

Commutative Algebra

Due date: Tuesday, 24/01/2006, 10h00

Exercise 33: Let R be a noetherian integral domain, which is not a field, such that each ideal is a finite product of prime ideals.

Show that R is a PID if and only if R is a UFD and $\dim(R) = 1$.

Note, a noetherian ID of dimension one where each ideal is a product of primes is called a Dedekind domain and has by

Exercise 29 “unique prime factorisation” for ideals!

Exercise 34: Give an example of a ring R with two “maximal” chains of prime ideals of different length.

Exercise 35: Let K be a field and \bar{K} its algebraic closure.

Show that $\bar{K}[x]$ is integral over $K[x]$.

Exercise 36: [Rings of Invariants]

Let G be a *finite* group and $R = K[\underline{x}]/I$ a finitely generated K -algebra, $G \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{K\text{-alg}}(R)$ a group homomorphism (we say that G acts on R via K -algebra automorphisms), and write $g \cdot f := \alpha(g)(f)$ for $g \in G$ and $f \in R$. Moreover, consider $R^G = \{f \in R \mid g \cdot f = f \forall g \in G\}$, the *ring of invariants of G in R* .

a. Show that R is integral over R^G .

b. Show that R^G is a finitely generated K -algebra, hence noetherian.

c. Let $\text{Mon}(\underline{x}) = \{0\} \cup \{\underline{x}^\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n\}$, $\text{Mon}(f) = \{\underline{x}^\alpha \mid a_\alpha \neq 0\}$ for $0 \neq f = \sum_\alpha a_\alpha \underline{x}^\alpha \in K[\underline{x}]$ and $\text{Mon}(0) = \{0\}$. We define a *well-ordering* on $\text{Mon}(\underline{x})$ by $\underline{x}^\alpha > 0$ for all α and

$$\underline{x}^\alpha > \underline{x}^\beta \iff \deg(\underline{x}^\alpha) > \deg(\underline{x}^\beta) \quad \text{or} \\
 (\deg(\underline{x}^\alpha) = \deg(\underline{x}^\beta) \quad \text{and} \quad \exists i : \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1} = \beta_{i-1}, \alpha_i > \beta_i),$$

and we call $\text{lm}(f) = \max(\text{Mon}(f))$ the *leading monomial of f* .

Show, $(\underline{x}^\alpha > \underline{x}^\beta \implies \underline{x}^\alpha \cdot \underline{x}^\gamma > \underline{x}^\beta \cdot \underline{x}^\gamma)$, and thus $\text{lm}(f \cdot g) = \text{lm}(f) \cdot \text{lm}(g)$.

d. Consider the group homomorphism

$$\text{Sym}(n) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}_{K\text{-alg}}(K[x_1, \dots, x_n]) : \sigma \mapsto (f \mapsto f(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(n)}),$$

and the polynomial $(X + x_1) \cdots (X + x_n) = X^n + s_1 X^{n-1} + \dots + s_n \in K[x_1, \dots, x_n][X]$.

Show, $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]^{\text{Sym}(n)} = K[s_1, \dots, s_n]$.

Hint, use Exercise 28 to solve part b., for part d. show first that $\underline{x}^\alpha = \text{lm}(f)$ for $f \in K[x_1, \dots, x_n]^{\text{Sym}(n)}$ implies $\alpha_1 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_n$, and deduce that there is a $g \in K[s_1, \dots, s_n]$ such that $\text{lm}(f) = \text{lm}(g)$. Use this to do induction on $\text{lm}(f)$ in order to show that

actually $f \in K[s_1, \dots, s_n]$. Note that $s_i = \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_i \leq n} x_{j_1} \cdots x_{j_i}$, so what is $\text{lm}(s_i)$?