

Chain Conditions On Rings And Modules

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Modules

- A module is basically an abelian group on which a ring acts.

Definition:

Let R be a ring. A left R -module of R is an abelian group M together with an action $(r, x) \mapsto rx$ of R on M such that

1. $r(sx) = (rs)x$
2. $(r + s)x = rx + sx, r(x + y) = rx + ry$
for all $r, s \in R$ and $x, y \in M$.

If R has an identity element, then a left R -module M is unital when

3. $1x = x$ for all $x \in M$.

Modules

■ Example:

1. A vector space over a field K is (exactly) a unital left K -module.
2. Every abelian group A is a unital \mathbb{Z} -module, in which nx is the usual integer multiple, $nx = x + x + x + \dots x$ when $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x \in A$.
3. Every ring R acts on itself by left multiplication. This makes R as a left R -module, denoted by R^R to distinguish it from the ring R . If the ring has an identity then R^R is unital.

Sub Module

- **Definition:** A submodule of a left R -module M is an additive subgroup A of M such that $x \in A$ implies $rx \in A$ for all $r \in R$.
- **Example:**
 1. $\{0\}$ and M are submodules of any R -module of M .
 2. Submodules of a vector space are its subspaces.
 3. Submodules of an abelian group (as \mathbb{Z} -module) are its subgroups.

Quotient Module

- **Definition:** Let M be a R -module and M' be a submodule of M .

Then M/M' is an abelian group inherits a R -module structure from M , defined by $r(x + M') = rx + M'$. M/M' is called quotient M modulo M' .

- **Example:**

1. Let G be an abelian group and G' be a subgroup of G . Then G/G' is a quotient module (as \mathbb{Z} -module).
2. Let V be a vector space over a field F and W is a subspace of it. Then V/W is a quotient module (as F -module).
3. Let R be a commutative ring and R' be an ideal of R . Then R/R' is a quotient module (as R -module).

Homomorphism

■ **Definition:** Let A and B be left R -modules. A homomorphism $\varphi : A \longmapsto B$ of left R -modules is a mapping $\varphi : A \longmapsto B$ such that

1. $\varphi(x + y) = \varphi(x) + \varphi(y)$.

2. $\varphi(rx) = r\varphi(x)$

$\forall x, y \in A$ and $r \in R$.

■ **Example:**

1. Let $\varphi : \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \longmapsto \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ defined as $\varphi(x + 4\mathbb{Z}) = x + 2\mathbb{Z}$ is a module homomorphism where $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ are \mathbb{Z} -modules.

2. Let V_1 and V_2 be two vector spaces over some field say F . Then any linear transformation φ from V_1 to V_2 is a module homomorphism.

■ **Definition:** Let $\varphi : A \longmapsto B$ be a module homomorphism. The image or range of φ is $Im\phi = \{\varphi(x) : x \in A\}$. The kernel of φ is defined as $Ker\varphi = \{x \in A : \varphi(x) = 0\} = \varphi^{-1}(0)$.

Isomorphism

- **Definition:** An one-one onto module homomorphism is a module isomorphism.
- **Homomorphism Theorem:** If $\varphi : A \longrightarrow B$ is a homomorphisms of left R -modules, then

$$A/\text{Ker}\varphi \cong \text{Im}\varphi;$$

in fact there is an isomorphism $\theta : A/\text{Ker}\varphi \longrightarrow \text{Im}\varphi$ unique such that $\varphi = \iota\theta\pi$, where $\iota : \text{Im}\varphi \longrightarrow B$ is an inclusion homomorphism and $\pi : A \longrightarrow A/\text{Ker}\varphi$ is the canonical projection.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & B \\ \pi \downarrow & & \uparrow \iota \\ A/\text{Ker}\varphi & \xrightarrow{\theta} & \text{Im}\varphi \end{array}$$

Isomorphism

- **First Isomorphism Theorem:** If A is a left R -module and $B \supseteq C$ are submodules of A , then

$$A/B \cong (A/C)/(B/C);$$

in fact there is a unique isomorphism $\theta : A/B \rightarrow (A/C)/(B/C)$ such that $\theta \circ \rho = \tau \circ \pi$, where $\pi : A \rightarrow A/C$, $\rho : A \rightarrow A/B$, and $\tau : A/C \rightarrow (A/C)/(B/C)$ are canonical projections.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\pi} & A/C \\ \rho \downarrow & & \downarrow \tau \\ A/B & \xrightarrow{\theta} & (A/C)/(B/C) \end{array}$$

Isomorphism

- **Second Isomorphism Theorem:** If A and B are two submodules of a left R -module, then

$$(A + B)/B \cong A/(A \cap B);$$

in fact, there is an isomorphism $\theta : A/(A \cap B) \rightarrow (A + B)/B$ unique such that $\theta \circ \rho = \pi \circ \iota$, where $\pi : A + B \rightarrow (A + B)/B$ and $\rho : A \rightarrow A/(A \cap B)$ are the canonical projections and $\iota : A \rightarrow A + B$ is the inclusion homomorphism.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\rho} & A/(A \cap B) \\ \downarrow \iota & & \downarrow \theta \\ A + B & \xrightarrow{\pi} & (A + B)/B \end{array}$$

Direct Sum And Direct Product

- **Definition:** Let $(M_i)_{i \in I}$ is any family of left R -modules where I is some index set. Then $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i = \{(x_i)_{i \in I} : x_i \in M_i, i \in I \text{ and } x_i \neq 0 \text{ for finitely many } i \in I\}$ is called the direct sum of the modules M_i .
- **Example:**
- $C_{00} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} M_i$ where $M_i = \text{span}\{(0, 0, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots)\}$ over \mathbb{R} .
- **Definition:** Let $(M_i)_{i \in I}$ is any family of left R -modules where I is some index set. Then $\prod_{i \in I} M_i = \{(x_i)_{i \in I} : x_i \in M_i, i \in I\}$ is called the direct product of the modules M_i .
- **Example:** $\mathbb{R}^I = \prod_{\alpha \in I} \mathbb{R}$ where I is an index set.

Exact Sequence

- **Definition:** A sequence of left R -modules and R -homomorphisms

$$\dots \longrightarrow M_{i-1} \xrightarrow{f_i} M_i \xrightarrow{f_{i+1}} M_{i+1} \longrightarrow \dots$$

is said to be exact at M_i if $Im(f_i) = Ker(f_{i+1})$. The sequence is exact if it is exact at each M_i .

- **Theorem:** Let M, M', M'' are three left/right R -modules. Then we have the followings:

1. $0 \longrightarrow M' \xrightarrow{f} M$ is exact $\Leftrightarrow f$ is injective.
2. $M \xrightarrow{g} M'' \longrightarrow 0$ is exact $\Leftrightarrow g$ is surjective.
3. $0 \longrightarrow M' \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M'' \longrightarrow 0$ is exact $\Leftrightarrow f$ is injective and g is surjective and g induces an isomorphism of $Coker(f) = M/f(M')$ onto M'' .

Chain Conditions

- **Definition:** Let Σ be a set with a partial order relation \leq . Then we have the following

The following conditions on Σ are equivalent

1. Every increasing sequence $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq \dots \leq x_n \leq x_{n+1} \leq \dots$ in Σ is stationary in Σ .
 2. Every non empty subset of Σ has a maximal element.
- If Σ is the set of submodules of a left R -module M , with the partial order relation be \subseteq then the above is called the ascending chain condition.
 - Moreover we can consider decreasing sequence of sub modules of a left R -module which is stationary, then it is called descending chain condition.

Chain Conditions

■ *Noetherian Module:*

A left R -module is called a left *Noetherian* module if it satisfies the ascending chain condition (a.c.c in short).

The name *Noetherian* is given after the name of the Mathematician *Emmy Noether*.

■ *Artinian Module:*

A left R -module is called left *Artinian* module if it satisfies the descending chain condition (d.c.c in short).

The name *Artinian* was given after the name of the Mathematician *Emil Artin*.

Noetherian And Artinian Modules

- Let A be a finite abelian group (as a \mathbb{Z} -module) satisfies both a.c.c. and d.c.c. hence *Noetherian* and *Artinian* module.
- The ring \mathbb{Z} (as a \mathbb{Z} -module) satisfies a.c.c. but not d.c.c.
For if $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a \neq 0$ then we have
 $(a) \supset (a^2) \supset (a^3) \supset (a^4) \supset \dots \supset (a^n) \supset \dots$
which is a strict inclusion and hence *Noetherian* but not *Artinian*.
- Let G be a subgroup of \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} consisting of elements whose order is a power of p for some fixed prime p .
Then G has only one subgroup G_n of order p^n for each $n \geq 0$,
and $G_0 \subset G_1 \subset G_2 \subset G_3 \subset \dots \subset G_n \subset \dots$,
strict inclusion hence does not satisfy the a.c.c.
But, only subgroups of G are G_n s and hence satisfies d.c.c. hence not *Noetherian* but *Artinian*.

Noetherian And Artinian Modules

- Let us consider $K[x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots]$ where K is a field. Then, this does not satisfy a.c.c. and d.c.c. As we have

$$(x_1) \subset (x_1, x_2) \subset (x_1, x_2, x_3) \subset \dots \subset (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \subset \dots \text{ and}$$
$$(x_1) \supset (x_1^2) \supset (x_1^3) \supset \dots \supset (x_1^n) \supset \dots$$

Hence $K[x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots]$ is neither *Noetherian* not *Artinian*.

Properties Of Noetherian And Artinian Modules

- **Theorem:** Let M be a left *Noetherian* R -module if and only if every submodules of M are finitely generated.
- **Theorem:** Let $0 \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M'' \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence. Then M is left *Noetherian/Artinian* R -module if and only if M' and M'' are left *Noetherian/Artinian* R -module.
- **Corollary:** Let N be a submodule of a left R -module M . Then M/N and N are left *Noetherian/Artinian* R -module if and only if M is left *Noetherian/Artinian* R -module.

Properties Of Noetherian And Artinian Modules

- **Theorem:** If M_i are left *Noetherian/Artinian* R -modules where $1 \leq i \leq n$ then $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$ is also left *Noetherian/Artinian* R -module.
- **Theorem:** Let φ is a surjective module homomorphism from a left *Noetherian* module M to itself. Then φ is an isomorphism.
- **Theorem:** Let φ is a injective module homomorphism from a left *Artinian* module M to itself. Then φ is an isomorphism.

Composition Series

- **Definition:** Let a chain of submodules of a module M

$$M = M_0 \supset M_1 \supset M_2 \supset \dots \supset M_n = 0$$

is called a composition series of M (length n or n links) if M_{i-1}/M_i for all $1 \leq i \leq n$ is simple.

- **Example:** Take $M = \mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z}$ as a \mathbb{Z} -module. Then,

$M = \langle 1 \rangle \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \langle 4 \rangle \supset \langle 8 \rangle \supset 0$ is a composition series.

- **Theorem:** Suppose M has a composition series of finite length n .

Then every composition series of M has length n , and every chain in M can be extended to a composition series.

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Then every composition series of M has length n , and every chain in M can be extended to a composition series.

- **Theorem:** M be a left R -module, has a composition series if and only if M satisfies both the chain conditions.

Composition Series

- **Definition:** A left module satisfying both a.c.c. and d.c.c is called the module of finite length.
- **Theorem:** For a vector space V over a field F the following conditions are equivalent:
 1. V is finite dimensional;
 2. V is of finite length;
 3. V satisfies a.c.c.
 4. V satisfies d.c.c.

Noetherian Rings

- **Definition:** A ring R is said to be left *Noetherian* if satisfies one of the equivalent property
 1. Every non-empty set of left ideals in R has a maximal element.
 2. Every ascending chain of left ideals in R is stationary.
 3. Every left ideal is finitely generated.
- **Example:**
 1. The ring \mathbb{Z} is *Noetherian*.
 2. Every field is *Noetherian*.
 3. Any finite ring is *Noetherian*.
 4. Every principal ideal domain is *Noetherian*.

Properties Of *Noetherian* Rings

- **Theorem:** Let R be a *Noetherian* ring and a is an ideal of it. Then R/a is also a *Noetherian* ring.
- **Theorem:** If R be a *Noetherian* ring and φ is a homomorphism from R onto ring R_1 . Then R_1 is also *Noetherian*.
- **Theorem:** Let R be a *Noetherian* ring, and M is a finitely generated R -module. Then M *Noetherian*.
- **Corollary:** Let R_1 be a subring of R . Suppose R_1 is *Noetherian* ring and R is finitely generated R_1 module, then R is a *Noetherian* ring.
- **Example:** $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is *Noetherian* ring as \mathbb{Z} is *Noetherian* ring and a subring of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$
- **Theorem:** Matrix over *Noetherian* ring with unity is *Noetherian*.
- **Example:** $M_n(\mathbb{Z})$, $M_n(\mathbb{Q})$, $M_n(\mathbb{Z}_2)$ are a *Noetherian* rings.

Hilbert Basis Theorem

- The original statement of the Hilbert Basis theorem was as follows:
Every ideal of $\mathbb{C}[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]$ has a finite basis.
We shall state here the more general version of the Hilbert Basis Theorem.
- **Hilbert Basis Theorem:** R be a commutative ring with identity 1. If R is a *Noetherian* then $R[X]$ is *Noetherian* ring.
- **Corollary:** If R is a commutative *Noetherian* ring with identity then $R[X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n]$ is also *Noetherian* ring.

Artinian Rings

- **Definition:** A ring R is said to be left *Artinian* if satisfies one of the equivalent property
 1. Every non-empty set of left ideals in R has a minimal element.
 2. Every ascending chain of left ideals in R is stationary.
- **Example:**
 1. Every field is *Artinian*.
 2. Any finite ring is *Artinian*.

Properties Of Artinian Rings

- **Theorem:** Let R be a *Artinian* ring and a is an ideal of it. Then R/a is also a *Artinian* ring.
- **Theorem:** If R be a *Artinian* ring and φ is a homomorphism from R onto a ring R_1 . Then R_1 is also *Artinian*.
- **Theorem:** Let R be a *Artinian* ring, and M is a finitely generated R -module. Then M *Artinian*.
- **Corollary:** Let R_1 be a subring of R . Suppose R_1 is *Artinian* ring and R is finitely generated R_1 module, then R is a *Artinian* ring.
- **Theorem:** Matrix over *Artinian* ring with unity is *Artinian*.
- **Example:** $M_n(\mathbb{Q})$, $M_n(\mathbb{Z}_2)$ are a *Artinian* rings.

Properties Of Artinian Rings

- **Theorem:** In an *Artinian* ring R every prime ideal is maximal.
- **Definition:** In a ring R intersection of all prime ideals of R is an ideal and is called the nil radical.
- **Definition:** In a ring R intersection of all maximal ideals is an ideal and it is called the jacobson radical.
- **Corollary:** In an *Artinian* ring every nil radical is Jacobson radical.
- **Theorem:** An *Artinian* ring has only finite number of maximal ideals.

Properties Of *Noetherian* Space

- **Definition:** A topological space X is said to be *Noetherian* space if every chain of open subsets of X satisfies a.c.c. or equivalently every every chain of closed subsets of X satisfies d.c.c.
- **Example:**
 1. Let X is a finite set with any topology is a *Noetherian* space.
 2. \mathbb{R} with finite complement topology is a *Noetherian* Space.
- **Theorem:** If X is a *Noetherian* space if and only if every subspace of X is quasicompact.

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Future Plan for this work

- Further studies of the *Noetherian* and *Artinian* rings
- *Dedekind* Domains
- Semisimple rings and localization
- *Wedderburn's* theorems
- Introduction to the dimension theory
- We would like to study one particular *Noetherian* local ring $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$, because of its importance in arithmetic geometry.

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