

## GTLA Lecture 27.10.2020

Let  $A$  be a commutative ring.  
An ideal, or  $A$ -submodule, of  $A$   
is a subset  $M \subseteq A$  such that

- (1) If  $m_1, m_2 \in M$  then  $m_1 + m_2 \in M$
- (2) If  $m \in M$  and  $a \in A$  then  
 $am \in M$

$A$  is a PID, or principal ideal domain, if  $A$  satisfies

- (1) If  $a, b, c \in A$  and  $c \neq 0$  and  
 $ac = bc$  then  $a = b$

(cancellation law)

- (2) If  $M$  is an ideal of  $A$  then  
there exists  $l \in A$  such that  
 $M = lA$ .

Example  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and  $l\mathbb{Z}$  is  
multiples of  $l$ .

GOAL: If  $F$  is a field then  $F[x]$  is a PID.

Proposition (Euclidean algorithm for  $F[x]$ ) Let  $a(x), b(x) \in F[x]$  and  $b(x)$  is monic then there exist unique  $q(x), r(x) \in F[x]$  such that

$$a(x) = q(x)b(x) + r(x) \text{ and } \deg(r(x)) < \deg(b(x)).$$

## Partial fractions

Backwards of common denominator.

For example:

$$\frac{5x+22}{(x+2)(x+6)} = \frac{3}{x+2} + \frac{2}{x+6}.$$

Another example:

$$\frac{31}{33} = \frac{3}{11} + \frac{2}{3}$$

Steps for partial fractions

Splitting Let  $A$  be a PID.

Let  $p, q \in A$  with

$$pA + qA = A$$

(i.e.  $p, q$  are relatively prime,  
i.e.  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ )

There exist  $r, s \in A$  such that

$$pr + qs = 1$$

Then

$$\frac{1}{pq} = \frac{pr + qs}{pq} = \frac{r}{q} + \frac{s}{p}$$

and

$$\frac{a}{pq} = \frac{a \cdot 1}{pq} = \frac{apr + aqs}{pq} = \frac{ar}{q} + \frac{as}{p}$$

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Prime powers

$$\frac{a_1}{p} + \frac{a_2}{p^2} + \frac{a_3}{p^3} = \frac{a_1 p^2 + a_2 p + a_3}{p^3}$$

with  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \frac{A}{pA}$

This is decimal expansion in the case  $p=10$

$$a_1 10^{-1} + a_2 10^{-2} + a_3 10^{-3} = \frac{a_1 10^2 + a_2 10 + a_3}{10^3}$$

$$2 \frac{1}{10} + \frac{6}{100} + \frac{5}{1000} = \frac{265}{1000}$$

The "digit"  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$

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Representatives of  $\mathbb{A}/q\mathbb{A}$

If  $a = bq + r$  then  $\frac{a}{q} = b + \frac{r}{q}$ .

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Partial fractions for

$$\frac{2x^4 + 3x^2}{(x^2 + 1)^2 (x^2 + 2)}$$

Note: Using Euclidean algorithm

$$(x^2 + 1)^2 = x^2(x^2 + 2) + 1$$

$$\text{So } 1 = (-x^2)(x^2 + 2) + (x^2 + 1)^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2x^4 + 3x^2}{(x^2+1)^2(x^2+2)} dx = \frac{(2x^2+1)(x^2+2) + 2}{(x^2+1)^2(x^2+2)} \\
& = \frac{2x^2-1}{(x^2+1)^2} + \frac{2}{(x^2+1)^2(x^2+2)} \\
& = \frac{2(x^2+1)-3}{(x^2+1)^2} + \frac{2(-x^2)(x^2+2) + (x^2+1)^2}{(x^2+1)^2(x^2+2)} \\
& = \frac{2(x^2+1)-3 + (-2x^2)}{(x^2+1)^2} + \frac{2}{x^2+2} \\
& = \frac{-1}{(x^2+1)^2} + \frac{2}{x^2+2}
\end{aligned}$$

Proposition Let  $F$  be a field.

If  $M$  is an ideal of  $F[x]$  then there exists  $h(x) \in F[x]$  such that  $M = h(x)F[x]$ .

(From the definition:  
Let  $A \in M \setminus \{0\}$ . Then

$$\text{ev}_A: \mathbb{F}[x] \longrightarrow M_n(\mathbb{F})$$

$$p_0 + p_1 x + \dots + p_k x^k \mapsto p_0 + p_1 A + \dots + p_k A^k$$

$$\ker(\text{ev}_A) = \{ p(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x] \mid p(A) = 0 \}$$

The minimal polynomial of  $A$  is the polynomial of lowest degree such that  $m_A(A) = 0$

And  $m_A(x)$  divides  $\det(x - A)$ .

(i.e.  $\det(x - A)$  is a multiple of  $m_A(x)$ .)

REALLY

$$\ker(\text{ev}_A) = m_A(x) \mathbb{F}[x]$$

Proof Let  $M$  be an ideal of  $\mathbb{F}[x]$ .

To show: There exists  $\ell(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$

such  $M = \ell(x) \mathbb{F}[x]$ .

Let  $m(x) \in M$  be such that

if  $p(x) \in M$  then  $\deg(p(x)) \geq \deg(m(x))$ .

Let

$$m(x) = m_0 + m_1 x + \dots + m_d x^d \text{ with } m_d \neq 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \ell(x) &= \frac{1}{m_d} (m(x)) \\ &= m_0 m_d^{-1} + m_1 m_d^{-1} x + \dots + m_{d-1} m_d^{-1} x^{d-1} + x^d. \end{aligned}$$

To show:  $\ell(x) \mathbb{F}[x] = M$ .

To show: (a)  $\ell(x) \mathbb{F}[x] \subseteq M$

(b)  $M \subseteq \ell(x) \mathbb{F}[x]$ .

(a) To show: If  $p(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$  then  $\ell(x)p(x) \in M$ .

Assume  $p(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ .

To show:  $p(x)\ell(x) \in M$ .

Since  $M$  is closed under scalar multiplication by elements of  $\mathbb{F}[x]$  then  $p(x)\ell(x) \in M$ .

So  $\ell(x)\mathbb{F}[x] \subseteq M$

(b) To show:  $M \subseteq \ell(x)\mathbb{F}[x]$ .

To show: If  $a(x) \in M$  then

$a(x) \in \ell(x)\mathbb{F}[x]$

Assume  $a(x) \in M$ .

By the Euclidean algorithm, there exist  $q(x), r(x) \in F[x]$  such that

$$a(x) = q(x)l(x) + r(x)$$

and  $\deg(r(x)) < \deg(l(x))$ .

Since  $a(x) \in M$  and  $l(x) \in M$  and  $M$  is closed under scalar multiplication and addition then

$$r(x) = a(x) - q(x)l(x) \in M.$$

By construction  $l(x)$  has minimal degree among elements of  $M$  so

$$\deg(r(x)) < \deg(l(x)) \text{ forces } r(x) = 0.$$

$$\text{So } a(x) = q(x)l(x) \in l(x)F[x].$$

$$\text{So } M \subseteq l(x)F[x].$$

$$\text{So } M = l(x)F[x]. //$$

$\deg(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots)$  is the maximal  $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  such that  $a_d \neq 0$ .