

Recall: Prime ring, prime ideal

Semi-prime ring $\rightarrow$ Lemma 2.2.3 / Cor 2.2.7

• $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq R$ two-sided ideal is prime $\Leftrightarrow$ (1) $\mathfrak{p} \neq R$, (2) $\forall I, J \subseteq \mathfrak{p} : I \cdot J \subseteq \mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow I \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$
 $\quad \quad \quad \text{or } J \subseteq \mathfrak{p}.$

• R is prime $\Leftrightarrow (0)$ is a p. ideal.

• R is semi-prime $\Leftrightarrow (0) = \bigcap_{\substack{\mathfrak{p} \subseteq R \\ \mathfrak{p} \text{ prime}}} \mathfrak{p}$

(Lemma 2.2.3: I is semi-prime if $I = \sqrt{I} = \bigcap_{\substack{\mathfrak{p} \supseteq I \\ \mathfrak{p} \text{ prime}}} \mathfrak{p}$ $\rightarrow$ def via m-system)

• $\sqrt{0}$ is prime radical = nil radical of R

Have: $\sqrt{0} = \{s \in R, s \text{ nilpotent, i.e. } \exists n \geq 0: s^n = 0\}.$

• Have always: $\sqrt{0} \subseteq J(R) = \bigcap_{M \in R_{\text{max}}} M$

• Cor 2.2.7: R semi-prime $\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{0} = 0$.

Thm 2.2.8

(1) If R is left artinian, then $\sqrt{0} = J(R)$.

(2) TFAE: (a) R is semi-simple

(b) R is left artinian and $J(R) = 0$.

(c) R is left artinian and has no nonzero nilpotent ideals.

(d) R is left artinian and semiprime.

(3) TFAE: (a) R is simple and left artinian.

(b) R is simple and semi-simple.

(c) R is isomorphic to a matrix ring over a division ring.

(d) R is prime and left artinian.

(4) If R is left artinian, then every prime ideal is maximal. (2)

Pf: By Thm 1.4.9, $J(R)$ is nilpotent $\Rightarrow J(R) \overset{1.9.3}{\subset} \sqrt{0} \subset J(R)$ (note that this statement would also follow from (4)).

(2) follows from Thm 1.4.10 and Cor 2.2.7.

(3) The equivalence of (a), (b), and (c) follows from Cor 1.3.16.

(a) $\Rightarrow$ (d): Every simple ring is prime. (0 is only p.i.)

(d) $\Rightarrow$ (b): Let R be prime and left artinian. Then R is semi-simple by 2, and by Thm 1.3.10 a finite direct sum of simple rings, say $R = R_1 \times \dots \times R_s$ with $s \geq 1$. Since the product of two or more non-zero rings cannot be prime ($(0, I_2) \cdot (I_1, 0) = (0, 0) \in R_1 \times R_2$ for any $I_i \subseteq R_i$), it follows that $s = 1$, i.e., R is simple.

(4) Let R be left artinian. Assume on the contrary that there is a non maximal prime ideal $\mathfrak{p} \subsetneq R$. Then $R/\mathfrak{p}$ is a left artinian prime ring which is not simple (since $0 \subsetneq \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{p} \subsetneq R/\mathfrak{p}$ is ideal) $\nrightarrow$ to (b). $\square$

Lemma 2.2.9 Let $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$.

(1) R is prime (semiprime) $\Leftrightarrow M_n(R)$ is prime (semi-prime).

(2) $\sqrt{0_{M_n(R)}} = M_n(\sqrt{0_R})$.

Pf: (1) We show $\Leftarrow$ for prime rings:

$\Leftarrow$: Suppose that $R \neq 0$ is not prime. Then $\exists I, J \subseteq R$, s.t. $I \neq 0, J \neq 0$ but $I \cdot J = 0$. Then $M_n(I) \cdot M_n(J) = 0$, thus $M_n(R)$ is not prime. (ideals in $M_n(R) \rightarrow$ see Ch. 1)

$\Rightarrow$: Suppose that $0 \neq M_n(R)$ is not prime. Then $\exists$ ideals $I', J' \subseteq M_n(R)$ $I' \neq 0, J' \neq 0$ with $I' \cdot J' = 0$. But then $\exists$ ideals $I, J \subseteq R$ with $I' = M_n(I)$ and $J' = M_n(J)$ and $I' \cdot J' = 0$ implies that $I \cdot J = 0$.

$\Rightarrow R$ is not prime.

(2) No proof. $\square$

§ 2.3. Uniform dimension

(3)

Now approaching Goldie's thm!

(sometimes:
= uniform rank)
= Goldie dimension

Def 2.3.1 Let M be an R -module. A submodule $N \subset M$ is called essential (written $N \subseteq_e M$) if $N \cap N' \neq 0$ for every non-zero submodule $N' \subset M$. In this case, M is called essential extension of N . A left ideal / right ideal / ideal $I \subseteq R$ is called essential left ideal / right ideal / ideal if it is an essential submodule.

↗ dual notion to superfluous submodule!

Example 2.3.2

- (1) Consider $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ as a $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Then any two $\mathbb{Z}$ -submodules of $\mathbb{Q}$ have nonzero intersection $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \subseteq_e \mathbb{Q}$.
- (2) Each nonzero submodule of $\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$, p prime, and $n \geq 1$, is essential.
- (3) If K is a field and M a K -vector space, then M is the only essential submodule (subspace) of M .

Def A left ideal $I \subseteq R$ is called annihilator ideal if $I = \ell\text{-ann}_R(X)$ for some $X \subset M$, where M is an R -module.

$$\{a \in R : a \cdot x = 0 \text{ for all } x \in X\}$$

Lemma 2.3.3 (1) If R is a prime ring and $I \subset R$ is a nonzero ideal, then $I \subseteq_e R$ is essential.

(2) If I is a nilpotent ideal, then $\ell\text{-ann}_R(I) \subseteq_e R$ is essential.

Prf: (1) If $J \subset R$ is a nonzero ^{left} ideal, then $0 \neq I \cdot J \subset I \cap J$.

(2) Let $J \subset R$ be a nonzero right ideal. Then there is a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ with $J I^k \neq 0$ and $J I^{k+1} = 0$. Then $0 \neq J I^k \subset J \cap \ell\text{-ann}(I)$. $\square$

Lemma 2.3.4 Let M be an R -module, $t \in \mathbb{N}_2$, and $N, N', P, N_1, N_2, \dots, N_t, N_{t+1}$ be submodules of M .

- (1) If $N \subset P$, then $N \subseteq_e M$ is essential, if and only if, $N \subseteq_e P$ and $P \subseteq_e M$ are both essential.

- (2) If $N_1 \subseteq_e M$ and $N_2 \subseteq_e M$, then $N_1 \cap N_2 \subseteq_e M$ is essential. as left R-mod
- (3) If $N \subseteq_e M$ and $m \in M$, then $m^{-1}N = \{r \in R : rm \in N\} \subseteq_e R$.
- (4) Let $P \subseteq_e N$ be essential. If $f: M \rightarrow N$ is an R -module homomorphism then $f^{-1}(P) \subseteq_e M$. In particular, for every $c \in N$, the left ideal $\{r \in R : rc \in P\} \subseteq_e R$ is essential.
- (5) If $N_i \subseteq_e M$; $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$, then $N_1 \oplus \dots \oplus N_t \subseteq_e M_1 \oplus \dots \oplus M_t$.
- (6) Let $N \subseteq M$ be a submodule. Then there is an $N' \subseteq M$, which is maximal with the property that $N \cap N' = 0$ and we have $N \oplus N' \subseteq_e M$.
- (7) M is semi-simple if and only if M is the only essential submodule of M .

Pf: (1)+(2): use def.

1) $\Rightarrow$: Let $N \subseteq_e M$. Show: $N \subseteq_e P$ and $P \subseteq_e N$.
 • Assume P not ess. in M : $\exists N' \subseteq M$ s.t. $P \cap N' = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (P \cap N') \cap N = 0$
 $(P \cap N) \cap N' = 0$
 $N \subseteq P \Rightarrow N \cap N' = 0$
 $\Rightarrow N \cap N' = 0$ i.e. N not ess. ∇
 • N not ess. in $P \Rightarrow \exists P' \subseteq P$ s.t. $N \cap P' = 0$
 $\Rightarrow P' \subseteq M$ as well ∇ $N \subseteq_e P'$

2) $\Leftarrow$: ...
 (2) Let $N' \subseteq M \Rightarrow N \cap N' \neq 0$
 $(N_1 \cap N') \cap N_2 \neq 0$
 N_2 essential

- (3) Let $I \subseteq R$ be a non-zero right ideal. If $Im = 0$, then $I \subseteq \{r \in R : rm \in N\}$.
 If $Im \neq 0$, then $Im \cap N \neq 0 \Rightarrow I \cap \{r \in R : rm \in N\} \neq 0$.
- (4) Let $M' \subseteq M$ be nonzero submodule. If $f(M') = 0$, then $M' \subseteq f^{-1}(P)$, so $f^{-1}(P) \cap M' \neq 0$.
 If $f(M') \neq 0$, then $P \cap f(M') \neq 0$, since $P \subseteq_e N$. Hence $f^{-1}(P) \cap M' \neq 0$.
 $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(P) \subseteq_e M$.
 Let $c \in N$. Then $f: R \rightarrow N: \lambda \mapsto \lambda c$ is an R -module homomorphism
 $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(P) = \{r \in R : rc \in P\} \subseteq_e R$ is essential.
- (5) It is enough to consider $t=2$. Look at $\pi_i: M_1 \oplus M_2 \rightarrow M_i$, $i=1,2$, and apply (4): $N_1 \oplus M_2$ and $M_1 \oplus N_2$ are essential in $M_1 \oplus M_2$.
 Then use (2): $N_1 \oplus N_2 = (N_1 \oplus M_2) \cap (M_1 \oplus N_2) \subseteq_e M_1 \oplus M_2$.
- (6) Set $\Omega := \{\tilde{N} \subseteq M : \tilde{N} \cap N = 0\}$. By Zorn's lemma, Ω has a maximal element N' , and we claim that $N \oplus N' \subseteq_e M$ is essential.

Assume on the contrary, that $\exists Y \neq 0 \subset M$ with $Y \cap (N \oplus N') = 0$. (5)
 Then $N \cap (N' \oplus Y) = 0$.
 $\Rightarrow Y \cap N = 0$ and $Y \cap N' = 0$
 $N \cap N' = 0$ by def of Δ .

By maximality of $N' \Rightarrow Y = 0$ ∇ .

(7) Set M be semi-simple and let $N \subsetneq M$ be nonzero submodule.

$\Rightarrow$: Then $\exists N' \subset M$ s.t. $M = N \oplus N'$, i.e. $N \cap N' = 0$ and so N is not essential.

$\Leftarrow$: Suppose that M has no proper essential submodule, and let $N \subset M$. By (6) $\exists N' \subset M$ s.t. $N \oplus N' \subseteq M$. Thus $N \oplus N' = M$ and M is s.s. (Charact. of s.s. of Ch I). $\square$
 Thm 1.12.4

Rmk 2.3.5 (1) By Lemma 2.3.4. (6) for any submodule N of M there is a submodule N' of M maximal w.r.t. the property $N \cap N' = 0$. This N' is called the complement to N in M . A submodule which is a complement to some submodule of M , is called a complement submodule.

(2) If N is a complement submodule in M and $N \subsetneq N'$, then $\exists$ nonzero submodule $A \subset N'$ with $A \cap N = 0$.



(Sp: If N is a complement to $P \subseteq M$, then $A := N' \cap P$ has the desired property.

Def 2.3.6 An R -module M is called

uniform if $M \neq 0$ and each submodule of M is essential.

We say that M has finite uniform dimension if it contains no infinite direct sum of nonzero submodules. $\rightarrow$ this is also called "rank of the module"

Examples: M simple is uniform and has finite uniform dimension.

- If M is, noetherian, then it is of finite uniform dimension.

Rmk 2.3.7 (1) If M has finite uniform dimension, then the same is true for any submodule of M .

(2) By Lemma 2.3.4. (6), M is uniform $\Leftrightarrow$ it contains no direct sum of nonzero submodules, *or extension of M* (6)

(3) M is uniform $\Leftrightarrow$ its injective hull is indecomposable [G-H, Lemma 5.14]
Moreover, M has finite uniform dimension if its inj. hull is a finite direct sum of uniform submodules.

Lemma 2.3.8 Let $M \neq 0$ be an R -module with finite uniform dimension.

(1) Then M has a uniform submodule.

(2) M contains an essential submodule which is a finite direct sum of uniform submodules.

Pf: (1) Assume on the contrary that M contains no essential submodule. Use remark 2.3.7. (2) to construct a sequence of nonzero submodules $(M_i)_{i \geq 0}$ s.t. $M \supset \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M_i$. $\nrightarrow$ to M having finite uniform dimension: since M has no uniform submodule, M is not uniform. Set $M_0' = M$.

Set $k \geq 0$ and suppose that $M \supset (M_0 \oplus \dots \oplus M_k \oplus M_k')$ where all $M_i \neq 0$ are submodules of M and $M_k' \neq 0$ does not contain any uniform submodule. Thus $\exists$ nonzero submodules M_k, M_{k+1}' with $M_k' \supset M_k \oplus M_{k+1}'$ and M_{k+1}' does not contain a uniform submodule.

This gives us the required infinite sequence of submodules $(M_i)_{i \geq 0}$.

(2) By (1), M contains a uniform submodule. $\Rightarrow M$ contains a finite direct sum $M' = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$ of uniform submodules.

If M' is not essential, then there is a nonzero submodule $X \subset M$ with $M' \cap X = 0$. Since X has finite uniform dimension, $\leftarrow$ by Remark 2.3.7. (1)

(1) implies that it contains a uniform submodule M_{n+1} .

$\Rightarrow M \supset \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n+1} M_i$.

Since M' has finite uniform dimension, we obtain an essential submodule of M which is a finite direct sum of uniform sub-

modules. $\square$

(7)

Thm 2.3.3 Let M be a nonzero module with finite uniform dimension and let $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n U_i$ be a finite direct sum of uniform submodules which is essential in M .

(1) Any direct sum of nonzero submodules of M has at most n summands.

(2) A direct sum of uniform submodules of M is essential in M if and only if it has precisely n summands.

Pf: (1) Let $k \geq 1$ and $V_1, \dots, V_k$ be nonzero submodules of M , s.t. $V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k \subseteq M$. Then $W := V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k \subseteq M$ is not essential (since $W \cap V_1 = 0$ and $V_1 \neq 0$).

W not essential

$\Rightarrow \exists i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $W \cap U_i = 0$, w.l.o.g. $i=1$.

Then $U_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$ is a direct sum. Repeating this process k times, it follows that $k \leq n$.

(2) $\Rightarrow$: A direct sum of k uniform submodules of M , which is not essential in M , has a complement N' by Lemma 2.3.4.(6) and N' has a uniform submodule by Lemma 2.3.8.

Thus we obtain a direct sum of $k+1$ uniform submodules in M .

This, together with (1), shows that any direct sum of n uniform summands is essential.

$\Leftarrow$: If $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n'} U_i' \subseteq M$ is a direct sum of uniform submodules, then (1) implies $n' \leq n$. Exchanging the role of $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n U_i$ and $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n'} U_i'$

shows that $n=n'$. $\square$

(8)

The nonzero integer n of thm 2.3.9 is called the uniform dimension (or Goldie dimension) of M , written $\text{udim}(M)=n$.

We set $\text{udim}(0)=0$ and if M fails to have finite uniform dimension, then $\text{udim}(M)=\infty$.

[McC-R, p 54, ex 2.11]

Example: Let k be a field and let $k[x,y]$ the commutative polyn. ring in 2 vars, and let $R=k[x,y]/(x,y)^n$. Then the sum $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} k \cdot \bar{x}^i \bar{y}^{n-i-1}$ is a direct sum of uniform submodules of R , $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \text{image of } P \in k[x,y] \\ \text{in } R \end{smallmatrix} \right)$ (e.g. $i=0$ $k \cdot \bar{y}^{n-1} = M$ is uniform, since if $N' \subseteq M$, $N' \neq M$, some $f = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \bar{x}^i \bar{y}^{n-i}$ is essential in R).

and further is essential in R . Thus $\text{udim}(R)=n$.

(2) $R=k$ field, $M \cong k^n = \bigoplus^n R$. Each k is uniform k -mod, $\text{udim}(M)=n$.
(3) $R=k[x,y]/(x,y)^n$. $M_1=k[y]=R/x$ and $M_2=k[x]=R/y$ are uniform.

Cor 2.3.10 Let M be an R -module.

(1) $\text{udim}(M)=1 \iff M$ is uniform.

$\text{udim}(M)=0 \iff M=0$.

(2) Let $\text{udim}(M)=n$ and $N \subseteq M$. Then $\text{udim}(N)=n \iff N \subseteq_e M$ is essential.

(3) $\text{udim}(M_1 \oplus M_2) = \text{udim}(M_1) + \text{udim}(M_2)$.

(4) M has finite uniform dimension $\iff M$ satisfies the ACC for complement submodules. Indeed, $\text{udim}(M) = \text{max. length of a chain of complement submodules}$.

Pf: (1) Use def. $\Rightarrow \text{udim}(M)=1 \Rightarrow \exists U_1 \in M$ uniform. by lemma 2.3.8, U_1 essential $U_1 \subseteq_e M$.
 $\exists U_1 \neq 0 \in M \Rightarrow U_1 \cap U_1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow U_1$ ess. in M .
 $\Leftarrow$: if M is uniform, then each subm. of M is essential, by Thm $\text{udim}=1$.

$\Rightarrow$: $\text{udim}(M)=0 : \nexists$ ess. submod^u in M , $M=0$ (otherwise take $U=M$)

$\Leftarrow$: $\nexists M=0$, then by def. $\text{udim}(M)=0$.

(2) The property essential is transitive.

$\Rightarrow$: $\text{udim}(N)=n$. $\nexists N$ not essential in M : $\exists U \subseteq M$ s.t. $U \cap N = 0 \Rightarrow U \oplus N \subseteq M$
 $\text{udim}(U \oplus N) \geq n+1$

$\Leftarrow$: $\nexists U \subseteq_e M$, then $(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n U_i \cap N) \in N \Rightarrow \text{udim}(N) \geq n$.

(3) Clear.