

## Commutative Algebra Problems

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Prove all of the following.

1.  $R[[t]]$  is noetherian if and only if  $R$  is noetherian.
2.  $R$  is noetherian if every prime ideal is finitely generated.
3. Let  $P$  be a finitely generated free  $R$ -module of rank  $n$  and  $M$  a submodule of  $P$ . Show if  $M$  is  $R$ -free that the rank of  $M$  is at most  $n$ .
4. Let  $\mathfrak{A} \subset R[t]$  be an ideal,  $\bar{\phantom{x}} : R[t] \rightarrow R[t]/\mathfrak{A}$  be the canonical map,  $S := R[t]/\mathfrak{A}$  and  $s = \bar{t}$ .
  - a.  $S \in \mathfrak{M}_R$  is generated by  $\leq n$  elements if and only if there exists a monic  $f \in \mathfrak{A}$  of degree  $\leq n$ . In this case,  $S = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} R s^i$ . In particular,  $S \in \mathfrak{M}_R$  is finitely generated if and only if  $\mathfrak{A}$  contains a monic polynomial.
  - b.  $S \in \mathfrak{M}_R$  is finitely generated and free if and only if  $\mathfrak{A} = (f)$  for some monic  $f \in R[t]$ . If this is the case then there exists an  $n$  such that  $\mathcal{B} := \{1, s, \dots, s^{n-1}\}$  is an  $R$ -basis for  $S$ .
5. Let  $d \in \mathbf{Z}$  be square-free and  $L = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ .
  - a. If  $d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$  then  $\mathbf{Z}_L = \mathbf{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$  and  $\{1, \sqrt{d}\}$  is an integral basis.
  - b. If  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  then  $\mathbf{Z}_L = \mathbf{Z}\left[\frac{-1 + \sqrt{d}}{2}\right]$  and  $\left\{1, \frac{-1 + \sqrt{d}}{2}\right\}$  is an integral basis.
6. Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring and  $M \in \mathfrak{M}_R$  be finitely generated. Let  $\bar{\phantom{x}} : M \rightarrow M/\mathfrak{m}M$  be the canonical map. Let  $\mathcal{S} := \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $\bar{\mathcal{S}} := \{\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n\}$ . Then
  - a.  $\mathcal{S}$  generates  $M$  if and only if  $\bar{\mathcal{S}}$  spans the  $R/\mathfrak{m}$ -vector space  $\bar{M} = M/\mathfrak{m}M$ .
  - b.  $\mathcal{S}$  is a minimal generating set for  $M$  if and only if  $\bar{\mathcal{S}}$  is an  $R/\mathfrak{m}$ -basis for  $\bar{M}$ .
  - c. Suppose that  $R$  is noetherian. Then the  $R/\mathfrak{m}$ -vector space  $\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$  has  $R/\mathfrak{m}$ -dimension at least  $\dim R$ . [If we have equality,  $R$  is called a *regular* local ring. It is the substitute for smoothness in geometry.]
7. If  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  is an integral then  ${}^a\phi : \text{Spec}(B) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$  is a closed map.
8. If  $R$  is noetherian and  $R \overset{c}{\underset{i}{\subset}} A$  with  $A \in \text{Calg}_R$  finitely generated (via  $i$ ) then GD holds if and only if  ${}^a i : \text{Spec}(A) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(R)$  is an open map.
9. Let  $A$  be a Dedekind domain. Prove all of the following:
  - a. If  $0 < \mathfrak{A} < A$  an ideal. then every ideal in  $A/\mathfrak{A}$  is principal.
  - b. Every ideal in  $A$  can be generated by two elements.
  - c. If  $A/R$  is integral and  $0 < \mathfrak{A} < A$  an ideal then one of the two generators in (b) can be chosen in  $R$ .

10. Let  $A \subset_i B$  be domains with  $F$  the quotient field of  $A$ . Suppose that  $B \in \text{Calg}_A$  is finitely generated (via  $i$ ). Let  $0 \neq b \in B$  be fixed. Let  $L$  be an algebraically closed field. Then there exists an  $a \in A$  with the following property: If  $\phi : A \rightarrow L$  is a homomorphism with  $\phi(a) \neq 0$  then there exists an extension  $\psi : B \rightarrow L$  of  $\phi$  (i.e., a homomorphism such that  $\psi|_A = \phi$ ) with  $\psi(b) \neq 0$ .

[Hint: Reduce to the case that  $B = A[x]$  and do the cases  $x$  is transcendental over  $A$  and algebraic over  $A$  separately.]

[This is another form of the Nullstellensatz as Zariski's Lemma is the case that  $A = F$ ,  $L$  its algebraic closure, and  $b = 1$ ].

11. A noetherian valuation ring is called a *discrete valuation ring* or *DVR*.

Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local domain. Then the following are equivalent:

- $A$  is a DVR.
- $A$  is a PID.
- $\mathfrak{m}$  is principal and every non-zero ideal of  $A$  is of the form  $\mathfrak{m}^n$  for some  $n$ .
- $\mathfrak{m}$  is principal and  $\bigcap_n \mathfrak{m}^n = \{0\}$ .
- $A$  is a local Dedekind domain.

12. Let  $A$  be a domain. Then show the following are equivalent.

- $A$  is a Dedekind domain.
- $A$  is noetherian and  $A_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is a DVR for all maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  in  $A$ .
- Every non-zero (integral) ideal in  $A$  is invertible.
- $I_A = \text{Inv}(A)$ .

13. Suppose that  $R$  is noetherian and  $\mathfrak{A} < R$  is an ideal.

- If  $\text{ht}(\mathfrak{A}) = n \geq 1$  then there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\text{ht}(a_1, \dots, a_m) = m$  for all  $1 \leq m \leq n$ .
- If  $\text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}) = n \geq 1$  then there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathfrak{p}$  such that  $\text{ht}(a_1, \dots, a_m) = m$  for all  $1 \leq m \leq n$  and  $\mathfrak{p} \in V(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  is minimal.

14. Suppose that  $R$  is noetherian and  $\mathfrak{A} < R$  an ideal. If  $\mathfrak{A}$  can be generated by  $s$  elements and  $\mathfrak{p} \in V(\mathfrak{A})$  satisfies  $\text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}/\mathfrak{A}) = m$  in  $R/\mathfrak{A}$  then  $\text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}) \leq s + m$

15. There exist  $\emptyset \neq V_i \subset \text{Spec}(R)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  closed such that  $\text{Spec}(R)$  is the disjoint union of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  if and only if  $R$  contains a non-trivial idempotent.

16. Let  $R$  be a noetherian ring with  $\dim R > 1$ . Then  $\text{Spec}(R)$  is infinite.