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Prop. Let  $A$  be a noeth. ring, and let  $0 \neq a \in A$  be an idel. Then the ring  $B = A/a$  is noetherian.

Pr. Exercise.

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## Hilbert Basis Theorem

Theorem. Let  $A$  be a noetherian ring. Then the polynomial ring  $A[t]$  is noetherian.

The following terminology is needed for the proof.  
Let  $f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i$  be a polynomial of deg.  $n \geq 0$  (so  $a_n \neq 0$ ).

The element  $a_n \in A$  is called the leading coefficient of  $f$ .

proof. Take any ideal  $b$  in the ring  $A[t]$ . We have to prove it is fin. gen. Let us assume the contrary (and show a contradiction).

Construct a sequence  $(f_1, f_2, \dots)$  of elements of  $b$ , as follows:

Let  $b_{i-1}$  be the ideal gen. by  $f_1, \dots, f_{i-1}$  (so  $b_0 = 0$ ).

By assumption  $b_{i-1} \neq b$ . Choose  $f_i$  to be an element of minimal degree in  $b - b_{i-1}$ .

We have a seq. of ideals  $b_1 \subsetneq b_2 \subsetneq \dots$  in  $b$ .

For any  $i$  let  $a_i$  be the leading coefficient of  $f_i(t)$ . Define  $a \subset A$  to be the ideal gen. by  $a_1, a_2, \dots$ .



(9.8) Since  $A$  is noetherian, the ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  is fin. gen. Hence  $\mathfrak{a} = \sum_{j=1}^i A \cdot a_j$  for  $i$ .

Therefore we have

$$a_{i+1} = \sum_{j=1}^i c_j a_j$$

for some  $c_j \in A$ .

Define the polynomial

$$g := \sum_{j=1}^i c_j f_j(z) \cdot t^{\deg(f_{i+1}) - \deg(f_j)}$$

This is a poly. of  $\deg(g) = \deg(f_{i+1})$ , with leading coefficient  $a_{i+1} \neq 0$ . Also  $g \in \mathfrak{b}_i$ . Now

$$h := f_{i+1} - g$$

has  $\deg(h) < \deg(f_{i+1})$ , and  $h \in \mathfrak{b}_{i+1} - \mathfrak{b}_i \subset \mathfrak{b} - \mathfrak{b}_i$ .  
This contradicts our choice of  $f_{i+1}$ .  $\square$

(99) Cor. Suppose  $A$  is a noetherian ring, and  $B$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -ring. Then  $B$  is noetherian.

pf. We can write  $B$  as  $A[t_1, \dots, t_n]/\mathfrak{b}$  for some  $n \geq 1$ , and some ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$ . By Prop. -?-, it suffices to prove that  $A[t_1, \dots, t_n]$  is noetherian. But this is <sup>the poly. ring</sup> a consequence of the basis thm. & induction.  $\square$

An  $A$  ring  $B$  is called essentially finite type if  $B$  is a localization  $B'_S$  of some fin. type (i.e. fin. gen.)  $A$ -ring  $B'$ , at some m.c. set  $S' \subset B'$ .

Cor. If  $A$  is noetherian and  $B$  is an ess. fin. type  $A$ -ring, then  $B$  is noetherian.

pf. Use last corollary and Thm. -?-.  $\square$

Example Let  $K$  be a field or  $\mathbb{Z}$ , let  $A$  be a fin. gen.  $K$ -ring, and let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } A$ . Then the local ring  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is noetherian.

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## Locally free modules

Def. Let  $A$  be a ring. An  $A$ -module  $P$  is called locally free if for every  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } A$ , the  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module  $P_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is free.

It is not easy to find fin. gen. mods. that are loc. free but not free. For  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $K[t_1, \dots, t_n]$  there are none. They exist for  $A := \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$  (number theory) and  $A := \mathbb{C}[s, t] / (t^2 - s(s-1)(s+1))$  (alg. geom - elliptic curves).

Example  $A := \mathbb{Z}/(12)$ ,  $M := \mathbb{Z}/(4)$ .  $\text{Spec } A = \left\{ \overset{\mathfrak{p}}{(2)}, \overset{\mathfrak{q}}{(3)} \right\}$   
 $M_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong A_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathbb{Z}/(4)$ ,  $M_{\mathfrak{q}} = 0$ ,  $A \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{(4)} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{(3)}$   
 rank = 1, rank = 0

Theorem Let  $A$  be a local noetherian ring, and let  $P$  be a fin. gen.  $A$ -module.

TFAE:

- (i)  $P$  is free.
- (ii)  $P$  is projective.

~~EB~~. The implications (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) is known (and does not require  $A$  to be local.)

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So let's assume  $P$  is projective. Write  $K := A/m$  and  $\bar{P} := P/mP \cong K \otimes_A P$ . Choose a basis  $\bar{P}_1, \dots, \bar{P}_r$  for  $\bar{P}$ , as  $K$ -module. Let  $P_1, \dots, P_r \in P$  arbitrary lifts of this basis, i.e.  $\pi(P_i) = \bar{P}_i$ , where  $\pi: P \rightarrow \bar{P}$  is the can. surject. By Nakayama the  $P_i$ 's generate  $P$  as  $A$ -mod.

Consider the short exact seq. of  $A$ -mods

$$(f) \quad 0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{\psi} A^{\oplus r} \xrightarrow{\varphi} P \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $\varphi(a_1, \dots) = \sum a_i P_i$ , and  $N := \ker(\varphi)$ .

Since  $A$  is noetherian, the mod.  $N$  is fin. gen. Because  $P$  is projective the seq. (f) is split:

There is  $\sigma: P \rightarrow A^{\oplus r}$  s.t.  $\varphi \circ \sigma = \mathbb{1}_P$ .

Hence there is  $\tau: A^{\oplus r} \rightarrow N$  s.t.  $\tau \circ \psi = \mathbb{1}_N$ .

$$\text{Also } \mathbb{1}_{A^{\oplus r}} = \sigma \circ \varphi + \psi \circ \tau.$$

Let's apply the additive functor  $K \otimes_A -$  to

(f). We get a sequence of  $K$ -mods

$$(H) \quad 0 \rightarrow \bar{N} \xrightarrow{\bar{\psi}} K^{\oplus r} \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}} \bar{P} \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\bar{N} := K \otimes_A N, \text{ and } \bar{\varphi} \circ \bar{\psi} = 0.$$

(102)  $\searrow$  (and  $\mathbb{1}_{K \otimes R} = \bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\varphi} + \bar{\psi} \circ \bar{\tau}$ .)

There are homs  $\bar{\sigma}$  and  $\bar{\tau}$  s.t.

$\bar{\varphi} \circ \bar{\sigma} = \mathbb{1}_{\bar{P}}$  and  $\bar{\tau} \circ \bar{\psi} = \mathbb{1}_{\bar{N}}$ . Therefore (H) is split, and in particular it's exact.

Note that  $\bar{\varphi}(\bar{a}_1, \dots) = \sum_i \bar{a}_i \bar{p}_i$ .

Because  $(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_r)$  is a basis,

the hom.  $\bar{\varphi}$  is bijective. Hence  $\bar{N} = 0$ .

Finally, by Nakayama,  $\bar{N} = 0$  implies  $N = 0$ .  
So  $\varphi$  is bijective, and  $(p_1, \dots, p_r)$  is a basis of  $P$ .  $\square$

In the proof above we have also proved the next useful thing:

Prop. Let  $F: \text{Mod } A \rightarrow \text{Mod } B$  be an additive functor. If

$$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\varphi} M' \xrightarrow{\psi} M'' \rightarrow 0$$

is a split exact seq. in  $\text{Mod } A$ , then

$$0 \rightarrow F(M) \xrightarrow{F(\varphi)} F(M') \xrightarrow{F(\psi)} F(M'') \rightarrow 0$$

is a split exact seq.



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