'$ . By the Krull Principal ideal theorem 6.32, it will suffice to show that  $\mathfrak{p}/\mathfrak{p}' \in Ass'((\bar{a}_r)) \implies \mathfrak{p}' = rad(\mathfrak{p}' + (a_r))$

To see this:

$$\mathfrak{p} = rad(\mathfrak{a}) = rad(\mathfrak{a}' + (a_r)) \subseteq rad(\mathfrak{p}' + (a_r)) \subseteq \mathfrak{p} \quad \square$$

**Corollary 6.35.**  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian,  $\mathfrak{a}$  is an ideal in  $\mathcal{A}$

$$\implies ht(\mathfrak{a}) < \infty, dim(\mathcal{A}) < \infty$$

*Proof.*  $\mathfrak{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_r) \implies ht(\mathfrak{a}) \leq r$  by the above theorem.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.36.**  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{m})$ : Noetherian local ring with the maximal ideal.  $k := \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{m}$  field. Then  $dim(\mathcal{A}) \leq dim_k(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2)$

NB:  $\forall \mathcal{A}$ -module  $M$ , the quotient  $M/\mathfrak{m}M$  is a  $k$ -vector space.

*Proof.* Suppose,  $r = dim_k(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2)$ ,  $a_1, \dots, a_r$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$ . Let  $\tilde{a}_1, \dots, \tilde{a}_r \in \mathfrak{m}$  be lifts of the  $a_i$ .

Set  $M = \mathfrak{m}$ ,  $N := M/(\tilde{a}_1, \dots, \tilde{a}_r)$ , by hypothesis  $\mathfrak{m}N = N$ , then by Nakayama lemma  $N = 0 \implies \mathfrak{m} = (\tilde{a}_1, \dots, \tilde{a}_r) \implies ht(\mathfrak{m}) = ht(\mathcal{A}) \leq r$   $\square$

**Corollary 6.37.**  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian,  $\mathfrak{a}$  is an ideal in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $ht(\mathfrak{a}) = r$ . Then exists  $a_1, \dots, a_r \in \mathfrak{a} : ht(\mathfrak{a}) = ht((a_1, \dots, a_r))$ .

*Proof.* It suffice by induction to show: For  $s \leq r$ , if we can find  $a_1, \dots, a_{s-1} \in \mathfrak{a}$  with  $ht((a_1, \dots, a_{s-1})) = s-1$ , then there exists an  $a_s \in \mathfrak{a}$  s.t.  $ht((a_1, \dots, a_s)) = s$ . Consider a MPD  $\mathfrak{b} = (a_1, \dots, a_{s-1}) = \cap \mathfrak{q}_i$  with  $\mathfrak{p}_i = rad(\mathfrak{q}_i)$

$$ht(\mathfrak{b}) = s - 1$$

It will suffice to show that  $\mathfrak{a} \not\subseteq \cup \mathfrak{p}_i$  then any  $a_s \in \cup \mathfrak{p}_i - \mathfrak{a}$  will give

$$ht(a_1, \dots, a_s) \leq s \text{ by Krull dimension theorem 6.34}$$

$$ht(a_1, \dots, a_s) \geq s \text{ by considering MPD.}$$

For a complete proof, see the Theorem 6.39  $\square$

## 6.5 Lecture 19: Converse of Krull dimension theorem, System of Parameters

Recall:

**Theorem 6.38.**  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian,  $r \geq 1$ ,  $\mathfrak{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_r)$ ,  $a_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p} \supset \mathfrak{a}$  minimal, then

$$ht(\mathfrak{p}) \leq r.$$

If  $r = 1$ , and  $a_1$  : not a zero divisor, then  $ht(\mathfrak{p}) = 1$

**Theorem 6.39.** (*Converse to Krull*)

$\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{A}$ , Noetherian, set  $r = ht(\mathfrak{a}) : \inf\{ht(\mathfrak{p}) | \mathfrak{p} \supset \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{p} \text{ prime}\}$  Then

- (i)  $\forall s = 1, \dots, r \exists x_1, \dots, x_s \in \mathfrak{a}$  such that  $ht(x_1, \dots, x_s) = s$
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_r$ , then we can find  $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathfrak{p}_r$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{p}_i \supset (x_1, \dots, x_i)$  is minimal.
- (iii) Any prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $ht(\mathfrak{p}) = r$  is a minimal prime of some ideal  $(a_1, \dots, a_r)$

Note: (i)  $\implies$  (iii) take  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{p}, s = r : ht(x_1, \dots, x_r) = r = ht(\mathfrak{p}), \mathfrak{p} \supset (x_1, \dots, x_r)$  is minimal.

*Proof.* (i):  $ht(\mathfrak{a}) = r$ , then we can find some chain  $\mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_s$ . We induct on  $s$ , Assume we have found  $x_1, \dots, x_s$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{p}_i \supset (x_1, \dots, x_s)$  minimal  $\forall i \leq s$ , then  $ht(\mathfrak{p}_i) \leq i$  by Theorem 6.38. On the other hand,  $ht(\mathfrak{p}_i) \geq i$  by the existence of  $\mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_i \implies (\mathfrak{p}_i) = i$ .

Consider the minimal primes  $\{\mathfrak{q}_i\} = Ass'((x_1, \dots, x_s))$ . Claim:  $\mathfrak{p}_{i+1} \not\subset \bigcup_j \mathfrak{q}_j$ . Indeed, if not, then since  $\mathfrak{q}_j$  prime  $\mathfrak{p}_{i+1} \subseteq \mathfrak{q}_j$  for some  $j$ . By the “avoidance of primes”.

Then  $ht(\mathfrak{q}_j) \leq i$ , by Krull, but  $ht(\mathfrak{p}_{i+1}) \geq i + 1$ . Contradiction, thus the claim fails. Choose  $x_{i+1} \in \mathfrak{p}_{i+1} - \bigcup_j \mathfrak{q}_j$ . Then  $\mathfrak{p}_{i+1} \supseteq (x_1, \dots, x_{i+1})$ .

Want:  $\mathfrak{p}_{i+1} \in Ass'((x_1, \dots, x_{i+1}))$ , so  $\mathfrak{p}_{i+1} \supseteq$  some  $\mathfrak{q}_j$  as above.

Take  $\mathfrak{p}' \in Ass'(x_1, \dots, x_s)$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{p}_{i+1} \supseteq \mathfrak{p}'$ . Then claim:  $ht(\mathfrak{p}') = i + 1$ ,

for the proof of the claim:  $ht(\mathfrak{p}') \leq i + 1$  by Krull, and  $ht(\mathfrak{p}') \geq i + 1$  because  $\mathfrak{p}'$  is not a minimal prime  $\mathfrak{q}_i$  of  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  because  $\mathfrak{p}' \ni x_{i+1} \notin \mathfrak{q}_j$ ,

If  $(\mathfrak{p}' \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_{i+1})$  we can get a contradiction on the height of  $\mathfrak{a}$  □

Recall:  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  are primes. then  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \bigcap \mathfrak{p}_j \iff \exists j \mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_j$

**Corollary 6.40.** :  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{m})$  Noetherian Local, Thus  $dim(\mathcal{A}) = ht(\mathfrak{m}) \leq \infty$ .

Then  $\exists x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathfrak{m}$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{m}$  is minimal over  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the only prime containing  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , so  $\mathfrak{m} = rad((x_1, \dots, x_n))$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary. (recall that any ideal whose radical is maximal is primary)

**Definition 6.41.** We say when  $n = dim(\mathcal{A}) = ht(\mathfrak{m})$  that  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are **parameters** for  $\mathfrak{m}$  (or form a **system of parameters**). Equivalently, any of the following holds:

- (i)  $\mathfrak{m} \supseteq (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is minimal
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{m} = rad(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
- (iii)  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary.



**Corollary 6.42.**  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{m})$  is Noetherian Local,  $\dim(\mathcal{A}) = ht(\mathfrak{m}) = \min\{n \geq 1 : \exists x_1, \dots, x_n \text{ s.t. } \mathfrak{m} \subseteq (x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ minimal.}\}$

*Proof.*  $\geq$  converse of Krull  
 $\leq$  Krull □

**Theorem 6.43.**  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{m})$  Noetherian local. Let  $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathfrak{m}$ . Consider the following assertions:

(i) We can extend  $x_1, \dots, x_r$  to a system of parameters for  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

(ii)  $\dim(\mathcal{A}/(x_1, \dots, x_r)) = \dim(\mathcal{A}) - r$ .

(iii)  $ht((x_1, \dots, x_r)) = r$

Then  $(i) \iff (ii) \iff (iii)$

*Proof.*  $(iii) \implies (i)$ : If  $x_1, \dots, x_r$  are not already a system of parameters, then  $\mathfrak{m} \supseteq (x_1, \dots, x_r)$  is not minimal. So we can find  $\mathfrak{m} =: \mathfrak{p}_{r+1} \supsetneq \mathfrak{p}_r \supsetneq \dots \supsetneq \mathfrak{p}_0$  and apply the result before to obtain  $x_{r+1} \in \mathfrak{p}_{r+1} = \mathfrak{m}$  s.t.  $ht(x_1, \dots, x_{r+1}) = r+1$ . Continue finitely many times to set the required system of parameters.

It remains to show  $(i) \iff (ii)$ .

Consider  $y_1, \dots, y_s \in \mathfrak{m}$ . Let  $\overline{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{A}/(x_1, \dots, x_r)$ .  $\overline{\mathcal{A}} \supseteq \overline{\mathfrak{m}} := \text{Image of } \mathfrak{m}$ . Then  $(\overline{\mathcal{A}}, \overline{\mathfrak{m}})$  is Noetherian local. Write  $\overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_s \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$  the image of  $y_1, \dots, y_s$

$\{x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_s\}$  system of parameters, by definition, is equivalent to  $r + s = \dim(\mathcal{A})$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_s)$  is  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary.

Note:  $(x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_s)$   $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary

$\iff \mathfrak{m}$  is the only prime containing  $(x_1, \dots, y_s)$

$\iff \overline{\mathfrak{m}}$  is the only prime containing  $(\overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_s)$

$\iff (\overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_s)$ :  $\overline{\mathfrak{m}}$ -primary

$\{ \overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_s \}$  system of parameters for  $(\overline{\mathcal{A}}, \overline{\mathfrak{m}}) \iff s = \dim(\overline{\mathcal{A}})$  and  $(\overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_s)$  is  $\overline{\mathfrak{m}}$ -primary.

FACT1:  $[\exists y_1, \dots, y_s \text{ s.t. } (x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_s) \text{ is } \mathfrak{m}\text{-primary}] \implies \dim(\mathcal{A}) \leq r + s$ , by Krull's dimension theorem 6.34.

And in fact, if we start we a system of parameters  $(\overline{z}_1, \dots, \overline{z}_t)$  of  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ ,  $z_i$  are their preimages in  $\mathcal{A}$ , we have proved that  $(x_1, \dots, x_r, z_1, \dots, z_t)$  is  $\mathfrak{m}$  primary, then  $\dim(\mathcal{A}) \leq t + r = \dim(\overline{\mathcal{A}}) + r$

$(i) \implies \exists y_1, \dots, y_s \text{ s.t.}, \{x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_s\}$  is system of parameters.  $\implies r + s = \dim(\mathcal{A})$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_s)$  is  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary. Then, as prove before,  $(\overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_s)$ :  $\overline{\mathfrak{m}}$ -primary, we have  $\dim(\overline{\mathcal{A}}) \leq s = \dim(\mathcal{A}) - r$ , which indicates  $(ii)$ .

Now check that (ii) implies (i).

If (ii) holds, with  $s := \dim(\mathcal{A}) - r = \dim(\overline{\mathcal{A}})$ , then  $\exists y_1, \dots, y_s \in \mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $\{\overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_s\}$  is a system of parameters.  $\implies (\overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_s) \overline{\mathfrak{m}}\text{-primary} \implies (x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_s) \mathfrak{m}\text{-primary}$ .

Want:  $\{x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_s\}$  is a system of parameters. Indeed,  $r + s = \dim(\mathcal{A})$ , so this holds by definition.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.44.**  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{m})$ , Noetherian local,  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  non-zerodivisor. Then  $\dim(\mathcal{A}/(a)) = \dim(\mathcal{A}) - 1$

*Proof.* Recall:  $ht((a)) = 1$  by Krull principal ideal theorem.

By the above ((iii) implies (i) and (ii)), we may extend  $\{a\}$  to a system of parameters  $\{a_0, \dots, a_n\}$ ,  $a_0 = a$ , with  $\dim(\mathcal{A}) - 1 = \dim(\mathcal{A}/(a))$   $\square$

**Theorem 6.45.**  $\mathcal{A}$  Noetherian  $\implies \dim(\mathcal{A}[X_1, \dots, X_n]) = \dim(\mathcal{A}) + n$

*Proof.* We may assume  $n = 1$  (then iterate with  $\mathcal{A}$  replaced by  $\mathcal{A}[X_1]$ , etc)

easy direction:  $\dim \mathcal{A}[X] \geq \dim(\mathcal{A}) + 1$ . Indeed, consider a chain  $\mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_n$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Consider  $\mathfrak{p}_0 \mathcal{A}[X] \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_n \mathcal{A}[X] \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_n \mathcal{A}[X] + X \mathcal{A}[X]$

NB, If  $\mathfrak{p} \subsetneq \mathcal{A}$  is prime, then  $\mathcal{A}[X]/\mathfrak{p} \mathcal{A}[X] \cong (\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p})[X]$  is a domain. so  $\mathfrak{p} \mathcal{A}[X]$  is prime. And  $\mathfrak{p}_n \mathcal{A}[X] + X \mathcal{A}[X]$  is prime because  $\mathcal{A}[X]/(\mathfrak{p}_n \mathcal{A}[X] + X \mathcal{A}[X]) \cong \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}_n$

Hard direction  $\dim \mathcal{A}[X] \leq \dim(\mathcal{A}) + 1$ . Consider  $\mathfrak{p}_0 \subseteq \dots$   $\square$

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*Proof.* Last time, we proved  $\dim(\mathcal{A}[X]) \geq \dim(\mathcal{A}) + 1$  by exhibiting, for each length  $r$  chain  $\mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_r \in \mathcal{A}$ . The length  $r + 1$  chain  $\mathfrak{p}_0 \mathcal{A}[X] \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_r \mathcal{A}[X] \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_r \mathcal{A}[X] + (X)$  in  $\mathcal{A}[X]$ .

Now  $\dim(\mathcal{A}[X]) \leq \dim(\mathcal{A}) + 1$ . Because  $\dim \mathcal{A}[X] = \sup\{\mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathcal{A}[X] \text{ maximal} \mid ht(\mathfrak{m})\}$

So it suffices to show  $\forall \mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathcal{A}[X]$  that  $ht(\mathfrak{m}) \leq r + 1$ , where  $r := \dim \mathcal{A}$ .

May assume  $r \leq \infty$ .

Consider  $\mathfrak{p} := \mathfrak{m} \cap \mathcal{A}$  prime in  $\mathcal{A}$ . We localize at  $\mathfrak{p} : S := S_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathcal{A} - \mathfrak{p}$ .  $S^{-1} \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is local with maximal ideal  $S^{-1}(\mathcal{A}[X]) = (S^{-1} \mathcal{A})[X] = \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{p}}[X]$ .  $S^{-1} \mathfrak{m} \subseteq S^{-1} \mathcal{A}[X]$  remains a maximal ideal, and  $ht(S^{-1} \mathfrak{m}) = ht(\mathfrak{m})$ , because the localization with respect to  $S$ , preserves the primes and their inclusions for those ideals not intersecting  $S$ .

We now assume that  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{p})$ : Noetherian local ring,  $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathcal{A}[X]$  maximal,  $\mathfrak{m} \cap \mathcal{A} = \mathfrak{p}$ .  $r = \dim \mathcal{A} \leq \infty$ .

Want  $ht(\mathfrak{m}) \leq r + 1$

It suffices by a theorem in last lecture to construct  $r + 1$  elements of  $\mathcal{A}[X]$  that generate an ideal with radical  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

Know  $r = \dim(\mathcal{A}) = ht(\mathfrak{p})$ , so we can find  $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{p}$  is the only prime of  $\mathcal{A}$  containing  $(x_1, \dots, x_r)$  i.e.,  $rad((x_1, \dots, x_r)) = \mathfrak{p}$ .

Consider

$$\mathcal{A}[X] \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}[X]/\mathfrak{p}\mathcal{A}[X] = (\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p})[X]$$

$$\mathfrak{m} \longmapsto \bar{\mathfrak{m}} \text{ maximal}$$

where  $\mathfrak{m} \supseteq \mathfrak{p}\mathcal{A}[X]$  and  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}$  is a field, thus  $\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p}[X]$  is a PID.

$\bar{\mathfrak{m}} = (\bar{f})$  for some  $\bar{f} \in (\mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{p})[X]$ . Say  $\bar{f}$  is the image of  $f \in \mathfrak{m}$ .

**Claim:**  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the only prime  $\mathfrak{q}$  that contains  $x_1, \dots, x_r, f$ .

Indeed,  $\mathfrak{q} \cap \mathcal{A}$  is a prime of  $\mathcal{A}$  containing  $x_1, \dots, x_r$ , hence  $\mathfrak{q} \cap \mathcal{A} = \mathfrak{p}$ , so  $\mathfrak{q} \supseteq \mathfrak{p}\mathcal{A}[X]$ , so  $\mathfrak{q}$  identifies with a prime ideal  $\bar{\mathfrak{q}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}[X]/\mathfrak{p}\mathcal{A}[X]$  which contains  $\bar{f}$ , hence  $\bar{\mathfrak{q}} = \bar{\mathfrak{m}}$ , hence  $\mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{m}$

□

**Example 6.46.** (All the bad examples in algebraic geometry is more or less related to this example) One other example:  $k$  is a field,  $k[[x, y]] := \{\text{formal power series over } k \text{ in } x, y\} = \{\sum_{ij} c_{ij} x^i y^j\}$ ,  $k[[x, y]]$  is Noetherian, local ring with maximal ideal  $(x, y)$

Assume  $\mathcal{A} := k[[x, y]]/(x^2, xy)$ . what is  $\dim \mathcal{A}$ ?

$\mathcal{A}/(x) \cong k[[y]]$ ,  $\mathcal{A}/(x, y) \cong k$  are integral domains  $\implies (x) \subsetneq (x, y)$  is a chain of prime, notice that  $\mathcal{A}$  is not a integral domain  $\implies \dim(\mathcal{A}) \geq 1$

$\mathcal{A} \supseteq \mathfrak{m} = (x, y)$  ( $x$  and  $y$  here means the image of  $x$  and  $y$  in the quotient ring.)

Claim  $rad((y)) = \mathfrak{m}$

*Proof.*  $x^2 = 0 \in (y)$ ,  $y^1 \in (y) \rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \subseteq rad((y))$ , and by the fact the  $\mathfrak{m}$  is maximal  $\mathfrak{m} = rad((y))$

□

By the theorem on parameters, deduce that  $\dim(\mathcal{A}) \leq 1$ . hence  $\dim \mathcal{A} = 1$

**Lemma 6.47.**  $k = \bar{k}$  say  $k = \mathbb{C}$ .  $\mathcal{A} = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ . Let  $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  be a maximal ideal, then  $\mathfrak{m} = (X_1 - x_1, \dots, X_n - x_n)$  for some  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in k^n$ . Then  $ht(\mathfrak{m}) = n$ , and  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{m}}$  a local ring of dimension  $n$  whose maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{m}}$  has  $n$  generators.

*Proof.*  $\dim(\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{m}}) = ht(\mathfrak{m}\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{m}}) = ht(\mathfrak{m}) \leq \dim(\mathcal{A}) = n$ .  $ht(\mathfrak{m}) \geq n$  because  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{p}_n \supsetneq \dots \supsetneq \mathfrak{p}_0$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_i = (X_1 - x_1, \dots, X_i - x_i)$

□

Now let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{m})$  : Noetherian local of  $d := \dim(\mathcal{A}) = \text{ht}(\mathfrak{m})$  and we set  $k = \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{m}$ .

**Lemma 6.48.**

- (a) In general,  $d \leq \dim_k(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2)$  (The late is a  $k$ -vector space because  $M$  and  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $\implies M/\mathfrak{m}M$  is a  $k$ -vector space.)
- (b) The following are equivalent:
  - (i)  $\mathfrak{m}$  admits a set of  $d$  generator:  $\mathfrak{m} = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$
  - (ii)  $d = \dim_k(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2)$

And if these hold, we call  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{m})$  is **regular**

**Example 6.49.**  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is regular.

*Proof.*

- (a) Set  $n := \dim_k(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2)$ . Choose  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathfrak{m}$  s.t.  $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n \in \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$  form a basis.  
By Nakayama Lemma  $\implies \mathfrak{m} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \implies d \leq n$  by Krull dimension theorem.
- (b) (i)  $\implies$  (ii)  
 $\mathfrak{m} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \implies \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$  is spanned by  $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_d$ , so  $\dim_k(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2) \leq d$ .  
Combine with (a) to get (ii).  
(ii)  $\implies$  (i) Same proof as (a)

□

Motivation: to show that  $\dim(\mathcal{A}) = \text{tr.deg.} k(\text{Frac}(\mathcal{A}))$ ,  $\forall \mathcal{A}$  integral domain that is finitely generated as an algebra over some field  $k \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ .

For example:  $\mathcal{A} = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

Want Machinery for comparing a general ring  $\mathcal{A}$  as above to this example.

## 7 Integral extension of rings

We will cover the contents of §5 of A-M and §3 of Bosch

## 7.1 Lecture 20

Consider a monic polynomial equation with coefficients in  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0 \quad (*)$$

**Definition 7.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  be rings. Say that  $x \in \mathcal{B}$  is *integral over  $\mathcal{A}$*  if  $\exists n \geq 1, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{A}$  s.t. the above Equation(\*) holds.

And we say that  $\mathcal{B}$  is *integral over  $\mathcal{A}$*  if each  $x \in \mathcal{B}$  is integral over  $\mathcal{A}$ .

A non-obvious fact:  $x, y \in \mathcal{B}$  integral over  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $x \pm y, xy$  are integral over  $\mathcal{A}$  (The elements in  $\mathcal{B}$  integral over  $\mathcal{A}$  form a ring)

**Lemma 7.2.**  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  are rings. The followings are equivalent for  $x \in \mathcal{B}$ .

- (i)  $x$  is integral over  $\mathcal{A}$
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A}[x]$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -module:  $\exists e_1, \dots, e_n \in \mathcal{A}[x], \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{A}[x] = \sum_i \mathcal{A}e_i$
- (iii)  $\exists$  subring  $\mathcal{A}[x] \subseteq \mathcal{C} \subsetneq \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $\mathcal{C}$  finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.
- (iv)  $\exists$  faithful  $\mathcal{A}[x]$ -module  $M$  which is finitely generated as an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.  
(Here by faithful, we mean the only element  $y \in \mathcal{A}[x], y \cdot m = 0, \forall m \in M \implies y = 0$  )

**Example 7.3.**  $\frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{Q}$  is not integral over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}]$  not a finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. It equals to  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{-n}\mathbb{Z}$

*Proof.* (i)  $\implies$  (ii) If  $x$  satisfies  $x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{A}[x] = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{A}x^i \ni x^n = -(a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) \implies x^{n+1} = -a_1x^n - (a_2x^{n-1} + \dots + a_nx)$ . By induction, we know  $\mathcal{A}[x]$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.

(ii)  $\implies$  (iii)  $\mathcal{C} := \mathcal{A}[x]$ ,

(iii)  $\implies$  (iv)  $M := \mathcal{C}$

(iv)  $\implies$  (i)  $M = \sum_i \mathcal{A}e_i, e_i \in M$ . Because  $M$  is a  $\mathcal{A}[x]$ -module, we can apply the action of  $x$  on each  $e_i$  and get a system of linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot e_1 &= a_{11}e_1 + \dots + a_{1n}e_n \\ &\vdots \\ x \cdot e_n &= a_{n1}e_1 + \dots + a_{nn}e_n \end{aligned}$$

with coefficients  $a_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}$ . In terms of matrices, we can write

$$\Delta \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

where  $\Delta = (\delta_{ij}x - a_{ij}) \in (\mathcal{A}[x])^{n \times n}$ . Now consider the Cramer's rule in linear algebra:

$$\Delta^{ad} \cdot \Delta = (\det \Delta) \cdot Id,$$

we have the following equality

$$\det \Delta \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

hence  $\det \Delta m = 0$ ,  $\forall m \in M$ , by the assumption in (iv),  $M$  is a faithful  $\mathcal{A}[x]$ -module  $\implies \det \Delta = 0$ . Therefore  $x$  satisfies the following monic polynomial equation

$$\det(\delta_{ij}X - a_{ij}) = 0$$

as desired. □