

Homological dimension

Dimension is determined by length of a minimal resolution

Definition 1.

- *Projective dimension*
- *Injective dimension*
- *Flat dimension*

Theorem 1 (Homological dimension). *Let R be a commutative ring, the following are equivalent:*

- (a) $\sup_B \{ \text{inj.dim}(B), B \text{ an } R\text{-module} \}$
- (b) $\sup_A \{ \text{proj.dim}(A), A \text{ an } R\text{-module} \}$
- (c) $\sup_I \{ \text{proj.dim}(R/I), I \text{ an ideal} \}$
- (d) $\sup \{ d \text{ such that } \text{Ext}_R^d(A, B) \neq 0 \text{ for some } A, B \}$

Example 1.

- *Every field has homological dimension 0.*
- *$R = \mathbb{Z}$ has homological dimension 1.*
- *$R = \mathbb{Z}/m$ with $p^2 \mid m$ has homological dimension ∞ (consider $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}/p^2}(\mathbb{Z}/p, \mathbb{Z}/p)$).*