

## Lecture 12. Localization of modules

Prop.  $R \supset S$  mult. subset,  $M$  an  $R$ -module.  
Then  $M$  has a compatible  $S^{-1}R$ -module structure  $\Leftrightarrow \forall s \in S$ ,  $\mu_s: M \rightarrow M$  (mult. by  $s$ ) is bijective. If so, then the  $S^{-1}R$ -module str. on  $M$  is unique.

Pf. easy (in the notes).

Localization of modules.  $R \supset S$  mult. subset,  $M$  an  $R$ -module. Define a rel. on  $M \times S$  by  $(m, s) \sim (n, t)$  if  $\exists u \in S$  s.t.  $utm = usn$ .

This is an equivalence.

Let  $S^{-1}M$  be the set of equiv. classes, denote by  $\frac{m}{s}$  the class of  $(m, s)$ .

Then  $S^{-1}M$  is an  $S^{-1}R$ -module. We call  $S^{-1}M$  the localization of  $M$  at  $S$ .

E.g. if  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq R$  is an ideal, then  $S^{-1}\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}S^{-1}R$  as shown above.

Also  $S^{-1}\mathfrak{a}M = \mathfrak{a}S^{-1}M$ . Also if  $R \rightarrow R'$  then  $S^{-1}R'$  as an  $S^{-1}R$ -module is what we defined before.

Let  $\varphi_s: M \rightarrow S^{-1}M$ ,  $\varphi_s(m) = \frac{m}{s}$ .

Note that  $\mu_s: S^{-1}M \rightarrow S^{-1}M$  is bij  $\forall s \in S$  by the above.  
If  $S = \{f^n / n \geq 0\}$  for  $f \in R$  then  $S^{-1}M$  is the localization of  $M$  at  $f$ , and we denote  $S^{-1}M$  by  $M_f$  (with  $\varphi_f = \varphi_s$ ).

Similarly, if  $S = R - \mathfrak{p}$  for a prime  $\mathfrak{p}$   
 then call  $S^{-1}M$  the localization of  $M$  at  $\mathfrak{p}$   
 and set  $M_{\mathfrak{p}} = S^{-1}M$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathcal{Y}_S$ .

Thm. (UMP)  $S^{-1}M$  is universal among  
 $S^{-1}R$ -modules equipped with an  $R$ -linear  
 map from  $M$ .

Pf. Easy (in the notes).

~~Given  $M$ , define a functor  $S^{-1} : R\text{-mod} \rightarrow S^{-1}R\text{-mod}$~~

Functoriality.  $R \supset S$ ,  $\alpha : M \rightarrow N$  an  $R$ -linear map.

Then  $\mathcal{Y}_S \alpha$  carries  $M$  to the  $S^{-1}R$ -mod  $S^{-1}N$ .

So UMP yields a unique  $S^{-1}R$ -linear map

$$S^{-1}\alpha \text{ s.t. } \begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & N \\ \downarrow \mathcal{Y}_S & \cong & \downarrow \mathcal{Y}_S \\ S^{-1}M & \xrightarrow{S^{-1}\alpha} & S^{-1}N \end{array}$$

Thus we get  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{S^{-1}R}(S^{-1}M, S^{-1}N)$ .

So  $S^{-1} \cdot$  is a linear functor from  $R\text{-mod}$   
 to  $S^{-1}R\text{-mod}$ .

Thm.  $R \supset S$ . Then the functor  $S^{-1} \cdot$  is left  
 adjoint to the functor of restr. of scalars.

Pf.  $\text{Hom}_{S^{-1}R}(S^{-1}M, N) = \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  by univ.  
 property.

Cor.  $R \supset S$ . Then  $S^{-1} \cdot$  preserves direct limits  
 (or equivalently,  $\oplus$  and cokernels)

Pf. True because it is left adjoint.

Cor.  $S^{-1}M \cong S^{-1}R \otimes_R M$  as functors.

Pf. As this functor preserves direct sums and cokernels, this follows from watt's (=right exact)

thm. Alternatively, both functors are left adj. to restr. of scalars.

Def.  $R \supset S$ ,  $M$  an  $R$ -module. If  $N \subset M$ ,

saturation  $N^S$  is  $\{m \in M \mid \exists s \in S \text{ } sm \in N\}$ .

If  $N = N^S$  then  $N$  saturated. ~~we have~~

Prop.  $R \supset S$ ,  $M$   $R$ -mod,  $N, P \subset M$  submodules  
 $K$  an  $S^{-1}R$ -submod of  $S^{-1}M$ .

- (1)  $N^S \subset M^S$  submodule,  $S^{-1}N \subset S^{-1}M$ .
- (2)  $\varphi_S^{-1}K = (\varphi_S^{-1}K)^S$  and  $K = S^{-1}(\varphi_S^{-1}K)$
- (3)  $\varphi_S^{-1}(S^{-1}N) = N^S$ , and  $\text{Ker } \varphi_S = 0^S$ . ( $\varphi_S: N \rightarrow S^{-1}N$ )
- (4)  $(N^S)^S = N^S$ ,  $S^{-1}(S^{-1}N) = S^{-1}N$
- (5)  $N \subset P \Rightarrow N^S \subset P^S, S^{-1}N \subset S^{-1}P$ .
- (6)  $(N \cap P)^S = N^S \cap P^S$ ,  $S^{-1}(N \cap P) = S^{-1}N \cap S^{-1}P$ .
- (7)  $(N+P)^S = N^S + P^S$ ,  $S^{-1}(N+P) = S^{-1}N + S^{-1}P$

Pf. Straightforward applic of def.

Thm. Exactness of localiz.

$R \supset S$ . Then  $S^{-1}$  is an exact functor

Pf.  $S^{-1}$  preserves injections and cokernels

Cor.  $S^{-1}R$  is a flat  $R$ -module.

Pf. This holds since  $S^{-1}M = S^{-1}R \otimes_R M$ .

Cor.  $R \supset S$ ,  $\mathfrak{a}$  ideal,  $M$   $R$ -mod.

Then  $S^{-1}(M/\mathfrak{a}M) = S^{-1}M/S^{-1}\mathfrak{a}M = S^{-1}M/\mathfrak{a}S^{-1}M$ .

Cor.  $R \supset \mathfrak{p}$  prime. Then  $\text{Frac}(R/\mathfrak{p}) = R_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

Pf.  $\text{Frac}(R/\mathfrak{p}) = (R/\mathfrak{p})_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

Prop.  $R \supset S$ ,  $M$  an  $R$ -module.

(1) let  $m_1, \dots, m_n \in M$ . If  $M$  is fin. gen and if  $\frac{m_i}{1} \in S^{-1}M$  generate it over  $S^{-1}R$ , then  $\exists f \in S$  s.t.  $\frac{m_i}{f} \in M_f$  generate over  $R_f$ .

(2) Assume  $M$  is finitely presented, and  $S^{-1}M$  is a free  $S^{-1}R$ -module of rank  $n$ . Then  $\exists h \in S$  s.t.  $M_h$  is a free  $R_h$ -module of rank  $n$ .

Pf. For (1), let  $\alpha: R^n \rightarrow M$ ,  $\alpha(e_i) = m_i$ . let  $C = \text{Coker}(\alpha)$ . Then  $S^{-1}C = \text{Coker}(S^{-1}\alpha)$  (as  $S^{-1}$  preserves cokernels). Ass.  $\frac{m_i}{1}$  generate  $S^{-1}M$  over  $S^{-1}R$ . Then  $S^{-1}\alpha$  is surjective. So  $S^{-1}C = 0$ .

Now assume  $M$  is fin. generated. Then so is  $C$ .

We have generators  $c_1, \dots, c_r$  of  $C$ .  
 $\forall i \exists s_i \in S$  s.t.  $s_i c_i = 0$ . Then take  
 $f = \sum s_i$ , and get  $f c_i = 0 \Rightarrow C_f = 0$ .

So  $\alpha_f$  is surjective. So  $\frac{m_i}{1}$  generate  $M_f$  over  $R_f$ .  
 Thus get (1).

(2): For (2), let  $\frac{m_1}{s_1}, \dots, \frac{m_n}{s_n}$  be a free basis of  $S^{-1}M$  over  $S^{-1}R$ . Then so is  $\frac{m_1}{1}, \dots, \frac{m_n}{1}$ , as  $\frac{1}{s_i}$  are units.

For  $\alpha, C$  as above let  $K = \ker \alpha$ .

Then  $S^{-1}K = \ker(S^{-1}\alpha)$ , as  $S^{-1}$  commutes with kernel.  
 But  $S^{-1}\alpha$  is bijective. So  $S^{-1}K = 0$  and  $S^{-1}C = 0$ .

Since  $M$  is f.gen, so is  $C$ . So, as above,  
 $\exists f \in S$  s.t.  $C_f = 0$ . Then  $0 \rightarrow K_f \rightarrow R_f^n \rightarrow M_f \rightarrow 0$

is a SES. Take a finite presentation

$R^p \rightarrow R^q \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ . This yields a fin pres.

$R_f^p \rightarrow R_f^q \rightarrow M_f \rightarrow 0$ . So  $K_f$  is a f.gen.  $R_f$ -module.

Let  $S_1 \subset R_f$  be the image of  $S$ . Then  $S_1^{-1}(K_f) =$

$= S^{-1}K$ . But  $S^{-1}K = 0$ . So  $\exists \frac{g}{1} \in S_1$  s.t.  $(K_f)_{\frac{g}{1}} = 0$ .

Let  $h = fg$ . Then  $K_h = 0$ . But  $C_f = 0$  implies

$C_h = 0$ . So  $\alpha_h : R_h^n \rightarrow M_h$  is an isomorphism.

Prop.  $R \supset S$ ,  $M$  and  $N$  modules.

Then there is a canonical homom.

$$\sigma : S^{-1} \text{Hom}_R(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{S^{-1}R}(S^{-1}M, S^{-1}N)$$

Further,  $\sigma$  is inj. if  $M$  is fin.gen. and sur isom if  $M$  is finitely presented.

Ex.  $R = \mathbb{Z}, S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus 0, M = \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ .  $M$  is faithful

so  $\mu_R: R \rightarrow \text{End}_R(M, M)$  is injective.

But  $S^{-1}R = \mathbb{Q}$ . So  $S^{-1}\text{Hom}_R(M, M) \neq 0$ .

But  $S^{-1}M = 0$  so  $\sigma(M, M)$  is not inj.  
(note that  $M$  is not f.gen).

Ex.  $R = \mathbb{Z}, S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus 0, M_n = \mathbb{Z}/\langle n \rangle, n \geq 2$ .

Then  $S^{-1}M_n = 0 \quad \forall n$ . But  $(1, \dots, 1)_1 \neq 0$  in  $S^{-1}(\prod_n M_n)$ , as the  $k$ -th comp. of  $m(1, \dots, 1)$

is nonzero. Also  $S^{-1}\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Q}$ . So get

$$\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} (\prod_n M_n) \neq \prod_n (\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} M_n), \text{ while } \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} (\oplus_n M_n) =$$

$$= \oplus_n \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} M_n.$$