

Lecture 5, III

Lemma<sup>3.23</sup>: Consider ring extensions  $R \subset S \subset T$ . If  $R \subset S$  and  $S \subset T$  are integral, so is  $R \subset T$ . ①

Proof: Let  $t \in T$ . Then there is  $f = X^n + s_{n-1}X^{n-1} + \dots + s_1X + s_0 \in S[X]$  with  $f(t) = 0$ . Let  $S' := R[s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}] \subset S$ . Since  $R \subset S$  is integral, each  $s_i$  is integral over  $R \rightsquigarrow S'$  is a fin.  $R$ -module by Cor 3.20.

Since  $t$  integral over  $S'$  ( $s_i \in S'$ )  $\Rightarrow S'[t]$  is a fin.  $S'$ -module by Cor 3.20  $\Rightarrow S'[t]$  is a fin.  $R$ -module ( $S'$  is  $R$ -module)

$\Rightarrow t$  integral over  $R$  by Thm 3.14. □

3.4 Ring of integers is integrally closed

Def<sup>3.24</sup>:  $R \subset S$  a ring extension. Say that  $R$  is integrally closed in  $S$  if  $R^{\text{int}, S} = R$ , i.e. if  $\alpha \in S$  integral over  $R \Rightarrow \alpha \in R$ .

Lemma<sup>3.25</sup>: The integral closure of  $R$  in  $S$  is integrally closed in  $S$ .

Proof:

Note:  $R' := R^{\text{int}, S}$  is contained in  $S$  and  $R \subset R'$  is integral.

So, if  $\alpha \in S$  integral over  $R' \Rightarrow$  integral over  $R$  by Lemma 3.23.

$\rightarrow \alpha \in R'$ .

$\rightarrow R'$  integrally closed. □

Ex<sup>3.26</sup>:

a)  $\mathbb{Z}$  is integrally closed in  $\mathbb{Q}$

b)  $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \mathbb{Z}^{\text{int}, \mathbb{Q}(i)}$  is integrally closed in  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ .

c)  $\mathcal{O}_L = \mathbb{Z}^{\text{int}, L}$  ring of integers in a number field  $L$  is integrally closed in  $L$ .

Def<sup>3.27</sup>: Let  $R$  be an integral domain. The field of fractions (or quotient field) of  $R$  is

$$Q(R) := \left\{ \frac{r}{r'} \mid r, r' \in R, r' \neq 0 \right\} \text{ with the obvious addition- and multiplication}$$

$$(\text{Formally: } Q(R) = \{(r_1, r'_1) \mid r_1, r'_1 \in R, r'_1 \neq 0\} / \sim \text{ with } (r_1, r'_1) \sim (r_2, r'_2) \text{ iff } r_1 r'_2 = r_2 r'_1)$$

Ex<sup>3.28</sup>:

a)  $Q(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Q}$

b)  $Q(\mathbb{Z}[i]) = Q(i) : (a+bi)^{-1} = \frac{1}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{1}{a^2+b^2} \cdot i \in Q(i)$

c)  $Q(K[X]) = \left\{ \frac{f}{g} \mid f, g \in K[X], g \neq 0 \right\} : \text{rational function field}$

Remark<sup>3.29</sup>: The map  $R \rightarrow Q(R), r \mapsto \frac{r}{1}$ , is injective.

$Q(R)$  is the smallest field containing  $R$ .

Def<sup>3.30</sup>:  $R$  an integral domain,  $K := Q(R)$ .

The integral closure (or normalization) of  $R$  is  $R^{\text{int}, K}$ .

$R$  is integrally closed (or normal) if  $R^{\text{int}, K} = R$ .

Lemma<sup>3.31</sup>: Let  $R$  be an integral domain and  $L$  an algebraic extension of  $K := Q(R)$ . Let  $S := R^{\text{int}, L}$ . Then

a) For every  $\alpha \in L$  there is  $d \in R \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $d\alpha \in S$ .

b)  $Q(S) = L$ .

c)  $S$  is integrally closed.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R^{\text{int}, L} = S & \hookrightarrow & L = Q(S) \\
 \uparrow \text{integral} & & \uparrow \text{algebraic} \\
 R & \hookrightarrow & K = Q(R)
 \end{array}$$

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Proof: Since  $U \subseteq L$  algebra, there is

$$f := X^n + a_1 X^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} X + a_n \in U[X]$$

with  $f(\alpha) = 0$ , c.c.

$$\alpha^n + a_1 \alpha^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} \alpha + a_n = 0$$

Since  $U = \mathbb{Q}(R)$ , there is  $d \in R$  such that  $da_i \in R \forall i$  (common denominator).

Multiply above by  $d^n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d^n \alpha^n + d^n a_1 \alpha^{n-1} + \dots + d^n a_{n-1} \alpha + d^n a_n \\ &= (d\alpha)^n + a_1 d (d\alpha)^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} d^{n-1} (d\alpha) + a_n d^n \end{aligned}$$

$\leadsto d\alpha$  integral over  $R \leadsto d\alpha \in S$ .

Clearly  $\mathbb{Q}(S) \subseteq L$ . Above shows  $L \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(S)$ , so  $L = \mathbb{Q}(S)$ .

By Lemma 3.25,  $S = R^{int, L}$  is integrally closed in  $L$ . Since  $L = \mathbb{Q}(S)$ ,  $S$  is integrally closed.  $\square$

Cor: <sup>3.32</sup> Rings of integers are integrally closed.  $\square$

### 3.5 Integrality of minimal polynomial, norm, trace

Let  $R$  be an integrally closed domain,  $K = \mathbb{Q}(R)$ ,  $L \supseteq K$  a finite extension.

Lemma: <sup>3.33</sup>  $\alpha \in L$  is integral over  $R$  iff  $p_{\alpha, K}$  has coefficients in  $R$ .

Proof: If  $p_\alpha$  has coefficients in  $R$ , then  $\alpha$  is integral.

Conversely, let  $\alpha$  be integral. Then

$$\alpha^n + r_1 \alpha^{n-1} + \dots + r_{n-1} \alpha + r_n = 0, \text{ for some } r_i \in R.$$

Let  $\alpha'$  be another root of  $p_\alpha$  (in some splitting field).

Then  $K[\alpha]$  and  $K[\alpha']$  are both stem fields of  $p_\alpha$

$$\leadsto \exists \sigma: K[\alpha] \xrightarrow{\cong} K[\alpha'] \text{ with } \sigma(\alpha) = \alpha'$$

Applied to equation above:  $(\alpha')^n + r_1 (\alpha')^{n-1} + \dots + r_{n-1} (\alpha') + r_n = 0$

$\Rightarrow \alpha$  integral over  $R$ .

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As integral elements form a ring by Cor 3.21  $\sim$  all coefficients of  $p_\alpha$  are integral over  $R$ .

Coeffs of  $p_\alpha$  are in  $K$ , they are integral over  $R \Rightarrow$  coeffs in  $R$  since  $R$  integrally closed.  $\sim p_\alpha \in R[X]$   $\square$

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Cor: Suppose  $K \subseteq L$  separable. If  $\alpha \in L$  integral over  $R$  then:

a)  $\chi_\alpha$  has coefficients in  $R$

b)  $\alpha$  integral over  $R$  then  $N_{L/K}(\alpha), Tr_{L/K}(\alpha) \in R$ .

Proof:  $\chi_\alpha = p_\alpha^d$  by Prop 2.31  $\Rightarrow \chi_\alpha \in R[X]$  by Lemma 3.33

$N_{L/K}(\alpha)$  and  $Tr_{L/K}(\alpha)$  are coefficients of  $\chi_\alpha$  by Lemma 2.26

$\Rightarrow$  both  $\in R$ .

$\square$

### 3.6 Ring of integers is finitely generated

Let  $R$  be a ring

Def<sup>3.35</sup>: An  $R$ -module  $V$  is noetherian if every submodule of  $V$  is finitely generated.

Prop<sup>3.36</sup>: The following are equivalent:

a)  $V$  is noetherian

b) Every ascending chain of submodules of  $V$  eventually becomes stationary:

$$0 = V_0 \subseteq V_1 \subseteq V_2 \subseteq \dots \sim V_i = V_{i+1} \quad \forall i \geq N$$

c) Every non-empty set of submodules of  $M$  has a maximal element

Proof:

a  $\Rightarrow$  b: Let  $V' := \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} V_i$ , a submodule of  $V$ .

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By assumption,  $V$  is finitely generated, so  $V' = R \cdot \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$

$\leadsto$  There is  $N$  such that  $v_j \in V_N \forall j$

$\leadsto V_i = V_{i+1} \forall i \geq N$ .

b  $\Rightarrow$  c: Let  $S \neq \emptyset$  be a set of submodules.

Choose  $V_1 \in S$ . If  $V_1$  not maximal in  $S$ , there is  $V_2 \in S$ ,  $V_1 \subsetneq V_2$ .

If  $V_2$  not maximal  $\dots \leadsto$  ascending chain

$\leadsto$  becomes stationary, say at  $V_N$

$\leadsto V_N$  is a maximal element.

c  $\Rightarrow$  a: Let  $U \subseteq V$  be a submodule. Need to show:  $U$  is f.g.

Let  $S :=$  set of all finitely generated submodules of  $U$ .

$S \neq \emptyset$  since  $0 \in S$

$\leadsto S$  contains a maximal element  $U'$ .

$U' = R \cdot \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . If  $U' \neq U \leadsto \exists v \in U \setminus U'$

$\leadsto \{v_1, \dots, v_n, v\} \in S \not\subseteq U'$  to  $U'$  maximal

$\Rightarrow U' = U$

$\Rightarrow U$  f.g.  $\square$

<sup>3.37</sup>  
Lemma If  $U$  is a submodule of  $V$ , then:

a) the abelian group  $V/U$  is naturally an  $R$ -module with  $r \cdot \bar{v} := \overline{r \cdot v}$ .

b)  $\{\text{submodules of } V \text{ containing } U\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{\text{submodules of } V/U\}$ .

Proof: Straightforward.  $\square$

<sup>3.38</sup>  
Lemma:  $U$  a submodule of  $V$ . Then  $V$  noetherian iff both  $U$  and  $V/U$  noetherian.

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  clear.

⇐: Claim:  $V' \subseteq V''$  submodules of  $V$  with  $V'+U/U = V''+U/U$  and  $V' \cap U = V'' \cap U$  (6)  
Then  $V' = V''$ .

Let  $v'' \in V''$ . Then there is  $v' \in V'$  s.t.  $v'+U = v''+U \Rightarrow v'-v'' \in U$   
 $\Rightarrow v'-v'' \in V'' \cap U = V' \cap U \subseteq V'$   
 $\Rightarrow v'' \in V'$ .

Now, suppose there is an ascending chain of submodules of  $V$ . The image of this chain in  $V/U$  becomes stationary since  $V/U$  noetherian. The intersection of the chain with  $U$  becomes stationary since  $U$  noetherian  $\Rightarrow$  The chain itself becomes stationary by claim.  $\square$

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Def: A morphism  $f: V \rightarrow W$  of  $R$ -modules  $V, W$  is a map such that  
 $f(v+v') = f(v) + f(v')$   
 $f(rv) = r f(v)$ .

Lemma: <sup>3.40</sup> Kernel, image, isomorphism theorem as for vector spaces.  $\square$

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Def:  $R$  is called noetherian if noetherian as  $R$ -module, i.e. every ideal is f.g.

Prop: <sup>3.42</sup> If  $R$  is noetherian then every f.g.  $R$ -module is noetherian.

Proof: By induction on the minimum number of generators for  $V$ .

If  $n=1 \rightsquigarrow V = R \cdot \{v\} \rightarrow f: R \rightarrow V, 1 \mapsto v$ , is surjective

$\Rightarrow R/I \cong V$  as  $R$ -modules,  $I = \text{Ker } f$

Since  $R$  noetherian, so is  $R/I$ , hence  $V$ .

If  $n > 1$ :  $V = R \cdot \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . Then  $U := R \cdot \{v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  noetherian by induction.

Also  $V/U$ , noetherian since generated by one element,  $v_n$ .

Lemma  
 $\Rightarrow V$  noetherian.  $\square$

Ex: <sup>3.43</sup>

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a) Every principal ideal domain is noetherian  
→  $K, K[X], \mathbb{Z}, \dots$

b)  $K[X_1, X_2, \dots]$  infinitely many vars is not noetherian,  
has the submodule  $I = (X_1, X_2, \dots)$  which is not f.g.

Prop <sup>3.44</sup>: If  $R$  is noetherian, it has a maximal ideal.  $\square$

Remark <sup>3.45</sup>: Also holds if  $R$  not noetherian! (Zorn's Lemma)

Without proof (but possible with your knowledge):

Thm <sup>3.46</sup> (Hilbert Basis Theorem): If  $R$  is noetherian, then every f.g.  $R$ -algebra is noetherian.  $\square$

Now, back to business:

Thm <sup>3.47</sup>: Let  $R$  be integrally closed and noetherian,  $K := \mathbb{Q}(R)$ .

Let  $L$  be a finite separable extension of  $K$ .

Then  $S := R^{\text{int}, L}$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module and a noetherian ring.

Proof: Let  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be a  $K$ -basis of  $L$ . By Lemma 3.31 there is  $d \in R \setminus \{0\}$  s.t.  $d\alpha_i \in S \forall i$ . Then  $\{d\alpha_1, \dots, d\alpha_n\}$  is still a  $K$ -basis of  $L$ .

Can thus assume  $\alpha_i \in S \forall i$ .

The trace form on  $K \otimes L$  is non-degenerate by Corollary 2.43

⇒ The  $K$ -basis  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  of  $L$  has a dual basis  $\{\alpha'_1, \dots, \alpha'_n\}$ ,

i.e.  $\text{Tr}_{L/K}(\alpha_i \alpha'_j) = \delta_{ij}$ .

Let  $\alpha \in S$ . Then  $\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \alpha'_j$  with  $\beta_j \in K$ .

Since  $\alpha_i, \alpha \in S \rightsquigarrow \alpha \alpha_i \in S$ .

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$\rightsquigarrow \text{Tr}_{L/K}(\alpha \alpha_i) \in R$  by Cor 3.34.

$$\text{Hence } R \ni \text{Tr}_{L/K}(\alpha \alpha_i) = \text{Tr}_{L/K}\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \alpha_j' \alpha_i\right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \delta_{ij} = \beta_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \in R \cdot \{\alpha_1', \dots, \alpha_n'\}$$

$\Rightarrow S \subseteq R \cdot \{\alpha_1', \dots, \alpha_n'\} \rightsquigarrow S$  submodule of a f.g.  $R$ -module

$\rightsquigarrow S$  f.g.  $R$ -module since  $R$  noetherian.

By Hilbert's Basis Theorem:  $S$  is noetherian.  $\square$

<sup>3.48</sup>  
Corollary: Every ring of integers  $O_L$  is a finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module and a noetherian ring.  $\square$

### 3.7 Ring of integers is free

Note:  $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}i$ , every element of the form  $a+bi$  with unique  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

<sup>3.49</sup>  
Def: Let  $V$  be an  $R$ -module. A subset  $\{v_i\}_{i \in I} \subset V$  is linearly independent if whenever

$$\sum_{i \in I} r_i v_i = 0 \Rightarrow r_i = 0 \ \forall i$$

A basis of  $V$  is a linearly independent generating set.

$V$  is called free if it has a basis

Note:  $V$  free  $\Rightarrow$  every  $v \in V$  is of the form  $\sum_{i \in I} r_i v_i$  with unique  $r_i \in R$ .

Ex: 3.50

a)  $R$  itself is a free  $R$ -module.

$$\text{So is } R^{(I)} := \bigoplus_{i \in I} R = \left\{ (r_i)_{i \in I} \mid \begin{array}{l} r_i \in R \\ \text{all but} \\ \text{finitely many} \\ r_i = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

In fact:

$$V \text{ free} \Leftrightarrow V \cong R^{(I)} \text{ for some } I.$$

b) Every  $K$ -vector space is a free  $K$ -module.