

Lecture 7, 18.11

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<sup>3.68</sup>  
Thm:  $R$  a principal ideal domain,  $L$  a finite separable extension of  $K := Q(R)$ ,  
 $S := R_{int}[L]$ . Then every finitely generated  $S$ -submodule  $V \neq 0$  of  $L$  is free  
as an  $R$ -module and  $\dim_R V = \dim_K L$ .  
This applies in particular to  $S$  and any ideal of  $S$ .

Proof:

$R$  a PID  $\Rightarrow R$  integrally closed by Exercise 3.2 ( $R$  factorial)

Can thus apply Thm 3.47  $\leadsto S$  is a f.g.  $R$ -module.

$\leadsto V$  a f.g.  $R$ -module

$\leadsto V$  a free  $R$ -module by Thm 3.66 since  $V \subseteq L$  and  $L$  torsion-free  $R$ -module.

Remains to prove claim about dimension.

Let  $V = R \cdot \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n\}$ . Since  $V \subseteq L$  and  $Q(S) = L$ , there is

$$s \in S \setminus \{0\} \text{ s.t. } s\beta_i \in S \forall i \Rightarrow sV \subseteq S$$

In the proof of Thm 3.47 we have seen that there is a  $K$ -basis

$\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  of  $L$  with  $\alpha_i \in S$  such that

$$R \cdot \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\} \subseteq S \subseteq R \cdot \{\alpha'_1, \dots, \alpha'_n\}$$

$\swarrow$  dual basis

$$\Rightarrow sV \subseteq S \subseteq R \cdot \{\alpha'_1, \dots, \alpha'_n\}$$

$sV$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module, it is torsion-free (since a submodule of  $L$ )  $\Rightarrow sV$  is a free  $R$ -module.

Since  $sV \subseteq V$ , same for  $V$ .

By above  $\dim_R V = \dim_R sV \leq n = \dim_K L$

Recall,  $V = R \cdot \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n\}$ .

Let  $j$  such that  $\beta_j \neq 0$ . Since  $V$  is an  $S$ -module,  $\alpha_i \in S$  and  $\beta_j \in V$  ②

$$\Rightarrow \beta_j \alpha_i \in V \quad \forall i \Rightarrow$$

Since the  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  linearly independent over  $R$

and  $\beta_j \neq 0$ , so is  $\{\beta_j \alpha_1, \dots, \beta_j \alpha_n\}$

$$\Rightarrow n \leq \dim_R V$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim_R V = n = \dim_K L \quad \square$$

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Cor:  $L$  a number field. Then  $G_L$ , and any ideal in  $G_L$ , is a free

$\mathbb{Z}$ -module of dimension =  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} L$ .  $\square$

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Def: A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $G_L$  is called an integral basis.

Goal: Find such a basis!

Need some tools to work with free modules and bases.

Let  $V$  be a f.g. free  $R$ -module ( $R$  a PID). Fix a basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  of  $V$ .

If  $U \subseteq V$  is a submodule  $\rightarrow U$  free. Choose a basis  $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ .

Can represent  $U$  by the matrix  $A \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(R)$  of the embedding  $U \hookrightarrow V$  in the bases.

Depends on choice of basis of  $U$  of course.

But: can transform  $A$  to a canonical form!  $\rightarrow$  allows us, e.g., for  $U, U' \subseteq V$  to test for equality  $U=U'$ , inclusion  $U \subseteq U'$ , compute  $U+U'$ , etc.

#### 4. Hermite and Smith normal form

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Let  $R$  be a PID. Let us fix:

- $P$ , a complete set of non-associates of  $R$ , i.e. a set of representatives of  $r \sim r' \Leftrightarrow r = ur'$  for some unit  $u \in R$ .
- $P(r)$  for each  $r \in R$ , a complete set of residues modulo  $r \in R$ , i.e. a set of representatives of  $R/(r)$

<sup>4.1</sup> Ex: In  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  we always choose  $P = \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $P(r) = \{0, 1, \dots, |r|-1\}$ .

If  $R = K$  is a field, choose  $P = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $P(r) = \{0\} \forall r$

<sup>4.2</sup> Def:  $A = (a_{ij}) \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(R)$  is in Hermite normal form (HNF) if  $A = 0$ , or if  $A \neq 0$  and there is  $r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq m$ , such that

1.  $\text{row}_i(A) \neq 0 \forall 1 \leq i \leq r$ ,  $\text{row}_i(A) = 0 \forall i \geq r+1$
2. there is a sequence  $1 \leq n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_r \leq n$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$ ,
  - a)  $a_{ij} = 0 \forall j < n_i$
  - b)  $a_{in_i} \in P \setminus \{0\}$
  - c)  $a_{jn_i} \in P(a_{in_i})$

So,  $A$  looks like

$$\Gamma \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix}
 0 & \dots & 0 & \begin{matrix} n_1 \\ \downarrow \\ a_{1n_1} \end{matrix} & * & \dots & * & \begin{matrix} n_2 \\ \downarrow \\ a_{1n_2} \end{matrix} & * & \dots & * & \begin{matrix} n_3 \\ \downarrow \\ a_{1n_3} \end{matrix} & + & \dots & * & \begin{matrix} n_r \\ \downarrow \\ a_{1n_r} \end{matrix} & * & \dots & * \\
 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \begin{matrix} n_2 \\ \downarrow \\ a_{2n_2} \end{matrix} & * & \dots & * & \begin{matrix} n_3 \\ \downarrow \\ a_{2n_3} \end{matrix} & * & \dots & * & \begin{matrix} n_r \\ \downarrow \\ a_{2n_r} \end{matrix} & * & \dots & * \\
 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \begin{matrix} n_3 \\ \downarrow \\ a_{3n_3} \end{matrix} & * & \dots & * & \begin{matrix} n_r \\ \downarrow \\ a_{3n_r} \end{matrix} & * & \dots & * \\
 \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\
 0 & & 0 & 0 & \dots & & 0 & \dots & & 0 & \dots & & & \dots & \begin{matrix} n_r \\ \downarrow \\ a_{rn_r} \end{matrix} & * & \dots & * \\
 0 & & 0 & 0 & \dots & & 0 & \dots & & 0 & \dots & & & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\
 \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots & & & \vdots & & & & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\
 0 & & 0 & 0 & \dots & & 0 & \dots & & 0 & \dots & & & & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0
 \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex: <sup>4.3</sup>  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 21 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 27 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 56 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Mat}_3(\mathbb{Z})$  is in HNF

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Remark: <sup>4.4</sup> If  $R=K$  is a field the HNF is the reduced row echelon form.

Thm: <sup>4.5</sup> For any  $A \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(R)$  there is  $U \in \text{GL}_m(R)$  such that  $U \cdot A$  is in HNF. The HNF of  $A$  is uniquely determined.

We illustrate how to get the HNF in an example. It will be clear that this works generally  $\Rightarrow$  proves existence of HNF. We skip the proof of uniqueness (but it's elementary).

Ex: <sup>4.6</sup>

is non-zero; otherwise exchange rows first

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 9 & 5 \\ 6 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 8 & 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

want to make this zero

Let  $g = \gcd(b, p)$  and write  $g = xp + yb$

Consider

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ \frac{b}{g} & -\frac{p}{g} \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \det U = -\left(x \frac{p}{g} + y \frac{b}{g}\right) = -1$$

$$\rightsquigarrow U \in \text{GL}(R)$$

Apply this to  $A$ , i.e. replace

$$\text{row}_1(A) \rightsquigarrow x \text{row}_1(A) + y \text{row}_2(A)$$

$$\text{row}_2(A) \rightsquigarrow \frac{b}{g} \text{row}_1(A) - \frac{p}{g} \text{row}_2(A)$$

This will kill  $b$ !

In the example:  $\gcd(4, 6) = 2 = -1 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 6 \rightsquigarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -5 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 19 & 9 \\ 8 & 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gcd(2, 8) = 2 = 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 8$$

$$\rightsquigarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -5 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 19 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & -21 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gcd(19, -21) = 1 = 10 \cdot 19 + 9 \cdot (-21)$$

$$\sim U = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 9 \\ -21 & -19 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -5 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 27 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -56 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, condition 2a holds. But 2b not *need this entry to lie in  $\mathbb{P}(1) = \{0\}$*

Can do this with

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 133 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 27 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -56 \end{pmatrix}$$

*this needs to be in  $\mathbb{P}(-56) = \{0, \dots, 55\}$*

Can do this with

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 21 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 27 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -56 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, 2b holds as well. Remains 2c *this needs to be in  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{Z}_{56}$*

Can do this with

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 21 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 27 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 56 \end{pmatrix}}}$$

This is the HNF of  $A$ !

Remark<sup>4.7</sup>: Coefficients during the computation can get extremely large.

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There is an example of a  $20 \times 20$  integer matrix with entries in  $\{0, \dots, 10\}$  such that in computation of the HNF integers with up to 1,500 digits arise.

There is a modular version of the algorithm which avoids such problems.

Can similarly define HNF using lower triangular matrices, get this by column operations A.U.

Combining the two, we can produce:

Thm<sup>4.8</sup>:  $A = (a_{ij}) \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(R)$ . Then there are  $U \in \text{GL}_m(R)$ ,  $V \in \text{GL}_n(R)$  such

that

$$UAV = \begin{pmatrix} D_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $D_r = \text{diag}(s_1, \dots, s_r)$  with  $s_i \neq 0 \forall i$  and  $s_i \mid s_{i+1} \forall i$ . The  $s_i$  are uniquely determined and are called the elementary divisors. The matrix  $UAV$  is called the Smith normal form of  $A$ .

Again, we illustrate this by an example.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 9 & 5 \\ 6 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 8 & 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{HNF}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 21 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 27 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 56 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gcd(1, 27) = 1 = 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 27$$

Apply  $V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 27 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  as column operations:

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 21 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 56 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gcd(1, 21) = 1 = 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 21$$

~ apply  $V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -21 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 56 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gcd(2, 1) = 1 = 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1$$

~ apply  $V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 56 \end{pmatrix}$

Now, change columns

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$$\leadsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 56 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{The Smith normal form of } A \\ \text{Elementary divisors of } A. \end{array}$$

Can prove fantastic theorems with this!

Thm:<sup>4.9</sup> Let  $V$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module.

Then

$$V \cong R^m \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^k R/(p_i^{m_i})$$

for uniquely determined  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , prime elements  $p_i$  and uniquely determined  $m_i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Proof:

Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be generators of  $V$ . Let  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  be the standard basis vectors of  $R^n$ . Then  $\phi: R^n \rightarrow V$ ,  $e_i \mapsto v_i$  is a surjective morphism.

$$\leadsto V \cong R^n / \text{Ker } \phi$$

$\text{Ker } \phi$  is a submodule of a free module, thus free by Thm 3.66 (RFD)

Let  $\{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$  be a basis of  $\text{Ker } \phi$ . Let  $A$  be the matrix of  $\text{Ker } \phi \hookrightarrow R^n$  in the bases. By Thm 4.8, we can change bases so that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} D_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Smith normal form}$$

Let  $D_r = (s_1, \dots, s_r)$ . Then it is immediately clear:

$$\begin{aligned} V \cong R^n / \text{Ker } \phi &\cong R^n / \text{Im } A = \bigoplus_{j=1}^r R/(s_j) \oplus \bigoplus_{j=r+1}^n R/(0) \\ &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^r R/(s_j) \oplus R^m, \quad m = n - r \end{aligned}$$

Now, write  $s_j = p_{j1}^{r_{j1}} \dots p_{jk}^{r_{jk}}$  with pairwise distinct primes  $p_{lk}$

Chinese remainder theorem

$$R/(s_j) \cong \bigoplus_{k=1}^{n_j} R/(p_{jk}^{r_{jk}})$$

Now sum all these decompositions. Done.  $\square$

4.10 Cor: Classification of finitely generated abelian groups ( $R = \mathbb{Z}$ ).  $\square$

Another really useful fact:

4.11 Cor: Let  $V$  be a f.g. free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module and  $U \subseteq V$  a submodule of the same rank. Then  $V/U$  is finite and

$$[V:U] := |V/U| = |\det(A)|, \text{ where } A \text{ is the matrix of } U \hookrightarrow V \text{ in some bases of } U \text{ and } V$$

Proof:

By Smith normal form there are  $U, V$  st.  $UAV = \begin{pmatrix} D_r \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , Smith normal form,  $D_r = \text{diag}(s_1, \dots, s_r)$ .

Then

$$V/U \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{Z}/(s_i) \Rightarrow |V/U| = \prod_{i=1}^r s_i.$$

Also, since  $U, V \in GL(\mathbb{Z}) \rightsquigarrow \det(U), \det(V) = \pm 1$ , so

$$|\det(A)| = |\det(U) \det(A) \det(V)| = \prod_{i=1}^r s_i. \quad \square$$