

A ring.  $S \subseteq A$  m.c. set

$$\Rightarrow S^{-1}A = \left\{ \frac{a}{s} : s \in S, a \in A \right\} \text{ where } \frac{a}{s} = \frac{a'}{s'} \Leftrightarrow \exists t \in S : a s' t = a' s t$$

$$\exists \text{ ring hom. } j = j_S : A \rightarrow S^{-1}A, a \mapsto \frac{a}{1}$$

$$\text{Note: } \frac{s}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{1} \Rightarrow j(S) \subseteq (S^{-1}A)^\times$$

**Universal Property of  $(S^{-1}A, j)$ :** For every ring hom.  $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$  with  $\varphi(S) \subseteq B^\times$ , there exists a unique ring hom  $\bar{\varphi} : S^{-1}A \rightarrow B$  s.t.

$$\varphi = \bar{\varphi} \circ j$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{j} & S^{-1}A \\ & \searrow \varphi & \downarrow \exists! \bar{\varphi} \\ & & B \end{array}$$

Proof Sketch: Uniqueness:  $\underbrace{\bar{\varphi}\left(\frac{s}{1}\right)}_{=\varphi(s)} \cdot \bar{\varphi}\left(\frac{a}{s}\right) = \bar{\varphi}\left(\frac{a}{1}\right) \cancel{\bar{\varphi}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)} \cdot \cancel{\bar{\varphi}\left(\frac{s}{1}\right)} = \varphi(a)$

$$\xrightarrow{\varphi(s) \in B^\times} \bar{\varphi}\left(\frac{a}{s}\right) = \varphi(a) \varphi(s)^{-1} \quad (*)$$

Existence: Check (\*) is well-defined. (Easy Exc)  $\square$

Note:  $\varphi(a) \varphi(s)^{-1} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \varphi(a) = 0$ , so

$$\text{Ker}(\bar{\varphi}) = \left\{ \frac{a}{s} : a \in \text{Ker} \varphi, s \in S \right\}$$

$$\triangle j(a) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{a}{1} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists s \in S : \underline{a \cdot s} = \underline{0 \cdot s} = \underline{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ker}(j) = \left\{ a \in A : \exists s \in S : a s = 0 \right\} \text{ can be } \neq 0!$$

Def: If  $S = \{\text{non-zero-divisors of } A\}$  then  $S^{-1}A =: \mathcal{F}(A)$  is the total ring of fractions (or total quotient ring) of  $A$ .

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If  $S$  contains no zero-divisors, then  $S^{-1}A \hookrightarrow \mathcal{F}(A)$  canonically (by UP).

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• If  $S = \{1, a, a^2, \dots\}$  for  $a \in S$ , write  $A_a$

Exm:  $p$  prime number,  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \cong \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q} : p \nmid b \right\}$

$$\mathbb{Z}_p = \left\{ \frac{a}{p^k} \in \mathbb{Q} : a \in \mathbb{Z}, k \geq 0 \right\}$$

Recall: An  $A$ -algebra is a ring  $B$  that is simultaneously an  $A$ -module (with some addition and  $a \cdot (b_1 b_2) = (a \cdot b_1) b_2 = b_1 (a \cdot b_2)$ ) equivalently it is a ring hom.  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

[ $\Leftarrow$  "  $a \mapsto a \cdot 1_B$  is a ring hom. " $\Leftarrow$  "  $a \cdot b := f(a)b$  is an  $A$ -module structure]

Exm:  $A[x]$  is an  $A$ -algebra; Rings  $\cong \mathbb{Z}$ -algebras;

If  $I \trianglelefteq A$ ,  $A \rightarrow A/I$  is an  $A$ -algebra.

If  $S \subseteq A$  is mc set  $\Rightarrow j: A \rightarrow S^{-1}A$  is an  $A$ -algebra.

If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is an  $A$ -algebra, we can

• **extend** ideals:  $I \trianglelefteq A \mapsto f(I)B := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) b_i : x_i \in I, b_i \in B \right\} \trianglelefteq B$

• **contract** ideals:  $J \trianglelefteq B \mapsto f^{-1}(J) \trianglelefteq A$  [If  $A \subseteq B$ ,  $f$  inclusion,  $f^{-1}(J) = J \cap A$ ]

Notation: For  $j: A \rightarrow S^{-1}A$  localization,  $I \trianglelefteq A$  one

writes  $I \cdot S^{-1}A := j(I)S^{-1}A \stackrel{\text{check}}{=} \left\{ \frac{a}{s} : a \in I, s \in S \right\}$

Def: For  $I \trianglelefteq A$ ,  $X \in A$ , let  $(I : X) := \{ a \in A : aX \in I \}$  ("colon ideal")

Note:  $(I : X) \trianglelefteq A$ .

Prop 2.1: Let  $S \subseteq A$  be an mc set,  $j: A \rightarrow S^{-1}A$  localization

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In particular: Every ideal of  $S^{-1}A$  is an extension of an ideal of  $A$

$$(2) \forall I \trianglelefteq A: \quad j^{-1}(j(I) \cdot S^{-1}A) = j^{-1}(I \cdot S^{-1}A) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \bigcup_{s \in S} (I:s) \stackrel{(**)}{\supseteq} I$$

$$(3) I \cdot S^{-1}A = S^{-1}A \iff I \cap S \neq \emptyset.$$

Proof: (1) " $\supseteq$ "  $\checkmark$  " $\subseteq$ " Let  $\frac{a}{s} \in J$  ( $a \in A, s \in S$ )  $\Rightarrow \frac{a}{1} \in j^{-1}(J)$

$$\Rightarrow a \in j^{-1}(J) \Rightarrow \frac{a}{1} \in j(j^{-1}(J)) \Rightarrow \frac{a}{s} \in \langle j(j^{-1}(J)) \rangle_{S^{-1}A} = j(j^{-1}(J)) \cdot S^{-1}A$$

(2) (\*\*): Because  $1 \in S$  and  $I = (I:1)$

$$(*) \quad a \in j^{-1}(I \cdot S^{-1}A) \iff \frac{a}{1} = \frac{x}{s} \text{ with } x \in I, s \in S$$

$$\iff \exists x \in I, s \in S: a \cdot s = x \in I$$

$$\iff \exists s' \in S: a \in (I:s')$$

(3) " $\Leftarrow$ " because  $j(S) \subseteq (S^{-1}A)^\times$

" $\Rightarrow$ ": Then  $\frac{1}{1} = \frac{x}{s}$  with  $x \in I, s \in S \Rightarrow \exists t: st = xt \in I \cap S$ . □

Cor 2.2 If  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$ , then  $A_P$  is a local ring, with unique maximal ideal  $PA_P$ .

Proof: By (1), (3) and  $S = A \setminus P$ . □

Exm:  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  w.  $p$  prime is local w. max ideal  $\left\{ \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}: p \nmid b, p \mid a \right\}$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{(0)} = \mathbb{Q} \quad (\text{local w. max ideal } \emptyset)$$

$\cdot$ )  $K$  field,  $P = (x, y) \trianglelefteq K[x, y] \Rightarrow$

$$K[x, y]_{(x, y)} = \left\{ \frac{f}{g} : f, g \in K[x, y], g(0, 0) \neq 0 \right\} \text{ local,}$$

$$\text{max ideal } (x, y) \text{ in } K[x, y]_{(x, y)} = \left\{ \frac{f}{g} : f, g \in K[x, y], g(0, 0) \neq 0, f(0, 0) = 0 \right\}.$$

maximal ideals  $(x, y) \in \text{Spec}(k[x, y]) \setminus \{0\}$  are  $\{(0, y) \neq 0, (x, 0) \neq 0\}$ .

⚠ Different ideals can localize to the same one (even if non-trivial),  
 e.g. in  $\mathbb{Z}_{(2)}$ ,  $2\mathbb{Z}_{(2)} = 6\mathbb{Z}_{(2)}$ , because  $3 \in \mathbb{Z}_{(2)}^\times$ .

Cor 2.3 There is a bijection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{P \in \text{Spec}(A) : S \cap P = \emptyset\} & \longleftrightarrow & \text{Spec}(S^{-1}A) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ P & \longmapsto & P \cdot S^{-1}A \\ j^{-1}(Q) & \longleftarrow & Q \end{array}$$

Proof: Let  $j: A \rightarrow S^{-1}A$ .

• Let  $Q \in \text{Spec}(S^{-1}A) \Rightarrow j^{-1}(Q) \in \text{Spec}(A)$  [preimages of prime ideals under ring hom. are prime ideals]

By C2.1:  $j^{-1}(Q) \cdot S^{-1}A = Q$  and  $j^{-1}(Q) \cap S = \emptyset$ .

• Let  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$ ,  $S \cap P = \emptyset$

$P \cdot S^{-1}A$  is prime:  $P \cdot S^{-1}A = \left\{ \frac{x}{s} : x \in P, s \in S \right\}$

Suppose  $\frac{a}{s} \cdot \frac{b}{t} \in P \cdot S^{-1}A \Rightarrow \frac{ab}{st} = \frac{x}{s'}$  w.  $x \in P, s' \in S$

$\exists u \in S: \Rightarrow abs'u = xstu \in P \xrightarrow{st \notin P} ab \in P \Rightarrow a \in P \text{ or } b \in P$ .

Now:  $j^{-1}(P \cdot S^{-1}A) = \bigcup_{s \in S} (P : s) = P$ .

$\underbrace{\quad}_{P \text{ because } s \notin P} [xs \in P \Rightarrow x \in P]$  □

Cor 2.4 (1)  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \bigcap_{P \in \text{Spec}(A)} P$  [compare:  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \bigcap_{M \in \text{Max}(A)} M$ ]

(2) If  $I \trianglelefteq A$ , then  $\sqrt{I} = \bigcap_{\substack{P \in \text{Spec}(A) \\ I \subseteq P}} P$

Proof: (1) " $\subseteq$ ": Let  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{N}(A)$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists n \geq 1: a^n = 0 \in P \Rightarrow a \in P$

" $\supseteq$ ": Let  $a \in \bigcap P \xrightarrow{\text{C2.3}} \Delta$  is a ring with  $\text{Spec}(\Delta) = \emptyset$

∃ n > 0: a^n = 0 ⇒ a = 0

"2": Let  $a \in \bigcap_{P \in \text{Spec}(A)} P \stackrel{2.3}{\Rightarrow} A_a$  is a ring with  $\text{Spec}(A) = \emptyset$

⇒  $A_a = 0$  (otherwise ∃ max. ideals)

⇒  $1 \in \ker(j: A \rightarrow A_a) \stackrel{S = \{1, a, a^2, \dots\}}{\implies} \exists n > 0: a^n \cdot 1 = 0 \implies a \in \mathcal{N}(A)$

(2) Apply (1) to  $A/\mathcal{I}$ , noting

$$\mathcal{N}(A/\mathcal{I}) = \sqrt{\mathcal{I}}/\mathcal{I}.$$

□

## 2.1 Localization of modules

Let  $M \in A\text{-Mod}$ .

$$(m, s) \sim (m', s') \iff \exists t \in S: ms't = m'st$$

is an equiv. relation on  $M \times S$ ,  $\frac{m}{s} := [(m, s)]_{\sim}$

⇒  $S^{-1}M := \left\{ \frac{m}{s} : m \in M, s \in S \right\}$  is an  $S^{-1}A$ -module, via

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

There is an  $A$ -hom  $j: M \rightarrow S^{-1}M, m \mapsto \frac{m}{1}$ .

$$\ker(j) = \left\{ m \in M : \exists s \in S : sm = 0 \right\}.$$

If  $f: M \rightarrow N$  is a hom of  $A$ -modules, then

$$S^{-1}f: S^{-1}M \rightarrow S^{-1}N, \frac{m}{s} \mapsto \frac{f(m)}{s} \text{ is an } S^{-1}A\text{-hom.}$$

⇒ Localization is a functor  $A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow S^{-1}A\text{-Mod}$ .

Prop 2.5 Localization is an exact functor. i.e., if

$M \xrightarrow{f} N \xrightarrow{g} P$  is exact in  $A\text{-Mod}$ , then

$$S^{-1}M \xrightarrow{S^{-1}f} S^{-1}N \xrightarrow{S^{-1}g} S^{-1}P \text{ is exact (in } S^{-1}A\text{-Mod)}$$

$\bar{S}^{-1}M \xrightarrow{S^{-1}f} \bar{S}^{-1}N \xrightarrow{S^{-1}g} \bar{S}^{-1}P$  is exact (in  $\bar{S}^{-1}A$ -Mod)

Proof:  $g \circ f \Rightarrow \bar{S}^{-1}(f \circ g) = \bar{S}^{-1}f \circ \bar{S}^{-1}g = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Im}(\bar{S}^{-1}f) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\bar{S}^{-1}g)$ .

$\text{Ker}(\bar{S}^{-1}g) \subseteq \text{Im}(\bar{S}^{-1}f)$ : Let  $\frac{n}{s} \in \text{Ker}(\bar{S}^{-1}g) \Rightarrow \frac{g(n)}{s} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \exists t \in S: 0 = g(n)t = g(nt) \Rightarrow nt \in \text{Ker}(g) = \text{Im}(f)$ .

Let  $nt = f(m)$  with  $m \in M$ .

$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{s} = \frac{nt}{st} = \frac{f(m)}{st} = \bar{S}^{-1}f\left(\frac{m}{st}\right)$ . □

So if  $M \leq N$ , then wlog  $\bar{S}^{-1}M \leq \bar{S}^{-1}N$ ,

$\bar{S}^{-1}M = \left\{ \frac{m}{s} \in \bar{S}^{-1}N : s \in S, m \in M \right\}$

In particular: If  $I \trianglelefteq A$ , then  $\bar{S}^{-1}I = I \cdot \bar{S}^{-1}A \trianglelefteq \bar{S}^{-1}A$

Cor 2.6 Let  $N \in A$ -Mod,  $M, M' \leq N$

(1)  $\bar{S}^{-1}(M+M') = \bar{S}^{-1}M + \bar{S}^{-1}M'$

(2)  $\bar{S}^{-1}(M \cap M') = \bar{S}^{-1}M \cap \bar{S}^{-1}M'$

(3)  $\bar{S}^{-1}(N/M) \cong \bar{S}^{-1}N / \bar{S}^{-1}M$  as  $\bar{S}^{-1}A$ -modules

Proof: (1) ✓

(2) „ $\subseteq$ “ ✓ „ $\supseteq$ “ Let  $\frac{m}{s} = \frac{m'}{t}$  with  $s, t \in S, m \in M, m' \in M'$

$\Rightarrow \exists u \in S: mt u = m' s u \in M \cap M'$

$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{s} = \frac{mt u}{s t u} \in \bar{S}^{-1}(M \cap M')$ .

(3) By exactness,  $0 \rightarrow M \hookrightarrow N \rightarrow N/M \rightarrow 0$  induces the SES

$0 \rightarrow \bar{S}^{-1}M \rightarrow \bar{S}^{-1}N \rightarrow \bar{S}^{-1}(N/M) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \bar{S}^{-1}(N/M) \cong \bar{S}^{-1}N / \bar{S}^{-1}M$ . □

Remark: If  $I \trianglelefteq A$ , then  $\bar{S}^{-1}\sqrt{I} = \sqrt{\bar{S}^{-1}I} \trianglelefteq \bar{S}^{-1}A$ , in particular

$\bar{S}^{-1}\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}(\bar{S}^{-1}A)$  (Nice Exercise, a bit like (2))

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( $\Rightarrow T := \pi(S) \subseteq A/I$  is mc set).

If  $M \in A\text{-Mod}$  with  $IM = 0$ , then  $M$  is an  $A/I$ -module, and

$$S^{-1}M \cong T^{-1}M \quad (\text{canonically})$$

Proof:  $\varphi: S^{-1}M \rightarrow T^{-1}M$ ,  $\frac{m}{s} \mapsto \frac{m}{\pi(s)}$  is clearly an  $A$ -module epi.

Check injectivity: Suppose  $\frac{m}{\pi(s)} = \frac{0}{1}$  in  $T^{-1}M \Rightarrow \exists t \in T: mt = 0$

$t = \pi(s')$ ,  $s' \in S \Rightarrow 0 = m\pi(s') = m(s' + I) \Rightarrow ms' \in MI = 0. \quad \square$