

# Commutative Algebra

## Exercise Sheet 13

**Due date:** 9 February 2021, 9:00 am.

Exercises 1 and 2 are “leftovers”; you can find them in sections 6.1 and 7.3 of the lecture notes.

**Exercise 1.** A subset  $Y$  of a topological space  $X$  is called **very dense** if the map  $U \mapsto U \cap Y$  is a bijection between the open subsets of  $X$  and the open subsets of  $Y$ .<sup>(1)</sup>

- (a) Show that a subset  $Y$  of a topological space  $X$  is very dense if and only if  $\overline{Z \cap Y} = Z$  for any closed  $Z \subseteq X$ .
- (b) Show that a ring  $A$  is Jacobson if and only if the subset  $\text{Max}(A)$  is very dense in  $\text{Spec}(A)$ .

*Hint:* Use (a) (obviously) and the properties of  $V$  and  $I$ .

**Exercise 2.** A topological space  $X$  is called **noetherian** if the partially ordered set of open subsets of  $X$  is noetherian. This is obviously equivalent to the partially ordered set of *closed* subsets being *artinian*. Prove the following:

- (a) A subspace of a noetherian space is noetherian as well.
- (b) A noetherian space has only finitely many irreducible components.

*Hint:* we already know that irreducible components are closed subsets. Consider the set  $\Sigma$  of all closed subsets not having finitely many irreducible components. The assumption  $\Sigma \neq \emptyset$  leads to a contradiction after choosing a minimal element of  $\Sigma$  (why does this exist?).

- (c) If  $A$  is a noetherian ring, then  $\text{Spec}(A)$  is a noetherian space.
- (d) A noetherian ring has only finitely many minimal prime ideals.

**Exercise 3 (8 points).** Let  $v : K^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be a discrete valuation on a field  $K$  and let  $A$  be the corresponding valuation ring. Show the following:<sup>(2)</sup>

- (a) Check that  $A$  is indeed a ring, so that  $1 \in A$  and that  $A$  is closed under addition and multiplication.
- (b)  $A^\times = \{x \in K \mid v(x) = 0\}$ .
- (c)  $A$  is local with maximal ideal  $M := \{x \in A \mid v(x) \geq 1\}$ .

<sup>(1)</sup>More generally, one calls a morphism  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  of topological spaces a **quasi-homeomorphism** if the map  $U \mapsto f^{-1}(U)$  is a bijection between the open subsets of  $X$  and the open subsets of  $Y$ . A subset  $Y$  of a topological space  $X$  is hence very dense if the inclusion  $Y \rightarrow X$  is a quasi-homeomorphism.

<sup>(2)</sup>Beware of circular arguments! You should not use any results from the lecture notes showing up after Exercise 9.1.15.

- (d) An element  $\pi \in A$  with  $v(\pi) = 1$  is called a **uniformizer**. Fixing such an element, every  $x \in A$  can be uniquely written as  $x = u\pi^n$  with  $u \in A^\times$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (e) For  $x \in A$  the valuation  $v(x)$  is the largest number  $n$  such that  $\pi^n$  divides  $x$ .
- (f)  $M^n = (\pi^n) = \{x \in A \mid v(x) \geq n\}$  and every non-zero ideal in  $A$  is of this form.
- (g) If  $x \in K$ , then  $x \in A$  or  $x^{-1} \in A$ .
- (h) The fraction field of  $A$  is equal to  $K$ .