

Algebra I - Commutative algebra

9. Exercise sheet

Exercise 1 (4 points):

Assume that $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ is not a square. Determine all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $\gcd(x, y, z) = 1$ and $x^2 - dy^2 = z^2$.
Hint: Follow the arguments in the lecture and consider lines through the point $(-1, 0) \in \mathbb{Q}^2$.

Exercise 2 (4 points):

Let k be an algebraically closed field and let $f(x) \in k[x]$ be a polynomial. Determine the set $\text{Spec}(k[x, y]/(y^2 - f(x)))$ and the cardinality of all fibers of the map

$$\text{Spec}(k[x, y]/(y^2 - f(x))) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(k[x])$$

that is induced by the k -algebra homomorphism $k[x] \rightarrow k[x, y]/(y^2 - f(x))$, $x \mapsto x$.

Exercise 3 (4 points):

Let $m, n \geq 1$ and let $\zeta_m = e^{2\pi i/m} \in \mathbb{C}$ be a primitive m -th root of unity. Set $G := \langle \zeta_m \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{C}^\times$. We let G act on $A := \mathbb{C}[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ via $(g, f(T_1, \dots, T_n)) \mapsto g \cdot f := f(gT_1, \dots, gT_n)$.

1) Determine the ring of invariants $A^G := \{f \in A \mid g \cdot f = f \text{ for all } g \in G\}$.

2) Set $m = n = 2$. Find a presentation $A^G \cong \mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_k]/(h_1, \dots, h_l)$.

Exercise 4 (4 points):

Let A be a ring and M a finitely presented A -module. Let $n \geq 1$ and let $f: A^n \rightarrow M$ be a surjection. Show that $K := \ker(f)$ is finitely generated.

Hint: Let $0 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow A^m \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ be a short exact sequence of A -modules with Q finitely generated. Construct a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & Q & \longrightarrow & A^m & \longrightarrow & M \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Id} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & A^n & \xrightarrow{f} & M \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

and use the snake lemma.

To be handed in on: Thursday, 15.06.2023 (during the lecture, or via eCampus).