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Lemma. A : integral domain, integrally closed with field of fractions F .

E/F is an algebraic extension. B : integral closure of A in E .

Then $E = (A \setminus \{0\})^{-1} B$.

Pf. $\forall \alpha \in E, \exists f_i \in F$ s.t. $\alpha^n + f_{n-1} \alpha^{n-1} + \dots + f_1 \alpha + f_0 = 0$.

Since F is the field of fractions of A , $\exists a_i \in A$ s.t. $a_n \neq 0$ and

$a_n \alpha^n + a_{n-1} \alpha^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 = 0$, which implies

$(a_n \alpha)^n + a_{n-1} (a_n \alpha)^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 a_n^n = 0$; and so $a_n \alpha \in B$. Therefore

$\alpha \in a_n^{-1} B \subseteq (A \setminus \{0\})^{-1} B$. ■

Recall a few results from linear algebra:

Suppose V is a finite dimensional vector space over F . Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$

be an F -basis. Then for any $v \in V$, $\exists!$ $(c_1, \dots, c_n) \in F^n$ s.t.

$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i v_i = v$. We let $|v\rangle_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$ and $\langle v|_{\mathcal{B}} = [c_1 \dots c_n]$.

For a linear map $T: V \rightarrow V$, let $[T]_{\mathcal{B}} \in M_n(F)$ s.t. its i^{th}

column is $|T v_i\rangle_{\mathcal{B}}$. And we get $|T v\rangle_{\mathcal{B}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}} |v\rangle_{\mathcal{B}}$ and

$\langle T v|_{\mathcal{B}} = \langle v|_{\mathcal{B}} [T]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\dagger}$.

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$f: V \times V \rightarrow F$ is called a bilinear form if

$$f(cv + c'v', w) = cf(v, w) + c'f(v', w) \text{ and}$$

$$f(v, cw + c'w') = cf(v, w) + c'f(v, w').$$

Let $[f]_{\mathcal{B}} := [f(v_i, v_j)] \in M_n(F)$. Then

$$f(v, w) = \langle v|_{\mathcal{B}} [f]_{\mathcal{B}} |w\rangle_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

f is called non-degenerate if one of the following equivalent properties hold:

$$(1) f(v, V) = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0$$

$$(2) \det [f]_{\mathcal{B}} \neq 0$$

$$(3) f(V, w) = 0 \Rightarrow w = 0$$

(1) \Rightarrow (2). It is enough to show $[f]_{\mathcal{B}}$ does not have a right kernel. Suppose $\langle v|_{\mathcal{B}}$ is in the right kernel of $[f]_{\mathcal{B}}$. Then

$$\forall w \in V, f(v, w) = \langle v|_{\mathcal{B}} [f]_{\mathcal{B}} |w\rangle_{\mathcal{B}} = 0. \text{ Hence } v = 0.$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow (1) f(v, V) = 0 \Rightarrow \forall w \in V, \langle v|_{\mathcal{B}} [f]_{\mathcal{B}} |w\rangle_{\mathcal{B}} = 0 \Rightarrow \langle v|_{\mathcal{B}} [f]_{\mathcal{B}} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \langle v|_{\mathcal{B}} = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0.$$

Similarly (2) \Leftrightarrow (3). ■

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Lemma. Suppose f is a non-degenerate bilinear form. Then

$$T_f: V \rightarrow V^*, \quad (T_f(v))(\omega) := f(v, \omega)$$

is an F -vector space isomorphism.

PP. $T_f(v) \in V^*$. $(T_f(v))(c\omega + c'\omega') = f(v, c\omega + c'\omega')$

$$= c f(v, \omega) + c' f(v, \omega')$$
$$= c (T_f(v))(\omega) + c' (T_f(v))(\omega').$$

T_f is linear. $(T_f(cv + c'v'))(\omega) = f(cv + c'v', \omega)$

$$= c f(v, \omega) + c' f(v', \omega)$$
$$= c (T_f(v))(\omega) + c' (T_f(v'))(\omega).$$

T_f is injective. $T_f(v) = 0 \Rightarrow \forall \omega \in V, (T_f(v))(\omega) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow f(v, \omega) = 0 \quad \forall \omega \in V \Rightarrow v = 0.$$

T_f is surjective. $\dim V = \dim V^*$ and T_f is inject.

(and linear). ■

Lemma. f : non-degenerate bilinear form; $W \subseteq V$ subspace;

$$W^\perp := \{v \in V \mid f(v, W) = 0\}. \text{ Then}$$

$$0 \rightarrow (V/W)^* \rightarrow V^* \rightarrow W^* \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } 0 \rightarrow W^\perp \rightarrow V \rightarrow V/W^\perp \rightarrow 0$$

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are isomorphic S.E.S.; in particular $\dim W + \dim W^\perp = \dim V$.

Pf. Since $0 \rightarrow W \rightarrow V \rightarrow V/W \rightarrow 0$ is a S.E.S.,

$$0 \rightarrow (V/W)^* \rightarrow V^* \rightarrow W^* \rightarrow 0 \text{ is a S.E.S.}$$

$$0 \rightarrow W^\perp \rightarrow V \rightarrow V/W^\perp \rightarrow 0$$

For any $\omega' \in W^\perp$ and $\omega \in W$, $(T_f(\omega'))(\omega) = f(\omega', \omega) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow T_f(W^\perp) \subseteq (V/W)^*$$

Let $\overline{T}_f: V/W^\perp \rightarrow W^*$, $\overline{T}_f(v+W^\perp)(\omega) = f(v, \omega)$.

One can see that \overline{T}_f is a well-defined linear map and the following is a commuting diag.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & (V/W)^* & \rightarrow & V^* & \rightarrow & W^* \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \uparrow T_f|_{W^\perp} & \searrow & \uparrow T_f & \searrow & \uparrow \overline{T}_f \\ 0 & \rightarrow & W^\perp & \rightarrow & V & \rightarrow & V/W^\perp \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

It is easy to see that $T_f|_{W^\perp}$ and \overline{T}_f are injective; and

so by dimension comparison, they are also surjective. In particular,

$$\dim W^\perp = \dim (V/W)^* = \dim V/W = \dim V - \dim W. \quad \blacksquare$$

Corollary. In the above setting $(W^\perp)^\perp = W$.

This proof was not presented during lecture.

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Pf. Clearly $(W^\perp)^\perp \supseteq W$. By the previous lemma

$$\dim(W^\perp)^\perp + \dim W^\perp = \dim V = \dim W^\perp + \dim W. \text{ And so } \dim W = \dim(W^\perp)^\perp. \quad \blacksquare$$

Proposition. Suppose $f: V \times V \rightarrow F$ is a non-degen. bilinear form.

Suppose $\mathcal{B} := \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is an F -basis of V . Then $\exists \omega_1, \dots, \omega_n \in V$

$$\text{such } f(\omega_i, v_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases} \quad \{ \omega_1, \dots, \omega_n \} \text{ is an } F\text{-basis}$$

of V and it is called the dual basis of V .

Pf. We construct ω_i 's recursively. Since $\langle v_1 \rangle^\perp \neq V$, $\exists \omega_1 \in V$ st.

$f(\omega_1, v_1) = 1$. Suppose $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k$ have been already constructed. Then

since $v_{k+1} \notin \langle v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$, by the previous corollary

$$\langle v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle^\perp \not\subseteq \langle v_{k+1} \rangle^\perp.$$

Hence $\exists \omega_{k+1} \in \langle v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle^\perp$ st. $f(\omega_{k+1}, v_{k+1}) = 1$. And $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n$

satisfy $f(\omega_i, v_j) = \delta_{ij}$. Thus $\omega = \sum c_i \omega_i$ implies $c_j = f(\omega, v_j)$.

In particular ω_i 's are linearly independent; and claim follows. \blacksquare

Corollary. In the above setting

$$v = \sum f(v, v_j) \omega_j = \sum f(\omega_i, v) v_i. \quad \square$$

Lecture 15: Integral closure; Noetherian

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Theorem. A : integral domain, integrally closed, with field of fractions F

E/F : finite separable extension;

B : integral closure of A in E ;

$\Rightarrow \exists e_1, \dots, e_n \in E$ s.t. $B \subseteq Ae_1 + \dots + Ae_n$; in particular

if A is Noetherian, then B is a Noetherian A -mod. (and so

B is a Noetherian ring as well.)

Pf of theorem. Suppose $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\} \subseteq E$ is an F -basis of E . By a lemma

$E = (A \setminus \{0\})^{-1} B$; so $e_i = \frac{b_i}{a_i}$ for some $b_i \in B$ and $a_i \in A \subseteq F$.

Hence $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\} \subseteq B$ is an F -basis of E . Since E/F is a

finite separable extension, $f: E \times E \rightarrow F$, $f(e, e') := T_{E/F}(ee')$ is

a symmetric non-degenerate bilinear form. By a result proved earlier

\exists an F -basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ of E s.t. $f(e_i, b_j) = \delta_{ij}$. And so

for any $b \in B$, $b = \sum_{j=1}^n T_{E/F}(bb_j) e_j$. On the other hand

$T_{E/F}(bb_j) = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Hom}_F(E, F)} \sigma(bb_j) \in F$; and bb_j is integral over

A implies $\sigma(bb_j)$ is integ. over A . Therefore $T_{E/F}(bb_j) \in F$

is integral over A . Since A is integrally closed, $T_{E/F}(bb_j) \in A$.

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Hence $B \subseteq \sum_{i=1}^n A e_i$.

If A is Noetherian, any f.g. A -mod is a Noeth. A -mod.

Hence $\sum_{i=1}^n A e_i$ is a Noetherian A -mod. And so B is a Noeth.

A -mod; this implies B is a Noetherian ring as well. ■

Corollary. Let k/\mathbb{Q} be a finite extension, \mathcal{O}_k be the integral

closure of \mathbb{Z} in k . Then $\mathcal{O}_k \simeq \mathbb{Z}^{[k:\mathbb{Q}]}$ as an additive group; in particular it is Noetherian and finitely gener. ring.

PP. By the mentioned theorem \mathcal{O}_k is a finitely generated

\mathbb{Z} -module. And it is a torsion-free abelian group, as

$\mathcal{O}_k \subseteq k$ has char. 0. Hence $\mathcal{O}_k \simeq \mathbb{Z}^d$. By another

lemma $(\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\})^{-1} \mathcal{O}_k = k$; and so $(\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\})^{-1} \mathbb{Z}^d \simeq k$ as

\mathbb{Q} -vector space, which implies $d = [k:\mathbb{Q}]$. ■

Exercise. Deduce $|N_{k/\mathbb{Q}}(a)| = |\mathcal{O}_k / a\mathcal{O}_k|$ for $a \in \mathcal{O}_k \setminus \{0\}$.