

Commutative Algebra

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CHAPTER 1

Rings and Ideals

RINGS AND RING HOMOMORPHISMS:

DEFINITION. A ring A is a set with two binary operations (addition and multiplication) such that

- (1) A is an abelian group with respect to addition(That is, A has zero element denoted by 0 , and for every element $x \in A$ has an additive inverse $-x$).
- (2) Multiplication is associative($(xy)z = x(yz)$) and distributive over addition ($x(y+z) = xy + xz = (y+z)x$) for all $x, y, z \in A$.
- (3) $xy = yx$ for all $x, y \in A$.
- (4) $\exists 1 \in A$ such that $1x = x$ for all $x \in A$.

Note: Through out the course the word "ring" shall mean a commutative ring with an identity element.

Example:

(1) Z, R, C and Q are examples of rings. (2) $A = \{0\}$ is a ring with $1_A = 0$ called as zero-ring.

(3) If A is a ring, then $A[x] = \{a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n/n \in N, a_i \in A\}$.

(4) Let S be any set, then $F(S) = \{f : S \rightarrow R\}$ is ring with respect to addition and multiplication defined below,

$$(f + g)(s) = f(s) + g(s)$$

$$(f \cdot g)(s) = f(s) \cdot g(s).$$

DEFINITION. Let A be a ring, a subset B of ring A is subring if B itself ring under same operations on A .

Examples:

(1) $Z \subset Q \subset R \subset C$.

(2) Every ring A is subring of $A[x]$.

(3) $A_1[x] =$ Set of all polynomials $p(x) \in A[x]$ such that constant term of $p(x)$ is 0 .

(4) $A_2[x] = \{a_0 + a_1x^2 + \dots + a_nx^{2n}/a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in A\} = A[x^2]$.

DEFINITION. A mapping $f : A \rightarrow B$, from ring A to ring B is said to be ring homomorphism if

(1) $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$ for all $x, y \in A$.

(2) $f(x \cdot y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$, for all $x, y \in A$.

(3) $f(1_A) = 1_B$.

Examples: (1) If $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ are ring homomorphisms then $f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$

is ring homomorphism.

(2) If S is subring of a ring A which contains identity of A , then identity mapping from S to A is ring homomorphism.

IDEALS. QUOTIENT RINGS :

A subset I of a ring A is an ideal of A , if $(I, +)$ is additive subgroup of A and for every $a \in A$ and $x \in I$ the product $ax \in I$.

Example.

(1) $\{0\} \subseteq A$ and $A \subseteq A$.

(2) $n\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$.

(3) Collection of polynomials with constant term 0 is ideal of ring $A[x]$.

(4) $I = \{f \in F(S)/f(x) = 0, \forall x \in S\}$ is ideal of $F(S)$.

(5) If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is ring homomorphism then $\ker f$ is ideal of A .

Define a relation on ring A by $a \sim b$ iff $a - b \in I$ where I is ideal of ring A .

Then clearly \sim is equivalence relation on A and the collection of equivalence classes are denoted by A/I called quotient of A by I .

Define addition and multiplication on A/I as follows:

Addition: $(a + I) + (b + I) = (a + b) + I$

Multiplication: $(a + I)(b + I) = (ab) + I$

Then A/I is commutative ring with identity.

Proposition 1.1. *There is one-to-one order-preserving correspondence between the set of ideals of A containing I and the set of ideals of A/I .*

PROOF. There is natural mapping $\phi : A \rightarrow A/I$ defined by $\phi(a) = a + I$, which is surjective ring homomorphism (Check).

If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is ring homomorphism, then $\ker f$ is an ideal of A , and $\Im f$ is subring of B , then $A/\ker f \cong \Im f$.

Question. If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is ring homomorphism and I is an ideal of A , then $f(I)$ is ideal of B ?

Answer. No.

Counter example. The identity mapping $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ is ring homomorphism and $n\mathbb{Z}$ is an ideal in \mathbb{Z} but $f(n\mathbb{Z}) = n\mathbb{Z}$ is not ideal in \mathbb{Q} .

Example. If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is ring homomorphism and J is an ideal of B , then show that $f^{-1}(J)$ is an ideal in A .

Proof. Since J is an ideal in $B \Rightarrow 0 \in J$.

$\Rightarrow 0 \in f^{-1}(J) \quad \because f$ is homomorphism $\Rightarrow f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = f^{-1}(0)$

$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(J) \neq \emptyset$.

Let $x, y \in f^{-1}(J) \Rightarrow a = f(x), b = f(y) \in J$.

$\Rightarrow a - b = f(x) - f(y) \in J \quad \because J$ is an ideal in $B, a, b \in J \Rightarrow a - b \in J$

$\Rightarrow f(x - y) \in J \quad \because f$ is homomorphism

$\Rightarrow x - y \in f^{-1}(J)$

$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(J)$ is additive abelian subgroup of A .

Let $x \in f^{-1}(J) \Rightarrow a = f(x) \in J$ and $b \in A \Rightarrow f(b) = r \in B$.

$\Rightarrow ra \in J$

$\Rightarrow f(b)f(x) \in J$

$\Rightarrow f(bx) \in J$

$\Rightarrow bx \in f^{-1}(J). \therefore, f^{-1}(J)$ is an ideal in A .

ZERO-DIVISOR. NILPOTENT ELEMENT. UNITS

DEFINITION.

(1) A zero-divisor in a ring A is an element x which divides "0" i.e., for which there exists $y \neq 0$ in A such that $xy = 0$.

(2) A ring with no zero-divisor $\neq 0$ is called integral domain.

(3) An element $x \in A$ is nilpotent if $x^n = 0$ for some integer $n > 0$.

- A nilpotent element is a zero-divisor but not conversely.

Counter example. $2 \in \mathbb{Z}_6$ is zero-divisor but not nilpotent.

(4) A unit in A is an element x which divides 1, that is, an element x such that $xy = 1$ for some $y \in A$.

- The element y is uniquely determined by x , and written as x^{-1} .

The multiples ax of an element $x \in A$ forms a principal ideal, denoted by (x) or Ax .

x is unit iff $(x) = A = (1)$.

(5) A field is a ring A in which $1 \neq 0$ and every non-zero element is unit.

- Every field is integral domain but not conversely.

Examples.

(1) $F(S)$ is not integral domain.

Solution: Let $S = \{a, b\}$ define $f(a) = 1, f(b) = 0$ and $g(a) = 0, g(b) = 1$.

$\Rightarrow (f \cdot g)(a) = f(a)g(a) = 0$ also $(f \cdot g)(b) = f(b)g(b) = 0$.

$\Rightarrow f \cdot g \equiv 0$.

(2) If A is integral domain then $A[x]$ is integral domain.

Solution: On contrary assume that $A[x]$ is not integral domain.

$\exists f(x), g(x) \in A[x]$ such that $f(x) \cdot g(x) = 0$ for some non-zero $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$ and $g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_mx^m$.

$f(x) \cdot g(x) = 0 \Rightarrow (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n)(b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_mx^m) = 0$

$\Rightarrow a_nb_m = 0$

$a_n = 0$ or $a_m = 0$ (Which is contradiction).

Therefore, $A[x]$ must be integral domain.

Proposition 1.2. Let A be a ring $\neq 0$. Then following are equivalent:

(i) A is a field;

(ii) The only ideals in A are 0 and (1);

(iii) Every homomorphism of A into a non-zero ring B is injective.

PROOF. (i) \Rightarrow (ii)

Suppose A is a field.

Let I be an non-zero ideal in A .

$\Rightarrow \exists 0 \neq x \in I$ such that $(x) \subseteq I$ but every non-zero element of A is unit.

$\Rightarrow (x) = A = (1)$

$\Rightarrow I = (1)$

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)

Suppose, the only ideals in A are 0 and (1).

Let $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ be a ring homomorphism.

Then kernel of ϕ is an proper ideal of A : If $\ker \phi = (1)$ then $\phi(1) = 0$ which is not true.

$\Rightarrow \ker \phi = 0$

$\Rightarrow \phi$ is injective.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i)

Let x be an element of A which is not a unit.

Then $(x) \neq (1)$ hence, $B = A/(x)$ is non-zero ring.

Let $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ be the natural homomorphism of A onto B with $\ker \phi = (x)$.

but by our assumption $\ker \phi = 0 \Rightarrow (x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$.

\Rightarrow Non-unit in A is 0.

\Rightarrow Every non-zero element in A is unit.

$\Rightarrow A$ is field.

PRIME IDEAL AND MAXIMAL IDEAL

An ideal P in A is prime if $P \neq (1)$ and if $ab \in P \Rightarrow a \in P$ or $b \in P$.

Example.

(1) 0 is prime ideal $\Leftrightarrow A$ is integral domain.

(2) P is prime ideal in A iff A/P is an integral domain.

PROOF. Suppose P is prime ideal in A .

Clearly A/P is commutative ring with identity.

Assume that $(a + P)(b + P) = 0 + P$ for some $a + P, b + P \in A/P$.

$\Rightarrow (ab) + P = 0 + P$

$\Rightarrow (ab - 0) \in P$

$\Rightarrow ab \in P$

$\Rightarrow a \in P$ or $b \in P$

$\because P$ is prime ideal

$\Rightarrow a + P = 0 + P$ or $b + P = 0 + P$.

$\Rightarrow A/P$ is an integral domain.

Conversely, Suppose A/P is integral domain.

$\Rightarrow 1 + P \neq 0 + P$ and A/P is commutative ring which has no zero-divisor.

$\Rightarrow P \neq A$

Assume that $ab \in P$ then $ab + P = 0 + P$

$\Rightarrow (a + P)(b + P) = 0 + P$

$\Rightarrow a + P = 0 + P$ or $b + P = 0 + P$

$\Rightarrow a \in P$ or $b \in P$

$\Rightarrow P$ is prime ideal.

An ideal M in A is maximal if $M \neq (1)$ and if there is no ideal I such that $M \subset I \subset (1)$.

Exercise

1. M is maximal ideal if and only if A/M is a field.

2. Show that every maximal ideal is prime ideal.

3. If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a ring homomorphism and P is prime ideal in B , then $f^{-1}(P)$ is prime ideal in A .

4. Find an example of homomorphism in which inverse image of maximal ideal need not be a maximal ideal.

Question. Whether every ring $A \neq 0$ has maximal ideal ?

Theorem 1.3. Every ring $A \neq 0$ has at least one maximal ideal.

PROOF. Let $A \neq 0$ be a ring and Σ be collection of all proper ideals in A .

That is, $\Sigma = \{I/I \text{ is proper ideal of } A\}$

Then $\Sigma \neq \phi$.

$\because (0) \in \Sigma$

Let $I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \dots$ be chain in Σ .

$\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$ is an ideal in A

$\because I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \dots$ is an increasing chain.

If $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n = A$ then $1_A \in \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$

$\Rightarrow 1_A \in I_n$ for some $n \rightarrow \leftarrow$. $\because I_n \subsetneq A$

$\Rightarrow \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n \in \Sigma$ and it is upper bound of chain $I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \dots$

\Rightarrow Any increasing chain in Σ has maximal element.

\therefore by Zorn's lemma Σ has maximal element say M .

Now if M is not maximal ideal in A then there exists an ideal J in A such that $M \subsetneq J \subsetneq A$.

$\Rightarrow J \in \Sigma$ which contradiction to maximality of Σ . $\because M$ is maximal element in Σ .

$\therefore M$ is maximal ideal in A . ■

Corollary 1.4. *If $I \neq (1)$ is an ideal of A , then there exists a maximal ideal of A containing I .*

PROOF. Let Σ be collection of all ideals of A which contains I .

That is,

$\Sigma = \{J/J \text{ is an proper ideal of } A \text{ and } I \subset J\}$.

Then by previous theorem there exists maximal ideal M which contains I . ■

Corollary 1.5 *Every non-unit of A is contained in a maximal ideal.*

PROOF. Suppose x be a non-unit element in A then $x \in (x) \subsetneq A$.

Also by proposition 1.4. every proper ideal is contained in a maximal ideal.

$\Rightarrow (x) \subset M$, where M is a maximal ideal in A . $\Rightarrow x \in M$. ■

DEFINITION.

1. A ring A with exactly one maximal ideal M is called as local ring.

- Example. $\mathbb{Z}_p \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.

2. The field A/M is called as residue field.

- Example. $\mathbb{Z}_p \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.

3. A ring with finitely many maximal ideals are called as semi-local rings.

- Example. $\mathbb{Z}_n \simeq \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$.

Corollary 1.6. i) *Let A be a ring and $M \neq (1)$ an ideal of A such that every $x \in A - M$ is a unit in A . Then A is local ring and M is maximal ideal.*

ii) *Let A be a ring and M is a maximal ideal of A , such that every element of $1 + M$ is a unit in A . Then A is a local ring.*

PROOF. i) Since every ideal $\neq (1)$ consist of non-units and also we know that every ideal is contained in some maximal ideal.

Here every $x \in A - M$ is unit hence M contains all non-units hence it is only maximal ideal in A .

$\Rightarrow A$ is a local ring.

ii) Suppose A is a ring and M is maximal ideal in A such that $1 + M$ is unit in A .

Let x be a non-unit in a ring A .

If $x \notin M$ then $(x) + M = (1)$.

$\Rightarrow \exists u \in M$ and $r \in (x)$ such that $u + rx = 1$.

$\Rightarrow 1 - u = rx$.

$\Rightarrow 1 - u$ is unit in A .

\because by hypothesis $1 + x$ is unit for every $x \in M$

$\Rightarrow rx$ is unit.

$\Rightarrow x$ is unit $\rightarrow \leftarrow$ to assumption that M is maximal ideal.

$\therefore x \in M$.

Every non-unit are contained in M .

$\Rightarrow M$ is the unique maximal ideal in A . ■

DEFINITION. A principal ideal domain is an integral domain in which every ideal is

principal.

Result. In principal ideal domain every non-zero prime ideal is maximal.

PROOF. Suppose $(x) \neq (0)$ is prime ideal in PID A and suppose $(x) \subset (y)$.

$\implies x \in (y)$.

$\implies x = yz$ for some $z \in A$.

$\implies yz = x \in (x) \implies yz \in (x)$.

But $y \notin (x) \implies z \in (x)$.

$\implies z = tx$ for some $t \in A$.

Then $x = yz = ytx \implies x = ytx$.

$\implies yt = 1$.

$\implies 1 \in (y)$.

$\implies (y) = (1)$.

$\implies (x)$ is maximal ideal in A .

\implies Every non-zero prime ideal in PID is a maximal ideal. ■

NILRADICAL AND JACOBSON RADICAL

Proposition 1.7. *The set \mathfrak{R} of all nilpotent elements in a ring A is an ideal, and A/\mathfrak{R} has no nilpotent element $\neq 0$.*

PROOF. If $x \in \mathfrak{R} \implies x^n = 0$ for some $n > 0$.

$\implies (ax)^n = a^n x^n = a^n(0) = 0$.

$\implies ax \in \mathfrak{R}$.

Now let $x, y \in \mathfrak{R}$ then $x^n = 0$ and $y^m = 0$ for some $m, n > 0$.

Consider, $(x + y)^{n+m-1} = x^{n+m-1} + \binom{n+m-1}{1} x^{n+m-2}y + \dots + y^{n+m-1}$.

It is sum of integer multiple of products $x^r y^s$, where $r + s = m + n - 1$. We cannot have both $r < m$ and $s < n$ hence each of these product vanishes.

$\implies (x + y)^{n+m-1} = 0 \implies x + y \in \mathfrak{R}$.

$\implies \mathfrak{R}$ is ideal of ring A .

Also all nilpotent elements are in \mathfrak{R} hence A/\mathfrak{R} has no non-zero nilpotent element. ■

DEFINITION. The ideal \mathfrak{R} is called nilradical of A .

Proposition 1.8. *The nilradical of A is intersection of all prime ideals of A .*

PROOF. Let \mathfrak{R}' denote the intersection of all prime ideals of A .

If $f \in A$ is nilpotent element and P is prime ideal, then $f^n = 0 \in P$, for some $n > 0$.

$\implies f^n \in P$ and P is prime ideal $\implies f \in P$.

$\implies \mathfrak{R} \subseteq \mathfrak{R}'$. (1)

Suppose f is not nilpotent element.

Let Σ be the set of ideals I such that $f^n \notin I$ for any $n > 0$.

Since $(0) \in \Sigma \implies \Sigma \neq \phi$.

Then by Zorn's lemma lemma Σ has maximal element.

Let P be maximal element of Σ .

Now we shall show P is prime ideal.

Let $x, y \notin P$. $\implies P + (x), P + (y)$ contains P .

$\implies P + (x), P + (y) \notin \Sigma$.

$\because P$ is maximal element in Σ .

$\implies f^m \in P + (x)$ and $f^n \in P + (y)$ for some $m, n > 0$.

$\implies f^{m+n} \in P + (xy)$ and hence $P + (xy) \notin \Sigma$.

$\implies xy \notin P$.

Hence P is prime ideal such that $f \notin P$.

Thus, If f is not nilpotent, then $f \notin P$ for some prime ideal of ring $A \implies f \notin \bigcap_{P \subset A} P = \mathfrak{R}$.

$\implies f \notin \mathfrak{R}'$.

$\implies \mathfrak{R}' \subseteq \mathfrak{R}$.

(2)

From (1) and (2) we get $\mathfrak{R}' = \mathfrak{R}$.

Therefore, the nilradical of A is intersection of all prime ideals of A . ■

DEFINITION. The Jacobson radical of ring A is defined to be the intersection of all maximal ideals of A .

Proposition 1.9. *If J is Jacobson radical of A , then $x \in J \iff 1 - xy$ is unit for all $y \in A$.*

PROOF. Suppose J is Jacobson radical of ring A .

Let $x \in J$. On contrary assume that $1 - xy$ is non-unit then, there exists maximal ideal M such that $1 - xy \in M$ for some maximal ideal M of ring A .

Since, $x \in J \implies x \in M$.

$\implies xy \in M, \quad \forall y \in A$.

$\implies 1 = xy + (1 - xy) \in M \rightarrow \leftarrow$.

$\because M$ is proper ideal of ring A .

$\therefore 1 - xy$ must be unit.

Conversely, Suppose $1 - xy$ is unit for all $y \in A$.

If $x \notin J$, then there exists maximal ideal M such that $x \notin M$.

$\implies M + (x) = A$.

$\implies m + xy = 1$ for some $m \in M$ and $y \in A$.

$\implies m = 1 - xy$.

$\implies m$ is unit $\rightarrow \leftarrow$.

$\therefore x \in J$. ■

Example 1. Let A be a ring and let $A[x]$ be the ring of polynomials in an indeterminate x , with coefficients in A . Let $f = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \in A[x]$. Prove that

(i) f is unit in $A[x]$ if and only if a_0 is unit in A and a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , are nilpotent.

(ii) f is nilpotent if and only if a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n are nilpotent.

(iii) f is zero-divisor if and only if there exists $a \neq 0$ in A such that $af = 0$.

Solution. (i) Suppose f is unit in $A[x]$.

$\implies \exists g = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_mx^m \in A[x]$ such that $f \cdot g = 1$.

$\implies (a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n)(b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_mx^m) = 1$.

$\implies a_0b_0 = 1 \implies a_0$ is unit in A .

Also, $a_nb_m = 0$ and $a_{n-1}b_m + a_nb_{m-1} = 0$. Multiplying both side by a_n we get.

$a_na_{n-1}b_m + a_n^2b_{m-1} = 0 \implies a_n^2b_{m-1} = 0$.

Similarly multiplying both side of $a_{n-2}b_m + a_{n-1}b_{m-1} + a_nb_{m-2} = 0$ by a_n^2 .

$\implies a_n^2a_{n-2}b_m + a_n^2a_{n-1}b_{m-1} + a_n^3b_{m-2} = 0 \implies a_n^3b_{m-2} = 0$

If the sum of powers of a_n and subscripts of b is $m + 1$, then the corresponding product is 0.

$\implies a_n^{m+1}b_0 = 0$.

Multiplying this it by a_0 we get.

$a_n^{m+1}b_0a_0 = 0 \implies a_n^{m+1} = 0$.

$\because a_0b_0 = 1$

$\therefore a_n$ is nilpotent.

Inductively, $a_i = 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Conversely, Suppose a_0 is unit and a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are nilpotent in $A[x]$.

Then $f = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ is sum of nilpotent element and unit and hence it is unit.

(ii) Suppose $f = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ is nilpotent in $A[x]$.

$\implies 1 - f$ is unit in $A[x]$.

$\implies 1 - a_0$ is unit in $A[x]$ and a'_i 's, $1 \leq i \leq n$ are nilpotent in A .

Also, $f^m = 0 \implies a_0^m = 0 \implies a_0$ is nilpotent.

Conversely, Suppose a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n are nilpotent.

If $d \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a_i^d = 0, 0 \leq i \leq n$, then $f^d = 0$.

$\implies f$ is nilpotent.

(iii) Suppose f is zero-divisor.

$\implies \exists 0 \neq g \in A[x]$ such that $fg = 0$ then g must be of degree 0.

Because if $g = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_mx^m$ where $b_m \neq 0$ then $a_nb_m = 0 \implies a_n = 0 \rightarrow \leftarrow \dots \therefore$ degree of f is n .

Therefore, g must be of degree 0 $\implies \exists 0 \neq a \in A$ such that $af = 0$.

Conversely, Suppose $\exists 0 \neq a \in A$ such that $af = 0$.

$\implies f$ is zero-divisor.

Example 2. In a ring $A[x]$, the Jacobson radical is equal to nilradical.

Solution. Suppose $\mathfrak{R}, \mathfrak{J}$ are nilradical and Jacobson radical of $A[x]$ respectively.

$f(x) \in \mathfrak{R}$

$\implies (f(x))^n = 0 \in \mathfrak{J}$ for some $n > 0$.

$\implies f(x) \in \mathfrak{J}$.

$\mathfrak{R} \subseteq \mathfrak{J}$.

$f(x) \in \mathfrak{J}$.

$1 - f(x)g(x)$ is unit for all $g(x) \in A[x]$.

Let $g(x) = x$ and $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$.

$\implies 1 - f(x)g(x) = 1 - a_0x + a_1x^2 + \dots + a_nx^{n+1}$ is unit.

$\implies a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$ are nilpotent.

$\implies f(x)$ is nilpotent.

$f(x) \in \mathfrak{R}$

$\implies \mathfrak{J} \subseteq \mathfrak{R}. \implies \mathfrak{R} = \mathfrak{J}$.

$\therefore A[x]$ is Hilbert ring.

Example 3. A ring A is such that every ideal not contained in the nilradical contains a non-zero idempotent. Prove that A is Hilbert ring.

Proof. It is sufficient to show that every prime ideal in A is maximal ideal.

Let P be a prime ideal in A and let x be a non-zero element in $A - P$.

$\implies (x)$ contains non-zero idempotent, say a_0x .

$\implies a_0x(a_0x - 1) = 0 \in P$.

$\implies a_0x(a_0x - 1)$ is zero-element in A/P .

But A/P is an integral domain and $a_0x \neq 0$.

$\implies a_0x - 1 = 0$.

$\implies a_0x = 1$ or x is unit.

$\implies A/P$ is field.

$\implies P$ is maximal ideal.

$\therefore A$ is Hilbert ring.

Example 4. If A is ring in which every element x satisfies $x^n = x$, for some $n > 1$. Show that every prime ideal in A is maximal.

Solution. Let P be prime ideal in ring A .

$\therefore A/P$ is integral domain.

Let \bar{x} such that $\bar{x} \neq \bar{0}$.

But $x^n = x \implies \bar{x}^n = \bar{x}$.

$\implies \bar{x}(1 - \bar{x}^{n-1}) = 0 \in P$.

$\implies 1 - \bar{x}^{n-1} \in P$.

$\therefore P$ is prime ideal and $\bar{x} \notin P$

$\implies (1 - \bar{x}) + P = 0 + P$.

$\implies 1 + P = \bar{x}^{n-1} + P$.

$\implies \bar{1} = \bar{x}^{n-1}$.

$\implies \bar{x} \cdot \bar{x}^{n-2} = 1$.

$\implies \bar{x}$ is unit in A/P .

\implies Every non-zero element in A/P is unit.

$\therefore A/P$ is field.

$\implies P$ is maximal ideal.

Example 5. Let $A \neq 0$ be a ring. Show that set of prime ideals in A has minimal element with respect to inclusion.

Proof. Let $\Sigma = \{P/P \text{ is prime ideal in } A\}$.

Since every non-zero ring has at least one maximal ideal hence $\Sigma \neq \emptyset$.

Define relation on Σ as $P_1 \leq P_2$ if and only if $P_2 \subseteq P_1$.

Then (Σ, \leq) is poset.

Let $C : P_1 \leq P_2 \leq \dots$ be any chain in Σ .

$\implies C : P_1 \supseteq P_2 \supseteq \dots$

Let $P = \bigcap_{P_i \in C} P_i$.

$\implies P$ is ideal of A .

Now we shall show P is prime ideal of A .

Suppose $xy \in P$ and $x \notin P$.

$\implies xy \in P$.

$\implies xy \in P_i$ for all i .

Also, $x \notin P \implies x \notin P_i, \quad \forall i$.

$\implies y \in P_i, \quad \forall i$.

$\therefore y \in P$.

$\implies P$ is prime ideal.

$\implies P \in \Sigma$ and $P \subseteq P_i, \quad \forall i$.

$\therefore P$ is upper bound of chain C in Σ .

\therefore By Zorn's lemma Σ has maximal element, which is required minimal prime ideal.

Example 6. If $x \notin M$ for any maximal ideal of ring A , then $M + (x) = A$.

Solution. If $M + (x) \subset A$.

$\implies M \subset M + (x) \subset A \rightarrow \leftarrow$.

$\therefore M$ is maximal ideal of A .

Example 7. Let A be ring and \mathfrak{R} is it's nilradical. Show that following are equivalent.

(i) A has exactly one prime ideal;

(ii) Every element of A is either a unit or nilpotent;

(iii) A/\mathfrak{R} is field.

Proof. (i) \implies (ii)

Suppose A has exactly one prime ideal.

$\implies A$ has exactly one maximal ideal.

$\implies A$ is local ring.

$\therefore \text{Nil}(A) = P$.

Also, $x \notin P \implies x$ is unit in A . \therefore if x is not unit then $(x) \subseteq M$ for some maximal ideal M in A . But $M = P \implies x \in P \rightarrow \leftarrow$

\therefore Every element of A is either unit or nilpotent.

(ii) \implies (iii)

Let \mathfrak{R} is nilradical in A and every element of A outside of \mathfrak{R} is unit.

\implies Every non-zero element of A/\mathfrak{R} is unit.

$\implies A/\mathfrak{R}$ is field.

(iii) \implies (i)

Suppose A/\mathfrak{R} is field.

$\implies \mathfrak{R}$ is maximal ideal in A .

But $\mathfrak{R} = \bigcap_{P-\text{prime}} P$.

$\implies \mathfrak{R} \subseteq P, \quad \forall P$.

But \mathfrak{R} is maximal and hence $\mathfrak{R} = P$.

$\therefore A$ has exactly one prime ideal.

Example 8. A ring A is Boolean if $x^2 = x$ for all $x \in A$. In a Boolean ring A , show that

(i) $2x = 0$ for all $x \in A$;

(ii) Every prime ideal P is maximal, and A/P is a field with two elements;

(iii) Every finitely generated ideal in A is principal.

Proof. (i) Let $x \in A$.

$\therefore (1+x)^2 = 1+x$

$\implies (1+x)(1+x) = (1+x)$

$\implies 1+x+x+x^2 = 1+x$

$\implies 1+x+2x = 1+x$

$\implies 2x = 0, \quad \forall x \in A$.

(ii) Let P be a prime ideal in A .

$\therefore A/P$ is integral domain.

Also, $x^2 = x, \quad \forall x \in A$ that is,

$x^2 + P = x + P$ in A/P .

Every element in A/P is idempotent.

But 0 and 1 are the only idempotents in integral domain.

Hence $A/P \cong Z_2$, but Z_2 is field.

$\implies A/P$ is field.

$\therefore P$ is maximal ideal.

(iii) It is sufficient to show ideal generated by two elements is principal.

Let $I = (x, y)$ and $z = x + y + xy$.

Now consider,

$$\begin{aligned} zx &= (x + y + xy)x \\ &= x^2 + xy + x^2y \\ &= x + xy + xy \\ &= x + 2xy \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$\implies zx = x$.

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
zy &= (x + y + xy)y \\
&= xy + y^2 + xy^2 \\
&= xy + y + xy \\
&= y + 2xy \\
&= y
\end{aligned}$$

$\implies z$ is multiplication identity in I .

$\implies I = (z)$.

Therefore, every ideal in A is principal.

Example 8. A local ring contains no idempotent $\neq 0, 1$.

Proof. Let A be a local ring.

$\implies A$ has unique maximal ideal, say M .

Suppose x be an idempotent in a ring A .

$\implies x^2 = x$.

$\implies x(1 - x) = 0 \in M$.

$\implies x = 0, 1$

Because if $x \notin \{0, 1\}$ then $x, 1 - x \in M$.

$\implies 1 = x + (1 - x) \in M \rightarrow \leftarrow$.

$\therefore x \in \{0, 1\}$.

OPERATIONS ON IDEAL

If I and J are ideals in a ring A , then the sum $I + J = \{x + y/x \in I, y \in J\}$ is smallest ideal containing I and J . More generally we may define the sum $\sum_{i \in \Delta} I_i =$

$\left\{ \sum_{\text{finite}} x_i/x_i \in I_i \right\}$ is smallest ideal containing all ideals I_i .

The ideal I and J are said to be co-prime ideals of A if $I + J = A$.

Result. If I and J are co-prime ideals, then $I \cap J = IJ$.

Proof. Since $IJ \subseteq I$ and $IJ \subseteq J \implies IJ \subseteq I \cap J$.

Also, I and J are co-prime $\implies I + J = A$.

$\implies x + y = 1$ for some $x \in I$ and $y \in J$.

$\implies IJ = I \cap J$.

The intersection of any family $(I_i)_{i \in \Delta}$ of ideals is an ideal. Thus the ideals of A forms a complete lattice with respect to inclusion.

The product of two ideals I and J in A is the ideal $IJ = \left\{ \sum_{\text{finite}} x_i y_i/x_i \in I, y_i \in J \right\}$.

Similarly we define the product of any finite family of ideals.

Example.

(1) If $A = \mathbb{Z}, I = (m), J = (n)$ then $I + J$ is the ideal generated by g.c.d. of m and n .

$I \cap J$ is ideal generated by l.c.m. of m and n .

$IJ = I \cap J$ iff m, n are co-prime.

Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be rings then the direct product $A = \prod_{i=1}^n A_i$ is set of all sequences (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) with $x_i \in A_i (1 \leq i \leq n)$ is commutative ring with identity with respect to

component wise addition and multiplication.

The projections $p_i : A \rightarrow A_i$ by $p_i(x) = x_i$ are homomorphisms.

Let A be a ring and I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n ideals of A . Define a homomorphism $\phi : A \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n (A/I_i)$.

by $\phi(x) = (x + I_1, x + I_2, \dots, x + I_n)$.

Proposition 1.10. (i) If I_i and I_j are co-prime whenever $i \neq j$, then $\prod_{i=1}^n I_i = \cap_{i=1}^n I_i$.

(ii) ϕ is surjective $\iff I_i, I_j$ are co-prime $i \neq j$.

(iii) ϕ is injective $\iff \cap_{i=1}^n I_i = (0)$.

Proof. (i) We will use mathematical induction to prove this part.

If I_1 and I_2 are two ideals then $I_1 \cap I_2 = I_1 I_2$ holds.

Therefore the result is true for $n = 2$.

Assume that the result is true for $n - 1$ ideals.

That is, $\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} I_i = \cap_{i=1}^{n-1} I_i$.

Now we shall prove the result is true for n ideals.

Suppose $B = \cap_{i=1}^{n-1} I_i$.

Now I_i and I_n are co-prime for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$.

$\therefore I_i + I_n = (1)$.

$\therefore x_i + y_i = 1$, for some $x_i \in I_i$ and $y_i \in I_n$.

$\therefore x_i = 1 - y_i \in I_i$.

Let $x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \in \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} I_i = B$.

$\therefore x = (1 - y_1)(1 - y_2) \dots (1 - y_{n-1})$.

$\therefore x = 1 - y$, for some $y \in I_n$.

$\therefore x + y = 1$ for some $x \in B$ and $y \in I_n$.

Therefore, B and I_n are co-prime ideals.

$\therefore B \cdot I_n = B \cap I_n$.

$\implies \prod_{i=1}^n I_i = \cap_{i=1}^n I_i$.

(ii) Suppose ϕ is surjective.

First we will prove that I_1 and I_i are co-prime ideals.

Since ϕ is surjective $\exists x \in A$ such that $\phi(x) = (1 + I_1, 0 + I_2, \dots, 0 + I_n)$.

$\implies (x + I_1, x + I_2, \dots, x + I_n) = (1 + I_1, 0 + I_2, \dots, 0 + I_n)$.

$\implies x + I_1 = 1 + I_1$ and $x + I_i = 0 + I_i, \quad \forall i = 2, 3, \dots, n$.

$\implies 1 - x \in I_1$ and $x \in I_i, \quad \forall i = 2, 3, \dots, n$.

$\therefore x + (1 - x) \in I_1 + I_i$.

$\therefore 1 \in I_1 + I_i$.

$\implies I_1$ and I_i are co-prime.

Similarly, I_i and I_j are co-prime for $i \neq j$.

Conversely, suppose I_i and I_j are co-prime for $i \neq j$.

It is sufficient to show that there exist $v \in A$ such that $\phi(v) = (1 + I_1, 0 + I_2, \dots, 0 + I_n)$.

Since, I_1 and I_j are co-prime for $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$.

$\implies \exists u_i \in I_1$ and $v_j \in I_j$ such that $u_i + v_j = 1$.

Take, $v = v_2 \cdot v_3 \cdot \dots \cdot v_n$.

$\implies v = (1 - u_2)(1 - u_3)\dots(1 - u_n)$.

$\implies v = 1 - u$, for some $u \in I_1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \phi(v) &= (v + I_1, v + I_2, \dots, v + I_n) \\ &= ((1 - u) + I_1, 0 + I_2, \dots, 0 + I_n) \\ &= (1 + I_1, 0 + I_2, \dots, 0 + I_n) \end{aligned}$$

$\implies \phi(v) = (1 + I_1, 0 + I_2, \dots, 0 + I_n)$.

Similarly, For each $e_j \in \prod_{i=1}^n (A/I_i)$, \exists some v_j in A such that $\phi(v_j) = e_j$ for $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$.

Where $e_j = (0 + I_1, 0 + I_2, \dots, 1 + I_i, \dots, 0 + I_n)$.

$\therefore \phi$ is surjective.

(iii) Let $x \in \ker \phi$.

$\iff \phi(x) = 0$.

$\iff (x + I_1, x + I_2, \dots, x + I_n) = (I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n)$.

$\iff x + I_1 = 0 + I_1, x + I_2 = 0 + I_2, \dots, x + I_n = 0 + I_n$.

$\iff x + I_1 = I_1, x + I_2 = I_2, \dots, x + I_n = I_n$.

$\iff x \in I_1, x \in I_2, \dots, x \in I_n$.

$\iff x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i$.

$\implies \ker \phi = \bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i$.

We know that $\ker \phi = (0) \iff \phi$ is injective.

$\therefore \ker \phi = \bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i = (0)$. ■

Proposition 1. 11. (i) Let P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n be prime ideals and let I be an ideal contained in $\cup_{i=1}^n P_i$. Then $I \subseteq P_i$ for some i .

(ii) Let I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n be ideals and let P be prime ideal containing $\bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i$. Then $P \supseteq I_i$ for some i . If $P = \bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i$, then $P = I_i$ for some i .

PROOF. (i) We will prove this by induction.

Let P_1, P_2 are two prime ideals and I be an ideal such that $I \subseteq P_1 \cup P_2$.

Let $x \in I$ and suppose $I \not\subseteq P_1$.

$\exists y \in I$ such that $y \notin P_1$.

$\implies y \in P_2$.

$\implies x + y \in I \subseteq P_1 \cup P_2$.

Suppose $x + y \in P_1$.

If $x \in P_1 \implies y = (x + y) - x \in P_1 \rightarrow \leftarrow$.

$\therefore x \notin P_1 \implies x + y \notin P_1$.

$\implies x + y \in P_2$.

$\implies x = (x + y) - y \in P_2 \implies I \subseteq P_2$.

\therefore The result is true for $n = 2$.

Now assume that the result is true for $n - 1$ ideals.

That is, if P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{n-1} are prime ideals and $I \subseteq \cup_{i=1}^{n-1} P_i$, then $I \subseteq P_i$ for some $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$.

Now suppose P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n are prime ideals and $I \subseteq \cup_{i=1}^n P_i$.

To show: $I \subseteq P_i$ for some $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

We will prove the contrapositive statement.

That is, if $I \not\subseteq P_i \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \implies I \not\subseteq \cup_{i=1}^n P_i$.

\implies For each i there exists $x_i \in I$ such that $x_i \notin P_j$ whenever $i \neq j$.

If for some i we have $x_i \notin P_i$ then we are through.

Suppose $x_i \in P_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Now consider the element, $y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1} x_{i+1} \dots x_n$

Then we have $y \in I$ and $y \notin P_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

$\implies I \not\subseteq \cup_{i=1}^n P_i$.

(ii) Suppose I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n be ideals and P be prime ideal containing $\cap_{i=1}^n I_i$.

To show: $P \supseteq I_i$ for some i .

That is, to show : If $I_i \not\subseteq P$ for all i , then $\cap I_i \not\subseteq P$.

Suppose $I_i \not\subseteq P$ for all i .

$\implies \exists x_i \in I_i, x_i \notin P (1 \leq i \leq n)$, and therefore $\prod x_i \in \prod I_i \subseteq \cap I_i$.

But P is prime ideal $\implies \prod x_i \notin P$.

$\implies \cap I_i \not\subseteq P$.

If $P = \cap I_i$, then $P = I_i$ for some i . ■

Definition. If I and J are ideals in a ring A then their ideal quotient is denoted by $(I : J)$ and defined as, $(I : J) = \{x \in A/xJ \subseteq I\}$.

Result 1. Show that $(I : J)$ is ideal in A .

PROOF. Let $x, y \in (I : J) \implies xJ \subseteq I, yJ \subseteq I$.

Consider, $(x - y)J = xJ - yJ \subseteq I$.

$\implies x - y \in (I : J)$.

Also, for $x \in (I : J)$ and $a \in A$.

$(ax)J = a(xJ) \subseteq I$.

$\implies ax \in (I : J)$.

$\therefore (I : J)$ is an ideal in A . ■

Definition. If $I = (0)$ then $(0 : J) = \{x \in A/xJ = 0\}$.

$\implies (0 : J) = \{x \in A/xy = 0, \quad \forall y \in J\}$.

The ideal $(0 : J)$ is called annihilator of J and is also denoted by $\text{Ann}(J)$.

Result 2. If D denote set of all zero-divisors in a ring A then $D = \cup_{x \neq 0} \text{Ann}(x)$.

PROOF. Let $x \in D$, then there exists $0 \neq y \in A$ such that $xy = 0$.

$\implies x \in \text{Ann}(y)$.

$\implies x \in \cup_{x \neq 0} \text{Ann}(x)$.

$\therefore D \subseteq \cup_{x \neq 0} \text{Ann}(x)$. (1)

Suppose, $y \in \cup_{x \neq 0} \text{Ann}(x)$.

$\implies y \in \text{Ann}(x)$ for some $0 \neq x \in A$.

$\implies yx = 0$.

$\implies y \in D$.

$\therefore \cup_{x \neq 0} \text{Ann}(x) \subseteq D$. (2)

From (1) and (2) we get, $D = \cup_{x \neq 0} \text{Ann}(x)$. ■

Definition. If I is any ideal of A , then radical of I is $r(I) = \{x \in A/x^n \in I \text{ for some } n > 0\}$.

Result 3. $r(I)$ is an ideal of a ring A .

PROOF. If $\phi : A \rightarrow A/I$ is standard homomorphism,

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{R}(A/I) &= \{\bar{x} \in A/I : \bar{x}^n = \bar{0}, \text{ for some } n > 0\} \\ &= \{\bar{x} \in A/I : x^n + I = I, \text{ for some } n > 0\} \\ &= \{\bar{x} \in A/I : x^n \in I, \text{ for some } n > 0\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{R}(A/I)) &= \{x \in A : \phi(x) \in \mathfrak{R}(A/I)\} \\ &= \{x \in A : x + I \in \mathfrak{R}(A/I)\} \\ &= \{x \in A : (x + I)^n = I, \text{ for some } n > 0\} \\ &= \{x \in A : x^n + I = I, \text{ for some } n > 0\} \\ &= \{x \in A : x^n \in I, \text{ for some } n > 0\} \\ &= r(I)\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore r(I)$ is subspace of A .

Exercise 1.13 (i) $r(I) \supseteq I$

(ii) $r(r(I)) = r(I)$

(iii) $r(IJ) = r(I \cap J) = r(I) \cap r(J)$

(iv) If P is prime ideal, then $r(P) = P$ (Exercise)

(v) $r(I + J) = r(r(I) + r(J))$ (Exercise)

(vi) $r(I) = (1) \Leftrightarrow I = (1)$ (Exercise)

Solution. (i) Let $x \in I$

$$\Rightarrow x^n \in I$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in r(I)$$

$$I \subseteq r(I).$$

(ii) By part (i) $r(I) \subseteq r(r(I))$

Let $x \in r(r(I))$

$$\Rightarrow x^n \in r(I) \text{ for some } n > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^n)^m \in I \text{ for some } m > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{nm} \in I$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in r(I)$$

$$\Rightarrow r(r(I)) \subseteq r(I)$$

$$\therefore r(r(I)) = r(I).$$

(iii) Since $IJ \subseteq I \cap J \Rightarrow r(IJ) \subseteq r(I \cap J)$.

Let $x \in r(I \cap J)$

$$\Rightarrow x^n \in I \cap J$$

$$\Rightarrow x^n \in I \text{ and } x^n \in J \text{ for some } n > 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow x^n \cdot x^n \in IJ$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{2n} \in IJ$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in r(IJ)$$

$$\therefore r(IJ) = r(I \cap J).$$

Also, $I \cap J \subseteq I$ and $I \cap J \subseteq J$

$$\Rightarrow r(I \cap J) \subseteq r(I) \text{ and } r(I \cap J) \subseteq r(J)$$

$$\Rightarrow r(I \cap J) \subseteq r(I) \cap r(J)$$

Let $x \in r(I) \cap r(J)$

$$\Rightarrow x \in r(I) \text{ and } x \in r(J)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^n \in I \text{ and } x^m \in J \text{ for some } n, m > 0.$$

$$\implies x^{nm} \in I \text{ and } x^{mn} \in J.$$

$$\implies x^{mn} \in I \cap J$$

$$\implies x \in r(I \cap J)$$

$$\therefore r(I \cap J) = r(I) \cap r(J).$$

$$\therefore r(IJ) = r(I \cap J) = r(I) \cap r(J). \quad \blacksquare$$

Proposition 1.14. *The radical of an ideal I is the intersection of the prime ideals which contains I .*

PROOF. Exercise.

Note. We may define the radical $r(E)$ for any subset E of ring A . It is not ideal in general.

Example. If $A = Z, I = (m)$, let $p_i (1 \leq i \leq r)$ be the distinct prime divisors of m , then find $r(I)$.

Solution. We know that $r(I) = r((m))$.

$$\implies r(I) = (p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdots p_r)$$

$$\implies r(I) = \bigcap_{i=1}^r p_i.$$

Proposition. *Let I, J be ideals in a ring A such that $r(I), r(J)$ are coprime. Then I, J are coprime.*

PROOF. Let I and J are ideals of ring A and $r(I), r(J)$ are coprime ideals.

$$\implies r(I) + r(J) = (1).$$

$$\text{Consider, } r(I + J) = r(r(I) + r(J))$$

$$\implies r(I + J) = r(1) = (1)$$

$$\implies I + J = 1. \quad \blacksquare$$

EXTENSION and CONTRACTION

Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a ring homomorphism. If I is an ideal in A , then the set $f(I)$ is not necessarily an ideal in B . We define the Extension I^e of I to be the ideal $B(f(I))$ that is ideal generated by $f(I)$ in B . Then $I^e = \{\sum y_i f(x_i) / y_i \in B \text{ and } x_i \in I\}$.

If J is ideal in B , then $f^{-1}(J)$ is always an ideal in A , called the contraction J^c .

If I is prime ideal in A , then I^e need not be prime in B .

Counter Examples: 1. $f : Z \rightarrow Q, I \neq 0$, then $I^e = Q$, which is not prime ideal.

2. Consider the identity mapping $f : Z \rightarrow Z[i]$, then (2) is prime ideal in Z but $(2)^e$ is not prime ideal.

Because $(1+i)(1-i) = 2 \in (2)^e$ but none of $1+i$ or $1-i$ lies in $(2)^e$.

Therefore, I^e is not prime ideal.

Result 1. If $I_1 \subseteq I_2$ are ideals of ring A , then show that $I_1^e \subseteq I_2^e$.

PROOF. Let $y \in I_1^e$.

$$\implies y = \sum b_i f(a_i) \text{ for some } a_i \in I_1 \text{ and } b_i \in B.$$

$$\implies y = \sum b_i f(a_i) \text{ for some } a_i \in I_2 \text{ and } b_i \in B. \quad \therefore a_i \in I_1 \subseteq I_2$$

$$\implies y \in I_2^e.$$

$$\therefore I_1^e \subseteq I_2^e. \quad \blacksquare$$

Result 2. If $J_1 \subseteq J_2$ are ideals of ring B then show that $J_2^c \subseteq J_1^c$.

PROOF. Exercise.

Proposition. *Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be ring homomorphism and let I, J are ideals of A, B respectively then,*

$$(i) I \subseteq I^{ec}, J^{ce} \subseteq J.$$

$$(ii) J^c = J^{cec}, I^e = I^{ece}.$$

(iii) If C is set of contraction ideals in A and if E is the set of extended ideals in B , then $C = \{I/I^{ec} = I\}$, $E = \{J/J^{ce} = J\}$, and $I \mapsto I^e$ is bijective map of C onto E , whose inverse is $J \mapsto J^c$.

PROOF. (i) Let $x \in I$

$$\implies f(x) \in I^e$$

$$\implies x = f^{-1}(f(x)) \in I^{ec}$$

$$\therefore I \subseteq I^{ec}.$$

Suppose $y \in J^{ce}$

$$\implies f^{-1}(y) \in J^c$$

$$\implies y = f(f^{-1}(y)) \in J$$

$$\therefore J^{ce} \subseteq J.$$

(ii) By part (i) we have $I \subseteq I^{ec}$.

$$\implies I^e \subseteq (I^{ec})^e.$$

$$\implies I^e \subseteq I^{ecce}.$$

Consider, $I^{ecce} = (I^e)^{ce} \subseteq I^e$.

$$\implies I^{ecce} \subseteq I^e.$$

$$\therefore I^{ecce} = I^e.$$

Similarly we can show $J^c = J^{cecc}$ (Exercise).

(iii) We have $C = \{I/I^{ec} = I\}$ and $E = \{J/J^{ce} = J\}$.

Now define, $\phi : C \rightarrow E$ by $\phi(I) = I^e$.

Let I_1, I_2 be ideals in ring A .

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(I_1) &= \phi(I_2) \\ \implies I_1^e &= I_2^e \\ \implies I_1^{ec} &= I_2^{ec} \\ \implies I_1 &= I_2. \end{aligned} \quad \because I^{ec} = I, \quad \forall I \in C.$$

$\implies \phi$ is one-one mapping.

Also we have for each $J \in E$,

$$\begin{aligned} J &= J^{ce} \\ &= (J^c)^e \\ &= \phi(J^c) \end{aligned}$$

$\implies \phi$ is onto.

Let $\psi : E \rightarrow C$ be mapping defined by $\psi(J) = J^c$.

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi \circ \phi)(I) &= \psi(\phi(I)) \\ &= \psi(I^e) \\ &= (I^e)^c \\ &= I. \end{aligned} \quad \because I \in C \implies I^{ec} = I.$$

$\implies (\psi \circ \phi)(I) = I, \quad \forall I \in E.$

$\implies \phi = \psi^{-1}$. ■

Result. Let A be a ring and X be the set of all prime ideals of A . For each subset E of A , let $V(E)$ denote the set of all prime ideals in A containing E . Prove that

(i) If I is ideal generated by E then $V(E) = V(I) = V(r(I))$.

(ii) $V(0) = X, V(1) = \phi$.

(iii) If $(E_i)_{i \in \Delta}$ is any family of subsets of A , then $V(\cup_{i \in \Delta} E_i) = \cap_{i \in \Delta} V(E_i)$.

(iv) $V(I \cap J) = V(IJ) = V(I) \cup V(J)$ for any ideals I, J of A .

PROOF. We have given $X = \{P/P \text{ is prime ideal of ring } A\}$ and $V(E) = \{P/E \subseteq P - \text{is prime ideal of ring } A\}$.

(i) Let $I = (E) \implies E \subseteq I$.

$\implies V(I) \subseteq V(E)$.

Because, if $P \in V(I) \implies I \subseteq P$.

$\implies E \subseteq I \subseteq P \implies E \subseteq P$.

$\implies P \in V(E)$.

Now consider, $P \in V(E)$.

$\implies E \subseteq P$.

$\implies (E) \subseteq P$.

$\therefore (E)$ is smallest ideal which contains E .

$\implies (E) = I \subseteq P$.

$\implies P \in V(I)$.

$\therefore V(E) = V(I)$.

(ii) We know that every prime ideal P in ring A contains 0 .

$\implies V(0) = X$.

Also, none of prime ideal contains $1 \implies V(1) = \phi$.

(iii) To show: $V(\cup_{i \in \Delta} E_i) = \cap_{i \in \Delta} V(E_i)$.

If $(E_i)_{i \in \Delta}$ be any family of subsets of A .

We know that each $i \in \Delta, E_i \subseteq \cup_{i \in \Delta} E_i$.

$\implies V(\cup_{i \in \Delta} E_i) \subseteq V(E_i), \forall i \in \Delta$.

$\implies V(\cup_{i \in \Delta} E_i) \subseteq \cap_{i \in \Delta} V(E_i)$.

Let $P \in \cap_{i \in \Delta} V(E_i)$.

$\implies P \in V(E_i) \quad \forall i \in \Delta$.

$\implies E_i \subseteq P, \quad \forall i \in \Delta$.

$\implies \cup E_i \subseteq P, \quad \forall i \in \Delta$.

$\implies P \in V(\cup_{i \in \Delta} E_i)$.

$\implies \cap_{i \in \Delta} V(E_i) \subseteq V(\cup_{i \in \Delta} E_i)$

$\therefore V(\cup_{i \in \Delta} E_i) = \cap_{i \in \Delta} V(E_i)$.

(iv) To show: $V(I \cap J) = V(IJ) = V(I) \cup V(J)$ for any ideals I, J of A .

Let I and J be ideals of ring A .

Since $IJ \subseteq I \cap J \implies V(I \cap J) \subseteq V(IJ)$.

Let $P \in V(IJ)$.

$\implies IJ \subseteq P$.

$\implies I \subseteq P$ or $J \subseteq P$.

$\therefore P$ is prime ideal.

But $I \cap J \subseteq I$ and J .

$\implies I \cap J \subseteq P$.

$\implies P \in V(I \cap J)$.

$\therefore V(I \cap J) = V(IJ)$.

We know that $I \cap J \subseteq I \implies V(I) \subseteq V(I \cap J)$.

Similarly, $I \cap J \subseteq J \implies V(J) \subseteq V(I \cap J)$.

$\implies V(I) \cup V(J) \subseteq V(I \cap J)$.

Let $P \in V(I \cap J) \implies I \cap J \subseteq P$.

Claim: $I \subseteq P$ or $J \subseteq P$.

On contrary assume that $I \not\subseteq P$ and $J \not\subseteq P$.

Let $x \in I$ and $y \in J$ such that $xy \notin P$.

But $xy \in IJ \subseteq I \cap J \subseteq P$.

$\rightarrow \leftarrow$.

\therefore Either $I \subseteq P$ or $J \subseteq P$.

$\implies P \in V(I)$ or $P \in V(J)$.

$\implies P \in V(I) \cup V(J)$.

$\implies V(I \cap J) \subseteq V(I) \cup V(J)$.

$\therefore V(I \cap J) = V(I) \cup V(J)$. ■

$\therefore V(E)$ satisfies axioms for the closed sets in topological space. The resulting topology is called as Zariski topology. The topological space X is called the prime spectrum of A .

Result. Let J_i be family of subsets of ring A , then $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} V(J_i) = V\left(\sum_{i \in \Delta} J_i\right)$.

PROOF. We know that, $J_i \subseteq \sum_{i \in \Delta} J_i, \quad \forall i$.

$\implies V\left(\sum_{i \in \Delta} J_i\right) \subseteq V(J_i) \quad \forall i$.

$\implies V\left(\sum_{i \in \Delta} J_i\right) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} V(J_i)$. (1)

Let $P \in \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} V(J_i)$.

$\implies P \in V(J_i), \quad \forall i \in \Delta$.

$\implies J_i \subseteq P \quad \forall i \in \Delta$.

$\implies \sum_{i \in \Delta} J_i \subseteq P$.

$\implies P \in V\left(\sum_{i \in \Delta} J_i\right)$.

$\implies \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} V(J_i) \subseteq V\left(\sum_{i \in \Delta} J_i\right)$. (2)

From (1) and (2) $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} V(J_i) = V\left(\sum_{i \in \Delta} J_i\right)$. ■

Result. For each $f \in A, V(f) = \{P \in \text{Spec}(A) / f \in P\}$.

Let $X_f = \text{Spec}(A) - V(f)$.

That is, $X_f = \{P \in \text{Spec}(A) / f \notin P\}$ is open set.

For each $f \in A, X_f$ denote the complement of $V(f)$ in $X = \text{Spec}(A)$. The set X_f are open. Show that they form a basis of open set for the Zariski topology and that

- (i) $X_f \cap X_g = X_{fg}$;
- (ii) $X_f = \emptyset$ if and only if f is nilpotent;
- (iii) $X_f = X$ if and only if f is unit;
- (iv) $X_f = X_g$ if and only if $r((f)) = r((g))$;
- (v) X is quasi-compact;

PROOF. (i) Let $P \in X_f \cap X_g$.

$$\iff P \in X_f \text{ and } P \in X_g.$$

$$\iff f \notin P \text{ and } g \notin P.$$

$$\iff fg \notin P.$$

$\therefore P$ is prime ideal.

$$\iff P \in X_{fg}.$$

$$\therefore X_f \cap X_g = X_{fg}.$$

(ii) Suppose $X_f = \phi$.

$$\iff \text{Every prime ideal contains } f.$$

$$\iff f \in \bigcap_{P \text{ Prime}} P = \mathfrak{R}(A).$$

$$\iff f \text{ is nilpotent.}$$

$$\therefore X_f = \phi \iff f \text{ is nilpotent.}$$

(iii) $X_f = X$.

$$\iff \text{None of prime ideal contains } f.$$

$$\iff (f) = A.$$

$$\iff f \text{ is unit in } A.$$

(iv) Suppose $X_f = X_g$.

$$\text{To show: } r((f)) = r((g)).$$

$$X_f = X_g.$$

$$\iff X - X_f = X - X_g.$$

$$\iff V(f) = V(g).$$

$$\iff \text{Every prime ideal } P \text{ which contains } f \text{ that also contains } g.$$

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} r((f)) &= \bigcap_{P \text{ Prime ideal and } f \in P} P \\ &= \bigcap_{P \in V(f)} P \\ &= \bigcap_{P \in V(g)} P \\ &= \bigcap_{P \text{ Prime ideal and } g \in P} P \\ &= r((g)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\iff r((f)) = r((g)).$$

(v) To show: X is quasi-compact.

$$\text{Let } X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_{f_\alpha}.$$

$$\text{For any } P \in X \implies P \in X_{f_\alpha} \text{ for some } \alpha \in \Delta.$$

$$\implies f_\alpha \notin P \text{ for some } \alpha \in \Delta.$$

Let $I = (f_{\alpha_1}, f_{\alpha_2}, \dots)$, then I is a non-zero ideal of A .

If $I \neq A$ then there exists a prime ideal P such that $I \subseteq P$.

$$\therefore f_\alpha \in P, \quad \forall \alpha \in \Delta.$$

$$\implies P \notin X_{f_\alpha}, \quad \forall \alpha \in \Delta.$$

$\rightarrow \leftarrow$.

$$\therefore I = A.$$

$$\implies 1 \in I = (f_{\alpha_1}, f_{\alpha_2}, \dots).$$

$$\implies 1 = a_1 f_{\alpha_1} + a_2 f_{\alpha_2} + \dots + a_n f_{\alpha_n} \text{ for some } a_i \in A.$$

$$\implies 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_i \in \sum_{i=1}^n (f_{\alpha_i}).$$

$$\implies V(1) = V\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (f_{\alpha_i})\right).$$

$$\implies \phi = \bigcap_{i=1}^n V(f_{\alpha_i}).$$

$$\implies X - \phi = X - \bigcap_{i=1}^n V(f_{\alpha_i}).$$

$$\implies X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (X - V(f_{\alpha_i})).$$

$$\implies X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n X_{f_{\alpha_i}}.$$

$\therefore X$ is compact. ■

Example 1. A topological space X is said to be irreducible if $X \neq \phi$ and if every pair of non-empty open sets in X intersects, or equivalently if every non-empty open set is dense in X (X is irreducible iff X cannot be union of two closed sets). Show that $\text{Spec}(A)$ is irreducible if and only if the nilradical of A is a prime ideal.

PROOF. Suppose X is irreducible.

On contrary assume that $\mathfrak{R}(A)$ is not a prime ideal.

$\therefore \exists x, y \notin \mathfrak{R}(A)$ but $xy \in \mathfrak{R}(A)$.

Let $K_x = V((x))$ and $K_y = V((y))$.

Then K_x and K_y are closed sets in X .

Let $P \in X = \text{Spec}(A)$.

We know that $\mathfrak{R}(A) \subseteq P$ and $xy \in \mathfrak{R}(A)$.

$$\implies xy \in P.$$

$$\implies x \in P \text{ or } y \in P.$$

$$\implies (x) \subseteq P \text{ or } (y) \subseteq P.$$

$$\implies P \in K_x \text{ or } P \in K_y. \implies P \in K_x \cup K_y.$$

$$\therefore X = K_x \cup K_y.$$

Now it remains to prove K_x and K_y are proper subsets of X .

Since $x \notin \mathfrak{R}(A) = \bigcap P$.

$\therefore \exists$ prime ideal P such that $x \notin P$.

$$\implies P \notin K_x.$$

$$\therefore K_x \neq X.$$

Similarly, $K_y \neq X$.

$\implies K_x$ and K_y are proper closed sets of X whose union is X .

$\rightarrow \leftarrow$.

$\therefore X$ is irreducible.

$\therefore \mathfrak{R}(A)$ is a prime ideal.

Conversely, suppose $\mathfrak{R}(A)$ is a prime ideal.

To show: X is irreducible.

We shall prove the contrapositive statement.

That is, if X is reducible, then $\mathfrak{R}(A)$ is not a prime ideal.

Suppose X is reducible.

To show: $\mathfrak{R}(A)$ is not a prime ideal.

Since X is reducible $\implies X = V(I) \cup V(J)$, where $V(I), V(J) \neq X$.

$$\implies X = V(I \cap J).$$

Let $P \in X$.

$$\implies P \in V(I \cap J).$$

$$\implies I \cap J \subseteq P, \quad \forall P \in X.$$

$$\implies I \cap J \subseteq \bigcap P = \mathfrak{R}(A).$$

Since, $V(I), V(J) \neq X$.

$\implies I \cap J \subset \mathfrak{R}(A)$.

But $IJ \subseteq I \cap J \subset \mathfrak{R}(A)$.

That is, $\exists x \in I - \mathfrak{R}(A)$ and $y \in J - \mathfrak{R}(A)$ such that $xy \in IJ \subset \mathfrak{R}(A)$.

$\therefore \mathfrak{R}(A)$ is not prime ideal. ■

Example 2. Let X be topological space.

(i) If Y is irreducible subspace of X , then the closure \bar{Y} of Y in X is irreducible.

(ii) Every irreducible subspace of X is contained in a maximal irreducible subspace.

PROOF. (i) Let Y is irreducible subspace of X .

On the contrary assume that \bar{Y} is not irreducible.

$\implies \bar{Y} = S \cup T$ for some proper closed sets T and S of \bar{Y} .

But we know that, $Y = Y \cap \bar{Y}$.

$\implies Y = (Y \cap S) \cup (Y \cap T)$.

Since S and T are closed subsets of \bar{Y} and $\bar{Y} \subseteq X$.

$\implies Y \cap S$ and $Y \cap T$ are closed in Y .

It is remains to show $Y \cap S$ and $Y \cap T$ are proper subsets of Y .

If $Y \cap S = Y \implies Y \subseteq S$.

$\implies \bar{Y} = S \rightarrow \leftarrow$.

$\because S$ is proper subset of \bar{Y} .

$\therefore Y \cap S$ and $Y \cap T$ are proper closed subsets of Y such that $Y = (Y \cap S) \cup (Y \cap T)$.

$\implies Y$ is reducible $\rightarrow \leftarrow$.

$\therefore \bar{Y}$ must be irreducible in X .

(ii) Let Y be a irreducible subspace of X .

$\Sigma = \{Z/Z \text{ is irreducible and contains } Y\}$.

Then $\Sigma \neq \phi$.

$\because Y \in \Sigma$.

Then Σ is poset under set inclusion.

Let $C : Z_1 \subseteq Z_2 \subseteq \dots$ be any chain in Σ .

Take, $Z = \cup Z_i$, where each $Z_i \in \Sigma$.

Claim: Z is irreducible.

On contrary assume that Z is not irreducible.

$\implies Z = S \cup T$ for some proper closed subsets S and T of Z .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1 &= Z_1 \cap Z \\ &= Z_1 \cap (S \cup T) \\ &= (Z_1 \cap S) \cup (Z_1 \cap T) \end{aligned}$$

$\implies Z_1$ is union of two proper closed subsets of Z_1 .

$\implies Z_1$ is not irreducible $\rightarrow \leftarrow$.

$\therefore Z$ must be irreducible.

Hence every chain in Σ has upper bound in Σ .

Therefore, by Zorn's lemma Σ has maximal element.

Such maximal irreducible subspace is called as irreducible component. ■



CHAPTER 2

Modules

MODULES AND MODULE HOMOMORPHISMS

Definition. Let A be a ring. An A -module is an abelian group M on which A acts linearly; more precisely, it is pair (M, μ) , where M is abelian group and $\mu : A \times M \rightarrow M$ is mapping defined by $\mu(a, x) = ax$ and satisfies following axioms:

- (i) $\mu((a, x + y)) = a(x + y) = ax + ay$.
- (ii) $\mu((a + b), x) = (a + b)x = ax + bx$.
- (iii) $\mu(ab, x) = (ab)x = a(bx)$.
- (iv) $1x = x$, for all $x, y \in M$ and $a, b \in A$.

Examples. (1) An ideal I of ring A is an A -module. In particular A itself is an A -module.

(2) If A is field F , then A -module = F -vector space.

(3) $A = \mathbb{Z}$, then \mathbb{Z} -module = abelian group.

(4) $A = F[x]$, where F is field; an A -module is a K -vector space with linear transformation.

Definition. Let M, N be A -modules. A mapping $f : M \rightarrow N$ is an A -module homomorphism (or A -linear) if

- (i) $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$.
- (ii) $f(ax) = af(x)$. for all $x, y \in M$ and $a \in A$.

If A is field, an A -module homomorphism is the same thing as a linear transformation of vector spaces.

The composition of A -modules homomorphisms is again an A -module homomorphism.

The set of all A -module homomorphism from M to N can be turned into an A -module as follows: we define addition and multiplication by the rules

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x),$$

$$(af)(x) = af(x), \text{ for all } a \in A \text{ and } x \in M.$$

which is denoted by $\text{Hom}_A(A, M)$ or just by $\text{Hom}(A, M)$.

SUBMODULES AND QUOTIENT MODULES

A submodule M' of M is subgroup of M which is closed under multiplication by elements of A .

That is, M' is submodule of M if it satisfies following properties:

- (1) For $x, y \in M' \implies x - y \in M'$.
- (2) $ax \in M'$ for all $a \in A$ and $x \in M'$.

Note. The submodule of A over an A -module are the ideals of A .

Let M' be a submodule of A -module M , then

$M/M' = \{m + M'/m \in M\}$ is module over A called as quotient module.

PROOF. Clearly M/M' is additive abelian group of A .

Let $a, b \in A$ and $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in M/M'$.

$$\begin{aligned}
a(\bar{x} + \bar{y}) &= a(x + M' + y + M') \\
&= a((x + y) + M') \\
&= a(x + y) + M' \\
&= (ax + ay) + M' \\
&= ax + M' + ay + M' \\
&= a(x + M') + a(y + M') \\
&= a\bar{x} + a\bar{y}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(a + b)\bar{x} &= (a + b)(x + M') \\
&= (a + b)x + M' \\
&= (ax + bx) + M' \\
&= ax + M' + bx + M' \\
&= a(x + M') + b(x + M') \\
&= a\bar{x} + b\bar{y}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a(b\bar{x}) &= a(b(x + M')) \\
&= a(bx + M') \\
&= (ab)x + M' \\
&= (ab)\bar{x}
\end{aligned}$$

and $1 \cdot \bar{x} = \bar{x}$

$\therefore M/M'$ is module over A called quotient module. ■

Note. (1) There is a one-to-one order-preserving correspondence between submodules of M containing M' and submodules of M/M' .

(2) Submodule of M/M' is of the form M_1/M' , where M_1 is submodule of M containing M' .

Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be an module homomorphism then

$$\ker f = \{x \in M / f(x) = 0\}$$

and is a submodule of M .

The image set of f is the set

$$\text{Im}(f) = f(M) = \{y \in N / f(x) = y, x \in M\}$$

is an submodule of N .

The cokernel of f is

$$\text{Coker}(f) = N/\text{Im}(f)$$

which is quotient module of N .

Result. Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be a ring homomorphism and M' be submodule of A -module M such that $M' \subseteq \ker f$, then the mapping $\bar{f} : M/M' \rightarrow N$, defined by $\bar{f}(\bar{x}) = f(x)$ is homomorphism induced by f with $\ker \bar{f} = \ker f/M'$.

PROOF. To show: \bar{f} is homomorphism.

Let $\bar{x} = x + M', \bar{y} = y + M' \in M/M'$ and $a \in A$.

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{f}(\bar{x} + a\bar{y}) &= \bar{f}((x + M') + a(y + M')) \\
 &= \bar{f}((x + ay) + M') \\
 &= \bar{f}(\overline{x + ay}) \\
 &= f(x + ay) \\
 &= f(x) + af(y) \quad \because f \text{ is module homomorphism.} \\
 &= \bar{f}(\bar{x}) + a\bar{f}(\bar{y})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \bar{f}(\bar{x} + a\bar{y}) = \bar{f}(\bar{x}) + a\bar{f}(\bar{y}).$$

$\implies \bar{f}$ is module homomorphism.

Now consider,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ker \bar{f} &= \{\bar{x} \in M/M' : \bar{f}(\bar{x}) = 0\} \\
 &= \{x + M' \in M/M' : f(x) = 0\} \\
 &= \{x + M' \in M/M' : x \in \ker f\} \\
 &= \ker f/M'
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \ker \bar{f} = \ker f/M'. \quad \blacksquare$$

OPERATIONS ON SUBMODULES

Let M be an A -module and let $(M_i)_{i \in \Delta}$ be a family of submodules of M . Their sum $\sum M_i$ is the set of all finite sums $\sum x_i$ where $x_i \in M_i$ for all $i \in \Delta$ and almost all the x_i are zero.

$\sum M_i$ is smallest submodule of M which contains all the M_i .

The intersection $\cap M_i$ is again submodule of M . Thus the submodule of M form a complete lattice with respect to inclusion.

Proposition. (i) If $L \supseteq M \supseteq N$ are A -modules, then

$$(L/N)/(M/N) \cong L/M.$$

(ii) If M_1, M_2 are submodules of M , then

$$(M_1 + M_2)/M_1 \cong M_2/(M_1 \cap M_2).$$

PROOF. (i) Define the mapping $\theta : L/N \rightarrow L/M$ by $\theta(x + N) = x + M$.

Let $\bar{x} = x + N, \bar{y} = y + N \in L/N$ and $a \in A$.

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta(\bar{x} + a\bar{y}) &= \theta((x + N) + a(y + N)) \\
 &= \theta((x + ay) + N) \\
 &= (x + ay) + M \\
 &= (x + M) + (ay + M) \\
 &= (x + M) + a(y + M) \\
 &= \theta(x + N) + a\theta(y + N) \\
 &= \theta(\bar{x}) + a\theta(\bar{y})
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, θ is module homomorphism.

Also, for each $x + N \in L/N$ there exists $x + M \in L/M$ such that $\theta(x + N) = x + M$.

$\implies \theta$ is onto.

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}
\ker \theta &= \{\bar{x} \in L/N : \theta(\bar{x}) = \bar{0}\} \\
&= \{x + N \in L/N : \theta(x + N) = M\} \\
&= \{x + N \in L/N : x + M = M\} \\
&= \{x + N \in L/N : x \in M\} \\
&= M/N
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \theta$ is module homomorphism L/N onto L/M with kernel M/N .
 $\implies (L/N)/(M/N) \cong (L/M)$.

(ii) Define $g : M_2 \rightarrow (M_1 + M_2)/M_1$ by $g(x) = x + M_1$.

Let $x, y \in M_2$ and $a \in A$.

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}
g(x + ay) &= (x + ay) + M_1 \\
&= x + M_1 + ay + M_1 \\
&= (x + M_1) + a(y + M_1) \\
&= g(x) + ag(y)
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore g$ is module homomorphism.

Also, for each $x + M_1 \in (M_1 + M_2)/M_1$, there exists $x \in M_2$ such that $g(x) = x + M_1$.

$\therefore g$ is onto.

Now consider,

$$\begin{aligned}
\ker g &= \{x \in M_2 : g(x) = \bar{0}\} \\
&= \{x \in M_2 : x + M_1 = M_1\} \\
&= \{x \in M_2 : x \in M_1\} \\
&= M_1 \cap M_2
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore g$ is module homomorphism from M_2 onto $(M_1 + M_2)/M_1$ with kernel $M_1 \cap M_2$.

$\therefore M_2/(M_1 \cap M_2) \cong (M_1 + M_2)/M_1$. ■

We cannot in general define product of two submodules, but we can define product IM , where I is an ideal and M an A -module.

$$IM = \left\{ \sum_{\text{finite}} a_i x_i : a_i \in I, x_i \in M \right\}.$$

Let $x, y \in IM \implies x = \sum_{\text{finite}} a_i x_i, \quad y = \sum_{\text{finite}} b_i y_i$ for some $a_i, b_i \in I$ and $x_i, y_i \in M$.

Then, $x - y = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i - \sum_{i=1}^m b_i y_i \in IM$.

Also, for $a \in A$ and $x \in IM$.

$$\begin{aligned}
ax &= a \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n (aa_i) x_i \in IM
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore IM$ is submodule of M .

If N, P are submodules of M , then $(N : P) = \{x \in A : xP \subseteq N\}$ is ideal of A .

In particular $(0 : M) = \{x \in A : xM = 0\} = \text{Ann}(M)$ is ideal of A called as annihilator of M .

Any A -module M is said to be faithful if $\text{Ann}(M) = 0$.

Result. Suppose M be an A -module with $\text{Ann}(M) \neq 0$ and I be an ideal A such that $I \subseteq \text{Ann}(M)$ then M is faithful module over A/I .

Exercise. Prove that

(i) $\text{Ann}(M + N) = \text{Ann}(M) \cap \text{Ann}(N)$.

(ii) $(N : P) = \text{Ann}(\frac{N+P}{N})$.

PROOF. (i) We know that $M + N = \{x + y/x \in M, y \in N\}$.

$\therefore M \subseteq M + N$ and $N \subseteq M + N$.

$\implies \text{Ann}(M + N) \subseteq \text{Ann}(M)$ and $\text{Ann}(M + N) \subseteq \text{Ann}(N)$.

$\implies \text{Ann}(M + N) \subseteq \text{Ann}(M) \cap \text{Ann}(N)$.

Let $a \in \text{Ann}(M) \cap \text{Ann}(N)$.

$\implies a \in \text{Ann}(M)$ and $a \in \text{Ann}(N)$.

$\implies ax = 0, \quad \forall x \in M$ and $ay = 0, \quad \forall y \in N$.

Now consider, $a(x + y) = ax + ay = 0, \quad \forall x + y \in M + N$.

$\implies a \in \text{Ann}(M + N)$.

$\implies \text{Ann}(M) \cap \text{Ann}(N) \subseteq \text{Ann}(M + N)$.

$\therefore \text{Ann}(M + N) = \text{Ann}(M) \cap \text{Ann}(N)$.

(ii) Let $a \in (N : P) \implies aP \subseteq N$.

$\implies ax \in N, \quad \forall x \in P$ and let $y + N \in \frac{N+P}{N}$ for some $y \in P$.

Consider, $a(y + N) = ay + N = \bar{0}, \quad \forall y + N \in \frac{N+P}{N}$.

$\therefore ay \in N$.

$\implies a \in \text{Ann}(\frac{N+P}{N})$.

$\implies (N : P) \subseteq \text{Ann}(\frac{N+P}{N})$.

Let $b \in \text{Ann}(\frac{N+P}{N})$.

$\implies b(y + N) = \bar{0} = N$.

$\implies by + N = N$.

$\implies by \in N, \quad \forall y \in P$.

$\implies bP \subseteq N$.

$\implies b \in (N : P)$.

$\implies \text{Ann}(\frac{N+P}{N}) \subseteq (N : P)$.

$\therefore (N : P) = \text{Ann}(\frac{N+P}{N})$. ■

DIRECT SUM AND PRODUCTS

If M and N are A -modules, their direct sum $M \oplus N = \{(x, y)/x \in M, y \in N\}$. This is an A -module with respect to addition and multiplication:

$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

$$a(x, y) = (ax, ay)$$

More generally $\{M_i\}_{i \in \Delta}$ is collection of A -modules then the direct sum of M_i 's is given by $\oplus_{i \in \Delta} M_i = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$ such that $x_i \in M_i$ and $x_i \neq 0$ for all but finitely many i .

If we drop the condition on number of x_i 's are non-zero we have direct product $\prod_{i=1}^n M_i$.

Therefore, direct sum and direct product are same if the index set Δ is finite, but not

otherwise, in general.

Suppose that the ring A is a direct product $\prod_{i=1}^n A_i$. Then the set I_i of all elements of A of the form $(0, 0, \dots, 0, a_i, 0, \dots, 0)$ with $a_i \in A_i$ is an ideal of A but not subring.

A ring A considered as an A -module then its ideal are submodules of A . Hence A is direct sum of A modules I_i .

FINITELY GENERATED MODULES

A free A -module is one which is isomorphic to an A -module of the form $\bigoplus_{i \in \Delta} M_i$, where $M_i \cong A$ (as an A -module).

A finitely generated free A -module is isomorphic to $A \oplus A \oplus \dots \oplus A$ (n -times) which is denoted by A^n .

Proposition. M is a finitely generated A -module if and only if M is isomorphic to a quotient of A^n for some integer $n > 0$.

PROOF. Suppose M is finitely generated A -module.

$\therefore M = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$.

Define, $\phi : A^n \rightarrow M$ by $\phi((a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n$.

Now for any $a, b \in A^n \implies a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), b = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ and $r \in A$.

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a + rb) &= \phi((a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + r(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)) \\ &= \phi((a_1 + rb_1, a_2 + rb_2, \dots, a_n + rb_n)) \\ &= (a_1 + rb_1)x_1 + (a_2 + rb_2)x_2 + \dots + (a_n + rb_n)x_n \\ &= a_1x_1 + rb_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + rb_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n + rb_nx_n \\ &= (a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n) + r(b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + \dots + b_nx_n) \\ &= \phi((a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) + r\phi((b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)) \\ &= \phi(a) + r\phi(b) \end{aligned}$$

$\implies \phi$ is module homomorphism.

For each $x \in M \implies x = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n$ then $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$ such that $\phi((a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = x$.

$\implies \phi$ is onto.

$\implies \phi$ is onto module homomorphism.

$\therefore A^n / \ker \phi \cong M$.

Conversely, suppose $M \cong A^n / I$ for some ideal I of A .

If $\bar{x} \in A^n / I$ then,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + I \\ &= (x_1(1, 0, \dots, 0) + x_2(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) + \dots + x_n(0, 0, \dots, 1)) + I \\ &= (x_1e_1 + x_2e_2 + \dots + x_n e_n) + I \\ &= x_1(e_1 + I) + x_2(e_2 + I) + \dots + x_n(e_n + I) \\ &= x_1\bar{e}_1 + x_2\bar{e}_2 + \dots + x_n\bar{e}_n \end{aligned}$$

$\implies \{\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \dots, \bar{e}_n\}$ generates A^n / I .

Let $\phi : A^n / I \rightarrow M$ be isomorphism and $\phi(\bar{e}_1) = x_1, \phi(\bar{e}_2) = x_2, \dots, \phi(\bar{e}_n) = x_n$.

$\therefore \{\phi(\bar{e}_1), \phi(\bar{e}_2), \dots, \phi(\bar{e}_n)\} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ is generating set of M .

Because for each $x \in M$.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \phi(\bar{y}) \text{ for some } \bar{y} \in A^n/I \implies \bar{y} = a_1\bar{e}_1 + a_2\bar{e}_2 + \dots + a_n\bar{e}_n \text{ for some } a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A. \\ &= \phi(a_1\bar{e}_1 + a_2\bar{e}_2 + \dots + a_n\bar{e}_n) \\ &= a_1\phi(\bar{e}_1) + a_2\phi(\bar{e}_2) + \dots + a_n\phi(\bar{e}_n) \\ &= a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore M = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$. ■

Proposition. Let M be finitely generated A -module, let I be an ideal of A , and let ϕ be an A -module endomorphism of M such that $\phi(M) \subseteq IM$. Then ϕ satisfies an equation of the form

$$\phi^n + a_1\phi^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0 \text{ where } a_i \in A.$$

PROOF. Let M is finitely generated A -module.

Let $M = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$.

Since $\phi(M) \subseteq IM$.

$$\implies \phi(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j, \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, a_{ij} \in I \text{ for all } i, j.$$

This is system of n equations in n unknowns can be written as:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (\delta_{ij}\phi - a_{ij})x_j = 0.$$

Multiplying both side by adjoint of $\delta_{ij}\phi - a_{ij}$ we get.

$$\text{adj}(\delta_{ij}\phi - a_{ij})(\delta_{ij}\phi - a_{ij})x_j = 0.$$

$$\implies \det(\delta_{ij}\phi - a_{ij}) = 0.$$

$\therefore \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ generates M .

Expanding this determinant we get:

$$\phi^n + a_1\phi^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

Proposition. (Nakayama's Lemma). Let M be a finitely generated A -module and I be an ideal of A contained in Jacobson radical \mathcal{J} of A . Then $IM = M \implies M = 0$.

PROOF. On contrary assume that $M \neq 0$.

Let $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ be minimal generating set of M .

We have given $IM = M$.

For $x_1 \in M$ and $a_{ij} \in A, 1 \leq i, j \leq n$.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ x_n &= a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n \end{aligned}$$

Since, $x_1 = a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n$.

$$\implies (1 - a_{11})x_1 - a_{12}x_2 - \dots - a_{1n}x_n = 0.$$

Also, $a_{1i} \in I \subseteq \mathcal{J}$.

$\implies 1 - a_{11}$ is unit in A .

$$\implies x_1 = (1 - a_{11})^{-1}a_{12}x_2 + (1 - a_{11})^{-1}a_{13}x_3 + \dots + (1 - a_{11})^{-1}a_{1n}x_n.$$

$\implies \{x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\}$ generates M .

$\rightarrow \leftarrow$ to minimality of generating set M .

$\therefore M = 0$. ■

Corollary. Let M be a finitely generated A -module, N a submodule of M , $I \subseteq \mathcal{J}$ an ideal. Then $M = IM + N \implies M = N$.

PROOF. Since $N \subseteq M + N$, hence it is submodule of $M + N$.

$\implies M + N$ is an A -module also M is finitely generated hence M/N is also finitely generated.

Now consider,

$$\begin{aligned} I(M/N) &= IM/N \\ &= (IM + N)/N \\ &= M/N \end{aligned}$$

$\implies I(M/N) = M/N$, where $I \subseteq \mathcal{J}$.

Therefore by previous proposition (applying previous proposition on M/N).

$M/N \equiv 0$.

$\implies M = N$. ■

Result. Let A be a local ring with maximal ideal I and M be a finitely generated A -module. Then show that M/IM is annihilated by I .

PROOF. Since I is maximal ideal and M is A -module.

$\implies IM$ is submodule of M .

Also, M/IM is A -module.

If $x + IM \in M/IM$ and $a \in I$

Then, $a(x + IM) = ax + IM = IM$.

$\implies a \in \text{Ann}(M/IM)$.

$\implies I \subseteq \text{Ann}(M/IM)$.

$\therefore M = \text{Ann}(M/IM)$.

$\because I$ is maximal ideal in A . ■

$\implies M/IM$ annihilates by I . ■

Note. Let A be local ring with maximal ideal I , then $F = A/I$ its residue field. Then M/IM forms vector space over field F .

Proposition. Let A be local ring with maximal ideal I . If $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ be elements of M whose images in M/IM form a basis of vector space M/IM , then show that x_i generates M .

PROOF. Let N be submodule of M generated by $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$.

Suppose $f : N \rightarrow M$ defined by $f(x) = x$, $\forall x \in N$ and $g : M \rightarrow M/IM$ defined by $g(y) = y + IM$, $\forall y \in M$.

Then $g \circ f : N \rightarrow M/IM$ is onto mapping.

Because for any $\bar{y} = y + IM \in M/IM$.

$\implies \bar{y} = (a_1 + I)x_1 + (a_2 + I)x_2 + \dots + (a_n + I)x_n$, for some $a_1 + I, a_2 + I, \dots, a_n + I \in A/I$.

Take $z = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n \in N$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (g \circ f)(z) &= g(f(z)) \\ &= g(z) \\ &= z + IM \\ &= (a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n) + IM \\ &= a_1x_1 + IM + a_2x_2 + IM + \dots + a_nx_n + IM \\ &= a_1(x_1 + IM) + a_2(x_2 + IM) + \dots + a_n(x_n + IM) \\ &= (a_1 + I)x_1 + (a_2 + I)x_2 + \dots + (a_n + I)x_n \\ &= \bar{y} \end{aligned}$$

Now let $\phi : M \rightarrow M/IM$ be natural mapping defined by $\phi(m) = m + IM$,
 then $\phi(N) = N/IM = (N + IM)/IM$. $\therefore IM/N = (N + IM)/N$ for any ideal I .

$$\implies M/IM = (N + IM)/IM.$$

$$\implies \frac{M/IM}{(N+IM)/IM} = 0.$$

$$\implies M(N + IM) = 0.$$

$$\implies M = N + IM.$$

$$\therefore N + IM = M.$$

\therefore By previous corollary of Nakayama's lemma.

$$\therefore N = M. \quad \blacksquare$$

EXACT SEQUENCES

Definition. A sequence of A -modules and A -homomorphisms

$$\cdots \rightarrow M_{i-1} \xrightarrow{f_i} M_i \xrightarrow{f_{i+1}} M_{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots$$

is said to be exact at M_i if $\text{Im}(f_i) = \ker(f_{i+1})$.

A sequence is exact if it is exact at each M_i .

Example 1. $0 \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{f} M$ is exact $\iff f$ is injective.

Example 2. $M \xrightarrow{g} M'' \rightarrow 0$ is exact $\iff g$ is surjective.

Example 3. $0 \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M'' \rightarrow 0$ is exact $\iff f$ is injective, g is surjective and g induces an isomorphism of $\text{Coker}(f) = M/f(M')$ onto M'' .



CHAPTER 3

Integral Dependence and Valuations

Integral Dependence

Definition. Let B be a ring and A be a subring of B . An element x of B is said to be integral over A if x is a root of monic polynomial with coefficients in A , that is x satisfies an equation of the form.

$$x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$$

where, a_i are elements of A .

Example 1. Every element of ring A is integral over A .

Example 2. $A = \mathbb{Z}, B = \mathbb{Q}$. If a rational number $x = r/s$ is integral over \mathbb{Z} , where r, s have no common factor.

$\implies x$ satisfies equation of the form $x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n = 0$.

$\implies (r/s)^n + a_1(r/s)^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}(r/s) + a_n = 0$.

Multiplying both side by s^n we get,

$$r^n + a_1r^{n-1}s + \dots + a_ns^n = 0.$$

$$\implies r^n = -a_1r^{n-1}s - \dots - a_ns^n.$$

$$\implies r^n = (-a_1r^{n-1} - \dots - a_ns^{n-1})s.$$

$$\implies s \text{ divides } r^n.$$

$$\implies s = \pm 1.$$

$$\implies x \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

\implies Element in \mathbb{Q} is integral over \mathbb{Z} , if it is integer.

Example 3. $A = k[x^2], B = k[x]$ then $x \in B$ in integral over A .

Because it satisfies equation of the form $y^2 - x^2$.

Example 4. Let R be a ring and G be a finite subgroups of Automorphisms(Isomorphism from R to R) of R .

Let $A = R^G = \{a \in R : g(a) = a, \quad \forall g \in G\}$ and $a \in R$.

$$\text{Let } P(y) = \prod_{g \in G} (y - g(a)).$$

Every element of R is integral over R^G .

Proposition. Let $A \subseteq B$ be rings, then the followings are equivalent:

- (i) $x \in B$ is integral over A ;
- (ii) $A[x]$ is a finitely generated A -module;
- (iii) $A[x]$ is contained in a subring C of B such that C is finitely generated A -module;
- (iv) There exists a faithful $A[x]$ -module M which is finitely generated as an A -module.

PROOF. (i) \implies (ii).

Let $x \in B$ is integral over A .

$\implies x$ satisfies equation of the form $x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$ for some $a_i \in A$.

$$\implies x^n = -a_1x^{n-1} - \dots - a_n.$$

$$\implies A[x] \text{ is generated by } \{1, x, \dots, x^{n-1}\}.$$

$$\implies A[x] \text{ is finitely generated.}$$

$$(ii) \implies (iii)$$

Suppose $A[x]$ is finitely generated.

Take $C = A[x]$.

(iii) \implies (iv)

Suppose, $A[x]$ is contained in a subring C of B such that C is finitely generated A -module.

Take $C = M$, then it is faithful $A[x]$ -module.

Because for any $y \in A[x]$, $yC = 0 \implies y \cdot 1 = 0 \implies y = 0$.

(iv) \implies (i)

Suppose, there exists a faithful $A[x]$ -module M which is finitely generated as an A -module.

Consider the map $\phi : M \rightarrow M$ defined by $\phi(m) = xm$.

$\implies \phi(M) \subseteq M \implies xM \subseteq M$.

Suppose M is generated by $\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n\}$ over A .

Then $\phi(m_1) = xm_1$.

$$\implies \phi(m_1) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}m_j.$$

$$\implies \phi(m_1) - \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}m_j = 0.$$

$$\implies [\phi\delta_{1j} - a_{1j}][m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n]^\perp = 0.$$

$$\therefore [\phi\delta_{ij} - a_{ij}][m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n]^\perp = 0.$$

Multiplying both side by adjoint of matrix of $[\phi\delta_{ij} - a_{ij}]$ we get,

$$\det[\phi\delta_{ij} - a_{ij}](m_i) = 0, \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$\implies (\phi^n + a_1\phi^{n-1} + \dots + a_n)(m_i) = 0, \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$\implies (x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n)m_i = 0, \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$\implies x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n \in \text{Ann}(M) = (0).$$

$\therefore M$ is faithful A -module.

$$\implies x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0.$$

$$\implies x \in B \text{ is integral over } A. \quad \blacksquare$$

Note. If N is finitely generated B -module and B is finitely generated A -module, then N is finitely generated A -module.

Corollary. Let $x_i (1 \leq i \leq n)$ be elements of B , each integral over A . Then the ring $A[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ is a finitely-generated A -module.

PROOF. We will prove this corollary by induction on n .

For $n = 1$, that is if $x_1 \in B$ is integral over A then $A[x_1]$ is finitely generated. \therefore By previous proposition.

Assume that the result is true for $n - 1$ elements.

That is, If $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} \in B$ are integral over B , then $A_{n-1} = A[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}]$ is finitely generated A -module.

To prove: The result is true for n elements.

That is to prove, If $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in B$ are integral over B , then $A_n = A[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ is finitely generated A -module.

Suppose, $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in B$ are integral over B .

Then $A_n = A_{n-1}[x_n]$ is finitely generated A_{n-1} -module.

$\therefore A_n$ is finitely generated A -module.

Because, If N is finitely generated B -module and B is finitely generated A -module, then N is finitely generated A -module. \blacksquare

Corollary. The set C of elements of B which are integral over A is subring of B con-

taining A .

PROOF. Exercise.

Definition. The ring C of elements of B which are integral over A is called the integral closure of A in B . If $C = A$ then A is said to be integrally closed in B .

Definition. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a ring homomorphism. If $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, define a product $ab = f(a)b$ such that, with respect to this multiplication B forms A -module structure. The ring B which has both ring and A -module structure is called as an A -algebra.

Remark. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a ring homomorphism, so that B is an A -algebra. Then f is said to be integral, and B is said to be an integral A -algebra, if B is integral over its subring $f(A)$.

Corollary. If $A \subseteq B \subseteq C$ are rings and if B is integral over A , and C is integral over B , then C is integral over A (transitivity of integral dependence).

PROOF. Let $x \in C$ be integral over B .

$$\implies x^n + b_1x^{n-1} + \dots + b_n = 0 \quad (b_i \in B).$$

$\implies B' = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n]$ is a finitely generated A -module, and $B'[x]$ is a finitely generated B' -module (since x is integral over B').

Hence $B'[x]$ is a finitely generated A -module and hence x is integral over A . ■

Corollary. Let $A \subseteq B$ be rings and let C be the integral closure of A in B . Then C is integrally closed in B .

PROOF. Let $x \in B$ be integral over C .

$\implies x$ is integral over A , hence $x \in C$. ■

