

Maximal \Rightarrow Prime Ideal

$$(1) \quad M_1, M_2 \subsetneq R \Rightarrow M_1 + M_2 = R \text{ or } M_1 = M_2$$

maxl

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} R_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & R_2 \\ \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow \psi \\ P_1 = f^{-1}(P_2) & \rightarrow & P_2 \text{ prime} \end{array} \Rightarrow P_1 \text{ is prime}$$

Non-ex. $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{Q} \\ \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow \psi \\ \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{1} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{maxl} \\ \downarrow \\ (0) \end{array}, \text{ but } P_1 = f^{-1}((0)) \text{ is not maxl}$

Defn A comm ring R is called local if it has only one maxl ideal
 (R, M) is a local ring.

Propn: (R commutative) R is a local ring $\iff R - R^* \stackrel{M}{=} \text{an ideal.}$
 (in this case, M is the unique maximal ideal).
 (this says \mathbb{Z} is not local ($2-3 = -1$))

Proof: Recall: $I \subsetneq R \Rightarrow I \cap R^* = \emptyset$. so if M is an ideal it's the maxl one.

(\Rightarrow) if R is local then $J \subsetneq R$ is the unique maxl ideal
 $J \subset M$ since $J \subsetneq R$. And $x \in M \Rightarrow (x) \subsetneq R \Rightarrow (x) \subset I = J \leftarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{some maxl ideal} \\ \text{the only one} \end{array}$.
 so $J = M$.

Examples of local rings: $R = K[x]/(x^2) \ni \{a + bx : a, b \in K\}$

$$R^* : (a + bx)(c + dx) = ac + (bc + ad)x$$

$$a+bx \in R^\times \text{ iff } \begin{matrix} ac=1 \\ ad+bc=0 \end{matrix} \text{ for some } c,d$$

$$c = \frac{1}{a}, \quad d = -\frac{bc}{a} \Rightarrow \text{iff } a \in K^\times = K \setminus \{0\}$$

$$R^\times = \{a+bx : a \neq 0\}$$

$$R \setminus R^\times = \{bx : b \in K\} = (x) \text{ is an ideal}$$

So $(K[[x]]/(x^2), (x))$ is a local ring.

$$(2) \quad R = K[[x]] = \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j : a_i \in K \right\}$$

Addition is component-wise

Multiplication is distributive:

$$\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k x^k \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k} \right)}_{\text{finite sum}} x^n$$

Can switch bottom bound to $-M$

$$\text{i.e. } \left\{ \sum_{j=-M}^{\infty} a_j x^j : M \in \mathbb{Z}, a_i \in K \right\} = K[x^{-1}, x] = K((x))$$

$$\left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} a_j x^j \right\} = K[[x^{-1}, x]] \quad \text{abelian group} \checkmark \quad \text{but not a ring.}$$

If there were a product then

$$\underbrace{\cdots + x^{-2} + x^{-1} + 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots}_{\text{nonzero}}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{x^{-1}}{1-x^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$= \frac{x^{-1} - 1 + 1 - x^{-1}}{(1-x^{-1})(1-x)} = 0$$

$$(K[[x]], (x)) \text{ is local ring.}$$

$$(K[x])^* = \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j : a_0 \neq 0 \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow R \setminus R^* = (x)$ is an ideal

(3) $p \in \mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ prime. $R = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q} : \begin{matrix} \gcd(a,b)=1 \\ p \text{ does not divide } b \end{matrix} \right\}$

$R \subset \mathbb{Q}$ is a subring.

$$R^* = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} : \begin{matrix} \gcd(a,b)=1 \\ a, b \notin p\mathbb{Z} \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$R \setminus R^* = (p)$ an ideal \mathbb{Z}_p : standard notation for this ring.

$(R, (p))$ is a local ring.

Geometric viewpoint:

Comm R = ring of X functions on Y spaces valued in some field (\mathbb{C} or \mathbb{R} or something)

$\begin{matrix} \text{polynomial} \\ \text{cts} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{vector} \\ \text{topological} \end{matrix}$

Ideals = functions vanishing on a subset of the space.

if topological, subset is closed.

Multiplicatively closed sets \leftrightarrow Opens = "non-vanishing"

Definition: $S \subset R$ S is mult. closed if $0 \notin R$, $1 \in S$, $a, b \in S \Rightarrow ab \in S$.

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