

## NOTES 3

Throughout  $A$  is PID.

### 1. BASIC DEFINITIONS

The set of *non-zero* prime ideals of  $A$  will be denoted  $S$ . Thus

$$S = \{\mathfrak{p} \mid \mathfrak{p} \text{ is a prime ideal of } A \text{ and } \mathfrak{p} \neq 0\}.$$

- If  $I = (a)$  is an ideal and  $M$  a module, then (as before), we write

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_I(M) &= 0 :_M I \\ &= \{x \in M \mid \text{there exists } n \geq 0 \text{ such that } a^n x = 0\} \\ &= \varinjlim_n \text{Hom}_A(A/I^n, M) \end{aligned}$$

- If  $x \in M$ , the *annihilator of  $x$*  is the ideal

$$\text{ann}(x) = \{a \in A \mid ax = 0\}.$$

A *period of  $x$*  is a generator of  $\text{ann}(x)$ . Note that periods are unique up to multiplication by a unit, and we often write “the” period of  $x$  instead of “a” period of  $x$ . Note that the period of  $x$  is non-zero if and only if  $x \in M_{\text{tor}}$ , and  $x = 0$  if and only if its period is a unit.

- The *annihilator of  $M$*  is the ideal

$$\text{ann}(M) = \bigcap_{x \in M} \text{ann}(x).$$

An *non-zero* element of  $\text{ann}(M)$  is called an *exponent* of  $M$ . Clearly  $M$  has an exponent only if  $M$  is a torsion module, i.e., only if  $M = M_{\text{tor}}$ . A sufficient condition for a torsion module  $M$  to have an exponent is that  $M$  is finitely generated. This is not necessary however. Indeed let  $M$  be an infinite direct sum of the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  where  $p$  is a prime number, and regard this as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Then  $p$  is an exponent of  $M$ , even though  $M$  is not finitely generated.

- For a module  $M$  and for  $\mathfrak{p} \in S$ , define the  *$\mathfrak{p}$ -socle* of  $M$  to be the submodule  $\text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(M) = \text{Hom}_A(A/\mathfrak{p}, M)$ . If  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p}) = A/\mathfrak{p}$ , then  $\text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$  is a  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p})$  vector space.
- For a module  $M$  and an element  $x \in M$ , the symbol  $(x)$  will denote the submodule of  $M$  generated by  $x$ . In other words

$$(x) = Ax.$$

A module  $M$  is said to be *cyclic* if  $M = (x)$  for some  $x \in M$ .

### 2. Torsion modules over PIDs

Recall that an  $A$ -module is called *torsion* if  $M_{\text{tor}} = M$ .

**2.1.** We begin with a general description of torsion  $A$ -modules. It can be regarded as a primary decomposition theorem, except we do not assume  $M$  is finitely generated.

**Proposition 2.1.1.** *Let  $M$  be a torsion module. Then*

$$(2.1.1.1) \quad M = \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \in S} \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M).$$

*More precisely, the submodule  $\sum_{\mathfrak{p} \in S} \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$  of  $M$  is an internal direct sum of the constituent summands.*

*Remark:* Since the decomposition (2.1.1.1) is an internal direct sum, it is a canonical decomposition.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in M$  and let  $\text{ann}(x) = (a)$ . Then  $a = \pi_1^{r_1} \dots \pi_l^{r_l}$  where for  $i = 1, \dots, l$ ,  $\pi_i$  are distinct prime elements and  $r_i$  positive integers. By the Chinese Remainder Theorem,  $A/(a) \xrightarrow{\sim} \prod_{i=1}^l A/(\pi_i^{r_i})$ . Let  $e_i \in A/(a)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, l$  be the element corresponding to  $(0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \in \prod_{i=1}^l A/(\pi_i^{r_i})$  where the 1 is in the  $i$ -th spot of the  $l$ -tuple. Then  $\sum_{i=1}^l e_i = 1 \in A/(a)$ . Since  $Ax$  is an  $A/(a)$ -module, we have  $x = (e_1 + \dots + e_l)x = \sum_{i=1}^l e_i x$ . Now  $\pi_i^{r_i} e_i = 0$  by definition of  $e_i$ . Hence  $e_i x \in \Gamma_{(\pi_i)}(M)$ . Thus  $x \in \sum_{\mathfrak{p} \in S} \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$ . Hence  $M = \sum_{\mathfrak{p} \in S} \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$ .

Next suppose  $\mathfrak{p}_i \in S$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , are distinct prime ideals and  $x_i \in \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}_i}(M)$  are elements such that  $x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0$ . We have to show that  $x_i = 0$  for each  $i$ . This will prove the proposition. Let  $N$  be a positive number such that  $\pi_i^N x_i = 0$ . Such an  $N$  clearly exists. Now  $\pi_1^N$  and  $(\pi_2 \dots \pi_n)^N$  are clearly coprime. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of  $A$  such that  $a\pi_1^N + b(\pi_2 \dots \pi_n)^N = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= (a\pi_1^N + b(\pi_2 \dots \pi_n)^N)x_1 \\ &= b(\pi_2 \dots \pi_n)^N x_1 \\ &= -b(\pi_2 \dots \pi_n)^N (x_2 + \dots + x_n) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The same argument shows that  $x_j = 0$  for every  $j$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**2.2. Finitely generated  $\mathfrak{p}$ -torsion modules.** For this subsection. Fix  $\mathfrak{p} \in S$ , say  $\mathfrak{p} = (\pi)$ . A module  $M$  is said to be  $\mathfrak{p}$ -torsion if  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M) = M$ . If  $M$  is  $\mathfrak{p}$ -torsion and  $x \in M$ , then the period of  $x$  must be of the form  $\pi^k$  for a suitable  $k \geq 0$ . In greater detail, we know that  $\pi^n x = 0$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . If  $a$  is a period of  $x$ , then  $a \mid \pi^n$ , giving the result. In particular if  $a \in A$  is such that  $\pi \nmid a$ , then the  $A$ -map  $\mu_a: M \rightarrow M$  given by  $x \mapsto ax$  is necessarily injective.

Fix a *finitely generated  $\mathfrak{p}$ -torsion* module  $M$ . Since  $M$  is finitely generated and torsion,  $\text{ann}(M) \neq 0$  and hence  $M$  has an exponent. Let  $x \in M$  be an element such that the period of  $x$  is an exponent of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is finitely generated, such an  $x$  exists. To see this let  $\text{ann}(M) = (a)$ . Then  $a = u\pi^r$  for a suitable non-negative integer  $n$  and a unit  $u$ . Indeed, suppose  $a = \pi^r b$  with  $\pi \nmid b$ . Then  $0 = \mu_a = \mu_b \circ \mu_{\pi^r}$ . However, as we pointed out,  $\mu_b$  is an injective map, whence  $\mu_{\pi^r} = 0$ , and hence  $\pi^r \in \text{ann}(M)$ . It follows that  $b$  is a unit, as claimed. Thus we may set  $a = \pi^r$ . If  $r = 0$ , then  $M = 0$  and clearly the period of  $x = 0$  is an exponent of  $M$ . Otherwise, there exists  $x \in M$  such that  $\pi^{r-1}x \neq 0$ , and clearly the period of such an  $x$  is  $\pi^r$ .

With  $M$  and  $x$  as above (i.e.,  $M$  finitely generated and  $\mathfrak{p}$ -torsion, and  $x \in M$  such that the period of  $x$  is an exponent of  $M$ ), set

$$\overline{M} := M/(x).$$

**Definition 2.2.1.** If  $\bar{y} \in \overline{M}$  and  $y \in M$  is an element mapping to  $\bar{y}$  under the canonical surjection  $M \rightarrow \overline{M}$ , then we say that  $y$  is a *representative* of  $\bar{y}$  (or  $y$  *represents*  $\bar{y}$ ). We say  $y$  is a *special representative* of  $\bar{y}$  if the period of  $y$  equals the period of  $\bar{y}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.2.** *Let  $\bar{y} \in \overline{M}$ . Then there exists a special representative of  $\bar{y}$  in  $M$ .*

*Proof.* First pick any representative  $y$  of  $\bar{y}$ . Let  $\pi^r$  be the period of  $x$ . Suppose  $\pi^n$  is the period of  $\bar{y}$ . Then  $\pi^{n-1}y \neq 0$  (for  $\pi^{n-1}\bar{y} \neq 0$ ). Moreover  $\pi^n y \in (x)$ , say  $\pi^n y = bx$ ,  $b \in A$ . We may write  $b = c\pi^s$  where  $\pi \nmid c$ . Then  $\pi^n y = c\pi^s x$ . If  $s \geq r$ , then  $\pi^n y = 0$  and hence  $\pi^n$  is a period of  $y$ , i.e.,  $y$  is a special representative of  $\bar{y}$ . Otherwise,  $s < r$  and  $\pi^{n+r-s}y = 0$ , and in fact  $\pi^{n+r-s}$  is a period of  $y$ . It follows that  $n+r-s \leq r$  since  $r$  is an exponent of  $M$ . Hence  $s-n \geq 0$ . Now  $y - c\pi^{s-n}x$  represents  $\bar{y}$  and clearly  $\pi^n(y - c\pi^{s-n}x) = 0$ . Hence  $y - c\pi^{s-n}x$  is a special representative of  $\bar{y}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.2.3.** We shall say elements  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  in  $M$  are *independent* if the  $y_i$  are non-zero and  $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (y_i)$ . Equivalently,  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are independent if  $y_i \neq 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and any relation of the form  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i y_i = 0$  with  $a_i \in A$  implies that  $a_i y_i = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Note that independence does not mean imply linear independence.

**Lemma 2.2.4.** *If  $\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_n \in \overline{M}$  are independent and  $y_1, \dots, y_n \in M$  are elements such that each  $y_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) is a special representative of  $\bar{y}_i$ , then  $x, y_1, \dots, y_n$  are independent.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $ax + a_1 y_1 + \dots + a_n y_n = 0$  for  $a, a_i$  in  $A$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \bar{y}_i = 0$ . Since the  $\bar{y}_i$  are independent, this means  $a_i \bar{y}_i = 0$ . But the period of  $y_i$  is the period of  $\bar{y}_i$  for each  $i$ , and hence  $a_i y_i = 0$ . In greater detail, suppose  $\pi^{r_i}$  is the common period of  $y_i$  and  $\bar{y}_i$ . Then  $a_i \bar{y}_i = 0$  implies that  $\pi^{r_i} \mid a_i$ . It follows that  $a_i y_i = 0$ . This means  $ax = 0$ . Hence  $x, y_1, \dots, y_n$  are independent.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.5.** *Let  $k = A/\mathfrak{p}$ . Then  $\dim_k \text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(\overline{M}) < \dim_k \text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$ .*

*Proof.* Now for any  $\mathfrak{p}$ -torsion module  $N$ , elements  $x_1, \dots, x_l \in \text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(N)$  are independent if and only if they are linearly independent over  $k$ . Indeed an direct sum decomposition  $\sum_{i=1}^l (x_i) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^l (x_i)$  remains valid whether thought of over  $A$  or over  $k$ . Let  $\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_n \in \text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(\overline{M})$  be a  $k$ -basis for  $\text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(\overline{M})$ . Since they are independent, by Lemma 2.2.4  $x, y_1, \dots, y_n$  are independent in  $M$ , where the  $y_i$  are special representatives of the  $\bar{y}_i$ . Since the period of  $\bar{y}_i$  is  $\pi$  for every  $i$ , it follows that the period of  $y_i$  is  $\pi$  for every  $i$ . Hence  $y_i \in \text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$  for every  $M$ . Now if  $\pi^r$  is the period of  $x$ , then  $\pi^{r-1}x \in \text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$ . Moreover,  $\pi^{r-1}x, y_1, \dots, y_n$  are independent. Therefore they are linearly independent over  $k$  in  $\text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$ . The lemma follows.  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.6.** It is easy to see that if  $M$  is cyclic then  $M \cong A/\mathfrak{p}^s$  for some  $s \geq 1$ . Indeed, suppose  $M = (x)$ . Then  $\text{ann}(x) = (\pi^s)$  for some  $s \geq 1$ .

**Proposition 2.2.7.**  *$M$  is isomorphic to a direct sum of cyclic modules.*

*Proof.* This is proved by induction on  $d(M) = \dim_k \text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$ . The statement is clearly true if  $d(M) = 0$ , for in that case  $M = 0$ . If  $d(M) = 1$ , then  $d(\overline{M}) = 0$ , whence  $\overline{M} = 0$ . This means  $M = (x)$ . Now suppose  $d(M) > 1$  and the statement of the proposition is true for all finitely generated  $\mathfrak{p}$ -torsion modules  $N$  with  $d(N) < d(M)$ . Then by Lemma 2.2.5 and our induction hypothesis,  $\overline{M} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^l (\overline{y}_i)$ . If  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are representatives of  $\overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_n$  respectively, then clearly  $x, y_1, \dots, y_n$  generate  $M$ . If further  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are special representatives then Lemma 2.2.4 gives us that  $M = (x) \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^l (y_i)$  and we are done.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.2.8.** *Suppose  $L = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s (A/\mathfrak{p}^i)^{l_i}$  and  $N = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t (A/\mathfrak{p}^i)^{n_i}$  are isomorphic. Then  $s = t$  and  $l_i = n_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, s$ .*

*Proof.* For any finitely generated  $\mathfrak{p}$ -torsion module  $T$ , let us define  $e(T)$  to be the non-negative integer such that  $(\pi^{e(T)}) = \text{ann}(T)$ . If  $T$  and  $T'$  are isomorphic, clearly  $e(T) = e(T')$ .

Now  $e(L) = s$  and  $e(N) = t$ . Since  $L \cong N$  therefore  $s = t$ . We prove the proposition by induction on  $e(L) (= e(N))$ .

Clearly  $\text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(L) \cong \text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(N)$ . But  $\text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(L) = k^{l_1}$  and  $\text{soc}_{\mathfrak{p}}(N) = k^{n_1}$ . Thus  $l_1 = n_1$ . Now,  $\pi L \xrightarrow{\sim} \bigoplus_{i=2}^s (A/\mathfrak{p}^{i-1})^{m_i}$  and  $\pi N \xrightarrow{\sim} \bigoplus_{i=2}^s (A/\mathfrak{p}^{i-1})^{n_i}$ . Moreover  $\pi L \cong \pi N$  and  $e(\pi L) = e(\pi N) = s - 1$ . Our induction hypothesis therefore applies, and we have  $l_i = n_i$  for  $i = 2, \dots, s$ .  $\square$

We are now ready to state the main theorem of this section

**Theorem 2.2.9.** *Let  $M$  be as in this subsection, i.e.,  $M$  is finitely generated and  $\mathfrak{p}$ -torsion. Let  $M \neq 0$ . Then*

$$M \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r A/\mathfrak{p}^{\nu_i}$$

*with  $1 \leq \nu_1 \leq \nu_2 \leq \dots \leq \nu_r$ . The sequence of integers  $\nu_1 \leq \dots \leq \nu_r$  is unique.*

*Proof.* This follows immediately from Proposition 2.2.7 and Proposition 2.2.9.  $\square$

**2.3. Structure theorem for finitely generated torsion modules.** In this subsection  $M$  is a finitely generated torsion module. Recall that according to Proposition 2.1.1 we have a canonical decomposition  $M = \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \in S} \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$ . This decomposition does not need the hypothesis that  $M$  is finitely generated. However, since  $M$  is finitely generated, each  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$  is finitely generated, and clearly  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$  is  $\mathfrak{p}$ -torsion. Let  $\text{Supp}(M) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in S \mid \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M) \neq 0\}$ . Since  $M$  is finitely generated  $\text{Supp}(M)$  is a finite set, say  $\text{Supp}(M) = \{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n\}$ . In fact, if  $\text{ann}(M) = (a)$ , then  $\text{Supp}(M) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in S \mid a \in \mathfrak{p}\}$ , and this is a finite set, namely the set  $\{(\pi_1), \dots, (\pi_n)\}$  where  $\pi_i$  are the distinct primes occurring in the factorization  $a = u\pi_1^{r_1} \dots \pi_n^{r_n}$  with  $u$  a unit and  $r_1, \dots, r_n$  positive integers. Theorem 2.2.9 applies to  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$  and we have a sequence of positive integers, depending only on  $M$  and  $\mathfrak{p}$ ,  $\nu_1(\mathfrak{p}) \leq \dots \leq \nu_r(\mathfrak{p})$  such that  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{r(\mathfrak{p})} A/\mathfrak{p}^{\nu_i(\mathfrak{p})}$ .

We state this as a theorem

**Theorem 2.3.1.** (Structure theorem for modules over a PID, Version-I) *Let  $M \neq 0$  be a finitely generated torsion module over  $A$ . Then  $\text{Supp} M$  is a finite set  $\{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n\}$ , and the canonical decomposition (2.1.1) reduces to a canonical finite*

decomposition  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}_i}(M)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}(M)$ . Then

$$(*)_{\mathfrak{p}} \quad \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{r(\mathfrak{p})} A/\mathfrak{p}^{\nu_i(\mathfrak{p})}$$

with  $1 \leq \nu_1(\mathfrak{p}) \leq \dots \leq \nu_{r(\mathfrak{p})}(\mathfrak{p})$ . The sequence of integers  $(\nu_1(\mathfrak{p}), \dots, \nu_{r(\mathfrak{p})}(\mathfrak{p}))$  is the only one which satisfies the properties that a decomposition for  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(M)$  of the form  $(*)_{\mathfrak{p}}$  exists and the condition  $1 \leq \nu_1(\mathfrak{p}) \leq \dots \leq \nu_{r(\mathfrak{p})}(\mathfrak{p})$  holds.

**Remark 2.3.2.** Note that  $\text{ann}(M) = \mathfrak{p}_1^{\nu_{r(\mathfrak{p}_1)}(\mathfrak{p}_1)} \dots \mathfrak{p}_n^{\nu_{r(\mathfrak{p}_n)}(\mathfrak{p}_n)}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.3.** (Structure theorem for modules over a PID, Version-II) Let  $M \neq 0$  be a finitely generated torsion module over  $A$ . Then

$$M \cong A/(q_1) \oplus \dots \oplus A/(q_l)$$

where  $q_1, \dots, q_l$  are non-zero elements of  $A$  such that  $q_1 \mid \dots \mid q_l$ . The sequence of ideals  $(q_1), \dots, (q_l)$  is uniquely determined by the above conditions.

*Remark:* This is often referred to as the *Elementary Divisor Theorem* and the essentially unique sequence  $(q_1, \dots, q_l)$  are called elementary divisors.

*Proof.* Consider the decomposition  $(*)_{\mathfrak{p}}$  in Theorem 2.3.1 for  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}(M)$ . Then We have for such a  $\mathfrak{p}$  an integer  $r(\mathfrak{p})$ . Let  $l = \max_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}(M)} r(\mathfrak{p})$ . Now suppose  $\text{Supp}(M) = \{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_s\}$ . For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, s\}$  by adding 0's in front of the sequence  $\nu_1(\mathfrak{p}_i) \leq \dots \leq \nu_{r(\mathfrak{p}_i)}(\mathfrak{p}_i)$  we have a sequence  $0 \leq \nu_{i1} \leq \nu_{i2} \leq \dots \leq \nu_{il}$ , with  $\nu_{il} = \nu_{r(\mathfrak{p}_i)}$ . The sequence  $(\nu_{i1}, \dots, \nu_{il})$  is essentially the same as  $(\nu_1(\mathfrak{p}_i), \dots, \nu_{r(\mathfrak{p}_i)}(\mathfrak{p}_i))$  except for a few 0's in front to ensure that the length of the sequence is  $l$  and  $\nu_{il} = \nu_{r(\mathfrak{p}_i)}$ . The data can be arranged as follows:

$$(2.3.4) \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{p}_1 \longleftrightarrow \nu_{11} \leq \nu_{12} \leq \dots \leq \nu_{1l} \\ \mathfrak{p}_2 \longleftrightarrow \nu_{21} \leq \nu_{22} \leq \dots \leq \nu_{2l} \\ \vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \\ \mathfrak{p}_s \longleftrightarrow \nu_{s1} \leq \nu_{s2} \leq \dots \leq \nu_{sl} \end{array}$$

Let  $\mathfrak{p}_i = (\pi_i)$ . Define

$$q_j = \pi_1^{\nu_{1j}} \pi_2^{\nu_{2j}} \dots \pi_s^{\nu_{sj}}, \quad j = 1, \dots, l.$$

Then  $q_1 \mid q_2 \mid \dots \mid q_l$  and clearly (via the Chinese Remainder Theorem)

$$M \cong A/(q_1) \oplus \dots \oplus A/(q_l)$$

holds. This proves the existence of a decomposition of  $M$  via elementary divisors.

The uniqueness assertion regarding the  $(q_i)$  in the elementary divisor decomposition of  $M$  is proved by observing that arrays such as (2.3.4) are essentially unique. In greater detail, suppose

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{p}_1 \longleftrightarrow \mu_{11} \leq \mu_{12} \leq \dots \leq \mu_{1d} \\ \mathfrak{p}_2 \longleftrightarrow \mu_{21} \leq \mu_{22} \leq \dots \leq \mu_{2d} \\ \vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \\ \mathfrak{p}_s \longleftrightarrow \mu_{s1} \leq \mu_{s2} \leq \dots \leq \mu_{sd} \end{array}$$

is another array of non-negative numbers associated to the  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  such that  $\mu_{i1}$  is positive for at least one  $i$  (i.e., at least one integer in the first column is positive). Suppose  $M \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \bigoplus_{j=1}^d A/\mathfrak{p}_i^{\mu_{ij}}$ . Then by Theorem 2.3.1,  $d = l$  and  $\mu_{ij} = \nu_{ij}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, s$  and  $j = 1, \dots, l$ .

Given a direct sum decomposition  $M \cong A/(a_1) \oplus \dots \oplus A/(a_d)$  with  $a_1 \mid a_2 \mid \dots \mid a_d$  ( $a_i \geq 1$ ), we produce such an array. Note that the minimal ideal occurring in the elementary divisor decomposition, namely  $(a_d)$ , is  $\text{ann}(M)$ . Thus this ideal is intrinsic to  $M$ . It follows from Remark 2.3.2 that the prime ideals containing  $(a_d)$  are precisely  $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_s$ , and the prime divisors of  $a_d$  are precisely  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_s$  for  $\text{Supp}(M) = \{(\pi_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, s\}$ . Moreover, since  $a_j \mid a_d$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq d$ , therefore the prime divisors of  $a_j$  are a subset of  $\{\pi_1, \dots, \pi_s\}$  and hence for each  $j$  we have non-negative integers  $\mu_{1j}, \dots, \mu_{sj}$  such that  $a_j = u\pi_1^{\mu_{1j}} \dots \pi_s^{\mu_{sj}}$ . Moreover, since  $a_j \mid a_{j+1}$ , for a fixed  $i$ , the sequence  $(\mu_{i1}, \mu_{i2}, \dots, \mu_{id})$  is non-decreasing. Since  $(a_1)$  is a non-trivial ideal, at least one  $\mu_{i1}$  is positive. Finally clearly,  $M \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \bigoplus_{j=1}^d A/\mathfrak{p}_i^{\mu_{ij}}$ . Thus  $d = l$ ,  $\mu_{ij} = \nu_{ij}$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, s\}$  and all  $j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ , whence  $(a_i) = (q_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, d$ .  $\square$