

### Commutative Algebra, Problem Set 3

- (1) If a ring  $R$  is artinian, then is the polynomial ring  $R[X]$  also artinian?
- (2) If  $R[X]$  is noetherian, then is  $R$  noetherian?
- (3) Is  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  artinian as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module?
- (4) Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring. Prove that either  $\mathfrak{m}^n \neq \mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$  for all  $n$  or  $\mathfrak{m}^n = 0$  for some  $n$ . Prove also that in the second case,  $R$  is artinian.
- (5) Show that in an artinian ring every prime ideal is maximal.
- (6) Show that an artinian ring has only finitely many maximal ideals.
- (7) Let  $R$  be a noetherian ring and let  $I \subset R$  be a *radical* ideal (i.e.  $I = \sqrt{I}$ ). Show that  $I$  is a finite intersection of prime ideals.
- (8) Let  $I$  be a radical ideal in a ring  $R$ . Let  $I = P_1 \cap P_2 \cap \dots \cap P_n$  be a minimal representation of  $I$  as an intersection of prime ideals. This means that no  $P_i$  can be omitted from the above representation. Then show that each  $P_i$  is a minimal prime of  $I$  (that is: minimal among all primes containing  $I$ ). Further show that this representation of  $I$  as an intersection of primes is unique (with minimality condition).
- (9) Let  $I \subset R$  be a proper ideal. We say that  $I$  is *primary* if the following condition holds:  
let  $x, y \in R$ ; if  $xy \in I$ , then either  $x \in I$  or  $y^n \in I$  for some  $n \geq 1$ .  
Now let  $I \subset R$  be an ideal. Show that  $I$  is primary if and only if all the zero divisors of  $R/I$  are nilpotent.
- (10) What are the primary ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?
- (11) Let  $k$  be a field and let  $R = k[X, Y]$ . Consider the ideals  $I_1 = (X^n, Y^m)$  where  $n, m$  are some positive integers and  $I_2 = (XY, Y^2)$ . Are these ideals primary?
- (12) Let  $R = k[X, Y, Z]/(XY - Z^2)$ . Denote the residues of  $X, Y, Z$  by  $x, y, z$ , so that  $R = k[x, y, z]$ . Let  $I = (x, z)$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Show that  $I$  is prime and  $I^2$  is not primary.
- (13) Show that the radical of a primary ideal is prime. Is this true without the primary assumption?
- (14) Let  $I \subset R$ . If the radical of  $I$  is a maximal ideal, show that  $I$  is primary. If the radical of  $I$  is a prime ideal, then is it true that  $I$  is primary? If  $I$  is primary, then is the radical of  $I$  maximal?