

Lecture 03: Contraction map and localization

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In the previous lecture we stated the following:

Proposition. Suppose S is a multiplicatively closed subset of A , and

$0 \notin S$. Let $f: A \rightarrow S^{-1}A$, $f(a) := \frac{a}{1}$. Then f^* induces a

bijection from $\text{Spec}(S^{-1}A)$ to $\{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A) \mid S \cap \mathfrak{p} = \emptyset\}$.

Pf. Claim 1. Any ideal $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$ of $S^{-1}A$ is of the form $S^{-1}\mathcal{U}$ where

$$\mathcal{U} := \tilde{\mathcal{U}}^c.$$

Pf. By definition $\mathcal{U} = \{a \in A \mid \frac{a}{1} \in \tilde{\mathcal{U}}\}$. Clearly $S^{-1}\mathcal{U} \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{U}}$.

Now suppose $\frac{a}{s} \in \tilde{\mathcal{U}}$. Then $\frac{s}{1} \cdot \frac{a}{s} = \frac{a}{1} \in \tilde{\mathcal{U}}$; and so

$a \in \mathcal{U}$, which implies $\frac{a}{s} \in S^{-1}\mathcal{U}$. (here $s \in S$).

Claim 2. If $\tilde{\mathfrak{p}} \in \text{Spec}(S^{-1}A)$, then $f^*(\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}) \cap S = \emptyset$.

Pf. By Claim 1, $\tilde{\mathfrak{p}} = S^{-1}f^*(\tilde{\mathfrak{p}})$. So $S^{-1}f^*(\tilde{\mathfrak{p}})$ is a proper

ideal. Therefore $S \cap f^*(\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}) = \emptyset$.

Claim 3. $f^*(\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_1) = f^*(\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_2) \Rightarrow \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_1 = \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_2$

Pf. By Claim 1, $\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_1 = S^{-1}f^*(\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_1) = S^{-1}f^*(\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_2) = \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_2$

Claim 4. Suppose $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)$ and $\mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset$. Then $S^{-1}\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(S^{-1}A)$.

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Pf. Let $\bar{S} := \pi(S)$ where $\pi: A \rightarrow A/\mathfrak{p}$ is the natural quotient map. Since $S \cap \mathfrak{p} = \emptyset$, $\bar{0} \notin \bar{S}$. So

$\pi(S)^{-1}(A/\mathfrak{p})$ can be embedded into the field of fractions

$Q(A/\mathfrak{p})$ of the integral domain A/\mathfrak{p} . On the other hand,

$S^{-1}A/S^{-1}\mathfrak{p} \simeq \pi(S)^{-1}(A/\mathfrak{p})$ (why?). Hence $S^{-1}A/S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}$ is an integral domain; and so $S^{-1}\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(S^{-1}A)$.

Claim 5. Suppose $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)$ and $\mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset$. Then $f^*(S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}) = \mathfrak{p}$.

Pf. Clearly $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq f^*(S^{-1}\mathfrak{p})$. Now suppose $\frac{a}{1} \in S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}$. Then

$\exists s \in S$ s.t. $sa \in \mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow$ either $s \in \mathfrak{p}$ or $a \in \mathfrak{p}$. As $S \cap \mathfrak{p} = \emptyset$

we deduce that $a \in \mathfrak{p}$; and claim follows.

By claim 2, f^* induces a function from $\text{Spec}(S^{-1}A)$ to

$\{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A) \mid \mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset\}$; by claim 3, f^* is injective;

by Claim 4 and 5, we get the image of f^* . ■

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Corollary. Suppose $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)$, and $f: A \rightarrow A_{\mathfrak{p}}$, $f(a) = \frac{a}{1}$

(recall $S_{\mathfrak{p}} := A \setminus \mathfrak{p}$ is multiplicatively closed, and $A_{\mathfrak{p}} := S_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1}A$).

Then $f^*: \text{Spec}(A_{\mathfrak{p}}) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$ induces a bijection from

$\text{Spec}(A_{\mathfrak{p}})$ to $\{\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Spec}(A) \mid \mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}\}$

Corollary. Suppose $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a ring homomorphism, and

$\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)$. Let $k(\mathfrak{p})$ be the residue field at \mathfrak{p} ; that means

$k(\mathfrak{p}) := A_{\mathfrak{p}} / \mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Then $(f^*)^{-1}(\mathfrak{p})$ is in bijection with $\text{Spec}(B \otimes_A k(\mathfrak{p}))$.

Pf. Claim 1. $A_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_A B \simeq f(S_{\mathfrak{p}})^{-1}B$

$$\frac{a}{s} \otimes m \mapsto \frac{am}{s}$$

Pf. For an A -mod M , we have proved $S^{-1}A \otimes_A M \simeq S^{-1}M$;

$f: A \rightarrow B$ makes B into an A -mod via $a \cdot b := f(a)b$

scalar multiplication. And so as A -modules we get that

$$A_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_A B \xrightarrow{\theta} f(S_{\mathfrak{p}})^{-1}B, \quad \frac{a}{s} \otimes b \mapsto \frac{f(a)b}{f(s)}$$

Notice that

$$\left(\frac{a_1}{s_1} \otimes b_1\right) \left(\frac{a_2}{s_2} \otimes b_2\right) = \frac{a_1 a_2}{s_1 s_2} \otimes b_1 b_2 \mapsto \frac{f(a_1 a_2) b_1 b_2}{f(s_1 s_2)}$$

$$\frac{f(a_1) b_1}{f(s_1)} \cdot \frac{f(a_2) b_2}{f(s_2)} = \frac{f(a_1 a_2) b_1 b_2}{f(s_1 s_2)}$$

So θ is a ring homo. \square

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Claim 2. $B \otimes_A k(\mathfrak{p}) \simeq f(S_{\mathfrak{p}})^{-1} B / f(S_{\mathfrak{p}})^{-1} \langle f(\mathfrak{p}) \rangle$.

Pf. We have proved that if $g: R \rightarrow R'$ is a ring homo.,

then, for any $I \triangleleft R$, $R' \otimes_R R/I \simeq R' / g(I)R' = R'/Ie$.

$$\begin{aligned} B \otimes_A k_{\mathfrak{p}} &\simeq B \otimes_A (A_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_{A_{\mathfrak{p}}} A_{\mathfrak{p}} / \mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}}) \simeq (B \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{p}}) \otimes_{A_{\mathfrak{p}}} A_{\mathfrak{p}} / \mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}} \\ &\simeq f(S_{\mathfrak{p}})^{-1} B \otimes_{A_{\mathfrak{p}}} A_{\mathfrak{p}} / \mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}} \simeq f(S_{\mathfrak{p}})^{-1} B / f(S_{\mathfrak{p}})^{-1} \langle f(\mathfrak{p}) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

(we will continue next time)