

# Homework Nr.1

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*Remark.* In this solution proposals a ring is always meant to be a commutative ring with 1.

## 7.1

### Exercise 26

Let  $K$  be a field and  $\nu : K^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be a discrete valuation on  $K$ . Let  $R = \{x \in K^\times \mid \nu(x) \geq 0\}$ .

a) Claim:  $R$  is a subring of  $K$  which contains the identity.

*Proof.* It suffices to show that  $R$  is closed under *addition*, *multiplikation* and *additive inverses* as well as that it contains 0 and 1. Properties as commutativity of  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , associativity or distributivity are all valid as  $R \subset K$  and  $K$  is a field.

1.  $R$  is closed under *addition*: Let  $x, y \in R$ .

**Case 1:**  $x + y \neq 0$ . Then  $\nu(x) \geq 0$  and  $\nu(y) \geq 0$ . Hence,  $\nu(x + y) \geq \min\{\nu(x), \nu(y)\} \geq 0$ . Therefore,  $x + y \in R$ .

**Case 2:**  $x + y = 0$ . This is trivial as  $0 \in R$ .

2.  $R$  is closed under *multiplikation*:

Let  $x, y \in R$  then  $\nu(x) \geq 0$  and  $\nu(y) \geq 0$ . We have that  $\nu(xy) = \nu(x) + \nu(y) \geq 0$ . Therefore,  $xy \in R$ .

3.  $R$  contains 0.

4.  $R$  contains 1:  $\nu(a) = \nu(a1) = \nu(a) + \nu(1)$ . Therefore,  $\nu(1) = 0$  and  $1 \in R$ .

5.  $R$  is closed under building *additive inverses*:

Observe that we have for any  $x \in R$

$$0 = x \cdot 0 = x \cdot (1 + (-1)) = x \cdot 1 + x \cdot (-1) \quad (1)$$

$$\iff -x = (-1) \cdot x \quad (2)$$

and by in particular  $1 = -(-1) = (-1) \cdot (-1)$ . Furthermore, it is

$$0 = \nu(1) = \nu((-1) \cdot (-1)) = 2\nu(-1) \quad (3)$$

Therefore,  $\nu(-1) = 0$ . Now we can conclude that for any  $x \in K$  holds  $\nu(-x) = \nu(x \cdot (-1)) = \nu(x) + \nu(-1) = \nu(x)$ . Hence, if  $x \in R$  then also  $-x \in R$ .

□

b) Claim: For every nonzero element  $x \in K$  either  $x$  or  $x^{-1}$  is in  $R$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in K^\times$ , as  $K$  is a field every nonzero element is a unit. As  $\nu$  is a discrete valuation we have

$$0 = \nu(1) = \nu(x \cdot x^{-1}) = \nu(x) + \nu(x^{-1}) \quad (4)$$

Hence,  $\nu(x) = -\nu(x^{-1})$  and  $\nu(x) \geq 0$  or  $\nu(x^{-1}) \geq 0$ . This implies that either  $x \in R$  or  $x^{-1} \in R$ . □

c)  $x \in R$  is a unit iff  $\nu(x) = 0$ .

*Proof.* " $\implies$ " Let  $x \in R$  be a unit. Then there is  $b \in R$  such that  $xb = 1$ . We have that  $\nu(x) \geq 0$  and  $\nu(b) \geq 0$  as  $x, b \in R$ .

Furthermore,

$$0 = \nu(1) = \nu(xb) = \nu(x) + \nu(b). \quad (5)$$

This implies that  $\nu(x) = \nu(b) = 0$ .

" $\impliedby$ " Let  $\nu(x) = 0$ . We have that

$$0 = \nu(1) = \nu(x \cdot x^{-1}) = \nu(x) + \nu(x^{-1}) = \nu(x^{-1}). \quad (6)$$

Hence,  $\nu(x^{-1}) \geq 0$  and  $x^{-1} \in R$ . This makes  $x$  a unit of  $R$ . □

## Chapter 7.4

### Exercise 37

Let  $R$  be a local ring. Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be the maximal ideal of  $R$ .

Claim: Every element of  $R - \mathfrak{m} = \{r \in R \mid r \notin \mathfrak{m}\}$  is a unit.

*Proof.* Assume  $r \in R$  is a nonunit and  $r \notin \mathfrak{m}$ . Then the ideal that is generated from  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $r$  - let's call it  $M$  - is strict larger than  $\mathfrak{m}$  (as it contains  $r$ ) but also  $M \subsetneq R$  as  $1 \notin M$ . This contradicts the maximality of  $\mathfrak{m}$ . □

Let  $M = \{r \in R \mid r \text{ is not a unit}\}$  be the ideal of nonunit forms. Claim:  $M$  is the unique maximal ideal in  $R$ .

*Proof.* Assume there is an ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \supsetneq M$  then there exists  $r \in \mathfrak{m}$  such that  $r \notin M$ . Hence,  $r$  is a unit and  $1 \in \mathfrak{m}$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{m} = R$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  is not a proper ideal. This implies that  $M$  is a maximal ideal.

$M$  is also unique, as any proper ideal  $I \subsetneq R$  is also contained in  $M$ . If there was an Ideal  $I \not\subseteq M$  then by the same argument as before we already have  $I = R$ .  $\square$

#### Exercise 40

**Lemma.** Let  $\mathfrak{p} \subsetneq R$  be a prime ideal then  $\mathfrak{N}(R) \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $r \in \mathfrak{N}(R)$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $0 = r^n = r^{n-1}r$ , we want to show that  $r \in \mathfrak{p}$ . As  $r^n = 0 \in \mathfrak{p}$  we have that either  $r \in \mathfrak{p}$  or  $r^{n-1} \in \mathfrak{p}$ . Wlog  $r^{n-1} \in \mathfrak{p}$  (otherwise we are done). Now we can induct on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  eventually showing that  $r \in \mathfrak{p}$ .  $\square$

Claim: Let  $R$  be a commutative Ring and let  $\mathfrak{N}(R)$  be the nilradical of  $R$ . The following are equivalent:

1.  $R$  has exactly one prime ideal
2. every element of  $R$  is either nilpotent or a unit.
3.  $R/\mathfrak{N}(R)$  is a field

*Proof.* "(i)  $\implies$  (ii)" Let  $\mathfrak{p} \subsetneq R$  be the only prime ideal.

We know that  $\mathfrak{N}(R) = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{q} \text{ prime}} \mathfrak{q}$ <sup>1</sup>. Hence,  $\mathfrak{N}(R) = \mathfrak{p}$ . Furthermore, every proper ideal is contained in a maximal ideal<sup>2</sup>. Hence, we have  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ . As every maximal ideal in a commutative ring is prime<sup>3</sup> we must have  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{m}$ . Now we can conclude that either  $r \in \mathfrak{N}(R)$ , i.e.  $r$  is nilpotent, or  $r \in R - \mathfrak{N}(R)$ , i.e.  $r$  is a unit, (by exercise 37).

"(ii)  $\implies$  (iii)" Let every element of  $R$  be either nilpotent or a unit.  $\mathfrak{N}(R)$  is an ideal. It is also maximal as every proper superset of  $\mathfrak{N}(R)$  contains a unit. Hence,  $R/\mathfrak{N}(R)$  is a field<sup>4</sup>.

"(iii)  $\implies$  (i)" Let  $R/\mathfrak{N}(R)$  be a field. Then  $\mathfrak{N}(R)$  is a maximal ideal<sup>5</sup>. Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal then  $\mathfrak{N}(R) \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$  and as  $\mathfrak{N}(R)$  is maximal we have  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{N}(R)$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{N}(R)$  is the only prime ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

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<sup>1</sup>DF §15.2 Proposition 12

<sup>2</sup>DF §7.4 Proposition 11

<sup>3</sup>DF §7.4 Corollary 14

<sup>4</sup>DF §7.4 Proposition 12

<sup>5</sup>DF §7.4 Proposition 12

## Chapter 15.1

### Exercise 2

a) Let  $R$  denote the Ring of continuous, real-valued functions on  $[0, 1]$ . Claim:  $R$  is not noetherian.

*Proof.* We define the sequence of ideals

$$I_n := \{f \in R \mid f(x) = 0, \forall x \leq \frac{1}{n}\} \quad (7)$$

Claim(1): Every  $I_n$  is an ideal.

We need to show that

1.  $I_n$  is nonempty and  $\forall x, y \in I : x - y \in I$

*proof.* Take  $f, g \in I_n$  then  $\forall x \leq \frac{1}{n} : (f - g)(x) = 0$ . Hence,  $f - g \in I_n$ .

2.  $\forall x \in I, \forall r \in R : r \cdot x \in I$

*proof.* Take  $f \in I_n$  and  $r \in R$ . Then  $(f \cdot r)(x) = f(x)r(x)$ . As  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \leq \frac{1}{n}$  we also have that  $f(x)r(x) = 0$  for all  $x \leq \frac{1}{n}$ . Hence,  $(f \cdot r) \in I_n$ .  $\square(1)$

Furthermore, for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m < n$  we have that  $I_m \subsetneq I_n$ . Hence,  $I_0 \subsetneq I_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq$  is an infinite ascending chain of ideals that is not eventually constant.  $\square$

b) Let  $X$  be any infinite set and let  $R = \{f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}\}$  denote the Ring of all functions from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . Claim:  $R$  is not noetherian.

*Proof.* As  $X$  is infinite we have an injection  $\iota : \mathbb{N} \hookrightarrow X$ . Now we can define the ideals

$$I_n := \{f \in R \mid f(\iota(m)) = 0, \forall m \geq n\} \quad (8)$$

Claim(1): Every  $I_n$  is an ideal.

We need to show that

1.  $I_n$  is nonempty and  $\forall x, y \in I : x - y \in I$

*proof.* Take  $f, g \in I_n$  then  $\forall m \geq n : (f - g)(\iota(m)) = 0$ . Hence,  $f - g \in I_n$ .

2.  $\forall x \in I, \forall r \in R : r \cdot x \in I$

*proof.* Take  $f \in I_n$  and  $r \in R$ . Then  $(f \cdot r)(\iota(m)) = f(\iota(m))r(\iota(m))$ . As  $f(\iota(m)) = 0$  for all  $m \geq n$  we also have that  $f(\iota(m))r(\iota(m)) = 0$  for all  $m \geq n$ . Hence,  $(f \cdot r) \in I_n$ .  $\text{qed}(1)$

we have that each  $I_n$  is an ideal and that  $I_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \dots$  is an ascending chain of ideals that is not eventually constant.  $\square$

### Exercise 3

Claim: Let  $K$  be a field.  $K(x)$  is not a finitely generated  $k$ -algebra.

*Proof.* Let  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in K(x)$  with  $g_i = \frac{P_i}{Q_i}$  and  $P_i, Q_i \in K[X]$  be a finite set of generators. Define  $d := \prod_{i \leq n} Q_i$ . Then we have for each  $g_i$  that  $g_i \in K[X, d^{-1}]$  as

$$g_i = \frac{P_i \cdot \prod_{j \neq i} Q_j}{d^{-1}} \quad (9)$$

with  $P_i \cdot \prod_{j \neq i} Q_j \in K[X]$ . Hence,  $K[g_1, \dots, g_n] \subset K[X, d^{-1}]$ .

Notice, that  $K[X]$  contains infinitely many irreducible polynomials. This can be easily concluded from the fact that  $K[X]$  contains infinitely many primes<sup>6</sup>

Hence, we can take an irreducible polynomial  $R \in K[X]$  such that  $R \nmid d$ .

*Claim(1):*  $\frac{1}{R} \notin K[X, d]$ .

Note that - by taking the greatest common divisor - each  $p \in K[X, d^{-1}]$  is of the form

$$p = P + p_n d^{-n} + \dots + p_0 = PQd^{-n} \quad (10)$$

with  $PQ \in K[X]$ . Assume we had

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{PQ}{d^n}. \quad (11)$$

Hence,  $1 = PQ \frac{R}{d^n}$ . However, since  $R$  is irreducible and  $R \nmid d$  this is not possible.  $\square$

### Exercise 4

Claim: If  $R$  is noetherian then so is  $R[[X]]$ . In addition to that we define

$$\deg \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} r_i X^i \right) := \min \{ i \in \mathbb{N} \mid r_i \neq 0 \}. \quad (12)$$

**Definition.** For any power series we define  $\text{lead}(a_k + a_{k+1}X + \dots) := a_k$  to be the minimal nonzero coefficient. Furthermore for any ideal  $I \subseteq R[[X]]$  let

$$L := \{ \text{lead}(P) \mid P \in I \} \quad (13)$$

$$L_d := \{ \text{lead}(P) \mid P \in I \wedge \deg(P) = d \} \cup \{0\} \quad \forall d \geq 1 \quad (14)$$

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<sup>6</sup>similar to euclids proof for the conjecture that there are infinitely many primes in  $\mathbb{Z}$

*Claim(1):* For every  $d \geq 1$   $L_d$  is an ideal, i.e.  $\forall a, b \in L_d, \forall r \in R : ar - b \in L_d$ .

*proof.* Let  $a, b \in L_d$  and  $r \in R$ . Wlog  $ar - b \neq 0$ , otherwise there is nothing to show. Take  $P, Q \in I$  such that  $\text{lead}(P) = a$  resp.  $\text{lead}(Q) = b$ . Then we have  $\text{lead}(rP - Q) = ar - b$ . qed(1)

*Claim(2):*  $L$  is an ideal.

*proof.* Let  $a, b \in L$  and  $r \in R$ . Again we may assume that wlog  $ar - b \neq 0$ . As  $a, b \in L$  we can take  $P, Q \in I$  such that  $\text{lead}(P) = a$  respectively  $\text{lead}(Q) = b$ . Furthermore, we define  $d := \deg(P)$  and  $e := \deg(Q)$ . Therefore, it follows that  $\text{lead}(rPx^e - Qx^d) = ar - b$  qed(2)

*proof of claim.* As  $R$  is noetherian we have that  $L$  and all the  $L_d$  are finitely generated; let  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $\{a_{d,1}, \dots, a_{d,n_d}\}$  be generators for  $L$  and  $L_d$ . Choose  $P_i, Q_{d,i} \in I$  such that  $\text{lead}(P_i) = a_i$ , respectively  $\deg(Q_{d,i}) = d$  and  $\text{lead}(Q_{d,i}) = a_{d,i}$ . We define  $e_i := \deg(P_i)$ ,  $N := \max_{i=1}^n e_i$  and finally

$$I' := \{P_i, | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{Q_{d,i} | 1 \leq d \leq N, 1 \leq i \leq n_d\}. \quad (15)$$

Clearly  $I'$  is finitely generated and  $I' \subseteq I$ . It remains to show that  $I' = I$ .

*Claim(3):*  $I \subseteq I'$  Assume there was  $P \in I$  such that  $P \notin I'$ ; wlog  $P$  is of minimal codegree  $d$ .

**Case 1:**  $d \neq 0$

Let  $a = \text{lead}(P) \in L$  then  $a = \sum_{i=k}^m a_i r_i$  with  $r_i \in R$  and  $k \leq m$  being the minimal nonzero coefficient. We define

$$Q = x^{d-e_i} P_i \quad (16)$$

Now clearly □

## Exercise 5

Let  $M$  be a noetherian  $R$ -module and  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$  an  $R$ -module endomorphism of  $M$ .

**Lemma.** Let  $M, N$  be  $R$ -modules and  $\varphi : M \rightarrow N$  a  $R$ -module-morphism. Then  $\ker(\varphi)$  is a submodule of  $M$ .

*Proof.* We need to verify that  $\ker(\varphi)$  is nonempty and  $\forall x, y \in \ker(\varphi), \forall r \in R : x + ry \in \ker(\varphi)$ . Clearly  $\ker(\varphi) \neq \emptyset$  as  $0 \in \ker(\varphi)$ . Now let  $x, y \in \ker(\varphi)$  and  $r \in R$ . We have that  $\varphi(x) = \varphi(y) = 0$ . Hence,  $\varphi(x + ry) = \varphi(x) + r\varphi(y) = 0 + r0 = 0$ . Therefore  $x + ry \in \ker(\varphi)$ . □

Claim: There is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\ker(\varphi^n) \cap \text{im}(\varphi^n) = 0$ .

*Proof.* As  $\varphi(0) = 0$  and we have that  $\ker(\varphi) \subset \ker(\varphi^2) \subset \dots$  is an increasing chain of submodules. As  $M$  is noetherian it is eventually constant and there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\ker(\varphi^N) = \ker(\varphi^m)$  for all  $m \geq N$ .

In particular  $\ker(\varphi^N) = \ker(\varphi \circ \varphi^N)$ . Hence,  $\ker(\varphi \upharpoonright_{\ker(\varphi^N)}) = 0$  and  $\varphi \upharpoonright_{\ker(\varphi^N)}$  is injective. Hence, if  $x \in \ker(\varphi^{N+1})$  and  $\varphi(x) = 0$  then  $x = 0$ . This implies that  $\ker(\varphi^{N+1}) \cap \ker(\varphi^{N+1}) = 0$ .  $\square$

Claim: If  $\varphi$  is surjective then  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* If  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$  is surjective then so is  $\varphi^n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . As before we have  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\varphi \upharpoonright_{\ker(\varphi^N)}$  is injective. Considering that  $\varphi^N$  is surjective we can conclude that  $\ker(\varphi^N) = 0$  and therefore  $\varphi \upharpoonright_{\ker(\varphi^N)} = \varphi$  is both, surjective and injective, and thus an isomorphism.  $\square$

## Exercise 6

Consider the  $R$ -modules  $M, M', M''$  and the following exact sequence; I will refer to it as  $\mathcal{S}$  from now on.

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

Claim:  $M$  is a noetherian  $R$ -module iff  $M'$  and  $M''$  are noetherian  $R$ -modules.

*Proof.* " $\implies$ " Let  $M$  be a noetherian  $R$ -module.

Let  $M'_1 \subseteq M'_2 \subseteq \dots$  be an increasing sequence of submodules of  $M'$ . Then  $f(M'_1) \subseteq f(M'_2) \subseteq \dots$  is an increasing sequence of submodules of  $M$ . As  $M$  is noetherian there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(M'_N) = f(M'_m)$  for all  $m \geq N$ . As  $f$  is injective we also have  $M'_N = M'_m$  for all  $m \geq N$ . Hence, the (arbitrary) sequence of  $R$ -submodules in  $M'$  is eventually constant and thus  $M'$  noetherian.

Let  $M''_1 \subseteq M''_2 \subseteq \dots$  be an increasing sequence of  $R$ -submodules of  $M''$ . It follows that  $g^{-1}(M''_1) \subseteq g^{-1}(M''_2) \subseteq \dots$  is an increasing sequence  $R$ -submodules of  $M$ . As  $M$  is noetherian the latter one is eventually constant, let's say from index  $N$  onwards. As  $g$  is surjective we have that  $g(g^{-1}(M''_i)) = M''_i$ . Hence, we can conclude that  $M''_1 \subseteq M''_2 \subseteq \dots$  is constant from  $N$  onwards as well.

qed( $\implies$ )

" $\impliedby$ " Let  $M'$  and  $M''$  be noetherian  $R$ -modules.

Let  $M_1 \subseteq M_2 \subseteq \dots$  be an increasing sequence of submodules of  $M$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(M_1) \subseteq \dots$  is an increasing sequence in  $M'$  and  $g(M_1) \subseteq \dots$  is an increasing sequence in  $M''$ . The latter ones are eventually constant as  $M'$  and  $M''$  are noetherian; let us assume from index  $N'$  resp.  $N''$  onwards. We define  $N := \max(N', N'')$ . If we prove that  $M_n \subseteq M_N$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we can conclude that  $M_1 \subseteq \dots$  is eventually constant and thus  $M$  noetherian (as the sequence was arbitrary).

Let  $x \in M_n$ . As  $g \upharpoonright_{M_n} \twoheadrightarrow g(M_n)$  there exists  $y \in M_n$  such that  $g(y) = g(x)$  (see also fig. 1). It follows that  $x - y \in \ker(g) \cap M_n$ . As  $\mathcal{S}$  is exact we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & y & & \\
& & \cap & & \\
f^{-1}(M_N) & \xleftarrow{f} & M_N & \xrightarrow{g} & g(M_N) \\
\parallel & & \cap & & \parallel \\
f^{-1}(M_n) & \xleftarrow{f} & M_n & \xrightarrow{g} & g(M_n) \\
\psi & & \psi & & \\
f^{-1}(x-y) & & x & & 
\end{array}$$

Figure 1:

that  $x - y \in \text{im}(f) \cap M_n$  and thus may consider  $f^{-1}(x - y) \in M'_n = M'_N$ . As  $f$  is injective we have that  $f(f^{-1}(x - y)) = x - y \in M_N$ . But this means that  $x = y + (x - y) \in M_N$  and as  $x \in M_n$  was arbitrary we can conclude  $M_n \subset M_N$ .  $\square$

### Exercise 11

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring in which all prime ideals are finitely generated.

**a) Claim:** If the collection of ideals that are not finitely generated is nonempty, then it contains a maximal element  $I$ . Then  $R/I$  is a noetherian ring.

*Proof.* Let  $L := \{J \subset R \mid J \text{ is not f.g. ideal}\}$ . We want to use the *Lemma of Zorn* to deduce that  $L$  possesses a maximal element. Clearly  $L$  is partially ordered by  $\subset$ . We need to find an upper bound in  $L$  for every chain in  $L$ . Let  $J_1 \subset J_2 \subset \dots$  be a chain in  $L$ . Clearly  $\bigcup_{i>0} J_i$  is an upper bound; it remains to show that  $\bigcup_{i>0} J_i \in L$ .

*Claim(1):*  $\bigcup_{i>0} J_i$  is an ideal.

*proof.* Take  $x, y \in \bigcup_{i>0} J_i$  then there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x, y \in J_n$ . Hence,  $x - y \in J_n \subset \bigcup_{i>0} J_i$ .

Furthermore, let  $x \in \bigcup_{i>0} J_i$  and  $r \in R$ . Again there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x \in J_n$ . Hence,  $r \cdot x \in J_n \subset \bigcup_{i>0} J_i$ . qed(1)

*Claim(2):*  $\bigcup_{i>0} J_i$  is not finitely generated, i.e.  $\bigcup_{i>0} J_i \in L$ .

*proof.* Assume  $\bigcup_{i>0} J_i$  was finitely generated by the generators  $g_1, \dots, g_m$ . Take  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $g_1, \dots, g_m \in J_n$ . But this implies that  $J_n \subseteq \bigcup_{i>0} J_i \subseteq J_n$  and  $J_n$  would be finitely generated. Hence,  $J_n \notin L$ .  $\nmid$  qed(2)

By *Zorn's Lemma* we can conclude that  $L$  possesses a maximal element; let us call it  $I$ .

As  $I$  is an ideal and  $R$  a ring we have a canonical Ringhomomorphism  $\phi : R \rightarrow R/I$  that provides a Ring structure on  $R/I$ . Now let  $J \subseteq R/I$  be a non-trivial ideal. Then  $\phi^{-1}(J) \supset I$ . As  $I$  is maximal in  $L$  we have that  $\phi^{-1}(J)$  is either



finitely generated or equal to  $I$ . However,  $\phi^{-1}(J)$  is not possible as then  $J = (0)$  would be trivial. Hence,  $\phi^{-1}(J)$  must be f.g. and therefore also  $J$  is. As every ideal of  $R/I$  is finitely generated we have that  $R/I$  is noetherian.  $\square$

**b) Claim:** There are f.g. ideals  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  such that  $J_{1/2} \supseteq I$  and  $J_1 J_2 \subseteq I$ .

*Proof.* We know that  $I$  is not a prime ideal as any prime ideal in  $R$  is finitely generated. Hence, we can find  $x, y \in R$  such that  $x, y \notin I$  but  $xy \in I$ . Let  $\mathfrak{J}_x := (\phi(x))_{R/I}$  denote the  $R/I$ -ideal generated by  $\phi(x)$ . We define  $J_1 := \phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{J}_x)$  and  $J_2 := \phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{J}_y)$ . As  $x, y \notin I$  we have that  $J_1, J_2 \supseteq I$ .

*Claim(1):*  $\mathfrak{J}_x \mathfrak{J}_y = (\phi(xy))_{R/I}$

*proof.*

$$\mathfrak{J}_x \mathfrak{J}_y = \left\{ \sum_{i \leq n} a_i b_i \mid a_i \in \mathfrak{J}_x \wedge b_i \in \mathfrak{J}_y \right\} \quad (17)$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{i \leq n} (r_i \phi(x)) (s_i \phi(y)) \mid r_i, s_i \in R/I \right\} \quad (18)$$

$$= \left\{ \phi(x) \phi(y) \sum_{i \leq n} r_i s_i \mid r_i, s_i \in R/I \right\} \quad (19)$$

$$= \{ \phi(xy) r \mid r \in R/I \} \quad (20)$$

$$= (\phi(xy))_{R/I} \quad (21)$$

qed(1)

*Claim(2):* Let  $\phi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  be a ringhomomorphism and  $I_1, I_2$  ideals of  $R_2$ . Then  $\phi^{-1}(I_1 I_2) \supseteq \phi^{-1}(I_2) \phi^{-1}(I_1)$ .

*proof.* Let  $x \in \phi^{-1}(I_1) \phi^{-1}(I_2)$  such that  $x = ab$  with  $a \in \phi^{-1}(I_1)$  and  $b \in \phi^{-1}(I_2)$ . Hence,  $\phi(x) = \phi(ab) = \phi(a) \phi(b) \in I_1 I_2$ . Therefore,  $x \in \phi^{-1}(I_1 I_2)$ .

qed(2)

As we have  $xy \in I$  we can now conclude

$$I = \phi^{-1}((0)_{R/I}) \supseteq \phi^{-1}((\phi(xy))_{R/I}) = \phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{J}_x \mathfrak{J}_y) \quad (22)$$

$$\supseteq \phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{J}_x) \phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{J}_y) \quad (23)$$

$$= J_1 J_2 \quad (24)$$

Clearly  $J_1 J_2 = \{ \sum_{i \leq n} a_i b_i \mid a_i \in J_1 \wedge b_i \in J_2 \}$  is finitely generated as  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  are.  $\square$

**c)**

*Remark.* Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  an ideal. Then  $I$  can be naturally viewed as a  $R$ -module by simply interpreting the ring multiplication as module product. Indeed, as ideals are abelian groups in  $+$  and closed under multiplication they satisfy the  $R$  module axioms.

Recall that for ideals  $I, J$  of some ring  $R$  with  $J \supset I$  we have that  $J/I$  is an ideal of  $R/I$  by the *third isomorphism theorem for rings*<sup>7</sup>. Hence,  $J/I$  always forms an abelian group with the induced binary operation  $+_{R/I}$ .

Claim:  $I/J_1J_2$  is a finitely generated  $R/I$ -submodule of  $J_1/J_1J_2$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to prove that  $J_1/J_1J_2$  is a f.g.  $R/I$  module. Indeed, as  $R/I$  is noetherian we can deduce by a previous exercise<sup>8</sup> that  $I/J_1J_2 \subset J_1/J_1J_2$  is f.g..

We define an action on  $J_1/J_1J_2$

$$\star : R/I \times J_1/J_1J_2 \rightarrow J_1/J_1J_2 \quad (25)$$

$$[r]_I \star [j]_{J_1J_2} := [r \cdot j]_{J_1J_2} \quad (26)$$

where " $\cdot$ " denotes the ring-multiplication in  $R$ .

*Claim(1):*  $\star$  is well defined.

*proof.* We have for  $i \in I$  and  $l \in J_1J_2$

$$[r + i]_I \star [j + l]_{J_1J_2} = [(r + i) \cdot (j + l)]_{J_1J_2} \quad (27)$$

$$= [r \cdot j + r \cdot l + i \cdot j + i \cdot l]_{J_1J_2} \quad (28)$$

$$= [r \cdot j]_{J_1J_2}. \quad (29)$$

The last inequality follows from the fact that  $r \cdot l, i \cdot j, i \cdot l \in J_1J_2$  qed(1)

*Claim(2):*  $J_1/J_1J_2$  is a  $R/I$ -module

*proof.*

1. As  $J_1$  and  $J_1J_2$  are ideals in  $R$  we have that  $(J_1/J_1J_2, +_{R/I})$  is abelian.
2. for  $[r]_I, [s]_I \in R/I$  and  $j \in J_1/J_1J_2$  we have

$$([r]_I + [s]_I) \star [j]_{J_1J_2} = [r + s]_I \star [j]_{J_1J_2} \quad (30)$$

$$= [(r + s) \cdot j]_{J_1J_2} \quad (31)$$

$$= [r \cdot j]_{J_1J_2} + [s \cdot j]_{J_1J_2} \quad (32)$$

$$= [r]_I \star [j]_{J_1J_2} + [s]_I \star [j]_{J_1J_2} \quad (33)$$

3. for  $[r]_I, [s]_I \in R/I$  and  $j \in J_1/J_1J_2$  we have

$$([r]_I \cdot_{R/I} [s]_I) \star [j]_{J_1J_2} = [r \cdot s]_I \star [j]_{J_1J_2} \quad (34)$$

$$= [(r \cdot s) \cdot j]_{J_1J_2} \quad (35)$$

$$= [r \cdot (s \cdot j)]_{J_1J_2} \quad (36)$$

$$= [r]_I \star [s \cdot j]_{J_1J_2} \quad (37)$$

$$= [r]_I \star ([s]_I \star [j]_{J_1J_2}) \quad (38)$$

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<sup>7</sup>DF § 7.3 Theorem 8 (2)

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4. for  $[r]_I \in R/I$  and  $j, l \in J_1/J_1J_2$  we have

$$[r]_I \star ([j]_{J_1J_2} + [l]_{J_1J_2}) = [r]_I \star [j + l]_{J_1J_2} \quad (39)$$

$$= [(r) \cdot (j + l)]_{J_1J_2} \quad (40)$$

$$= [r \cdot j]_{J_1J_2} + [r \cdot l]_{J_1J_2} \quad (41)$$

$$= [r]_I \star [j]_{J_1J_2} + [r]_I \star [l]_{J_1J_2} \quad (42)$$

5. for  $[j]_{J_1J_2} \in J_1/J_1J_2$

$$[1]_I \star [j]_{J_1J_2} = [1 \cdot j]_{J_1J_2} = [j]_{J_1J_2}. \quad (43)$$

qed(2)

*Claim(3):*  $J_1/J_1J_2$  is finitely generated as  $R/I$  module.

*proof.* Let  $\{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$  be a set of generators for  $J_1$  and  $[j]_{J_1J_2} \in J_1/J_1J_2$  be arbitrary. It follows that

$$[j]_{J_1J_2} = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \cdot g_i \right]_{J_1J_2} \quad (44)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n [r_i \cdot g_i]_{J_1J_2} \quad (45)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n [r_i]_I \star [g_i]_{J_1J_2}. \quad (46)$$

Hence,  $\{[g_1]_{J_1J_2}, \dots, [g_n]_{J_1J_2}\}$  is a generating set for  $J_1/J_1J_2$ . Therefore,  $J_1/J_1J_2$  is finitely generated. qed(3)

By the preliminary remarks we can conclude the claim □

**d)** *Claim:* (c) implies that  $I$  is finitely generated over  $R$ .

*Remark.* Recall that any  $R/I$ -module  $M$  with action  $\cdot : R/I \times M \rightarrow M$  can be transformed into a  $R$ -module in a canonical way; use the projection  $\phi : R \twoheadrightarrow R/I$  to define the action

$$\cdot_R : R \times M \rightarrow M \quad (47)$$

$$r \cdot_R m := \phi(r) \cdot m \quad (48)$$

Clearly if  $M$  is f.g. as  $R/I$  module it is also f.g. as  $R$  module. In fact the same elements that generate  $M$  as  $R/I$ -module will also do it as  $R$ -module.

**Lemma 0.1.** *Let  $M$  be a  $R$ -module and  $N \subset M$  be an  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ . If  $N$  and  $M/N$  are finitely generated then so is  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Observe that we have the exact sequence in fig. 2.

Let  $\{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$  be the generators for  $N$  and  $\{[h_1]_N, \dots, [h_m]_N\}$  for  $M/N$ . We can use the projection map  $\phi : M \twoheadrightarrow M/N$  to get a set  $\{h_1, \dots, h_m\} \subset M$  such that  $\phi(\tilde{h}_1) = [h_1]_N$ .

$$0 \longrightarrow N \xrightarrow{\iota} M \xrightarrow{\phi} M/N \longrightarrow 0$$

Figure 2: Exact sequence

Now take  $x \in M$  arbitrary, then  $\phi(x) = [x]_N = \sum_{i \leq m} r_i [h_i]_N$ . Define  $x' := \sum_{i \leq m} r_i \tilde{h}_i \in M$ , then clearly  $x - x' \in \ker(\phi) = \text{im}(\iota)$ . Hence, we can write  $x - x' = \sum_{j \leq n} r_j \iota(g_j)$ . All together we have  $x = x' + x - x' = \sum_{i \leq m} r_i \tilde{h}_i \in M + \sum_{j \leq n} r_j \iota(g_j)$  and as  $x$  was arbitrary we can conclude that  $M$  is generated by  $\{\tilde{h}_1, \dots, \tilde{h}_m, \iota(g_1), \dots, \iota(g_n)\}$ .  $\square$

We can now prove that  $I$  is finitely generated over  $R$ .

*proof of claim.* We have that  $I$  is a  $R$ -module and  $J_1 J_2$  is a  $R$ -submodule of  $I$ . As both -  $J_1 J_2$  and  $I/J_1 J_2$  are finitely generated as  $R$ -modules we can conclude by the previous lemma that  $I$  is finitely generated.  $\square$

Assuming that  $R$  is a ring in which all prime ideals are finitely generated we have shown (in **(a)**) that if there was an ideal which is not finitely generated then we would also have an inclusion maximal ideal which is not finitely generated, which we named  $I$ . Now in **(d)** we deduced that such an  $I$  would in fact be finitely generated( $\zeta$ ). Hence, we must reject the premise of **(a)** and end up with

The collections of ideals of  $R$  that are not finitely generated is empty. (49)

For a ring this is equivalent to being noetherian.  $\square$