

Solution to Commutative Ring Theory

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We suppose A is a commutative ring, $p > 0$ is a prime number.

1 Ring Theory Revisited

1. Suppose $x = 0$, then

$$(1+x)(1-x+x^2-\cdots+(-1)^{n-1}x^{n-1})=1$$
$$\Rightarrow 1+x \text{ is a unit.}$$

If $a \in A^\times, b \in Nil(A)$, then $a^{-1}b \in Nil(A)$,

$$\Rightarrow 1+a^{-1}b \in A^\times \quad \Rightarrow \quad a+b = a(1+a^{-1}b) \in A^\times$$

2. (1) (\Leftarrow):

$$a_1, \dots, a_n \in Nil(A)$$
$$\Rightarrow a_1, \dots, a_n \in Nil(A[x])$$
$$\Rightarrow a_1x, \dots, a_nx^n \in Nil(A[x]) \quad a_0 \in A^\times \subset (A[x])^\times$$
$$\Rightarrow f \in (A[x])^\times$$

(\Rightarrow): If there exists $g = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_mx^m$ such that $fg = 1$, then
(denote $a_k = 0$ when $k > n$, $b_k = 0$ when $k > m$)

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
a_0 b_0 = 1 & \Rightarrow & a_0, b_0 \in A^\times \\
a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 = 0 & & \\
\vdots & & \vdots \\
\sum_{k=0}^t a_k b_{t-k} = 0 & & \\
\vdots & & \vdots \\
a_{n-1} b_m + a_n b_{m-1} = 0 & \Rightarrow & \begin{cases} a_n^{m+1} b_0 = 0 \Rightarrow a_n^{m+1} = 0 \Rightarrow a_n \in Nil(A) \\ \vdots \\ a_n^2 b_{m-1} = 0 \\ a_n b_m = 0 \end{cases} \\
a_n b_m = 0 & &
\end{array}$$

then $a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} = f - a_n x^n$ is nilpotent. Continue the previous process, we obtain that a_1, \dots, a_n are nilpotent.

$$\begin{aligned}
(2) \ (\Leftarrow): \quad & a_1, \dots, a_n \in Nil(A) \\
& \Rightarrow a_0, \dots, a_n \in Nil(A[x]) \\
& \Rightarrow a_0, a_1 x, \dots, a_n x^n \in Nil(A[x]) \\
& \Rightarrow f = a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_n x^n \in Nil(A[x]) \\
(\Rightarrow): \quad & f \in Nil(A) \Rightarrow f^n = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow a_0^n = 0 \Rightarrow a_0 \in Nil(A) \\
& \Rightarrow f - a_0 \in Nil(A) \\
& \Rightarrow a_1 + a_2 x + \cdots + a_n x^{n-1} \in Nil(A)
\end{aligned}$$

Continue the previous process, we obtain that a_1, \dots, a_n are nilpotent.

(3) (\Leftarrow): Obvious.

(\Rightarrow): If $g = b_0 + b_1 x + \cdots + b_m x^m$ such that $b_0 \neq 0$ and $fg = 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
& a_0 b_0 = 0 \\
& a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 = 0 \\
& \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
& \sum_{k=0}^t a_k b_{t-k} = 0 \\
& \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
& a_{n-1} b_m + a_n b_{m-1} = 0 \\
& a_n b_m = 0 \\
\Rightarrow & f b_0^{n+1} = a_0 b_0^{n+1} + a_1 b_0^{n+1} x + \cdots + a_n b_0^{n+1} x^n = 0
\end{aligned}
\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 b_0^2 = 0 \\ a_2 b_0^3 = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_n b_0^{n+1} = 0 \end{cases}$$

(4) Denote $fg = \sum_{i=0}^{m+n} c_i x^i$

(\Leftarrow): If $I = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq (1)$, then

$$(c_0, \dots, c_{m+n}) \subseteq (a_0, \dots, a_n) \subsetneq (1)$$

$\Rightarrow fg$ is not primitive, Absurd.

(\Rightarrow): If $I = (c_0, \dots, c_{m+n}) \neq (1)$, then we consider the maximal ideal $\mathfrak{M} \supseteq I$, and $A/\mathfrak{M}[x]$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \bar{f}\bar{g} = 0 \quad \text{in } (A/\mathfrak{M})[x] \\
\Rightarrow & \exists \bar{a} \neq 0 \text{ in } A/\mathfrak{M} \text{ such that } \bar{a}\bar{f} = 0 \\
\Rightarrow & (A/\mathfrak{M} \text{ is a field}) \bar{f} = 0 \\
\Rightarrow & (a_0, \dots, a_n) \subseteq \mathfrak{M} \neq (1). \quad \text{Absurd.}
\end{aligned}$$

3. We prove it by contradiction. Suppose there exists $e \neq 0, 1$ such that $e^2 = e$.

- Denote the unique maximal ideal by \mathfrak{M} , then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall a \notin A^\times, (a) \subsetneq A \Rightarrow (a) \subseteq \mathfrak{M} \\
\Rightarrow & A \setminus A^\times \subseteq \mathfrak{M} \\
\Rightarrow & A \setminus A^\times = \mathfrak{M} \text{ is an ideal}
\end{aligned}$$

- Let $e' := 1 - e$, then $e' \neq 0, 1$ and $(e')^2 = e'$.
- e, e' are nonunits and $e + e' = 1$
 $\Rightarrow e, e' \in \mathfrak{M}$ while $e + e' \notin \mathfrak{M}$, contradiction!

2 Zariski Topology

4. Suppose $U \subseteq X$ is closed, then there exists $I \triangleleft A$,

$$\begin{aligned} A \setminus U &= V(I) = \bigcap_{f \in I} V(f) \\ \Rightarrow U &= A \setminus \bigcap_{f \in I} V(f) = \bigcup_{f \in I} A \setminus V(f) = \bigcup_{f \in I} X_f \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\{X_f\}$ form a basis of open sets for the Zariski topology.

(1)

$$\begin{aligned} X_f \cap X_g &= (A \setminus V(f)) \cap (A \setminus V(g)) \\ &= A \setminus (V(f) \cup V(g)) \\ &= A \setminus V(fg) \\ &= X_{fg} \end{aligned}$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} X_f = \emptyset &\Leftrightarrow V(f) = X \\ &\Leftrightarrow f \in \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)} \mathfrak{p} = \text{Nil}(A) \\ &\Leftrightarrow f \text{ is nilpotent.} \end{aligned}$$

(3)

$$\begin{aligned} X_f = X &\Leftrightarrow V(f) = \emptyset \\ &\Leftrightarrow f \notin \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)} \mathfrak{p} = \bigcup_{\mathfrak{M} \in \text{Max}(A)} \mathfrak{M} = A \setminus A^\times \\ &\Leftrightarrow f \text{ is a unit.} \end{aligned}$$

3 Prime Avoidance

5. (1) Denote

$$\begin{aligned} A &:= k[x, y]/(x, y)^2 \\ &= \{0, 1, x, y, 1+x, 1+y, x+y, 1+x+y\} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) &= \{0, x, y, x+y\} \\ &= \{0, x\} \cup \{0, y\} \cup \{0, x+y\} \end{aligned}$$

to be the union of 3 properly small ideals.

(2) Suppose $a \in J$ is a homogeneous element of degree k .

- k is odd: each monomial must have y , so $a \in I_2$.
- If a monomial have y^2 , then it equals to 0 in $k[x, y]/(xy, y^2)$, so $a \in I_1$.

Obvious $y \in J \setminus I_1, x^2 \in J \setminus I_2$ and I_2 is prime, because $(k[x, y]/(xy, y^2))/I_2 \cong k[x]$ is a domain.

4 Localization of rings and modules

6. Suppose $0 \notin T$, then T is the multiplication subset, and

$$\begin{aligned} B[S^{-1}] &= \left\{ \frac{b}{f(s)} \mid b \in B, s \in S \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{b}{t} \mid b \in B, t \in T \right\} \end{aligned}$$

as sets. Moreover, $A[S^{-1}]$ acts on $B[S^{-1}]$ and $B[T^{-1}]$ by the exactly same way:

$$\begin{aligned} A[S^{-1}] \times B[S^{-1}] &\longrightarrow B[S^{-1}] & \left(\frac{a}{s_1}, \frac{b}{f(s_2)} \right) &\longmapsto \frac{f(a)b}{f(s_1 s_2)} \\ A[S^{-1}] \times B[T^{-1}] &\longrightarrow B[T^{-1}] & \left(\frac{a}{s_1}, \frac{b}{t} \right) &\longmapsto \frac{f(a)b}{f(s_1)t} \end{aligned}$$

thus $B[S^{-1}]$ and $B[T^{-1}]$ are isomorphic as $A[S^{-1}]$ -modules.

7. (1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3): Obviously.

(3) \Rightarrow (1): Fix $m \in M$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m}{1} = \frac{0}{1} \text{ in } M_{\mathfrak{M}} &\Leftrightarrow \exists s \in A \setminus \mathfrak{M}, sm = 0 \\ \Rightarrow s \in \text{Ann}(m) &\Rightarrow \text{Ann}(m) \not\subseteq \mathfrak{M} \text{ for any } \mathfrak{M} \in \text{Max}(A) \\ \Rightarrow \text{Ann}(m) = R &\Rightarrow 0 = 1 \cdot m = m. \end{aligned}$$

5 Nakayama' s lemma

8. N is a finite generated A -module. So suppose N is generated by n_1, \dots, n_k , then $N/\mathfrak{a}N$ is generated by $\bar{n}_1, \dots, \bar{n}_k$, suppose $\bar{n}_i = \bar{u}(\bar{m}_i)$, then $\bar{n}_i = \pi \circ u(m_i)$.

So by Nakayama's lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{n}_1, \dots, \bar{n}_k &\text{ generate } N/\mathfrak{a}N \\ \Rightarrow u(m_1), \dots, u(m_k) &\text{ generate } N \\ \Rightarrow u &\text{ is surjective.} \end{aligned}$$

6 Radicals

1. Obviously $Nil(A) \subseteq Rad(A)$.

If $Nil(A) \subsetneq Rad(A)$, Let $x \in Rad(A) \setminus Nil(A)$, We obtain

$$Ax \not\subseteq \sqrt{0} \text{ is an ideal of } A$$

So there exists $a \in A$ such that $(ax)^2 = ax \neq 0 \Rightarrow ax(1 - ax) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 1 - ax$ is not invertible, thus lies in one maximal ideal \mathfrak{M} of A
 $\Rightarrow 1 = 1 - ax + ax \in \mathfrak{M}$, Contradiction!

7 Noetherian and Artinian rings

2. For any $I \triangleleft A$, \sqrt{I} is finitely generated, suppose $\sqrt{I} = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$, and $a_i^{r_i} \in I$, then $(\sqrt{I})^{\sum r_i} \subseteq I$.
3. First, we know

$$\varphi : M/(N_1 \cap N_2) \longrightarrow M/N_1 \times M/N_2 \quad \bar{m} \longmapsto (\bar{m}, \bar{m})$$

is a monomorphism, so we can view $M/(N_1 \cap N_2)$ as a submodule of $M/N_1 \times M/N_2$.
then

$$\begin{aligned} M/N_1 \&M/N_2 \text{ are Noetherian(Artinian)} \\ \Rightarrow M/N_1 \times M/N_2 &\text{ are Noetherian(Artinian)} \\ \Rightarrow M/(N_1 \cap N_2) &\text{ are Noetherian(Artinian)} \end{aligned}$$

8 Support of a Module

4. (1) We have a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{M} \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow k \longrightarrow 0$$

thus induce a exact sequence

$$\mathfrak{M}M \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow k \otimes_A M \longrightarrow 0$$

thus $M_k = k \otimes_A M \cong M/\mathfrak{M}M$.

$$\text{Wrong}[0 = k \otimes_A M \otimes_A N \otimes_A k = M_k \otimes_A N_k \cong M_k \otimes_k N_k]$$

$$0 = M \otimes_A (k \otimes_k k) \otimes_A N \cong M_k \otimes_k N_k$$

$$\Rightarrow M_k = 0 \text{ or } N_k = 0. \text{ Suppose } M_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow M = \mathfrak{M}M$$

Then we use the Nakayama's lemma, and we obtain

$$\exists a \in \mathfrak{M}, \text{ such that } (1 + a)M = 0 \Rightarrow M = 0$$

(2) We know that

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_{A_{\mathfrak{p}}} N_{\mathfrak{p}} &= (A_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_A M) \otimes_{A_{\mathfrak{p}}} (A_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_A N) \\ &= M \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_A N \\ &= A_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_A M \otimes_A N \\ &= (M \otimes_A N)_{\mathfrak{p}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}(M \otimes_A N)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 \neq (M \otimes_A N)_{\mathfrak{p}} = M_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_{A_{\mathfrak{p}}} N_{\mathfrak{p}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow M_{\mathfrak{p}} \neq 0 \text{ \& } N_{\mathfrak{p}} \neq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}(M) \cap \text{Supp}(N)$$

9 Support, Associated primes and Primary decompositions

Facts.

- $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) = \{(p) \mid p \text{ is prime}\} \cup \{(0)\}$
- Let $\mathfrak{p} = (p)$, then

$$\mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid p \nmid b \right\}$$

and

$$(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \begin{cases} 0, & p \nmid n \\ \mathbb{Z}/p^{\alpha_0}\mathbb{Z}, & n = p^{\alpha_0}p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_n^{\alpha_n} \end{cases}$$

- Let $\mathfrak{p} = (0)$, then

$$\mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid b \neq 0 \right\} = \mathbb{Q}$$

and

$$(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = 0$$

- localization preserves the exactness.
 - localization commutes with (infinitely) direct sum.
 - $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[T]) = \{(T - a) \mid a \in \mathbb{C}\} \cup \{(0)\}$
1. (Another way: Use $\text{Supp}(M) = V(\text{ann}_R(M))$ when M is finitely generated)

We know that

$$M_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong \bigoplus_{n>0} (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})_{\mathfrak{p}} \begin{cases} = 0, & \mathfrak{p} = (0) \\ \neq 0, & \mathfrak{p} = (p) \end{cases}$$

So

$$\text{Supp}(M) = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) \setminus \{(0)\}$$

is not a closed subset of $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$.

[If $V(I) = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) \setminus \{(0)\} \Rightarrow (p) \supseteq I$ for any $p \Rightarrow (0) \supseteq I$]

We also have

$$V(\text{ann}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M)) = V(\{0\}) = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) = \overline{\text{Supp}(M)}$$

2. We know

$$\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \prod_{a=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/p^a\mathbb{Z} \quad n \longmapsto (n, \dots, n, \dots)$$

is injective, so we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \prod_{a=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/p^a\mathbb{Z}$$

and then an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow \left(\prod_{a=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/p^a\mathbb{Z} \right)_{\mathfrak{p}}$$

So $\text{Supp}\left(\prod_{a=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/p^a\mathbb{Z}\right) = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$. While

$$\bigcup_{a=1}^{\infty} \text{Supp}(\mathbb{Z}/p^a\mathbb{Z}) = \bigcup_{a=1}^{\infty} \{(p)\} = \{(p)\}$$

So

$$\overline{\bigcup_{a=1}^{\infty} \text{Supp}(\mathbb{Z}/p^a\mathbb{Z})} = \{(p)\} \neq \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) = \text{Supp}\left(\prod_{a=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/p^a\mathbb{Z}\right)$$

3. (1) Naturally $\bigoplus_{a=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{p} \cap R_a \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$. The other direction is followed by this method:

$$\forall p = \sum_{i=0}^k p_i \in \mathfrak{p}, pm = \sum_{i=0}^k p_i m = 0$$

\Rightarrow Use the double induction: first, shows $p_k m = 0$,

to prove it needs the induction of degree of m replace m by $p_k m$.

$\Rightarrow p_i m = 0$ for any $i \in \{0, \dots, k\}$

$\Rightarrow p_i \in \text{ann}_R(m)$

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \bigoplus_{a=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{p} \cap R_a$

(2) Suppose $\mathfrak{p} = \text{ann}_R(m)$, $m = \sum_{i=0}^k m_i$, we have

$$(\mathfrak{p} \cap R_a)m = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathfrak{p} \cap R_a)m_i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}m_i = 0 \quad \text{for any } i \in \{0, \dots, k\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \text{ann}_R(m_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^k \text{ann}_R(m_i)$$

If for any i , $\mathfrak{p} \subsetneq \text{ann}_R(m_i)$, then there exists $p_i \in \text{ann}_R(m_i) \setminus \mathfrak{p}$, so

$$p := \prod_{i=0}^n p_i \notin \mathfrak{p}$$

but $pm = 0$, contradiction!

4. We know $(T-1)e_1 = (T-2)e_3 = 0$, and $\dim(\text{Ker}(T-a)) = 0$ when $a \notin \{1, 2\}$. so

$$\text{Ass}(\mathbb{C}^3) = \{(T-1), (T-2)\}$$

5. We have

$$(x^3y, xy^4) = (x) \cap (y) \cap (x^3, y^4)$$

They are all primary ideals. $((x, y)^4 \subseteq (x^3, y^4) \subseteq (x, y))$

Method: $(x^3y, xy^4) = (x^3, xy^4) \cap (y, xy^4) = (x^3, x) \cap (x^3, y^4) \cap (y, x) \cap (y, y^4) \dots$

10 Integral dependence, Nullstellensatz

1. Prove that the integral closure of $R := \mathbb{C}[X, Y]/(Y^2 - X^2 - X^3)$ in $\text{Frac}(R)$ equals $\mathbb{C}[t]$ with $t := \bar{Y}/\bar{X}$, where \bar{X}, \bar{Y} denote the images of X, Y in R .

证明. Let

$$\varphi' : \mathbb{C}[X, Y] \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}[T] \quad X \longmapsto T^2 - 1 \quad Y \longmapsto T^3 - T$$

We have

$$\varphi'(Y^2 - X^2 - X^3) = (T^3 - T)^2 - (T^2 - 1)^2 T^2 = 0$$

induces the map

$$\varphi' : \mathbb{C}[X, Y]/(Y^2 - X^2 - X^3) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}[T]$$

Suppose $f(X, Y) = a_0(X) + a_1(X)Y \in \text{Ker } \varphi$ where

- $a_0(X) = 0$ or $a_1(X) = 0$, easy to know $f(X, Y) = 0$.
- $a_0, a_1 \in \mathbb{C}[X]$ has no common nontrivial factors. Then

$$\varphi(f) = (a_0(T^2 - 1)) + (a_1(T^2 - 1))(T^3 - T) \Rightarrow X|a_0, X|a_1$$

Contradiction!

So φ is injective, thus we can view $R := \mathbb{C}[X, Y]/(Y^2 - X^2 - X^3)$ as a subring of $\mathbb{C}[T]$, and

$$XT - Y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T \text{ is integral over } R$$

$$\Rightarrow R[T] \text{ is integral over } R$$

$$R[T] = \mathbb{C}[T^2 - 1, T^3 - T, T] = \mathbb{C}[T] \text{ is a UFD, so normal.} \quad \square$$

2. Consider a Noetherian ring R with $K := \text{Frac}(R)$. Show that $y \in K$ is integral over R if and only if there exists $u \in R$ such that $u \neq 0$ and $uy^n \in R$ for all n .

证明. Suppose R is a domain.

(\Rightarrow): $y \in K$ is integral over R

$$\Rightarrow \exists a_{m-1}, \dots, a_0 \in R, y^m + a_{m-1}y^{m-1} + \dots + a_0 = 0$$

If $x = \frac{v}{w}$, then there exists $u := w^m \neq 0$, such that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$,

$$ux^n \in u(R + Rx + \dots + Rx^{m-1}) \subseteq R + R \dots + R = R$$

(\Leftarrow): R is a Noetherian ring
 $\Rightarrow u^{-1}R$ is a Noetherian R -module
 $\Rightarrow R[x]$ is a finitely generated R -module
 $\Rightarrow x$ is integral over R

□

3. Let $R = \mathbb{Q}[X_1, X_2, \dots]$ (finite or infinitely many variables). Show that $\text{nil}(R) = \text{rad}(R) = \{0\}$.

证明. Claim: For any $f \in \mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, there exists $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{Q}$, such that $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$.

We can prove it by induction on n . Suppose it holds for $k < n$.

WLOG, suppose $f = \sum_{i=0}^m g_i x_n^{\beta_i}$ where $g_i \in \mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ and $g_m \neq 0$.

Then by induction, there exists (a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}) such that $g_k(a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}) \neq 0$, now

$$\bar{f}(x) := f(a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}, x)$$

has at most m roots. We can choose $a_k \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\bar{f}(a_k) \neq 0$. For any $f \in R$ nonzero, there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $f \in \mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$. Let

$$\varphi_f : R \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q} \quad g \longmapsto g(a_1, \dots, a_k, 0, \dots)$$

It is a surjective homomorphism.

$\Rightarrow R/\text{Ker}\varphi_f \cong \mathbb{Q}$
 $\Rightarrow \text{Ker}\varphi_f$ is a maximal ideal not containing f
 $\Rightarrow \text{rad}(R) \subseteq \{0\}$
 $\Rightarrow \{0\} \subseteq \text{nil}(R) \subseteq \text{rad}(R) \subseteq \{0\}$
 $\Rightarrow \text{nil}(R) = \text{rad}(R) = \{0\}$

□

4. Let $R = \mathbb{Q}[X_1, X_2, \dots]$ (infinitely many variables). Show that R is not a Jacobson ring.

证明. Denote $\mathfrak{p} = (X)$ in $\mathbb{Q}[X]$, $R' = (\mathbb{Q}[X])_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and an bijection map $\Psi : \mathbb{N}^+ \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$

We construct

$$\psi : R \longrightarrow R' \quad X_i \longmapsto \frac{1}{X - \Psi(i)}$$

which is surjective.

Consider all the irreducible polynomials.

If R is a Jacobson ring, then so is R' , but

$$\text{Max } R' = \{\mathfrak{p}\} \neq \{\mathfrak{p}, (0)\} = \text{Spec } R'$$

Contradiction! □

5. (1) Let A be a subring of an integral domain B , and let C be the integral closure of A in B . Let f, g be monic polynomials in $B[x]$ such that $fg \in C[x]$. Then f, g are in $C[x]$.
 (2) Prove the same result without assuming that B (or A) is an integral domain.

证明. 偷懒抄书, 此题不算!

[2] Take a field $(\overline{\text{Frac}(B)})$ containing B in which the polynomials f, g split into linear factors; say $f = \prod (x - \xi_i), g = \prod (x - \eta_j)$. Each ξ_i and each η_j is a root of fg , hence is integral over C . Hence the coefficients of f and g are integral over C .

[1] LEMMA (14.7).—Let $R \subset R'$ be a ring extension, X a variable, $f \in R[X]$ a monic polynomial. Suppose $f = gh$ with $g, h \in R'[X]$ monic. Then the coefficients of g and h are integral over R .

Proof: Set $R_1 := R'[X]/\langle g \rangle$. Let x_1 be the residue of X . Then $1, x_1, x_1^2, \dots$ form a free basis of R_1 over R' by (10.25) as g is monic; hence, $R' \subset R_1$. Now, $g(x_1) = 0$; so g factors as $(X - x_1)g_1$ with $g_1 \in R_1[X]$ monic of degree 1 less than g . Repeat this process, extending R_1 . Continuing, obtain $g(X) = \prod (X - x_i)$ and $h(X) = \prod (X - y_j)$ with all x_i and y_j in an extension of R' . The x_i and y_j are integral over R as they are roots of f . But the coefficients of g and h are polynomials in the x_i and y_j ; so they too are integral over R . □

6. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be an injective map, with A Noetherian and B integral over A . Assume that neither A nor B have zero divisors.
 (1) Show that if A is a field, then so is B .
 (2) Deduce that a field k is algebraically closed (i.e., every polynomial has a root) if and only if for every finite field extension $k \subset k'$ i.e., k' is f.d. as a k -vector space, we have $k = k'$.
 (3) Show that if B is a field, then so is A .

证明. (1) For any $x \in B$, there exists $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in A$, $a_0 \neq 0$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{a_0}\right)(x^{n-1} + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1) &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow B \text{ is a field.} \end{aligned}$$

(2) (\Rightarrow): For any $x_0 \in k'$, there exists $x_1, \dots, x_n \in k$, such that

$$f(x) = (x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_n) \text{ \& } f(x_0) = 0$$

So $x_0 \in k$. (\Leftarrow): If not, there exists an irreducible polynomial f which has no root. Then $k[t]/(f(t))$ is a finite field extension of degree $\deg f$.

(3) For any $x \in A$, there exists $y \in B$ such that $xy = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y^n + b_{n-1}y^{n-1} + \dots + b_0 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow y + b_{n-1} + \dots + b_0x^{n-1} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow y \in A \end{aligned}$$

So k is a field. □

11 Flatness

Facts.

- $k[[t]]$ is a PID. Its ideal can be written as (t^m) , while for any $f \in k[[t]]$, there exists $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, g \in (k[[t]])^*$, such that $f = gt^m$.
- A beautiful diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Tor}_3^A(A, M) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Tor}_3^A(K, M) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Tor}_3^A(K/A, M) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & & & & & \searrow & & \\ & & & & & & \mathrm{Tor}_2^A(A, M) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Tor}_2^A(K, M) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Tor}_2^A(K/A, M) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & & & & & \searrow & & \\ & & & & & & \mathrm{Tor}_1^A(A, M) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Tor}_1^A(K, M) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Tor}_1^A(K/A, M) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & & & & & \searrow & & \\ & & & & & & A \otimes_A M & \longrightarrow & K \otimes_A M & \longrightarrow & K/A \otimes_A M & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

1. For a field k , show that $k[[t]][Y, Z]/(YZ - t)$ is flat over $k[[t]]$.

证明. We only need to prove $k[[t]][Y, Z]/(YZ - t)$ has no zero divisors except 0. This is easy: We claim that every item in $k[[t]][Y, Z]/(YZ - t)$ can be uniquely written as the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (f_n(Y) + g_n(Z) + a_n)t^n$$

where

$$f_n \in k[Y], g_n \in k[Z], a_n \in k, \quad f_n(0) = g_n(0) = 0$$

If

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (f_n(Y) + g_n(Z) + a_n)t^n \neq 0$$

then

$$t^m \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (f_n(Y) + g_n(Z) + a_n)t^n \neq 0$$

$$gt^m \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (f_n(Y) + g_n(Z) + a_n)t^n \neq 0 \quad g \in (k[[t]])^*$$

□

2. Let N', N, N'' be A -modules, and $0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence, with N'' flat. Prove that N' is flat $\Leftrightarrow N$ is flat.

证明. If $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\varphi} M'$ is a A -modular exact sequence, then We have the exact sequences:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Ker}\varphi \otimes \text{Id}_{N'} & \longrightarrow & \text{Ker}\varphi \otimes \text{Id}_N & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow \dots \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Tor}_1(M, N'') & \longrightarrow & M \otimes N' & \longrightarrow & M \otimes N & \longrightarrow & M \otimes N'' \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Tor}_1(M', N'') & \longrightarrow & M' \otimes N' & \longrightarrow & M' \otimes N & \longrightarrow & M' \otimes N'' \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Because $\text{Tor}_1(M, N'') = \text{Tor}_1(M', N'')$, the upper line is exact. So N' is flat $\Leftrightarrow N$ is flat.

Better solution:

$$0 = \text{Tor}_{i+1}(M, N'') \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_i(M, N) \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_i(M, N') \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_i(M, N'') = 0$$

□

3. A ring A is absolutely flat if every A -module is flat. Prove that the following are equivalent:

- (1) A is absolutely flat.
- (2) Every principal ideal is idempotent.
- (3) Every finitely generated ideal is a direct summand of A .

证明.

(1) \Rightarrow (2): Consider the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow A/I \longrightarrow 0$$

Tensoring with I , we obtain the exact sequence ($I \otimes_A I = I^2$ because I is principal ideal)

$$0 \longrightarrow I^2 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow I \otimes_A A/I \longrightarrow 0$$

So $I/I^2 = I \otimes_A A/I = 0$. ($I \otimes_A A/I = 0$ because $I \otimes_A A/I \hookrightarrow A \otimes_A A/I \cong A/I$ is a zero map (using the fact that A/I is flat))

Especially, when $I = (x)$, then $(x)^2 = (x)$, there exists $a \in A$ such that $x = ax^2$, now $(x) = (ax)$ is idempotent.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): We just need to prove that every finitely generated ideal is principal ideal. (Then, use the decomposition $A = (a) \oplus (1-a)$)

We only need to prove $\langle a, b \rangle = \langle a + b - ab \rangle$ when $a^2 = a, b^2 = b$.

(3) \Rightarrow (1): Suppose any $I \triangleleft A$ is the direct summand, then A/I is flat, we obtain

$$\text{Tor}_1(N, R/I) = 0 \quad \text{for any } N, I$$

. So A is absolutely flat.

□

4. Prove the following properties of absolutely flat:

- (1) Every homomorphic image of an absolutely flat ring is absolutely flat.
- (2) If a local ring is absolutely flat, then it is a field.
- (3) If a ring A is absolutely flat, then every non-unit in A is a zero-divisor.

证明. (1)

$$\begin{aligned} A \text{ is absolutely flat} &\Rightarrow \langle x \rangle^2 = \langle x \rangle \text{ in } A \\ &\Rightarrow \langle x \rangle^2 = \langle x \rangle \text{ in } A/I \\ &\Rightarrow A/I \text{ is absolutely flat} \end{aligned}$$

- (2) Suppose \mathfrak{m} is the unique maximal ideal of A , then A/\mathfrak{m} is a field. If there exists $\langle x \rangle \subsetneq A, x \neq 0$, then $\langle x \rangle \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \subsetneq A \Rightarrow x = ax^2 \Rightarrow x(1 - ax) = 0$. However, $1 - ax \notin \mathfrak{m} \Rightarrow (ax - 1) \in A^\times$, so we obtain $x \in A^\times$.
- (3) If there exists $\langle x \rangle \subsetneq A, x \neq 0$, then there exists $e \in A$ such that $e^2 = e, (x) = (e)$. we get $a \in A$ such that $x = ae(x \neq a) \Rightarrow x(x - a) = 0$. So every non-unit in A is a zero-divisor.

□

12 Going-up and Going-down

5. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be an integral homomorphism of rings, i.e. B is integral over its subring $f(A)$. Show that $f^\# : \text{Spec}(B) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$ is a closed mapping, i.e. that it maps closed sets to closed sets.

证明. When $f(B) \neq B$, It may fail. Consider

$$f : \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \quad f^\#((0)) = (3)$$

is the counterexample.

(Notice that $\text{Spec } f(A) \cong V(\ker f)$ is closed set of $\text{Spec } B$)

When $A \subseteq B$, Suppose $V(I) \subseteq \text{Spec}(B)$ is the closed set ($I \triangleleft B$), then we claim: $f^\#(V(I)) = V(f^{-1}I)$.

- (a) For all $\mathfrak{p} \in V(I) \Rightarrow \mathfrak{p} \supseteq I \Rightarrow f^\#(\mathfrak{p}) = f^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}) \supseteq f^{-1}(I) \Rightarrow f^\#(\mathfrak{p}) \in V(f^{-1}(I))$
- (b) For all $\mathfrak{q} \in V(f^{-1}(I)) \subseteq \text{Spec}(A)$, there exists $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(B)$ such that $\mathfrak{p} \cap \text{Spec } A = \mathfrak{q}$. Easy to find that $\mathfrak{p} \supseteq I$.

□

6. Let $A \subset B$ be an extension of rings, making B integral over A , and let \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal of A . Suppose there is a unique prime ideal \mathfrak{q} of B with $\mathfrak{q} \cap A = \mathfrak{p}$. Show that

- (a) $\mathfrak{q}B_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is the unique maximal ideal of $B_{\mathfrak{p}} := B[(A \setminus \mathfrak{p})^{-1}]$
- (b) $B_{\mathfrak{q}} = B_{\mathfrak{p}}$
- (c) $B_{\mathfrak{q}}$ is integral over $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$

证明. (a) We have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & B \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A_{\mathfrak{p}} & \longrightarrow & B_{\mathfrak{p}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{p} & \longleftarrow & \mathfrak{q} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}} & \longleftarrow & \mathfrak{q}B_{\mathfrak{p}} \end{array}$$

$B_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is integral over $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$, and $\mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is maximal in $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{q}B_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is maximal in $B_{\mathfrak{p}}$

If there exists $\mathfrak{m} \triangleleft B_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is maximal, then $f_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\#}(m) = \mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}}$, thus $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{q}B_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

- (b) $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{q} \Rightarrow B_{\mathfrak{q}} \supseteq B_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

By the universal property, we only need to show

$$\forall x \in B \setminus \mathfrak{q}, x \text{ is invertible.}$$

If $\frac{x}{1} = q \frac{b}{a_1}$ where $a_1 \in A \setminus \mathfrak{p}$, there exists $a_2 \in A \setminus \mathfrak{p}$ such that $a_1 a_2 x = a_2 b q \Rightarrow x \in \mathfrak{q}$.

So $\frac{x}{1} \notin \mathfrak{q}B_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is invertible.

- (c) $B_{\mathfrak{q}} = B_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is integral over $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

□

7. Let the integral extension $A \subset B$ and the prime ideal \mathfrak{p} be as above. Suppose that A is a domain and $\mathfrak{q}, \mathfrak{q}'$ are distinct prime ideals of B , both mapping to \mathfrak{p} under $\text{Spec}(B) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$. Show that $B_{\mathfrak{q}}$ is not integral over $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

证明. Take $y \in \mathfrak{q}' \setminus \mathfrak{q}$. If $y^{-1} \in B_{\mathfrak{q}}$ is integral over $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$, then there exists $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ with $a_0 \neq 0$ such that $a_0 y^n + a_1 y^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} y = -1$. Now there exists $s \in A \setminus \mathfrak{p}, a'_0, \dots, a'_{n-1} \in A$ with

$$a'_0 y^n + a'_1 y^{n-1} + \dots + a'_{n-1} y = -s$$

Now the left is in \mathfrak{q}' while $-s \notin \mathfrak{q}'$, contradiction!

□

1. Many basic operations on ideals, when applied to homogeneous ideals in \mathbb{Z} -graded rings, lead to homogeneous ideals. Let I be a homogeneous ideal in a \mathbb{Z} -graded ring R . Show that:

- (1) The radical of I is homogeneous, that is, the radical of I is generated by all the homogeneous elements f such that $f^n \in I$ for some n .
- (2) If I and J are homogeneous ideals of R , then $(I : J) := \{f \in R \mid fJ \subset I\}$ is a homogeneous ideal.
- (3) Suppose that for all f, g homogeneous elements of R such that $fg \in I$ one of f and g is in I . Show that I is prime.

证明. We need to show that:

Claim 12.1. For any $r = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} r_i \in \sqrt{I}$, $r_i \in R_i$, we have $r_i \in \sqrt{I}$

Consider $i_0 = \min\{i \mid r_i \neq 0\}$, we know that

$$r_{i_0}^n = (r^n)_{ni_0} \in I \Rightarrow r_{i_0} \in R_{i_0} \cap \sqrt{I}$$

then consider $r - r_{i_0}$. By induction, we can show that $r \in \langle f \in R_i \mid f^n \in I \rangle$.

We need to show that (the difficult part):

Claim 12.2. For any $f = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} f_i \in (I : J)$, $f_i \in R_i$, we have $f_i \in (I : J)$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} fJ \subseteq I &\Rightarrow fg \subseteq I \quad \text{for any } g \in J_j \\ \Rightarrow f_i g &\subseteq I_{i+j} \subseteq I \quad \text{for any } g \in J_j \\ \Rightarrow f_i J &\subseteq I \end{aligned}$$

When $f = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} f_i \notin I$, $g = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} g_j \notin I$, we need to show that

$$fg = \sum_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_i g_j \notin I.$$

Choose

$$i_0 = \min\{i \mid f_i \notin I\} \quad j_0 = \min\{j \mid f_j \notin I\}$$

then

$$(fg)_{i_0+j_0} = \sum_i f_i g_{i_0+j_0-i} \in f_{i_0} g_{j_0+I} \subseteq A \setminus I$$

so $fg \notin I$. □

\Rightarrow

2. Suppose R is a \mathbb{Z} -graded ring and $0 \neq f \in R_1$

- (1) Show that $R[f^{-1}]$ is again a \mathbb{Z} -graded ring.
- (2) Let $S = R[f^{-1}]_0$, show that $S \cong R/(f-1)$, and $R[f^{-1}] \cong S[x, x^{-1}]$ where x is a new variable.

证明. (1) $R[f^{-1}]$ is a ring which is graded by

$$(R[f^{-1}])_i = \left\langle \frac{a_{i+j}}{f^j} \right\rangle_{a_{i+j} \in R_{i+j}}.$$

(2) We know

$$(R[f^{-1}])_0 = \left\langle \frac{a_j}{f^j} \right\rangle_{a_j \in R_j}.$$

and we have the surjective ring homomorphism

$$R \longrightarrow (R[f^{-1}])_0 \quad r_i \in R_i \longmapsto \frac{r_i}{f^i}$$

and the kernel of which is $(f-1)$.

Now the homomorphism

$$R[f^{-1}] \longrightarrow S[x, x^{-1}] \quad \frac{r_{i+j}}{f^j} \in (R[f^{-1}])_i \longmapsto \frac{r_{i+j}}{f^{i+j}} x^i$$

is an isomorphism.

□

3. Show that if R is a graded ring with no nonzero homogeneous prime ideals, then R_0 is a field and either $R = R_0$ or $R = R_0[x, x^{-1}]$.

证明. We first state a lemma which can be proved using Zorn's lemma:*

Lemma 12.3. *Let I be a homogeneous ideal of a graded ring R , $I \neq R$, then there exists a homogeneous prime ideal which contains I .*

Using the lemma to Ra , we get:

*for details, see: <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/385292/homogeneous-ideals-are-contained-in-homogeneous-prime-ideals>

Corollary 12.4. *If R is a graded ring with no nonzero homogeneous prime ideals, then any homogeneous item $a \in R \setminus \{0\}$ is invertible.*

Now R_0 is a field. if $R = R_0$, then everything was done; Otherwise, Suppose $i_0 = \{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \mid R_i \neq 0\}$ there exists $x \in R_{i_0} \setminus \{0\}$, which is invertible. Now:

- If $i_0 \nmid r$, then $R_r = 0$ by the euclidean division;
- If $i_0 \mid r$, $a \in R_r$, then $a = ax^{-r/i_0} \cdot x^{-r/i_0} \in R_0[x, x^{-1}]$.

So we're done.

Another point: you can take the homogeneous items from prime ideal \mathfrak{p} to construct a homogeneous prime ideal. □

4. Taking the associated graded ring can also simplify some features of the structure of R . For example, let k be a field, and let $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_r] \subset R_1 = k[[x_1, \dots, x_r]]$ be the rings of polynomials in r variables and formal power series in r variables over k , and write $I = (x_1, \dots, x_r), I'$ for the ideal generated by the variables in either ring. Show that $\text{gr}_I R = \text{gr}_{I'} R_1$

证明. We know that

$$I^k / I^{k+1} \cong I'^k / I'^{k+1}$$

so

$$\text{gr}_I R = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} I^k / I^{k+1} \cong \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} I'^k / I'^{k+1} = \text{gr}_{I'} R_1$$

□

13 Completions

1. Let A be a local ring, \mathfrak{m} its maximal ideal. Assume that A is \mathfrak{m} -adically complete. For any polynomial $f(x) \in A[x]$, let $\bar{f}(x) \in (A/\mathfrak{m})[x]$ denote its reduction mod. \mathfrak{m} . Prove Hensel's lemma: if $\bar{f}(x)$ is monic of degree n and if there exist coprime monic polynomials $\bar{g}(x), \bar{h}(x) \in (A/\mathfrak{m})[x]$ of degrees $r, n-r$ with $\bar{f}(x) = \bar{g}(x)\bar{h}(x)$, then we can lift $\bar{g}(x), \bar{h}(x)$ back to monic polynomials $g(x), h(x) \in A[x]$ such that $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$

证明. See [Hensel's Lemma, Theorem 1][†] Using induction makes sense. □

[†]<http://therisingsea.org/notes/HenselsLemma.pdf>

2. (a) With the notation of Exercise 1, deduce from Hensel's lemma that if $\bar{f}(x)$ has a simple root $\alpha \in A/\mathfrak{M}$, then $f(x)$ has a simple root $a \in A$ such that $\alpha = a \bmod \mathfrak{M}$
- (b) Show that 2 is a square in the ring of 7-adic integers.
- (c) Let $f(x, y) \in k[x, y]$, where k is a field, and assume that $f(0, y)$ has $y = a_0$ as a simple root. Prove that there exists a formal power series $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ such that $f(x, y(x)) = 0$. This gives the "analytic branch" of the curve $f = 0$ through the point $(0, a_0)$.

证明. (a) Suppose $\bar{f} = (x - \alpha)\bar{h}(x)$, then by the Hensel's lemma, there exists $g(x) \in A[x], h(x) \in A[x]$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= g(x)h(x) \\ A[x] &\longrightarrow A/\mathfrak{M}[x] \quad g \longmapsto (x - \alpha) \quad h \longmapsto \bar{h} \end{aligned}$$

As a consequence, there exists $a \in A, g(x) = x - a, a \equiv \alpha \bmod \mathfrak{M}$ (the root is evidently simple.)

- (b) $x^2 - 2$ has a simple root $5 \in \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$. By (a), there exists $a \in A$ to be a simple root of $x^2 - 2$ (in $\mathbb{Z}_{(7)}$).
- (c) Using (a), let $A = k[[x]], \mathfrak{M} = (x)$, we get

Corollary 13.1. *If $f(0, y) \in k[y]$ has a simple root a_0 , then $f(x, y) \in k[[x]][y]$ has a simple root $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n \in k[[x]]$ such that*

$$f(x, y(x)) = 0 \quad b_0 = a_0$$

□

3. Let A be a Noetherian ring, \mathfrak{a} an ideal in A , and \hat{A} the \mathfrak{a} -adic completion. For any $x \in A$, let \hat{x} be the image of x in \hat{A} . Show that x not a zero-divisor in A implies \hat{x} not a zero-divisor in \hat{A} . Does this imply that if A is an integral domain then \hat{A} is an integral domain?

证明. suppose x is not a zero-divisor in A , then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{\times x} A \\ \Rightarrow 0 &\longrightarrow \hat{A} \xrightarrow{\times \hat{x}} \hat{A} \\ \Rightarrow 0 &\text{ is not a zero-divisor in } \hat{A} \end{aligned}$$

To take the example where A is an integral domain but \hat{A} is not an integral domain, we take

$$A = \mathbb{Q}[x, y]/(y^2 - x^2 - x^3)$$

which is a domain because $(y^2 - x^2 - x^3)$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$, but

$$\hat{A} = \mathbb{Q}[[x, y]]/(y^2 - x^2 - x^3)$$

is not a domain because

$$\left[y - x\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 \cdots\right)\right]\left[y + x\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 \cdots\right)\right] = 0 \quad \text{in } \hat{A}$$

□

4. Let k be a field and consider the quotient of infinite polynomial ring

$$R := \frac{k[X, Z, Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, \dots]}{(X - ZY_1, X - Z^2Y_2, X - Z^3Y_3, \dots)}$$

Denote by \bar{Z} the image of Z in R . Show that the ideal $I := (\bar{Z})$ of R satisfies $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} I^n \neq \{0\}$. Why is this consistent with Krull's intersection theorem?

证明. For convinience, we omit the bar.

$$X = Z^n Y_n \in I^n \Rightarrow X \in \bigcap_{n \geq 1} I^n$$

R is not Noetherian because

$$(Y_1) \subsetneq (Y_1, Y_2) \subsetneq (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3) \subsetneq \cdots$$

is a infinite ascending chain in R .

□

14 Mittag-Leffler systems and Completions for non-Noetherian rings

1. Consider an inverse system of sets $\cdots \longleftarrow A_n \xleftarrow{\varphi_{n+1}} A_{n+1} \longleftarrow \cdots$ (where $n = 1, 2, \dots$). For each $j > i$, let $\varphi_{j,i} : A_j \longrightarrow A_i$ be the composition of $\varphi_j, \dots, \varphi_i$. We say that *Mittag-Leffler* conditions holds for $(A_n, \varphi_n)_{n \geq 1}$ if for each i , we have

$$\varphi_{k,i}(A_k) = \varphi_{j,i}(A_j) \quad \text{whenever } j, k \gg i$$

Show that if $(A_n, \varphi_n)_n$ is *Mittag-Leffler* and $A_n \neq \emptyset$ for each n , then the limit

$$\varprojlim_n A_n := \left\{ (a_n)_n \in \prod_n A_n : \forall n, \varphi_{n+1}(a_{n+1}) = a_n \right\}$$

is nonempty as well.

证明. Let $D_n = \cap_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \varphi_{k,n}(A_k)$ be a set which is nonempty (because

$$\varphi_{n+1,n}(A_{n+1}) \supseteq \varphi_{n+1,n}(A_{n+1}) \supseteq \cdots \supseteq \cdots$$

is stable and nonempty). We have the inverse system

$$\cdots \longleftarrow D_n \xleftarrow{\varphi_{n+1}} D_{n+1} \longleftarrow \cdots$$

and each φ_n is surjective. So $\varprojlim_n A_n$ is nonempty. (Find the PREIMAGE). \square

Remark 14.1. Moreover,

$$\tilde{\varphi}_D : \prod D_n \longrightarrow \prod D_n \quad (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \longmapsto (a_n - \varphi_{n+1}(a_{n+1}))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

is surjective. Then

$$\varprojlim^1 D_n := \text{coker } \tilde{\varphi}_D = 0$$

2. Suppose we are given an inverse system of short exact sequences of abelian groups, i.e. a commutative diagram with exact rows, where $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Show that if $(A_n, \varphi_n)_n$ is Mittag-Leffler, then

$$0 \longrightarrow \varprojlim A_n \xrightarrow{\lim f_n} \varprojlim B_n \xrightarrow{\lim g_n} \varprojlim C_n \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact. You only have to show the surjectivity of $\lim g_n$.

证明. We have the exact sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \prod_n A_n & \longrightarrow & \prod_n B_n & \longrightarrow & \prod_n C_n \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \theta' & & \downarrow \theta & & \downarrow \theta'' \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \prod_n A_n & \longrightarrow & \prod_n B_n & \longrightarrow & \prod_n C_n \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

where

$$\theta' : \prod_n A_n \longrightarrow \prod_n A_n \quad (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \longmapsto (a_n - \varphi_{n+1}(a_{n+1}))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

So by the Snake lemma, we have the exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \varprojlim A_n \xrightarrow{\lim f_n} \varprojlim B_n \xrightarrow{\lim g_n} \varprojlim C_n \longrightarrow \varprojlim^1 A_n$$

We only need to prove that θ' is surjective. Define D_n as in Problem 1, we get the exact sequence

$$\varprojlim D_n \longrightarrow \varprojlim A_n \longrightarrow \varprojlim A_n/D_n$$

from

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \prod_n D_n & \longrightarrow & \prod_n A_n & \longrightarrow & \prod_n A_n/D_n \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \tau' & & \downarrow \theta' & & \downarrow \tau'' \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \prod_n D_n & \longrightarrow & \prod_n A_n & \longrightarrow & \prod_n A_n/D_n \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

By 14.1, $\varprojlim D_n = 0$; we will show that $\varprojlim A_n/D_n = 0$, thus $\varprojlim A_n = 0$, thus the proof ends. \square

Remark 14.2. The *Mittag-Leffler* conditions tell us that

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists m > n \quad s.t. \quad \varphi_{m,n}(A_m) = D_n \\ \Rightarrow \bar{\varphi}_{m,n} : A_m/D_m \longrightarrow A_n/D_n \text{ is the zero map.} \end{aligned}$$

So $\varprojlim A_n/D_n = 0$ (ONLY ZERO SOLUTION)

3. Let R be a ring (not necessarily Noetherian), I be a proper ideal, and $\varphi : M \longrightarrow N$ be a homomorphism of R -modules. Prove the following statements.

- (a) If $M/IM \rightarrow N/IN$ is surjective, then so is $\hat{\varphi} : \hat{M} \rightarrow \hat{N}$. Here $\hat{M} = \varprojlim_{n \geq 1} M/I^n M$ stands for the I -adic completion.

(**Hint:** First, show $M/I^n M \rightarrow N/I^n N$ is surjective by Nakayama's lemma. Next, set $K_n = \text{Ker}[M \rightarrow N/I^n N]$ to get exact sequences 0

$$\rightarrow K_n/I^n M \rightarrow M/I^n M \rightarrow N/I^n N \rightarrow 0$$

then try to establish the surjectivity of $K_{n+1}/I^{n+1}M \rightarrow K_n/I^n M$ in order to apply Mittag-Leffler.)

- (b) If $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of R -modules and N is flat, then $0 \rightarrow \hat{K} \rightarrow \hat{M} \rightarrow \hat{N} \rightarrow 0$ is exact.
- (c) If M is finitely generated, then the natural homomorphism $M \otimes_R \hat{R} \rightarrow \hat{M}$ given by $m \otimes (r_n)_{n=1}^\infty \mapsto (r_n m)_{n=1}^\infty$ is surjective.

证明. (a) We'd like to point out the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & * & \longrightarrow & \text{Ker } f_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & \text{Ker } f_n \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & I^n M / I^{n+1} M & \longrightarrow & M / I^{n+1} M & \longrightarrow & M / I^n M \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow f_{n+1} & & \downarrow f_n \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & I^n N / I^{n+1} N & \longrightarrow & N / I^{n+1} N & \longrightarrow & N / I^n N \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{coker } f_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & \text{coker } f_n \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

Then by induction we know the two surjectivity in the Hint.

(b) We have

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & K / I^{n+1} K & \longrightarrow & M / I^{n+1} M & \longrightarrow & N / I^{n+1} N \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K / I^n K & \longrightarrow & M / I^n M & \longrightarrow & N / I^n N \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

and φ is surjective, so $0 \rightarrow \hat{K} \rightarrow \hat{M} \rightarrow \hat{N} \rightarrow 0$ is exact.

(c) Just see the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \hat{R}^{\oplus N} & \longrightarrow & M \otimes_R \hat{R} \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow \exists \text{ surj} \\
 & & \hat{M}
 \end{array}$$

□

4. Suppose I is finitely generated. Let M be an R -module. Prove that

$$I^n \hat{M} = \text{Ker} \left[\hat{M} \rightarrow M / I^n M \right] = \widehat{I^n M}$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, and \hat{M} is I -adically complete as an R -module.

证明. (**Hint:** Fix n and take generators f_1, \dots, f_r of I^n . This yields a surjective homomorphism of R -modules $(f_1, \dots, f_r) : M^{\oplus r} \rightarrow I^n M \subset M$. Pass to completions and show that

$$(f_1, \dots, f_r)^\wedge : \hat{M}^{\oplus r} \rightarrow \widehat{I^n M} = \lim_{m \geq n} \frac{I^n M}{I^m M} \simeq \text{Ker} \left[\hat{M} \rightarrow M / I^n M \right] \subset \hat{M}$$

which is surjective by the previous exercise. The image of $(f_1, \dots, f_r) : \hat{M}^{\oplus r} \rightarrow \hat{M}$ is both $I^n \hat{M}$ and $\widehat{I^n M}$ to infer that

$$\hat{M}/I^n \hat{M} \cong \widehat{M/I^n M} \cong M/I^n M$$

then we have $M^{\wedge\wedge} \cong M^\wedge$, which shows that M^\wedge is complete. \square

15 dimension theory

1. Let \mathbb{k} be a field and $R = \mathbb{k}[X_0, \dots, X_n]$, graded by total degree. Consider the graded R -module $S = R/(f)$ where f is a homogeneous poly-nomial of total degree $d \geq 1$. Show that when $m \geq d$,

$$\chi(S, m) := \dim_{\mathbb{k}} S_m = \binom{m+n}{n} - \binom{m+n-d}{n}$$

証明. We have the SES of the graded \mathbb{k} -linear spaces:

$$0 \longrightarrow (f) \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow 0$$

Thus

$$\dim_{\mathbb{k}} S_m = \dim_{\mathbb{k}} R_m - \dim_{\mathbb{k}} (f)_m = \binom{m+n}{n} - \binom{m+n-d}{n}$$

\square

2. Let $R = \bigoplus_n R_n$ be a $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ -graded ring, finitely generated over R_0 . Assume R_0 is Artinian (for example, a field) and let $M = \bigoplus_n M_n$ be a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ -graded R -module. Define the Hilbert series in the variable T as

$$H_M(T) := \sum_{m \geq 0} \chi(M, m) T^m \in \mathbb{Z}[[T]]$$

where $\chi(M, m)$ denotes the length of the R_0 -module M_m , as usual. In what follows, graded means graded by $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

- (a) Show that if $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$ is a short exact sequence of graded R -modules, then $H_M(T) = H_{M'}(T) + H_{M''}(T)$.

- (b) Relate $H_M(T)$ and $H_{M(k)}(T)$ for arbitrary $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, where $M(k)_d := M_{d+k}$.

- (c) Suppose that R is generated as an R_0 -algebra by homogeneous elements x_1, \dots, x_n with $d_i := \deg x_i \geq 1$. Show that there exists $Q \in \mathbb{Q}[T]$ such that

$$H_M(T) = \frac{Q(T)}{(1 - T^{d_1}) \cdots (1 - T^{d_n})}$$

as elements of $\mathbb{Q}[T]$.

(**Hint:** you may imitate the arguments for the quasi-polynomiality of $\chi(M, n)$.)

- (d) What can be said about the $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m$ -graded case, for general m ?

证明. (a) We just need to prove

$$l(M_n) = l(M'_n) + l(M''_n)$$

this is true even if R_0 is not Artinian. [‡]

- (b)

$$\begin{aligned} T^k H_{M(k)}(T) &= \sum_{m \geq 0} \chi(M(k), m) T^{m+k} \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 0} \chi(M, m+k) T^{m+k} \\ &= H_M(T) - \sum_{0 \leq n < k} \chi(M, n) T^n \end{aligned}$$

- (c) This is followed by [2]. We prove by induction on n . When $n = 0$, $R = R_0$ and M is f.g., so $M_n = 0$ for $n \gg 0$; now suppose $n > 0$ and the theorem was true for $n - 1$, we consider the ES induced by the map $\times x_n$:

$$0 \longrightarrow K_m \longrightarrow M_m \longrightarrow M_{m+d_n} \longrightarrow L_{m+d_n}$$

We have

$$H_K(T) - H_M(T) = H_{M(d_n)}(T) - H_{L(d_n)}(T)$$

then easy to find the required form.

- (d) Suppose that R is generated as an R_0 -algebra by homogeneous elements x_1, \dots, x_n with $d_i := \deg x_i \neq (0, 0, \dots, 0)$. Then there exists $Q \in \mathbb{Q}[T_1, \dots, T_m]$ such that $(T := (T_1, \dots, T_m))$

$$H_M(T) = \frac{Q(T)}{(1 - T^{d_1}) \cdots (1 - T^{d_n})}$$

as elements of $\mathbb{Q}[T_1, \dots, T_m]$.

□

[‡]see <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/145564>.

1. Let \mathbb{Z}_3 be the 3-adic completion of the ring \mathbb{Z} , so that $\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$ naturally. Evaluate $1 + 3 + 3^2 + 3^3 + \cdots$ in \mathbb{Z}_3 .

证明.

$$1 + 3 + 3^2 + 3^3 + \cdots = \frac{1}{1-3} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

□

2. Let R be a Noetherian local ring. Suppose that there exists a principal prime ideal \mathfrak{p} in R such that $\text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}) \geq 1$. Prove that R is an integral domain.

(**Hint:** Below is one possible approach. Suppose $\mathfrak{p} = (x)$ for some $x \in R$. Let $\mathfrak{q} \subset \mathfrak{p}$ be a minimal prime in R . Argue that (i) $x \notin \mathfrak{q}$, (ii) $\mathfrak{q} = x\mathfrak{q}$, and finally (iii) $\mathfrak{q} = \{0\}$).

证明. (i) Otherwise,

$$x \in \mathfrak{q} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow \text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}) = 0$$

(ii) $x\mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathfrak{q}$ is a prime ideal because

$$xf \notin x\mathfrak{q}, xg \notin x\mathfrak{q} \implies xfxg \notin x\mathfrak{q}$$

Just verify $\mathfrak{q} \subseteq x\mathfrak{q}$ is easier and quicker.

(iii) Nakayama lemma applied to (ii).

□

3. Let \mathbb{k} be a field and $R = \mathbb{k}[[X]] \times \mathbb{k}[[X]]$. Prove that R is a Noetherian semi-local ring, R contains a principal prime ideal of height 1, but R is not an integral domain.

(**Hint:** It is known that $\mathbb{k}[[X]]$ is Noetherian local with maximal ideal (X) . Argue that the ideals in $\mathbb{k}[[X]] \times \mathbb{k}[[X]]$ take the form $I \times J$ where I, J are ideals in $\mathbb{k}[[X]]$. Show that $(X) \times \mathbb{k}[[X]]$ and $\mathbb{k}[[X]] \times (X)$ are the only maximal ideals, and both are of height 1.)

证明. (a) R is not an integral domain.

(b) $\mathbb{k}[[X]]$ is a Dedekind domain, thus Noetherian local with maximal ideal (X) .

(c) We know that $I = \pi_1(I) \times \pi_2(I)$, where $\pi_1(I), \pi_2(I) \triangleleft \mathbb{k}[[X]]$ and $(\pi_1(a), \pi_2(b)) = (1, 0)a + (0, 1)b$.

Obviously (by contradiction) the maximal ideals are $(X) \times \mathbb{k}[[X]]$ and $\mathbb{k}[[X]] \times (X)$;

thus R is semilocal; moreover, $(X) \times \mathbb{k}[[X]] = ((X, 1))$ is principal.
the prime ideals are

$$(0) \times \mathbb{k}[[X]], \mathbb{k}[[X]] \times (0), (X) \times \mathbb{k}[[X]], \mathbb{k}[[X]] \times (X)$$

So the height of $(X) \times \mathbb{k}[[X]]$ is 1.

□

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