

Final examination - Master 1

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EXERCISE 0.1 (6pts). Let R be a commutative ring. Prove the following

- (1) If $\mathfrak{p}$ is a prime ideal, then $\sqrt{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{p}$.
- (2) If R is a PID. Consider the sum $\langle a \rangle + \langle b \rangle = \langle c \rangle$. Show that $c = \gcd(a, b)$.
- (3) Give an example of a prime ideal which is not maximal (Think of the ring of multivariable polynomials).

(1) We have $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \sqrt{\mathfrak{p}}$, let $x \in \sqrt{\mathfrak{p}}$; $\exists m > 0$ s.t. $x^m \in \mathfrak{p}$. Since $\mathfrak{p}$ is prime, $x \in \mathfrak{p}$ or $x^{m-1} \in \mathfrak{p}$; after a f.m. of steps we get $x \in \mathfrak{p}$.

(2) let $x|a$ and $x|b$. Since $c = ax + by$, we deduce that $x|c$. Now it is clear that $c|a$ and $c|b$. Hence $c = \gcd(a, b)$.

(3) Let $R = k[X, Y]$; $I = \langle Y \rangle$; We see that

$R/I = k[X, Y]/\langle Y \rangle = k[X]$ is integral but not a field; hence $\langle Y \rangle$ is prime but not maximal

EXERCISE 0.2 (3pts). Let R be a commutative ring and $S = R \setminus \mathfrak{p}$ where $\mathfrak{p}$ is a prime ideal.

- (a) Show that S is a multiplicative set.
- (b) Show that a ring has exactly one maximal ideal if and only if the nonunits form an ideal (This called local ring).
- (c) Let $S^{-1}R$ be the localization R with respect to S . Show that this ring is local.

(a) $1 \in S$; clear; $xy \in S \Leftrightarrow xy \notin \mathfrak{p}$ hence $xy \notin \mathfrak{p}$, so $x, y \in S$.

(b) let $U = \{\text{non-units}\}$; if R has one maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m}$ then $\langle U \rangle \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$; but $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq U$; hence $\mathfrak{m} = U$. Conversely; if U is an ideal, it is the only one because any ideal is contained in U .

(3) the set of non units of $S^{-1}R$ is exactly $S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}$ which is an ideal; by (2) we get the result.

EXERCISE 0.3 (6 pts). Let R be a commutative ring and I, J two ideals of R .

(1) Prove that $\sqrt{I \cap J} = \sqrt{I} \cap \sqrt{J}$.

(2) Show that $\sqrt{\sqrt{I}} = \sqrt{I}$.

(3) Prove that R/I is reduced (i.e. has no non-zero nilpotents) if and only if $I = \sqrt{I}$.

(1) $I \cap J \subseteq \sqrt{I}$ so $\sqrt{I \cap J} \subseteq \sqrt{\sqrt{I}} = \sqrt{I}$; also $\sqrt{I \cap J} \subseteq \sqrt{J}$ hence

$\sqrt{I \cap J} \subseteq \sqrt{I} \cap \sqrt{J}$. Let $x \in \sqrt{I} \cap \sqrt{J}$; $\exists n, m$ s.t. $x^n \in I$; $x^m \in J$

So $x^{n+m} \in I \cap J \Rightarrow x \in \sqrt{I \cap J}$

(2) let $x \in \sqrt{\sqrt{I}}$; $\exists n > 0$ $x^n \in \sqrt{I}$ so $\exists m > 0$ $(x^n)^m = x^{nm} \in I$ hence $x \in \sqrt{I}$; The converse is clear

(3) Assume R/I reduced; let $x \in \sqrt{I}$; so $x^n \in I$ hence

$\bar{x}^n = 0$, but $\bar{x}^n = \overline{x^n}$, so $\bar{x}^n = 0$, hence $\bar{x}$ is nilpotent hence $\bar{x} = 0 \Rightarrow x \in I \Rightarrow I = \sqrt{I}$

Conversely: if $I = \sqrt{I}$; let $\bar{x} \in R/I$ be nilpotent so $\bar{x}^n = 0 \Rightarrow \overline{x^n} = 0 \Rightarrow x^n \in I \Rightarrow x \in \sqrt{I} = I \Rightarrow x \in I \Rightarrow \bar{x} = 0$.

EXERCISE 0.4 (6pts). Let R be a Noetherian ring, $M = (m)$ a cyclic R -module and $N \subset M$ a submodule.

(1) Define $I := \{r \in R \mid rm \in N\}$. Show that I is an ideal of R .

(2) Prove that $N = Im$.

(3) Using the fact that R is Noetherian, prove that N is finitely generated.

(1) $0 \in I$; if $x, y \in I$; $xm \in N$ and $ym \in N \Rightarrow (x-y)m \in N \Rightarrow x-y \in I$

if $a \in I$; $x \in R$; $\Rightarrow am \in N \Rightarrow xam \in N \Rightarrow xa \in I$

(2) $Im \subset N$ by definition. Let $x \in N$; $\exists r \in R$ s.t. $x = rm \Rightarrow r \in I$ (by def. of I) hence $N \subset Im$.

(3) let $r_1, \dots, r_n$ be a set that generate I ; so if $x \in N$

~~$\exists r \in I$ s.t. $x = rm$~~ $\exists r \in I$ s.t. $x = rm$;

$\exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ s.t. $r = \alpha_1 r_1 + \dots + \alpha_n r_n$; hence

$x = \alpha_1 r_1 m + \dots + \alpha_n r_n m$; So $N = \langle r_1 m, \dots, r_n m \rangle$