

## Problem Set #11

### Exercise 1 p 71

Let  $A$  be an arbitrary ring, not necessarily an integral domain, let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module and  $S$  a multiplicatively closed subset of  $A$  such that  $0 \notin S$ . In  $M \times S$  consider the equivalence relation

$$(m, s) \sim (m', s') \Leftrightarrow \exists s'' \in S \text{ such that } s''(s'm - sm') = 0$$

Show that the set  $M_S$  of equivalence classes  $\overline{(m, s)}$  forms an  $A$ -module, and that  $M \rightarrow M_S, a \mapsto \overline{(a, 1)}$ , is a homomorphism. In particular,  $A_S$  is a ring. It is called the **localization** of  $A$  with respect to  $S$ .

### **Solution:**

For convenience, we will write  $\frac{m}{s} := \overline{(m, s)}$ .

We want to prove that the set  $M_S$  of the equivalence relation forms an  $A$ -module.

For this we define two operation  $+$  and  $\cdot$  on  $M_S$ , as for any  $m, n \in M, s, t \in S$  and  $a \in A$ ,

$$\frac{m}{s} + \frac{n}{t} := \frac{tm + sn}{st}$$

and

$$a \cdot \frac{m}{s} := \frac{am}{s}$$

Since it is equivalence classes we have to check that it is well defined.

For this, let  $m', n' \in M$ , and  $s', t' \in S$  such that  $\frac{m}{s} = \frac{m'}{s'}$  and  $\frac{n}{t} = \frac{n'}{t'}$ , that is there exists  $s'', t'' \in S$  such that

$$s''(s'm - sm') = 0 \text{ and } t''(t'n - ts') = 0$$

. We need to prove that

$$\frac{tm + sn}{st} = \frac{t'm' + s'n'}{s't'}$$

that is there exist  $r \in S$  such that

$$r((tm + sn)s't' - (t'm' + s'n')st) = 0$$

Put  $r = s''t''$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} r((tm + sn)s't' - (t'm' + s'n')st) &= s''t''((tm + sn)s't' - (t'm' + s'n')st) \\ &= t't''s''(s'm - sm') - ss't''(t'n - ts') \\ &= 0 - 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we prove that  $\frac{am}{s} = \frac{am'}{s'}$ .

To prove that  $f$  is a homomorphism, we have to prove that

1. For any  $m, n \in M$ ,  $f(m + n) = f(m) + f(n)$ , that is  $\frac{m+n}{1} = \frac{m}{1} + \frac{n}{1}$ , and this is also clear by the definition of the operation which make  $M_S$  into a  $A$ -module.
2. For any  $m \in M$  and  $a \in A$ ,  $f(am) = af(m)$ , that is  $\frac{am}{1} = a \cdot \frac{m}{1}$  and this is also clear.

Moreover,  $A_S$  is a ring, with unit  $\frac{1}{1}$ , neutral element  $\frac{0}{1}$  and the multiplication defined by

$$\frac{m}{s} \cdot \frac{n}{t} = \frac{mn}{st}$$

As before we can easily check that it is well defined.

### Exercise 2 p 72

Show that, in the above situation, the prime ideals of  $A_S$  correspond 1 – 1 to the prime ideals of  $A$  which are disjoint from  $S$ . If  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_S \subseteq A_S$  correspond in this way, then  $A_S/\mathfrak{p}_S$  is the localization of  $A/\mathfrak{p}$  with respect to the image of  $S$ .

#### Solution:

The one-to-one correspondence is given by associating to a prime ideal  $Q$  of  $A_S$  the ideal  $Q \cap A$  of  $A$  and associating to a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{q}$  of  $A$  disjoint from  $S$  the ideal  $\mathfrak{q}A_S$  of  $A_S$ .

It is well define since when  $Q$  is a prime ideal of  $A_S$  clearly  $Q \cap A$  is a prime ideal of  $A$  and if  $\mathfrak{q}$  is a prime ideal of  $A$  disjoint from  $S$ , then  $\mathfrak{q}A_S$  is a prime ideal of  $A_S$ , indeed let  $\frac{a}{s}$  and  $\frac{a'}{s'}$  such that  $\frac{aa'}{ss'} \in \mathfrak{q}A_S$ , that is  $\frac{aa'}{ss'} = \frac{q}{t}$  for some  $q \in \mathfrak{q}$  and  $t \in S$ . So that, there is a  $r \in S$  such that  $r(aa't - ss'q) = 0$  and  $rta'a' = rss'q \in \mathfrak{q}$  but since  $rt \notin \mathfrak{q}$  and  $\mathfrak{q}$  is a prime ideal then  $aa' \in \mathfrak{q}$  and so as  $\mathfrak{q}$  is a prime ideal again  $a \in \mathfrak{q}$  or  $a' \in \mathfrak{q}$  and  $\mathfrak{q}A_S$  is a prime ideal.

Now, we need to prove  $(Q \cap A)A_S = Q$  and  $\mathfrak{q}A_S \cap A = \mathfrak{q}$ . Clearly,  $(Q \cap A)A_S \subseteq Q$ . Let  $q \in Q$ , then  $q = \frac{u}{s}$  with  $u \in A$  and  $s \in S$ , then  $qs = u \in Q \cap A$  and  $q \in (Q \cap A)A_S$ .

Clearly,  $\mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathfrak{q}A_S \cap A$ . Now,  $a \in \mathfrak{q}A_S \cap A$ , then  $a = \frac{q}{s}$  then  $as = q \in \mathfrak{q}$  but  $s \notin \mathfrak{q}$  and  $\mathfrak{q}$  is a prime ideal. Then  $a \in \mathfrak{q}$ .

Now, we prove that  $A_S/\mathfrak{p}_S$  is the localization  $(A/\mathfrak{p})_{f(S)}$  where  $f : A \rightarrow A/\mathfrak{p}$ . We define the morphism,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : A_S &\rightarrow (A/\mathfrak{p})_{f(S)} \\ \frac{a}{s} &\mapsto \frac{f(a)}{f(s)} \end{aligned}$$

It is well defined since  $\frac{a}{s} = \frac{a'}{s'}$ , then there is a  $t \in S$  such that  $t(s'a - sa') = 0$  but then  $f(t)(f(s')f(a) - f(s)f(a')) = 0$  so that  $\frac{f(a)}{f(s)} = \frac{f(a')}{f(s')}$ . We can prove that  $\phi$  is a surjective homomorphism with kernel  $\mathfrak{p}_S$ .

### Exercise 3 p 72

Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a homomorphism of  $A$ -modules. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

1.  $f$  is injective (surjective).
2.  $f_{\mathfrak{p}} : M_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow N_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is injective (surjective) for every prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ .
3.  $f_{\mathfrak{m}} : M_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow N_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is injective (surjective) for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

**Solution:**

**First we prove the following result:** Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module. Then TFAE:

1.  $M = 0$ ;
2.  $M_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$ , for all prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ ;
3.  $M_{\mathfrak{m}} = 0$ , for all maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ ;

**Proof:** 1.  $\Rightarrow$  2.  $\Rightarrow$  3. is obvious, so it remains only to prove that 3.  $\Rightarrow$  2. Suppose that 3. hold and  $M$  is not the zero module. Hence, there is an  $x \in M$ ,  $x \neq 0$ . Now,

$$\text{Ann}(x) = \{a \in A \mid ax = 0\} \subseteq A$$

and certainly  $1 \notin \text{Ann}(x)$ , then  $\text{Ann}(x) \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ , for some maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $A$ . But, by 3., we have  $M_{\mathfrak{m}} = 0$ . In particular,  $x/1$  is zero in  $M_{\mathfrak{m}}$ . Hence, there is a  $u \in A \setminus \mathfrak{m}$ , such that  $u(1 \cdot x - 1 \cdot 0) = ux$ . So  $u \in \text{Ann}(x) \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ , contradicting that  $u \notin \mathfrak{m}$ . Thus  $M = 0$ , so 1. holds and the result is proved.

We prove now the injective case.

1.  $\Rightarrow$  2. If  $f$  is injective then  $f_{\mathfrak{p}} : M_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow N_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is injective. Let  $\frac{m}{s} \in \ker(f_{\mathfrak{p}})$ , then  $f(\frac{m}{s}) = \frac{f(m)}{f(s)} = 0$ , so that there is a  $t \in 1 \setminus \mathfrak{p}$  such that  $tf(m) = 0$ , so that  $f(tm) = 0$  and since  $f$  is surjective  $tm = 0$  and  $\frac{m}{s} = 0$ . This prove the injectivity of  $f$ .
2.  $\Rightarrow$  3. is obvious.
3.  $\Rightarrow$  1. Suppose that 3. holds, and put  $M' = \ker(\phi)$ . Then

$$0 \longrightarrow M' \xrightarrow{\phi} M \longrightarrow N$$

is exact where the second mapping is inclusion. For each maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$

$$0 \longrightarrow M'_{\mathfrak{m}} \xrightarrow{\phi} M_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow N_{\mathfrak{m}}$$

is exact, so that

$$M'_{\mathfrak{m}} = \ker(\phi_{\mathfrak{m}}) = 0$$

by 3., since  $\phi_{\mathfrak{m}} = 0$  is injective. Using the result, staten at the beginning we get that  $M' = 0$  which prove that  $\phi$  is injective.

The surjectivity is obtained similarly reversing the arrows in the previous argument and using the image instead of the kernel.

### Exercise 5 p 72

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a homomorphism of rings and  $S$  a multiplicatively close subset of  $A$  such that  $f(S) \subseteq B^*$ . Then  $f$  induces a homomorphism  $g : A_S \rightarrow B$ .

**Solution:**

We can define the morphism  $g$  as follow:

$$g : A_S \rightarrow B$$

$$\frac{a}{s} \mapsto \frac{f(a)}{f(s)}$$

If is well defined since  $f(S) \subseteq B^*$  and if  $\frac{a}{s} = \frac{a'}{s'}$  that is  $u \in S$  such that  $u(s'a - sa') = 0$ , then  $f(u(s'a - sa')) = f(0) = 0$ , and since  $f$  is a morphism,  $f(u)(f(s')f(a) -$

$f(s)f(a') = 0$  that is  $\frac{f(a)}{f(s)} = \frac{f(a')}{f(s')}$ .

Now,  $g$  is a homomorphism since for any  $\frac{a}{s}, \frac{a'}{s'}$ , we have

$$g\left(\frac{a}{s} + \frac{a'}{s'}\right) = g\left(\frac{as' + a's}{ss'}\right) = \frac{f(a)f(s') + f(a')f(s)}{f(s)f(s')} = \frac{f(a)}{f(s)} + \frac{f(a')}{f(s')} = g\left(\frac{a}{s}\right) + g\left(\frac{a'}{s'}\right)$$

$$g\left(\frac{a}{s} \frac{a'}{s'}\right) = g\left(\frac{a}{s}\right)g\left(\frac{a'}{s'}\right)$$

$$g\left(\frac{1}{1}\right) = \frac{1}{1}$$

Note that  $g$  is the unique morphism making the following diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & A_S \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow g \\ & & B \end{array}$$

for  $f$  a morphism  $f(S) \subseteq B^*$ . This define the universal property of the localization. This define the localization.

#### Exercise 4 p 72

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two multiplicative subsets of  $A$ , and  $T^*$  the image of  $T$  in  $A_S$ . Then one has  $A_{ST} \simeq (A_S)_{T^*}$ .

**Solution:**

Consider the morphism  $i_{ST^*} : A \rightarrow (A_S)_{T^*}$ , such that  $i_{ST^*}(ST) \subseteq T^*$  and  $i_{ST^*}(S) \subseteq T^*$ . Then by the universal property of the localization there is a morphism  $g : A_{ST} \rightarrow (A_S)_{T^*}$  and  $i : A_S \rightarrow (A_S)_{T^*}$ .

Since  $i(ST) \subseteq T^*$ . Then by the universal property of the localization there is a morphism  $h : (A_S)_{T^*} \rightarrow A_{ST}$ .

By unicity of the morphism  $\phi : A_{ST} \rightarrow A_{ST}$  such that  $\phi \circ i_{ST} = i_{ST}$ , we get that  $\phi = \text{Id}_{A_{ST}} = h \circ g$ . Similarly, we get  $g \circ h = \text{Id}_{(A_S)_{T^*}}$ . And thus the required isomorphism.

#### Exercise 6 p 72

Let  $A$  be an integral domain. If the localization  $A_S$  is integral over  $A$ , then  $A_S = A$ .

**Solution:**

Clearly  $A \subseteq A_S$ . So that it is enough to prove that  $A_S \subseteq A$ . Let  $s \in S$  with  $s \nmid b$  or  $s = 1$ , then there is  $a_i \in A$  such that

$$\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^n + a_{n-1}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 = 0$$

So that

$$\frac{1 + a_{n-1}s + \dots + a_0s^n}{s^n} = 0$$

since  $A$  is integral, that is  $1 + a_{n-1}s + \dots + a_0s^n = 0$ . But then  $1 = a_{n-1}s + \dots + a_0s^n$  then it implies that  $s$  is a unit. So that,  $A_S = A$ .

**Exercise 7 p 72 (Nakayama's lemma)**

Let  $A$  be a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ , let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module and  $N \subseteq M$  a submodule such that  $M/N$  is finitely generated. Then one has the implication:

$$M = N + \mathfrak{m}M \Rightarrow M = N$$

***Solution:***

*Clearly, it is equivalent to prove the following: Let  $A$  be a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  and a finitely generated  $A$ -module such that  $M = \mathfrak{m}M$ . Then  $M = 0$ .*

*For this, let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be a system of generators of  $M$ . We may suppose  $n$  minimal. There exist  $\alpha_i \in \mathfrak{m}$  such that  $x_n = \sum \alpha_i x_i$ . Hence  $(1 - \alpha_n)x_n = \sum_{i < n} \alpha_i x_i$ . As  $1 - \alpha_n$  is invertible, and  $n$  is assumed to be minimal, it follows that  $n = 1$  and  $x_n = 0$ .*