

## Commutative Algebra

Due date: Friday, 11/01/2007, 14h00

**Exercise 36:** 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 32 “unique prime factorisation” for ideals!

**Exercise 37:** Give an example of a ring  $R$  with two “maximal” chains of prime ideals of different length.

**Exercise 38:** Let  $K$  be a field and  $\bar{K}$  its algebraic closure.

Show that  $\bar{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is integral over  $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

**Exercise 39: [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  $\alpha$  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  $\text{lm}(s_i)$ ?