

# Algebra

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Q9 Better phrasing:

... if and only if each non-zero prime ideal contains a non-zero principal prime ideal.

Deadline for handing in work: Monday 10am

Recap: Defined tensor product

- Bilinear maps correspond to linear maps
- Take free module, and quotient out relations
- Restriction / Extension of scalars.

Tensor product of maps

Given  $\theta: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$   $\mathbb{R}$ -module maps  
 $\phi: N_1 \rightarrow N_2$

then we take tensor product:

$$\theta \otimes \phi: M_1 \otimes N_1 \rightarrow M_2 \otimes N_2 \quad \mathbb{R}\text{-module map.}$$
$$m_1 \otimes n_1 \mapsto \theta(m_1) \otimes \phi(n_1)$$

Note: The map:  $M_1 \times N_1 \rightarrow M_2 \otimes N_2$   
 $(m_1, n_1) \mapsto \theta(m_1) \otimes \phi(n_1)$

is bilinear and so universality gives  $\theta \otimes \phi$

Given a short exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\theta} M \xrightarrow{\phi} M_2 \rightarrow 0 \quad (*)$$

We can form:

$$0 \rightarrow N \otimes M_1 \xrightarrow{id \otimes \theta} N \otimes M \xrightarrow{id \otimes \phi} N \otimes M_2 \rightarrow 0 \quad (**)$$

where  $id: N \rightarrow N$  is the identity map.

We saw that when  $N = S^{-1}R$  then localisation is exact (1.14).

and so  $(**)$  is a short exact sequence.

$$(S^{-1}R \otimes_R M \cong S^{-1}M \text{ recall}).$$

However, in general  $(**)$  is not necessarily exact.

Example  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{n \mapsto 2n} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

is a short exact sequence.

Set  $N = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

Now:

$$N \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$
$$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

So  $(**)$  in this case:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes 2} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

with  $\text{id} \otimes 2$  is the zero map.

We do not have exactness on the left-hand side. — So  $N \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} -$  does not preserve exactness of short exact sequences. This is the starting point of homology theory ☺.

(1.26) Def<sup>n</sup>:  $N$  is a flat  $R$ -module if  $N \otimes_R -$  preserves exactness of all short exact sequences.

Example:  $S^{-1}R$  is a flat  $R$ -module for all multiplicatively closed subsets  $S$  of  $R$ .

In particular  $R$  itself is a flat  $R$ -module.

Or  $R^n$  is free  $R$ -module (or direct summands).

(1.27) Def<sup>n</sup>: 'tensor products of algebras'  
Given  $\phi: R \rightarrow T$ , a ring homomorphism  
(and so  $T$  can be viewed as an  $R$ -module)

We say that  $T$  is an  $R$ -algebra.

Given two such maps:  $\phi_i: R \rightarrow T_i$  ( $i=1,2$ )  
we can define their tensor product over  $R$   
by endowing  $T_1 \otimes_R T_2$  with a product  
 $(t_1 \otimes t_2)(t_1' \otimes t_2') = t_1 t_1' \otimes t_2 t_2'$

Remember not all elements of this form, but if we know  
how this multiplies, we know how others multiply.

and  $R \rightarrow T_1 \otimes_R T_2$   
 $r \mapsto \phi_1(r) \otimes 1 = 1 \otimes \phi_2(r) = r(1 \otimes 1)$

Check well-defined.

$1 \otimes 1$  is the multiplicative identity.

Examples: ①  $k$  field,  $k[x_1] \otimes_k k[x_2] \cong k[x_1, x_2]$

②  $\mathbb{C}[x]/(x^2+1) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{C}[x]/(x^2+1)$

③  $k[x_1]/(f(x_1)) \otimes_k k[x_2]/(g(x_2)) \cong k[x_1, x_2]/(f(x_1), g(x_2))$

So we've done localisation and tensor products. 😊

## Chapter 2: Ideal Structure.

Throughout this chapter,  $R$  is commutative with  $1$ .

(2.1) Lemma: The set of nilpotent elements of a commutative ring  $R$  form an ideal  $\mathcal{N}(R)$   
not! (else consider ring of matrices, this doesn't work)

and  $R/\mathcal{N}(R)$  has no non-zero nilpotent elements.

Proof: Exercise:  $x$  nilpotent  $\Rightarrow rx$  nilpotent  
 $x, y$  nilpotent  $\Rightarrow x+y$  nilpotent  
(just use binomial theorem).

(2.2) Def: The ideal  $\mathcal{N}(R)$  is the nilradical of  $R$ . (curly  $\mathcal{N}$ )

(2.3) Lemma: (Krull)  $\mathcal{N}(R)$  is the intersection of all the prime ideals of  $R$ .

Proof: Let  $I = \bigcap_{P \text{ prime}} P$

If  $x \in R$  is nilpotent, then  $x^m = 0$  for some  $m$ .  
 $P \text{ prime} \Rightarrow x \in P$  (note  $0 \in P$ )  
So  $x \in \bigcap P = I$ .

If  $x$  is not nilpotent. Then consider  
 $S = \{1, x, x^2, \dots\} \neq \emptyset$ . (as  $x$  not nilp)

Localize  $S^{-1}R = R_x$  (recall notation).

Note that  $R_x$  is not zero, since  $0 \notin S$ .

Take a maximal ideal of  $R_x$  (by Zorn's lemma)

By (1.16) (ii), this maximal ideal of  $R_x$  corresponds to a prime ideal  $P$  with  $P \cap S = \emptyset$ .

In particular  $x \notin P$ . Thus  $x \notin \bigcap_{P \text{ prime}} P = I$ .

Thus:  $I = \mathcal{N}(R)$  □  
 $\mathcal{N}$  curly N.

(Alternative proof: Consider all ideals that don't have  $x$  and apply Zorn)

(2.4) Def<sup>n</sup>: For an ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , its radical  $\sqrt{I} = \{x : x^n \in I \text{ for some } n\}$ .

Note that:  $\sqrt{I}/I = \mathcal{N}(R/I)$   $\hookrightarrow$  nilrad of  $R/I$

(2.5) Def<sup>n</sup>: The Jacobson radical of  $R$  is the intersection of all the maximal ideals of  $R$ .

$$\text{Jac}(R) = \text{Jacobson radical of } R$$

$$\text{Thus } \mathcal{N}(R) = \bigcap_{P \text{ prime}} P \subseteq \bigcap_{P \text{ max ideal}} P = \text{Jac}(R)$$

In general, we don't get equality.

e.g. If  $R$  local ring with unique maximal ideal  $P$ , then  $\text{Jac}(R) = P$ .

E.g.:  $R = \{ \frac{m}{n} \mid p \nmid n \text{ for some prime } p \}$   
 with unique max ideal  $P = \{ \frac{m}{n} \mid p \mid m, p \nmid n \}$

But  $R$  is integral domain, thus any nilpotent is 0.

$$\text{Thus: } \mathcal{N}(R) = \{0\}, \neq \text{Jac}(R) = P$$



(I- some contexts, local ring might not be well-behaved.)

For finitely-generated algebras, nilradical is same as Jacobson radical.  $\square$