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Lecture 22.  
Completions.

Let  $R$  be a ring,  $M$  a module with a filtr.  $F^\bullet M$ . Then  $M$  has a topol. Open sets are arbitrary unions of  $m + F^n M \quad \forall m, n$ . This is a top since if

$$m + F^n M \cap m' + F^{n'} M \neq \emptyset$$

and  $n \geq n'$  then have

$$\begin{aligned} \exists x \text{ s.t. } x - m \in F^n M, \quad x - m' \in F^{n'} M \subset F^n M \\ \Rightarrow m - m' \in F^n M \quad \text{so} \quad m' + F^{n'} M \subset m + F^n M \\ \text{so int is } m + F^n M. \end{aligned}$$

addit.  $M \times M \rightarrow M$  cont.

$M \rightarrow M, x \rightarrow m + x$  is a homeom.

$R \supset \alpha$ , give  $R$   $\alpha$ -adic filtr.

If filtr. of  $M$  is an  $\alpha$ -filt.

then action is continuous.

Further, if filtr. is stable, then

it yields the same top as

$\alpha$ -adic filtr. as

$$F^n M \supset \alpha^n M \supset \alpha^n F^{n'} M = F^{n+n'} M. \quad \text{for}$$

some  $n'$  and any  $n$ .

Will use  $\alpha$ -adic top. and  $\text{rad}(R)$  if  $R$  semilocal ~~for~~ unless specified otherwise.

NCM submod. Closure  $\bar{N} = \bigcap N \neq F^N M$   
So each  $F^N M$  closed, and  $\{0\}$  closed  $\Leftrightarrow$   
 $\bigcap F^N M = 0$ .

$M$  is separated  $\Leftrightarrow 0$  closed.  
(Hausdorff)

$M$  is discrete ( $\forall \{U_n\}$  both open and closed)  $\Leftrightarrow \{0\}$  is open.

Cauchy sequences:  $m_n$  Cauchy  
if  $\forall n_0 \exists n_1$  s.t.

$$m_n - m_{n'} \in F^{n_0} M \quad \forall n, n' \geq n_1.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m_n - m_{n+1} \in F^{n_0} M \quad \forall n \geq n_1.$$

An  $m \in M$  is a limit of  $m_n$  if  $\forall n_0$   
 $\exists n_1$  s.t.  $m_n - m \in F^{n_0} M \quad \forall n \geq n_1$ .

If every Cauchy sequence has a limit, call  $M$  complete (limit does not have to be unique).

Cauchy sequences for  $M$  form a module.  
Sequences with  $0$  as a limit form a submod. The quotient is denoted

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by  $\hat{M}$  and is called the separated completion. Have a con. homom.

$\alpha: M \rightarrow \hat{M}$ . If  $M$  is complete but not sep. then  $\alpha$  is surj but not inj.  $\alpha$  univ. cont. lin. map  $\hat{M}$  to sep. and complete filtered  $R$ -module.

Then  $\hat{R}$  is a ring,  $\alpha: R \rightarrow \hat{R}$  ring hom,  $\hat{M}$  an  $\hat{R}$ -mod. Also  $M \rightarrow \hat{M}$ ,  $R\text{-mod} \rightarrow \hat{R}\text{-mod}$  is a linear functor.

E.g.  $\hat{R}[\hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_n] = \hat{R}[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$ .

$\mathbb{Z} \supset (p) \supset p\mathbb{Z} \supset p^2\mathbb{Z} \supset \dots$

$\hat{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{Z}_p$   $p$ -adic int.

Prop.  $R \supset \mathfrak{a}$ . Then  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}} \subset \text{rad}(\hat{R})$ .

Pf.  $\hat{R}$  is complete in  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$ -adic top.

So for any  $x \in \hat{\mathfrak{a}}$ ,  $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1+x+x^2+\dots$

So  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}} \subset \text{rad}(\hat{R})$  by (3.2).

Ex.  $1+2+4+8+\dots$  in  $2$ -adics is  $-1$ .

Inverse limits:  $R$  a ring,  $Q_n$   $R$ -mod,

$\alpha_n^{n+1}: Q_{n+1} \rightarrow Q_n$ , can define  $\varprojlim Q_n$   
the submodule

of  $\text{TI}Q_n$  of  $(q_n)$  with  $d_n^{n+1} q_{n+1} = q_n$  for all  $n$ .

Given  $Q_n$  and  $d_n^{n+1} \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

Let  $\theta: \text{TI}Q_n \rightarrow \text{TI}Q_n$

$$\theta(q_n) = q_n - d_n^{n+1} q_{n+1}.$$

Then  $\varprojlim Q_n = \text{Ker } \theta$ .

$\varprojlim Q_n$  has UMP: Given  $\beta_n: P \rightarrow Q_n$ ,  $d_n^{n+1} \beta_{n+1} = \beta_n$ ,  $\exists! \beta: P \rightarrow \varprojlim Q_n$   $\forall n \beta = \beta_n$ .

Also  $\varprojlim \text{Hom}(P, Q_n) = \text{Hom}(P, \varprojlim Q_n)$ .

(inverse limit is dual to direct limit).

$$R = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

$$\text{Ex. } \varprojlim R / \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle^N = \mathbb{C}[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$$

$$\varprojlim \mathbb{Z} / p^n \mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}_p.$$

L: For  $n \geq 1$  cons. comm. diag with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \rightarrow & Q_{n+1}' & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{n+1}'} & Q_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{n+1}} & Q_{n+1}'' \rightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \alpha_n^{n+1} & & \downarrow \alpha_n^{n+1} & & \downarrow \alpha_n''^{n+1} \\
 0 & \rightarrow & Q_n' & \xrightarrow{\gamma_n'} & Q_n & \xrightarrow{\gamma_n} & Q_n'' \rightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

Then the induced sequence

$$0 \rightleftarrows \lim_{\leftarrow} Q_n' \rightleftarrows \lim_{\leftarrow} Q_n \rightleftarrows \lim_{\leftarrow} Q_n''$$

is exact. Moreover, the last map is exact if the  $Q_n'$  satisfy the Mittag-Leffler cond:

$\forall n \quad Q_n \supset \alpha_n^{n+1} Q_{n+1} \supset \dots \supset \alpha_n^m Q_m \supset \dots$  stabilize,  
 i.e.  $\alpha_n^m Q_m = \alpha_n^{m+k} Q_{m+k} \quad \forall k \geq 0.$

Pf. We have a comm. diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \rightarrow & \prod Q_n' & \xrightarrow{\prod \gamma_n'} & \prod Q_n & \xrightarrow{\prod \gamma_n} & \prod Q_n'' \rightarrow 0 \\
 & & \theta \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta' & & \downarrow \theta'' \\
 0 & \rightarrow & \prod Q_n' & \rightarrow & \prod Q_n & \rightarrow & \prod Q_n'' \rightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

with exact rows, where  $\theta$  is as above.

Snake Lemma yields the exact sequence as above and an injection

$\text{Coker } \hat{\gamma} \hookrightarrow \text{Coker } \theta'$ . Assume  $Q_n'$  satisfy the ML cond. Then  $\text{Coker } \theta' = 0$  by exer. above.  $\&$  So  $\text{Coker } \hat{\gamma} = 0$ .  $\square$ .

Prop.  $R$  a ring,  $M$  a module,  $F \cdot M$  filtr. Then  $\hat{M} = \varprojlim M/F^n M$ .

Pf. Define  $\alpha: \hat{M} \rightarrow \varprojlim M/F^n M$ . Given a Cauchy seq.  $m_\nu$ , let  $q_n$  be the residue of  $m_\nu$  in  $M/F^n M$  for  $\nu \gg 0$ . Then  $q_n$  is indep of  $\nu$ , because seq. is Cauchy. Clearly,  $q_n$  is the residue of  $q_{n+1}$  in  $M/F^n M$ . Also  $m_\nu$  has 0 as a limit  $\Leftrightarrow$

$q_n = 0 \forall n$ . Let  $\alpha$  be defined by  $\alpha(m_\nu) = q_n$ . It is easy to check that it is well defined, linear, and injective.

As to surjectivity, given  $q \in \varprojlim M/F^n M$  for each  $\nu$ , lift  $q_\nu \in M/F^\nu M$  to  $m_\nu \in M$ .

Then  $m_\mu - m_\nu \in F^\nu M$  for  $\mu \geq \nu$ . Thus  $m_\nu$  is Cauchy, so  $\alpha$  is surj, hence an isom.

Ex.  $R$  ring,  $M$  a mod,  $F \cdot M$  filt.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & F^{n+1}M & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & M/F^{n+1}M \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & F^n M & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & M/F^n M \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

We have

$$0 \rightarrow \varprojlim F^n M \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\cong} \hat{M}$$

But  $\cong$  is not surj if  $M$  is not complete.

So  $\varprojlim$  not always exact, Cohen's  $\theta$  not always 0.

Prop.  $A$  local ring,  $\mathfrak{m}$  max ideal.

Then  $\hat{A}$  is a local ring with max ideal  $\hat{\mathfrak{m}}$ .

Pf.  $\hat{A}/\hat{\mathfrak{m}} = A/\mathfrak{m}$  ( $\hat{A} = \varprojlim A/\mathfrak{m}^k$ ), So  $\hat{\mathfrak{m}}$  is max

Also any  $z \notin \hat{\mathfrak{m}}$  is invertible. ~~Indeed,~~

~~Let us look for  $z^{-1}$  in the form~~

~~$$z^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z_0^{-1} z^n, \quad z_n \in \mathfrak{m}^n$$~~

We have to take  $z_0 = z^{-1}$  where  $z$  is image of  $z$  in  $A/\mathfrak{m}$ .

Namely, we will construct  $z^{-1}$  as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n$ , where  $zw_n - 1 \in m^{n+1}$ .  
 Let  $w_0$  be any lift of  $\bar{z}^{-1}$ , where  $\bar{z} \in k = A/m$  is the ~~image~~ image of  $z$ .  
 If  $w_{n-1}$  is constructed,  
 let  $w_n = w_{n-1} + x$ ,  $x \in m^n$ .

So we need  $zx + zw_{n-1} - 1 \in m^{n+1} \iff$   
 $\bar{z}\bar{x} + (\bar{z}w_{n-1} - 1) = 0$  in  $m^n/m^{n+1}$ .

So we set  $\bar{x} = -\bar{z}^{-1}(\bar{z}w_{n-1} - 1)$  and  
 pick  $x$  to be any lift of  $\bar{x}$ .  $\square$

For  $\alpha: R \rightarrow \hat{R}$  can. map.  $\forall t \in R$ ,  
 $t_n \in R/m^n$  residue. ~~in~~

L.  $\alpha(t)$  is a unit  $\iff t_n$  is a  
 unit for any  $n$ .

Pf. in the notes.

Let  $T = \alpha^{-1}(\hat{R}^\times)$

Then  $T = \{t \in R \mid t \text{ lies in no max ideal containing } \alpha\}$ . (i.e.  $t \neq 0 \pmod{\text{any max ideal cont } \alpha}$ ).



let  $S = 1 + \alpha$ . Then  $S \subset T$  (as no max ideal can contain both  $x$  and  $1+x$ ).

So we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R & & \\
 \downarrow & \searrow & \\
 S^{-1}R & \xrightarrow{\sigma} T^{-1}R & \xrightarrow{\tau} \hat{R}
 \end{array}$$

also  $R/\alpha^n = S^{-1}R/\alpha^n S^{-1}R = T^{-1}R/\alpha^n T^{-1}R$ .

So  $\hat{R} = \widehat{S^{-1}R} = \widehat{T^{-1}R}$ .

E.g. if  $\mathfrak{m}$  max ideal then  $\hat{R} = \hat{R}_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .

Finally, assume  $R$  is Noetherian.

Then  $\sigma, \tau$  are inj. Indeed, supp.

$\tau\sigma(x/s) = 0$ . Then  $\alpha(x) = 0$  as  $\alpha(s)$  is a unit. So  $x \in \bigcap \alpha^n$ . By Krull int. then,  $\exists s' \in S$  s.t.  $s'x = 0$ . So  $\frac{x}{s} = 0$  in  $S^{-1}R$ . Thus  $\sigma, \tau$  are inj.

Thm. (Exactness of local completion).  
 $R$  Noetherian,  $\alpha$  an ideal. Then for f-gen modules  $M$ , the functor  $M \rightarrow \hat{M}$  is exact.

Pf. Let  $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$  be an exact seq. of f.g. modules.

So  $F^n M' = M' \cap \alpha^n M$ . By Artin-Rees Lemma,

$F^n M'$  form an  $\alpha$ -stable filtr.

So it yields the same top as adic compl. Also Mittag-Leffler cond is

satisfied as  $\alpha_n^{n+1}$  are surj. So statement foll. from prev. prop.

Cor.  $R$  Noeth.,  $M$  f.g.  $\alpha$  ideal.

Then  $\hat{M} \cong \hat{R} \otimes_R M$ .

Pf. Since  $f-r$  is exact, this follows from the Watts thm.

~~Cor.  $\hat{R}$  is a flat  $R$ -module (in the prev. sit.)~~

~~Let  $B$  Noeth.,  $a, b \in R$ ,  $M$  f.g. module.~~

Cor.  $\hat{R}$  Noeth.,  $\hat{a}, \hat{b} \in \hat{R}$  ideals,  $M$  f.g. mod.

Then (1)  $\hat{b}M = \hat{b}\hat{M} = \hat{b}\hat{M}$  and  
(2)  $\hat{b}^n = \hat{b}^n \hat{R} = \hat{b}^n \hat{R} = (\hat{b}\hat{R})^n = \hat{b}^n$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

Pf. The inclusion  $\hat{b}M \hookrightarrow M$  induces a comm. square.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \hat{R} \otimes \hat{b}M & \rightarrow & \hat{R} \otimes M \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \hat{b}M & \rightarrow & \hat{M} \end{array}$$

The image of the top map is  $\hat{b}(\hat{R} \otimes M)$ .

The two vert. arrows are iso. and the bottom map is inj. by exactness of completion. So  $(bM)^\wedge = b\hat{M}$ .

Taking  $R = M$  yields  $\hat{b} = b\hat{R}$ . So

$$b\hat{M} = b\hat{R}\hat{M} = \hat{b}\hat{M}. \text{ This gives (1).}$$

In (1) taking  $b^m$  for  $b$ ,  $R$  for  $M$  yields

$$(b^m)^\wedge = b^m \hat{R}. \text{ So } \hat{b} = b\hat{R}. \text{ So } (b\hat{R})^n = (\hat{b})^n.$$

But  $b^n R' = (bR')^n$  for any  $R$ -alg  $R'$ .

Thus (2) holds

Cor.  $R$  Noether, or an ideal. Then  $\hat{R}$  is flat.

Pf. Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be any ideal. Then  $\hat{R} \otimes \mathfrak{a} = \hat{b}$  and  $\hat{b} = b\hat{R}$  by the above.

So  $\hat{R}$  is flat by the ideal criterion of flatness.

Ex.  $\hat{R} \otimes M \neq \hat{M}$  for general  $M$ .

Ex.  $R = \mathbb{C}[t]$ ,  $\mathfrak{a} = (t)$ ,  $M = \mathbb{C}[t] \otimes V_n$   
↑  
vect.  
space.

L.  $R$  a ring,  $\alpha: M \rightarrow N$  map of modules,  
 $F^\bullet M, F^\bullet N$  filtr. Assume  $\alpha F^n M \subset F^n N$   
 for all  $n$ . Ass  $F^n M = M, F^n N = N$  for  
 $n \ll 0$ . If the induced map  $\hat{\alpha}$   
 is inj or surj then so is  $\hat{\alpha}$ .

Pf. In the notes.

L.  $R$  a ring,  $\mathfrak{a}$  an ideal,  $M$  a mod,  
 $F^\bullet M$  an  $\mathfrak{a}$ -filtr. Ass.  $R$  is complete,  
 $M$  separated,  $F^n M = M, n \ll 0$ .

Ass.  $\hat{M}$  is module finite over  $\hat{R}$ .  
 Then  $M$  is complete and module  
 finite over  $R$ .

Pf. Notes.

Prop.  $R$  a ring,  $\mathfrak{a} \subset R, M$  a mod.

Ass.  $R$  complete,  $M$  separated.

Ass  $\hat{M}$  Noeth as  $\hat{R}$  mod.

then  $M$  is Noeth, and any  $N \subset M$   
 is complete.

Pf notes.

Thm.  $R$  a ring,  $\alpha$  ideal.

if  $R$  is Noetherian, so is  $\hat{R}$ .

Pf.  $G^{\circ}R$  is alg. fin. over  $R/\alpha$   
so Noetherian by the Hilb. basis thm.  
But  $G^{\circ}R = G^{\circ}\hat{R}$ . So  $\hat{R}$  is Noetherian  
by the above lemma. □

Ex.  $k$  Noeth,  $R = k[[X_1, \dots, X_n]]$  compl.  
of  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \Rightarrow$  Noeth.

$k$  dom  $\Rightarrow R$  dom.

$k$  local field  $\Rightarrow R$  local.

Thm. (UMP for power ser)  $R'$  an  $k$ -alg

$\text{Hom}(R[[X_1, \dots, X_n]], R') =$   $b \subset R'$   
 $R'$  sep & compl  
in  $b$ -adic top

Then  $\exists!$  map  $R[[X_1, \dots, X_n]] \rightarrow R'$   $x_i \rightarrow \bar{x}_i \in b$

Thm. A complete Noeth. local ring

$k = A/\mathfrak{m}$ . Then  $A = k[[X_1, \dots, X_n]]/\alpha$ . If  $A$

regular, then choose  $\alpha = 0$ .

Pf. Pick gen.  $x_1, \dots, x_r$  of  $\alpha$ . Then get surj.  
 $k[[X_1, \dots, X_r]] \rightarrow R$ . If choose them minimally  
in the reg. case,  $\alpha = 0$