

## Lecture 20: Localization & Noetherian rings

Recall: Rings & modules of fractions for  $R$  commutative ring  
 $S \subset R$  mult. closed set  $\rightsquigarrow S^{-1}R = \text{another comm ring}$   
 $M : R\text{-module}$   $\rightsquigarrow S^{-1}M : \text{an } S^{-1}R\text{-module.}$

Prop: (1) Every ideal of  $S^{-1}R$  is of the form  $S^{-1}\mathfrak{a}$  for  $\mathfrak{a} \subset R$  ideal  
&  $S^{-1}\mathfrak{a} = S^{-1}R \iff S \cap \mathfrak{a} \neq \emptyset$ .

(2) Prime ideals of  $S^{-1}R \xleftrightarrow{|\cdot|^{-1}}$  prime ideals of  $R$  not meeting  $S$   
 $(j_S(\mathfrak{P})) S^{-1}R = S^{-1}\mathfrak{P} \longleftarrow \mathfrak{P}$

TODAY: Localization & first properties of Noetherian rings

GOAL: Build suitable  $S$  where  $S^{-1}R$  is a local ring (unique mxl ideal)

Geometrically: Study a space  $X$  in the neighborhood of a point.  
 $R = \{ \text{polynomial functions } X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \}$ .

## Localization

Fix  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{R}$  a prime ideal and let  $S = \mathcal{R} \setminus \mathfrak{p}$ .

Lemma:  $S$  is multiplicatively closed.

Def:  $R_{\mathfrak{p}} := S^{-1}R$  is called the localization of  $R$  at the prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

Proposition:  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a local ring with unique maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

Obs: If  $R$  is a domain,  $j_S: R \hookrightarrow \text{Quot}(R) = (R \setminus \{0\})^{-1}R$   
So  $R \hookrightarrow R_{\mathfrak{p}} \hookrightarrow \text{Quot}(R)$

## Examples

$\mathcal{P} \neq \emptyset$  prime ideal  
 $S = R - \mathcal{P}$

①  $R = \mathbb{Z}$

②  $R = \mathbb{C}[x]$

③  $R = \mathbb{C}[x, y]$

## Localization for $R$ -modules

Def: Given  $M$  an  $R$ -module, we define its localization at  $\mathcal{P}$  as  $M_{\mathcal{P}} = S^{-1}M$  where  $S = R \setminus \mathcal{P}$ .

Q: What is  $\ker ( M \xrightarrow{i_{\mathcal{P}}} S^{-1}M )$ ?

A:

Def:  $\text{Ann}(m) = \{ r \in R : rm = 0 \}$  (Annihilator of  $m$ )

Lemma:  $\text{Ann}(m)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . It is proper  $\Leftrightarrow m \neq 0$ .

Localizations are useful tools to decide when modules are trivial, i.e.

Theorem:  $M = \{0\} \Leftrightarrow M_{\mathcal{P}} = 0 \quad \forall \mathcal{P} \subsetneq R$  prime ideal  
 $\Leftrightarrow M_{\mathfrak{m}} = 0 \quad \forall \mathfrak{m} \subsetneq R$  mxl ideal

Proof: Want to show TFAE:

(1)  $M = \{0\}$

(2)  $M_p = 0 \quad \forall \mathfrak{p} \subsetneq R$  prime ideal

(3)  $M_m = 0 \quad \forall \mathfrak{m} \subsetneq R$  mxl ideal

Theorem: Assume  $R$  is an integral domain. Then:

$$R = \bigcap_{\substack{M \text{ max} \\ \text{ideal}}} R_M = \bigcap_{\substack{P \text{ prime} \\ \text{ideal}}} R_P$$

## Modules of fractions and their homomorphisms

Fix  $R$  commutative ring &  $S \subset R$  mult closed set.

Let  $M, N$  be two  $R$ -modules & set  $f: M \rightarrow N$   $R$ -linear

Then  $S^{-1}f: S^{-1}M \rightarrow S^{-1}N$

Proposition: Let  $0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{f} M_2 \xrightarrow{g} M_3 \rightarrow 0$  be a seq of  $R$ -linear maps between  $R$ -modules. Then, the following sequence of  $S^{-1}R$ -linear maps is exact:

$$0 \rightarrow S^{-1}M_1 \xrightarrow{S^{-1}f} S^{-1}M_2 \xrightarrow{S^{-1}g} S^{-1}M_3 \rightarrow 0.$$

Obs: Can use this to give an alternative proof of Thm on previous slide.

Proof: To show

$$0 \longrightarrow S^{-1}M_1 \xrightarrow{S^{-1}f} S^{-1}M_2 \xrightarrow{S^{-1}g} S^{-1}M_3 \longrightarrow 0. \text{ is ses}$$

Corollary: (1) Let  $N \subset M$  be submodule over  $R$ .

Then  $\frac{S^{-1}M}{S^{-1}N}$  (as  $S^{-1}R$ -modules)

(2) In particular, for an ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subset R$ , we have

$$\frac{S^{-1}R}{S^{-1}\mathfrak{a}}$$

## Noetherianness - First properties

Definition: A commutative ring  $R$  is called Noetherian if for every chain of ideals of  $R$   $\mathfrak{a}_0 \subseteq \mathfrak{a}_1 \subseteq \mathfrak{a}_2 \subseteq \mathfrak{a}_3 \subseteq \dots$  there is  $k \geq 0$  with  $\mathfrak{a}_k = \mathfrak{a}_{k+1} = \dots$

Theorem: The following conditions on a commutative ring  $R$  are equivalent:

- (1)  $R$  is Noetherian
- (2) Every nonempty set  $\mathcal{S}$  of ideals of  $R$  has a maximal element
- (3) Every ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq R$  is finitely generated.

ACC  $\Leftrightarrow$  every collection  $\mathcal{I}$  of ideals has a  $\max$ . element  $\Leftrightarrow$  every ideal is f.g.

