

Definition: An integral domain R is a Dedekind domain if

- (1) R is a Noetherian ring
- (2) R is an integrally closed
- (3) Every nonzero prime ideal is maximal

Question: why do we study Dedekind domain?

Ans: We know $\mathbb{Z}$: $ED \Rightarrow PID \Rightarrow UFD$

However, for a ring of integer $\mathcal{O}_F$, it is not necessarily a UFD!

Can show: ① $\mathcal{O}_F$ are always Dedekind domains

② In a Dedekind domain, the elements are not necessarily factored, but the ideals will always factor.

Let F be a number field. Then $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} F = [F:\mathbb{Q}]$.

Let $x \in F$, and we define a linear operator

$$T_x: F \rightarrow F$$
$$y \mapsto xy.$$

Set: $\text{Tr}_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(x) = \text{tr}(T_x)$ $N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(x) = \det(T_x)$

Notice that we are viewing F as a vector space $/\mathbb{Q}$.

T_x corresponds to $n \times n$ matrices $/\mathbb{Q}$ ($n = [F:\mathbb{Q}]$)

$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(x), N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(x) \in \mathbb{Q}$, that is,

$\text{Tr}_{F/\mathbb{Q}}, N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}: F \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$.

Moreover: $\text{Tr}_{F/\mathbb{Q}}, N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}: \mathcal{O}_F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$.

Definition: Let V be a vector space over some field F .

A pairing is a function: $(,): V \times V \rightarrow F$.

A bilinear form B is a pairing $B: V \times V \rightarrow F$ s.t.

$$(1) B(av_1 + bv_2, v_3) = aB(v_1, v_3) + bB(v_2, v_3)$$

$$(2) B(v_1, av_2 + bv_3) = aB(v_1, v_2) + bB(v_1, v_3).$$

for $a, b \in F$ and $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in V$.

Given a bilinear form $B: V \times V \rightarrow F$ and fix $v \in V$.

We obtain a linear function $B_v: V \rightarrow F$

$\text{Hom}(V, F)$

$$w \mapsto B(v, w)$$

Definition: A bilinear form $B: V \times V \rightarrow F$ is nondegenerate

if $B_v = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0$.

Exercise: Let $B: V \times V \rightarrow F$ be a non degenerate bilinear form

Then for any basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ of V , we can find another basis $\{v_1^*, \dots, v_n^*\}$ s.t.

$$B(v_i, v_j^*) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Fact: Let F be a number field. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} (,): F \times F &\rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \\ (x, y) &\mapsto \text{Tr}_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(xy) \end{aligned}$$

is a non degenerate bilinear form.

Theorem: Let F be a number field. Then $\mathcal{O}_F$ is a Dedekind domain.

Recall there are 3 conditions for a Dedekind domain.

We will prove them in the following propositions.

Proposition: Let F be a number field. Then $\mathcal{O}_F$ is a Noetherian ring.

Proof: (1) We can find a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}$ -module M s.t. $\mathcal{O}_F$ is a $\mathbb{Z}$ -submodule of M

(2) Use (1) to prove the proposition.

(1) F is a number field. $F = \text{span}_{\mathbb{Q}} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$
with $n = [F : \mathbb{Q}]$.

Recall, when showing $\text{Frac}(\mathcal{O}_F) = F$, we can find $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t.

$$d\alpha_i \in \mathcal{O}_F$$

Notice $F = \text{span}_{\mathbb{Q}} \{d\alpha_1, \dots, d\alpha_n\}$

Therefore, we can find $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n \in \mathcal{O}_F$

s.t. $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$ is a basis for $F/\mathbb{Q}$.

By the fact, we can find $\beta_1^* \dots \beta_n^*$, a basis of F ,

$$\text{Tr}(\beta_i \beta_j^*) = \delta_{ij}$$

Claim: $\mathcal{O}_F \subseteq M = \text{span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\beta_1^*, \dots, \beta_n^*)$

Let $\beta \in \mathcal{O}_F$, since $\beta_1^*, \dots, \beta_n^*$ is a basis,

$$\beta = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \beta_j^* \quad a_j \in \mathbb{Q}$$

It suffices to show: $a_j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\text{Tr}_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\beta_i \beta) = \text{Tr}_{F/\mathbb{Q}}\left(\beta_i \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \beta_j^*\right)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \text{Tr}_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\beta_i \beta_j^*) = a_i$$

$$\beta, \beta_i \in \mathcal{O}_F \Rightarrow \text{Tr}_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\beta_i \beta) \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a_i \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

(2) Let $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F$ be an ideal. $\mathcal{O}_F \subseteq M$ as a $\mathbb{Z}$ -submodule

Then we can also view $\mathfrak{a}$ as a $\mathbb{Z}$ -submodule of M .

M is finitely generated + $\mathbb{Z}$ P.I.D $\Rightarrow M$ is a Noetherian module

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{a}$ is a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}$ -module

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{a}$ is a finitely generated ideal. □

Proposition: $\mathcal{O}_F$ is integrally closed.

Proof: Let $\alpha \in \text{Frac}(\mathcal{O}_F) = F$. Suppose that

we can find monic $f(x) \in \mathcal{O}_F[x]$ s.t. $f(\alpha) = 0$

Need to show: $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_F$.

Write $f(x) = x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} x + a_n$ $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_F$.

$\Rightarrow \text{span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

$f(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(a_1, \dots, a_n, \alpha)$ is finitely generated

$\text{span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ - module.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathbb{Z}[\alpha] \subseteq \text{span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(a_1, \dots, a_n, \alpha) \\
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 \quad \quad \quad \text{span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(a_1, \dots, a_n) \\
 \quad \quad \quad | \\
 \quad \quad \quad \mathbb{Z}
 \end{array}
 \left. \begin{array}{l}
 \text{finitely generated} \\
 \text{finitely generated.}
 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{finitely generated.}$$

Therefore, $\mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$ is finitely generated as $\mathbb{Z}$ -module and α is an algebraic integer $\Rightarrow \alpha \in \mathcal{O}_F$. $\square$

Proposition: Every ^{nonzero} prime ideal in $\mathcal{O}_F$ is a max'l ideal.

Proof: Let $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F$ be a prime ideal.

Set $I = \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z}$. This is an ideal of $\mathbb{Z}$.

Next, take $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$, $xy \in I \Rightarrow xy \in \mathfrak{p}$

$\mathfrak{p}$ a prime ideal, $\Rightarrow$ either x or $y \in \mathfrak{p}$ in $\mathbb{Z}$
 $\Rightarrow$ either x or y in $I \Rightarrow I$ is a prime ideal

Therefore $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = (p)$ for some prime number.

Note: $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z}$ is a nonzero ideal in $\mathbb{Z}$: take $y \in \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F$

can find $y^n + a_1 y^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$ with $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ $a_n \neq 0$.

$y \in \mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow a_n \in \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} \neq \{0\}$

This shows: for $n \in \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F$, the image of n in

$\mathcal{O}_F/\mathfrak{p}$ is identified to $\mathbb{Z}/(p)$.

Let $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_F$ and $\bar{\alpha} \in \mathcal{O}_F/\mathfrak{p}$

$$\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_F \Rightarrow \alpha^n + a_1 \alpha^{n-1} + a_2 \alpha^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0 \quad a_i \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\text{mod } \mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow \bar{\alpha}^n + \bar{a}_1 \bar{\alpha}^{n-1} + \bar{a}_2 \bar{\alpha}^{n-2} + \dots + \bar{a}_n = 0 \quad \bar{a}_i \in \mathbb{Z}/(\mathfrak{p})$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\alpha} \text{ is an algebraic number in } \mathbb{Z}/(\mathfrak{p})$$

This means, for any $\bar{\alpha} \in \mathcal{O}_F/\mathfrak{p}$, $\bar{\alpha}$ is algebraic over

a field $\mathbb{Z}/(\mathfrak{p}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_F/\mathfrak{p}$ is a field $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}$ is maximal. $\square$

Exercise: Let F be a field, R an integral domain and

$F \subseteq R$. Suppose that for any $\alpha \in R$, α is

algebraic over F , that is, can find $f(x) \in F[x]$

$$\text{st. } f(\alpha) = 0$$

Then R is a field. $\square$