

Section 3. UFD

Defn A : int dom, $x \in A$

① Call x reducible if $\exists a, b \in A$, $a, b \notin A^\times$ (units of A) s.t. $\overline{x} = \overline{ab}$; otherwise, call it irreducible.

② Call x a prime element, if $x \mid ab \Rightarrow x \mid a$ or $x \mid b$.
($\Leftrightarrow (x)$ is prime ideal).

Lem 3.1: prime \Rightarrow irred.

pf: easy.

Rmk: irred $\not\Rightarrow$ prime. In $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$, 2 is irred,
but $2 \mid (1+\sqrt{-5})(1-\sqrt{-5})$, \therefore 2 is NOT prime.

In fact: $(2) = (1+\sqrt{-5}, 2)^2$

obv: LHS \supseteq RHS, but RHS $\ni (1+\sqrt{-5})(1-\sqrt{-5}) - 2 \cdot 2 = 2$

Defn A is called UFD (unique factorization domain), if $\forall x \in A$
(can be written as $x = p_1 \cdots p_n$ for some $n \geq 0$ where

p_i are irreducible elts., and the representation is unique
in the sense that if $x = q_1 \cdots q_m$ with q_j irred, then
 $m = n$, and \exists bijective map $\varphi: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, m\}$, s.t.
 $p_i = q_{\varphi(i)} \cdot u_i$ with some $u_i \in A^\times$.

Ex: \mathbb{Z} .

$\mathbb{Z}[T]$ (nontrivial, but not too difficult, try prove it yourself).

Thm 3.2: PID \Rightarrow UFD

first, a Lemma

Lem 3.3: A : PID, $x \in A$, TFAE:

(1) (x) prime ideal

(2) (x) max ideal

(3) x irred elt

(4) x prime elt.

pf: (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) \checkmark
 \Downarrow Lem 3.1 \uparrow easy.
 (4) \Rightarrow (3) \square

Pf of Thm 3.2: Part 1: representation, i.e., $\forall x$ can be written as $\prod_{i=1}^n p_i$

① first, we show \exists irred elt $p \in A$, s.t. $p|x$.

If x irred, then $p=x$

If x red $\Rightarrow x = a_1 b_1$, $a_1, b_1 \in A^*$

If a_1 irred, then $p=a_1$

if not $x = a_2 b_2 b_1$, $a_2, b_2 \in A^*$

iterate, get $(a_1) \subsetneq (a_2) \subsetneq (a_3) \dots$

thus stops after finite steps. (Noetherian)

② Now $x = p_1 b$, then similarly $b = p_2 b_2$, $b_2 = p_3 b_3 \dots$

$\Rightarrow x = p_1 b = p_1 p_2 b_2 = p_1 p_2 p_3 b_3 \dots$

again $(b) \subsetneq (b_2) \subsetneq (b_3) \subsetneq \dots$

thus stops at finite step $\Rightarrow x = \prod_{i=1}^n p_i$

Part 2: uniqueness of representation.

If $x = p_1 \dots p_n = q_1 \dots q_m$, WLOG, $n \leq m$.

p_1 irred \Leftrightarrow prime, thus $p_1 | q_j$ for some j WLOG, $j=1$.

$\Rightarrow q_1 = p_1 u_1$ with $u_1 \in A^*$ since q_1 irred.

$\Rightarrow p_1 \dots p_n = p_1 u_1 q_2 \dots q_m \Rightarrow p_2 \dots p_n = u_1 q_2 \dots q_m$

iterate: get $1 = u_1 u_2 \dots u_n q_{n+1} \dots q_m$

$\Rightarrow n=m$, and $p_i = q_i u_i$. \square

Summary: Euclidean \Rightarrow PID \Rightarrow Dedekind \Rightarrow int closed

\Downarrow
UFD

\Rightarrow Noeth
 \Rightarrow dim = 1

Cor 3.4. A : PID, then for (a) nonzero ideal, $(a) = \prod_{i=1}^n (p_i)^{\alpha_i}$ with (p_i) distinct prime ideals, with $\alpha_i \geq 1$ integers. The expression is unique, i.e.

$$\text{if } (a) = \prod_{i=1}^n (p_i)^{\alpha_i} = \prod_{j=1}^m (q_j)^{\beta_j}, \text{ then } n=m,$$

$$\text{and after reordering } (p_i)^{\alpha_i} = (q_j)^{\beta_j}$$

Pf: By Thm 3.3, $a = \prod_{i=1}^n t_i$ with t_i irred elt
 $\Rightarrow (a) = \prod_{i=1}^n (t_i)$ \square

Define fractional ideals for later use.

Defn: A : int dom, $K = \text{Frac } A$. $I \subseteq K$ an A -submod,
 If $\exists d \in A - \{0\}$, s.t. $d \cdot I \subseteq A$, then call I a fractional ideal.

Ex ① $I \subseteq A$ ideal (called integral ideals) $d=1$.

② $A = \mathbb{Z}$, $I = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$, $d=2$. (careful, no mult in I , $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \notin I$)

③ I : fin. gen A -mod, Since $I = \sum_{i=1}^n A e_i$, $e_i \in K$,
 if $d_i e_i \in A$, then let $d = \prod_{i=1}^n d_i$. $\Rightarrow dI \subseteq A$.

④ Conversely if A is Noeth ring, any frac ideal $I \subseteq K$ is fin. gen over A . Indeed $dI \subseteq A \Rightarrow I \subseteq \frac{1}{d}A$.

$\frac{1}{d}A$ fin gen $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{d}A$ Noeth A -mod $\Rightarrow I$ fin gen

⑤ If $I_1, I_2 \subseteq K$ frac ideals, then so are $I_1 I_2$, $I_1 \cap I_2$, $I_1 + I_2$.

In particular, nonzero frac ideals of A form a commutative monoid under multiplication

⑥ A : PID, then $a \in K = \text{Frac } A$, $\Rightarrow A \cdot a$ is frac ideal, since $a = \frac{c}{d}$, then $d \cdot A \cdot a \subseteq A$
 Conversely, $I \subseteq K$ frac ideal, $d \cdot I \subseteq A$ ideal $\Rightarrow d \cdot I = (c) \Rightarrow I = \frac{(c)}{d}$
 $\Rightarrow I = A \cdot \frac{c}{d}$

Section 4. Ideal decomposition in Dedekind domains

Thm 4.1, (Main Thm on decomposition of Dedekind domains)

A : Dedekind dom. $P = \{ \mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p} \subseteq A \text{ nonzero prime ideals} \}$. Then:

(a) If β is nonzero frac ideal of A , then $\beta = \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in P} \mathfrak{p}^{n_{\mathfrak{p}}(\beta)}$ uniquely,
where $n_{\mathfrak{p}}(\beta) \in \mathbb{Z}$, nonzero for fin. many $\mathfrak{p} \in P$.

(b) The monoid of non-zero frac ideals of A is a group.

Lem 4.2, A : Noeth ring. \rightarrow including (0) !

(1) any $I \subseteq A$ ideal contains a product of prime ideals

(2) If A furthermore int dom, then any $(0) \neq I \subseteq A$ contains a product of nonzero prime ideals.

Pf: Only prove (2) (1) is similar).

Let $Q = \{ I \subseteq A, I \neq (0), I \text{ does NOT contain prod of prime ideals} \}$

WANT: Q is empty. If not, then since A Noeth $\Rightarrow \exists$ max element $\beta \in Q$.

β not prime $\Rightarrow \exists x, y \in A \setminus \beta, xy \in \beta$

$\Rightarrow \beta + A \cdot x, \beta + A \cdot y \notin Q$

$\Rightarrow \beta + A \cdot x \supseteq \mathfrak{p}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_n, \beta + A \cdot y \supseteq \mathfrak{q}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{q}_m$

$\Rightarrow \beta \supseteq (\beta + A \cdot x)(\beta + A \cdot y) \supseteq \mathfrak{p}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_n \mathfrak{q}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{q}_m$. Contradiction. \square

Lem 4.3. A Dedekind dom. $\mathfrak{m} \in A$ max ideal.

Let $m' = \{x \in K \mid x\mathfrak{m} \subseteq A\}$

Then m' is a frac ideal, $m' \neq A$, and $\mathfrak{m} \cdot m' = A$.

Pf: Clearly m' is A -mod and $A \subseteq m'$.

Take any $d \in \mathfrak{m}$, then $d\mathfrak{m}' \subseteq A$, $\Rightarrow m'$ is frac ideal.

*Let us show $m' \neq A$, i.e. $\exists x \in K \setminus A, x \in m'$.

Let $a \in \mathfrak{m} \setminus \{0\}$,

Lem 4.2 $\Rightarrow A \cdot a \supseteq \mathfrak{p}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_n$ prod of prime ideals. Take a minimal \mathfrak{p}_i ($i \geq 1$)

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \supseteq A \cdot a \supseteq \mathfrak{p}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_n \Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \supseteq \mathfrak{p}_i$ for some i , wlog, $i=1$.

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{p}_1$ (\mathfrak{p}_1 is max in A)

Let $\beta = \mathfrak{p}_2 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_n$ (possibly $= A$, i.e. $n=1$)

Then $A \cdot a \supseteq \mathfrak{m}\beta$, but $A \cdot a \not\subseteq \beta$ (\mathfrak{p}_1 is minimal)

$\Rightarrow \exists b \in \beta, b \notin A \cdot a$

$\Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} \in K \setminus A$, and $A \cdot a \supseteq \mathfrak{m}\beta \supseteq \mathfrak{m}b \Rightarrow A \supseteq \mathfrak{m} \cdot \frac{b}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} \in m'$.

*Finally, let us show $\mathfrak{m} \cdot m' = A$.

Note $1 \in m' \Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}m' \subseteq A$

It suffices to show $\mathfrak{m} \neq \mathfrak{m}m'$.

If otherwise, take any $x \in m'$; $\Rightarrow x\mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \Rightarrow x^2\mathfrak{m} \subseteq x\mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$.

$\Rightarrow \forall d \in \mathfrak{m}, d \cdot x^n \in \mathfrak{m}, \forall n$.

$\Rightarrow A[x] \subseteq K$ is a frac ideal.

$d \cdot A[x] \subseteq A \Rightarrow A[x] \subseteq \frac{1}{d}A \Rightarrow A[x]$ is fin gen A -mod

$\Rightarrow X$ is int over A ! $\Rightarrow X \in A$ (A int closed)!

i.e. any $x \in m' \Rightarrow x \in A$, contradicting $m' \neq A$!

□

Defn: Denote $\mathfrak{m}^{-1} := m'$ above. (the inverse frac ideal)

pf of Thm 4.1:

Step 1: "existence" in (a): i.e. for β , can write $\beta = \prod \mathfrak{p}^{n(\mathfrak{p})}$

Since $\exists d \in A$, $d\beta \in A \Rightarrow \beta = (d\beta) \cdot (Ad)^{-1}$, so can assume β is integral.

Similar as in Lem 4.2.

Let $\Phi := \{ I \subseteq A \text{ ideals, } I \text{ can NOT be written as a fin. prod. of prime ideals} \}$

If Φ non-empty $\Rightarrow \exists$ max elt. α . Since $A = \prod \mathfrak{p}_i^0$, thus $\alpha \not\subseteq A$.

Suppose $\alpha \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ some max ideal, Let $\mathfrak{p}' = \mathfrak{p}^{-1}$ as in Lem 4.3

Then recall $\mathfrak{p}' \not\subseteq A$, and $\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{p}' = A$.

Claim: $\alpha\mathfrak{p}' \not\subseteq \alpha$

pf: obv $\alpha\mathfrak{p}' \supseteq \alpha$.

If $\alpha\mathfrak{p}' = \alpha$, Then by same argument as in Lem 4.3, can show $\mathfrak{p}' = A$:

(indeed, take any $x \in \mathfrak{p}'$, then $x\alpha \subseteq \alpha$, $x^2\alpha \subseteq x \cdot x\alpha \subseteq x\alpha \subseteq \alpha \dots$

$\Rightarrow \forall d \in \alpha$, $d \cdot A(x) \subseteq A$, i.e. $A(x) \subseteq \frac{1}{d}A$ a frac ideal

$\Rightarrow A(x)$ is a fin gen A -mod $\Rightarrow x$ int over $A \Rightarrow x \in A$.)

So now $\alpha \not\subseteq \alpha\mathfrak{p}' \subseteq \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{p}' = A \Rightarrow \alpha\mathfrak{p}' \notin \Phi \Rightarrow \alpha\mathfrak{p}' = \prod \mathfrak{p}_i^{n_i} \Rightarrow \alpha = \mathfrak{p} \cdot \prod \mathfrak{p}_i^{m_i} \in \Phi$
Contradiction!

Step 2: "uniqueness" in (a).

$$\text{If } \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in P} \mathfrak{p}^{n(\mathfrak{p})} = \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in P} \mathfrak{p}^{m(\mathfrak{p})}$$

by moving positive and negative integers (note $\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{p}' = \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{p}^{-1} = A$)

$$\text{get } \mathfrak{p}_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \mathfrak{p}_r^{\alpha_r} = \mathfrak{q}_1^{\beta_1} \dots \mathfrak{q}_s^{\beta_s} \text{ with } \alpha_i > 0, \beta_j > 0.$$

$$\mathfrak{p}_i \supseteq \text{RHS} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_i \supseteq \mathfrak{q}_j \text{ for some } j \Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_i = \mathfrak{q}_j$$

Iterate this process, to show uniqueness.

Step 3 Part (b): Indeed, for $\beta = \prod \mathfrak{p}_i^{\alpha_i}$, $\prod \mathfrak{p}_i^{-\alpha_i}$ is the inverse

□

Now, for α frac ideal, write $\alpha = \prod_{p \in P} p^{n_p(\alpha)}$, $n_p(\alpha) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Then ①: $n_p(\alpha\beta) = n_p(\alpha) + n_p(\beta)$

②: $\alpha \subseteq A$ (i.e. α is int ideal) $\Leftrightarrow n_p(\alpha) \geq 0, \forall p \in P$.

Pf: \Rightarrow in pf of main thm; \Leftarrow easy

③: $\alpha \subseteq \beta \Leftrightarrow n_p(\alpha) \geq n_p(\beta), \forall p$.

Pf: $\alpha \subseteq \beta \Leftrightarrow \alpha\beta^{-1} \subseteq A \Leftrightarrow n_p(\alpha\beta^{-1}) \geq 0, \forall p$.

④: $n_p(\alpha + \beta) = \min\{n_p(\alpha), n_p(\beta)\}$, i.e. $\alpha + \beta = \prod p^{\min\{n_p(\alpha), n_p(\beta)\}}$

Pf: $\alpha + \beta \geq \alpha, \beta \Rightarrow n_p(\alpha + \beta) \leq n_p(\alpha), n_p(\beta) \Rightarrow \leq \min\}$

Also $\alpha + \beta = \prod p^{\min\}$ $\alpha' + \prod p^{\min\}$ β' with $\alpha', \beta' \subseteq A$

$= \prod p^{\min\}$ $(\alpha' + \beta') \subseteq \prod p^{\min\}$

$\Rightarrow n_p(\alpha + \beta) \geq \min\}$. \square

⑤: $n_p(\alpha\beta) = \max\{n_p(\alpha), n_p(\beta)\}$, i.e. $\alpha\beta = \prod p^{\max\}$

Pf: $\alpha\beta \subseteq \alpha, \beta \Rightarrow n_p(\alpha\beta) \geq n_p(\alpha), n_p(\beta) \Rightarrow \alpha\beta \subseteq \text{RHS}$

also $\text{RHS} \subseteq \alpha, \beta$, by ③, then $\text{RHS} \subseteq \alpha\beta$. \square

⑥: $\alpha\beta = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha\beta)$.

Pf: by ①, ④, ⑤.

§5. Norm of an ideal.

In this section: K/\mathbb{Q} fin ext. $A \subseteq K$ ring of integers
write $N(x) = N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(x)$ for $x \in K$.

Prop 5.1: $x \in A, x \neq 0$, then $|N(x)| = \text{card}(A/Ax)$.

Pf: first note $N(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$, since \mathbb{Z} is int closed.

Also, we know A is a fin free \mathbb{Z} -mod of rk n .

$xA \subseteq A$ sub- \mathbb{Z} -mod $\Rightarrow \exists$ basis e_1, \dots, e_n of A ,
st $xA = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}c_i e_i$, st $c_1 | c_2 | \dots | c_n, c_i \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\Rightarrow \text{Card}(A/Ax) = \text{Card}\left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}e_i / \mathbb{Z}c_i e_i\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n c_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Now, let $u: A \rightarrow Ax$ where $e_i \mapsto c_i e_i$ a hom of \mathbb{Z} -mod
 $\Rightarrow \det(u) = c_1 \dots c_n$.

Let $v: Ax \rightarrow Ax$ where $c_i e_i \mapsto x e_i$ a hom of \mathbb{Z} -mod

note $Ax = \langle c_1 e_1, \dots, c_n e_n \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}} = \langle x e_1, \dots, x e_n \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$

$$\Rightarrow v \in GL_n(\mathbb{Z}) \Rightarrow \det v = \pm 1$$

Now, $v \circ u = m_x: A \rightarrow Ax \rightarrow Ax \quad e \mapsto x \cdot e$

$$\Rightarrow N(x) = \det(m_x) = \det(v) \cdot \det(u) = \pm c_1 \dots c_n.$$

$$\Rightarrow |N(x)| = \text{card}(A/Ax). \quad \square$$

Defn: For $\alpha \subseteq A$ ideal, define $N(\alpha) := \text{Card}(A/\alpha)$.

note: ① when $\alpha = Ax$ principle $\Rightarrow N(Ax) = \text{Card}(A/Ax) = |N(x)|$

② $N(\alpha)$ is always finite, since for any $x \in \alpha$, have

$$\text{Card}(A/\alpha) \leq \text{card}(A/Ax).$$

Prop 5.2 If $\alpha, \beta \subseteq A$, then $N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta)$.

Pf: By decomposition of ideals in Dedekind domains, and some easy induction, can assume $\beta = \mathfrak{m}$ is a max ideal.

i.e. WANT: $N(\alpha\mathfrak{m}) = N(\alpha)N(\mathfrak{m})$ for \mathfrak{m} max \otimes .

Since $\alpha\mathfrak{m} \subseteq \alpha \subseteq A \Rightarrow \text{Card}(A/\alpha\mathfrak{m}) = \text{Card}(A/\alpha) \cdot \text{Card}(\alpha/\alpha\mathfrak{m})$

$$N(\alpha\mathfrak{m}) = N(\alpha) \cdot \text{Card}(\alpha/\alpha\mathfrak{m})$$

Thus for $\otimes \Leftarrow \text{Card}(A/\mathfrak{m}) = \text{Card}(\alpha/\alpha\mathfrak{m})$

Now, A/\mathfrak{m} is a field! (Rmk: a finite field)

$\alpha/\alpha\mathfrak{m}$ is an A/\mathfrak{m} -mod, i.e. a vec. space over A/\mathfrak{m} .

It suffices to show that $\alpha/\alpha\mathfrak{m}$ is 1-dim over A/\mathfrak{m} .

If not, then \exists non-trivial sub-vector space,

which is of shape. $\beta/\alpha\mathfrak{m} \subsetneq \alpha/\alpha\mathfrak{m}$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\mathfrak{m} \subsetneq \beta \subsetneq \alpha$$

But this is impossible!

$$\text{Since } \forall p, n_p(\alpha) + n_p(\mathfrak{m}) \geq n_p(\beta) \geq n_p(\alpha)$$

$$\text{for } p \neq \mathfrak{m}, n_p(\mathfrak{m}) = 0 \Rightarrow n_p(\alpha) = n_p(\beta)$$

$$p = \mathfrak{m}, n_{\mathfrak{m}}(\alpha) + 1 \geq n_{\mathfrak{m}}(\beta) \geq n_{\mathfrak{m}}(\alpha) \Rightarrow n_{\mathfrak{m}}(\beta) \in \{n_{\mathfrak{m}}(\alpha), n_{\mathfrak{m}}(\alpha) + 1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \alpha \text{ or } \alpha\mathfrak{m}. \text{ Contradiction } \square$$

Chapter 4. Ideal class group.

A : Dedekind domain, $I(A)$: group of all non-zero frac ideals.

A frac ideal is called a principle frac ideal if it is $A \cdot x$ for some $x \in K$; they form a subgroup of $I(A)$, denoted as $F(A)$.

Define $C(A) := I(A)/F(A)$, called the ideal class group.
(elts in $C(A)$ are called ideal classes)

Note: $C(A) = \{1\} \Leftrightarrow A$ is PID.

Main Thm of Chapter: For K/\mathbb{Q} fin. ext, $A =$ ring of integers, $C(A)$ is a finite group.

Rmk ① call $\#|C(A)|$ the class number of K .

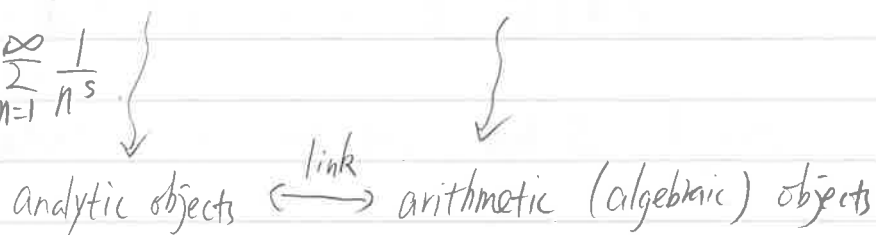
② For general Dedekind domain, possible $\#|C(A)| = +\infty$.

§0: Why do we care?

* Technical level: $\#|C(A)|$ measures how far A is not a PID.
(PID is too good).

Class number formula: $\lim_{s \rightarrow 1} (s-1) \zeta_K(s) = \frac{2^{r_1} \cdot (2\pi)^{r_2} \cdot \text{Reg}_K \cdot h_K}{w_K \cdot \sqrt{|D_K|}}$, $h_K = \#|C(A)|$.

$K = \mathbb{Q}$, $\zeta_K(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$



BSD conj: $L'(E, s)|_{s=1} = \frac{X \cdot III(E)}{*}$

In fact, pf of our Main Thm uses some (basic) complex analysis, which a priori, is quite surprising (we are using analysis to study purely algebraic objects!)

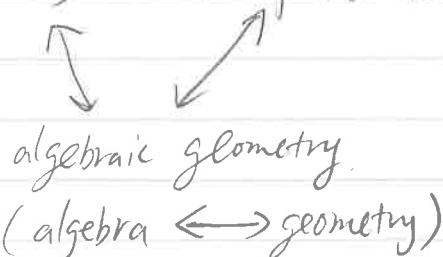
* What is "good mathematics"?

Almost always, are those linking different areas.

Within ANT:

BSD conj: analysis \leftrightarrow algebra

Fermat's Last Thm \in Langlands program: group theory \leftrightarrow representation thy



What to learn after this course: Galois theory: field extension \leftrightarrow group thy.

or: Ask ME!

* Strategy of Pf. A common strategy to prove finiteness of a set in ANI.

Define a certain function: $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{>0}$.

Show ① For any $h \in \mathbb{R}^{>0}$,

$\{s \in S, f(s) \leq h\}$ is a finite set.

② $\exists H \in \mathbb{R}^{>0}$, s.t. $f(s) < H, \forall s \in S$.

Rmk: In certain situations, ② does not hold; but ① still gives useful info.

§1: Some analysis about lattices.

Recall: Let $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ with usual topo,

- $K \subseteq X$ called compact if $\forall K = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} K_i$ open covering, \exists finite subcovering $K = \bigcup_{k=1}^N K_{i(k)}$. (\Leftrightarrow closed and bounded)

- $D \subseteq X$ called discrete if $\forall K$ cpt, $D \cap K$ is finite set

- If $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ an additive subgp, and discrete, then call it a discrete subgp of \mathbb{R}^n

Ex: $H = \mathbb{Z}^i, 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Lemma 1.1: $\mathbb{R}^n \supseteq X_1 \supseteq X_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq X_n \supseteq \dots$ where X_i ^{compact} cpt and non-empty.
Then $X_i = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ is also non-empty and cpt.

Pf: X is cpt since closed and bnded.

Consider $Y_n = X_1 \setminus X_n$. then $\bigcup_{n=2}^{\infty} Y_n = X_1 \setminus \bigcap_{n=2}^{\infty} X_n$

if $\bigcap_{n=2}^{\infty} X_n = \emptyset \Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=2}^{\infty} Y_n$ is an open cover of X_1 .

$\Rightarrow \exists$ finite cover $Y_{k_1} \cup \dots \cup Y_{k_s} = X_1$

$\Rightarrow X_{k_1} \cap \dots \cap X_{k_s} = \emptyset$ contradiction. \square

Thm 1.2: $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ discrete subgp. Then H is generated (as a \mathbb{Z} -mod) by r vectors which are linearly independent over \mathbb{R} .

In particular, $r \leq n$, and $H \cong \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus r}$.

Pf: Let $(e_1, \dots, e_r) \in H$ which are lin indep over \mathbb{R} , and suppose r is max possible (so $r \leq n$).

$$\text{Let } P = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i e_i, 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1 \right\}$$

P is cpt, $\Rightarrow P \cap H = \text{finite}$

For $x \in H$, $x = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i e_i$, $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ (bec r is max)

for $j \in \mathbb{Z}^{>0}$, consider $jx = \sum j\lambda_i e_i$

let $x_j = jx - \sum_{i=1}^r [j\lambda_i] e_i = \sum_{i=1}^r \{j\lambda_i\} e_i$

here $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $[a] = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a \in \mathbb{Z} \\ m & \text{if } m \leq x < m+1 \end{cases}$, and $\{a\} = a - [a]$.

Now $x_j \in P \cap H, \forall j$, since $P \cap H = \text{finite}$

$$\Rightarrow \exists k \neq j, x_k = x_j \Rightarrow \sum j\lambda_i e_i - \sum [j\lambda_i] e_i = \sum k\lambda_i e_i - \sum [k\lambda_i] e_i$$

$$\Rightarrow j\lambda_i - [j\lambda_i] = k\lambda_i - [k\lambda_i], \forall i$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_i = \frac{[j\lambda_i] - [k\lambda_i]}{j - k} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

i.e. $x \in \langle e_1, \dots, e_r \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}} \Rightarrow H \subseteq \langle e_1, \dots, e_r \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}}$ \otimes

[Now, $x = x_1 + \sum_{i=1}^r [x_1] e_i$ $x_1 \in P \cap H, e_i \in P \cap H$

Perhaps better to prove fin. gen. over \mathbb{Z} first, before proving \otimes

$\Rightarrow H \subseteq \sum_{f_t \in P \cap H} \mathbb{Z} \cdot f_t$, $\Rightarrow H$ is fin. gen over \mathbb{Z} \otimes

$$\Rightarrow H = \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus s} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/m_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/n_k\mathbb{Z}$$

but $H \subseteq \langle e_1, \dots, e_r \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}} \Rightarrow$ no torsion $\Rightarrow H = \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus s}$, and $s \leq r$.

But $\bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{Z} e_i \subseteq H \Rightarrow s \geq r \Rightarrow s = r, H \cong \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus r}$. \square