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The general interest to study regular rings stems from the fact that the theory is important in both algebraic geometry and the theory of commutative algebra.

In this paper we study regular local rings and regular rings. In the first section we give some of the preliminary results required in the development of the theory. In the second section we give the definition of regular local rings, a necessary and sufficient conditions for a noetherian local ring to be regular and finally the definition of regular rings. The last section is centered around the theorem that a regular local ring is a unique factorization domain (UFD).

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1. Preliminaries

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Def: An ideal p is called a prime ideal over A if A/p is a domain. If p is a prime ideal, then A/p is a noetherian ring, a finite dimensional vector space over the field A/p .

Lemma 2: Let A be a noetherian ring, (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) a proper ideal of A and p a prime ideal over (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) . Then height of p is at least n .

Lemma 3: If p is a prime ideal in a noetherian ring A of height n , then it is possible to find n elements a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n such that p is a minimal prime over (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) .

Lemma 4: Suppose A is a noetherian ring and that I is a proper ideal of height r ($r > 0$). Then it is possible to find r elements a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r belonging to I such that if $J = (I, a_{r+1}, \dots, a_n)$ is an ideal of height r .

Def: If (A, \mathfrak{m}) is a noetherian local ring, by $\dim(A, \mathfrak{m})$ we mean the height of the prime ideal \mathfrak{m} of A . Then the dimension of a noetherian local ring is finite. We denote it by $\dim A$. Every general set of n contains at least one A -sequence.

Lemma 5: Let (A, \mathfrak{m}, k) be a noetherian local ring. Then, $\dim A$ is equal to the number of elements in a maximal regular sequence in \mathfrak{m} .

1. Preliminaries

Lemma 1: Let A be a noetherian ring.

Let I be an ideal of A , p any maximal ideal of A .

Then, I/Ip form, in a natural way, a finite dimensional vector space over the field A/p .

Note:- If (A, m, k) is a local ring, where m is the unique maximal ideal of A and $k = A/m$ and I a proper ideal of A , then by Lemma 1 I/Im is a finite dimensional vector space over k . Let us denote its dimension by $\text{rank}_k(I/Im)$.

Definition 1:- A prime ideal p is called a minimal prime over ideal of an ideal I , if it contains I , and if there is no prime ideal containing I which is strictly contained in p .

Lemma 2:- Let A be a noetherian ring, (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) a proper ideal of A and p minimal prime over ideal of (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) . Then height of p is at most n .

Lemma 3:- If p is a prime ideal (in a noetherian ring A) of height r ($r \geq 1$), then it is possible to find r elements a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r such that p is a minimal prime over ideal of (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r) .

Lemma 4:- Suppose A is a noetherian ring and that I is a proper ideal of height r ($r \geq 1$), then it is possible to find r elements a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r belonging to I such that if $1 \leq i \leq r$, then (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_i) is of height i .

Note:- If (A, m) is a noetherian local ring, by $\dim(A)$ we mean the coheight of the zero ideal or $\dim(A) = \text{ht}(m)$. Thus the dimension of a noetherian local ring is finite by Lemma 2, and every generator set of m contains atleast $\dim A$ elements.

Lemma 5:- Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring.

Then, $\dim A$ is equal to the smallest number of non zero elements required to generate an m -primary ideal.

Proof:- Let $d = \dim A$. We consider two cases.

Case 1:- Let $d = 0$

Then, A has only one proper prime ideal, and hence (0) is an m -primary ideal. Then since (0) is generated by ϕ or $\{0\}$, the number of non-zero elements needed to generate (0) is zero.

Hence, the Lemma holds.

Case 2. Let $d \geq 1$

Let (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_s) be an η -primary ideal.

WTS :- $d = s$

By Lemma 2, we have $\dim A = \text{ht}(m) \leq s$ (since m is minimal prime over ideal of (a_1, \dots, a_s)).

Furthermore, by Lemma 4, since $1 \leq d \leq s$, we can find d elements b_1, b_2, \dots, b_d contained in m such that (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_d) has height d . But since m is the only prime ideal of rank d , and no prime ideal has a larger height, (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_d) must be m -primary.

\Rightarrow the number of elements required to generate an m -primary ideal is d .

Hence, the proof.

Definition 2:- Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring, I a proper ideal.

If $I = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ and if no proper subset of $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ generates I then we say a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n is a minimal generator of I .

Lemma 6:- Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring, $I =$ proper ideal of A .

Let, for $a \in I$, \bar{a} denote the image of a in I/m .

Then, $I = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r)$ if and only if $I/m = k\bar{a}_1 + k\bar{a}_2 + \dots + k\bar{a}_r$.

Further, the a_i form a minimal generator of I if and only if the \bar{a}_i form a basis of I/m over k , and every minimal generator of I contains exactly $\text{rank}_k(I/m)$ elements.

2. Regular Rings

Let $(A, m, k) =$ a noetherian local ring of dimension d .

Now, by lemma 5, there are d elements of m which generates a primary ideal belonging to m (or m -primary ideal), but there is no an m -primary ideal which is generated by $d-1$ elements.

Definition 3:- If $d \geq 1$, then the set of d elements $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d\}$ which generates an m -primary ideal is called a system of parameters in A .

(ii) A system of parameters x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d is called a regular system of parameters if it generates the maximal ideal of A .

Definition 4:- A noetherian local ring which has a regular system of parameters is called a regular local ring.

Equivalently, A noetherian local ring (A, m, k) is regular if $\dim A = \text{rank}_k (m/m^2)$.

To see this, since number of elements of a minimal generator of m is equal to $\text{rank}_k (m/m^2)$, we have in general $\dim A \leq \text{rank}_k (m/m^2)$, and the equality holds if and only if A is regular.

Example:- The formal power series $A = K[[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]]$ over a field k is a regular local ring.

Proof: We know that if k is a field, then A is a noetherian local ring and $m = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is its maximal ideal (*)
Again observe that:

- 1) In $A = k[[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]]$ any chain of prime ideals different from A has at most $n + 1$ terms.

To see the existence consider $(0) \subseteq (x)_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$.

- 2) Any chain $p_1 \subset p_2 \subset \dots \subset p_r$ of prime ideals can be refined into a chain of $n + 1$ prime ideals ($\neq A$).

Now since $\dim A = \text{ht}(m)$ we get $\dim A = n$

But from (*) and Lemma 6, we have $\text{rank}_p(m/m^2) = n$, where $p = A/m$.

$$\therefore \dim A = \text{rank}_p(m/m^2)$$

Henu, A is a regular local ring

Now we are ready to prove a necessary and sufficient condition for a noetherian local ring to be regular. To do that we need the following well known results from dimension theory.

1. Let k be a field, and $k(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_r)$ a homogeneous polynomial of degree s . Let $R = k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_r]/(k(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_r))$.

Then, for $n \geq s$, $l(a_n) = \binom{n+r}{r} - \binom{n-s+r}{r}$, which is a polynomial of degree $r-1$ in n .

2. Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring, and set $G = \text{Gr}_m(A)$.

Then $\dim A = \dim G$.

3. If $l(M_n)$ is a polynomial of degree $n-1$, then the samuel function

$X_M(n) = l(M|I^{n+1}M)$ is a polynomial of degree d .

Theorem 1:- Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring.

Then, A is regular iff the graded ring $\text{Gr}_m(A) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} m^n/m^{n+1}$

associated to the m -adic filtration is isomorphic to a polynomial ring $k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]$.

Proof:- (\Rightarrow) Suppose A is regular.

Let $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d\}$ be a regular system of parameters.

$$\Rightarrow m = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$$

Let \bar{x}_i be the image of x_i in m/m^2

Then , $Gr_m(A) = A/m \oplus m/m^2 \oplus \dots = k[\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_d]$.

Now, define $\Psi : k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d] \rightarrow Gr_m(A)$ by $\Psi(X_i) = \bar{x}_i$.
clearly , Ψ is a surjective homomorphism.

Then $0 \rightarrow \ker \Psi \rightarrow k[X_1, \dots, X_d] \rightarrow Gr_m(A) \rightarrow 0$ is exact.
 $\Rightarrow Gr_m(A) = k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d] / \ker \Psi$

Claim:- $\ker \Psi = 0$

Suppose not , i.e. $\ker \Psi \neq 0$.

Then it contains a homogeneous polynomial $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) \neq 0$ of degree r .
 $\Rightarrow (f(x)) \subseteq I$

Now consider $k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d] / \ker \Psi$ and $k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d] / (f(x))$.
clearly the length of any homogeneous piece of $k[X] / \ker \Psi$ is less than or equal to the length of the corresponding homogeneous piece of $k[X] / (f(x))$.
But from (1) above, for $n > r$ the length of a homogeneous piece of $k[X] / (f(x))$ is equal to $\binom{n+d-1}{d-1} - \binom{n-r+d-1}{d-1}$, which is a polynomial of degree $d-2$ in n .

\Rightarrow For $n > r$, the length of a homogeneous piece of $k[x] / \ker \Psi$ has degree atmost $d-2$.

\therefore By (3) , the samuel function $l(A/m^{n+1})$ (= the samuel function of $k[X_1, \dots, X_d] / \ker \Psi$) of A has degree atmost $d-1$.

This is a contradiction to the fundamental theorem of dimension theory (ie, the degree of the samuel function = $\dim A$).

$$\therefore \ker \Psi = (0)$$

$$\text{Hence, } Gr_m(A) \cong k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d]$$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $Gr_m(A) \cong k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d]$.

WTS:- A is regular.

It suffices to show that $\dim A = \text{rank}_k(m/m^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \dim A &= \dim (Gr_m(A)) \dots \text{ by (2) above} \\ &= \dim (k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d]) \\ &= \dim k + d \\ &= d \dots \text{ since } \dim k = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- since $\text{Gr}_m(A) \cong k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d]$, by comparing the homogeneous component of degree 1, we get $m/m^2 \cong kX_1 + kX_2 + \dots + kX_d$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}_k(m/m^2) = \text{rank}_k(kX_1 + kX_2 + \dots + kX_d)$$

$$= d$$

$$\therefore \dim A = \text{rank}_k(m/m^2).$$

Hence, **A is regular.**

Now let us see two properties of a regular local ring, the first one tells us that a regular local ring is an integral domain (which is of course a corollary of theorem 1) and the second one says a regular local ring of dimension 0 is nothing but a field. To do this we need the following two lemmas.

Lemma 7:- Let $A =$ a noetherian ring, and $I = \text{rad}(A)$

$$\text{Then } \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n = (0).$$

Lemma 8:- Let $A =$ a ring, I an ideal of A such that $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n = (0)$.

Suppose $\text{Gr}_I(A)$ is an integral domain, then A is an ID.

Proof:- Here we use the following fact: " $\alpha \in m^h, \alpha \notin m^{h+1}, \beta \in m^k, \beta \notin m^{k+1}$, where h and k are non-negative integers, then $\alpha\beta \notin m^{h+k+1}$ ".

Let x, y be non-zero elements of A .

$$\text{WTS:- } xy \neq 0.$$

- Since $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n = (0)$, there exist integers $r, s \geq 0$ such that $x \in I^r, x \notin I^{r+1}, y \in I^s, y \notin I^{s+1}$. Let \bar{x} and \bar{y} denote the images of x and y in I^r/I^{r+1} and I^s/I^{s+1} resp.

- Since $x \notin I^{r+1}$ and $y \notin I^{s+1}$, \bar{x} and \bar{y} are non-zero elements of I^r/I^{r+1} and I^s/I^{s+1} resp.

$\Rightarrow \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} \neq 0 \quad \dots$ since $\text{Gr}_m(A)$ is an ID.

$\Rightarrow \overline{xy} \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow xy \neq 0$

Hence, A is an integral domain.

Corollary 1:- A regular local ring A is an integral domain. If $\dim A = 1$, then A is a principal ideal domain.

Proof:- Let (A, m, k) be a regular local ring of dimension d.

Then, by theorem 1, $\text{Gr}_m(A) \cong k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d]$.

- Since K is an integral domain, $k[X_1, \dots, X_d]$ is an integral domain.

$\Rightarrow \text{Gr}_m(A)$ is an ID.

But, $m = \text{rad}(A) \Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} m^n = (0)$ by Lemma 7.

Hence, by Lemma 8, A is an integral domain.

To prove the second assertion:

- Since A is regular and of dimension 1, a minimal generator of m must contain only a single element, then m is principal.

Let $m = (a)$

Let I = an ideal of A, $I \neq (0)$.

WTS:- I is some power of m.

- Since $I \neq (0)$, $\exists n \geq 0$ such that $I \subseteq m^n$ but $I \not\subseteq m^{n+1}$ (because $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} m^n = (0)$).

Then, we can find $x \in I$ but $x \notin m^{n+1} = (a^{n+1})$.

$x \in I \Rightarrow x \in m^n = (a^n)$

$\Rightarrow x = a^n u$ for some $u \notin m$ (if $u \in m = (a)$, we get $x \in m^{n+1} \neq$)

$\therefore U$ is a unit

$\Rightarrow x$ and a^n are associates.

$\therefore (a^n) = (x) \subseteq I \subseteq (a^n)$

$$\therefore I = (a^n) = m^n$$

Hence, I is principal

- Since I is arbitrary, A is a PID.

Theorem 2:- A regular local ring of dimension zero is a field.

Proof:- Let (A, m, k) be a regular local ring, $\dim A = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}_k(m/m^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow m = m^s \quad \forall s \geq 2.$$

But, $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} m^n = (0)$ and $m = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} m^n$ (Lemma 7)

$$\Rightarrow m = (0)$$

$\therefore K = A/m = A$ (or A has no proper ideal other than (0))

Hence, A is a field

So far we have seen the definition of a regular local ring, and that a regular local ring is an integral domain, and a necessary and sufficient condition for a noetherian local ring (A, m, k) to be regular is that $\text{Gr}_m(A)$ is a polynomial ring over k . Next we see another necessary and sufficient condition. To do that we need results from homological algebra.

3. Homological Concepts

Definition 5:- A complex (or a chain complex) \mathcal{X} is a sequence of modules

$$\text{and maps } \mathcal{X}: \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{n+1} \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} \mathcal{X}_n \xrightarrow{d_n} \mathcal{X}_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

with $d_n d_{n+1} = 0 \quad \forall n.$

- The maps d_n are called differentiation

Note:- (1) $d_n d_{n+1} = 0 \quad \forall n$ implies $\text{Im } d_{n+1} \subseteq \text{ker } d_n \quad \forall n.$

(2) If it is necessary to display the differentials, we will write (\mathcal{X}, d) instead of \mathcal{X} .

Examples 1:

1. Every exact sequence is a complex. In particular every short exact sequence is a complex, since if $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$ is a short exact sequence, then $\dots 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$ is also a complex.
2. If \mathcal{X} is a complex and F is a covariant functor, then $F(\mathcal{X}): \dots \rightarrow F(\mathcal{X}_{n+1}) \rightarrow F(\mathcal{X}_n) \rightarrow F(\mathcal{X}_{n-1}) \rightarrow \dots$ is also a complex.

In particular if \mathcal{X} is an exact sequence, then $F(\mathcal{X})$ is a complex (which is usually not exact)

Definition 6: If \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{X}' are complexes, a chain map $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}'$ is a sequence of maps $f_n: \mathcal{X}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{X}'_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \dots & \rightarrow & \mathcal{X}_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & \mathcal{X}_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & \mathcal{X}_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \\
 & & \downarrow f_{n+1} & & \downarrow f_n & & \downarrow f_{n-1} \\
 \dots & \rightarrow & \mathcal{X}'_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d'_{n+1}} & \mathcal{X}'_n & \xrightarrow{d'_n} & \mathcal{X}'_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots
 \end{array}$$

Proposition 1: Let $\text{comp} =$ the class of all complexes and chain maps. Then, comp is a pre-additive category. (i.e. the Hom's are abelian groups and distributivity law holds).

Definition 7: If (\mathcal{X}, d) is a complex, it's n^{th} homology module, is defined by:

$$H_n(\mathcal{X}) = \ker d_n / \text{Im } d_{n+1}.$$

Note: Since $\text{Im } d_{n+1} \subseteq \ker d_n$, the quotient module does make sense. The elements of $\ker d_n$ are called n -cycles and the elements of $\text{Im } d_{n+1}$ are called n -boundaries.

Notation:- $\ker d_n = Z_n(\mathcal{X}) = Z_n$, $\text{Im } d_{n+1} = B_n(\mathcal{X}) = B_n$

$$\therefore H_n(\mathcal{X}) = Z_n(\mathcal{X}) / B_n(\mathcal{X}).$$

We claim H_n is a functor, so it remains to define the action of H_n on morphisms (= chain maps).

Definition 8:- If $f: X \rightarrow X'$ is a chain map, define

$$H_n(f) : H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X') \text{ by: } z_n + B_n(X) \rightarrow f_n(z_n) + B_n(X')$$

- $H_n(f)$ is called the induced map by f , and is denoted by f_* .

Proposition 2: For each n , $H_n : \text{comp} \rightarrow M$ (category of A -modules) is an additive functor (i.e. $H_n(f+g) = H_n(f) + H_n(g)$ for every pair of morphisms lying in the same group).

Definition 9: A complex (X, d) is a subcomplex of (X', d') if each X_n is a submodule of X'_n and $d_n = d'_n|_{X_n}$ for all n .

Note:- 1. There is also a quotient module

$$X'/X : \dots \rightarrow X'_{n+1}/X_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\bar{d}_{n+1}} X'_n/X_n \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\text{where } \bar{d}_{n+1} : a'_{n+1} + X_{n+1} \rightarrow d'_{n+1}(a'_{n+1}) + X_n.$$

2. X is a subcomplex of X' when the inclusion map $i_n : X_n \rightarrow X'_n$ constitute a chain map.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{i.e. } \dots & \rightarrow & X_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & X_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & X_{n-1} & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & \downarrow i_{n+1} & & \downarrow i_n & & \downarrow i_{n-1} & & \\ & & \dots & \rightarrow & X'_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d'_{n+1}} & X'_n & \xrightarrow{d'_n} & X'_{n-1} & \rightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

Suppose the inclusion map constitute a chain map.

WTS:- X is a subcomplex of X' .

- clearly X_n is a submodule of X'_n .

And, since for each $x_n \in X_n$, we have $i_{n-1} d_n(x_n) = d'_n i_n(x_n)$

$$\Rightarrow d_n(x_n) = d'_n(x_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_n = d'_n|_{X_n}$$

Hence, X is a subcomplex of X'_n .

Proposition 3: If $f: X \rightarrow X'$ is a chain map, define complexes $\ker f$, $\text{Im } f$, and $\text{coker } f$ as follows:

$$\ker f : \dots \rightarrow \ker f_n \xrightarrow{p_n} \ker f_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \quad \text{where } p_n = d_n|_{\ker f_n}$$

$$\text{Im } f : \dots \rightarrow \text{Im } f_n \xrightarrow{q_n} \text{Im } f_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \quad \text{where } q_n = d'_n|_{\text{Im } f_n}$$

Then $X/\ker f \cong \text{Im } f$.

Proof:- Consider the commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X : & \dots & \rightarrow & X_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & X_{n-1} & \rightarrow \dots \\ & & & \downarrow f_n & & \downarrow f_{n-1} & \\ X' : & \dots & \rightarrow & X'_n & \xrightarrow{d'_n} & X'_{n-1} & \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

- Clearly $\ker f$ is a subcomplex of X , by the note above.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And, } X/\ker f &= \dots \rightarrow X_n/\ker f_n \rightarrow X_{n-1}/\ker f_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \\ &\cong \dots \rightarrow \text{Im } f_n \rightarrow \text{Im } f_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \quad (\text{since } X_n/\ker f_n \cong \text{Im } f_n) \\ &\cong \text{Im } f. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $X/\ker f \cong \text{Im } f$

Proposition 4: Define $X' \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} X''$ to be exact if $\text{Im } f = \ker g \dots (*)$

Then $(*)$ is exact if and only if the sequence of modules are exact for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof: Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X' : & \dots & \rightarrow & X'_{n+1} & \rightarrow & X'_n & \rightarrow X'_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \\ & & & \downarrow f_{n+1} & & \downarrow f_n & \\ X : & \dots & \rightarrow & X_{n+1} & \rightarrow & X_n & \rightarrow X_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \\ & & & \downarrow g_{n+1} & & \downarrow g_n & \\ X'' : & \dots & \rightarrow & X''_{n+1} & \rightarrow & X''_n & \rightarrow X''_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

Thus, (*) is exact iff $\text{im} f = \ker g$
iff $\dots \rightarrow \text{im} f_n \rightarrow \text{im} f_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots$ and $\dots \rightarrow \ker g_n \rightarrow \ker g_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots$
are equal.
iff $\text{im} f_n = \ker g_n$ for all n .
iff $X'_n \xrightarrow{f_n} X_n \xrightarrow{g_n} X''_n$ is exact $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

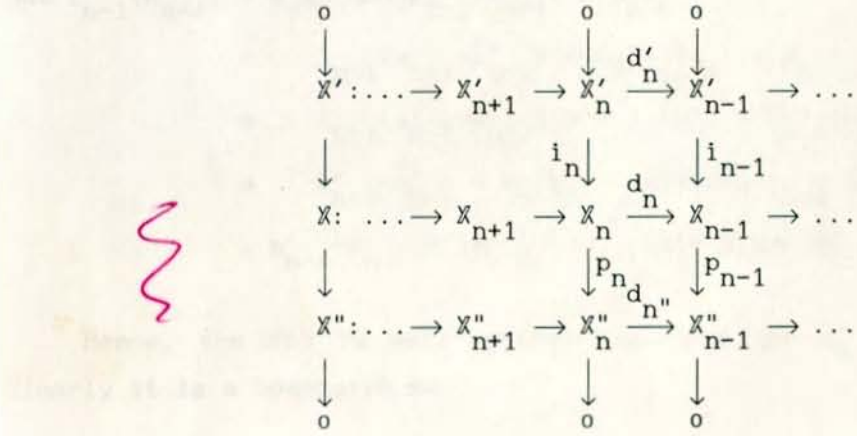
From proposition 4 we have if $X' \rightarrow X \rightarrow X''$ is an exact sequence of complexes. Then for each n , $X'_n \rightarrow X_n \rightarrow X''_n$ is an exact sequence of modules. The next natural question is: what do homology functors do to short exact sequences of complexes? They are, in general, neither left nor right exact. (we shall see that if $0 \rightarrow X' \rightarrow X \rightarrow X'' \rightarrow 0$ is exact, then $H_n(X') \rightarrow H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X'')$ is exact) To do this we need the following results:

Proposition 5: If A is a ring and $f: M \rightarrow N$ is an A -module homomorphism and k is a submodule of $\ker f$, then there is a unique A -module homomorphism $\bar{f}: M/K \rightarrow N$ such that $\bar{f}(m+k) = f(m)$ for all $m \in M$, $\text{Im} \bar{f} = \text{Im} f$ and $\ker \bar{f} = \ker f / k$. \bar{f} is an A -module isomorphism iff f is an A -module epimorphism and $k = \ker f$. In particular $M/\ker f \cong \text{Im} f$.

Lemma 9:- (Connecting homomorphism)

Let $0 \rightarrow X' \xrightarrow{i} X \xrightarrow{p} X'' \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of complexes. Then, for each n , there is a homomorphism $\partial_n: H_n(X'') \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X')$ defined by: $z'' + B_n(X'') \rightarrow i_{n-1}^{-1} d_{n-1}^{-1} p_{n-1}^{-1}(z'') + B_{n-1}(X')$.

Proof:- We have:



Consider the commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \rightarrow & X'_n & \xrightarrow{i_n} & X_n & \xrightarrow{p_n} & X''_n \rightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow d'_n & & \downarrow d_n & & \downarrow d''_n \\
 0 & \rightarrow & X'_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{i_{n-1}} & X_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{p_{n-1}} & X''_{n-1} \rightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

To show well-definedness

Suppose $z'' \in X''$ and $d''_n(z'') = 0$ (ie, $z'' \in \ker d''_n$)

- since p_n is onto, $\exists a_n \in X_n$ such that $p_n(a_n) = z''$

Now, consider $p_n(a_n)$.

By commutativity, we have $p_{n-1} d_n(a_n) = d''_n p_n(a_n) = d''_n(z'') = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow d_n(a_n) \in \ker p_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_n(a_n) \in \text{Im } i_{n-1} \dots \text{ since } \ker p_{n-1} = \text{Im } i_{n-1}.$$

$$\therefore i_{n-1}^{-1}(d_n(a_n)) \text{ makes sense. } \checkmark$$

Now, since i_{n-1} is 1-1, there is a unique $a'_{n-1} \in X'_{n-1}$ such that

$$i_{n-1}(a'_{n-1}) = d_n(a_n).$$

Suppose we had lifted z'' to $\bar{a}_n \in X_n$. Then by the same argument as

above, $\exists! \bar{a}'_{n-1} \in X'_{n-1}$ with $i_{n-1}(\bar{a}'_{n-1}) = d_n(\bar{a}_n)$. \checkmark

clearly $a_n - \bar{a}_n \in \ker p_n$. (since $p_n(a_n - \bar{a}_n) = p_n(a_n) - p_n(\bar{a}_n) = z'' - z'' = 0$)

$$\Rightarrow a_n - \bar{a}_n \in \text{Im } i_n$$

$$\therefore \exists x'_n \in X'_n \text{ -- } i_n(x'_n) = a_n - \bar{a}_n.$$

But $i_{n-1}(a'_{n-1}) = d_n a_n$ and $i_{n-1}(\bar{a}'_{n-1}) = d_n \bar{a}_n$.

$$\Rightarrow i_{n-1}(a'_{n-1} - \bar{a}'_{n-1}) = d_n(a_n - \bar{a}_n) = d_n(i_n(x'_n)) = d_n i_n(x'_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow i_{n-1}(a'_{n-1} - \bar{a}'_{n-1}) = d_n i_n(x'_n) = i_{n-1}(d'_n(x'_n))$$

$$\Rightarrow a'_{n-1} - \bar{a}'_{n-1} = d'_n(x'_n) \dots \text{ since } i_{n-1} \text{ is injective}$$

$$\therefore a'_{n-1} - \bar{a}'_{n-1} \in \text{Im } d'_n = B_{n-1}(X') \subseteq \ker d'_{n-1}.$$

Hence, the map is well-defined and from $\ker d''_n \rightarrow X'_{n-1} / \text{Im } d'_n$.

Clearly it is a homomorphism.

But, this map sends $\text{Im} d_{n+1}''$ into 0 and $i_{n-1}^{-1} d_n p_n^{-1}(z'') = a'_{n-1}$ is a cycle, i.e. it is in $\ker d'_{n-1}$.

$\therefore \text{Im} d_{n+1}''$ is contained in the kernel of the map.

Hence, by the above proposition, the given map induces a homomorphism from $\ker d_n'' / \text{Im} d_{n+1}''$ into $\ker d'_{n-1} / \text{Im} d'_n$.

Therefore, $\exists \partial_n : H_n(X'') \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X')$

Definition 10: The maps $\partial_n : H_n(X'') \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X')$ are called connecting homomorphisms.

Now, we prove the long exact sequence theorem.

Theorem 3:- (Long exact sequence)

If $0 \rightarrow X' \xrightarrow{i} X \xrightarrow{p} X'' \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of complexes, then there is an exact sequence of modules

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(X') \xrightarrow{i_*} H_n(X) \xrightarrow{p_*} H_n(X'') \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(X') \xrightarrow{i_*} H_{n-1}(X) \rightarrow \dots$$

Proof: consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & H_{n+1}(X') & \rightarrow & H_n(X') & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(X') & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & H_{n+1}(i) \downarrow & & H_n(i) \downarrow = i_* & & H_{n-1}(i) \downarrow & & \\ \dots & \rightarrow & H_{n+1}(X) & \rightarrow & H_n(X) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(X) & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & H_{n+1}(p) \downarrow & & H_n(p) \downarrow = p_* & & H_{n-1}(p) \downarrow & & \\ \dots & \rightarrow & H_{n+1}(X'') & \rightarrow & H_n(X'') & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(X'') & \rightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

Where $H_n(X) = \ker d_n / \text{Im} d_{n+1}$, $H_{n-1}(X) = \ker d_{n-1} / \text{Im} d_n$ and so on. Here we have six inclusions to verify.

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|--|---|---|
| 1. $\text{im } i_* \subseteq \ker p_*$ | 3. $\text{im } p_* \subseteq \ker \partial$ | 5. $\text{im } \partial \subseteq \ker i_*$ |
| 2. $\ker p_* \subseteq \text{im } i_*$ | 4. $\ker \partial \subseteq \text{im } p_*$ | 6. $\ker i_* \subseteq \text{im } \partial$ |

- Since the notation is self explanatory we omit the subscripts. We will prove here only (1) for the rest we can use a similar argument.

1. $\text{Im } i_* \subseteq \ker p_*$

Let $y \in \text{Im } i_* \Rightarrow \exists x \in H_n(X')$ such that $i_*(x) = y$

But, $x \in H_n(X')$ implies $x \in \ker d'_n / \text{Im } d'_{n+1}$

$\Rightarrow x = \text{ar } \text{Im } d'_{n+1}$ for some $a \in \ker d'_n$.

Thus, $p_*(y) = p_*(i_*(x))$

$$= p_*(i_*(a + \text{Im } d'_{n+1}))$$

$$= p_*(i(a) + \text{Im } d'_{n+1}) \dots \text{ since } i_*(a + \text{Im } d'_{n+1}) = i(a) + \text{Im } d'_{n+1}$$

$$= p(i(a)) + \text{Im } d''_{n+1}$$

$$= (p \circ i)(a) + \text{Im } d''_{n+1}$$

$$= 0 + \text{Im } d''_{n+1}$$

$$= \text{Im } d''_{n+1}$$

$\Rightarrow y \in \ker p_*$

Hence, $\text{im } i_* \subseteq \ker p_*$

Theorem 3 is often called the exact triangle because of the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H(X') & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H(X) \\ \partial \swarrow & & \searrow p_* \\ & H(X'') & \end{array}$$

Definition 11:- Let A be a ring.

Let M be an A -module.

(a) A free resolution of a module M is an exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow F_n \xrightarrow{d_n} F_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} F_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0$$

in which each F_n is a free module.

(b) An injective resolution of M is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^0 \rightarrow E^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E^n \rightarrow E^{n+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

in which each E_n is injective.

(c) A projective resolution of M is an exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow p_n \xrightarrow{d_n} p_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} p_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} p_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0$$

in which each p_n is projective.

Proposition 6:

1. Every module has an injective resolution.
2. Every module has a free resolution.

Note: Since free modules are projective, free resolutions are a special kind of projective resolutions. Hence, every module has a projective resolution.

Definition 12: A complex (X, d) is called a left (right) complex if

$$x_n = 0 \quad \forall n < 0 \quad (\forall n > 0).$$

Let X be a complex of the form

$$X : \dots \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow X_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

The complex obtained by suppressing M is:

$$X_M : \dots \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow X_0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ and is called the deleted complex of } X.$$

- Similarly, we define the deleted complex Y_N of the complex

$$Y_N : 0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow Y^0 \rightarrow Y^1 \rightarrow \dots \text{ by suppressing } N.$$

Deleted complexes arise in practice from either a projective resolution or an injective resolutions of a module. If we suppress M from the projective resolution $\dots \rightarrow p_1 \rightarrow p_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$, we really have not lost any information, for $M = \text{coker}(p_1 \rightarrow p_0)$.

Ext

Let $A =$ a commutative ring with unity.

Let $M, N = A$ -modules.

Consider the projective resolution of M and it's deleted complex,

$$IP : \dots \rightarrow p_r \xrightarrow{d_r} p_{r-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} p_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0$$

$$IP_M : \dots \rightarrow p_r \xrightarrow{d_r} p_{r-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} p_0 \rightarrow 0 \quad (*)$$

Then, apply the contravariant functor $\text{Hom}_A(-, N)$ to $1P_M$. we obtain the complex

$$\text{Hom}_A(1P_M, N): 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(p_0, N) \xrightarrow{d_1^*} \text{Hom}_A(p_1, N) \xrightarrow{d_2^*} \dots \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(p_{r-1}, N) \xrightarrow{d_r^*} \text{Hom}_A(p_r, N) \rightarrow \dots$$

Definition 12: $\text{Ext}_A^n(M, N) = H_n(\text{Hom}_A(1P_M, N))$
 $= H_n(1P_M, N)$
 $= \ker d_n^* / \text{Im} d_{n-1}^*$

Alternatively

Consider an injective resolution of N and it's deleted complex:

$$1E: 0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{\epsilon} E^0 \xrightarrow{d_0} E^1 \xrightarrow{d_1} \dots \rightarrow E^r \xrightarrow{d_r} E^{r+1} \rightarrow \dots \quad (**)$$

$$1E_N: 0 \rightarrow E^0 \xrightarrow{d_0} E^1 \xrightarrow{d_1} \dots \rightarrow E^r \xrightarrow{d_r} E^{r+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

Now, apply the covariant functor $\text{Hom}_A(M, -)$ to $1E_N$, to get

$$\text{Hom}_N(M, 1E_N): 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, E^0) \xrightarrow{d_0^*} \text{Hom}_A(M, E^1) \xrightarrow{d_1^*} \dots \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, E^r) \xrightarrow{d_r^*} \text{Hom}_A(M, E^{r+1}) \rightarrow \dots$$

Definition:- $\text{Ext}_A^n(M, N) = H_n(\text{Hom}_A(M, 1E_N))$
 $= \ker d_n^* / \text{Im} d_{n-1}^*$

Tor

Consider $1P_M$, which is in (*)

Apply the covariant functor $- \otimes N$ to $1P_M$.

$$\text{Then, } 1P_M \otimes N: \dots \rightarrow p_r \otimes N \xrightarrow{d_r \otimes 1} p_{r-1} \otimes N \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_1 \otimes B \xrightarrow{d_1 \otimes 1} p_0 \otimes B \rightarrow 0$$

Definition 13:- $\text{Tor}_n^A(M, N) = H_n(1P_M \otimes N)$
 $= \ker (d_n \otimes 1) \mid \text{Im} (d_{n+1} \otimes 1).$

Alternativey

consider $1P_N$

Apply the covariant functor $M \otimes -$ to $1P_N$ to get:

$$M \otimes 1P_N: \dots \rightarrow M \otimes p_r \xrightarrow{1 \otimes d_r} M \otimes p_{r-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M \otimes p_1 \xrightarrow{1 \otimes d_1} M \otimes p_0 \rightarrow 0$$

Definition : $\text{Tor}_n^A(M, N) = H_n(M \otimes P_N) = \ker(1 \otimes d_n) / \text{Im}(1 \otimes d_{n+1})$

Now, let us see some of the elementary properties of Ext and Tor.

Lemma 12:- Let $\dots \rightarrow p_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} p_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} p_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0$ be a projective resolution of M and $k_0 = \ker \epsilon$, and $k_n = \ker d_n \quad \forall n \geq 1$

Then, $\text{Tor}_{n+1}(M, N) \cong \text{Tor}_n(k_0, N) \cong \text{Tor}_{n-1}(k_1, N) \cong \dots \cong \text{Tor}_1(k_{n-1}, N)$.

Proof:- Clearly $\dots \rightarrow p_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} p_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} k_0 \rightarrow 0$ is a projective resolution of k_0 . (since $k_0 = \text{Im } d_1 = \ker \epsilon$). Since the indices are no longer correct define

$$Q_{n-1} = p_n \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_{n-1} = d_n \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

so, we get $\dots \rightarrow Q_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta_2} Q_1 \xrightarrow{\Delta_1} Q_0 \rightarrow K_0 \rightarrow 0$

Thus, $\text{Tor}_n(k_0, N) = H_n(k_0 \otimes N)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \ker (\Delta_n \otimes 1) / \text{Im}(\Delta_{n+1} \otimes 1) \\ &= \ker (d_{n+1} \otimes 1) / \text{Im}(d_{n+2} \otimes 1) \\ &= H_{n+1}(M \otimes N) \\ &= \text{Tor}_{n+1}(M, N) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\text{Tor}_{n+1}(M, N) \cong \text{Tor}_n(k_0, N)$

Again, we have the projective resolution $\dots \rightarrow p_3 \xrightarrow{d_3} p_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} k_1 \rightarrow 0$ of k_1 .

To correct the indices, define $Q_{n-2} = p_n$ and $\Delta_{n-2} = d_n \quad \forall n \geq 2$.

Thus, $\text{Tor}_{n-1}^A(k_1, N) = H_{n-1}(k_1 \otimes N)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \ker (\Delta_{n-1} \otimes 1) / \text{Im}(\Delta_n \otimes 1) \\ &= \ker (d_{n+1} \otimes 1) / \text{Im}(d_{n+2} \otimes 1) \\ &= H_{n+1}(M \otimes N) \\ &= \text{Tor}_{n+1}(M, N) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\text{Tor}_{n+1}(M, N) \cong \text{Tor}_n(k_0, N) \cong \text{Tor}_{n-1}(k_1, N)$.

And, the remaining isomorphisms are obtained by iteration.

Therefore, $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, N) \cong \text{Tor}_n^A(k_0, N) \cong \dots \cong \text{Tor}_1^A(k_{n-1}, N)$

Lemma 13: Let $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\epsilon} E_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} E_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} E_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} \dots$ be an injective resolution of M , and define $L^0 = \text{Im } \epsilon$, $L^n = \text{Im } d_{n-1} \forall n \geq 1$
Then:

$$\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(N, M) \cong \text{Ext}_A^n(N, L^0) \cong \dots \cong \text{Ext}_A^1(N, L^{n-1}).$$

Proof: clearly $0 \rightarrow L^0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow E_2 \rightarrow \dots$ is an injective resolution of L^0

$$\text{put } Q_{n-1} = E_n \text{ and } \Delta_{n-1} = d_n \forall n \geq 1.$$

$$\text{Then, } 0 \rightarrow L^0 \rightarrow Q_0 \xrightarrow{\Delta_0} Q_1 \xrightarrow{\Delta_1} \dots$$

$$\text{Thus, } \text{Ext}_A^n(N, L^0) = H_n(\text{Hom}_A(N, L^0))$$

$$= \ker \Delta_{n*} \mid \text{Im } \Delta_{n-1*}$$

$$= \ker d_{n+1*} \mid \text{Im } d_{n*}$$

$$= H_{n+1}(\text{Hom}_A(N, M))$$

$$= \text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(N, M)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(N, M) \cong \text{Ext}_A^n(N, L^0).$$

The rest can be shown by iteration, so we have:

$$\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(N, M) \cong \text{Ext}_A^n(N, L^0) \cong \dots \cong \text{Ext}_A^1(N, L^{n-1})$$

Lemma 14: Let $\dots \rightarrow p_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} p_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} p_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} N \rightarrow 0$ be a projective resolution and $k_0 = \ker \epsilon$, $k_n = \ker d_n \forall n \geq 1$. Then, if we apply the covariant functor, then we have $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) \cong \text{Ext}_A^n(k_0, N) \cong \dots \cong \text{Ext}_A^1(k_{n-1}, N)$.

Proof: Similar to the proofs of the above lemmas.

Lemma 15: $\text{Ext}_A^0(M, -)$ is equivalent to $\text{Hom}(M, -)$, similarly $\text{Ext}_A^0(-, N)$ and $\text{Hom}(-, N)$ are equivalent.

Proof: If $1E_N: 0 \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow \dots$, then $\text{Ext}^0(M, N) = \ker d_{0*} / \text{Im} d_{-1*}$
 $= \ker d_{0*} \dots$ since $\text{Im} d_{-1*} = 0$

If the non-deleted injective resolution is: $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow \dots$, then the left exactness of $\text{Hom}(M, -)$ gives an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N) \xrightarrow{\epsilon_*} \text{Hom}(M, E_0) \xrightarrow{d_{0*}} \text{Hom}(M, E_1) \rightarrow \dots$$

So, we have $\ker d_{0*} = \text{Im } \epsilon_*$

$\therefore \epsilon_*: \text{Hom}(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^0(M, N) = \ker d_{0*} = \text{Im } \epsilon_*$ is an isomorphism

Hence, $\text{Ext}^0(M, -)$ is equivalent to $\text{Hom}(M, -)$.

Lemma 16: $\text{Tor}_0^A(M, -)$ is naturally equivalent to $M \otimes -$, and $\text{Tor}_0^A(-, N)$ is equivalent to $- \otimes N$.

Proof: If $1P_N: \dots \rightarrow p_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} p_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} 0$, then
 $\text{Tor}_0(M, N) = \ker(1 \otimes d_0) / \text{im}(1 \otimes d_1) = M \otimes p_0 / \text{im}(1 \otimes d_1) = \text{Coker}(1 \otimes d_1)$.

If the non-deleted resolution is $\dots \rightarrow p_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} p_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} N \rightarrow 0$, then the right-exactness of $M \otimes -$ gives us an exact sequence:

$$M \otimes p_1 \xrightarrow{1 \otimes d_1} M \otimes p_0 \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \epsilon} M \otimes N \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{im}(1 \otimes d_1) = \ker(1 \otimes \epsilon)$$

Thus, by proposition 1, the map $1 \otimes \epsilon$ induces an isomorphism from

$$M \otimes p_0 / \ker(1 \otimes \epsilon) \text{ into } M \otimes N$$

But, $M \otimes p_0 / \ker(1 \otimes \epsilon) = M \otimes p_0 / \text{Im}(1 \otimes d_1) = \text{Tor}_0(M, N)$

$$\therefore \text{Tor}_0(M, N) \cong M \otimes N$$

Hence, $\text{Tor}_0(M, -)$ is equivalent to $M \otimes -$.

- similarly we can prove the other assertion.

For convenience, we list without proof some of the other properties.

Lemma 17: If $0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of modules and if we apply the covariant functor $\text{Hom}(M, -)$, then there is a long exact sequence:

$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N') \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N'') \xrightarrow{\partial} \text{Ext}^1(M, N') \rightarrow \dots$
 with natural connecting homomorphisms.

Lemma 18: If $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of modules, and if we apply the contravariant functor $\text{Hom}(-, N)$, then there is a long exact sequence:

$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M'', N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M', N) \xrightarrow{\partial} \text{Ext}^1(M'', N) \rightarrow \dots$
 with natural connecting homomorphisms.

Lemma 19: If $0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence, then there is a long exact sequence

$\dots \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1(M, N'') \xrightarrow{\partial} M \otimes N' \rightarrow M \otimes N \rightarrow M \otimes N'' \rightarrow 0$

with natural connecting homomorphisms, similarly in the other variable.

Next, by using the above concepts we will prove:

If A is a regular local ring of dimension n , then $\text{gl.dim } A = n$.

For the proof of this we shall need the following definitions and Lemmas.

Definition 14: Let $A =$ a ring.

The projective (respectively injective) dimension of an A -module M is the length a shortest projective (resp. injective) resolution of M , and denoted by $\text{proj.dim } M$ (resp. $\text{inj.dim } M$).

Remark: 1) For an A -module M , we say $\text{proj.dim } M \leq n$ if there is a projective resolution $0 \rightarrow p_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_1 \rightarrow p_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$. If no such finite resolution exists, define $\text{proj.dim } M = \infty$. Otherwise if n is the least such integer define $\text{proj.dim } M = n$.

2) For an A -module M , we say $\text{inj.dim } M \leq n$, if there is an injective resolution $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E_n \rightarrow 0$. If no such finite resolution exists, define $\text{inj.dim } M = \infty$. Otherwise if n is the least such integer, define $\text{inj.dim } M = n$.

- Examples:** (i) If M is projective, then $\text{proj. dim } M = 0$
 (because, $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0$ is a projective resolution of M)
 (ii) If M is injective, then $\text{inj. dim } M = 0$

Theorem 4: Given any A -module M , it is always possible to construct an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ in which F is free.

Proof: Let $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ be any system of generators for M . (such a system certainly exists, for example, the family might consist of all the elements of M)

Next, let $\{a_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of new symbols but with the same index set, and let F be the free A -module on these symbols. Then, there is a unique homomorphism $f: F \rightarrow M$ given by $f(a_i) = x_i$. If $\sum_1^r a_i$ denote

a typical element of F , then $f\left(\sum_1^r a_i\right) = \sum_1^r x_i$.

\therefore all the x_i belong to $\text{Im } f$

$\therefore \text{Im } f = M$

$\Rightarrow F \xrightarrow{f} M \rightarrow 0$

put $k = \ker f$.

Thus, $0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ is exact, with F free.

Corollary 2: Every module is isomorphic to a factor module of a free module.

Corollary 3: If the A -module M can be generated by n ($n \geq 0$) elements, then it is possible to construct an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$, where F is a f.g free module.

Lemma 20: (i) An A -module M is projective iff $\text{Ext}_A^1(M, N) = 0$ for all A -module N .

(ii) M is injective iff $\text{Ext}_A^1(A/I, M) = 0$ for all ideal I of A .

Proof: (i) (\Rightarrow) Suppose M is projective

Then, $\dots \rightarrow p_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} p_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} M \rightarrow 0$ is a projective resolution of M, where $p_0 = M$, $d_0 = 1_M$, $p_i = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 1$.

$$\therefore \text{Hom}_A(1P_M, N) : 0 \xrightarrow{d_0^*} \text{Hom}(p_0, N) \xrightarrow{d_1^*} \underbrace{\text{Hom}(p_1, N)}_{= (0)} \rightarrow \dots$$

Thus, $\text{Ext}_A^1(M, N) = \ker d_1^* / \text{im } d_0^* = 0$ since $\ker d_1^* = \text{im } d_0^* = \text{Hom}(p_0, N)$

Hence, $\text{Ext}_A^1(M, N) = 0$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\text{Ext}_A^1(M, N) = 0$ for A-module N

WTS: M is projective.

Consider the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{i} K \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$. (The existence is by theorem 4). We need to show this exact sequence splits.

- since $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{i} K \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ is a short exact sequence, by lemma 18, there exist a long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(K, N) \xrightarrow{i^*} \text{Hom}_A(N, N) \xrightarrow{\partial} \text{Ext}_A^1(M, N) \rightarrow \dots$$

But from $\text{Ext}_A^1(M, N) = 0$, we get the exact sequence

$$\text{Hom}_A(K, N) \xrightarrow{i^*} \text{Hom}_A(N, N) \rightarrow 0$$

Thus, for $1_N \in \text{Hom}_A(N, N)$, $\exists g \in \text{Hom}_A(K, N)$ such that $i^*(g) = 1_N$

$$\Rightarrow goi = 1_N$$

\therefore The above exact sequence splits.

Hence, M is projective.

(ii) (\Rightarrow) Since A/I is free as A-module, it is projective, hence by (i)

we get $\text{Ext}_A^1(A/I, M) = 0$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\text{Ext}_A^1(A/I, M) = 0$ for all ideal I of A

WTS: M is injective.

To prove this direction we use the criterion of Baer.

Subclaim: g_1 is well-defined and extends g_0 .

- If $m_0 + ax = m'_0 + a'x$, then $(a-a')x = m'_0 - m_0 \in M_0$

$$\Rightarrow a-a' \in I$$

$\therefore g_0(a-a')x$ and $h(a-a')$ are defined.

$$\text{Also, } g_0(m'_0 - m_0) = g_0(a-a')x = h(a-a') = (a-a')h'(1)$$

$$\text{Thus, } g_0(m'_0) - g_0(m_0) = ah'(1) - a'h'(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow g_0(m'_0) + a'h'(1) = g_0(m_0) + ah'(1).$$

$\therefore g_1$ is well-defined.

- Since $g_1(m_0) = g_0(m_0)$ for all $m_0 \in M_0$, g_1 extends g_0 .

$\therefore (M_1, g_1) \in S$ and Larger than the maximal pair (M_0, g_0) .

which is a contradiction.

Hence, $M_0 = N$.

Therefore, $g_0: N \rightarrow E$ and $g_0 \circ i = g_0|_A = f$.

Hence, E is injective

Proof of Lemma 20 (ii) (only if part)

Consider the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow I \xrightarrow{i} A \rightarrow A|I \rightarrow 0$. By Lemma 18, there is a long exact sequence (by applying $\text{Hom}_A(-, M)$):

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(A|I, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(A, M) \xrightarrow{i^*} \text{Hom}_A(I, M) \xrightarrow{\partial} \text{Ext}^1(A|I, M) = 0.$$

$$\therefore \text{Hom}_A(A, M) \xrightarrow{i^*} \text{Hom}_A(I, M) \rightarrow 0 \text{ is exact.}$$

Let $f \in \text{Hom}_A(I, M)$, then $\exists g \in \text{Hom}_A(A, M)$ such that $i^*(g) = f$

$$\Rightarrow goi = f$$

$\therefore g$ extends f .

\therefore For any ideal I of A , the map $f: I \rightarrow M$ can be extended to A .

Hence, by Baer criterion, M is injective.

Lemma 21: Let A be a ring and n be a non-negative integer. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all A -module M ,
- (2) $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A -module M ,
- (3) $\text{inj. dim } M \leq n$ for all A -module M ,
- (4) $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ for all A -modules M, N .

Proof: (1) \Rightarrow (2) : obvious

(2) \Rightarrow (3) : Suppose $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A -module M .

Let $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{u_0} u_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow u_{n-1} \rightarrow c \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence with u_j injective $\forall j$. [The existence is from the fact that, if $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{E} u_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} u_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} \dots$ is an injective resolution of M & $L_0 = \text{im } E$, $L_n = \text{im } d_{n-1} \forall n \geq 1$, then we have $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow u_0 \rightarrow u_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow u_{n-1} \rightarrow L_{n-1} \rightarrow 0$ is exact with u_j injective $\forall j$]

Let $I =$ an ideal of A . (I arbitrary)

- Since $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(A/I, M) \cong \text{Ext}_A^1(A/I, L_{n-1})$, by Lemma 13, we get

$$\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(A/I, M) \cong \text{Ext}_A^1(A/I, c)$$

- Since A/I is f.g A -module, by (2), $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(A/I, M) = 0$, (because $\text{proj. dim } A/I \leq n$)

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(A/I, c) = 0$$

By Lemma 20 (ii), we get c is injective.

\therefore we have an injective resolution of M of length n , so $\text{inj. dim } M \leq n$.

Hence, (3) holds

(3) \Rightarrow (4): Suppose $\text{inj. dim } M \leq n$ for all A -module M

Then, by definition, there exist injective resolution

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E_n \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots \text{ of } M \text{ with } E_k = 0 \quad \forall k \geq n+1$$

$$\therefore \text{Hom}_A(E_k, N) = (0) \quad \forall k \geq n+1.$$

$$(i.e. \ 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(E_n, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(E_{n-1}, N) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(E_1, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(E_0, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, N))$$

$$\therefore \text{Ext}_A^k(M, N) = 0 \quad \forall k \geq n+1$$

In particular $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ for all A -modules M and N .

Hence, (4) is true.

(4) \Rightarrow (1): Suppose $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ for all A -modules M and N .

WTS: $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all A -module M .

Take an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow c \rightarrow p_{n-1} \rightarrow p_{n-2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_1 \rightarrow p_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$. (*)

Then, by Lemma 14, we have:

$$\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) \cong \text{Ext}_A^1(c, N)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(c, N) = 0 \text{ for all } A\text{-module } N$$

$\therefore c$ is injective by Lemma 20 (i)

$\therefore (*)$ is a projective resolution of M of length n .

Hence, $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all A -module M

\therefore (1) holds.

Now let $p = \sup \{ \text{proj. dim } M \mid M \text{ is an } A\text{-module} \}$

$i = \sup \{ \text{inj. dim } M \mid M \text{ is an } A\text{-module} \}$

We assert that $p = i$. To prove this

- since $\text{proj. dim } M \leq p$ for all A -module M (by definition)

By lemma 21, $\text{inj. dim } M \leq p$ for all A -module M .

$$\Rightarrow \sup \{ \text{inj. dim } M \mid M \text{ is an } A\text{-module} \} \leq p$$

$$\therefore i \leq p$$

- similarly we can show that $p \leq i$.

Hence, $p = i$

Definition 15: We call this common value, the global dimension of A , and denoted by $\text{gl. dim } A$. ie, $\text{gl. dim } A = \sup_M (\text{proj. dim } M)$.

Lemma 22: Let A = a noetherian ring

Let M = a f.g A -module.

Then, M is projective iff $\text{Ext}_A^1(M, N) = 0$ for all f.g A -module N .

Proof: (\Rightarrow) Suppose M is projective

By Lemma 20 (i), $\text{Ext}_A^1(M, N) = 0$ for all A-module N.

$\therefore \text{Ext}_A^1(M, N) = 0$ for all f.g A-module N.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\text{Ext}_A^1(M, N) = 0$ for all f.g A-module N.

WTS: M is projective.

Take a resolution $0 \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{i} F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ with F f.g free A-module we need to show this exact sequence splits.

- clearly R is also f.g (since A is noetherian)

Thus, by Lemma 14, we have:

$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, R) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F, R) \xrightarrow{i^*} \text{Hom}(R, R) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(M, R) \rightarrow \dots$ is exact.

But, $\text{Ext}^1(M, R) = 0$ (by hypothesis since R is f.g).

$\therefore \text{Hom}(F, R) \xrightarrow{i^*} \text{Hom}(R, R) \rightarrow 0$ is exact.

\therefore For $1_R \in \text{Hom}(R, R)$, $\exists s: F \rightarrow R$ such that $i^*(s) = 1_R$

$$\Rightarrow soi = 1_R$$

\therefore The exact sequence $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ splits.

\therefore M is isomorphic to a direct summand of a free R-module

Hence, M is projective.

Theorem 6: Let $(A, m) =$ a local ring.

Let M = an A-module with minimal generating set

$\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$. If F is free on $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, $\Psi: F \rightarrow M$ given

by $\Psi(x_i) = a_i$ & $k = \ker \Psi$ then $k \subseteq mF$.

Proof: Suppose $k \subseteq mF$

Then, $\exists \sum r_i x_i \in k$ not in mF .

- since $r \in A$ is a unit if and only if $r \notin m$, one of the coefficients, say r_1 must be a unit.

$$\text{But, } \sum r_i a_i = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_1 = r_1^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=2}^n r_i a_i \right)$$

which is a contradiction to the minimality of $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$.

$\therefore k \subseteq mF$

Lemma 23: Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring,
Let $M =$ a f.g A -module.

Then, $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ iff $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, k) = 0$.

Proof: (\Rightarrow) Suppose $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$

Then, there is a projective resolution $0 \rightarrow p_n \rightarrow p_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots$
 $\rightarrow p_1 \rightarrow p_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$.

By lemma 12, we have: $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, k) \cong \text{Tor}_1^A(p_n, k)$.

But, as one can easily see, $\text{Tor}_1^A(p_n, k) = 0$, since p_n is projective.

$$\therefore \text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, k) = 0$$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, k) = 0$

WTS: $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$.

We proceed by induction on n .

Assume $n = 0$, ie $\text{Tor}_1^A(M, k) = 0$

we need to show $\text{proj. dim } M \leq 0$.

consider the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{i} F \xrightarrow{\Psi} M \rightarrow 0$ (*) with f.g free, by the long exact theorem, we have the exact sequence:

$$\dots \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^A(M, k) \rightarrow L \otimes k \rightarrow F \otimes k \rightarrow M \otimes k \rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore 0 \rightarrow L \otimes k \xrightarrow{i \otimes 1} M \otimes k \rightarrow 0 \text{ is exact}$$

Claim: $i \otimes 1 = 0$

- since $i(L) = \ker \Psi \subseteq mF$ (by thm 6), we have for $y \in L$, $i(y) \in mF$.

$$\Rightarrow i(y) = \sum r_j x_j, \quad r_j \in m$$

If $\lambda \in k$, then $i \otimes 1(y \otimes \lambda) = i(y) \otimes \lambda = (\sum r_j x_j) \otimes \lambda = \sum x_j \otimes r_j \lambda$

But, $r_j \lambda = 0 \quad \forall j$, since $k = A/m$ and $r_j \in m$, $r_j \lambda \in m$.

$$\therefore i \otimes 1(y \otimes \lambda) = 0$$

$\therefore i \otimes 1 = 0$ since $y \otimes \lambda$ is an arbitrary element of $L \otimes k$.

Thus $0 = \text{im}(i \otimes 1) = \ker(\Psi \otimes 1)$, this implies $\Psi \otimes 1$ is injective.

Therefore, $L \otimes k$ must be zero.

$$\therefore 0 = L \otimes k = L \otimes A/m \cong L/mL$$

$$\therefore L = mL$$

- since A is noetherian, L is f.g and hence by Nakayama's Lemma, $L = 0$.

Hence, from (*), we get Ψ is an isomorphism.

$$\therefore F \cong M$$

$\therefore M$ is free and hence projective

$$\therefore \text{proj. dim } M = 0$$

Hence, $\text{proj. dim } M \leq 0$

Assume $n > 0$, ie, $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, k) = 0$

Now, take a projective resolution of M , ie, $\dots \rightarrow p_n \rightarrow p_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$.

Let $k_{n-1} = \ker d_{n-1}$.

Then, $0 \rightarrow k_{n-1} \rightarrow p_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_1 \rightarrow p_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ is exact.

By Lemma 12, $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, k) \cong \text{Tor}_1^A(k_{n-1}, k)$

$$\therefore \text{Tor}_1^A(k_{n-1}, k) = 0$$

The case $n = 0$ shows, k_{n-1} is free and hence projective.

$\therefore M$ has a projective resolution of length n .

Hence, $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$.

Recall: 1. If M is an A -module with $M_p = 0$ for all maximal ideal p of A , then $M = 0$. That is a module which is locally null at every maximal ideal is necessarily a null-module.

2. Let $A =$ a ring, M an A -module.

$$\text{Then, } \text{Tor}_i^A(M, N)_p = \text{Tor}_i^A(M_p, N_p).$$

3. If A is noetherian, and M is f.g, then

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(M, N)_p = \text{Ext}_{A_p}^i(M_p, N_p)$$

Lemma 24: Let $A =$ a noetherian ring

Let $M =$ a f.g A -module. Then:

(i) $\text{proj.dim } M$ is equal to the supremum of $\text{proj.dim } M_p$ (as A_p -module), for the maximal ideal p of A

(ii) $\text{proj.dim } M \leq n$ iff $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, A/p) = 0$ for all maximal ideal p of A .

Proof: (i) Let $s = \sup_{\text{max. } p} \{\text{proj.dim } M_p \mid M_p \text{ as } A_p\text{-module}\}$.

Let $\Omega(A) =$ the set of all maximal ideal of A .

First we show that $\text{proj.dim } M \geq s$

If $\text{proj.dim } M = \infty$, there is nothing to prove.

Assume $\text{proj.dim } M = n < \infty$.

Then, by Lemma 21, $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ for all A -modules M and N .

Thus, for $p \in \Omega(A)$, we have $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N)_p = 0$.

Now, let M_p and N_p be an A_p -modules, then M and N are A -modules

$$\therefore \text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N)_p = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_{A_p}^{n+1}(M_p, N_p) = 0 \text{ for all } A_p\text{-modules } M_p \text{ and } N_p.$$

$$\therefore \text{proj.dim } M_p \leq n \dots \text{ by Lemma 21.}$$

$$\therefore \sup_{\text{max. } p} (\text{proj.dim } M_p) \leq n$$

Hence, $\text{proj.dim } M \geq s$

To see the other inequality, ie, $s \geq \text{proj.dim } M$

If $s = \infty$, we are done.

Assume $s = n < \infty$. Then for all $p \in \Omega(A)$, $\text{proj.dim } M_p \leq n$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_{A_p}^{n+1}(M_p, N_p) = 0 \text{ for all } A_p\text{-modules } M_p \text{ and } N_p$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N)_p = 0 \text{ for all } A\text{-modules } M \text{ and } N$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ from the above remark.

$\Rightarrow \text{Proj. dim } \leq n = s$

Hence, $\text{proj. dim } M = \sup_{\text{max. } p} (\text{proj. dim } M_p)$

(ii) (\Rightarrow) Suppose $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$.

WTS: $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, A/p) = 0$ for all maximal ideal p of A .

From (i) above we get $\text{proj. dim } M_p \leq n$ for all $p \in \Omega(A)$. But, we know that $(A_p, p_p, A_p/p_p) = (A_p, pA_p, k)$ is a noetherian local ring, and M_p is f.g.

Hence, by Lemma 23, we get $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^{A_p}(M_p, A_p/p_p) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \text{Tor}_{n+1}^{A_p}(M_p, (A_p)_{p_p}) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M_p, A/p)_p = 0$

- since this is true for all $p \in \Omega(A)$, we get $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, A/p) = 0$

Hence, $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, A/p) = 0 \quad \forall p \in \Omega(A)$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, A/p) = 0$ for all $p \in \Omega(A)$

WTS $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$.

For all $p \in \Omega(A)$, $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, A/p)_p = 0$, which implies $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^{A_p}(M_p, (A/p)_p) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \text{Tor}_{n+1}^{A_p}(M_p, (A_p/p_p)) = 0$

Again by Lemma 23, $\text{proj. dim } M_p \leq n$ for all $p \in \Omega(A)$.

$\therefore \sup_{\text{max. } p} (\text{proj. dim } M_p) \leq n$

Hence, $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$.

Lemma 25: The following conditions about a noetherian ring A are equivalent:

(1) $\text{gl. dim } A \leq n$

(2) $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A -module M .

(3) $\text{inj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A-module M.

(4) $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ for all f.g A-modules M and N.

(5) $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, N) = 0$ for all f.g A-modules M and N.

Proof: we proceed in the following manner: $(5) \Leftrightarrow (2) \Leftrightarrow (1)$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \downarrow \\ (4) & \Leftrightarrow (3) \end{matrix}$

(1) \Leftrightarrow (2): If $\text{gl. dim } A \leq n$, then $\sup_M \text{proj. dim } M \leq n$.

$\Rightarrow \text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all A-module M

$\Rightarrow \text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A-module M.

$\therefore (1) \Rightarrow (2)$ holds

If $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A-module, then $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all A-module M by lemma 21.

$\Rightarrow \sup_M (\text{proj. dim } M) \leq n$

$\Rightarrow \text{gl. dim } A \leq n$

$\therefore (2) \Rightarrow (1)$ holds.

Hence, (1) \Leftrightarrow (2)

(1) \Rightarrow (3): If $\text{gl. dim } A \leq n$, then $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all A-module M

$\Rightarrow \text{inj. dim } M \leq n$ for all A-module M (by lemma 21.)

$\Rightarrow \text{inj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A-module M.

Hence, (1) \Rightarrow (3)

(3) \Rightarrow (4): Suppose $\text{inj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A-module M

WTS: $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ for all f.g A-modules M and N.

Let M and N be f.g A-modules.

- since $\text{inj. dim } M \leq n$, then there exist an injective resolution

$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E_n \rightarrow 0$ of M. Here $E_k = 0 \quad \forall k \geq n + 1$.

The left exactness of $\text{Hom}_A(-, N)$ gives us the exact sequence:

$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(E_n, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(E_{n-1}, N) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(E_0, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, N).$

$\therefore \text{Hom}_A(E_k, N) = 0 \quad \forall k \geq n + 1$

- since N is arbitrary f.g A-module, $\text{Hom}_A(E_k, N) = 0$ for all f.g A-module N.

$\therefore \text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ for all f.g A-modules M and N.

(4) \Rightarrow (2): Suppose $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ for all f.g A-modules M and N.

WTS: $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g module M.

Let M and N be f.g A-modules.

Consider the projective resolution $\dots \rightarrow p_n \xrightarrow{d_n} p_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \dots \rightarrow p_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} p_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} p_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0$ of M.

Let $k_n = \ker d_n \quad \forall n \geq 1$. . Then $0 \rightarrow k_{n-1} \rightarrow p_{n-1} \rightarrow p_{n-2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_1 \rightarrow p_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ is exact.

By lemma 14, $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) \cong \text{Ext}_A^1(k_{n-1}, N)$.

$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(k_{n-1}, N) = 0$ since $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$ by hypothesis

\therefore By lemma 22, k_{n-1} is projective.

Thus, M has a projective resolution of length n.

Hence, $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A-module M.

(2) \Leftrightarrow (5): If $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A-module M, then any f.g A-module M has a projective resolution $0 \rightarrow p_n \rightarrow p_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$.

But, $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, N) \cong \text{Tor}_1^A(p_n, N)$ for all f.g A-module N.

- since p_n is projective, $\text{Tor}_1^A(p_n, N) = 0$

$\therefore \text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, N) = 0$ for all f.g A-modules M and N

Hence, (2) \Rightarrow (5)

If $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, N) = 0$ for all f.g A-modules, we get $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, A/p) = 0$ for all maximal ideal p of A.

Thus, by lemma 24(ii), $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A-module M.

\therefore (5) \Rightarrow (2)

Hence, (2) \Leftrightarrow (5)

Lemma 26: For any noetherian ring A,

$$\text{gl. dim } A = \sup_{\text{max. } p} \text{gl. dim}(A_p).$$

Proof: Let $k = \sup_{\text{max. } p} \text{gl. dim}(A_p)$.

(\geq): If $\text{gl. dim } A = \infty$, there is nothing to prove.

Assume $\text{gl. dim } A = n < \infty$.

Then, $\text{gl.dim } A \leq n$. By Lemma 25, $\text{proj.dim } M \leq n$ for all f.g A -module M , and by lemma 24, we have $\sup_{\text{max. } p} (\text{proj.dim } M_p) \leq n$ for all f.g A_p -module M_p .

$\therefore \text{proj.dim } M_p \leq n$ for all f.g A_p -module M_p and for all $p \in \Omega(A)$.

$\therefore \text{gl.dim } A_p \leq n$, for all $p \in \Omega(A)$... by lemma 25.

$\therefore \sup_{\text{max. } p} \text{gl.dim}(A_p) \leq n$

Hence, $\text{gl.dim } A \geq \sup_{\text{max. } p} \text{gl.dim } (A_p)$

(\leq): If $k = \infty$, there is nothing to prove.

Assume $k < \infty$

Then, $\sup_{\text{max. } p} \text{gl.dim}(A_p) \leq k$, which implies $\text{gl.dim } A_p \leq k$ for all $p \in \Omega(A)$.

Let M, N be f.g A -modules

Then, M_p and N_p are f.g A_p -modules.

$\therefore \text{Tor}_{k+1}^{A_p}(M_p, N_p) = 0$ for all $p \in \Omega(A)$ by lemma 25.

$\therefore \text{Tor}_{k+1}^A(M, N)_p = 0$ for all $p \in \Omega(A)$

$\therefore \text{Tor}_{k+1}^A(M, N) = 0$

- since M and N are arbitrary, we get $\text{gl.dim } A \leq k$ by lemma 25

Hence, $\text{gl.dim } A = \sup_{\text{max. } p} \text{gl.dim}(A_p)$

Theorem 7: Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring.

Then, $\text{gl.dim } A \leq n$ iff $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(k, k) = 0$

Consequently, we have $\text{gl.dim } A = \text{proj.dim } k$ (as A -module).

Proof: (\Rightarrow) Suppose $\text{gl.dim } A \leq n$

- Since $k = A/m$ is a f.g A -module, by Lemma 25 (5) we have

$\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(k, k) = 0$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(k, k) = 0$

WTS: $\text{gl. dim } A \leq n$

By lemma 24, $\text{proj. dim } k \leq n$. Thus by definition there is a projective resolution $0 \rightarrow p_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_1 \rightarrow p_0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0$ of k . (*)

If we apply $M \otimes_A -$ for (*), we get $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, k) = 0$ for all A -module M .

In particular, $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M, k) = 0$ for f.g A -module M .

so, by Lemma 24, $\text{proj. dim } M \leq n$.

- Since $\text{gl. dim } A$ can be computed from projective dimensions of f.g A -modules, we get $\text{gl. dim } A \leq n$ by Lemma 25.

To prove $\text{gl. dim } A = \text{proj. dim } k$ (as A -module).

If we consider k as A -module, $\text{proj. dim } k \leq \text{gl. dim } A$.

Let $s = \text{proj. dim } k$. Then, $\text{proj. dim } k \leq s$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tor}_{s+1}^A(k, A/m) = 0 \dots \text{Lemma 24 (i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tor}_{s+1}^A(k, k) = 0 \dots \text{since } k = A/m$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{gl. dim } A \leq s \dots \text{by theorem 7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{gl. dim } A \leq \text{proj. dim } k.$$

Hence, $\text{gl. dim } A = \text{proj. dim } k$ (as A -module).

Lemma 27: Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring,

Let $M =$ a f.g A -module.

If $\text{proj. dim } M = r < \infty$ and if x is an M -regular element in m , then $\text{proj. dim } (M/xM) = r+1$

Proof: By hypothesis there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{x} M/xM \rightarrow 0$$

where the first map is multiplication by x .

This short exact sequence gives the long exact sequence:

$$\text{Tor}_i(M, k) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_i(M/xM, k) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_{i-1}(M, k)$$

Case 1: If $i > r+1$, then $\text{Tor}_i(M, k)$ and $\text{Tor}_{i-1}(M, k)$ are 0, since $\text{proj. dim } M = r$ and M is f.g (by lemma 25)

$$\therefore 0 \rightarrow \text{Tor}_i(M/xM, k) \rightarrow 0 \text{ is exact.}$$

$$\therefore \text{Tor}_i(M/xM, k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tor}_i(M/xM, A/m) = 0$$

Thus, $\text{Tor}_{r+2}(M/xM, A/m) = 0$ and hence by lemma 24, $\text{proj. dim}(M/xM) \leq r + 1$.

$$\therefore \text{proj. dim } (M/xM) \leq r + 1. \quad (*)$$

Case 2: When $i = r + 1$

Then, $\text{Tor}_{r+1}(M, k) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_{r+1}(M/xM, k) \xrightarrow{\partial} \text{Tor}_r(M, k) \xrightarrow{x} \text{Tor}_r(M, k)$ is exact. But $\text{Tor}_{r+1}(M, k) = 0 \dots$ by Lemma 25

$$\therefore 0 \rightarrow \text{Tor}_{r+1}(M/xM, k) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_r(M, k) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_r(M, k) \text{ is exact.}$$

- since $k = A/m$ is annihilated by x (because $x \in m$ by hypothesis), the module $\text{Tor}_r(M, k)$ is annihilated by x . [ie. let $\dots \rightarrow p_n \xrightarrow{d_n} p_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \dots \rightarrow p_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} p_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ be a projective resolution of M , apply $- \otimes_A k$ to get $\dots \rightarrow p_n \otimes k \xrightarrow{d_n \otimes 1} p_{n-1} \otimes k \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M \otimes k \rightarrow 0$. Then, $\text{Tor}_r(M, k) = \ker(d_r \otimes 1) / \text{Im}(d_{r+1} \otimes 1)$. But x annihilates $p_r \otimes k = p_r \otimes A/m$, so it annihilates $\ker(d_r \otimes 1) \subseteq p_r \otimes k$. Thus, $\text{Tor}_r(M, k)$ is annihilated by x].

$$\therefore \text{Multiplication by } x \text{ is a zero map on } \text{Tor}_r(M, k).$$

$$\therefore 0 \rightarrow \text{Tor}_{r+1}(M/xM, k) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_r(M, k) \rightarrow 0 \text{ is exact.}$$

But, since $\text{proj. dim } M = r$, $\text{Tor}_r(M, k) \neq 0$, hence $\text{Tor}_{r+1}(M/xM, k) \neq 0$.

$$\therefore \text{proj. dim } (M/xM) \geq r + 1 \quad (**)$$

[If $\text{proj. dim } (M/xM) < r + 1$, then $\text{proj. dim } (M/xM) \leq r$ and hence $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^A(M/xM, k) = 0$]

Hence, (*) and (**) gives us $\text{proj. dim } (M/xM) = r + 1$

Lemma 28: If (A, m, k) is a regular local ring, then m can be generated by an A -sequence $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d\}$ with $d = \dim(A) = \text{rank}_k(m/m^2)$

Proof: (Kaplansky, 1970, p.119)

we now prove the main theorem.

Theorem 8: Let (A, m, k) be a regular local ring of dimension n .

Then, $\text{gl.dim } A = n$.

Proof: since A is regular, $m = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, where $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ is an A -sequence.

Now let us apply lemma 27 repeatedly.

- since A as A -module is free and hence projective, we have $\text{proj.dim } A = 0$

(i) $x_1 \in m$ is not a zero divisor of A , implies $\text{proj.dim } (A/x_1A) = \text{proj.dim } A + 1 = 0 + 1 = 1$.

(ii) $x_2 \in m$ is not a zero divisor of $A/(x_1)$ implies

$$\begin{aligned}\text{proj.dim } ([A/(x_1)]/(x_2)) &= \text{proj.dim } (A/(x_1)) + 1 \\ &= 1 + 1 \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{proj.dim } (A/(x_1, x_2)) = 2$$

Finally, $x_n \in m$ is not a zero divisor of $A/(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ implies

$$\begin{aligned}\text{proj.dim } (A/(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) &= \text{proj.dim } (A/(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})) + 1 \\ &= n - 1 + 1 \\ &= n\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{proj.dim}(A/m) = n \quad \dots \text{ since } m = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\therefore \text{proj.dim } (k) = n \quad \dots \text{ since } k = A/m$$

But, by theorem 7, we have $\text{gl.dim } A = \text{proj.dim } k$.

Hence, $\text{gl.dim } A = n$

Next we prove the converse of theorem 8, namely a noetherian local ring of finite global dimension is regular. To prove this we need some results from Koszul complex and we use the concept of minimal resolution.

Let $A =$ a ring

Let $M =$ an A -module

Let $M_1 =$ denote the complex $\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$

Here, it is to be understood that $M_n = 0 \forall n \neq 0$ and $M_0 = M$, so that M_1 is both a right complex and a left complex. M_1 is called the complex associated to M .

Definition 16: By a left complex over M we mean a left complex X together with a chain map $\epsilon : X \rightarrow M_1$ called the augmentation map.

ie, $X: \dots \rightarrow X_2 \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow X_0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \epsilon \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \epsilon_0 & & \\ M: \dots \rightarrow 0 & \rightarrow 0 & \rightarrow M & \rightarrow 0 & \rightarrow 0 & \rightarrow 0 & \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

Remark: (1) As we have seen from the above diagram only one component of ϵ is non-trivial, that is the so-called augmentation homomorphism. $\epsilon_0 : X_0 \rightarrow M$.

(2) From the commutative diagram $X_0 \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}, \text{ we get a left}$$

complex $\dots \rightarrow X_2 \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow X_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ (Δ)

Definition 17: By a right complex over M we mean a right complex Y together with a chain map $\epsilon: M_1 \rightarrow Y$

This time the non-trivial part of ϵ is the augmentation homomorphism $\epsilon: M \rightarrow Y_0$, and we get the right complex $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow Y_0 \rightarrow Y_1 \rightarrow \dots$ (ΔΔ).

Let Y be a right complex over M and X a left complex over M .

Definition 18: If the sequence (Δ) and (ΔΔ) are exact, then we say that Y is an acyclic right complex over M and X is called an acyclic left complex over M .

Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring.

Let $M =$ a f.g A -module

Let $\psi: M \rightarrow N$ be a homomorphism of f.g A -modules.

Definition 19: we say Ψ is minimal iff $\Psi \otimes 1_k : M \otimes k \rightarrow N \otimes k$ is an isomorphism. Equivalently, we say Ψ is minimal iff Ψ is surjective and $\ker \Psi \subseteq mM$.

Definition 20: A free resolution of M , $\dots \rightarrow L_i \xrightarrow{d_i} L_{i-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow L_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} M \rightarrow 0$ (*) is called a minimal resolution if $d_i : L_i \rightarrow \ker d_{i-1}$ is minimal for all i .

Remark: If (*) is minimal, then

(i) since $d_0 : L_0 \rightarrow M$ is minimal, by definition we have

$$\bar{d}_0 : L_0 \otimes k \rightarrow M \otimes k \text{ is an isomorphism.}$$

(ii) The complex $L \otimes k : \dots \rightarrow \bar{L}_i \xrightarrow{\bar{d}_i} \bar{L}_{i-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \bar{L}_0$, where $\bar{L}_i = L_i \otimes k \cong L_i / mL_i$, has trivial differentiation.

Proof: To see this $\bar{d}_i = L_i / mL_i \rightarrow L_{i-1} / mL_{i-1}$.

- since $d_i : L_i \rightarrow \ker d_{i-1}$ is minimal, then d_i is surjective

$$\therefore d_i L_i = \ker d_{i-1}$$

- since $d_{i-1} : L_{i-1} \rightarrow \ker d_{i-2}$ is minimal, then $\ker d_{i-1} \subseteq mL_{i-1}$

(by definition)

$$\therefore d_i L_i \subseteq mL_{i-1}$$

Now let $x + mL_i \in L_i / mL_i$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{d}_i(x + mL_i) &= d_i(x) + mL_{i-1} \\ &= mL_{i-1} \quad \dots \text{ since } d_i(x) \subseteq mL_{i-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\bar{d}_i = 0$ for all i

(iii) For each i , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tor}_i^A(M, k) &= \ker \bar{d}_i / \text{Im } \bar{d}_{i+1} \\ &= \ker \bar{d}_i \quad \dots \text{ since } \text{Im } \bar{d}_{i+1} = (0) \\ &= L_i / mL_i \quad \dots \text{ since } \bar{d}_i \text{ is a zero map from} \end{aligned}$$

$$L_i / mL_i \rightarrow L_{i-1} / mL_{i-1}$$

But, we know that the A -module L_i/mL_i can be regarded as a finite dimensional vector space over k , and that

$$\text{rank } L_i = \text{rank } L_i/mL_i.$$

$\therefore L_i$ is f.g over A

$$\text{Hence, rank } L_i = \text{rank}_k \text{Tor}_i^A(M, k).$$

Lemma 29: A minimal resolution of M exists and unique upto isomorphism

Proof: Let $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$ be a minimal generating set of M .

Let $L_0 = Ae_1 + Ae_2 + \dots + Ae_p$ be a free module.

Define $\epsilon: L_0 \rightarrow M$ by $\epsilon(e_i) = u_i$, which is clearly an epimorphism.

Let $k_1 = \ker \epsilon$.

Then, we have the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow k_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} L_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0$.

claim: $\ker \epsilon = d_1(k_1) \subseteq mL_0$.

Suppose not, ie, $\ker \epsilon \not\subseteq mL_0$.

Then, $\exists \sum r_i e_i \in \ker \epsilon$, but not in mL_0 . So atleast one of the r_i 's is not in m , say r_1 .

$\therefore r_1$ is a unit.

- since $\epsilon(\sum r_i e_i) = 0$ then $\sum r_i u_i = 0$, so we get $u_1 = r_1^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=2}^n r_i u_i \right)$

which is a contradiction to the minimality of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$.

$\therefore \ker \epsilon \subseteq mL_0$

Hence, $\epsilon: L_0 \rightarrow M$ is minimal

Now consider $d_1: k_1 \rightarrow \ker \epsilon$, clearly it is surjective and $\ker d_1 = (0) \subseteq mk_1$.

$\therefore d_1$ is also minimal

- since A is noetherian, k_1 is f.g A -module, so we can proceed as above, and finally we get a minimal resolution of M . This proves the existence part.

Uniqueness (see Matsumura, 1980, p.136)

The next Lemma is stated without proof.

Lemma 30: Let $\dots \rightarrow L_i \xrightarrow{d_i} L_{i-1} \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{d_1} L_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0$ be a minimal resolution of M . $\dots \rightarrow F_i \xrightarrow{d'_i} F_{i-1} \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{d'_1} F_0$ be a complex with an augmentation homomorphism $\epsilon': F_0 \rightarrow M$ such that:

- (i) each F_i is f.g free over A ,
- (ii) $\bar{\epsilon}' : \bar{F}_0 \rightarrow \bar{M}$ is injective, and
- (iii) $d'_i(F_i) \subseteq mF_{i-1}$ for each $i > 0$ and d'_i induces an injection $\bar{F}_i \rightarrow (m/m^2) \otimes F_{i-1}$.

Then, there exist a homomorphism of complexes over M $f: F \rightarrow L$. Such that each f_i maps F_i isomorphically onto a direct summand of L_i consequently, we have:

$$\text{rank } F_i \leq \text{rank } L_i = \text{rank}_k \text{Tor}_i^A(M, k).$$

Theorem 9: Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring,

$$\text{Let } s = \text{rank}_k (m/m^2).$$

$$\text{Then, } \text{rank}_k \text{Tor}_i^A(k, k) \geq \binom{s}{i} \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq s.$$

Proof: Consider k as A -module. Then, k is f.g, and hence by lemma 29, it has a minimal resolution.

Let $\dots \rightarrow L_i \rightarrow L_{i-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow L_0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0$ be the minimal resolution of k .

$$\text{Let } m = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s).$$

Consider the Koszul complex $F = k.(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s, A)$.

- clearly $F_0 = A$, so there is an obvious augmentation homomorphism $\epsilon: F_0 \rightarrow k$

WTS: The condition of Lemma 30 are all satisfied.

$$\text{From } F_p = k_p(\underline{x}, A) \cong A \otimes_A \wedge^p G, \text{ where } G = A_{x_1} + A_{x_2} + \dots + A_{x_s} \text{ free}$$

A -module of rank s .

$$\cong \wedge^p G \quad \dots \text{ since } A \text{ is free of dimension } 1.$$

But, $\wedge^p G$ is a free A -module of dimension $\binom{s}{p}$.

$\therefore F_p$ is f.g free over A .

Hence, condition (i) is fulfilled.

- Consider $\bar{\epsilon}: A \otimes k \rightarrow k \otimes k$

- since $\epsilon: A \rightarrow A/m$ is surjective and $\ker \epsilon = m \subseteq mA$, we get ϵ is minimal.

$\therefore \bar{\epsilon}$ is an isomorphism

$\therefore \bar{\epsilon}$ is injective.

Hence, condition (ii) is satisfied

- Let $d_p: F_p \rightarrow F_{p-1}$, where $F_p = k_p(\underline{x}, A)$ and $F_{p-1} = k_{p-1}(\underline{x}, A)$.

Let $\sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_p} m_{i_1 \dots i_p} e_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p}$ be an arbitrary element of F_p .

$$\text{Then } d_p \left[\sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_p} m_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p} e_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p} \right] = \sum_{j=1}^p x_j \left[\underbrace{\sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_{p-1}} m_{j i_1 \dots i_{p-1}} e_{i_1 \dots i_{p-1}}}_{\in F_{p-1}} \right] \in m F_{p-1}$$

So by construction we have $d_p(F_p) \subseteq m F_{p-1}$ (*)

To show d_p induces an injection from $\bar{F}_p \rightarrow m/m^2 \otimes_A F_{p-1}$, we have:

$$\bar{F}_p \cong F_p / m F_p \quad \text{and} \quad m/m^2 \otimes_A F_{p-1} \cong m F_{p-1} / m^2 F_{p-1}$$

$$\text{Let } \bar{d}_p: F_p / m F_p \rightarrow m F_{p-1} / m^2 F_{p-1}$$

Now, let $x = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_p} q_{i_1 \dots i_p} e_{i_1 \dots i_p}$, where $q_{i_1 \dots i_p} \in A$ be an element of

F_p such that $d_p(x) \in m^2 F_{p-1}$.

WTS: $x \in m F_p$.

To show this we shall examine the coefficients of $e_{i'_1 \dots i'_{p-1}}$ in $d_p(x)$, where i'_1, \dots, i'_{p-1} are arbitrary integers satisfying $1 \leq i'_1 < \dots < i'_{p-1} \leq s$.

Let i^* ($1 \leq i^* \leq n$) be different from all i'_1, \dots, i'_{p-1} and choose $l^* = l(i^*)$, so that $i'_1 < \dots < i'_{l^*} < i^* < i'_{l^*+1} < \dots < i'_{p-1}$.

Then the term

$e_{i'_1 \dots i'_1 i^* i'_{1^*+1} \dots i'_{p-1}}$ in the representation of x contributes to $d_p(x)$

a term $x^{q_{i'_1 \dots i'_1 i^* \dots i'_{p-1}}} e_{i'_1 i'_2 \dots i'_{p-1}} \in m^2 F_{p-1}$. (since $d_p(x) \in m^2 d_{p-1}$).

$\therefore \sum_i x_i^{q_{i'_1 \dots i'_1 i^* \dots i'_{p-1}}} \in m^2 \dots$ since it is the coefficient of the element $d_p(x)$ of $m^2 F_{p-1}$.

$$\Rightarrow q_{i'_1 \dots i'_1 i^* \dots i'_{p-1}} \in m.$$

- since $i'_1, \dots, i^*, \dots, i'_{p-1}$ are arbitrary, we get $q_{i_1 \dots i_p} \in m$ for all sets

i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s .

$$\therefore x \in m^2 F_p.$$

Hence, the induced map is injective

so, all the condition of lemma 30 are satisfied.

\therefore each F_i is isomorphic to a direct summand of L_i

$\therefore \text{rank } F_i \leq \text{rank } L_i = \text{rank}_k \text{Tor}_i^A(k, k)$

But, $\text{rank } F_i = \binom{s}{i} \dots$ by the above discussion.

Hence, $\text{rank}_k \text{Tor}_i^A(k, k) \geq \binom{s}{i}$, $0 \leq i \leq s$

Now, we are ready to prove the converse of theorem 8.

Recall: Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring.

Let $M = \text{f.g. } A\text{-module}$.

Then: (1) The depth of $M = 0$ iff $m \in \text{Ass}(M)$

(2) $\text{depth } M \leq \dim M$ if $M \neq 0$

(3) If $\text{proj. dim } M < \infty$, then $\text{proj. dim } M + \text{depth } M = \text{depth } A$

(This formula is due to Auslander - Buchsbaum)

Theorem 10: (serre) Let (A, m, k) be a noetherian local ring.

Then, A is regular iff $\text{gl. dim } A < \infty$.

Proof: (\Rightarrow) This is theorem 8.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\text{gl. dim } A = n < \infty$.

WTS: A is regular.

we show $\dim A = \text{rank}_k(m/m^2)$.

Let $s = \text{rank}_k(m/m^2)$.

By theorem 9, since $\text{rank}_k \text{Tor}_S^A(k, k) \geq \begin{bmatrix} s \\ s \end{bmatrix} = 1$, we get $\text{Tor}_S^A(k, k) \neq 0$.

$$\therefore \text{gl.dim } A \geq s \dots\dots\dots (\Delta)$$

[For if $\text{gl.dim } A < s$, then $\text{gl.dim } A \leq s-1 \Rightarrow \text{Tor}_S^A(k, k) = 0$ which is a contradiction].

On the other hand, since $\text{Ass}(A/m) = \{m\}$, ie, $m \in \text{Ass}(k)$, $\text{depth } k = 0$ by (1) above. So if we consider k as A -module, we get $\text{proj.dim } k \leq \text{gl.dim } A < \infty$, hence from (3) above we have:

$$\text{proj.dim } k + \text{depth } k = \text{depth } A.$$

$$\therefore \text{proj.dim } k = \text{depth } A \quad (\Delta\Delta)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \dim A \leq \text{rank}_k(m/m^2) = s$$

$$= \text{gl.dim } A \dots \text{ from } (\Delta)$$

$$= \text{proj.dim } k \dots \text{ by theorem 7}$$

$$= \text{depth } A \dots \text{ from } (\Delta\Delta)$$

$$\leq \dim A \dots \text{ from \# 2 above}$$

$$\therefore \dim A = \text{rank}_k(m/m^2).$$

Hence, A is regular.

Recall: Let s be a multiplicative subset of a ring A . Then:

- (1) A_s is flat over A
- (2) If A is commutative, and M is an A -module, then M is A -projective implies M_s is A_s -projective.
- (3) If A is noetherian, then A_s is noetherian.

Corollary 4: If A is a regular local ring, then A_p is regular for any $p \in \text{spec}(A)$.

Proof: Let (A, m, k) be a regular local ring.
Let $p \in \text{spec}(A)$.

WTS: A_p is regular.

- clearly A_p is a noetherian local ring, by (3) above, so it suffices to show $\text{gl. dim } A_p < \infty$.

Let $M =$ an A_p -module.

Consider M as A -module.

- since A is regular, $\text{gl. dim } A < \infty$, which implies $\text{proj. dim } M < \infty$.

Hence, M has a projective resolution of finite length, say n .

$$0 \rightarrow p_n \rightarrow p_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\therefore n \leq \text{gl. dim } A$$

By (1) above, A_p is flat over A , so by definition of flatness, we get:

$$0 \rightarrow p_n \otimes_p A \rightarrow p_{n-1} \otimes_p A \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_0 \otimes_p A \rightarrow M \otimes_p A \rightarrow 0 \text{ is exact}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow (p_n)_p \rightarrow (p_{n-1})_p \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (p_0)_p \rightarrow M_p = M \rightarrow 0 \text{ is exact.} \quad (*)$$

But, by (2) above, each $(p_i)_p$ is A_p -projective $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Hence, (*) is a projective resolution of M as A_p -module.

$$\therefore \text{proj. dim } M \leq n$$

$$\therefore \text{proj. dim } M \leq n \leq \text{gl. dim } A \quad (**)$$

- since M is arbitrary, (**) is true for all A_p -module M , so we have

$$\sup_M (\text{proj. dim } M) \leq \text{gl. dim } A$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{gl. dim } A_p \leq \text{gl. dim } A < \infty \quad \text{since } A \text{ is regular.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{gl. dim } A_p < \infty.$$

Hence, by theorem 10, A_p is regular for all $p \in \text{spec } (A)$

Now we are in a position to give the definition of a regular ring.

Definition 21: A noetherian ring A is called regular if A_p is a regular local ring for every maximal ideal p of A .

In view of the above corollary, this definition is equivalent to saying that A_p is a regular local ring for every $p \in \text{spec } (A)$.

4. General properties of polynomial rings

Let $A =$ a commutative ring with unity, and I ideal of A .

Let $A[x_1, \dots, x_n] =$ the ring of polynomials in x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n with coefficients in A . Then, we have the following properties:

Proposition 7: $IA[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \cap A = I$

Proposition 8: Let $\vartheta : A \rightarrow A/I$ be the natural mapping.

Then one can obtain a ring epimorphism $A[x_1, \dots, x_n] \rightarrow (A/I)[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ by operating with ϑ on the coefficients of each polynomial in $A[x_1, \dots, x_n]$. The kernel of this epimorphism is clearly $IA[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

Hence, $A[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] / IA[x_1, \dots, x_n] \cong (A/I)[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

(This isomorphism is frequently used to identify the two rings.)

Proposition 9: Let s be a non-empty multiplicative subset of A . Then, it is also a multiplicative subset of $A[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$.

So we may form the ring $A[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]_s$ of fractions.

Let $f = \sum r_{v_1 v_2 \dots v_n} x_1^{v_1} x_2^{v_2} \dots x_n^{v_n} \in A[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be a typical element of $A[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

Define $\Psi : A[x_1, \dots, x_n]_s \rightarrow A_s[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ by $\Psi\left(\frac{f}{s}\right) = \sum \left[\frac{r_{v_1 \dots v_n}}{s} \right] x_1^{v_1} \dots x_n^{v_n}$

clearly Ψ is an isomorphism.

Hence, $A[x_1, \dots, x_n]_s \cong A_s[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

Proposition 10: Let p be a prime ideal of A .

Then, $pA[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is a prime ideal of the polynomial ring $A[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

Proposition 11: Let $A =$ a noetherian ring:

Let $p =$ a prime ideal of A .

Then, $PA[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is a prime ideal of $A[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ and it has the same height as p .

Proof: (Northcott, 1968, p.265)

Proposition 12: Let $F =$ a field.

Then, each ideal of the polynomial ring $F[x]$ can be generated by a single element.

Proof: (Northcott, 1968, p.269)

Proposition 13: Let $F =$ a field

Then, $F[x]$ is not a field, but every non-zero prime ideal is a maximal ideal.

Proof: (Northcott, 1968, p.269)

Recall: Let $A =$ a ring,

Let $M =$ an A -module, $U \subseteq M$ and N a submodule of M generated by U

Then, if $x: M \rightarrow M_S$ is the canonical mapping and N_S is regarded as an A_S -submodule of M_S then N_S is generated by $x(U)$.

Theorem 11: If A is regular, so is $A[x]$

Proof: Let Π be a maximal ideal of $A[x]$.

Let $d = \dim A$.

WTS: $A[x]_{\Pi}$ is a regular local ring.

ie, To show $\dim A[x]_{\Pi} = d+1$ and the maximal ideal of $A[x]_{\Pi}$ is generated by $d+1$ elements.

- clearly $A[x]_{\Pi}$ is a noetherian local ring.

Let $p = \Pi \cap A$

Now, if $s = A - P$, then by prop. 4, $A[x]_s \cong A_s[x]$. On this understanding Π_s is a maximal ideal of $A_s[x]$. Since A is regular, A_s is a regular local ring, so Π_s contracts to the maximal ideal of A_s . So for our purpose we may add the assumption that A is a regular local ring, and that Π of $A[x]$ contracts to the maximal ideal of A .

Hence, (A, P) is a local ring.

(i) To show $\dim A[x]_{\Pi} = d+1$

- Since P is a prime ideal of A , $PA[x]$ is a prime ideal of $A[x]$. But, since $A[x]/PA[x] \cong (A/P)[x] = k[x]$ is not a field by prop 13 $PA[x]$ is not a maximal ideal of $A[x]$. So $\Pi/PA[x] \neq 0$ ideal of $k[x]$.

Then, by prop 12, $\Pi/PA[x]$ can be generated by a single element, say f .

$$\therefore \Pi = pA[x] + fA[x]$$

$$\text{Let } p = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_d)$$

$$\therefore \text{ht } p = d \dots \text{ since } \dim A = \text{ht } p$$

- Since A is noetherian and P a prime ideal of A , by prop. 11, $\text{ht}(PA[x]) = d$

$$\therefore \text{ht}(\Pi) = d + 1.$$

But, $\dim A[x]_{\Pi} = \text{ht}(\Pi) = d+1 \dots \text{ since } \dim (A_p) = \text{ht}(p)$.

$$\text{Hence, } \dim A[x]_{\Pi} = d+1$$

(ii) To show the maximal ideal of $A[x]_{\Pi}$ is generated by $d+1$ elements.

Let $\Psi: A[x] \rightarrow A[x]_{\Pi}$ be the canonical mapping

Let $\alpha_1, \alpha'_2, \dots, \alpha'_d, f'$ be the images of $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_d, f$ under Ψ , which are distinct.

Then, by the above result, the extension of $\Pi = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_d, f)A[x]$ in $A[x]_{\Pi}$ is generated by $\alpha'_1, \alpha'_2, \dots, \alpha'_d, f'$.

$\therefore \Pi_s$ is generated by $\alpha'_1, \alpha'_2, \dots, \alpha'_d, f'$, where $s = A[x] - \Pi$

But, we know that if $s = A - P$, then the prime ideals of A which do not

meet S are those contained in P , and that the prime ideals of A are in a 1-1 correspondence with the prime ideals of A that are in p . Indeed if $p' \subset p$ is a prime ideal of A the corresponding prime ideal of A_p is its extension. That will be contained in the extension of P . Therefore, it follows that the extension of P is the only maximal ideal of A_p .

Hence, Π_S is the only maximal ideal of $A[x]_{\Pi}$.

\therefore The maximal ideal of $A[x]_{\Pi}$ is generated by $d+1$ elements.

$$\therefore \text{rank}_k(\Pi_S / \Pi_S^2) = d+1$$

$\therefore A[x]_{\Pi}$ is a regular local ring.

- since Π is an arbitrary maximal ideal of $A[x]$, we get

$A[x]$ is regular

Corollary 5: If A is regular, so is $A[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

Proof: Follows from theorem 11, by induction on n .

Recall: Let $k =$ a field

Let $\Pi =$ any maximal ideal of the polynomial ring
 $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

Then, $\text{ht}(\Pi) = n$ and Π can be generated by n elements.

Corollary 6: (Hilbert syzygy theorem)

Let $A = k[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ be a polynomial ring over a field k .

Then, $\text{gl.dim } A = n$

Proof: Let Π be a maximal ideal of A .

- Since k is a field and hence noetherian, we have A is noetherian.

$\therefore A_{\Pi}$ is a noetherian local ring (as $A =$ commutative)

- Since a k -module is a vector space over k , and hence possesses a basis every k -module is free and hence projective.

\therefore For every k -module M , $\text{proj.dim } M = 0$

$\therefore \text{gl.dim } k = 0 < \infty$.

But, since k is a noetherian local ring (trivially), k must be regular by theorem 10.

$\therefore k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is regular by corollary 6.

$\therefore A_{\Pi} = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]_{\Pi}$ is a regular local ring.

Thus, by theorem 8, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{gl.dim } A_{\Pi} &= \dim A_{\Pi} \\ &= \text{ht}(\Pi) \quad \dots \text{ since } \dim A_p = \text{ht}(p) \text{ for all } p \in \text{spec}(A) \\ &= n \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\text{gl.dim } A_{\Pi} = n$

- Since Π is an arbitrary maximal ideal of A , if we take the supremum over all maximal ideal we get

$$\text{gl.dim } A = n \quad \text{by lemma 26} \quad //$$

5. Regular Local Rings as UFD

In this section we are going to prove that every regular local ring is a unique factorization domain (UFD). To prove this theorem, we shall introduce some auxillary concepts.

Definition 22: Let A be a ring, $0 \neq a \in A$. we say a is irreducible if:

- (1) a is not a unit of A
- (2) whenever $a = xy$, $x, y \in A$, either x or y is a unit of A .

Definition 23: An integral domain A is called a unique factorization domain (UFD) if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (1) If a is non-zero non-unit of A , then a can be written as a finite product of irreducible elements of A .
- (2) If a is non-zero non-unit of A , and if

$$a = \pi_1 \pi_2 \dots \pi_s = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_t$$

are two expressions of a as a product of irreducible elements, then $s = t$ and it is possible to renumber $\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_s$ so that π_i and λ_i are associates ($1 \leq i \leq s$).

Examples: (1) The ring of integers \mathbb{Z} . In \mathbb{Z} , we have, for instance $24 = (2)(2)(3)(2) = (-2)(-3)(2)(2)$. Here 2 and -2 are associates as are 3 and -3.

Thus, except for order and associates, the irreducible factors in these two factorizations of 24 are the same.

(2) The ring of polynomials, $F[x]$, with coefficients in a Field.

Proposition 14: Let A be an integral domain. Then A is a UFD iff every irreducible element is prime and the principal ideals of A satisfy the ascending chain condition (acc).

Proof: Similar to the proof of a principal ideal domain is a UFD.

Lemma 31: A noetherian domain A in which every irreducible element generates a prime ideal is a UFD.

Proof: Since A is noetherian, the principal ideals of A satisfy the acc. Let $\pi =$ an irreducible element of A . Then, (π) is a prime ideal by hypothesis.

But, in an integral domain we know that (π) is a prime ideal iff π is a prime element

$\therefore \pi$ is a prime element of A

Hence, by prop.14, A is a UFD.

Theorem 12: A noetherian integral domain A is a UFD iff every prime ideal of height 1 is principal

Proof: I. Suppose A is a UFD

Let $\mathfrak{p} =$ a prime ideal of height 1 of A .

WTS: \mathfrak{p} is principal

Let $a \in P$, $a \neq 0$. Let $a = \prod p_i$, as a product of prime (irreducible) elements. (This is possible since A is a UFD).

- Since p is a prime ideal, at least one of the p_i belongs to p .

If $p_i \in p$, then $(p_i) \subseteq p$, but (p_i) is a non-zero prime ideal and $\text{ht}(p) = 1$ (by assumption).

$$\therefore p = (p_i)$$

$\therefore p$ is principal

Hence, every prime ideal of height 1 is principal

II. Suppose every prime ideal of height 1 is principal

WTS: A is a UFD

Let π = an irreducible element of A .

Let p = minimal prime over ideal of πA .

Then, $\text{ht}(p) \leq 1$ by Lemma 2.

$$\therefore \text{ht}(p) = 1.$$

Thus, by hypothesis, we have p is principal.

$$\text{Let } p = (a).$$

- Since $\pi A \subseteq p$ and π is irreducible then $\pi = au$, where u is a unit.

$$\therefore \pi \text{ and } a \text{ are associates.}$$

$$\therefore (\pi) = (a) = p$$

$$\therefore \pi \text{ generates a prime ideal}$$

- Since π is arbitrary, we get every irreducible element of A generates a prime ideal.

Hence, by Lemma 31, A is a UFD

Theorem 13:

Let A = a noetherian integral domain,

Let Γ = a set of prime elements of A .

Let S = the multiplicative subset generated by Γ .

Then, A_S is UFD implies A is a UFD.

Proof: Assume $\Gamma \neq \emptyset$, otherwise $s = \{0\}$ and $A_S = A$, and hence the result holds trivially.

Now suppose A_S is a UFD

WTS: A is a UFD

It suffices to show that every prime ideal of height 1 is principal.

Let p be a prime ideal of height 1.

(i) If $p \cap S \neq \emptyset$, then p contains an element $s \in S$. But since $s = \pi_1 \pi_2 \dots \pi_r$ with $\pi_i \in \Gamma$ and p is prime, $\pi_i \in p$ for some i .

$\therefore P$ contains an element π of Γ .

- Since πA is a non-zero prime ideal of A (as π is a prime element of A and A is an ID), $\pi A \subseteq P$ and p is of height 1 we have $p = \pi A$.

Hence, P is principal

(ii) If $p \cap S = \emptyset$, then pA_S is a height 1 prime ideal of A_S .

- Since A_S is a UFD, by theorem 12, we have pA_S is principal.

$\therefore pA_S = aA_S$ for some $a \in P$.

Now, among such a choose the one such that aA is maximal. [maximal in the sense that there is no $a' \in p$ such that $aA \subset a'A$]

Claim: $p = aA$

Clearly, a is not divisible by any $\pi \in \Gamma$. [For if, a is divisible by $\pi \in \Gamma$, then $a = \pi x$ for some $x \in A$, which implies $\pi x \in p$ and hence $x \in p$. But from $a = \pi x$ we get $aA \subset xA$ (not equal since π is not a unit) which is a contradiction to the maximality of aA .]

Let $x \in p$. Then, $\frac{x}{1} \in pA_S$. . . since $1 \in A$, $1 \in S$, $\frac{1}{1} = 1 \in A_S$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{1} \in aA_S \Rightarrow \frac{x}{1} = ak \text{ for some } k \in A_S$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{1} = a \frac{y}{s} \text{ for some } s \in S \text{ and } y \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow sx = ay$$

$$\therefore sx = ay \text{ for some } s \in S \text{ and } y \in A.$$

Let $s = \pi_1 \dots \pi_r$, with $\pi_i \in \Gamma$. Since a is not divisible by any $\pi_i \in \Gamma$, $a \notin \pi_i A$, and hence $y \in \pi_i A$. (because $sx \in \pi_i A$, ie, $\pi_i (\pi_1 \dots \pi_{i-1} \pi_{i+1} \dots \pi_r) x \in \pi_i A$)

Thus, an induction on r shows that $ya \in A$.

$$y = sk \text{ for some } k \in A.$$

$$\therefore sx = ay = ask = sak$$

$$\therefore x = ak \in aA, \text{ since } s \neq 0$$

$$\therefore P \subseteq aA$$

But, since $a \in p$, we get $aA \subseteq p$, and hence $p = aA$.

Hence, p is principal.

In any case, we get p is principal, then by theorem 12.

A is a UFD

Definition 24: A finite free resolution (or FFR for short) of an A -module M is an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow F_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ (of finite length) such that each F_i is a f.g free module, ($0 \leq i \leq n$).

Remark: For any prime ideal p of A , $0 \rightarrow (F_n)_p \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (F_0)_p \rightarrow M_p \rightarrow 0$ is an FFR of the A_p -module M_p . (as A_p is flat over A).

Definition 25: Let $k =$ a field of fractions of the integral domain A . For a f.g A -module M , the dimension of $M \otimes_A k$ as a vector space over k is called the rank of M .

- Remark:**
1. The rank of a module M over an integral domain A is the maximal number of elements of M linearly independent over A , and
 2. The number of elements in any basis of a f.g free A -module F is called the rank of F (over A).

Definition 26: Let $A =$ a ring, M an A -module. we say that M is stably free if there exists f.g free modules F and F' such that $M \oplus F \cong F'$.

Remark: Obviously, a stably free A -module M is a f.g projective A -module and has an FFR, $0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow F' \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$.

Proposition 15: If every f.g module over a noetherian ring A has an FFR, then A is regular.

Proof: Let $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{spec}(A)$.

WTS: $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a regular local ring

Let M = a f.g $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module. Then, M is a f.g A -module.

By hypothesis, M has an FFR, say $0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow F_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$

- Since F_n is free and hence projective A -module, then $(F_n)_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is projective $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module.

$$\therefore \text{proj. dim } M \leq n. \quad (\text{as } A_{\mathfrak{p}}\text{-module})$$

- Since M is arbitrary f.g $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module and $\text{gl. dim}(A_{\mathfrak{p}})$ can be calculated from projective dimensions of f.g modules, we get

$$\text{gl. dim}(A_{\mathfrak{p}}) < \infty$$

$\therefore A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is regular by theorem 10.

Hence, A is regular.

Proposition 16: A f.g projective module having an FFR is stably free.
(Hint: use induction on the length of the FFR).

Recall: 1. The determinant of a square matrix $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$ denoted

$$\text{by det}(A) \text{ is : } \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \dots a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \dots a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} \dots a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (-1)^{\mu(\Pi)} a_{1j_1} a_{2j_2} \dots a_{nj_n}$$

where j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n is a permutation Π of $1, 2, \dots, n$ and the summation extends over all $n!$ permutations Π .

2. The cofactor in $\det(A)$ of an element of A .

Example: Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$, then

$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32}) + a_{12}(a_{23}a_{31} - a_{21}a_{33}) \\ + a_{13}(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31}) \\ = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + a_{13}A_{13}$$

The expressions in parenthesis are cofactors of a_{11}, a_{12} and a_{13} respectively.

3. The cofactor A_{ij} of a_{ij} in the expansion of $\det A$ is $(-1)^{i+j}$ times the determinant of the submatrix obtained by deleting the i^{th} row and the j^{th} column of A .

4. The determinant of the product of two square matrices is the product of their determinant.

5. In (2), we have $\det A = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{1i}A_{1i}$, but for $j \neq 1$, $\sum_{i=1}^3 a_{ji}A_{1i} = 0$

Proof: For $j = 2$, we have:

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 a_{2i}A_{1i} = a_{21}A_{11} + a_{22}A_{12} + a_{23}A_{13} \\ = a_{21}(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32}) + a_{22}(a_{23}a_{31} - a_{21}a_{33}) + a_{23}(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31}) \\ = a_{21}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{21}a_{23}a_{32} + a_{22}a_{23}a_{31} - a_{22}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{23}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{23}a_{22}a_{31} \\ = 0$$

Lemma 32: Let A be an integral domain, and I an ideal of A such that

$I \otimes A^n \cong A^{n+1}$, then I is principal

Proof: Fix the basis e_0, e_1, \dots, e_n of A^{n+1} , and viewing $I \otimes A^n \subseteq A \otimes A^n$, fix f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n such that f_0 is a basis of A and f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n a basis of A^n . Then the map $\Psi: A^{n+1} \rightarrow I \otimes A^n$ given by

$$\Psi(e_i) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} f_j \text{ is an isomorphism.}$$

Let $d =$ the determinant of the matrix (a_{ij})

$$d_i = \text{the } (i,0)^{\text{th}} \text{ cofactor of the matrix } (a_{ij})$$

$$\text{That is, } \Psi(e_0) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_{0j} f_j = a_{01} f_1 + a_{02} f_2 + \dots + a_{0n} f_n$$

$$\Psi(e_1) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_{1j} f_j = a_{10} f_0 + a_{11} f_1 + a_{12} f_2 + \dots + a_{1n} f_n$$

...

$$\Psi(e_n) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_{nj} f_j = a_{n0} f_0 + a_{n1} f_1 + a_{n2} f_2 + \dots + a_{nn} f_n, \text{ and /}$$

$$(a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & \dots & a_{0n} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n0} & a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } d = \det (a_{ij}) = a_{00} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} - a_{10} \begin{vmatrix} a_{01} & a_{02} & \dots & a_{0n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ \dots + a_{n0} \begin{vmatrix} a_{01} & a_{02} & \dots & a_{0n} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n-11} & a_{n-12} & \dots & a_{n-1n} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a_{00} d_0 + a_{10} d_1 + \dots + a_{n0} d_n.$$

- Since Ψ is injective, $d \neq 0$ (otherwise if $d = 0$, then the matrix will not be invertible, so Ψ can not have an inverse and hence can not be injective.)

$$\therefore d = \sum_{i=0}^n d_i e_i \text{ and for } j \neq 0 \text{ we have } \sum_{i=0}^n a_{ij} d_i = 0 \text{ (by \# 5 above).}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now set } e'_0 &= \sum_{i=0}^n d_i e_i. \text{ Then } \Psi(e'_0) = \Psi\left(\sum_{i=0}^n d_i e_i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^n d_i \Psi(e_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n d_i \cdot \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} f_j \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^n d_i a_{i0} f_0}_{= d} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^n d_i a_{i1} f_1}_{= 0} + \dots + \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^n d_i a_{in} f_n}_{= 0} \\ &= d f_0. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, since the image of Ψ includes f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n , there exist e'_1, \dots, e'_n in A^{n+1} such that $\Psi(e'_j) = f_j$.

Now, define a matrix (c_{jk}) by $e'_j = \sum_{k=0}^n c_{jk} e_k$, for $j = 0, \dots, n$.

$$\text{ie, } e'_0 = c_{00} e_0 + c_{01} e_1 + \dots + c_{0n} e_n$$

$$e'_1 = c_{10} e_0 + c_{11} e_1 + \dots + c_{1n} e_n$$

$$\vdots$$

$$e'_n = c_{n0} e_0 + c_{n1} e_1 + \dots + c_{nn} e_n$$

$$\text{Thus, } (c_{jk}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_{00} & c_{01} & c_{02} & \dots & c_{0n} \\ c_{10} & c_{11} & c_{12} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n0} & c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_0 & d_1 & d_2 & \dots & d_n \\ c_{10} & c_{11} & c_{12} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n0} & c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c_{jk})(a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} d_0 & d_1 & d_2 & \dots & d_n \\ c_{10} & c_{11} & c_{12} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n0} & c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & \dots & a_{0n} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n0} & a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \sum a_{i0} d_i & \sum a_{i1} d_i & \dots & \sum a_{in} d_i \\ \sum c_{1i} a_{i0} & \sum c_{1i} a_{i1} & \dots & \sum c_{1i} a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum c_{ni} a_{i0} & \sum c_{ni} a_{i1} & \dots & \sum c_{ni} a_{in} \end{pmatrix}$$

Observe: 1. $\sum_{i=0}^n c_{ji} a_{ik} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } j = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

2. $d = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i0} d_i$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} d_i = 0$ for $j \neq 0$. (This is by # 5 above)

$$\therefore (c_{jk})(a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} d & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, by comparing the determinants and applying number 4 above, we get $\det (c_{jk}) = 1$

- Since $\det (c_{jk}) = 1 \neq 0$, c is invertible and hence each e_i can be expressed as a linear combination e'_i .

$$\therefore e'_0, e'_1, \dots, e'_n \text{ is another basis of } A^{n+1}.$$

Thus, $If_0 = \Psi(Ae'_0) = dAf_0$, which implies $I = dA$.

Hence, I is principal

Remark: Lemma 32 can be formulated as saying that for an integral domain A , a stably free rank 1 module is free.

Recall: Let A : a ring,

Let $M =$ an A -module

1. we say that M is of finite presentation if there exists an exact sequence of the form.

$$A^m \longrightarrow A^n \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0.$$

2. If (A, m) is a local ring, then a projective module over A is free.

3. Let $A \neq 0$. An A -module is said to be free of rank n if it is isomorphic to A^n

Theorem 14: Let A be a ring and M be an A -module of finite presentation. Then M is projective A -module iff M_m is a free A_m -module for all maximal ideal m of A .

Proof: (\Rightarrow) If M is projective, it is a direct summand of a free-module, and this property is preserved by localization. So that M_m is projective over A_m . By #2 above, since A_m is local we get M_m is free.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose M_m is free A_m -module

Let $N_1 \rightarrow N_2 \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of modules

Let $C =$ the cokernel of $\text{Hom}_A(M, N_1) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, N_2)$.

Thus for any maximal ideal m of A we have

$$C_m = \text{coker} \{ \text{Hom}_{A_m}(M_m, (N_1)_m) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{A_m}(M_m, (N_2)_m) \} = 0, \text{ since}$$

M_m is free and hence projective A_m -module.

$$\Rightarrow C_m = 0, \text{ for all maximal ideal } m.$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 0, \text{ because a module which is locally null at every maximal ideal is necessarily null.}$$

$$\therefore \text{Hom}_A(M, N_1) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, N_2) \text{ is exact.}$$

Hence, M is a projective A -module.

Theorem 15: (Auslander and Buchsbaum [3]).

Every regular local ring is a unique factorization domain.

Proof: Let (A, m) be a regular local ring.

we use induction on $\dim A$.

- If $\dim A = 0$, then A is a field (by theorem 2) and hence a UFD.
- If $\dim A = 1$, then A is a PID (by corollary 1) and hence a UFD.

Assume $\dim A > 1$

- Since $\dim A > 1$, then $\text{rank}_K(m/m^2) > 1$ and $m \neq m^2$

Let $x \in m - m^2$. Then xA is a prime ideal and hence x is a prime element of A .

Now apply theorem 13 on $\Gamma = \{x\}$, and $s = \{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$.

Here it suffices to show that A_S is a UFD.

Let P be a prime ideal of height 1 of A_S .

WTS: P is principal

put $\mathbb{P} = p \cap A$. Then $p = \mathbb{P}A_S$.

consider \mathbb{P} as A -module, since A is noetherian, \mathbb{P} is f.g. Thus, by lemma 29, \mathbb{P} has a minimal resolution with each f.g and free. But since A is regular the length of the resolution must be finite, otherwise we get $\text{gl.dim } A = \infty$, which is a contradiction to A is regular.

$\therefore \mathbb{P}$ has an FFR

By the remark below definition 24, the A_S -module p has an FFR, say $0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow F_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow p \rightarrow 0$.

Now for any prime ideal Q of A_S , the ring $(A_S)_Q = A_{Q \cap A}$ is a regular local ring of dimension less than that of A because

$$\dim(A_{Q \cap A}) = \text{ht}(Q \cap A) < \dim A.$$

Hence, by the induction assumption, $A_{Q \cap A}$ is a UFD.

Now since p is a prime ideal of height 1, p_Q is also a prime ideal of height 1 of $A_{Q \cap A}$.

$\therefore p_Q$ is principal by theorem 12.

$\therefore p_Q$ is a free $A_{Q \cap A}$ -module, and this is true for every maximal ideal of A_S .

Thus, by theorem 14, the A_S -module p is projective, since it is of finite presentation (ie $F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow p \rightarrow 0$ where $F_1 \cong A^n$ and $F_0 \cong A^m$ for n and m ranks of F_1 and F_0 respectively).

- Since A_S is noetherian, p is f.g. So we have p is a f.g projective module having an FFR.

\therefore By , prop 16, p is stably free.

$\therefore p$ is stably free and has rank 1.

Thus, by Lemma 32, we have

p is a principal ideal of A_S .

$\therefore A_S$ is a UFD by theorem 12.

Hence, by theorem 13, A is a UFD.

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