

Lecture 07: Primary ideals of ring of fractions

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At the end of the previous lecture we were proving the following propo.

Proposition. Let $f: A \rightarrow S^{-1}A$, $f(a) = \frac{a}{1}$.

(1) Suppose \mathfrak{q} is \mathfrak{p} -primary, and $\mathfrak{p} \cap S \neq \emptyset$. Then $S^{-1}\mathfrak{q} = S^{-1}A$.

(2) Suppose \mathfrak{q} is \mathfrak{p} -primary, and $\mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset$. Then $S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}$ is $S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}$ -primary.

(3) Suppose $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}$ is $\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}$ -primary, $\mathfrak{q} = \tilde{\mathfrak{q}}^c$, and $\mathfrak{p} = \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}^c$. Then \mathfrak{q} is \mathfrak{p} -primary.

(4) Consider the maps induced by the contraction and extension maps:

$$\{\mathfrak{q} \triangleleft A \mid \mathfrak{q} : \mathfrak{p}\text{-primary}, \mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset\} \xrightleftharpoons{e} \{\tilde{\mathfrak{q}} \triangleleft S^{-1}A \mid \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}\text{-primary}\}.$$

Then these are inverse of each other.

Pr. We have already proved (1). (2) We start by proving

$\sqrt{S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}} = S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}$. Notice that $S^{-1}\mathfrak{q} \subseteq S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}$ and $S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}$ is prime as

$\mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset$. Hence $\sqrt{S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}} \subseteq S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}$. On the other hand, $S^{-1}\sqrt{\mathfrak{q}} \subseteq \sqrt{S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}}$;

and so $\sqrt{S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}} = S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{s} \cdot \frac{y}{s'} \in S^{-1}\mathfrak{q} &\Rightarrow \exists s'' \in S, s''xy \in \mathfrak{q} \Rightarrow (s''x)y \in \mathfrak{q} \Rightarrow y \in \mathfrak{q} \\ \frac{x}{s} \notin S^{-1}\mathfrak{p} &\Rightarrow x \notin \mathfrak{p} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \frac{y}{s'} \in S^{-1}\mathfrak{q} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{if } (s''x)y \in \mathfrak{q} \\ \text{and } s''x \notin \mathfrak{p} \end{array}$$

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(3) Suppose $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}$ is $\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}$ -primary, $\mathfrak{q} = \tilde{\mathfrak{q}}^c$, $\mathfrak{p} = \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}^c$. Then $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)$,

$\mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset$, and $\tilde{\mathfrak{p}} = S^{-1}\mathfrak{p}$; and $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}} = S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}$.

• $x \in \mathfrak{p} \iff \frac{x}{1} \in \tilde{\mathfrak{p}} \iff \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \frac{x^n}{1} \in \tilde{\mathfrak{q}} \iff \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, x^n \in \mathfrak{q}$.

Hence $\sqrt{\mathfrak{q}} = \mathfrak{p}$.

• $\left. \begin{array}{l} xy \in \mathfrak{q} \\ x \notin \mathfrak{p} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{xy}{1} \in \tilde{\mathfrak{q}} \\ \frac{x}{1} \notin \tilde{\mathfrak{p}} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{y}{1} \in \tilde{\mathfrak{q}} \Rightarrow y \in \mathfrak{q}$.

(4) By (2), we showed \underline{e} is well-defined. By (1), we get

that \underline{e} is well-defined; and by (3), we get that \underline{e} is onto.

For any $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}} \triangleleft S^{-1}A$, we have $(\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}^c)^e = \tilde{\mathfrak{a}}$. For $\mathfrak{a} \triangleleft A$, let

$S(\mathfrak{a}) := (\mathfrak{a}^e)^c$. So it is only remained to show $S(\mathfrak{q}) = \mathfrak{q}$ if \mathfrak{q}

is \mathfrak{p} -primary and $\mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset$.

• $x \in S(\mathfrak{q}) \Rightarrow \frac{x}{1} \in S^{-1}\mathfrak{q} \Rightarrow \exists s \in S, sx \in \mathfrak{q} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} sx \in \mathfrak{q} \\ s \notin \mathfrak{p} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x \in \mathfrak{q}$.

• Clearly $S(\mathfrak{a}) \supseteq \mathfrak{a}$. ■

Notice that $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq S(\mathfrak{a})$; $\mathfrak{p} = S(\mathfrak{p})$ if $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)$ and $\mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset$;

$\mathfrak{q} = S(\mathfrak{q})$ if \mathfrak{q} is \mathfrak{p} -primary and $\mathfrak{p} \cap S = \emptyset$.

Lecture 07: Primary decompositions and localization

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What happens to a primary decomposition after a localization?

Lemma. Suppose $\mathcal{U} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{q}_i$ is a reduced primary decomposition,

\mathfrak{q}_i is \mathfrak{p}_i -primary, $S \subseteq A$ is a multiplicatively closed subset,

$S \cap \mathfrak{p}_j = \emptyset$ for $1 \leq j \leq m$, and $S \cap \mathfrak{p}_j \neq \emptyset$ for $m < j \leq n$. Then

$$S^{-1}\mathcal{U} = \bigcap_{i=1}^m S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}_i \quad \text{and} \quad S(\mathcal{U}) = \bigcap_{i=1}^m \mathfrak{q}_i.$$

Pf. $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathfrak{q}_i \Rightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{U} \subseteq S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}_i \Rightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{U} \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^n S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}_i \Rightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{U} \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^m S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}_i$.
 $S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}_i = S^{-1}A$ if $m < i \leq n$ (1)

$$\cdot \frac{x}{s} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^m S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}_i \Rightarrow \frac{x}{1} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^m S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}_i \Rightarrow x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^m S(\mathfrak{q}_i) = \bigcap_{i=1}^m \mathfrak{q}_i$$

Let $s_j \in S \cap \mathfrak{p}_j$ for $m < j \leq n$. So $s_{m+1} \cdots s_n x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{q}_i = \mathcal{U}$. Hence

$$\frac{x}{s} = \frac{s_{m+1} \cdots s_n x}{s_{m+1} \cdots s_n s} \in S^{-1}\mathcal{U}. \quad (2)$$

(1) & (2) imply $S^{-1}\mathcal{U} = \bigcap_{i=1}^m S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}_i$.

$$\cdot S(\mathcal{U}) = (S^{-1}\mathcal{U})^c = \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^m S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}_i \right)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^m (S^{-1}\mathfrak{q}_i)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^m \mathfrak{q}_i. \quad \blacksquare$$

Def. $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Ass}(\mathcal{U})$ is called isolated if

$$\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \Sigma, \mathfrak{p}' \in \text{Ass}(\mathcal{U}), \mathfrak{p}' \subseteq \mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}' \in \Sigma.$$

Ex. If \mathfrak{p} is a minimal element of $\text{Ass}(\mathcal{U})$, then $\{\mathfrak{p}\}$ is isolated.

Lecture 07: Second uniqueness theorem

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Theorem. Suppose $\mathcal{A} \triangleleft A$ is decomposable, $\mathcal{A} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{q}_i$ is a reduced primary decomposition, and \mathfrak{q}_i is \mathfrak{p}_i -primary. Suppose

$\Sigma := \{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_m\} \subseteq \text{Ass}(\mathcal{A})$ is isolated; that means

$$\mathfrak{p} \in \Sigma, \mathfrak{p}' \in \text{Ass}(\mathcal{A}), \mathfrak{p}' \subseteq \mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}' \in \Sigma.$$

Then $\bigcap_{j=1}^m \mathfrak{q}_{i_j}$ just depends on Σ (it is independent of the choice of the reduced primary decomposition $\bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{q}_i$).

In particular, if \mathfrak{p} is a minimal prime ideal associated with \mathcal{A} , then the \mathfrak{p} -primary factor \mathfrak{q} is unique.

Pf. Let $S_\Sigma := A \setminus \left(\bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \Sigma} \mathfrak{p} \right)$. Then S_Σ is a multiplicatively closed set; $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \Sigma, S_\Sigma \cap \mathfrak{p} = \emptyset$; $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(\mathcal{A}) \setminus \Sigma$,

then $\forall \mathfrak{p}' \in \Sigma, \mathfrak{p} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}'$. Hence $\mathfrak{p} \not\subseteq \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p}' \in \Sigma} \mathfrak{p}'$.

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{p} \cap S_\Sigma \neq \emptyset$. Therefore by the previous lemma

$$S_\Sigma(\mathcal{A}) = \bigcap_{j=1}^m \mathfrak{q}_{i_j}$$

. If \mathfrak{p} is a minimal prime ideal associated with \mathcal{A} , then $\Sigma = \{\mathfrak{p}\}$

is isolated; and the claim follows. ■