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Problem

Suppose A is a unital commutative ring, $S \subseteq A$ is multiplicatively closed, and M is an A -module. We can localize M with respect to S as we did A . Namely on $M \times S$ we define the following relation:

(numerator) → (denomin.)

$$(m_1, s_1) \sim (m_2, s_2) \iff \exists s \in S \text{ st. } s \cdot (s_1 \cdot m_2 - s_2 \cdot m_1) = 0.$$

Convince yourself that \sim is an equivalency relation on $M \times S$,

and let $\frac{m}{s} := [(m, s)]$, and $S^{-1}M := \left\{ \frac{m}{s} \mid m \in M, s \in S \right\}$.

Let $\frac{m_1}{s_1} + \frac{m_2}{s_2} := \frac{s_2 m_1 + s_1 m_2}{s_1 s_2}$; convince yourself that

it is a well-defined operation and $(S^{-1}M, +)$ is an abelian group.

For $\frac{a}{s} \in S^{-1}A$ and $\frac{m}{s'} \in S^{-1}M$, let $\frac{a}{s} \cdot \frac{m}{s'} := \frac{a \cdot m}{ss'}$.

Convince yourself that it is well-defined, and it makes $S^{-1}M$ an $S^{-1}A$ -mod.

For $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)$, we let $M_{\mathfrak{p}} := S_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1}M$ where $S_{\mathfrak{p}} := A \setminus \mathfrak{p}$.

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1. (a) Suppose M is an A -mod. Prove that

$$\begin{aligned} M=0 &\iff \forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A), M_{\mathfrak{p}}=0 \\ &\iff \forall \mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A), M_{\mathfrak{m}}=0. \end{aligned}$$

(Hint. Clearly the only non-trivial part is: $\forall \mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A), M_{\mathfrak{m}}=0 \stackrel{!}{\implies} M=0$.
For $x \in M$, consider $\text{ann}(x)$; and show it cannot be proper.)

(b) Let $\phi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ be an A -mod. homomorphism. And S is a multiplicatively closed subset of A . Let $S^{-1}\phi: S^{-1}M_1 \rightarrow S^{-1}M_2$,

$$(S^{-1}\phi)\left(\frac{m_1}{s}\right) := \frac{\phi(m_1)}{s}.$$

Show that $S^{-1}\phi$ is a well-defined $S^{-1}A$ -mod. homomorphism.

(For $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)$, we let $\phi_{\mathfrak{p}} := S_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1}\phi$ where $S_{\mathfrak{p}} := A \setminus \mathfrak{p}$.)

Suppose M_1 is a submodule of M_2 . Observe that $S^{-1}M_1$ is a submodule of $S^{-1}M_2$. Convince yourself that $S^{-1}M_2/S^{-1}M_1 \cong S^{-1}(M_2/M_1)$.

(c) Let $\phi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ be an A -mod. homomorphism. Prove that

$$\phi \text{ is injective} \iff \forall \mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A), \phi_{\mathfrak{m}} \text{ is injective.}$$

(Hint. Show that $\ker(\phi_{\mathfrak{m}}) = (\ker(\phi))_{\mathfrak{m}}$.)

(d) Show that ϕ is surjective $\iff \forall \mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A), \phi_{\mathfrak{m}}$ is surjective

(Hint. Consider the co-kernel of ϕ ; that means $M_2/\text{Im } \phi$.
And co-kernel of $\phi_{\mathfrak{m}}$'s.)

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Reading before problem. Suppose A is a unital commutative ring and S is a

multiplicatively closed set. As we have seen in problem 1,

if $\mathfrak{a} \triangleleft A$, then $S^{-1}\mathfrak{a} \triangleleft S^{-1}A$; and $S^{-1}(A/\mathfrak{a}) \simeq S^{-1}A/S^{-1}\mathfrak{a}$

as $S^{-1}A$ -modules. Convince yourself that this implies

$$\overline{S^{-1}}(A/\mathfrak{a}) \simeq S^{-1}A/S^{-1}\mathfrak{a}$$

as rings where $\overline{S} = \{s + \mathfrak{a} \in A/\mathfrak{a} \mid s \in S\}$.

2.(a) Suppose $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}$ is an ideal of $S^{-1}A$. Let

$$\mathfrak{a} := \{a \in A \mid \frac{a}{1} \in \tilde{\mathfrak{a}}\}.$$

Prove that $\mathfrak{a} \triangleleft A$ and $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}} = S^{-1}\mathfrak{a}$.

(b) Let $\mathcal{O}_S := \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A) \mid \mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset\}$. Let

$$\phi: \mathcal{O}_S \rightarrow \text{Spec}(S^{-1}A), \quad \phi(\mathfrak{p}) := S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\psi: \text{Spec}(S^{-1}A) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S, \quad \psi(\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}) := \{a \in A \mid \frac{a}{1} \in \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}\}.$$

Prove that ϕ and ψ are well-defined and they are inverse of each other. (and so there is a bijection

between prime ideals of $S^{-1}A$ and prime ideals of A that

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do not intersect S .)

(Explanation. • You have to show $S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}$ is prime if \mathfrak{p} is.

Think about $S^{-1}A/S^{-1}\mathfrak{p} \cong \overline{S^{-1}(A/\mathfrak{p})} \hookrightarrow$ field of fractions of A/\mathfrak{p}

• Next you have to show

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2 \in \text{Spec}(A) \\ S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}_1 = S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}_2 \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{?} \mathfrak{p}_1 = \mathfrak{p}_2 .$$

3. (a) Suppose A is a unital commutative ring and $\mathfrak{m} \triangleleft A$.

Prove that $\text{Max}(A) = \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ if and only if $A^{\times} = A \setminus \mathfrak{m}$.

(Such a ring is called a local ring.)

(b) Suppose A is a unital commutative ring. Prove that

$A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a local ring for any $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)$.

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Determinant can be defined for matrices with entries in a unital commutative ring:

$$\det [a_{i,j}] := \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i, \sigma(i)}, \text{ where}$$

S_n is the symmetric group, and $\text{sgn}: S_n \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ is the sign

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group homomorphism. Similar to the $n \times n$ matrices over a field, one can define minors of $x = [a_{ij}]$.

The l, k -minor of $x = [a_{ij}]$ is the determinant of the $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix $x(l, k)$ that one gets after removing the l^{th} row and the k^{th} column.

Similar to Cramer's rule, we can define the adjunct matrix

$$x(l, k) := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1k} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{l1} & \dots & a_{lk} & \dots & a_{ln} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nk} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{adj}(x)$ of x . The (i, j) -entry of $\text{adj}(x)$ is $(-1)^{i+j} \det x(j, i)$.

Here are the main properties of $\det: M_n(A) \rightarrow A$.

- (1) \det is multi-linear with respect to columns.
- (1') \det is multi-linear with respect to rows.
- (2) $\det(I) = 1$.
- (3) If x has two identical rows, then $\det x = 0$
- (3') If x has two identical columns, then $\det x = 0$
- (4) $\text{adj}(x) \cdot x = x \cdot \text{adj}(x) = \det(x) I$.
- (5) $\forall x, y \in M_n(A), \det(xy) = \det(x) \det(y)$.

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4. (a) Suppose A is a unital commutative ring, and $GL_n(A) = M_n(A)^\times$.

Prove that $x \in GL_n(A) \iff \det x \in A^\times$.

(b) Suppose A is a unital commutative ring and $\text{Max}(A) = \{ \mathfrak{m} \}$.

Suppose $\phi: A^n \rightarrow A^n$ is an A -mod. homomorphism and let

$X_\phi \in M_n(A)$ be its associated matrix. Convince yourself that

ϕ is a bijection if and only if $X_\phi \in GL_n(A)$.

Prove the following statements are equivalent:

(1) $\phi: A^n \rightarrow A^n$ is surjective.

(2) $\bar{\phi}: (A/\mathfrak{m})^n \rightarrow (A/\mathfrak{m})^n$ is bijective, where $\bar{\phi}$ is induced by ϕ .

(3) $\phi: A^n \rightarrow A^n$ is bijective.

(Hint. Show (1) \iff (2) and (2) \iff (3). Use linear algebra to show $\det(\bar{\phi}) \notin \mathfrak{m}$.)

(c) Suppose A is a unital commutative ring, and $\phi: A^n \rightarrow A^n$ is

an A -mod. homomorphism. Prove that

ϕ is surjective $\iff \phi$ is bijective.

(Hint. Use Problem 1.c, 1.d, 3.b)

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5. Suppose A is a unital commutative ring, and $\phi: A^n \rightarrow A^m$ is surjective. Prove that $n \geq m$.

Reading before problem A module M is called Noetherian if

the following (equivalent) statements hold:

(a) Any chain $(N_i)_{i \in I}$ of submodules of M has a maximum.

(b) Any non-empty set Σ of submodules of M has a maximal element.

(c) M satisfies the ascending chain condition (a.c.c.); that means

if $N_1 \subseteq N_2 \subseteq N_3 \subseteq \dots$ are submodules of M , then $\exists i_0$ s.t.

$$N_{i_0} = N_{i_0+1} = \dots$$

(d) All the submodules of M are finitely generated.

Go over Lecture 28 of math 200 a and see that similar arguments

imply (a), (b), (c), and (d) are equivalent.

Observe that A is a Noetherian ring if and only if A is a Noetherian A -mod.

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6. (a) Suppose N is a submodule of M . Prove that

M is Noetherian $\iff N$ and M/N are Noetherian.

(b) Suppose A is a Noetherian ring, and M is a finitely generated A -module. Prove that M is Noetherian.

7. (a) Suppose A is a Noetherian unital commutative ring, and

$\phi: A^n \rightarrow A^m$ is injective. Prove that $n \leq m$.

(Hint. If not, $\phi(A^n) \oplus A^{n-m} \subseteq A^n$

explain $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \phi^2(A^n) \oplus \phi(A^{n-m}) \oplus A^{n-m} \subseteq A^n \Rightarrow \dots \\ \phi^i(A^n) \oplus \phi^{i-1}(A^{n-m}) \oplus \phi^{i-2}(A^{n-m}) \oplus \dots \oplus A^{n-m} \subseteq A^n. \\ \Rightarrow A^{n-m} \subsetneq A^{n-m} \oplus \phi(A^{n-m}) \subsetneq \dots \subseteq A^n. \end{array} \right.$

(b) Suppose A is a unital commutative ring, and $\phi: A^n \rightarrow A^m$

is injective. Prove that $n \leq m$.

(Hint. Suppose $x_\phi = [a_{ij}]$ is the associated matrix; and let A_0 be the subring of A which is generated by a_{ij} 's. Consider $\phi|_{A_0^n}: A_0^n \rightarrow A_0^m$ is injective. Use Hilbert's basis theorem and part (a).)

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(c) Suppose A is a unital commutative ring, and M is a finitely generated A -module. Let

$d(M) :=$ minimum number of generators of M , and

$\text{rank}(M) :=$ maximum number of linearly independent elements of M .

Prove that $\text{rank}(M) \leq d(M)$.

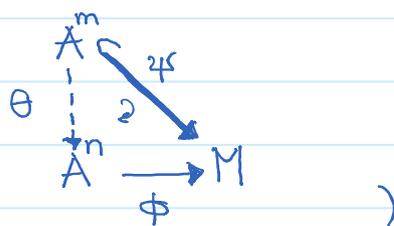
(Hint. Let $d(M) = n$ and $\text{rank}(M) = m$. Then

$\exists \phi: A^n \rightarrow M$ surjective and $\exists \psi: A^m \rightarrow M$ injective.

So, for any $1 \leq i \leq m$, $\exists v_i \in A^n$ s.t. $\phi(v_i) = \psi(e_i)$.

Let $\theta(e_i) := v_i$ and extend it to an A -mod. homomorphism

$\theta: A^m \rightarrow A^n$ s.t.



Deduce that θ is injective.

(Remark. In class, we discussed the case where A is an integral domain.)