

# 3201 Commutative Algebra Notes

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# Chapter I: Revision on Rings

## Examples of Rings

i,  $\mathbb{R}$

ii,  $\mathbb{R}$

iii,  $\mathbb{C}$

iv,  $\mathbb{Z}$

v,  $\mathbb{C}[x]$

vi,  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$

vii,  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  - restrict to square matrices to allow for multiplication

$$\begin{pmatrix} + \\ \cdot \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Def<sup>n</sup> 1.1

A ring,  $R$ , is a (non-empty) set with two operations:

$$+ : R \times R \longrightarrow R \quad (\text{addition})$$

$$\cdot : R \times R \longrightarrow R \quad (\text{multiplication})$$

s.t

\*  $(R, +)$  abelian group

A1: associativity -  $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$

A2: Zero -  $\exists 0 \in R : a+0 = a = 0+a \quad \forall a \in R$

A3: Additive inverses -  $\forall a \in R \exists b \in R : a+b = 0 = b+a$

We can easily show  $b$  is the unique inverse and  $b = -a$

Assume  $b$  is not unique and  $c$  is also an inverse.

Then  $a+b = 0$  and  $a+c = 0 \Rightarrow a+b = a+c$

$$\Rightarrow b = c$$

$\therefore b$  is unique inverse and  $a+b = 0 \Rightarrow b = -a$

\*  $(R, \cdot)$  is a monoid

M1 Associativity -  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$

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M2: Identity -  $\exists 1 \in R$  s.t.  $a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a \quad \forall a \in R$

Plus

D: Distributive -  $(a+b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$   
 $a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$

If a ring,  $R$ , then satisfies:

\* M3: Commutativity -  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a \quad \forall a, b \in R$   
true for all earlier ex. except  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$

then we say that  $R$  is a commutative ring, which is what we will be studying.

\* M4: Inverses -  $\forall a \in R, a \neq 0 \exists b \in R$  s.t.  $ab = 1 = ba$

then we say that  $R$  is a division ring.

If M3 and M4 are satisfied, we say that  $R$  is a field.

Examples

①  $R = \{0\}$  trivial ring

$$0 + 0 = 0, \quad 0 = 1$$
$$0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

We will never work with this ring. It is the only ring with  $0 = 1$ , all the rings we will be interested in will have  $0 \neq 1$

② Polynomials in two variables

$$\mathbb{R}[x, y] = \{a_{00} + a_{10}x + a_{01}y + a_{11}xy + \dots + a_{mn}x^m y^n \mid a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R \text{ ring} \Rightarrow R[x] = \{a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \mid a_i \in R\} \text{ ring}$$

$$(\mathbb{R}[x])[y] = \mathbb{R}[x, y]$$

$$[\mathbb{R}[x, y, z] = (\mathbb{R}[x, y])[z]]$$

③ Polynomials in  $n$ -variables

$$\mathbb{R}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$$

④ Notation: stop using  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , we now use:  
 $\mathbb{Z}/(n)$  or  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ , integers (mod  $n$ )

⑤  $p$ -adic integers,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  where  $p$  prime.

$$\mathbb{Z}_p = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, p \nmid b \right\}$$

e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}_2 = \left\{ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{7}, \frac{2}{15}, \dots \right\}$

the reason this is nice is because, when multiplying  $a/b$  and  $c/d$ , where  $p \nmid b$ ,  $p \nmid d$ , then  $p \nmid bd$  and  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd}$ ,  $p \nmid bd$

⑥ Power set ring

$X$  (non-empty) set

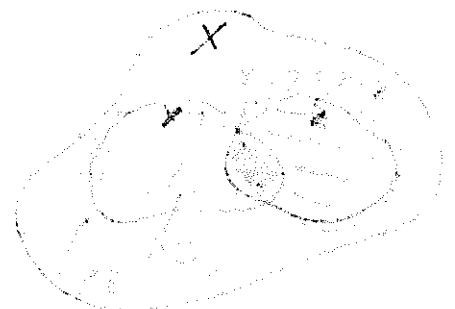
$$P(X) = \{ Y \mid Y \subseteq X \}$$

set of all subsets

$$Y + Z = Y \Delta Z = (Y \cup Z) \setminus (Y \cap Z)$$

↑  
symmetric  
difference

$$Y \cdot Z = Y \cap Z$$



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$\Rightarrow (P(X), \Delta, \cap)$  is a ring

valid subset  
 $0 = \phi$   
 $1 = X$

N.B.: whenever we encounter a new def<sup>n</sup>, we should check them with the examples here

### ⑦ Endomorphisms rings (operator rings)

$V$  vector space ( $/K$ )

$\text{End}(V) = \{f: V \rightarrow V \mid f \text{ linear map}\}$

$f, g \in \text{End}(V)$

$f+g: V \rightarrow V$

$f+g: V \rightarrow (f+g)(v) = f(v) + g(v)$

Pointwise addition

addition in  $\text{End}(V)$

two different additions

addition in  $V$  s  $V$

N.B.: add or multiply a linear map and get a linear map

$f \cdot g := f \circ g: V \rightarrow V$

$v \mapsto (f \circ g)(v) = f(g(v))$

non-commutative

N.B.: composition of a linear map is a linear map

$(\text{End}(V), +, \circ)$  ring

### ⑧ $C(\mathbb{R}) = \{f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ continuous}\}$

$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

add of functions

add of real numbers

commutative

$(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x) = g(x)f(x) = (gf)(x)$

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$$0(x) = 0$$

$$1(x) = 1$$

Question Is  $(C(x), +, \circ)$  a ring? Need to check distributivity.

$$(f+g) \circ h \stackrel{?}{=} f \circ h + g \circ h$$

Counter example

$$f(x) = 1$$

$$g(x) = 2$$

$$h(x) = 3$$

$$((f+g) \circ h)(x)$$

$$= (f+g)(h(x))$$

$$= (f+g)(3) = f(3) + g(3) = 1 + 2 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (f \circ h)(x) + (g \circ h)(x) &= f(h(x)) + g(h(x)) \\ &= f(3) + g(3) = 1 + 2 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

So it works, try another set.

$$f(x) = \sin(x)$$

$$g(x) = x$$

$$h(x) = 3x$$

$$(f+g)(h(x)) = (f+g)(3x)$$

$$= f(3x) + g(3x)$$

$$= \sin 3x + 3x$$

$$(f \circ h)(x) + (g \circ h)(x) = f(3x) + g(3x)$$

$$= \sin 3x + 3x$$

Again, appears to work!

$$\text{Try } f \circ (g+h)(x) = f(g(x) + h(x))$$

$$= f(x + 3x) = f(4x) = \sin(4x)$$

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$$(f \circ g + f \circ h)(x) = f(x) + f(3x) = \sin x + \sin 3x$$

different  $\Rightarrow (C(x), +, \circ)$  is not a ring, it fails the distributive condition

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⑨  $X$  (non-empty) set,  $R$  any ring

take set  $R^X = \{f: X \rightarrow R\}$

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$$

why can we do this? Because we have addition in  $R$  and can mult as  $R$  ring.

Is  $R^X$  commutative? Only if  $R$  commutative!

⑩ Quaternion ring,  $\mathbb{H} = \{a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$



$$i^2 = -1 \quad ij = k \quad ji = -k$$

$$j^2 = -1 \quad jk = -i \quad kj = -i$$

$$k^2 = -1 \quad ki = j \quad ik = -j$$

$$0 = 0 + 0i + 0j + 0k$$

$$x = a + bi + cj + dk \neq 0 \quad x^{-1} = ? \quad \text{Use a trick!}$$

We know  $z = a + bi$

$$\bar{z} = a - bi$$

$$z\bar{z} = a^2 + b^2 = |z|^2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\frac{z\bar{z}}{|z|^2} = 1$$

$$z^{-1}$$

$$\bar{x} = a - bi - cj - dk$$

$$\text{we know } |x|^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$$

$$= x\bar{x}$$

$$\text{So, } x^{-1} = \frac{\bar{x}}{|x|^2}$$

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### ⑪ Quaternions Algebras

 $\mathbb{Q}$ 

$$\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$${}^{\alpha}\mathbb{Q}^{\beta} = \{a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} i^2 = \alpha \\ j^2 = \beta \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} ij = k \\ ji = -k \end{array} \Rightarrow ji = -ij$$

$$\begin{aligned} k^2 &= (ij)^2 = ijij \\ &= -\alpha\beta \end{aligned}$$

${}^{\alpha}\mathbb{Q}^{\beta}$  is a division ring

### ⑫ Formal Power Series

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R}[[x]] &= \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n + \dots \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n \mid a_n \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

### ⑬ Group rings

$G$  finite group,  $\mathbb{Z}$  integers

$$\mathbb{Z}[G] = \left\{ \sum_{g \in G} a_g \cdot g \mid a_g \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

e.g.  $G = C_2 = \{e, \sigma \mid \sigma^2 = e\}$

$$\mathbb{Z}[G] = \{ae + b\sigma \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\left( \underset{\mathbb{Z}}{a} \cdot \underset{e \in G}{g} \right) \cdot \left( \underset{\mathbb{Z}}{b} \cdot \underset{h \in G}{h} \right) = (ab) \underset{e \in G}{(gh)}$$



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Returning to example

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2e + 3\sigma)(-e - \sigma) &= 2e(-e) + 2e(-\sigma) + 3\sigma(-e) + 3\sigma(-\sigma) \\
 &= -2e - 2\sigma - 3\sigma - 3e \\
 &= -5e - 5\sigma
 \end{aligned}$$

 $R[G]$  for any  $R$  ringIf  $R$  commutative &  $G$  abelian  $\Rightarrow R[G]$  commutative

$$R = \mathbb{R}, \quad G = G_2 = \{e, \sigma\}$$

$$R[G] = \{ae + b\sigma \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$1_{R[G]} = 1 \cdot e$$

$$\sigma \in R[G]$$

$$\sigma \cdot \sigma = e = 1e$$

$$7 \in R[G]$$

$$7 = 7 \cdot e$$

$$7^{-1} = \frac{1}{7}e$$

$$(1 + \sigma)^{-1} = ? \text{ No!}$$

Assume  $\exists (1 + \sigma)^{-1}$ 

$$\text{Then } 1 = (1 + \sigma)(a + b\sigma) = a + b\sigma + a\sigma + b\sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + b) + (a + b)\sigma = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = 1 \text{ and } a + b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 0 \quad \times$$

 $\therefore$  there is no inverse

$$\text{If } y(1 + \sigma) = 1$$

$$y(1 + \sigma)(1 - \sigma) = y \cdot 0$$

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$$(1-\sigma) = 0$$

$G$  group,  $R$  ring

$$R[G] = \left\{ \underbrace{\sum_{g \in G} a_g \cdot g}_x \mid a_g \in R \right\}, \quad x = \sum_{g \in G} a_g \cdot g$$

$$= \{ f : G \rightarrow R \}$$

$$f_x : G \rightarrow R \\ g \mapsto a_g$$

$$\varphi, \psi : G \rightarrow R$$

$$f : G \rightarrow R \\ x_f := \sum_{g \in G} f(g) \cdot g$$

$$(\varphi + \psi)(g) = \varphi(g) + \psi(g)$$

$(\varphi \cdot \psi)(g) = \varphi(g)\psi(g)$ ? No! Works but has a different ring structure to what we want

$$(\varphi * \psi)(g) = \sum_{h \in G} \varphi(h)\psi(h^{-1}g) \quad | \text{convolution product}$$

$\Gamma$   $R[G]$   $\Gamma$   
 $x \rightsquigarrow f_x$   
 $y \rightsquigarrow f_y$   
 can take  $xy \rightsquigarrow f_{xy} = f_x * f_y$   
 $\Gamma$

### Direct Product of Rings

$R, S$  rings

$$R \times S = \{ (r, s) \mid r \in R, s \in S \}$$

$$(r_1, s_1) + (r_2, s_2) := (r_1 + r_2, s_1 + s_2)$$

$$(r_1, s_1)(r_2, s_2) := (r_1 r_2, s_1 s_2)$$

$(R \times S, +, \cdot)$  is a ring

When studying groups we want to know what is going on in the group, subgroups etc. This is analogous.

### Subring, Ideals and Quotient Rings

Def 1.2

$R$  ring

$S \subseteq R$  is a subring if:

$$\forall s, t \in S \Rightarrow s \cdot t \in S$$

$$s + t \in S$$

$$-s \in S$$

$$0 \in S$$

$$1 \in S$$

Or, more formally:

$S$  is a subring if:

$(S, +)$  is a subgroup of  $(R, +)$

$(S, \cdot)$  is a submonoid of  $(R, \cdot)$

$$S \subseteq R$$

A subgroup is normal when left and right cosets are equal. We are dealing with additive subgroups, which is commutative, so all subgroups are normal.

Subrings are interesting, but not for quotients.

### Examples

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \subseteq & \mathbb{Z}_p & & & \\ & & \uparrow & \uparrow & & & \\ \mathbb{Z} & \subseteq & \mathbb{Q} & \subseteq & \mathbb{R} & \subseteq & \mathbb{C} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathbb{Z}[x] & \subseteq & \mathbb{Q}[x] & \subseteq & \mathbb{R}[x] & \subseteq & \mathbb{C}[x] \\ \uparrow & & & & & & \\ \mathbb{Z}[x, y] & \subseteq & \dots & & & & \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{R}[C_3] \subseteq \mathbb{R}[D_6]$$

As  $C_3$  is subgroup of  $D_6$ . This works

$$\mathbb{R} \quad M_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$x \longmapsto \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 \longmapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, we need to use diagonal matrices

$$x \longmapsto \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbb{R} \longmapsto \text{Diag}_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\subseteq M_2(\mathbb{R})$$

... set of all upper triangular  $2 \times 2$  matrices

$$U_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$\uparrow$

$$M_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$\uparrow$

$$L_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$\uparrow$  lower triangle

More examples

If  $S_i \subseteq R$  subring  $\forall i \in I$

$\Rightarrow \bigcap_{i \in I} S_i \subseteq R$  subring

If  $S, T \subseteq R$  subring

$\Rightarrow S \cap T \subseteq R$

If  $X \subseteq R$  any subset  
we can consider the family

$\emptyset \neq \{S \mid S \subseteq R, X \subseteq S\}$  the ring itself is part of it

$\bigcap_{\substack{S \subseteq R \\ X \subseteq S}} S \subseteq R$

$X \subseteq T = \langle X \rangle$  subring generated by X

$\langle X \rangle$  is the smallest subring of  $R$  that contains  $X$

Ideals

$R$  commutative ring  
an ideal of  $R$  is a subset  $I \subseteq R$

s.t

I1:  $(I, +)$  is a subgroup of  $(R, +)$

I2: Absorbing which says

$\forall x \in I, \forall r \in R \Rightarrow r \cdot x \in I$

Notation:  $I \trianglelefteq R \equiv$  Ideal of  $R$

Examples

① If  $1 \in I \Rightarrow I = R$

as  $\forall r \in R, r \cdot 1 \in I$

 $R \cong R$  and only ideal containing unit

②  $0 = \{0\} \triangleleft R$  Zero ideal

③  $2\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots\} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}$

0 must be there for it to be additive subgroup

$3\mathbb{Z}, \dots, n\mathbb{Z} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}$

④  $\mathbb{R}[x]$

$I = \{a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$= \{x \cdot g(x) \mid g \in \mathbb{R}[x]\}$

$I \triangleleft \mathbb{R}[x]$

If  $R$  ring,  $a \in R$   $I = (a) = \{ar \mid r \in R\}$

$0 \in I$  as  $a \cdot 0 = 0$

$r \in R$

$a(s+r) = a(s) + a(r)$

so additive

$s(ar) = sar = a(sr) \in aR$

subgroup

$\Rightarrow (a) \triangleleft R$

 $(a) \equiv$  principal ideal generated by  $a$ Recapi)  $I \leq (R, +)$  additive subgroup

$(0 \in I, a, b \in I \Rightarrow a + b \in I$

$a \in I \Rightarrow -a \in I)$

 $I \triangleleft R$   
Idealii) (Absorbance)  $\forall a \in I, \forall r \in R \Rightarrow ra \in I$

More examples

i)  $R = (1)$  total ideal  
 $I \triangleleft R$ ,  $I$  is a proper ideal

ii)  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in R \Rightarrow (a_1, \dots, a_n) = \{r_1 a_1 + \dots + r_n a_n \mid r_i \in R\}$   
 $\triangleleft R$

$(a_1, \dots, a_n) \equiv$  Ideal generated by  $a_1, \dots, a_n$

- Intersection of Ideals

$I, J \triangleleft R \Rightarrow I \cap J \triangleleft R$  Ideal

Biggest Ideal contained in both  $I$  and  $J$

$I \cup J$  is not an ideal

eg  $R = \mathbb{Z}$

$$I = (2) = \{2n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$J = (3) = \{3n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$I \cup J = \{0, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 8, \pm 9, \dots\}$$

closed for addition? No!

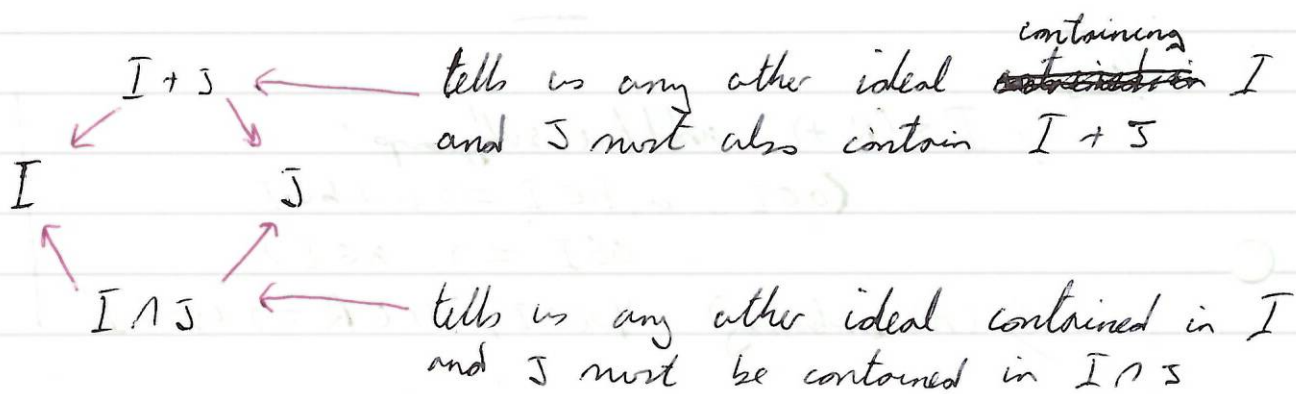
$$2 + 3 = 5 \text{ and } 5 \notin I \cup J$$

hence, not an ideal

- Sum of Ideals

$$I + J = \{i + j \mid i \in I, j \in J\} \triangleleft R$$

Smallest Ideal ~~contained~~ containing both  $I$  and  $J$



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$R$  (commutative) ring,  $I \trianglelefteq R$ , ideal  
 $a \in R$ , we define the coset of  $a$  wrt  $I$  as

$$a+I \quad (= \bar{a}) = \{a+x \mid x \in I\}$$

only if  $a \in I$  as we need  $(-a)$  to exist to give us a 0.

Q: When do we have  $a+I \leq b+I$ ?

$$a \in a+I \leq b+I \Rightarrow a = b+x \quad \text{for some } x \in I$$

$$a-b = x \in I$$

$$b-a = -x \in I$$

$$b = a + \underbrace{(-x)}_I \in a+I$$

$$a+I \leq b+I \Leftrightarrow a+I = b+I$$

and that happens when their difference is an element on the ideal

$$! \quad a+I = b+I \Leftrightarrow b-a \in I !$$

Define  $R/I = \{a+I \mid a \in R\}$

$$\underline{(a+I) + (b+I) = (a+b)+I}$$

$(R/I, +)$  additive group

$+$  well defined?

$$a+I = a'+I \quad \Leftrightarrow a-a' \in I$$

$$b+I = b'+I \quad \Leftrightarrow b-b' \in I$$



$$(a+b) + I \stackrel{?}{=} (a'+b') + I$$

Well, look at

$$(a+b) - (a'+b') \stackrel{?}{\in} I$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b) - (a'+b') &= a+b - a' - b' \\ &= \underbrace{(a-a')}_{\in I} + \underbrace{(b-b')}_{\in I} \in I \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (a+b) + I = (a'+b') + I$$

Exercise:  $(R/I, +)$  is the quotient subgroup of  $(R, +)$  by  $(I, +)$

Now define  $(a+I)(b+I) := ab + I$

i) Well defined?  $ab + I \stackrel{?}{=} a'b' + I \Leftrightarrow ab - a'b' \in I$

$$\begin{aligned} ab - a'b' &= ab - a'b + a'b - a'b' \\ &= \underbrace{(a-a')b}_{\in I} + \underbrace{a'(b-b')}_{\in I} \in I \end{aligned}$$

$\swarrow \quad \searrow$   
 $\in I \quad \in I$   
 absorbing

$\Rightarrow$  product is well defined.

Claim:  $R/I$  is a commutative ring called the quotient of  $R$  by  $I$

$$1_{R/I} = 1 + I$$

Examples

i)  $I = \{0\} \Rightarrow R/I = R$

ii)  $I = R \Rightarrow R/R = 0$

$$\{a+R \mid a \in R\}$$

$$a+R = b+R$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a-b \in R$$

$$1+R = 0+R$$

$$\text{iii } R = \mathbb{Z}, \quad I = (2) = 2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/(2) = \{a + (2) \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$0 + (2) \quad 0 + (2) \stackrel{?}{=} 1 + (2) \quad \text{No, as } 1 - 0 \notin (2)$$

$$1 + (2) \quad \cdot$$

$$1 + (2) \neq 2 + (2) = 0 + (2)$$

$$\text{So, } \mathbb{Z}/(2) = (\mathbb{Z} \bmod 2) + (2)$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/(2) = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}\}$$

$$\text{iv } R = \mathbb{R}[x]$$

$$I = (x) = \{xg \mid g \in \mathbb{R}[x]\}$$

$$= \{a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n \mid a^i \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\mathbb{R}[x]/(x)$$

e.g.

$$f(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{3}x + 5x^2 + 13x^4$$

$$f(x) + (x) \stackrel{?}{=} 2 + (x)$$

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$$

$$f(x) + (x) = a_0 + (x)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_nx^n \\ g(x) = b_0 + \dots + b_mx^m \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} f+g = (a_0+b_0) + \dots \\ fg = a_0b_0 + \dots \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x]/(x) = \mathbb{R}$$

$$R = \mathbb{R}[x]$$

$$I = (x^2+1) = \{(x^2+1)f(x) \mid f \in \mathbb{R}[x]\}$$

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \Rightarrow f(x) = (x^2+1)q(x) + r(x)$$

$$\deg(r(x)) < \deg(x^2+1) = 2 \Rightarrow r(x) = c_0 + c_1x \quad \text{at most}$$

$$f(x) + (x^2+1) = r(x) + \underbrace{q(x)(x^2+1)} + (x^2+1) = r(x) + (x^2+1)$$

$$\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^2+1) = \{\overline{c_0 + c_1 x}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \bar{1} & \bar{x} \cdot \bar{x} &= \overline{x^2} \\ i &= \bar{x} & &= \overline{x^2+1-1} = \underbrace{\overline{x^2+1}}_{=0} - \bar{1} = -\bar{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^2+1) = \{\overline{c_0 + c_1 x}\} = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x]/(x^2+1) = \mathbb{C}$$

### Examples

Is there any polynomial  $f(x)$  s.t.  
 $\mathbb{R}[x]/(f(x)) = \mathbb{H}$ ?

$\mathbb{R}[x, y, z]/(f, g, h, \dots) \neq \mathbb{H}$  Why? Our ring is commutative whereas  $\mathbb{H}$  is not commutative

$$\begin{aligned} R \text{ comm } I \trianglelefteq R &\Rightarrow R/I \text{ comm} \\ (a+I)(b+I) &= ab+I \\ (b+I)(a+I) &= ba+I \end{aligned}$$

### Ring homomorphism

$R, S$  rings (not necessarily commutative).  
 We say that a map  $f: R \rightarrow S$  is a ring homomorphism if:

1/  $f: (R, +) \rightarrow (S, +)$  group homomorphism

i/  $f(0) = 0$

ii/  $f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b)$ ,  $\forall a, b \in R$

iii/  $f(-a) = -f(a)$ ,  $\forall a \in R$

2/  $f: (R, \cdot) \rightarrow (S, \cdot)$  is a homomorphism of monoids

i/  $f(1) = 1$

$$ii, f(ab) = f(a)f(b), \forall a, b \in R$$

### Examples

$$1/ \text{Id} : R \rightarrow R \quad \text{ring homomorphism}$$

$$2/ 0 : R \rightarrow S \quad \text{Not a ring homomorphism. Why?}$$

$$R \mapsto 0 \quad f(1) \neq 1 \quad \text{i.e. } 1 \mapsto 1$$

$$\text{complicated} \rightarrow 3/ \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad f(x) = q(x)(x^2+1) + r(x) \\ f(x) \mapsto a+bi \quad \text{where } a+bx = r(x)$$

$$4/ \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ f(x) \mapsto a_0 + \dots + a_n$$

group homomorphism? Yes

$$\text{product? } (x+1)(x+1) = x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{array}$$

So far, so good

$$(x-2)(x+2) = x^2 - 4$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ -1 & 3 & -3 \end{array}$$

Shouldn't work, check it out to see if it does or not.

$$5/ \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{ring homomorphism} \\ f(x) \mapsto f(0)$$

$$6/ \text{eval}_a : \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \text{evaluation} \quad f(x) \mapsto f(a) \\ \text{constant polynomial}$$

$$\text{eval}_a(1) = 1(a) = 1$$

$$\text{eval}_a(0) = 0$$

$$\text{eval}_a(f+g) = (f+g)(a) = f(a) + g(a) = \text{eval}_a f + \text{eval}_a g$$

$$\text{eval}_a(fg) = (fg)(a) = f(a)g(a) = (\text{eval}_a f)(\text{eval}_a g)$$

Def<sup>n</sup> 1.5 (Image and kernel)

$f: R \rightarrow S$  ring homomorphism

$$\text{Im } f := \{ f(r) \mid r \in R \} \subseteq S$$

$$\text{ker } f := \{ r \in R \mid f(r) = 0 \} \subseteq R$$

Lemma 1.1

$$\text{Im } f \subseteq S$$

Subring

$$\text{ker } f \triangleleft R$$

Ideal

Proof

Exercise

Lemma 1.2

$f: R \rightarrow S$  is injective  $\Leftrightarrow \text{ker } f = 0$

$f: R \rightarrow S$  is surjective  $\Leftrightarrow \text{Im } f = S$

Proof

Exercise

Reminder

Def<sup>n</sup> 1.6

$f: A \rightarrow B$

$f$  is surjective when, for each  $b \in B$   $\exists a \in A$  s.t.  $f(a) = b$

i.e.  $\forall b \in B \exists a \in A : f(a) = b$

$f$  is injective when, for each  $a \in A$  and  $a' \in A$  with  $f(a) = f(a')$

$\Rightarrow a = a'$ , i.e.  $\forall a, a' \in A$  s.t.  $f(a) = f(a') \Rightarrow a = a'$

$f$  injective  $:=$  monomorphism

surjective  $:=$  epimorphism

bijective  $:=$  isomorphism

Theorem 1.1 (First Isomorphism Theorem)

If  $f: R \rightarrow S$  is a ring homomorphism, then there is a ring isomorphism

$$\varphi: R/\ker f \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Im } f$$

given by  $\varphi(r + \ker f) = f(r)$

Proof

Need to show: 1/  $\varphi$  well defined

2/  $\varphi$  injective

3/  $\varphi$  surjective

4/ ring homomorphism

$$1/ \quad r + \ker f = r' + \ker f \Rightarrow r - r' \in \ker f$$

$$\Rightarrow f(r - r') = 0 \Rightarrow f(r) - f(r') = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(r) = f(r')$$

$$\varphi(r + \ker f) = \varphi(r' + \ker f)$$

$\therefore$  well defined

QED(1)

$$2/ \text{ assume } \varphi(r + \ker f) = \varphi(s + \ker f)$$

$$\text{i.e. } f(r) = f(s)$$

$$\varphi: R/\ker f \rightarrow \text{Im } f$$

$$\Rightarrow f(r) - f(s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(r - s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r - s \in \ker f$$

$$\Rightarrow r + \ker f = s + \ker f$$

$\therefore \varphi$  injective

QED(2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 3/ \quad y \in \text{Im } f &\Rightarrow \exists r \in R \text{ s.t. } y = f(r) \\
 &\Rightarrow y = \varphi(r + \ker f) \\
 &\Rightarrow \varphi \text{ surjective} \\
 &\quad \text{QED (3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4/ \quad \varphi(0 + \ker f) &= f(0) = 0 \\
 \varphi((r + \ker f) + (s + \ker f)) &= \varphi((r+s) + \ker f) \\
 &= f(r+s) \\
 &= f(r) + f(s) \\
 &= \varphi(r + \ker f) + \varphi(s + \ker f) \quad \checkmark \\
 \varphi(-(r + \ker f)) &= \varphi(-r + \ker f) = f(-r) = -f(r) \\
 &= -\varphi(r + \ker f) \quad \checkmark \\
 \therefore \varphi &\text{ is a group homomorphism}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(1 + \ker f) &= f(1) = 1 \\
 \varphi((r + \ker f)(s + \ker f)) &= \varphi(rs + \ker f) \\
 &= f(rs) \\
 &= f(r)f(s) \\
 &= \varphi(r + \ker f)\varphi(s + \ker f) \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \varphi$  ring homomorphism  
 $\Rightarrow \varphi$  is an isomorphism

QED

### Examples

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \quad \text{Id} : R &\rightarrow R \\
 x \in \ker \text{Id} &\Rightarrow \text{Id}(x) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ker(\text{Id}) &= \{0\} \leftarrow \text{Can never be empty} \\
 &= (0) \quad \text{as homo always takes } 0 \rightarrow 0 \\
 &\quad \text{Id injective and surjective } \Leftrightarrow \text{ belongs to } \ker
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Im Id} = R$$

$$\therefore R / (0) \cong R$$

## 2. Canonical Projection

$R$  ring,  $I \trianglelefteq R$   $\pi_I: R \rightarrow R/I$   
 ring homomorphism  $r \mapsto r + I$

$$\text{Im } \pi_I = R/I$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ker } \pi_I &= \{r \in R \mid \pi_I(r) = 0\} \\ &= \{r \in R \mid r + I = 0\} \\ &= \{r \in R \mid r \in I\} = I \end{aligned}$$

$$R/I \cong R/I$$

3.  $e_a: R[x] \rightarrow R$ ,  $a \in R$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &\mapsto p(a) \\ b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_nx^n &\mapsto b_0 + b_1a + b_2a^2 + \dots + b_na^n \end{aligned}$$

$$r \in R \quad p(x) = r \Rightarrow p(a) = r$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im } e_a = R$$

$$\text{Ker } e_a = \{p(x) \in R[x] \mid p(a) = 0\}$$

$$= \{p(x) \mid p(x) = (x-a)q(x)\}$$

$$\text{If } p(a) = 0 \Rightarrow (x-a) \mid p(x) \Rightarrow p(x) = (x-a)q(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Ker } e_a &= \{(x-a)q(x) \mid q(x) \in R[x]\} \\ &= (x-a) \end{aligned}$$

1. IT

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R[x]}{(x-a)} \cong R$$

### Lemma 1.3

$$\text{If } f: R \rightarrow S$$

$$g: S \rightarrow T$$

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f: R \rightarrow T$$

ring homomorphism

ring homomorphism also



Proof

Exercise - essentially the same as proof that composition of linear maps is linear

Lemma 1.4

$R$  ring,  $I \trianglelefteq R$ ,  $S \leq R$  subring

then:

$$1) S + I \leq R \quad \text{subring}$$

$$2) I \trianglelefteq S + I \quad \text{Ideal}$$

$$3) S \cap I \trianglelefteq S \quad \text{Ideal}$$

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Proof

$$1) S + I = \{s + i \mid s \in S, i \in I\}$$

$$0 \in S, 0 \in I \Rightarrow 0 = 0 + 0 \in S + I$$

$$(s + i) + (s' + i') = \underbrace{(s + s')}_{\in S} + \underbrace{(i + i')}_{\in I} \in S + I \quad (R, +)$$

$$-(s + i) = \underbrace{-s}_{\in S} + \underbrace{-i}_{\in I} \in S + I$$

$$1 = \underbrace{1}_{\in S} + \underbrace{0}_{\in I} \in S + I$$

$$(s + i)(s' + i') = ss' + \underbrace{(si' + is' + ii')}_{\in I} \in S + I$$

absorbency

$$\Rightarrow S + I \leq R$$

2/ Only need to check  $I \subseteq S+I$

We know  $I \trianglelefteq R$ ,  $r \cdot i \in I \quad \forall r \in R, \forall i \in I$

So, absorbtivity already taken care of.

3/  $S \cap I \trianglelefteq S$

addition isn't a problem as we are intersecting two additive subgroups.

$$\begin{aligned} x &\in S \cap I \\ s &\in S \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} sx &\in S \\ &\in I \\ sx &\in I \\ &\in R \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} sx &\in S \cap I \\ &\Rightarrow S \cap I \trianglelefteq S \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

Theorem 1.2 (Second Isomorphism Theorem)

$R$  ring,  $I \trianglelefteq R, S \leq R$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{S+I}{I} \cong \frac{S}{S \cap I}$$

N.B. The previous lemma tells us this statement makes sense.

Proof

(Right now, the only tool we have to prove these are isomorphic is the 1IT)

So, we're trying to find a map

$$\varphi: S \xrightarrow{\text{inclusion}} S+I \xrightarrow{\pi_I} \frac{S+I}{I}$$

$$S \xrightarrow{\quad} S+0=S \xrightarrow{\quad} \bar{S}$$

Ring homomorphism? Yes, composition of ring homomorphism  
Need to show map is surjective, i.e.  $\text{Im}$  is itself

$$\text{Im } \varphi = \underbrace{\{s+I \mid s \in S\}}_{\substack{\text{clg. of} \\ \text{quotient ring} \\ S/I}} = \frac{S+I}{I}$$

generic coset,  $s+i+I$   
 $\varphi(s) = s+I$

Are they equal? Check diff

$$s+i-s \in I$$

So, yes!

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ker } \varphi &= \{s \in S \mid \varphi(s) = 0\} \\ &= \{s \in S \mid s+I = 0\} \\ &= \{s \in S \mid s \in I\} = S \cap I \end{aligned}$$

1<sup>st</sup>  $I$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{S}{\text{Ker } \varphi} \cong \frac{S+I}{I} = \text{Im } \varphi$$

$$\frac{S}{S \cap I} \cong \frac{S+I}{I}$$

Q.E.D.

Let us return to what we did with the image in that

proof.

Diff<sup>n</sup> of surjectivity, everything in  $\frac{S+I}{I}$  is in  $S$

$$x \in \frac{S+I}{I} \Rightarrow x = y+I \quad \text{w/ } y \in S+I$$

$$\Rightarrow y = x+i, \quad x = \underbrace{(s+i)}_S + I$$

$$\varphi(s) = \bar{s} = s+I$$

So, we check the difference  $s+i-s = i \in I$

$$\therefore S+I = x \Rightarrow x \in \text{Im } \varphi \quad (\text{cosets are equal})$$

Theorem 1.3 (Third Isomorphism Theorem)

$R$  ring,  $I \subseteq J \triangleleft R$  ideals  
( $I \triangleleft R, J \triangleleft R$ )

$\Rightarrow J/I \triangleleft R/I$  and moreover

$$\frac{R/I}{J/I} \cong R/J$$

Theorem 1.4 (Correspondence Theorem)

(prob won't use this)

$R$  ring,  $I \triangleleft R$   
there is a 1-1 correspondence  
{ ideals of  $R/I$  }

$\updownarrow$  1:1

{  $J \triangleleft R$  s.t.  $I \subseteq J$  }



## Chapter II: Integral Domains

### Evident Domains and Unique Factorisation Domains

#### Domains

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.1

remember this notation

$a \in R^* = R \setminus \{0\}$  is a unit if  $\exists b \in R$  s.t.  
 $ab = 1$  ( $a \in U(R)$ )

$a$  is a zero divisor if  $\exists b \in R^*$  s.t.  $ab = 0$

N.B. In a field, any non-zero element is a unit

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.2

$R$  is an Integral Domain (ID) if it has no zero divisors,

i.e.  $a \neq 0, b \neq 0 \Rightarrow ab \neq 0$

equiv  $ab = 0 \Rightarrow$  either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.1 (cancellation law)

$R$  ID  $a, b, c \in R$  s.t.  
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} ab = ac \\ a \neq 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow b = c$

We can always do this providing  $R$  has no zero divisors

Proof

$$ab = ac \Rightarrow ab - ac = 0$$

$$a(b - c) = 0$$

$R$  ID  $\Rightarrow$  if  $ab = 0 \Rightarrow$  either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$

So, as  $a \neq 0$   $b - c = 0$

$$\Rightarrow b = c \quad \square$$

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Def<sup>n</sup> 2.3

We say  $R$  is simple if the only ideals are  $0$  and  $R$ .

ex.  $\mathbb{F}$  field

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.2

$R$  commutative ring, then  $R$  simple  $\Leftrightarrow R$  field

Proof  
 $\Leftarrow$

If  $I \triangleleft R$ ,  $I \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists a \in I$  s.t.  $a \neq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 = a \cdot a^{-1} \in I \Rightarrow I = R$   
 as  $R$  field □

$\Rightarrow$   $R$  simple

$a \in R$  s.t.  $a \neq 0$

take  $I = (a) \neq 0 \Rightarrow I = R \ni 1$

$\Rightarrow 1 \in (a)$

$\Rightarrow 1 = ab$  for some  $b \in R$

$\Rightarrow a$  invertible  $\Rightarrow R$  is a field □

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.4

An ideal  $I \triangleleft R$  is a maximal ideal if  $I \neq R$  and  
 $\forall J \triangleleft R$  s.t.  $I \subseteq J \Rightarrow$  either  $I = J$   
 or  $J = R$

We could see some examples of maximal ideals but proving they are maximal is quite tricky. So, we will use the following.

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.3

$I \triangleleft R$  ideal, then  $I$  maximal  $\Leftrightarrow R/I$  is a field

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Proof (Abstract version)

$R/I$  field  $\Leftrightarrow R/I$  simple

$\Leftrightarrow$  The only ideals of  $R/I$  are  $R/I$  or  $0 = I/I$

Correspondence

Thm  $\Leftrightarrow$  The only ideals  $J \triangleleft R$  s.t.  $I \subseteq J$  are  $J = R, J = I$   
 $\Leftrightarrow I$  maximal  $\square$

The key here is the correspondence theorem.

$\{\text{ideals of } R/I\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{\text{Ideals of } J \triangleleft R \text{ s.t. } I \subseteq J\}$   
 equiv. class  $\{f+I \in R\}$   
 $=$   
 $K \triangleleft R/I$

$J \triangleleft R, I \subseteq J \Rightarrow J/I \triangleleft R/I$

can construct an ideal  $J$

s.t.  $K \subseteq J$

$K = \{\bar{x}\} \longrightarrow J := \{x \in R \mid \bar{x} \in K\}$   
 $J$  ideal?

$x, y \in J$

$\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in K$

$\bar{x} + \bar{y} \in K \Rightarrow x + y \in J$

$\bar{x} + \bar{y} \in K$

$J$  closed for addition

$x \in J$

$r \in R$

$\bar{x} \in K$

$\bar{r} \in R/I$

$\Rightarrow \bar{r} \cdot \bar{x} \in K$

$\bar{r} \cdot \bar{x} \Rightarrow r \cdot x \in J$

$\Rightarrow J$  ideal



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$$I \subseteq J?$$

$$i \in I \Rightarrow \bar{i} = \bar{0} \in K \Rightarrow i \in J \Rightarrow I \subseteq J$$

This is how the correspondence works

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bar{i} \text{ memo} & R \ni r & R/I \\ \forall i & & \\ I & & \bar{r} = r + I \\ \forall i & \longrightarrow & \bar{i} = i + I \end{array}$$

$$0 \triangleq R/I \xrightarrow{(\bar{0})} \{x \in R \mid \bar{x} \in 0\} = I$$

$$R/I \triangleq R/I \xrightarrow{\bar{1}} \{x \in R \mid \bar{x} \in R/I\} = R$$

def<sup>n</sup> of  $I$  being maximal

Proof (direct version)

$$I \triangleq R$$

$\Rightarrow$

find an inverse for every non-zero element

Take  $\bar{a} \in R/I$  s.t.  $\bar{a} \neq 0$

$$a \notin I, \text{ take } J = I + (a) \triangleq R$$

$$I \subseteq J \triangleq R \Rightarrow \begin{cases} J = R \text{ as } I \text{ maximal} \\ \text{or } J \neq I \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{\text{but}} \quad J \neq I \text{ as } a \in J, a \notin I$$

$$\text{so } J = R$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = i + ia \text{ for some } i \in R$$

$$i \in I$$

5.

$$\bar{1} = \bar{z} + \bar{ra} = \bar{z} + \bar{ra} = \bar{z} + \bar{ra} \Rightarrow \bar{a} \text{ has an inverse}$$

$\Rightarrow R/I$  is a field REID( $\Rightarrow$ )

$\Leftarrow$

$R/I$  field, take  $J \triangleleft R$  s.t.  $I \subseteq J$   
 $I \not\subseteq J$

$\uparrow$  included but not the same

assume  $J \neq I$

$\Rightarrow$  take  $a \in J$  s.t.  $a \notin I$

$\Rightarrow \bar{a} \neq \bar{0} \Rightarrow \exists \bar{b} \in R/I$  s.t.  $\bar{a}\bar{b} = \bar{1}$   
 $\bar{a}\bar{b} = \bar{1}$

$\Rightarrow ab - 1 = z \in I$

$\Leftrightarrow 1 = \underbrace{ab}_{\in J} - \underbrace{z}_{\in I \subseteq J} \Rightarrow J = R$

$\in J$   $\in I \subseteq J$  as  $I \subseteq J$   
 $\in J$  absorbing

$\Rightarrow I$  maximal

N.B. Maximal ideals do not need to be unique, do not confuse maximal with maximum.

Examples

$R = \mathbb{Z}$

(2) maximal

$\mathbb{Z}/(2)$  field

(3) maximal

$\mathbb{Z}/(3)$  field

Next, we encounter prime ideals which are analogous to prime numbers.

Remember,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  is prime  $\} \begin{cases} a|n \Rightarrow a = \pm 1 \text{ or } a = \pm n \\ abc \Rightarrow a|b \text{ or } a|c \end{cases}$

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Def<sup>n</sup> 2.5

$I \triangleleft R$  and  $I \neq R$ , we say that  $I$  is a prime ideal if

$$ab \in I \Rightarrow a \in I \text{ or } b \in I$$

equiv  $a, b \notin I \Rightarrow ab \notin I$

The converse is not true, if  $a \in I$  and  $ab \in I$ , that is the absorbing property.

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.4

$I \triangleleft R$  ideal, then  $R/I$  is an ID  $\Leftrightarrow I$  is prime

Proof $\Rightarrow$ 

Let  $a, b \in R$  s.t.  $ab \in I$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{a}\overline{b} = \overline{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{a}\overline{b} = \overline{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } \overline{a} = \overline{0} \text{ or } \overline{b} = \overline{0}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \hookrightarrow a \in I & \hookrightarrow b \in I \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow I \text{ is prime}$$

 $\Leftarrow$ 

$$\overline{a}\overline{b} = \overline{0}$$

$$\overline{a}\overline{b} = \overline{0} \Rightarrow \overline{a}\overline{b} \in \overline{0} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a \in I \Rightarrow \overline{a} = \overline{0} \\ \text{or } b \in I \Rightarrow \overline{b} = \overline{0} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow R/I \text{ is an IP} \quad \square$$

Corollary 2.1

$I \triangleleft R$  maximal  $\Rightarrow I$  is prime ( $I \neq R$ )

Proof

$I \triangleleft R$  maximal  $\Leftrightarrow R/I$  field  
 $\Rightarrow R/I$  ID  
 $\Rightarrow I$  is prime.  $\square$

We can prove the previous prop' directly, good exercise

### Ideals and Divisibility

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.6

$R$  ring  $a, b \in R$ , we say that  $a$  divides  $b$  ( $a|b$ )  
 (i.e.  $b$  is a multiple of  $a$ )  
 i.e.  $b$  is divisible by  $a$   
 if  $\exists c \in R$  s.t.  $b = ac$   
 $a|b \Leftrightarrow b = ac \Leftrightarrow b \in (a) \Leftrightarrow (b) \subseteq (a)$

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.7

We say that  $a$  and  $b$  are associates if  $\exists u \in U(R)$   
 s.t.  $b = u \cdot a$  ( $a \sim b$ )

Example

$$R = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } y \in \mathbb{Z} \quad xy = 1$$

$$\therefore U(\mathbb{Z}) = \{\pm 1\}$$

$$a = 5 \Rightarrow b \sim a \Leftrightarrow b \in \{\pm 5\}$$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.5

- $R$  ID,  $a, b \in R$ , then
1.  $a \sim b \Leftrightarrow a|b$  and  $b|a \Leftrightarrow (a) = (b)$
  2.  $a \sim 1 \Leftrightarrow a \in U(R) \Leftrightarrow (a) = R$
  3.  $a \sim 0 \Leftrightarrow a = 0 \Leftrightarrow (a) = 0$
  4.  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation

Proof $\Rightarrow$ 

$$a \sim b \Rightarrow b = u \cdot a$$

$$\Rightarrow vb = vua = a$$

for  $u \in U(R)$ 

$$\hookrightarrow \exists v \in R \text{ s.t. } uv = 1$$

$$v \in U(R)$$

$$b = u \cdot a \Rightarrow a|b$$

$$a = vb \Rightarrow b|a$$

 $\Leftarrow$ 

$$a|b \Rightarrow \exists c \in R \text{ s.t. } b = ac$$

$$b|a \Rightarrow \exists d \in R \text{ s.t. } a = bd$$

$$\Rightarrow a = acd$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = cd$$

 $R$  ID  $\Rightarrow$  cancellation propertyif  $a \neq 0$ 

$$\therefore c, d \in U(R)$$

$$\therefore b = u \cdot a \Rightarrow \underline{a \sim b}$$

if  $a = 0$ 

$$\text{then } b = 0 \cdot u \Rightarrow b = 0$$

$$\text{and } 0 = 1 \cdot 0 \Rightarrow a \sim b$$

QED (1)

$$2. a \sim 1 \Leftrightarrow a \in U(R)$$

↗  
 ↘

$$1 = a \cdot u$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in U(R) \quad \text{for } u \in U(R)$$

QED(?)

$$3. a \sim 0 \Leftrightarrow a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = a \cdot u, \quad u \in U(R)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0$$

as  $u \neq 0$

QED(?)

$$4. a \sim a \Leftrightarrow (a) = (a) \quad \text{which is true /}$$

$$a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a?$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a \sim b \Rightarrow (a) = (b) \\ b \sim a \Rightarrow (b) = (a) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow (a) = (b) = (b) = (a)$$

$$\Rightarrow b \sim a \quad /$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a \sim b \\ b \sim c \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow a \sim c?$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (b) = (c) \\ (a) = (b) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow (a) = (c) \Rightarrow a \sim c \quad /$$

QED

### Examples

$$\textcircled{1} R = \mathbb{Z}, \quad U(R) = \{\pm 1\}$$

$$n \sim m \Leftrightarrow n = \pm m$$

$$\textcircled{2} R = \mathbb{Q}, \quad U(R) = \mathbb{Q}^*$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \{0\} & \{1\} \\ \parallel & \uparrow = \bar{1} \\ 0 & u = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{3} R = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow U(R) = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$$

Q What are the equivalence classes of associates?  
i.e. how many PIDs

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.8

$R$  ID, an element  $a \in R^* \setminus U(R)$  is prime if whenever  $a|bc \Rightarrow a|b$  or  $a|c$

In terms of ideals,

$$bc \in (a) \Rightarrow b \in (a) \text{ or } c \in (a)$$

i.e.  $a$  is prime  $\Leftrightarrow (a)$  is a prime ideal

we can also say:  $(bc) \subseteq (a)$

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.9

$R$  ID, an element  $a \in R^* \setminus U(R)$  is irreducible if it has no proper divisors, i.e. if  $b|a \Rightarrow$  either  $b \in U(R)$  or  $b=ua$

In terms of ideals,

$$a \text{ irreducible if whenever } (a) \subseteq (b) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b \in U(R) \Rightarrow (b) = R \\ \text{or} \\ b=ua \Rightarrow (a) = (b) \end{cases}$$

i.e.  $(a)$  is maximal among principal ideals

Examples

$$\mathbb{Z}[x]$$

$$(2) \subseteq (f(x))$$

$$f|2 \Rightarrow \deg(f) = 0 = f = a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \pm 1, \pm 2, \Rightarrow (f) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}[x] \\ (2) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ irred}$$

$$(2) \not\subseteq (2, x) = \{ 2 \cdot f(x) + x \cdot g(x) \mid f, g \in \mathbb{Z}[x] \}$$

proper inclusion

$$= \{2a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n\}$$

only even constant

$$2f(x) = 2b_0 + 2b_1x + \dots + 2b_nx^n$$

every coefficient even

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.6

$R$  ID,  $a$  prime  $\Rightarrow$   $a$  irreducible  
 $\Leftarrow$

Proof

Let  $b|a \Rightarrow a=bc$  for some  $c \in R$

$\Rightarrow a|bc \Rightarrow a|b \Rightarrow a \sim b$

or

$a|c \Rightarrow c=da$

not equal, only up to mult by a unit, could mult by  $\pm 1$  etc

$$a = bc = bda$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = bd$$

working over ID

$$\Rightarrow b \in U(R)$$

$\Rightarrow a$  irreducible  $\square$

We now try to prove converse for  $\mathbb{Z}$  and see what we would need for rings for this to be true.

$a$  irred

$a|bc$

$$a = p_1 \dots p_r$$

$$b = q_1 \dots q_s$$

$$c = q'_1 \dots q'_t$$

Let  $p$  prime  $p|a|bc$

this is what we cannot do for an arbitrary ring

$\Rightarrow p|b$  or  $p|c$

as  $a$  irred,  $p$  must be a unit or associate to  $a$ , but  $p$  prime  $\Rightarrow p \sim a \Rightarrow a|b$  or  $a|c$



This makes things quite difficult for us and so, we shall try to find conditions that allow us to consider the converse.

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.10

An ID  $R$  is a principal ideal domain (PID) if  $\forall I \trianglelefteq R$  ideal  $\exists a \in R$  s.t.  $I = (a)$

Examples

1.  $\mathbb{Z} \triangleq I$   $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  infinite cyclic group  
 $\Rightarrow I = (n)$  cyclic subgroup

2.  $\mathbb{F} \triangleq I \Rightarrow \begin{cases} I = \mathbb{F} = (1) \\ \text{or} \\ I = (0) \end{cases}$

When considering PIDs, think of the integers, there will be 'something' that behaves like the integers

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.7

$R$  PID,  $a \in R$  irred  $\Rightarrow a$  is prime

Proof

$a$  irred  $\Rightarrow (a)$  maximal among principal ideals,  
 $\perp$  all ideals are principal

$\Rightarrow (a)$  maximal  $\Rightarrow (a)$  prime

$\Rightarrow a$  prime  $\square$

Corollary 2.2

In a PID prime  $\Leftrightarrow$  irreducible

Corollary 2.3

If  $a \in R$  prime  $\} \Rightarrow R/(a)$  is a field  
 $R$  PID  $\} \uparrow$   
 $(a)$  maximal

N.B.  $R/(a)$  where  $R$  ring and  $(a)$  maximal is always a field  
 alt:  $R$  PID,  $I \triangleleft R$  prime ideal  $\Rightarrow I$  is maximal

N.B. every PID is an ID (not the converse!)

$$I \triangleleft (\mathbb{Z}, +) \leftarrow \text{cycles} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} (m) \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (n) \in \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \right\} \quad (m) + (n) = (\gcd(m, n))$$

$$m, n \in I \quad \quad \quad d = mh + nr$$

$\uparrow$   
Bézout's

$m = qn + r$  with integers  
 we know how to do this with polys  
 with coefficients in a field also.

So,

$\mathbb{F}[x]$

$$f(x) = g(x)n(x) + r(x)$$

$$\deg(r) < \deg(n) \\ \text{or } r = 0$$

We know  $\deg(f) \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\deg(fg) = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$$

$$\deg(f) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad f \in \mathbb{F}^* = U(\mathbb{F})$$

$\uparrow$   
on field, not 0

Euclidean DomainsDef<sup>n</sup> 2.11

An ID  $R$  is a Euclidean Domain (ED) if it is endowed with a map

$$N: R^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \quad (\text{Euclidean norm})$$

s.t

1.  $\text{If } a|b \Rightarrow N(a) \leq N(b)$
2.  $\forall a, b \in R, b \neq 0, \exists q, r \in R$   
s.t  $a = bq + r$  and either  $r = 0$  or  $N(r) < N(b)$

Examples

1.  $\mathbb{F}[x] \quad N(f) = \deg f$

2.  $\mathbb{Z} \quad N(a) = |a|$  ← In this case,  $N$  defined at 0 but this does not matter

3.  $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  ← Gaussian Integers  
 $N(z) = z\bar{z}$   
 $= a^2 + b^2$   
 $z = a + bi$   
 $z = a - bi$

← do not use  $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$  as we want  $N$  to map to  $\mathbb{Z}$

Why is this a ED?

$(\mathbb{Z}[i], N)$  is a ED. Check!

①  $(\mathbb{Z}[i], N)$  is an ID as we can suppose

$$\underbrace{(a+bi)}_{\tilde{a}} \underbrace{(c+di)}_{\tilde{b}} = 0 \quad \text{for two elements } \tilde{a}, \tilde{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i = 0$$

$$ac - bd = 0, \quad ad + bc = 0$$

$$a = \frac{bd}{c} \quad \text{~~etc~~}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{bd}{c}\right)d + bc = 0$$

$$bd^2 + bc^2 = 0$$

$$b(d^2 + c^2) = 0$$

$$b = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad d^2 + c^2 = 0 \Rightarrow d, c = 0$$

$\therefore$  an ID.

Now,

$$\textcircled{\text{II}} \quad z, w \in \mathbb{Z}[i], \quad z|w \Rightarrow w = z\ell$$

$$\Rightarrow N(w) = N(z\ell) = z\ell(z\bar{\ell}) = z\ell z\bar{\ell}$$

$$= z\bar{z}\ell\bar{\ell}$$

$$= \underbrace{N(z)}_{\mathbb{N}} \underbrace{N(\ell)}_{\mathbb{N}}$$

$$\therefore N(z) | N(w) \Rightarrow N(z) \leq N(w)$$

N.B. In general, when we have a ring that is a subring of a field, it will be an ID

$$\textcircled{\text{III}} \quad z, w \in \mathbb{Z}[i], \quad w \neq 0$$

$$\mathbb{Q}(i) \text{ field, } w \in \mathbb{Q}(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow w^{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}(i)$$

$$zw^{-1} = \underbrace{a + bi}_{\text{rational}} \in \mathbb{Q}(i)$$

$$\text{Pick } u, v \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } |a - u| \leq 1/2$$

$$|b - v| \leq 1/2$$

$$q = u + vi \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$$

$$s = zw^{-1} - q = (a - u) + (b - v)i \in \mathbb{Q}(i)$$

$$r = sw = (zw^{-1} - q)w$$

$$= zw^{-1}w - qw$$

$$= z - qw \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$$

$$\underbrace{z}_{\in \mathbb{Z}[i]} - \underbrace{q}_{\in \mathbb{Z}[i]} \underbrace{w}_{\in \mathbb{Z}[i]}$$

We can also see  $\mathbb{Z}[i] \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(i)$

$\mathbb{Q}(i)$  is a field

$$0 \neq a + bi \in \mathbb{Q}(i)$$

$$z \in \mathbb{Q}(i)$$

$$z^{-1} = \bar{z}$$

$$\underbrace{N(z)}_{\mathbb{N}} = \underbrace{z\bar{z}}_{\mathbb{N}}$$



rational number and it is nearer to 3 or 4. So, distance is, at most, a half (which is when it lands directly in the middle)

$$\Rightarrow z = qw + r$$

Now,

$$N(r) = N(sw) = N(s)N(w)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N(s) &= (a-u)^2 + (b-v)^2 \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow N(r) \leq \frac{1}{2} N(w) < N(w)$$

and we are done

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N.B. whereas, when dividing polys,  $q, r$  unique we have no uniqueness here.

e.g. take  $a + bi = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}i$  then  $|\frac{1}{2} - u| \leq \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow u = 0$  or  $u = 1$   
 $|\frac{3}{4} - v| \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad v = 1$

N.B. Strictly speaking, we do not have uniqueness in  $\mathbb{Z}$

as  $a=4, b=7 \Rightarrow 7 = 4 \cdot 1 + 3$   
 or  $7 = 4 \cdot 2 - 1$

but we can restrict ourselves to having  $r > 0$ . Same with polys. However, we cannot do this with rings, this is why there is no uniqueness

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.8

If  $R$  ID,  $N: R^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  satisfying ED 2  
 $\Rightarrow R$  is PID

Proof  $I \triangleleft R$  ideal,  $I \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists a \in I$  s.t.  $a \neq 0$

Consider  $\emptyset \neq \{N(a) \mid a \in I\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$

pick  $a \in I$ ,  $a \neq 0$  s.t.  $N(a)$  minimal

For any  $b \in I$ ,  $b \neq 0$

$$b = aq + r \quad \text{where } r = 0 \\ \text{or } N(r) < N(a)$$

$$r = b - aq \in I$$

$\begin{matrix} \in I & \in I \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ I & I \end{matrix}$

but  $N(a)$  is minimal,  $\therefore r = 0 \Rightarrow b = aq$   
 $\Rightarrow I = (a)$   
 $\square$

any other element  
 $\in I$  is generated by  $a$

Corollary 2.4

$$ED \Rightarrow PID$$

$(R, N)$  ED  $\forall a \in R^*$ ,  $a = 1 \cdot a$  so  $1|a$

$\stackrel{ED}{\Rightarrow} N(1) \leq N(a) \Rightarrow 1$  is an element of  $R$  with minimal norm.

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.9

$(R, N)$  ED,  $u \in U(R) \Leftrightarrow N(u) = N(1)$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u \in U(R) &\Rightarrow \exists v \text{ s.t. } uv = 1 \Rightarrow u|1 \\ &\Rightarrow \left. \begin{matrix} N(u) \leq N(1) \\ N(1) \leq N(u) \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow N(u) = N(1) \end{aligned}$$

⇐ assume  $N(u) = N(1)$   
by E1D2

$$1 = q \cdot u + r$$

where  $r = 0$

or  $N(r) < N(u) = N(1)$

BUT  $N(1)$  is minimal  $\Rightarrow N(r) \not< N(u)$

$$\Rightarrow r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = q \cdot u$$

$$\Rightarrow u \in U(R)$$

□

### Examples

1.  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $N(1) = 1$

$$U(\mathbb{Z}) = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid N(n) = 1\}$$

$$= \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid |n| = 1\} = \{\pm 1\}$$

2.  $\mathbb{F}[x]$ ,  $N(1) = \deg(1) = 0$

$$U(\mathbb{F}[x]) = \{f \in \mathbb{F}[x] \mid \deg f = 0\}$$

$$= \{\text{constant polys}\}$$

3.  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$   $N(1) = 1$

$$U(\mathbb{Z}[i]) = \{a + bi \mid a^2 + b^2 = 1\}$$

$$= \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$$

$$(a = \pm 1 \text{ and } b = 0 \text{ or } a = 0 \text{ and } b = \pm 1)$$

## Unique Factorization Domains

### Def<sup>n</sup> 2.12

An ID  $R$  is a Unique Factorization Domain (UFD) if  $\forall a \in R^* \setminus U(R)$ ,  $a$  can be written as a product  $a = p_1 \cdots p_s$  of irreducible elements in a unique way (up to reordering and up to associates)

### Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.10

$R$  ID, then the following are equivalent:

1.  $R$  is a UFD
2. Every  $a \in R^* \setminus U(R)$  can be written as a product of primes
3. Every irreducible in  $R$  is prime and  $\forall a \in R^* \setminus U(R)$ ,  $a$  is a product of irreducibles

### Proof

1.  $\Rightarrow$  3.

$\forall a \in R^* \setminus U(R)$ ,  $a$  is a product of irreducibles is given as  $R$  is a UFD - def<sup>n</sup>.

So, all we have to show is every irreducible is prime.

$a \in R^* \setminus U(R)$  irred

Suppose  $a|bc \Rightarrow ad = bc$

$$b = \prod b_i \quad \text{with } b_i \text{ irred}$$

$$c = \prod d_j \quad \text{with } d_j \text{ irred}$$

$$d = \prod d_k \quad \text{with } d_k \text{ irred}$$

then

$$\textcircled{a} \quad d_1 \cdots d_s = b_1 \cdots b_r c_1 \cdots c_t$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{or } \begin{cases} \exists i \text{ s.t. } c_i \sim a \Rightarrow a|c_i \Rightarrow a|c \\ \exists i \text{ s.t. } b_i \sim a \Rightarrow a|b_i \Rightarrow a|b \end{cases} \Rightarrow a \text{ is prime}$$



3.  $\Rightarrow$  2. Trivial

2.  $\Rightarrow$  1.

Pick  $a \in R^* \setminus U(R)$

by (2)  $a = p_1 \cdots p_r$  with  $p_i$  prime

assume  $a = q_1 \cdots q_s$  with  $q_i$  irred  
and we want  $r = s$  and  $p_i \sim q_i$  (after reordering)

Induction on  $r$

$$r = 1, \quad a = p_1 \text{ prime} \quad p_1 = q_1 \cdots q_s, \quad s = 1 \\ p_1 = q_1$$

Assume result for  $r-1$  ( $r > 1$ )  
and show  $p_1 \cdots p_r = q_1 \cdots q_s$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p_r \mid q_1 \cdots q_s \\ p_r \text{ prime} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow p_r \mid q_s \text{ (after relabeling)} \\ \Rightarrow p_r \sim q_s$$

$$\Rightarrow q_s = u p_r, \quad u \in U(R)$$

$$p_1 \cdots p_r = q_1 \cdots q_{s-1} \cdot u p_r, \quad p_r \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 \cdots p_{r-1} = q_1 \cdots q_{s-1} \cdot u$$

inductive  
 $\Rightarrow$   
hypothesis

$$r-1 = s-1$$

$$\therefore p_i \sim q_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, s-1 \quad \square$$

## Chain Conditions

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.13

A ring  $R$  satisfies the ascending chain condition (ACC) for principal ideals if, whenever we have a chain of principal ideals

$$(a_1) \subseteq (a_2) \subseteq (a_3) \subseteq \dots \subseteq (a_n) \subseteq \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } (a_n) = (a_N) \quad \forall n > N$$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.11

If  $R$  is a ring satisfying ACC (on principal ideals),  $S$  is a non-empty family of principal ideals.

$\Rightarrow S$  has a maximal element, i.e.  $I \in S$  s.t.  
 $\forall J \in S, \text{ if } I \subseteq J \Rightarrow I = J$

$\mathbb{Z}$                       (2)                      (132)                      family of ideals  
                                  (3)                      (6)                      (19)

We are claiming  $\exists$  'one' which won't have any other ~~maximal~~ it - maximal in this set, doesn't have to be a maximal ideal!

Take the example of (6) in this family. (6) is a maximal as nothing else contains it, we would need (2) and (3) in this family for (6) not to be maximal whereas they are not.

(19) is maximal but is also a maximal ideal as

$\lfloor$  19 is prime  $\rfloor$

ProofBy contradiction, assume  $S$  has no maximal element.Take  $I_1 \in S$  exists as  $S$  non-empty $\exists I_2 \in S$  s.t.  $I_1 \subsetneq I_2$  as no maximal $\exists I_3 \in S$  s.t.  $I_2 \subsetneq I_3$  $\vdots$  $\exists I_n \in S$  s.t.  $I_{n-1} \subsetneq I_n$  $\Rightarrow$  we get a chain

$$I_1 \subsetneq I_2 \subsetneq I_3 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq I_n \subsetneq \dots$$

an infinite chain of principal ideals.

However, ACC tells us  $I_n = I_N \quad \forall n \geq N$ (contradiction as  $I_n \subsetneq I_N \quad \forall n \geq N$ )  
 $\square$ 

Exercise - Show converse is true.

Example $R$  UFD, take  $a \in R^* \setminus U(R)$ 

$$I_1 = (a)$$

$$I_1 = (a) \subseteq (a_2) \subseteq (a_3) \subseteq \dots \subseteq (a_n) \subseteq \dots$$

$$(a) \subseteq (a_i) \Rightarrow a_i / a$$

$$a = p_1 \dots p_r \quad \text{product of primes}$$

$$I_1 \subseteq (a_i) \Rightarrow a_i = b_i a \quad \text{product of primes}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_j = p_j \quad \forall j$$

 $\Rightarrow a$  has a finite no<sup>o</sup> divisors

Assume  $\dots \notin (a_i) \subseteq (a_{i+1}) \notin \dots$

← chain with all different elements that do not stabilize

$a_n \nmid a_m$  if  $n \neq m \Rightarrow a_n \neq a_m$   
and  $a_n \mid a \Rightarrow$  we get an infinite no<sup>o</sup> divisors of  $a$   
✗

$\Rightarrow$  UFD satisfies ACC

UFD  $\Rightarrow$  ACC

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.12

$R$  ID satisfying ACC

$\Rightarrow$  every non-zero non-unit is a product of irreducibles

Proof

Suppose  $\exists a \in R^* \setminus U(R)$  which is not a product of irreducibles

Then  $S = \{a \mid a \text{ is not a product of irreducibles}\} \neq \emptyset$   
 $\Rightarrow \exists (b) \in S$  maximal in  $S$

$b$  is not irreducible

$\Rightarrow b = cd$ ,  $c, d$  proper divisors of  $b$ .

$c$  is a product of irreducibles

$(b) \notin (c) \Rightarrow (c) \notin S \Rightarrow c = p_1 \dots p_r$

$d$  is a product of irreducibles

$(b) \subseteq (d) \Rightarrow (d) \notin S \Rightarrow d = q_1 \dots q_s$

$\therefore b = p_1 \dots p_r q_1 \dots q_s$  product of irreducibles  
✗

$\therefore$  we cannot find  $a \in R^* \setminus U(R)$  which is not a product of irreducibles  $\square$

So,  $R \text{ ACC} \Rightarrow R$  has factorization into irreducibles  
 $R \text{ UFD} \Rightarrow R$  has factorization into irreducibles and every irreducible is prime  
 $R \text{ PID} \Rightarrow$  every irreducible is prime

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.13

$R \text{ PID} \Rightarrow R$  satisfies ACC

Proof

Take  $I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq I_3 \subseteq \dots \subseteq I_n \subseteq \dots$  chain of ideals in  $R$  and consider

$$I = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n \subseteq R$$

Claim  $I \trianglelefteq R$

1.  $0 \in I_1 \subseteq I$
2.  $x, y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I_n, y \in I_m \Rightarrow x, y \in I_N, N = \max\{n, m\} \Rightarrow x + y \in I_N \subseteq I$
3.  $x \in I, r \in R \Rightarrow rx \in I_n \subseteq I \Rightarrow I \trianglelefteq R$   
 $\Downarrow x \in I_n, \text{ for some } n$

$\Rightarrow I = (a)$  for some  $a \in R$

$$a \in I = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n \Rightarrow \exists n \text{ s.t. } a \in I_n$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} I = (a) \subseteq I_n \\ I_n \subseteq I \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow I = I_n \quad \forall m > n \quad I = I_n \subseteq I_m \subseteq I = I_n \Rightarrow I_m = I = I_n$$

So, the chain stabilizes  $\Rightarrow R$  has ACC  $\square$

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$$ED \Rightarrow PID \Rightarrow UFD$$

Corollary 2.5

Every PID is a UFD

Proof

$PID \Rightarrow ACC \Rightarrow \exists$  a factorization into irred  $\} \Leftrightarrow R \text{ UFD}$   
 $PID \Rightarrow$  every irred is prime □

Corollary 2.6

$ED \Rightarrow PID \Rightarrow UFD$

In  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ ,  $2 = (1+i)(1-i)$

The rings  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}]$

$m \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $m$  is NOT a square,  $m \notin \{0, 1, 4, 9, 16, \dots\}$

$$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}] = \{a + b\sqrt{m} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b\sqrt{m}) + (a' + b'\sqrt{m}) &= (a + a') + (b + b')\sqrt{m} \\ (a + b\sqrt{m})(a' + b'\sqrt{m}) &= (aa' + mbb') + (ab' + ba')\sqrt{m} \end{aligned} \quad \} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}]$$

$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}] \subseteq \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}]$  is an ID

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{z}w &= \bar{z} \cdot \bar{w} \\ \bar{\bar{z}} &= z \end{aligned}$$

$$z = a + b\sqrt{m} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}] \Rightarrow \bar{z} := a - b\sqrt{m}$$

$$\bar{\bar{z}} = z \Leftrightarrow z \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$N(z) = |z\bar{z}| = |(a + b\sqrt{m})(a - b\sqrt{m})| = |a^2 - mb^2|$$

take mod so we def get a +ve (what if  $m > 0$ ?)

Properties

$$i/ N(z \cdot w) = |z w \bar{z} \bar{w}| = |z w \bar{z} \bar{w}| = |z \bar{z}| |w \bar{w}| = N(z) N(w)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } \alpha | \beta \Rightarrow \beta = \alpha \gamma \Rightarrow N(\beta) = N(\alpha) N(\gamma)$$

$$\Rightarrow N(\alpha) | N(\beta) \quad (N(\alpha) \leq N(\beta))$$

$$ii/ \alpha \in U(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}]) \Leftrightarrow N(\alpha) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow ] \quad \alpha \in U(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}]) \Rightarrow \exists \beta \text{ s.t. } \alpha \beta = 1$$

$$1 = N(1) = N(\alpha) N(\beta) \Rightarrow N(\alpha) = 1$$

$$\Leftarrow ] \quad \text{N/A/N/A/N/A/N/A/N/A}$$

$$1 = N(\alpha) = |\alpha \bar{\alpha}| = |a^2 - mb^2|, \quad \alpha = a + b\sqrt{m}$$

$$i/ \text{if } a^2 - mb^2 = 1$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{m})(a - b\sqrt{m}) = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{\alpha} = \alpha^{-1}$$

$$ii/ \text{if } a^2 - mb^2 = -1$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{m})(a - b\sqrt{m}) = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (a + b\sqrt{m})(-(a - b\sqrt{m})) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad -\bar{\alpha} = \alpha^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \in U(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}])$$

$$iii/ \alpha \sim \beta \Leftrightarrow \alpha | \beta \quad \text{and} \quad N(\alpha) = N(\beta)$$

$$\Rightarrow ] \quad \alpha \sim \beta \Rightarrow \beta = u \alpha \quad \text{for } u \in U(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}])$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha | \beta$$

$$\text{and } N(\beta) = N(u\alpha) = N(u)N(\alpha) = N(\alpha)$$

$$\Leftarrow ] \quad \alpha | \beta \Rightarrow \beta = \alpha \gamma \Rightarrow N(\beta) = N(\alpha \gamma) = N(\alpha) N(\gamma)$$

$$\Rightarrow N(\gamma) = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \gamma \in U(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}])$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \sim \beta$$

Examples

①  $m = -1 \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}] = \mathbb{Z}[i]$

$$U(\mathbb{Z}[i]) = \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$$

$\leftarrow$  i.e.  $N(z) = |a^2 + b^2| = 1$

②  $m < -1 \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}] = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-d}]$

$$m = -d, d > 1$$

$$N(a + b\sqrt{-d}) = |a^2 - (-d)b^2|$$

$$= |a^2 + db^2| = a^2 + b^2d, \quad d > 1$$

$$\alpha = (a + b\sqrt{-d}) \in U(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-d}]) \Leftrightarrow a^2 + db^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = \pm 1 \Rightarrow b = 0 \\ \text{or} \\ a = 0 \Rightarrow db^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$\downarrow$   
no sol<sup>n</sup> as  $d > 1$   
and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{So, } U(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-d}]) = \{\pm 1\}$$

③ If  $m \geq 2$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}], \quad N(a + b\sqrt{m}) = 1$$

$$a^2 - mb^2 = \pm 1$$

$\hookrightarrow$  infinite sol<sup>n</sup>

Famous example,

$$x^2 - dy^2 = \pm 1$$

Pell's eq<sup>n</sup>

infinite no sol<sup>n</sup>

e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}], \quad a^2 - 2b^2 = \pm 1$

$$a = 1, b = 1$$

$$1 + \sqrt{2} = \alpha$$

or

$$a = 3, b = 2$$

$$9 - 2 \cdot 4 = \beta$$



$$N(\alpha^2) = 1$$

$$N(\alpha^3) = 1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_0 = 1, \quad y_0 = 1$$

$$x_1 = 3, \quad y_1 = 2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_n, \quad y_n$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + 2y_n, \quad y_{n+1} = x_n + y_n$$

$$(1 + \sqrt{2})^2 = 1 + 2 + 2\sqrt{2} = \boxed{3} + \boxed{2}\sqrt{2}$$

$$(x_n + y_n\sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2}) = (x_n + 2y_n) + (x_n + y_n)\sqrt{2}$$

e.g.

$$R = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$$

$$6 = 2 \cdot 3 = (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5})$$

$$2, 3, 1 \pm \sqrt{-5} \quad \text{irreducible}$$

$$\alpha = (2, 3, 1 \pm \sqrt{-5}) \quad \text{irreducible}$$

$$N(\alpha) \in \{4, 9, 6\}$$

If  $\alpha = \beta\gamma$  proper divisors

then  $N(\beta) \in \{2, 3\}$

$$\beta = a + b\sqrt{-5} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad a^2 + 5b^2 = 2, 3 \quad \times$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$  is NOT a UFD

2 is irred, but NOT prime

why? because  $2 \mid 6$  but  $2 \nmid (1 + \sqrt{-5})$  and  $2 \nmid (1 - \sqrt{-5})$

$$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-7}] \quad , \quad 8 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = \underbrace{(1+\sqrt{-7})}_{\text{irred}} \underbrace{(1-\sqrt{-7})}_{\text{irred}}$$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.14

$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{m}]$  satisfies ACC (on principal ideals)

Proof

Take  $(a_1) \subseteq (a_2) \subseteq \dots \subseteq (a_n) \subseteq \dots$

$$a_n \mid a_{n-1}, \quad a_{n-1} \mid a_{n-2}, \quad \dots, \quad a_2 \mid a_1$$

$$\Rightarrow N(a_n) \mid N(a_{n-1}), \quad \dots, \quad N(a_2) \mid N(a_1)$$

So,  $N(a_1) \geq N(a_2) \geq \dots \geq N(a_n) \geq \dots$

$$\Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \underbrace{N(a_n) = N(a_k)}_{a_n \mid a_k} \quad \forall n \geq k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a_n \sim a_k \quad \forall n \geq k$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$(a_n) = (a_k) \quad \forall n \geq k \quad \square$$

gcd and lcm

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.14

$R$  UFD,  $a, b \in R$ , we say that  $d$  is a gcd of  $a$  and  $b$  if:

$$i) \quad d \mid a, \quad d \mid b \quad (\Leftrightarrow) \quad (a) \subseteq (d), \quad (b) \subseteq (d)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a) + (b) \subseteq (d)$$

$$ii) \quad \forall e \in R \text{ s.t. } e \mid a, \quad e \mid b \text{ we have } e \mid d$$

$$(\forall e \text{ s.t. } (a) + (b) \subseteq (e) \Rightarrow (d) \subseteq (e))$$

Examples

① If  $R$  ED we can compute  $\gcd(a, b)$  using the Euclidean algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}, \quad 60 &= 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \\ 28 &= 2^2 \cdot 7 \\ 90 &= 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\gcd(60, 28) \text{ is } 4$$

$\gcd(60, 90)$  is 30  
why? take prime with lowest exponent, i.e. 2, 3, 5 and multiply,  $2 \times 3 \times 5 = 30$

Remark:  $\gcd$  is only defined up to associates

②  $R$  is a UFD,  $a = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}$   
 $b = p_1^{\beta_1} \cdots p_r^{\beta_r}$ ,  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow d = p_1^{\delta_1} \cdots p_r^{\delta_r}$  w/  $\delta_i = \min(\alpha_i, \beta_i)$

$$d = \gcd(a, b)$$

③ If  $R$  PID,  $a, b \in R$   
 $(a) + (b) \subseteq R$

$(d)$  as  $R$  PID  $\Rightarrow \underline{d = \gcd(a, b)}$

as  $(a) \subseteq (d)$ ,  $(b) \subseteq (d)$

any  $e$  s.t.  $(a) \subseteq (e)$

$\Rightarrow \underline{(a) + (b) \subseteq (e)}$

$\stackrel{ii)}{=} (d)$

$$(d) = (a) + (b) = \{ha + kb \mid h, k \in R\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists h, k \in R \text{ s.t. } d = ha + kb$$

Bézout's Identity

Note from Sheet 4:  $(a) \cap (b) = \text{lcm}(a, b)$

$$\text{gcd}(ca, cb) = c \text{gcd}(a, b)$$

pretty much all the stuff we know about gcd holds here

### Fields of Fractions

$$R \text{ ID}, S \subseteq R$$

multiplicatively closed (submonoid)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \in S, 0 \notin S \\ s, t \in S \Rightarrow st \in S \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$R \times S = \{(a, s) \mid a \in R, s \in S\}$$

$$\text{define } (a, s) \sim (b, t) \Leftrightarrow at = bs$$

$\sim$  is an equivalence relation (Exercise to check:  
 $as \sim as, a s \sim s a,$   
 $a s \sim b t \text{ and } b t \sim c u$   
 $\Rightarrow a s \sim c u$ )

$$\text{Define } \frac{a}{s} := \{(a', s') \mid (a', s') \sim (a, s)\}$$

$$R \times S \underset{\sim}{=} := \left\{ \frac{a}{s} \mid a \in R, s \in S \right\}$$

$$\frac{a}{s} + \frac{b}{t} = \frac{at + bs}{st}$$

$$\frac{a}{s} \cdot \frac{b}{t} = \frac{ab}{st}$$

$\Rightarrow R \times S \underset{\sim}{=} \text{ is a ring}$   
 $\parallel$   
 $S^{-1}R$

Examples

$$1/ \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} = \mathbb{Z} \left[ \frac{1}{p} \right] = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid p \nmid b \right\} = S^{-1} \mathbb{Z}$$

$$w/ \quad S = \left\{ b \in \mathbb{Z} \mid p \nmid b \right\} = \mathbb{Z} \setminus (p) \\ \left\{ c \in \mathbb{Z} \mid p \mid c \right\} = (p)$$

$$2/ R \text{ ID } P \trianglelefteq R \text{ prime ideal } S = R \setminus P$$

mult. closed as  $p$  prime ideal if  $a, b \in P$ ,  
 $ab \in P \Rightarrow ab \notin S$

$$S^{-1}R = \left\{ \frac{a}{s} \mid a \in R, s \notin P \right\} = R_P \quad \text{localization of } R \text{ at } P$$

$$3/ R \text{ ID } (ab=0 \Rightarrow a=0 \text{ or } b=0 \\ \text{or } a \neq 0, b \neq 0 \Rightarrow ab \neq 0)$$

$$S = R^* = R \setminus \{0\} \quad \text{is mult. closed}$$

$$S^{-1}R = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in R, b \neq 0 \right\} = Q(R)$$

for ring of Quotients,  
NOT the Quotient ring

Properties

$$1/ S^{-1}R \text{ ring}$$

$$2/ \text{There is an injective ring homomorphism, } \varphi: R \rightarrow S^{-1}R$$

$$\varphi: R \rightarrow S^{-1}R$$

$$r \mapsto \frac{r}{1}$$

$$3/ \forall s \in S, \varphi(s) = \frac{s}{1}$$

if  $R$  ID, though  $R$  ID is only one  
of relevance to us

$$\frac{s}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{s} = 1 \Rightarrow \varphi(s) \in U(R)$$

In particular, if  $S = R^*$ ,  $S^{-1}R = Q(R)$

$\forall s \in S$ , s.t.  $s \neq 0 \Rightarrow s \in U(Q(R)) \Rightarrow Q(R)$  field

$Q(R) \equiv$  field of fractions of  $R$

Examples

~~$Q(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Q}$~~

$$Q(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Q}$$

$$Q(\mathbb{F}[x]) = \left\{ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \mid g(x) \neq 0 \right\} \equiv \text{rational functions}$$

$$R \text{ UFD} \longrightarrow Q = Q(R)$$

$$R[x] \subseteq Q[x]$$

Polynomial Rings over Domains

Goal:  $R \text{ UFD} \Rightarrow R[x] \text{ UFD}$

Strategy:  $R \text{ UFD} \Rightarrow R \text{ ID}$ ,  $Q = Q(R)$  field

$$R[x] \subseteq Q[x] \text{ ID}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2x^2 + 4 \in \mathbb{Z}[x] \\ &= 2(x^2 + 4) \end{aligned}$$

$\lceil f(x) \text{ irred in } \mathbb{Q}[x] \rceil$

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.15

$R$  UFD,  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \in R[x]$

we say that  $f$  is primitive if  $\gcd(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$   
 i.e.  $\nexists p$  prime s.t.  $p \mid a_i \forall i = 0, \dots, n$

Example

i)  $2x+1$  primitive in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$

ii) If  $f(x)$  is monic  $\Rightarrow f$  is primitive

iii) If  $f(x)$  is irred  $\Rightarrow f$  is primitive

Lemma 2.1

$R$  UFD,  $Q = Q(R)$

$f \in Q[x] \Rightarrow \exists \lambda \in Q^* \tilde{f} \in R[x]$  primitive

$f \neq 0$  s.t.  $f = \lambda \cdot \tilde{f}$

Moreover,  $\lambda$  and  $\tilde{f}$  are unique up to multiplication by a unit of  $R$ .

Proof

$f(x) \in Q[x], f \neq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{a_0}{b_0} + \frac{a_1}{b_1}x + \dots + \frac{a_n}{b_n}x^n$

$a_i, b_i \in R, b_i \neq 0$

$r = b_0 \dots b_n, a'_i = \frac{a_i r}{b_i} = a_i b_0 b_1 \dots b_{i-1} b_{i+1} \dots b_n \in R$

$d = \gcd(a'_0, \dots, a'_n), c_i = \frac{a'_i}{d} \in R$

$d \mid a'_0, \dots, a'_n$

$$\tilde{f} = c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_n x^n, \quad \text{where } f = \frac{d \tilde{f}}{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(c_0, \dots, c_n) &= \gcd\left(\frac{a_0'}{d}, \dots, \frac{a_n'}{d}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{d} \gcd(a_0', \dots, a_n') = \frac{1}{d} \cdot d = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{f}$  is primitive

### Uniqueness

Assume  $f = \lambda \tilde{f} = \mu \tilde{g}$  for  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{Q}^*$   
 $\tilde{f}, \tilde{g} \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  primitive

$\lceil a, b, c, d$  etc independent  $\rceil$   
 $\lceil \text{of first part of proof} \rceil$

$$\lambda = \frac{a}{b} \quad (b \neq 0), \quad \mu = \frac{c}{d} \quad (d \neq 0)$$

$$\tilde{f} = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n, \quad \tilde{g} = b_0 + b_1 x + \dots + b_n x^n$$

$$\frac{a}{b} (a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n) = \frac{c}{d} (b_0 + \dots + b_n x^n)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \frac{a_i}{b} = c \frac{b_i}{d} \quad \forall i = 0, \dots, n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a d a_i = b c b_i \quad \forall i = 0, \dots, n$$

$$a d = a d \cdot 1 \stackrel{\tilde{f} \text{ primitive}}{=} (a d) \cdot \gcd(a_0, \dots, a_n)$$

after this, we have equality.

We have equality up to associates.

So, should write

(\*)

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} \gcd(a d a_0, \dots, a d a_n)$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} \gcd(b c b_0, \dots, b c b_n)$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} b c \gcd(b_0, \dots, b_n)$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} b c \cdot 1 = b c$$



$\therefore ad = bc$  up to associates

$$\text{i.e. } ad \sim bc \Rightarrow \exists u \in U(R) \text{ s.t. } bc = uad$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{c}{d} = u \cdot \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mu = a \cdot \lambda$$

$$ada_i = bc b_i$$

$$\frac{a}{b} a_i = \frac{c}{d} b_i = u \cdot \frac{a}{b} b_i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a_i = u b_i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b_i = u^{-1} a_i \quad \forall i = 0, \dots, n$$

$$\tilde{g} = u^{-1} \tilde{f} \quad \square$$

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.16

If  $f \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ ,  $f(x) = \lambda \tilde{f}$  as before.  
We call  $\lambda$  the content of  $f$  ( $\lambda = c(f)$ )  
 $\tilde{f}$  the primitive part of  $f$

Example

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{3} + \frac{8}{21}x + 2x^2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 21} (21 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 8x + 63 \cdot 2x^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{63} (2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 + 2^3 \cdot 3x + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 21x^2)$$

$$= \frac{6}{63} (14 + 4x + 21x^2)$$

$$= \frac{2}{21} \tilde{f}$$

$$\gcd(14, 4, 21) = 1$$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.15

$R$  UFD,  $Q = Q(R)$ ,  $f \in R[x]$ ,  $f \neq 0$ ,  
then:

1. If  $\lambda \in Q^* \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c(\lambda f) = \lambda c(f) \\ c(\tilde{\lambda} f) = \tilde{f} \end{cases} \quad \lambda f = c(\lambda f) \cdot (\tilde{\lambda} f)$
2.  $f \in R[x] \Leftrightarrow c(f) \in R$
3.  $f \in R[x]$  then  $f$  is primitive  $\Leftrightarrow c(f) = 1$
4.  $f, g \in R[x]$  primitive and  $f \sim g$  in  $Q[x]$   
 $\Rightarrow f \sim g$  in  $R[x]$

Proof

$$1. \lambda f = c(\lambda f) \cdot (\tilde{\lambda} f) \quad \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c(\lambda f) = \lambda c(f) \\ c(\tilde{\lambda} f) = \tilde{f} \end{cases}$$

$\stackrel{||}{\lambda c(f)} \tilde{f}$  primitive  
 $\neq 0$

$$2. \Rightarrow \text{Trivial} \quad f = \text{gcd}(a_0, \dots, a_n) \left( \frac{a_0}{d} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{d} x^n \right)$$

$\in R$       primitive

$$\Leftrightarrow c(f) \in R$$

$$\tilde{f} \in R[x] \Rightarrow c(\tilde{f}) \tilde{f} \in R[x] \Rightarrow \tilde{f} \in R[x]$$

$$3. f \text{ primitive} \Leftrightarrow f = \tilde{f} \Leftrightarrow c(f) = 1$$

$$4. f, g \text{ primitive} \Rightarrow c(f) = c(g) = 1$$

$$f \sim g \text{ in } Q[x] \Rightarrow \exists \lambda \in Q^* \text{ s.t. } g = \lambda f$$

$$1 = c(g) = c(\lambda f) = \lambda c(f) = \lambda \quad (\text{up to unit of } R)$$

$$\Rightarrow f \sim g \text{ in } R[x]$$

□

Lemma 2.2 (Gauss' Lemma)

$f, g$  primitive  $\Rightarrow fg$  primitive

Proof

$$f = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n, \quad g = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_mx^m$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall p \text{ prime} \quad \exists i \text{ s.t. } p \mid a_0, p \mid a_1, \dots, p \mid a_{i-1}, p \nmid a_i$$

$$\exists j \text{ s.t. } p \mid b_0, p \mid b_1, \dots, p \mid b_{j-1}, p \nmid b_j$$

$$\Rightarrow fg = \dots + c_{i+j}x^{i+j} + \dots$$

$$c_{i+j} = \underbrace{a_0 b_{i+j} + a_1 b_{i+j-1} + \dots + a_i b_j}_{A} + \dots + \underbrace{a_{i+j} b_0}_{B}$$

$$p \mid A, p \mid B, p \nmid a_i b_j$$

$$\Rightarrow p \nmid c_{i+j}$$

$$\Rightarrow fg \text{ primitive}$$

Consequence of Gauss' Lemma:  $c(fg) = c(f)c(g)$

Proof

$$f = c(f) \tilde{f}, \quad g = c(g) \tilde{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow fg = c(f)c(g) \tilde{f}\tilde{g}$$

$$= c(f)c(g) \tilde{fg} \quad \text{by Gauss}$$

$$\Rightarrow c(f)c(g) = c(fg)$$

uniqueness

□

Prop<sup>n</sup> 2.16  $f \in R[x]$

- If  $\deg f = 0$   
 $f$  irred in  $R[x] \Leftrightarrow f$  irred in  $R$
- If  $\deg f \geq 1$ ,  $f$  primitive  
 $f$  irred in  $R[x] \Leftrightarrow f$  irred in  $\mathcal{Q}[x]$

Proof  
 ①  $\deg f = 0 \Rightarrow f \in R$

Suppose  $f$  is reducible in  $R[x]$ ,  $f = gh$

$$\deg(g) + \deg(h) = \deg f = 0$$

because  $f$  and hence  $g, h \neq 0$

$$\deg h = \deg g = 0 \Rightarrow h, g \in R$$

$f$  irred in  $R \Rightarrow f$  irred in  $R[x]$

Converse is trivial

$f = 2x \in \mathcal{Q}[x]$ ,  $f$  is irred as 2 is a unit  
 $\in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ,  $f$  is not irred as 2 is not a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$

②  $f$  primitive. Suppose  $f$  is irreducible in  $R[x]$

Suppose  $f = gh$  in  $\mathcal{Q}[x]$

$$\text{primitive } g = c(g)\tilde{g}, \quad h = c(h)\tilde{h}$$

So,

$$f = c(g)c(h)\tilde{g}\tilde{h}$$

primitive by Gauss

$$c(g)c(h) = 1$$

$\Rightarrow f = \tilde{g}\tilde{h}$  ~~X~~ as we supposed  $f$  is irred in  $R[x]$

• We showed:  $f$  irred in  $R[x] \Rightarrow f$  irred in  $Q[x]$   
(converse is trivial)

□

Example we had does not contradict this as the example is not primitive

Theorem 2.1

$R$  UFD  $\Rightarrow R[x]$  UFD

Proof

$f \in R[x]$   $f \neq 0$

If  $\deg f = 0$  then  $R$  UFD,  $f$  has a unique factorisation into irreducibles.  $f = p_1 \dots p_r$ ,  $p_i$ 's irred

If  $\deg f \geq 1$ , in  $Q[x]$ ,  $f = f_1 \dots f_r$ ,  $f_i \in Q[x]$

$f = c(f) \cdot \tilde{f}$ ,  $\tilde{f} \in R[x]$  primitive

$c(f) = c(f_1) \dots c(f_r)$  (Gauss)

$f_i = c(f_i) \tilde{f}_i$ ,  $\tilde{f}_i$  primitive

$\therefore f = c(f_1) \dots c(f_r) \tilde{f}_1 \dots \tilde{f}_r$

$\tilde{f}_i$ 's are primitive irred in  $Q[x] \Rightarrow \tilde{f}_i$  irred in  $R[x]$

$c(f_1), \dots, c(f_r) \in R$ ,  $R$  UFD

It has a factor into irred in  $R$  (hence in  $R[x]$ )

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This shows the existence.

Uniqueness:

$$\text{Suppose } f = \underbrace{p_1 \cdots p_s}_{\in R} \underbrace{f_1 \cdots f_k}_{\deg > 1} = q_1 \cdots q_{s'} g_1 \cdots g_{k'}$$

$f_i$ 's,  $g_i$ 's are irred in  $R[x]$ , hence primitive  
(because  $f_i = c(f_i) \tilde{f}_i \Rightarrow c(f_i) = 1$  because  $f_i$  irred)

By Gauss,  $f_1 \cdots f_k$  and  $g_1 \cdots g_{k'}$  are primitive  
 $\Rightarrow p_1 \cdots p_s = c(f) = q_1 \cdots q_{s'}$   
up to a unit

$$R \text{ UFD} \Rightarrow s = s'$$

$$p_i = q_i \quad \text{after permutation}$$

$$f_1 \cdots f_k = g_1 \cdots g_{k'}$$

not shown

$f_i$ 's,  $g_i$ 's primitive irred in  $R[x]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$

$$\mathbb{Q}[x] \text{ UFD} \Rightarrow k = k'$$

$$f_i = g_i \quad \text{after permutation} \quad \square$$

Examples

$\mathbb{Z}[x]$  is UFD, NOT a PID

$(2, x)$  is not principal

$R$  field,  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  UFD

why? More generally

$R$  UFD, then  $R[x_1, \dots, x_n] = R[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}][x_n]$   
UFD

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$\mathbb{R}[x, y]$  UFD, not a PID  
 $(x, y)$  not principal

$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = \mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^2+5)$  NOT a UFD

$$9 = 3 \cdot 3 = (2 + \sqrt{-5})(2 - \sqrt{-5})$$

Two really different factorizations

i)  $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^2+1)$  is a UFD

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

$f = y^2 = x^3$   $\bar{x}, \bar{y}$  images of  $x$  &  $y$  in  $R$

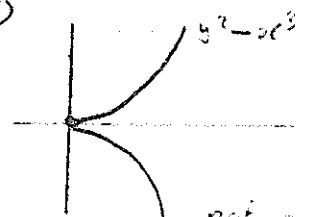
Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= u \cdot \bar{y} \\ \bar{x}^3 &= u^3 \bar{y}^3 \\ &\quad \quad \quad \downarrow \\ &= v \bar{y} \cdot \bar{y}^2 \\ &= v \bar{y} \bar{x}^3 \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= v \bar{y} \Rightarrow \bar{y} \text{ is a unit} \end{aligned}$$

$$y \cdot v(x, y) = 1 + f(y^2 - x^3)$$

not possible because: make  $y=0 \Rightarrow 0=1$

So,  $R = \mathbb{R}[x, y]/(y^2 - x^3)$  is not a UFD



not a UFD,  
 singular

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$$\text{iii/ } R = \mathbb{R}[x, y]/(y - x^2) \cong \mathbb{R}[x] \quad \therefore \text{UFD}$$

$$\mathbb{R}[x] \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbb{R}[x, y] \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{R}[x, y]/(y - x^2)$$

$$\downarrow \text{Euclidean division}$$

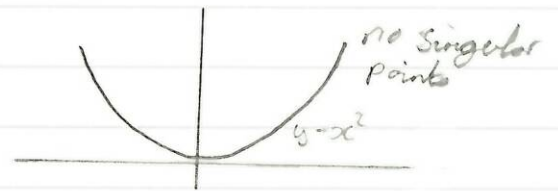
$$f = q(y - x^2) + r, \quad r \in \mathbb{R}[x]$$

clearly surjective

$\therefore$  any  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$ ,  $\varphi(r) = f$   $\varphi$  is surjective

$\varphi$  injective as  $r$  is unique

$\therefore \varphi$  is an isomorphism







# Chapter 3: Modules

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.1

commutative unless otherwise stated

$R$  ring, a module over  $R$  ( $R$ -mod) is an abelian group  $(M, +)$  together with an operation

$$R \times M \longrightarrow M$$

no mult on  $M$

$$(r, m) \longmapsto r \cdot m = rm$$

do not confuse with mult on ring as  $m$  does not need to be an element on the ring

satisfying:

M1: Distributivity -  $r(m+n) = rm + rn$

M2: Distributivity w.r.t. addition on ring -  $(r+s)m = rm + sm$

M3: Pseudo-associativity -  $(rs)m = r(sm)$   
product on ring

M4: Modularity -  $1 \cdot m = m$

$\forall m, n \in M$   
 $\forall r, s \in R$

Examples

1/ If  $F$  is a field, modules  $\overline{F}$  are precisely vector spaces  $\overline{F}$   $\overline{F}$ -mods  $\equiv$  v.s  $\overline{F}$

2/  $R = \mathbb{Z}$   $(G, +)$  abelian group

$$\mathbb{Z} \times G \longrightarrow G$$

$$(n, g) \longmapsto n \cdot g = \begin{cases} \underbrace{g + g + \dots + g}_n, & \text{if } n > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ \underbrace{(-g) + (-g) + \dots + (-g)}_{-n}, & \text{if } n < 0 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow G$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ -mods  $\equiv$  Abelian groups

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$$\mathbb{R}^3 \quad \mathbb{R}[x]_2 = \{ p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x] \mid \deg(p) \leq 2 \} \quad \left. \vphantom{\mathbb{R}[x]_2} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{isomorphic as} \\ \text{same dim} \end{array}$$

$$G\text{-abelian group } \Rightarrow G = \mathbb{Z}^5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/d_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/d_2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/d_r\mathbb{Z}$$

(f.g.)

$$3/ \quad \mathbb{F}[x] \quad M \text{ } \mathbb{F}[x]\text{-module} \Rightarrow M \text{ } \mathbb{F}\text{-mod} \\ \Rightarrow M = V \text{ } v.s. / \mathbb{F}$$

$$\mathbb{F}[x] \times M \longrightarrow M \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \mathbb{F} \times M \longrightarrow M$$

$$V \text{ } v.s. / \mathbb{F} \quad \mathbb{F}[x] \times V \longrightarrow V \\ \text{define } \alpha: V \longrightarrow V \\ v \longmapsto \alpha(v) = x \cdot v$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha(v+w) = x(v+w) = xv + xw = \alpha(v) + \alpha(w) \\ \alpha(\lambda v) = x(\lambda v) = (x\lambda)v = (\lambda x)v = \lambda(xv) = \lambda\alpha(v) \end{array} \quad \left| \Rightarrow \alpha \text{ linear map} \right.$$

So, to each  $\mathbb{F}[x]\text{-mod}$  we can associate a pair  $(V, \alpha)$  where  $V \text{ } v.s. / \mathbb{F}$

$$\alpha: V \longrightarrow V \quad (\text{linear map})$$

Conversely, given  $(V, \alpha)$  we can define

$$\mathbb{F}[x] \times V \longrightarrow V \\ (p(x), v) \longmapsto p(x)v$$

e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} (x^3 - 2x + 3)v &= \underbrace{x^3 v}_{\alpha^3(v)} - \underbrace{2xv}_{-2\alpha(v)} + \underbrace{3v}_{3v} \\ &= \underbrace{\alpha^3(v)}_{\alpha(\alpha(\alpha(v)))} - 2\alpha(v) + 3v \end{aligned}$$

fine as  $V \text{ } v.s.$

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$$\mathbb{F}[x]\text{-mods} = (V, \alpha) \quad V \text{ v.s. } \mathbb{F}$$

$$\alpha: V \rightarrow V \text{ linear}$$

$$\text{If } V = \mathbb{Q}^n, \quad \alpha: \mathbb{Q}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^n$$

$$v \mapsto \alpha(v) = Av$$

$$\alpha \rightsquigarrow A \in M_n(\mathbb{Q})$$

$$\text{by change of basis } A \rightsquigarrow P^{-1}AP$$

and here we come to JNF over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . However, we cannot expect to find JNF over an arbitrary ring. So, we shall come to Rational Canonical Form.

The guiding theory to this part of the course is to mimic Linear Algebra with fields.

Example

$R$  ring

$$R \times R \rightarrow R$$

$$(r, s) \mapsto rs$$

$$\Rightarrow R \text{ is an } R\text{-mod}, \quad {}_R R$$

Notation: If  $M$   $R$ -mod, sometimes we write  ${}_R M$

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.2

$M$   $R$ -mod,  $P \subseteq M$ , we say that  $P$  is a submodule of  $M$  if  $P \subseteq M$  subgroup of  $M$  and  $\forall p \in P, \forall r \in R$   
 $\Rightarrow rp \in P$

↖ looks like absorbency

Examples

①  $R$  ring,  $M = {}_R R$

subgroup satisfying  
 $\{P \subseteq P \text{ (absorbers)}\}$

$P \subseteq {}_R R$  submodule  $\Leftrightarrow P \trianglelefteq R$  ideal

②  $M$   $R$ -mod  $\Rightarrow 0 = \{0\} \subseteq M$  Zero submodule  
 $M \subseteq M$  Total submodule

③  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $G$  abelian group ( $\equiv \mathbb{Z}$ -mod)  
 $H \subseteq G$  submodule  $\Leftrightarrow H \subseteq G$  subgroup

④  $R = \mathbb{F}$  field,  $M = V$  v.s./ $\mathbb{F}$

$W \subseteq V$  submodule  $\Leftrightarrow W \subseteq V$  subspace sp

⑤  $R, S$  rings  $\varphi: R \rightarrow S$  ring hom  
 $M$   $S$ -module

$\Rightarrow$  The map  $R \times M \rightarrow M$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & S \times M & \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ (r, m) & \mapsto & r * m := \underbrace{\varphi(r)}_{\in M} m \end{array}$$

gives an  $R$ -mod structure on  $M$

In particular, if  $R \subseteq S$  subring, then every  $S$ -mod  
 is also an  $R$ -mod - Restriction of Scalars

Prop 3.1

$R$  ring,  $M$   $R$ -mod,  $A, B \subseteq M$  submods.

Then

$\perp$   $A \cap B$  is a submodule

$\parallel$   $A + B = \{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\} \subseteq M$  submod

Proof

Exercise  $\square$

## Cyclic Modules and Finitely Generated Modules

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.3

$R$  ring,  $M$   $R$ -mod,  $x \in M$ , then we define  
 $Rx := \{rx \mid r \in R\}$  the cyclic submodule of  $M$  generated by  $x$

Example

$$M = {}_R R, \quad x \in R \Rightarrow Rx = (x)$$

If  $A \leq M$  submod s.t.  $A = Rx$  for some  $x \in M$ , we say that  $A$  is a cyclic module (generated by  $x$ ).

e.g.

$$\mathbb{F} \text{ field, } \mathbb{F}v = \text{span}\{v\} \quad v \in V, v \neq 0$$

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.4

$M$   $R$ -mod,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in M$   
 $\Rightarrow Rx_1 + Rx_2 + \dots + Rx_n = \{r_1x_1 + r_2x_2 + \dots + r_nx_n \mid r_i \in R\}$   
 submodule generated by  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

If  $M = Rx_1 + \dots + Rx_n$  we say that  $M$  is finitely generated and that  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is a generating set of  $M$

N.B. Think of finitely generated being kind of like finite dimensional

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Def<sup>n</sup> 3.5

$M$   $R$ -mod,  $P \subseteq M$  submod, for any  $x \in M$   
define  $x + P = \bar{x} := \{x + y \mid y \in P\}$

$$M/P = \{x + P \mid x \in M\}$$

$$(x + P) + (y + P) = (x + y) + P$$

$$r \cdot (x + P) = rx + P$$

↑ not  $rP$  as we have ~~not~~ absorbing,  $rP \subseteq P$

with these operations,  $M/P$  is an  $R$ -mod, called the quotient of  $M$  by  $P$

Remark:

$$x + P = y + P \Leftrightarrow x - y \in P$$

$$x + P = 0 (= 0 + P) \Leftrightarrow x \in P$$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.2

$M$   $R$ -mod s.t.  $M = Rx_1 + \dots + Rx_n$

$P \subseteq M$  submod  $\Rightarrow M/P$  is finitely generated and  $\{\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_n\}$  is a generating set for  $M/P$

Proof

$$M/P = \{m + P \mid m \in M\}$$

take  $m \in M \Rightarrow \exists r_1, \dots, r_n$  s.t.  ~~$m = r_1 x_1 + \dots + r_n x_n$~~ ,  $m = r_1 x_1 + \dots + r_n x_n$

$$\Rightarrow m + P = (r_1 x_1 + \dots + r_n x_n) + P$$

$$= (r_1 x_1 + P) + \dots + (r_n x_n + P)$$

$$= r_1 \underbrace{(x_1 + P)}_{\bar{x}_1} + \dots + r_n \underbrace{(x_n + P)}_{\bar{x}_n}$$

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$$= r_1 \bar{x}_1 + \dots + r_n \bar{x}_n$$

$$\Rightarrow M/P = R\bar{x}_1 + \dots + R\bar{x}_n \quad \square$$

### Corollary 3.1

If  $M = R\alpha$  cyclic,  $P \subseteq M$   
 $\Rightarrow M/P$  is ~~also~~ cyclic (and  $M/P = R\bar{\alpha}$ )

### Module Homomorphisms

#### Def<sup>n</sup> 3.6

$R$  ring,  $M, N$   $R$ -mods. A map  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is a mod homomorphism if it satisfies

$\leftarrow$  also called  $R$ -linear map

$$I/ \varphi(m+m') = \varphi(m) + \varphi(m')$$

$$\varphi(0) = 0$$

$$[ \varphi(-m) = -\varphi(m) ]$$

$\leftarrow$  never really need to check this as

$$\varphi(-m) = (-1)\varphi(m)$$

$$II/ \varphi(rm) = r\varphi(m)$$

}  $\varphi$  group homs

### Examples

I/  $\text{Id}: M \rightarrow N$  mod homomorphism

$\leftarrow$  mod/ $\mathbb{F}$

II/  $\mathbb{F}$  field  $V, W$  v.s / $\mathbb{F}$

$\alpha: V \rightarrow W$  mod homomorphism  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha$  is a linear map

III/  $R$   $M, N$   $R$  mods,  $0: M \rightarrow N$  mod homs

$$m \mapsto 0$$



$$\text{IV/ } R = \mathbb{Z}, \quad M = {}_{\mathbb{Z}}\mathbb{Z} = N \quad {}_{\mathbb{Z}}\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow {}_{\mathbb{Z}}\mathbb{Z}$$

$$x \longmapsto 2x$$

mod homomorphism BUT  
not a ring homomorphism as  $1 \mapsto 2$

$$\text{V/ } R = \mathbb{Z}, \quad M = G, \quad N = H$$

$\alpha: G \rightarrow H$  mod hom  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha$  is a group hom

### Def<sup>n</sup> 3.7

$R$  ring  $M, N$   $R$ -mods,  $\alpha: M \rightarrow N$  mod homs

i/ If  $\alpha$  injective, we say that  $\alpha$  is a monomorphism

ii/ If  $\alpha$  surjective, we say that  $\alpha$  is an epimorphism

iii/ If  $\alpha$  bijective, we say that  $\alpha$  is an isomorphism

We define  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N) = \{ \alpha: M \rightarrow N \text{ s.t. } \alpha \text{ mod hom} \}$

### Property

$\alpha \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N), \quad \beta \in \text{Hom}_R(N, P)$

$\Rightarrow \beta \circ \alpha \in \text{Hom}_R(M, P)$

### Proof

Exercise  $\square$

### Def<sup>n</sup> 3.8

$\alpha \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ ,

we define:

$$\text{Ker}(\alpha) = \{ m \in M \text{ s.t. } \alpha(m) = 0 \}$$

$$\text{Im}(\alpha) = \{ n \in N \text{ s.t. } \exists m \in M \text{ s.t. } \alpha(m) = n \}$$

$$= \{ \alpha(m) \mid m \in M \}$$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.3

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ker } \alpha &\subseteq M \\ \text{Im } \alpha &\subseteq N \end{aligned}$$

| Submodule

ProofExercise  $\square$ Example

$$\text{I/ } \text{Id} : M \rightarrow M \Rightarrow \text{Ker Id} = 0$$

$$\text{Im Id} = M$$

$$\text{II/ } 0 : M \rightarrow M \Rightarrow \text{Ker}(0) = M$$

$$\text{Im}(0) = 0$$

$$\text{III/ } P \subseteq M, \pi_P : M \rightarrow M/P$$

↑  
Canonical  
projection

$$m \mapsto m + P$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_P \in \text{Hom}_R(M, M/P)$$

$$\text{Ker } \pi_P = P$$

$$\text{Im } \pi_P = M/P$$

$$\text{So, } \alpha : M \rightarrow N \text{ } R\text{-mod hom} \Leftrightarrow \alpha(a_1 m_1 + a_2 m_2) = a_1 \alpha(m_1) + a_2 \alpha(m_2)$$

$$\forall a_1, a_2 \in R$$

$$\forall m_1, m_2 \in M$$

Theorem 3.1 (First Isomorphism Theorem for Modules)

$R$  ring,

$$M, N \text{ } R\text{-mods, } \alpha \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$$

$$\Rightarrow M / \text{Ker } \alpha \cong \text{Im } \alpha$$

Proof

Take the map  $\varphi: M_{\ker \alpha} \rightarrow \text{Im } \alpha$

$$m + \ker \alpha \mapsto \alpha(m)$$

- I)  $\varphi$  well defined
- II)  $\varphi$  module homomorphism
- III)  $\varphi$  bijective

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I) } m + \ker \alpha = m' + \ker \alpha &\iff m - m' \in \ker \alpha \\ &\iff \alpha(m - m') = 0 \\ &\iff \alpha(m) = \alpha(m') \\ &\iff \varphi(m + \ker \alpha) = \varphi(m' + \ker \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \varphi$  well defined and injective

$$\begin{aligned} \text{II) } \varphi((m + \ker \alpha) + (m' + \ker \alpha)) &= \varphi((m + m') + \ker \alpha) \\ &= \alpha(m + m') \\ &= \alpha(m) + \alpha(m') \\ &= \varphi(m + \ker \alpha) + \varphi(m' + \ker \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r(m + \ker \alpha)) &= \varphi((r m) + \ker \alpha) \\ &= \alpha(r m) \\ &= r \alpha(m) \\ &= r \varphi(m + \ker \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{III) } \forall n \in \text{Im } \alpha$$

$$\exists m \in M \text{ s.t. } n = \alpha(m) = \varphi(m + \ker \alpha) \quad \square$$

Theorem 3.2

we normally work with commutative, but our def<sup>n</sup> theorems etc usually work for non-commutative (after some tweaking) - this won't

$R$  commutative ring,  $R$  mod, then  $M$  is cyclic  $\Leftrightarrow \exists I \triangleleft R$  ideal s.t.

$$M \cong_R (R/I)$$

moreover,  $I$  is unique

Proof

$\Leftarrow$   $R$  is cyclic,  $R \cdot 1 = R$

$\Rightarrow \forall I \triangleleft R$  ideal,  $I \leq_R R$  submod

corollary  $\Rightarrow R(I) \cong M$  is cyclic, generated by  $1+I$   $\square$

$\Rightarrow$

$M$  cyclic  $\Rightarrow \exists x \in M$  s.t.  $M = Rx$

Consider the (module) homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi: R &\longrightarrow M = Rx \\ r &\longmapsto rx \end{aligned}$$

$\varphi$  surjective as  $\text{Im } \varphi = M$

$\text{Ker } \varphi \leq_R R$  submod, then  $I = \text{Ker } \varphi \triangleleft R$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{1st} \\ \text{Iso} \\ \text{Thm} \end{array} \Rightarrow R/I \cong M$$

Assume  $M \cong R/I \cong R/J$  for  $I, J \triangleleft R$

$\Rightarrow \exists \beta : R/I \xrightarrow{\sim} R/J$  module isomorphism

$\Rightarrow \exists r \in R$  s.t.  $\beta(r+I) = 1+J$

For any  $z \in I \subseteq R$

$$z(r+I) = zr + I = \underline{0+I}$$

$$\beta(z(r+I)) = \beta(0+I) = 0+J$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BUT we also see } \beta(z(r+I)) &= z\beta(r+I) \\ &= z(1+J) \\ &= z+J \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z+J &= 0+J \Rightarrow z \in J \\ &\Rightarrow I \subseteq J \end{aligned}$$

If we consider  $\beta^{-1} : R/J \rightarrow R/I$

and do the same thing, we get  $J \subseteq I$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{I = J} \quad \square$$

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.9

$R$ -M,  $R$ -mod,  $X \subseteq M$  (non-empty) subset of  $M$ ,  
we define the annihilator of  $X$  by

$$\text{ann}(X) := \{r \in R \mid r \cdot x = 0 \quad \forall x \in X\}$$

N.B. In vector spaces this would only be 0. So, this is something new.

Examples

$$(i) R = \mathbb{Z}, G = \mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \dots, \bar{15}\}$$

$$\text{Pick } \bar{4} \in G, X = \{\bar{4}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{ann}(\bar{4}) &= \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \cdot \bar{4} = \bar{0}\} \\ &= \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \bar{4n} = \bar{0}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\uparrow \text{means } 16 \mid 4n \\ &\Rightarrow 4n = 4 \cdot 4k \\ &\Rightarrow n = 4k \\ &\Rightarrow 4 \mid n \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ann}(\bar{4}) = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 4 \mid n\} = (4)$$

N.B. We actually find that, by doing this, we will always get an ideal

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.4

$$(i) \text{ann}(X) \trianglelefteq R \text{ ideal}$$

$$(ii) \text{ann}(X) = \bigcap_{x \in X} \text{ann}(x)$$

Proof

$$(i) 0 \in \text{ann}(X)$$

$$r, s \in \text{ann}(X) \Rightarrow \forall x \in X \quad (r+s)x = rx + sx = \underset{0}{\parallel} + \underset{0}{\parallel} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r+s \in \text{ann}(X)$$

$$r \in \text{ann}(x), \quad r' \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall x \in X \quad (r'r) \cdot x = r'(r \cdot x) \\ = r' \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r'r \in \text{ann}(x)$$

$\therefore$  ideal  $\square$

Example

$$R \text{ ID} \quad M = R \quad , \quad x \in M \text{ s.t. } x \neq 0$$

$$\text{ann}(x) = \{r \in R \mid rx = 0\} = \{0\}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $x \neq 0 \Rightarrow r = 0$  as  $R$  ID

Remark:  $R \cdot x \subseteq M$   $R$ -mod,  $x \in M$

$R \cdot x$  cyclic

$$R \cdot x \cong R/I, \quad \text{where } I = \text{ann}(x)$$

Theorem 3.3 (2nd Isomorphism Theorem)

$M$   $R$ -mod,  $A, B \subseteq M$

submods

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{A+B}{A} \cong \frac{A \cdot B}{A \cdot B}}$$

Proof

same as that for rings  $\square$

Theorem 3.4 (3rd Isomorphism Theorem) $M$   $R$ -mod,  $P \subseteq M$ 

submod, then there is a bijection

$$\begin{aligned} \{Q \subseteq M \mid P \subseteq Q\} &\xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{\text{submods of } M/P\} \\ Q &\longmapsto Q/P \end{aligned}$$

What we  
know as  
Correspondence  
Thm

and moreover

$$M/P / Q/P \cong M/Q$$

3rd IT  
as we  
know it

ProofSame as that for rings  $\square$ Direct Sum of ModulesDef<sup>n</sup> 3.10 $M_1, \dots, M_n$   $R$ -modsDefine  $M = \{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n) \mid m_i \in M_i\}$  ( $= M_1 \times \dots \times M_n$ )set -  $(m_1, \dots, m_n) + (m'_1, \dots, m'_n) = (m_1 + m'_1, m_2 + m'_2, \dots, m_n + m'_n)$ 

$$- (m_1, \dots, m_n) = (-m_1, \dots, -m_n)$$

$$- 0 = (0_{m_1}, \dots, 0_{m_n})$$

$$- r(m_1, \dots, m_n) := (rm_1, \dots, rm_n)$$

with these operations,  $M$  becomes an  $R$ -module called the (external) direct sum of the  $M_i$ 's and we can write

$$M = M_1 \oplus \dots \oplus M_n = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$$

If we take  $M_i' = \{(0, \dots, 0, \overset{i}{\uparrow} m_i, 0, \dots, 0) \mid m_i \in M_i\}$  $\Rightarrow M_i' \subseteq M$  submodule, and  $M_i \cong M_i'$



So, we can identify  $M_i$  with  $M_i'$  and look at  $M_i$  as a submodule of  $M$ .

Q: If  $M$   $R$ -mod,  $M_1, \dots, M_n \subseteq M$  submodules

what conditions on the  $M_i$ 's ensure that

$$M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i?$$

Here, we want to 'break up'  $M$  and want to know how.

Assume  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus \dots \oplus M_n = \{(m_1, \dots, m_n) \mid m_i \in M_i\}$

For each  $m \in M \exists m_1 \in M_1, \dots, m_n \in M_n$

s.t.  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$

and  $(m_1, \dots, m_n) = (m_1, 0, \dots, 0) + (0, m_2, 0, \dots, 0) + \dots + (0, \dots, 0, m_n)$

$$m = m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n$$

i.e. each  $m$  can be written as a sum of  $m_i$ 's

$$\Rightarrow M = M_1 + \dots + M_n$$

Moreover, if  $m_i \in M_i, m_i = (0, \dots, 0, m_i, 0, \dots, 0)$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 + \dots + m_n = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m_1 = 0, m_2 = 0, \dots, m_n = 0$$

[Looks similar to LI - needs some tweaking, though]

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.11

$M$   $R$ -mod,  $M_1, \dots, M_n \subseteq M$  submodules

We say that  $\{M_1, \dots, M_n\}$  is an independent set of modules if  $m_1 + \dots + m_n = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = \dots = m_n = 0$

Remark

We just showed that:

$$\text{if } M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i \Rightarrow \begin{cases} M = M_1 + \dots + M_n \\ \{M_1, \dots, M_n\} \text{ independent set of mods} \end{cases}$$

Our goal now is to show the reverse.

If we asked if 2 modules are independent, we cannot answer that question. This is because we can ~~not~~ see any module as a sum of others and only then can we relate some sort of 'independence'.

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.5

$M$   $R$ -mod,  $M_1, \dots, M_n \subseteq M$  submods.

Then the following are equivalent:

- 1/  $\{M_1, \dots, M_n\}$  is an independent set of mods
  - 2/ Every  $m \in M_1 + \dots + M_n$  can be written as  $m = m_1 + \dots + m_n$  in a unique way and the  $M_i$
  - 3/  $\forall i = 1, \dots, n$  one has  $M_i \cap (M_1 + \dots + M_{i-1} + M_{i+1} + \dots + M_n) = 0$
- ↑ this is equiv to 2 vectors in direct sum iff  $v_i \cdot v_i = 0$

Proof

1  $\Rightarrow$  2

$$\text{Let } m \in M_1 + \dots + M_n, \quad m = m_1 + \dots + m_n \\
 = m_1' + \dots + m_n'$$

$$\therefore 0 = \underbrace{(m_1 - m_1')}_{M_1} + \dots + \underbrace{(m_n - m_n')}_{M_n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow m_1 - m_1' &= 0 \\ m_2 - m_2' &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ m_n - m_n' &= 0 \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow m_1 - m_1' &= 0 \\ m_2 - m_2' &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ m_n - m_n' &= 0 \end{aligned}} \right\} \Rightarrow m_i = m_i' \quad \forall i$$

QED (1 $\Rightarrow$ 2)

2 $\Rightarrow$ 3

Take  $m \in M_i \cap (M_1 + \dots + M_{i-1}, M_{i+1} + \dots + M_n)$

$$m \in M_i \Rightarrow m = m_i$$

and

$$m \in M_1 + \dots + M_{i-1} + M_{i+1} + \dots + M_n \Rightarrow m = m_1 + \dots + m_{i-1} + m_{i+1} + \dots + m_n$$

$$\therefore m_i = m_1 + \dots + m_{i-1} + m_{i+1} + \dots + m_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &= m_1 + \dots + m_{i-1} - m_i + m_{i+1} + \dots + m_n \\ &= 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{by uniqueness, } \begin{aligned} m_1 &= 0 \\ m_2 &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ m_i &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ m_n &= 0 \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} m_1 &= 0 \\ m_2 &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ m_i &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ m_n &= 0 \end{aligned}} \right\} \Rightarrow m = 0$$

QED (2 $\Rightarrow$ 3)

3 $\Rightarrow$ 1

Take  $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{m_2 + \dots + m_n}_{\in M_2} = \underbrace{-m_1}_{\in M_1} = x \in M_1 \cap (M_2 + \dots + M_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \quad (\text{by 3}) \Rightarrow m_1 = 0$$

$$\text{Now } 0 + m_3 + \dots + m_n = -m_2 \Rightarrow m_2 = 0 \text{ as before}$$

$$\underbrace{\in M_1 + M_3 + \dots + M_n}$$

In general,

$$m_1 + \dots + m_{i-1} + m_{i+1} + \dots + m_n = -m_i \in M_i$$

$$\underbrace{\in M_1 + \dots + M_{i-1} + M_{i+1} + \dots + M_n}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_i = 0$$

Q.E.D.

Example

$M$   $R$ -mod  $A, B \subseteq M$  submodules

$$\Rightarrow \{A, B\} \text{ independent} \Leftrightarrow A \cap B = 0$$

N.B. If we had  $A, B, C \subseteq M$  submodules,  
it is not enough to check  $A \cap B \cap C = 0$ !  
We need to check  $A \cap (B + C) = 0$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.6

$M$   $R$ -mod,  $M_1, \dots, M_n \subseteq M$  submodules,

then

$$M = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus \dots \oplus M_n \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M = M_1 + \dots + M_n \\ \text{and} \\ \{M_1, \dots, M_n\} \text{ independent} \\ \text{set of mods} \end{array} \right.$$

Proof=> | Already done=<

$$M = M_1 + \dots + M_n$$

$$\{M_i\}_{i=1}^n \text{ indep}$$

=&gt;

$\forall m \in M$  there are unique  
 $m_1 \in M_1, \dots, m_n \in M_n$  s.t.  
 $m = m_1 + \dots + m_n$

Define  $\alpha: M \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$

$$m \longmapsto (m_1, \dots, m_n)$$

← these exist and  
 are unique  
 : well defined

$\alpha$  module hom (easy)

$$\ker \alpha = \{m \mid \alpha(m) = 0 = (0, \dots, 0)\} \Rightarrow m = 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 = 0$$

$$= \{0\}$$

$$\text{Im } \alpha = \{\alpha(m) \mid m \in M\} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$$

Take  $(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$ ,  $m_i \in M_i \subseteq M$

$$\alpha(m_i) = (0, \dots, 0, m_i, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\alpha(m_1 + \dots + m_n) = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im } \alpha = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$$

$\alpha$  is surjective  $\Rightarrow \alpha$  isomorphism

$$\Rightarrow M \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i \quad \square$$

N.B. Often we will say two things are equal and show they are isomorphic, this is as good as we can get here

Notation: If  $M_1 = M_2 = \dots = M_n = M$

$$\Rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i = M \oplus M \oplus \dots \oplus M = M^n$$

## Free Modules

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.12

Let  $R$  be a ring, a module of the form

$$F = ({}_R R)^n = \underset{R}{R} \oplus \underset{R}{R} \oplus \dots \oplus \underset{R}{R}$$

no confusion as no direct product of rings. To be super precise, include subscript  $R$ .

will ~~include~~ be called a free module (of rank  $n$ ) over  $R$

In a sense, these will be the easiest modules we can construct (apart from 0-mod and trivial-mod)

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.13

$M$   $R$ -mod,  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\} \subseteq M$  subset.

We say that  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is a basis of  $M$  if  $\forall m \in M$

$\exists$  unique  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$  s.t.

$$m = r_1 e_1 + \dots + r_n e_n$$

Remark: If  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  basis of  $M$  and  $r \in R$  s.t.  
 $r \cdot e_i = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{ann}(e_i) = 0$

$$Re_i \cong R / \underset{0}{\text{ann}(e_i)} = R$$

$$\therefore Re_i \cong R$$

Theorem 3.5

$R$  ring,  $M$   $R$ -mod, then ~~then~~  
 $M$  has a basis  $\Leftrightarrow M$  is free

Proof

$\Rightarrow$   $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\} \subseteq M$  basis  $\Rightarrow \forall m \in M \exists$  <sup>unique</sup>  $r_i$

$$r_i \in R \text{ s.t. } m = r_1 e_1 + \dots + r_n e_n$$

Define  $\alpha: M \rightarrow R^n$   
 $m \mapsto (r_1, \dots, r_n)$

$\alpha$  is a mod hom (easy)

$$\text{Ker } \alpha = 0$$

$$\text{Im } \alpha = R^n$$

$$(r_1, \dots, r_n) = \alpha(r_1 e_1 + \dots + r_n e_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im } \alpha = R^n$$

$\Rightarrow M \cong R^n \Rightarrow M$  is free

$$\Leftarrow M = R^n = \{(r_1, \dots, r_n) \mid r_i \in R\}$$

$e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $e_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $e_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$   
 $\Rightarrow \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  basis of  $R^n$   $\square$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.6

$F = R^n$  free  $R$ -mod with basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$   
 $M$   $R$ -mod, then  $\forall m_1, \dots, m_n \in M$  there is a unique  
 module homomorphism  $\varphi: R^n \rightarrow M$   
 s.t.  $\varphi(e_i) = m_i$

Proof

Assume  $\varphi: R^n \rightarrow M$  mod hom s.t.  $\varphi(e_i) = m_i$   
 $\forall x \in R^n$  there are unique  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$  s.t.

$$x = r_1 e_1 + \dots + r_n e_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x) &= \varphi(r_1 e_1 + \dots + r_n e_n) = \varphi(r_1 e_1) + \dots + \varphi(r_n e_n) \\ &= r_1 \varphi(e_1) + \dots + r_n \varphi(e_n) \\ &= \underline{r_1 m_1 + \dots + r_n m_n} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi$  is unique

Now, define  $\varphi(x) = r_1 m_1 + \dots + r_n m_n$ , where  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i e_i$

$\varphi$  is a mod hom (easy)

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(e_i) &= 0 \cdot m_1 + \dots + 0 \cdot m_{i-1} + 1 \cdot m_i + 0 \cdot m_{i+1} + \dots + 0 \cdot m_n \\ &= m_i \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.7

$M$  finitely generated  $R$ -mod  
 $\Rightarrow \exists F$  free  $R$ -mod and  $P \subseteq F$  submod  
 s.t.  $M = F/P$



Proof  $M$  finitely generated  $\Rightarrow \exists m_1, \dots, m_n \in M$  s.t.  
 $M = Rm_1 + Rm_2 + \dots + Rm_n$

Take  $F = R^n \Rightarrow F$  has a basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$

By prop<sup>n</sup> 3.6  $\exists \varphi: F \rightarrow M$  mod hom

$$s.t. \quad \varphi(e_i) = m_i$$

$\forall m \in M \exists r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$  s.t.  $m = r_1 m_1 + \dots + r_n m_n$   
 why? Because  $M = Rm_1 + Rm_2 + \dots + Rm_n$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(r_1 e_1 + \dots + r_n e_n) = m$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im } \varphi = M$$

$\text{Ker } \varphi$  may not be 0 as  $m = r_1 m_1 + \dots + r_n m_n$   
 may ~~not~~ not be unique.

$$\text{BUT } P = \text{Ker } \varphi \leq F \xrightarrow[\text{Thm}]{\text{1st iso}} M \cong F/P \quad \square$$

### Theorem 3.6

$R$  PID  
 If  $R^m \cong R^n \Rightarrow m = n$

Proof [Sketch of last year's proof - online] 7

$$I \triangleleft R \text{ maximal, } R/I \text{ field}$$

$$\varphi: R^m \xrightarrow{\sim} R^n \longrightarrow \tilde{\varphi}: (R/I)^m \xrightarrow{\sim} (R/I)^n$$

Let  $\mathcal{Q} = \text{field of fractions of } R$

$$\mathcal{Q}^m, \mathcal{Q}^n \text{ v.s. } \mathcal{Q}$$

Assume  $\varphi: R^m \rightarrow R^n$  isomorphism of  $R$ -mods

Define  $\psi: \mathcal{Q}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}^n$

$$x = (q_1, \dots, q_m), \quad q_i \in \mathcal{Q} = \text{Frac}(R)$$

$$\Rightarrow q_i = \frac{a_i}{b_i}, \quad a_i, b_i \in R, \quad b_i \neq 0$$

$$x = \left( \frac{a_1}{b_1}, \frac{a_2}{b_2}, \dots, \frac{a_m}{b_m} \right) = \frac{1}{b_1 b_2 \dots b_m} (a_1 b_1, a_2 b_2, \dots, a_m b_m)$$

$$c_i = b_1 \dots b_{i-1} b_{i+1} \dots b_m$$

$$\psi(x) = \psi\left(\frac{1}{d} (a_1 c_1, \dots, a_m c_m)\right)$$

$$\psi(x) := \frac{1}{d} \psi(a_1 c_1, \dots, a_m c_m)$$

Show:

- $\psi$  linear map (easy)
- $\psi$  isomorphism

$$\psi(x) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{d} \psi(a_1 c_1, \dots, a_m c_m) \Rightarrow \psi(a_1 c_1, \dots, a_m c_m) = (0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 c_1, \dots, a_m c_m) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 c_1 = 0$$

$$a_2 c_2 = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_m c_m = 0$$

$$c_i \neq 0 \text{ as } b_j \text{'s } \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_m = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0$$

$\therefore \varphi$  injective

~~Rank~~  $\varphi$  surjective  $\Rightarrow \exists \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m$  s.t.  $\varphi(\alpha_1) = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}^m$  s.t.  $\varphi(\alpha_2) = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$  s.t.  $\varphi(\alpha_n) = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$

$$\forall (s_1/e_1, \dots, s_n/e_n) \in \mathbb{Q}^n$$

$$= \varphi(s_1/e_1 \alpha_1 + s_2/e_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + s_n/e_n \alpha_n) \Rightarrow \varphi \text{ surjective}$$

$$\varphi \text{ isomorphism} \Rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^m \cong \mathbb{Q}^n \xrightarrow[\text{Theorem}]{\text{basis}} m = n$$

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.14

$F$  free  $R$ -mod ( $R$  PID)

$$\Rightarrow \underset{\text{rank}}{\text{rank}}(F) = \text{no. elements in a basis of } F$$

## Free Modules, Finitely Generated Modules and PIDs

### > Generators and Relations

A description of a module by generators and relations is,

$$M = \langle e_1, \dots, e_n \mid \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} e_i}_{\neq} = 0, a_{ij} \in R \text{ for } j=1, \dots, m \rangle$$

$$M = \langle e_1, \dots, e_n \mid f_1 = 0, f_2 = 0, \dots, f_m = 0 \rangle$$

$F =$  free mod with basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$   
 $f_1, \dots, f_m \in F$ ,  $P = \langle f_1, \dots, f_m \rangle \subseteq F$

$$M = F/P$$

If we had,

$$G = \langle x, y, z \mid xy = yx, xz = zx, yz = zy, x^6 y^7 = z^2, x'' = 1 \rangle$$

could we discern what this group is? How it behaves?

Not yet!

### Def<sup>n</sup> 3.15

We say that  $M$  is finitely presented if  
 $M \cong F/P$  with  $F$  finitely generated free module,  
 $P \subseteq F$  finitely generated submodule

### Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.8

$R$  ring,  $M$   $R$ -mod,  $P \subseteq M$  submod  
 If  $P$  and  $M/P$  are finitely generated  $\Rightarrow M$  is also finitely gen

Proof

If we were in vector spaces, this would be simple, just notice a mapping  $\alpha: V \rightarrow V/W$ ,  $\ker \alpha = W$ ,  $\text{Im } \alpha = V/W$  and apply Rank-Nullity Theorem.

Now,

$M/P$  finitely generated  $\Rightarrow \exists \bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_k$  generators for  $M/P$

$P$  finitely generated  $\Rightarrow \exists y_1, \dots, y_l$  generators for  $P$

$m \in M \Rightarrow \bar{m} = m + P \in M/P$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{m} = r_1 \bar{x}_1 + \dots + r_k \bar{x}_k$$

$$\Rightarrow m = r_1 x_1 + \dots + r_k x_k + p, \text{ for some } p \in P$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists s_1, \dots, s_l \in R \text{ s.t. } p = s_1 y_1 + \dots + s_l y_l$$

$$\Rightarrow m = r_1 x_1 + \dots + r_k x_k + s_1 y_1 + \dots + s_l y_l$$

So,  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_l\}$  is a finitely generating set for  $M$ .  $\square$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.9

$R$  PID, then every submodule of a finitely generated free mod is finitely generated.

In particular, every finitely generated mod is finitely presented.

Proof

$F =$  free mod with basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$

By induction in  $n$ ,

$$\underline{n=1} \Rightarrow F = Re_1 \cong_R R, \quad P \subseteq F \Rightarrow P \subseteq_R R$$

$$\Rightarrow P \subseteq \text{ideal} \stackrel{R \text{ PID}}{\Rightarrow} P = (a) \Rightarrow P \text{ is finitely generated}$$

Assume every submodule of a free mod of rank  $n$  is finitely generated.  $F$  free mod with basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$   
 $P \subseteq F$ .

Define the mapping  $\alpha: F \rightarrow R$

$$e_i \mapsto \delta_{i, n+1} = \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq n+1 \\ 1, & i = n+1 \end{cases}$$

So,  $\alpha: F \rightarrow R$

$$(r_1, \dots, r_n) \mapsto r_{n+1}$$

$\alpha$  is a mod hom

$\ker \alpha =$  free module generated by  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & R \\ \uparrow \text{inclusion map} & \searrow & \downarrow \\ P & \xrightarrow{\beta} & R \end{array}$$

$$\beta = \alpha|_P \text{ mod hom}$$

$$\ker \beta = P \cap \ker \alpha \subseteq \ker \alpha \text{ free of rank } n$$

$$\Rightarrow \ker \beta \text{ finitely generated}$$

$$1 \in \ker \beta \subseteq_R R \text{ free of rank } 1 \quad \therefore 1 \in \ker \beta \text{ finitely generated}$$

Apply 1st Isomorphism Theorem:

$$\frac{P}{\ker \beta} \cong 1 \in \ker \beta \text{ finitely generated}$$

So, we have  $\ker \beta \subseteq P$  and finitely generated  $\stackrel{\text{prop}^n}{\Rightarrow} P$  finitely gen  $\square$

N.B. Thanks to this, we can now 'forget' the abstract modular nature and work with matrices

$R$  PID

$M$  finitely generated  $R$ -mod  $\Rightarrow M = F/P$

$F = R^n$  free

$P \subseteq F \Rightarrow P$  finitely generated

$\Rightarrow P = Rf_1 + \dots + Rf_m$

$M = \langle \underbrace{r_1 e_1 + \dots + r_n e_n}_{e_1, \dots, e_n} \mid f_1 = 0, f_2 = 0, \dots, f_m = 0 \rangle$

$$f_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} e_i$$

$$A = [M] = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\in M_{m \times n}(R)$

presentation matrix  
of  $M$

So,  $M$  f.g. /  $R$  PID  $\Rightarrow M = F/P$   $F$  free,  $P \subseteq F$  f.g.

$\Rightarrow M$  has presentation matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$

given by  $f_i = \sum a_{ij} e_j$  for  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$  generators of  $P$

$M \rightsquigarrow A$

Q: What matrices are presentation matrices for  $M$ ?

N.B. Pretty much everything we know for matrices will work here, with the exception of one theorem which we must be careful with - we will see this later.

## Matrices over PIDs

$R$  PID,  $M_n(R) \equiv n \times n$  matrices w/ coefficients in  $R$

$GL_n(R) \equiv$  invertible  $n \times n$  matrices

$$A \in M_n(R) \Rightarrow \det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)}$$

Warning!: If  $R = \mathbb{F}$ , by Cramer's Rule

$$A \in GL_n(R) \Leftrightarrow \det A \neq 0$$

$$\text{and } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} (\text{adj}(A))^t$$

In rings, we cannot do this in general. Just because something is non-zero does not mean we can divide by it

! (New) Cramer's Rule

$$A \in M_n(R) \Rightarrow \underline{A \cdot (\text{adj}(A))^t = \det A \cdot I_n}$$

In particular,  $A \in GL_n(R) \Leftrightarrow \det(A) \in U(R)$   
and in that case,  $A^{-1} = (\det(A))^{-1} (\text{adj}(A))^t$

N.B. this is what happens with  $R = \mathbb{F}$

N.B. Beware! Over rings we cannot divide. We can subtract, multiply but not divide - unless we are dealing with units. Remember, if all non-zero elements are a unit (i.e. a field) we have a division Ring

Examples

$$\textcircled{1} A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}),$$

$$A \notin GL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \text{ as } \det(A) = -2 \notin U(\mathbb{Z})$$



$$\textcircled{2} B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}),$$

$$\det(B) = -1 \in U(\mathbb{Z}) \Rightarrow B \in GL_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

$M = R^m$  free mod of rank  $m$  w/ basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$   
 $N = R^n$  free mod of rank  $n$  w/ basis  $\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$

$$\forall x \in M, x = \sum_{i=1}^m r_i e_i \mapsto [x]_e = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$\alpha: M \rightarrow N$  mod hom

$\alpha$  is determined by  $\alpha(e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ji} f_j, a_{ji} \in R$

$$A = [a_{ji}] = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ [ \alpha(e_1) ]_f & \cdots & [ \alpha(e_m) ]_f \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} = [ \alpha ]_f^e$$

So, we get a correspondence,

$$\alpha \mapsto [ \alpha ]_f^e = \text{fix the bases}$$

this provides a module isomorphism,  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N) \cong M_{n \times m}(R)$

Some properties

$$i) [ \alpha(m) ]_f = [ \alpha ]_f^e [ m ]_e$$

$$ii) [ \beta \alpha ] = [ \beta ]_g^f [ \alpha ]_f^e$$

iii)  $\alpha$  is an isomorphism

$$\Leftrightarrow m = n$$

$$\text{and } [ \alpha ]_f^e \in GL_n(R)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} e & & f \\ \alpha: M & \rightarrow & N \\ \beta: N & \rightarrow & P \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} e & & f \\ M & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & N \\ \beta \circ \alpha & \searrow & \downarrow \beta \\ & & P \end{array}$$

iv/ If  $e, e'$  bases of  $M$   $e \in M \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_M} M e'$   
 $\Rightarrow [Id]_{e'}^e \in GL_n(R)$   
 Transition matrix from  $e$  to  $e'$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} e' & & e & & f \\ M & \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_M} & M & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & N & \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_N} & N \\ & & & & & & & & f' \\ & & & & & & & & N \end{array}$$

$\xrightarrow{\alpha}$

$$\Rightarrow [ \alpha ]_{f'}^{e'} = [ \text{Id}_N ]_{f'}^f \cdot [ \alpha ]_f^e \cdot [ \text{Id}_M ]_e^{e'}$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{A'} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_X \quad \underbrace{\quad}_A \quad \underbrace{\quad}_Y$

$$A' = XAY \quad \text{w/} \quad \begin{array}{l} X \in GL_n(R) \\ Y \in GL_m(R) \end{array}$$

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.16

$A, B \in M_{n \times m}(R)$ , we say that  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent ( $A \sim B$ ) ~~iff~~  $\Leftrightarrow \exists \begin{array}{l} X \in GL_n(R) \\ Y \in GL_m(R) \end{array}$

s.t.  $B = XAY$

Back to finitely presented modules

~~Remark~~

$M$   $R$ -mod,  $M = F/P$

$F$  has basis  $e = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$   
 $P$  has a generating set  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$   
 PS  $F$

N.B.  $P$  does not need to be free,  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$  is not a basis so we cannot use anything we just did

$$f_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} e_i, \quad A = [a_{ij}] \text{ presentation matrix} \\ A \in M_{n \times m}(R)$$

$G$  free module of rank  $m$  w/ basis  $g = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$

Take  $\alpha: G \rightarrow F$

the mod hom given by

$$\alpha(g_j) = f_j$$

$$[\alpha]_{e'}^g = A$$

$$\text{Im } \alpha = P$$

Why? Must be submodule of  $F$  and, as we are dealing with  $F$  and rank  $n \Rightarrow P$

Take  $e' = \{e_1', \dots, e_n'\}$  basis of  $F$   
 $g' = \{g_1', \dots, g_m'\}$  basis of  $G$

$P$  doesn't change because we changed basis of  $F, G$  - just the representation

N.B. Can only change basis with free modules

So,

$$\forall p \in P, p \in \text{Im } \alpha \Rightarrow p = \alpha(r_1 g_1' + \dots + r_m g_m') \text{ for some } r_j \in R \\ = \sum_{j=1}^m r_j \alpha(g_j')$$

$\Rightarrow \{\alpha(g_1'), \dots, \alpha(g_m')\}$  is a generating set for  $P$

$$\alpha(g_j') = \sum_{i=1}^n a'_{ij} e_i', \quad A' = [a'_{ij}] = [\alpha]_{e'}^{g'} \\ \text{is also a presentation matrix for } M$$

$$A' = [\alpha]_{e'}^{g'} = \underbrace{[Id_x]_e^e}_X \underbrace{[\alpha]_e^g}_A \underbrace{[Id_y]_g^{g'}}_Y$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A \sim A'}$$

### Theorem 3.7

Let  $A, B \in M_{m \times n}(R)$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are presentation matrices for the same module  $\Leftrightarrow \underline{A \sim B}$

N.B. multiplying by invertible matrix on left means column op.

multiplying by invertible matrix on right means row op

Over  $\mathbb{F}$ , doing this leads to reduced row echelon form and reduced column echelon form. Which will lead to:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \underline{\text{Hermite Normal Form}}$$

Goal: Find a "nice" form for matrices under equivalence

Elementary row / column ops

I. Swapping two rows / columns  $\left( \begin{array}{l} R_i \leftrightarrow R_j \\ C_i \leftrightarrow C_j \end{array} \right)$

II. Multiply a row / column by a UNIT  $\lambda \in U(R)$   
 $\lambda R_i, \lambda C_j$

most useful  $\rightarrow$  III. Add to a row/column another row or column, multiplied by any element,  $\lambda \in R$ ,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} R_i + \lambda R_j \\ C_i + \lambda C_j \end{array} \right\}$$

$A \in M_{m \times n}(R)$  is diagonal if  $a_{ij} = 0$  whenever  $i \neq j$   
i.e.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & & 0 & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & a_{nn} & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (\text{if } n > m)$$

$$\text{or } \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} a_{11} & & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_{nn} \end{array} \right] \quad (\text{if } m > n)$$

Theorem 3.8 (Smith Normal Form)

$R$  PID, then  $\forall A \in M_{m \times n}(R)$

there is a diagonal matrix  $D = D(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ ,

where  $r = \min(m, n)$  s.t.  $A \sim D$

and  $d_1 | d_2 | d_3 | \dots | d_r$

Moreover, the elements  $d_i$  are unique up to associates,

i.e. the ideals  $(d_i)$  are unique.

The matrix  $D$  is called the Smith Normal Form (SNF) of  $A$

and the  $d_i$ 's are called the invariant factors of  $A$

N.B. The proof is even more important

Examples

$$\textcircled{1} A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

(want the smallest number up to divisibility, i.e. 1, in the top left).

So,

$$\begin{array}{l}
 A \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \\ \sim \\ C_1 \leftrightarrow C_2 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_2 + 3R_1 \\ \sim \\ -1 \in U(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow -R_2 \\ \sim \\ R_1 + R_2 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

Is this SNF? They are equivalent as we used only elementary ops. 1/2 and 1, 2 unique up to associates.

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ SNF of } A$$

N.B. If we didn't do  $-R_2$  and instead did  $r_1, -r_2$ , we would get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is also SNF as  $2 \sim -2$ , i.e.  $-2 = (-1) \cdot 2$   
 s.t.  $-1 \in U(\mathbb{Z})$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \in M_3(\mathbb{Z})$$

Not SNF as  $2 \times 3 \times -2$

$$\text{So, } B \xrightarrow{R_3 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{C_3 + C_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \sim \\ C_1 \leftrightarrow C_3 \\ R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \sim \\ C_2 - 3C_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \sim \\ R_2 - 3R_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \sim \\ C_2 \leftrightarrow C_3 \\ R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$1 \mid 2 \mid -6$  and  $1, 2, 6$  unprime up to associates  
 $\Rightarrow$  SNF

$$\textcircled{3} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 3 & 8 \\ 4 & 18 \end{bmatrix} \in M_{3 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$C \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 18 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \sim \\ C_2 - 3C_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 \\ 4 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \sim \\ C_2 \leftrightarrow C_1 \\ -C_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -6 & 0 \\ 9 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \sim \\ C_2 - 3C_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -6 & 18 \\ 9 & 36 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \sim \\ R_2 + 6R_1 \\ R_3 - 9R_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 18 \\ 0 & 36 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \sim \\ R_3 - 2R_2 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 18 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{SNF} \\ \text{of } C \end{array}$$

## General Strategy

1. Put the "smallest" element in position  $(1,1)$

2. a) For each  $j \neq 1$ , if  $a_{11} \mid a_{j1}$   
then apply

$$R_j - \frac{a_{j1}}{a_{11}} R_1 \quad \therefore \text{make } a_{j1} = 0$$

b) If  $a_{11} \nmid a_{j1} \rightarrow$  find  $\gcd(a_{11}, a_{j1})$   
and put it in  $R_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$8 = 3 \cdot 2 + 2$$

↓

$$8 - 2 \cdot 3 = 2$$

If we have unknowns  $h$  and  $k$   
 $ha + kb = d = \gcd(a, b)$

$$(a) + (b) = (d)$$

$$\underbrace{\phantom{(a) + (b)}}_{(a, b)} = (d)$$

So,

if  $R$  PID,  $A \in M_{m \times n}(R)$

$\Rightarrow \exists D = D(d_1, \dots, d_r)$  diagonal s.t.

$A \sim D$ ,  $d_1 \mid d_2 \mid \dots \mid d_r$

and  $D \equiv$  SNF of  $A$

$d_i$ 's  $\equiv$  invariant factors of  $A$  (unique up to associates)



Proof of ExistenceCase 1  $(R, N) \text{ ED}$ 

→ Goal: Show that  $A \sim \left( \begin{array}{c|c} d_1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & A' \end{array} \right)$

s.t.  $d_1$  divides all entries in  $A'$

→ Do it by elementary ops.

\* Step 0

Pick  $a_{ij}$  s.t.  $N(a_{ij})$  minimal

Assume  $A \neq 0$ , if  $A = 0$  we are done

Apply  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$ ,  $C_i \leftrightarrow C_j$

\* Step I

Suppose  $\exists a_{ij}$  (in first row) s.t.  $a_{i1} \nmid a_{ij}$

By euclidean division,  $a_{ij} = q a_{i1} + r$ ,  $r \neq 0 \Rightarrow N(r) < N(a_{ij})$

Apply  $C_j - q C_i$  ( $r$  is now in pos  $(1, j)$ )  
 $C_j \leftrightarrow C_i$  ( $r$  is in pos  $(1, 1)$ )

\* Start over

After a finite no<sup>o</sup> steps, this process is over

\* Step II

Suppose  $\exists a_{zi}$  (in first column) s.t.  $a_{11} \nmid a_{zi}$

By euclidean division,  $a_{zi} = q a_{11} + r$ ,  $r \neq 0 \Rightarrow N(r) < N(a_{zi})$

Apply  $R_z - q R_1$  ( $r$  is now in pos  $(z, 1)$ )  
 $R_z \leftrightarrow R_1$  ( $r$  is now in pos  $(1, 1)$ )

\* Start over

After a finite no<sup>o</sup> steps, this process is over  
 → When we do these two steps, we are getting gcd  
 of  $\left( \begin{array}{c|c} d_1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & A' \end{array} \right)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

after steps I and II

$$a_{11} | a_{1j} \quad \forall j$$

$$a_{11} | a_{i1} \quad \forall i$$

\* Step III

a)  $\forall j$  apply  $C_j - \frac{a_{1j}}{a_{11}} C_1$  (0 in position (1,j))

b)  $\forall i$  apply  $R_i - \frac{a_{i1}}{a_{11}} R_1$  (0 in position (i,1))

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} a_{11} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & A' \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{step IV} \otimes} \left( \begin{array}{c|cccc} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \hline 0 & & & & & A' \end{array} \right)$$

\* Step IV

Find  $a_{ij}$  s.t.  $a_{11} \nmid a_{ij}$

Apply  $R_1 + R_i$  (or  $C_i + C_j$ )  $\otimes$

Go back to Step I

N.B. for theoretical purposes, doesn't matter if we choose columns or rows. For practical purposes, choose one which will have fewer non-zero elements

\* Step V

Now,  $a_{11} | a_{ij} \quad \forall i,j \Rightarrow d_1 = a_{11}$

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$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} a_{11} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & A' \end{array} \right)$$

Forget about first row and first column.

Apply some process to  $A'$

Eventually:

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} d_1 & 0 & \dots & & 0 \\ \hline 0 & d_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline \vdots & 0 & d_3 & \dots & \vdots \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \dots & d_r & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

which is SNF.

Case 2

$R$  PID but not an ED

ED  $\Rightarrow$  PID  $\Rightarrow$  UFD

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.17

$R$  UFD we define the length map,  $\lambda: R^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

by

$$\lambda(a) = \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{ if } a \in U(R) \\ r & , \text{ if } a = p_1 \cdots p_r, \text{ with } p_i \text{ irred} \end{cases}$$

Ex

$$\lambda(2) = 1, \quad \lambda(30) = 3 = \lambda(8)$$

$2 \times 1$

$5 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$

$2 \times 2 \times 2$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = p_1 \cdots p_r \\ b = q_1 \cdots q_s \end{array} \right\} ab = p_1 \cdots p_r q_1 \cdots q_s$$

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Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.10

1. If  $a, b \in R^* \Rightarrow \lambda(ab) = \lambda(a) + \lambda(b)$
2. If  $a|b \Rightarrow \lambda(a) \leq \lambda(b)$
3. If  $a \sim b \Rightarrow a|b$  and  $\lambda(a) = \lambda(b)$

\* Step 0'Pick  $a_{11}$  with minimal length\* Step I'

Suppose  $a_{11} \nmid a_{1j}$  (assume  $j=2$ );  $a_{11} \nmid a_{12}$   
 $d = \gcd(a_{11}, a_{12})$ ,  $d \neq 0$   $a_{11} = d \cdot \frac{1}{1}$

$$a_{12} = d \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$R \text{ PID} \Rightarrow (a_{12}) + (a_{11}) = d$$

$$\Rightarrow d = x_1 a_{11} + x_2 a_{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = d x_1 y_1 + d x_2 y_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2$$

$$Y = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} x_1 & -y_2 & 0 \\ x_2 & -y_1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & I_{n-2} \end{array} \right] \in M_n(R)$$

$$\det(Y) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow Y \in GL_n(R)$$

$$\Rightarrow AY \sim A, X = Id$$

$$A \cdot Y = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & ? \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & ? \\ \hline ? & ? & ? \end{array} \right] \cdot Y$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} x_1 a_{11} + x_2 a_{12} & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ \hline ? & ? & ? \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} d & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{array} \right]$$

$$\boxed{A \sim B \Leftrightarrow \exists X \in GL_n(R)}$$

$$\exists Y \in GL_n(R)$$

$$\boxed{\text{s.t. } B = XAY}$$

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$$D = XAY, \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} d \mid a_{11} \\ a_{11} \neq a_{12} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \lambda(d) < \lambda(a_{11})$$

\* Start over

\* Step II'

Same as before, modifying step II as we did for step I (i.e. assume  $a_{11} \neq a_{21}$ )

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & 0 \\ -y_2 & y_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{m-2} \end{bmatrix} \in GL_m(\mathbb{R})$$

$$XA \sim A$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} d & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Replace  $A$  by  $XA$  and start over

\* Steps III, IV, V remain unchanged

At the end we get SNF  $\square$

N.B. What we just did is not very practical in nature, unless we are in a ED

Uniqueness of SNF

$$A \in M_{m \times n}(R) \quad (R \text{ PID})$$

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.18

An  $i \times i$  minor of  $A$  is an element of  $R$  of the form  $\det(k)$ , where  $k$  is an  $i \times i$  submatrix of  $A$

Def<sup>n</sup> 3.19

The  $i$ -th fitting ideal of  $A$  is  $J_i(A) = \text{Ideal generated by all } i \times i \text{ minors of } A$

Examples

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \in M_{2 \times 3}(\mathbb{Z})$$

$\max$  is an  $i \times i$  minor

$$J_1(A) = (1, 2, -1, 3, 4, -1) = (1) = \mathbb{Z}$$

N.B. generally, if we have an ideal generated by multiple elements, it is the ideal generated by the gcd. As we have a 1 here, it is generated by 1

$$\begin{aligned} J_2(A) &= \left( \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \right) \\ &= (-2, 2, 2) = (2) \end{aligned}$$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.11

If  $A = D(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ ,  $d_1 | d_2 | \dots | d_r$   
 $\Rightarrow J_i(A) = (d_1 \dots d_r)$

Proof

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & 0 & \vdots & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & \\ 0 & & d_r & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

the only non-zero  $i \times i$  minors are

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} d_{\alpha_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_{\alpha_i} \end{bmatrix} = d_{\alpha_1} d_{\alpha_2} \dots d_{\alpha_i}$$

$1 \leq \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \alpha_3 < \dots < \alpha_i \leq r$  i.e. not changing the order

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{as } \alpha_1 \geq 1 \\ \alpha_2 \geq 2 \\ \alpha_3 \geq 3 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_k \geq k \end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 \geq 1 \\ \alpha_2 \geq 2 \\ \alpha_3 \geq 3 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_k \geq k \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow d_k | d_{\alpha_k}, \forall k=1, \dots, i$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 \dots d_i \mid d_{\alpha_1} \dots d_{\alpha_i}$$

multiple of

$$\Rightarrow d_{\alpha_1} \dots d_{\alpha_i} \in (d_1 \dots d_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow J_i(A) \subseteq (d_1 \dots d_i)$$

Conversely,

$$d_1 \dots d_i \in J_i(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow (d_1 \dots d_i) \subseteq J_i(A)$$

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$$\Rightarrow (d_1 \dots d_i) = J_i(A)$$

□

Remark:  $K = [a_{ij}] \in M_n(R)$   
 $\underline{a}_j = j$ th columns of  $K$

Assume  $\underline{a}_1 = \lambda \underline{b} + \mu \underline{c}$

i.e. 
$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda b_1 + \mu c_1 & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \lambda b_2 + \mu c_2 & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda b_n + \mu c_n & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \det K &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda b_i + \mu c_i) K_{i,1} && (i,1)\text{-cofactor} \\ &= \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n b_i K_{i,1} + \mu \sum_{i=1}^n c_i K_{i,1} && \text{det if we delete } \\ &= \lambda \det \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ b_2 & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_n & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} + \mu \det \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ c_2 & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_n & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} && \begin{matrix} \text{det if we delete} \\ \text{\(i\)-th row, 1st column} \\ \text{and include sign} \\ \left( \begin{matrix} + & - & + & \dots \end{matrix} \right) \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

So, if  $\underline{a}_1 = \lambda \underline{b} + \mu \underline{c}$

$\Rightarrow \det(K)$  is an  $R$ -linear combination of  $\det[\underline{b}, \underline{a}_2, \dots, \underline{a}_n]$  and  $\det[\underline{c}, \underline{a}_2, \dots, \underline{a}_n]$

By induction, same true for  $\underline{a}_1 = \lambda_1 \underline{b}_1 + \lambda_2 \underline{b}_2 + \dots + \lambda_r \underline{b}_r$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.12

$$A \in M_{m \times n}(R), Y \in M_n(R) \Rightarrow \underline{J}_i(AY) \leq \underline{J}_i(A)$$

Proof

Consider  $AY$

The  $j$ th column of  $AY$  is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \underline{a}_1 & \underline{a}_2 & \dots & \underline{a}_n \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & \dots & y_{1j} & \dots & y_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_{n1} & \dots & \underline{y_{nj}} & \dots & y_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underline{y_{nj}}$   
 $j$ th column



is  $y_1 a_1 + \dots + y_n a_n$

$k$   $i \times i$  submatrix of  $AY$

$j$ th column of  $k$  will be of the form,

$$y_1 a_{1j} + \dots + y_n a_{nj}$$

where  $a_{ij}$  is a "partial column" of  $A$

<sup>remark</sup>  
 $\Rightarrow$   $\det k$  is an  $R$ -linear combination of  $i \times i$  minor

of  $A$   
 $\Rightarrow \det k \in J_i(A)$

$\Rightarrow J_i(AY) \subseteq J_i(A)$

as  $\det k$  are the generators of  $J_i(AY)$   $\square$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.13

$$A \in M_{m \times n}(R), X \in M_m(R) \Rightarrow \underline{J_i(XA) \subseteq J_i(A)}$$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 3.14

$$\text{If } A \sim B \Rightarrow \underline{J_i(A) = J_i(B)} \quad \forall i=1, \dots, r$$

Proof

$$A \sim B \Leftrightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \exists X \in GL_m(R) \\ \exists Y \in GL_n(R) \end{array} \right\} \text{ s.t. } B = XAY$$

$$\underline{J_i(B)} = J_i(XAY) \subseteq J_i(AY) \subseteq \underline{J_i(A)}$$

Now, as  $X, Y$  invertible, we get  $A = X^{-1}BY^{-1}$

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$$\Rightarrow J_i(A) \subseteq J_i(B) \quad \text{using same technique as before.}$$

$$\therefore J_i(A) \subseteq J_i(B) \subseteq J_i(A) \Rightarrow J_i(A) = J_i(B) \quad \square$$

Uniqueness of SNF

$$D = D(d_1 \dots d_r), \quad d_1 | d_2 | \dots | d_r \quad \left. \vphantom{D} \right\} \text{s.t. } D \sim E$$

$$E = D(e_1 \dots e_r), \quad e_1 | e_2 | \dots | e_r$$

We want to show that each  $d_i = u_i e_i$

i.e.  $d_i \sim e_i$

$$\text{i.e. } (d_i) = (e_i) \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, r$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} J_1(D) = J_1(E) \\ \text{"} \quad \text{"} \\ (d_1) = (e_1) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow d_1 = u_1 e_1$$

$$\text{Assume } d_j = u_j e_j \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, i-1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} J_i(D) = J_i(E) \\ \text{"} \quad \text{"} \\ (d_1 \dots d_i) = (e_1 \dots e_i) \end{array} \right\} \exists u \in U(R) \text{ s.t. } d_1 \dots d_i = u e_1 \dots e_i$$

$$\text{BUT, } d_1 \dots d_i = u e_1 \dots e_i$$

$$u_1 e_1 u_2 e_2 \dots u_{i-1} e_{i-1} d_i$$

$$(u_1 \dots u_{i-1}) (e_1 \dots e_{i-1}) d_i = u (e_1 \dots e_{i-1}) e_i$$

- If  $e_{i-1} \neq 0$  ( $\Rightarrow e_1 \neq 0, \dots, e_{i-2} \neq 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})}_{v \in U(R)} d_i = a e_i$$

$$\Rightarrow d_i = (v^{-1} a) e_i$$

$$\Rightarrow e_i \sim d_i$$

- If  $e_{i-1} = 0$  and  $e_{i-1} | e_i \Rightarrow e_i = 0$   
 $d_{i-1} = 0$  and  $d_{i-1} | d_i \Rightarrow d_i = 0$   $\Rightarrow e_i \sim d_i$

# Chapter IV: Finitely Generated Modules over PIDs

$R$  PID throughout chapter

Prop<sup>n</sup> 4.1

$R^F$  free mod of rank  $n$   
 $P \leq F \Rightarrow P$  free and  $\text{rank } P \leq \text{rank}(F)$

More precisely,  $\exists \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  basis of  $F$  and elements  $d_1, \dots, d_m \in R^+$  s.t.  $\{d_1 e_1, \dots, d_m e_m\}$  is a basis of  $P$  and  $d_1 | d_2 | \dots | d_m$

Proof

$$n = \text{rank}(F) \Rightarrow P \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists f_1, \dots, f_s \in F \text{ s.t. } \{f_1, \dots, f_s\} \text{ gen } P$$

$G$  free module of rank  $s$ ,  $\{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$  basis of  $G$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ unique } \alpha: G \rightarrow F \text{ mod hom} \\ \text{s.t. } \alpha(g_i) = f_i$$

$$\text{Im } \alpha = P$$

Pick  $g, e$  bases of  $G, F$  s.t.

$$[\alpha]_{e}^{g} \text{ is in SNF} \\ = D(d_1, \dots, d_t), \quad d_1 | d_2 | \dots | d_t$$

$$g = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}, \quad \alpha(g_j) = \begin{cases} d_j e_j, & 1 \leq j \leq t \\ 0, & t < j \leq s \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Im } \alpha = P \text{ still}$$

submod of  $F$

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$\Rightarrow P$  is generated by  $\{d_1 e_1, \dots, d_t e_t\}$

$$\Rightarrow P = \sum R \cdot \alpha(g_j)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^t R d_j e_j$$

Now, need to prove it is a direct sum, i.e. remove one element and compute intersection.

$$(R d_j e_j) \cap \left( \sum_{k \neq j} R d_k e_k \right) \subseteq (R e_j) \cap \left( \sum_{k \neq j} R e_k \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cap \\ R e_j & \cap \\ R e_k & \\ \parallel & \\ 0 & \end{array}$$

$$\therefore (R d_j e_j) \cap \left( \sum_{k \neq j} R d_k e_k \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \bigoplus_{j=1}^t R d_j e_j = \bigoplus_{j=1}^m R d_j e_j,$$

where  $d_m$  is the last non-zero element in the SNF

$\{d_1 e_1, \dots, d_m e_m\}$  generates  $P$ ,  $d_j \neq 0$

$$d_1 \mid d_2 \mid \dots \mid d_m$$

Assume  $a_1 d_1 e_1 + \dots + a_m d_m e_m = b_1 d_1 e_1 + \dots + b_m d_m e_m$   
and want to show  $a_i = b_i \quad \forall i$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 d_1 e_1 = b_1 d_1 e_1$$

$$a_m d_m e_m = b_m d_m e_m$$

working in  $ID \Rightarrow$  cancellation and  $d_m \neq 0$

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$$\Rightarrow a_i e_i = b_i e_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{a_i = b_i}$$

$\Rightarrow \{d_1 e_1, \dots, d_m e_m\}$  basis of  $P$   $\square$

Theorem 4.1 (Classification of f.g. modules over a PID)

Let  $R$  be PID,  ${}_R M$  f.g. module, then there are elements  $d_1, \dots, d_r \in R^* \setminus U(R)$

and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $d_1 | d_2 | \dots | d_r$  and

$$M \cong \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)} \right) \oplus R^s$$

Moreover,  $r$  and  $s$ , and the ideals  $(d_i)$ , are unique

N.B. This is the most important theorem and proof in the course.

Proof

$M$  f.g. module over  $R$  PID

$\Rightarrow \exists F$  free,  $P \subseteq F$  s.t.  $M \cong F/P$

$\Rightarrow \exists \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  basis of  $F$ ,  $d_1, \dots, d_m \in R^*$

s.t.  $d_1 | \dots | d_m$  and s.t.  $\{d_1 e_1, \dots, d_m e_m\}$  basis of  $P$ ;

$$F = R e_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R e_n$$

$$P = R d_1 e_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R d_m e_m$$

$$M = \frac{F}{P} = \frac{R e_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R e_n}{R d_1 e_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R d_m e_m \oplus R \cdot 0 e_{m+1} \oplus \dots \oplus R \cdot 0 e_n}$$

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$$\text{as } P = R d_1 e_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R d_m e_m$$

$$\therefore M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \frac{R e_i}{R d_i e_i}$$

$$\approx \frac{R}{(d_1)} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{R}{(d_m)} \oplus \underbrace{\frac{R}{(0)} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{R}{(0)}}_{R^s}$$

$$\text{if } d_i \in U(R) \Rightarrow \frac{R}{(d_i)} = 0$$

$$\therefore M = \frac{R}{(d_1)} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{R}{(d_r)} \oplus R^s = \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)} \right) \oplus R^s$$

□

Def 4.1

$R$  PID,  $M$   $R$ -mod, we say that  $m \in M$  is a torsion element if  $\exists r \in R^* \text{ s.t. } rm = 0$ , i.e. if  $\text{ann}(m) \neq 0$ .

$T(M) = \{m \in M \mid \text{ann}(m) \neq 0\} \subseteq M$ , submodule is the torsion submodule of  $M$

if  $M = T(M)$  then we say that  $M$  is a torsion module  
 $T(M) = 0$  we say that  $M$  is torsion-free

Examples

- 1/  $M = R^s$  free  $\Rightarrow T(M) = 0$  (Exercise)
- 2/  ${}_2\mathbb{Q}$  is torsion free, but  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not free
- 3/  $R$  PID,  $I \triangleleft R$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} R \\ I \end{pmatrix}$

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} R \\ I \end{pmatrix}\right) = R/I \quad \text{torsion module}$$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 4.2

$$R \text{ PID, } M = \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)} \right) \oplus R^s$$

N.B. every time we write this we know  $d_1 | d_2 | \dots | d_r$   
from theorem 4.1

$$\Rightarrow T(M) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{M}{T(M)} \cong R^s$$

Proof

$$\text{Take } m = (a, b), \quad a \in \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)}$$

$$b \in R^s, \quad r \in R^*$$

$$\text{s.t. } r \cdot m = 0, \quad rm = (ra, rb) \Rightarrow ra = 0$$

$$\underline{rb = 0} \Rightarrow b = 0$$

because  $b \in R^s$   
free

$$\Rightarrow m = (a, 0) \in \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)}$$

$$T(M) \subseteq \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)} \ni a = (a_1, \dots, a_r)$$

$$\therefore d_i \cdot a_i = 0, \quad \text{as } d_i \in (d_i)$$

BUT as  $d_1 | d_2 | \dots | d_r$

$$\underset{\neq 0}{d_i} \cdot a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in T(M)$$

$$\therefore T(M) \subseteq \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)} \subseteq T(M) \Rightarrow T(M) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)}$$



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$$M \cong A \oplus B \iff M = A + B \\ A \cap B = 0$$

$$\frac{M}{A} = \frac{A+B}{A} \cong \frac{B}{A \cap B} \cong B$$

$\uparrow$  2nd I.T.       $\uparrow$  = 0

$$\therefore \frac{M}{T(M)} \cong R^s$$

$\uparrow$  A       $\uparrow$  B

□

Prop<sup>n</sup> 4.3

$$\text{If } M \cong \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)} \right) \oplus R^s \\ \cong \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s'} \frac{R}{(d'_j)} \right) \oplus R^{s'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigoplus \frac{R}{(d_i)} \cong \bigoplus \frac{R}{(d'_j)} \quad \text{and} \quad s = s'$$

Proof

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)} = T(M) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s'} \frac{R}{(d'_j)}$$

$$R^s \cong \frac{M}{T(M)} \cong R^{s'} \Rightarrow s = s'$$

□

## Invariant Factors and Elementary Divisors

Prop<sup>n</sup> 4.4

$R$  commutative ring,  $a, b \in R$  s.t.  
 $(a) + (b) = R$

$$\Rightarrow (a) \cap (b) = (ab)$$

and

$$\frac{R}{(ab)} \cong \frac{R}{(a)} \oplus \frac{R}{(b)}$$

Proof

Exercise - hint: Use 2nd Isomorphism Theorem

Corollary 4.1

$R$  PID,  $d \in R^* \setminus U(R)$

$\Rightarrow d = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s}$ , where  $p_i$  are different primes

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R}{(d)} \cong \frac{R}{(p_1^{\alpha_1})} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{R}{(p_s^{\alpha_s})}$$

If  $M = \frac{R}{(d_1)} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{R}{(d_r)}$  (torsion)  $R$ -mod

We can write  $d_i = p_1^{\alpha_{1,i}} p_2^{\alpha_{2,i}} \dots p_s^{\alpha_{s,i}}$

i/ For each  $j = 1, \dots, s$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha_{j,1} \leq \alpha_{j,2} \leq \dots \leq \alpha_{j,r}$   
 $\uparrow$  exponent of  $p_j$  in  $d_i$

ii/ For each  $j = 1, \dots, s$ ,  $\alpha_{j,r} > 0$

iii/  $\exists i$  s.t.  $\alpha_{i,1} > 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_1 &= p_1^{\alpha_{1,1}} p_2^{\alpha_{2,1}} \dots p_s^{\alpha_{s,1}} \\
 d_2 &= p_1^{\alpha_{1,2}} p_2^{\alpha_{2,2}} \dots p_s^{\alpha_{s,2}} \\
 &\vdots \\
 d_r &= p_1^{\alpha_{1,r}} p_2^{\alpha_{2,r}} \dots p_s^{\alpha_{s,r}}
 \end{aligned}$$

elementary divisors

$$M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(d_i)} \quad \text{Invariant Factor decomposition}$$

$$= \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} \frac{R}{(p_j^{\alpha_{j,i}})} \right) \quad \text{Elementary Divisor decomposition}$$

Each of the  $\frac{R}{(p_j^{\alpha_{j,i}})}$  is called an elementary divisor of  $M$

Example

$$R = \mathbb{Z}, \quad A = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{20} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{60} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{120}$$

$$2 \mid 20 \mid 60 \mid 120 \quad \mathbb{Z}/(120)$$

$\therefore$  Invariant Factor Decomposition

$S_0,$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2 &= 2^1 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^0 \\
 20 &= 2^2 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^1 \\
 60 &= 2^2 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^1 \\
 120 &= 2^3 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^1
 \end{aligned}$$

elementary divisors

$$A = \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{2^2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{2^2}}_{\text{First column}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_{2^3} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3}_{\text{2nd column}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5}_{\text{3rd column}}$$

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Note that we can rearrange this so that,

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^s \frac{R}{(p_j^{\alpha_{ij}}, i)} \right) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^s \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R}{(p_j^{\alpha_{ij}}, i)} \right)$$

So, in this way we can get groups of same prime.  
So, we can label,

$A_2 = 1st \text{ column}$

$A_3 = 2nd \text{ column}$

$A_5 = 3rd \text{ column}$

To prove uniqueness of Invariant Factor Decomposition and Elementary Divisor Decomposition, we need:

1. Prove that Elementary divisors are uniquely determined
2. Show how to recover Invariant Factors from Elementary divisors.

Def<sup>n</sup> 4.2

$R$  PID,  $M$   $R$ -mod,  $p \in R$  prime.

We say that  $m \in M$  is  $p$ -torsion if there is some  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $p^t \cdot m = 0$  (i.e.  $p^t \in \text{ann}(m)$ ).

The set,

$M_p = \{ m \in M \mid m \text{ is } p\text{-torsion} \} \leq M$  submod  
 $\uparrow$   
 $p$ -primary component of  $M$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 4.5

$M$  finitely generated (torsion)  $R$ -mod,  
 $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^r \frac{R}{(p_j^{\alpha_{ij}}, i)} \right) \Rightarrow M_{p_i} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^r \frac{R}{(p_i^{\alpha_{ij}}, i)}$

and  $M = M_{p_1} \oplus M_{p_2} \oplus \dots \oplus M_{p_s}$

Proof

$$\text{Let } N_i = \bigoplus_{j=1}^r \frac{R}{(p_i^{\alpha_{z,i,j}})}, \quad \alpha_{z,i,j} \leq \alpha_{z,i,r} \quad \forall j=1, \dots, r$$

$$\Rightarrow p_i^{\alpha_{z,i,r}} \frac{R}{(p_i^{\alpha_{z,i,j}})} = 0 \quad \forall j=1, \dots, r$$

$$\Rightarrow p_i^{\alpha_{z,i,r}} \cdot N_i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow N_i \subseteq M_{p_i}$$

$$\text{We have } M = N_1 \oplus N_2 \oplus \dots \oplus N_s$$

$$\text{Pick } m \in M, \quad m = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_s), \quad a_i \in N_i$$

$$\text{If } m \in M_{p_i} \Rightarrow \exists t \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } p_i^t m = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (p_i^t a_1, p_i^t a_2, \dots, p_i^t a_s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p_i^t a_1 = 0, \dots, p_i^t a_s = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall j, \quad p_i^t \in \text{ann}(a_j) \quad \Rightarrow (p_i^t) \subseteq \text{ann}(a_j)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_j^{\alpha_{j,i,r}} \in \text{ann}(a_j) \quad (p_j^{\alpha_{j,i,r}}) \subseteq \text{ann}(a_j)$$

$$(p_i^t) + (p_j^{\alpha_{j,i,r}}) \subseteq \text{ann}(a_j)$$

$$\text{If } j \neq i \Rightarrow \gcd(p_i^t, p_j) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (p_i^t) + (p_j^{\alpha_{j,i,r}}) = (1) = R$$

$$\Rightarrow R \subseteq \text{ann}(a_j)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_j = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = (0, 0, \dots, 0, a_i, 0, \dots, 0) \in N_i$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{p_i} \subseteq N_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} a \mid p_i^t &\Rightarrow a = p_i^s \\ a \mid p_j &\Rightarrow a = p_j \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} p_i + p_j$$

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and proven  $N_i \subseteq M_{p_i}$

$$\Rightarrow N_i = M_{p_i} \quad \square$$

$M$  f.g torsion  $R$ -mod ( $R$  PID)

$$\text{Assume } M \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{r_i} \frac{R}{(p_i^{\alpha_{ij}})} \right) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \bigoplus_{k=1}^{r'_i} \frac{R}{(p_i^{\alpha_{ik}})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall i = 1, \dots, s$$

$$M_{p_i} \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^{r_i} \frac{R}{(p_i^{\alpha_{ij}})}$$

$$\bigoplus_{k=1}^{r'_i} \frac{R}{(p_i^{\alpha_{ik}})}$$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 4.6

$M$   $R$ -mod,  $x \in R$  s.t.  $x \cdot M = 0$ , i.e.  $x \in \text{ann}(M)$

$\Rightarrow$  we can get an  $\frac{R}{(x)}$  module structure on  $M$  by

$$\text{setting } (r + (x))m = rm \quad (+xm)$$

i.e.  $M$  is an  $\frac{R}{(x)}$ -module

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } r + (\alpha) = r' + (\alpha) & , & (r + (\alpha))m = rm \\ & \swarrow \searrow & (r' + (\alpha))m = r'm \\ r - r' \in (\alpha) & \Leftrightarrow r - r' = s \cdot \alpha \text{ for some } s \end{aligned}$$

$$(r - r')m = rm - r'm \Rightarrow rm = r'm$$

$$(s\alpha)m = s(\alpha m) = 0$$

So, the action is well defined.

Rest is an exercise  $\square$

Prop<sup>n</sup> 4.7

$$A \text{ } R\text{-mod}, \alpha \in R \Rightarrow \alpha A = \{ \alpha a \mid a \in A \} \subseteq A$$

submod

Moreover,  $x \left( \frac{A}{\alpha A} \right) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} r(a + \alpha A) &= ra + \alpha A \\ x(a + \alpha A) &= xa + \alpha A = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall A \text{ } R\text{-mod}, \forall x \in R$$

$$\frac{A}{\alpha A} \text{ is an } \frac{R}{(\alpha)}\text{-module}$$

Proof

trivial  $\square$

Let  $M = M_p$ ,  $p$ -torsion module,  $p \in R$  prime

$$M_p = \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_1})} \oplus \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_2})} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_r})}$$

$$1 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_r$$

$\forall i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p^i M \subseteq M$  - by prop<sup>n</sup> 4.7  
and we see  $p(p^i M) \subseteq p^i M$

$$p^{i+1} M \subseteq p^i M$$

$p \frac{p^i M}{p^{i+1} M} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{p^i M}{p^{i+1} M}$  is an  $\frac{R}{(p)}$ -module

$\Rightarrow \frac{p^i M}{p^{i+1} M}$  is an  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space,  
 $\mathbb{F} = \frac{R}{(p)}$

$\mathbb{F}$ , field  
as  $(p)$  maximal  
as  $R$  PID and  
 $R/(p) \Rightarrow$  I.D. as  
 $p$  prime.  
So,  $(p)$  prime ideal  
and PID maximal  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{F}$   
ideal

• If  $\alpha \leq i$ ,  $p^i \left( \frac{R}{(p^\alpha)} \right)$

$$\frac{p^{\alpha+i} R}{(p^\alpha)} = p^i \left( \frac{p^\alpha R}{(p^\alpha)} \right) = 0$$

• If  $i < \alpha$   $\frac{p^i R}{(p^\alpha)} = \frac{p^i R}{(p^\alpha)} = \frac{(p^i)}{(p^\alpha)}$

By 3rd Isomorphism Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p^i (R/(p^\alpha))}{p^{i+1} (R/(p^\alpha))} &= \frac{(p^i)/(p^\alpha)}{(p^{i+1})/(p^\alpha)} \cong \frac{(p^i)}{(p^{i+1})} \\ &= \frac{Rp^i}{Rp^{i+1}} \\ &= \frac{R}{(p)} = \mathbb{F} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{p^i M}{p^{i+1} M} &= \frac{p^i \left( \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_1})} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_r})} \right)}{p^{i+1} \left( \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_1})} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_r})} \right)} \\
&= \frac{p^i \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_1})} \oplus \dots \oplus p^i \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_r})}}{p^{i+1} \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_1})} \oplus \dots \oplus p^{i+1} \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_r})}} \\
&= \frac{p^i R / (p^{\alpha_1})}{p^{i+1} R / (p^{\alpha_1})} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{p^i R / (p^{\alpha_r})}{p^{i+1} R / (p^{\alpha_r})} = \mathbb{F}^{n_i}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $n_i = \text{number of } \{ \alpha_j \mid \alpha_j > i \}$

as  $\frac{p^i M}{p^{i+1} M}$  is a vector space,

$$n_i = n_0 \circ \{ \alpha_j \mid \alpha_j > i \} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{dim over } \mathbb{F}}}{\text{dim } \mathbb{F}} \frac{p^i M}{p^{i+1} M}$$

N.B. Never have to compute this, just using it to prove

$$M = \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_1})} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{R}{(p^{\alpha_r})}$$

$$r = n_0 \circ \{ \alpha_j \mid \alpha_j > 0 \} = n_0 = \text{dim}_{\mathbb{F}} \frac{M}{pM}$$

The number of  $\frac{R}{(p^i)}$  in the decomposition is

$$n_i = n_0 \circ \{ \alpha_j \mid \alpha_j > i \}$$

$$n_{i-1} = n_0 \circ \{ \alpha_j \mid \alpha_j > i-1 \}$$

$$\therefore n_0 \circ \{ \alpha_j \mid \alpha_j = i \} = n_{i-1} - n_i$$

$$= \dim \frac{p^{i-1}M}{p^i} - \dim \frac{p^i M}{p^{i+1}M}$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha_i$  are completely determined

$\Rightarrow$  the elementary divisor decomposition is unique

2/ How to recover  $d_i$ 's from  $p_i^{\alpha_{i,j}}$ 's?

If the elementary divisors are

$$p_1^{\alpha_{1,1}}, \dots, p_1^{\alpha_{1,r_1}}, p_2^{\alpha_{2,1}}, \dots, p_2^{\alpha_{2,r_2}}, \dots, p_s^{\alpha_{s,1}}, \dots, p_s^{\alpha_{s,r_s}}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_r = p_1^{\alpha_{1,r_1}} p_2^{\alpha_{2,r_2}} \dots p_s^{\alpha_{s,r_s}}$$

$$d_{r-1} = p_1^{\alpha_{1,r_1}-1} p_2^{\alpha_{2,r_2}-1} \dots p_s^{\alpha_{s,r_s}-1}$$

[gcd every]

single prime

[highest power]

$$d_1 = p_1^{\alpha_{1,1}} p_2^{\alpha_{2,1}} \dots p_s^{\alpha_{s,1}}$$

Example

$$A = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{2^2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{2^2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{2^3} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$$

$$\oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$$

$$\underline{2}, \underline{2^2}, \underline{2^2}, \underline{2^3}, \underline{3}, \underline{3}, \underline{5}, \underline{5}, \underline{5}$$

$$d_4 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 120$$

$$d_3 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 60$$

$$d_2 = 2^2 \cdot 5 = 20$$

$$d_1 = 2 = 2$$

$$A = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{20} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{60} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{120}$$

This is how you recover the Invariant Factor decomp!

Which concludes the proof of the biggest theorem in the course.

## Applications

### 1. Finitely Generated Abelian Groups ( $R = \mathbb{Z}$ )

Theorem 4.2 (Classification of f.g abelian groups)

If  $A$  f.g abelian group  
 $\Rightarrow \exists d_1 | d_2 | \dots | d_r$  in  $\mathbb{N}$   
 and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  (unique) s.t.  $A \cong (\mathbb{Z}_{d_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{d_r}) \oplus \mathbb{Z}^s$

### Prop<sup>n</sup> 4.8

A f.g abelian group is torsion free  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  it is free  
 torsion  $\Leftrightarrow$  it is finite

### Examples

①  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  abelian (mod over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ), torsion free  
 but it is NOT free

why?  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{5}$  (say)

then

$$2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - 5 \cdot \frac{1}{5} = 0$$

why does prop<sup>n</sup> 4.8 fail? Because  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not f.g /  $\mathbb{Z}$

(2)  $\mathbb{Z}(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  i.e. ignore integer part  
 i.e. decimal parts only

torsion module but it is NOT free  
 (because it is NOT f.g)

Goal: Classify all abelian groups of order  $n$

1. ( $p$ -torsion)  $A = \mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_1}} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_k}}$

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= |\mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_1}} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_k}}| \\ &= |\mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_1}}| \cdot |\mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_2}}| \dots |\mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_k}}| \\ &= p^{n_1} p^{n_2} \dots p^{n_k} = p^{n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k} \end{aligned}$$

Can assume  $n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_k$

If  $A$   $p$ -torsion,  $|A| = n \Rightarrow n = n_1 + \dots + n_k$

$\Rightarrow n_0^\circ \{ p\text{-torsion abelian groups of order } p^n \}$   
 $= n_0^\circ \{ \text{decompositions } n = n_1 + \dots + n_k \text{ s.t. } n_1 \leq \dots \leq n_k \}$   
 $= n_0^\circ \{ \text{partitions of } n \}$   
 $= p(n)$  — very important function  
 — not to be confused with  $p$  prime

N.B. Look up on Wiki to see what this looks like,  
~~and~~ monstrous monolith of a beastie!

Very difficult to compute as  $n$  increases,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(1) &= 1 \\
 p(2) &= 2 && 2 \text{ or } 1+1 \\
 p(3) &= 3 && 3, 1+2, 1+1+1 \\
 p(4) &= 5 && 4, 1+3, 2+2, 1+1+2, 1+1+1+1 \\
 p(5) &= 7 && 5, 2+3, 1+4, 1+1+3, 1+2+2, \\
 &&& 1+1+1+2, 1+1+1+1+1 \\
 p(6) &= 11 && 6, 1+5, 2+4, 1+1+4, 3+3, \\
 &&& 1+2+3, 1+1+1+3, 2+2+2, \\
 &&& 1+1+2+2, 1+1+1+1+2, \\
 &&& 1+1+1+1+1+1 \\
 p(7) &= 15 \\
 p(10) &= 42 \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\vdots
 \end{aligned}$$

So, all abelian groups of order  $n$ ,  
 A abelian group,  $|A| = n = p_1^{n_1} \dots p_t^{n_t}$

$$|A| = |A_{p_1} \oplus A_{p_2} \oplus \dots \oplus A_{p_t}| = |A_{p_1}| \dots |A_{p_t}| = p_1^{n_1} \dots p_t^{n_t}$$

So, we only need choose among all possible  $A_{p_i}$  s.t  
 $|A_{p_i}| = p_i^{n_i}$

### Example

Find all abelian groups of order 600,  
 $600 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2$ ,  $|A| = 600 \Rightarrow A = A_2 \oplus A_3 \oplus A_5$   
 $|A_2| = 2^3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_2: \quad 3 &= 3 && \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^3 \\
 \quad 3 &= 1+2 && \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \\
 \quad 3 &= 1+1+1 && \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|A_3| = 3^{(1)}$$

$$A_3: \quad 1 = 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbb{Z}_3$$

$$|A_5| = 5^{(2)}$$

$$A_5: \quad \begin{array}{l} 2 = 2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbb{Z}_5^2 \\ 2 = 1+1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A &= \mathbb{Z}_2^3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5^2 \\ &= \mathbb{Z}_2^3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \\ &= \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5^2 \\ &= \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \\ &= \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5^2 \\ &= \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 = \mathbb{Z}_{10} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{60}$$

$$\underline{\underline{2}} \quad \underline{\underline{2^2}} \quad \underline{\underline{3}} \quad \underline{\underline{5}} \quad \underline{\underline{5}}$$

Groups given by gens and relations

$$A = \langle x, y, z, w \mid 2x+2y=0, 3z=0, 4w=0 \rangle$$

Presentation matrix: write as columns:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{C_1 \leftrightarrow C_3 \\ R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 - R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{\substack{C_1 - C_2 \\ R_3 \leftrightarrow R_4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{C_2 - 2C_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{R_2 + R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{C_2 - C_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{C_3 - 2C_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

only consider diag  
ignore columns with 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 A & \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{12} \\
 & \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3
 \end{aligned}$$

cyclic group of order 2, the  $(x+y)$ , could call  $(x+y) = x'$

cyclic group of order 4, should have element of order 4, the  $w$

cyclic group of order 3, should have element of order 3, the  $z$

and write,

$$A = \langle x', z, w \mid 2x' = 0, 3z = 0, 4w = 0 \rangle$$

## Matrices under similarity

$A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  are similar if  $\exists P \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  s.t.  
 $B = P^{-1}AP$

N.B. under  $\mathbb{C}$ , we solved this ~~for~~ with SNF

$$A \in M_n(\mathbb{F}) \quad , \quad \alpha : \mathbb{F}^n = V \rightarrow V$$

$$v \mapsto A \cdot v$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{F}[x]\text{-mod structure on } V$$

$$(\neq(x) \cdot v) = \neq(\alpha)v$$

Submods of  $V \Leftrightarrow W \subseteq_{\mathbb{F}} V$  subspace s.t.  $\alpha(W) \subseteq W$

### Lemma 4.1

If  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_e$   
 and  $e_i$  basis of  $V_i \Rightarrow e = e_1 \cup e_2 \cup \dots \cup e_e$

### Def<sup>n</sup> 4.3

We say that  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$  is block diagonal if,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & & 0 \\ & A_2 & \\ 0 & & A_e \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad \text{where } A_k \in M_{n_k}(\mathbb{F})$$

$$= A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \dots \oplus A_e$$

$n = n_1 + \dots + n_e$

$V$  v.s./ $\mathbb{F}$   $\alpha : V \rightarrow V$  linear map

$$V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_e$$

where  $\alpha(V_i) \subseteq V_i \Rightarrow \alpha_i = \alpha|_{V_i} : V_i \rightarrow V_i$



linear map  
 $e_i$  basis of  $V_i$   
 $e = e_1 \vee \dots \vee e_t$

$$\Rightarrow [\alpha]_e^e = [\alpha_1]_{e_1}^{e_1} \oplus \dots \oplus [\alpha_t]_{e_t}^{e_t}$$

$(V, \alpha)$   $\mathbb{F}[x]$ -mod

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ann}_{\mathbb{F}[x]}(V) &= \{ f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x] \mid f(\alpha) \cdot v = 0 \quad \forall v \in V \} \\ &= \{ f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x] \mid f(\alpha)(v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V \} \\ &= \{ f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x] \mid f(\alpha) = 0 \} \\ &= (m_\alpha(x)) \end{aligned}$$

↑ minimal polynomial

$\Rightarrow V$  is a finite torsion over  $\mathbb{F}[x]$ , (finite as can take any basis)

$$\Rightarrow V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t \frac{\mathbb{F}[x]}{(d_i)}, \quad \text{where } d_1 \mid d_2 \mid \dots \mid d_t \in \mathbb{F}[x]$$

$d_i$ 's unique up to associates (as all non-zero constants are units - note  $d_i$  monic and we find they are unique)

Each  $V_i = \frac{\mathbb{F}[x]}{(d_i)}$  is an  $\alpha$ -invariant subspace of  $V$

Restrict ourselves to study

$$V = \frac{\mathbb{F}[x]}{(d)}, \quad d \in \mathbb{F}[x] \text{ monic}$$

$$\text{ann}(V) = (d) = (m_\alpha(x))$$

$$d = x^n + \lambda_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + \lambda_1x + \lambda_0$$

Assume we have a basis  $\{\alpha^{n-1}(v), \dots, \alpha^2(v), \alpha(v), v\}$  which is constructed in the exact same way that we construct the basis for JNF.

$$[\alpha]_e^e = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda_{n-1} & 1 & & & & \\ -\lambda_{n-2} & 0 & & & & \\ -\lambda_{n-3} & 0 & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ -\lambda_1 & 0 & & & & \\ -\lambda_0 & 0 & & & & \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{C_d}_{\text{companion matrix of } d} \begin{matrix} \text{strict} \\ \text{upper diag of } 1\text{'s} \end{matrix}$$

$$d(\alpha) = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad \alpha^n = -\lambda_0 - \lambda_1 \alpha - \dots - \lambda_{n-1} \alpha^{n-1}$$

### Theorem 4.3 (Rational Canonical Form - RCF)

$A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ , then  $A$  is similar to a unique matrix of the form,

$C_{d_1} \oplus \dots \oplus C_{d_t}$ , where  $C_{d_i}$  companion matrix of  $d_i$  and  $d_1 | d_2 | \dots | d_t$  monic polynomials is what we call the Rational Canonical Form of  $A$

Moreover,  $A$  and  $B$  are similar  $\iff$   $\text{RCF}(A) = \text{RCF}(B)$

Benefits here are that this does not require factorization. This is particularly useful as there is a formula for factoring degree 2, a really complicated formula for factoring degree 3, a really really long formula for factoring degree 4 but no formula for factoring degree  $\geq 5$

