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# Chapter I

# Modules

## 1 Basics

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**Theorem 1.1.** Any two bases of a free modules over an integral domain are in bijection.

# 2 Cyclic modules over PIDs

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**Convention.** All the modules from now on (except in appendices) will be over PIDs unless stated otherwise.

R will denote a generic PID, and M an R-module.

**Definition 2.1** (Cyclic submodule). A module that can be generated by a single element is called cyclic.

**Proposition 2.2.** Any submodule of a cyclic module is cyclic.

**Definition 2.3** (Order). Annihilator of an  $m \in M$  is any  $a \in A$  such that<sup>1</sup>

$$\operatorname{Ann}(m) = (a).$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We define annihilators of a subset (not just submodules!) of M in the obvious manner.

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**Notation.** Perversely, we denote a generic order (which will be unique up to associates!) of m, by |m|.

Whenever we use them in the statements a result, we will mean that |m| is an arbitrary order of m.

### **Proposition 2.4.** Let $m \in M$ and $a \in A \setminus 0$ . Then<sup>2</sup>

$$|am| \sim \frac{|m|}{\gcd(a,|m|)}$$

where  $\sim$  is the "being associates" relation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Note that the "a/b" notation makes sense only in integral domains.

# Chapter II

# **Field extensions**

## 1 Characteristic and field homomorphisms

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**Convention.** Throughout this chapter, F, K, L will be reserved for fields.

**Definition 1.1** (Field characteristic). Let  $\phi$  be the unique nice ring homomorphism on  $\mathbb{Z} \to F$ . Then we define char F to be the unique nonnegative integer p such that ker  $\phi = (p)$ .

Corollary 1.2. Characteristic of a field is either 0 or a prime integer.

**Definition 1.3** (Field homomorphisms and isomorphisms). A field homomorphism (respectively isomorphism) is a nice ring homomorphism (respectively isomorphism) between fields.

Corollary 1.4. Field homomorphisms are injective.

# 2 Field extensions

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**Definition 2.1** (*F*-extensions). A field homomorphism  $f: F \to K$  is called an *F*-extension.

**Remark.** When the context is clear, we'll let K stand in place of f.

**Definition 2.2** (*F*-extension homomorphisms). Let  $\phi: F \to K$  and  $\psi: F \to L$  be field extensions and  $\xi: K \to L$  a field homomorphism (respectively isomorphism). Then  $(\phi, \xi, \psi)$  is called an *F*-extension homomorphism (respectively isomorphism) iff the following diagram commutes:



**Remark.** When the context is clear, we'll let  $\xi$  stand for  $(\phi, \xi, \psi)$ .

**Definition 2.3** (Degree of field extensions). Let  $\phi: F \to K$  be an extension. Then  $\phi$  is an algebra, and the dimension of K as the vector space over F is called  $\phi$ 's *degree*, and is denoted  $[K:F]_{\phi}$ .

Depending on the degree, we call the extension *finite* or *infinite*.

**Proposition 2.4.** Degree of isomorphic F-extensions coincide.

**Proposition 2.5** (Degree is multiplicative). For extensions  $F \xrightarrow{\phi} K \xrightarrow{\psi} L$ , we have that

$$[L:F]_{\psi \circ \phi} = [L:K]_{\psi} [K:F]_{\phi}.$$

## 3 Simple extensions

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**Definition 3.1** (Simple extensions). An extension  $\phi: F \to K$  is called simple iff

$$K = \phi(F)(\alpha)$$

for some  $\alpha \in K$ .

**Notation.** Given a ring homomorphism  $\phi: A \to B$ , we'll denote by  $f \mapsto f_{\phi}$  the induced homomorphism  $A[x] \to B[x]$ .

**Theorem 3.2** (Extensions via irreducible polynomials). Let  $p \in F[x]$  be irreducible.<sup>1</sup> Let  $\phi$  be the composite of the canonical maps:



Then  $\phi$  is an extension of degree  $n := \deg p$  with  $(\overline{x}^0, \ldots, \overline{x}^{n-1})$  being a basis. We also have that

$$F[x]/(p) = \phi(F)[\overline{x}] = \phi(F)(\overline{x})$$

with "p having a root in F[x]/(p)", namely  $\overline{x}$ :

$$p_{\phi}(\overline{x}) = 0$$

**Definition 3.3** (Algebraics and transcendentals). Let  $\phi: F \to K$  be an extension and  $\alpha \in K$ . Let  $\psi \colon F[x] \to \phi(F)[\alpha]$  be the evaluation at  $\alpha$  via  $\phi$ . Then we call  $\alpha \phi$ -algebraic iff ker  $\psi \neq 0$ , and  $\phi$ -transcendental otherwise.

We call  $\phi$  an *algebraic extension* iff each element of K is  $\phi$ -algebraic.

**Remark.** Again, if clear from the context, we'll drop " $\phi$ -".

**Definition 3.4** (Minimal polynomials). Continuing Definition 3.3, and assuming that  $\alpha$  is  $\phi$ -algebraic, we call the unique monic polynomial p that generates ker  $\psi$ , the  $\phi$ -minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** Continuing Definition 3.3, we have the following:

- (i) If  $\alpha$  is algebraic, then its minimal polynomial p is irreducible and  $\phi(F)(\alpha) = \phi(F)[\alpha] \cong F[x]/(p).$
- (ii) If  $\alpha$  is transcendental, then  $\phi(F)(\alpha) \cong F(x)$ .

**Proposition 3.6** (On non-simple algebraic extensions). Let  $\phi: F \to K$  be an extension and  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n \in K$  for  $n \geq 0$ . Let  $L := \phi(F)(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n)$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\phi$  as  $F \to L$  is algebraic.
- (ii) Each  $\alpha_i$  is  $\phi$ -algebraic.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Since F is a field, this means that p is nonconstant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Since  $1_F$  present, we can use the " $x^{i}$ " notation.

(*iii*)  $[L:F]_{\phi} < \infty.^{3}$ 

If the above equivalent conditions hold, then we have that

$$\phi(F)(\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_n)=\phi(F)[\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_n].$$

## 4 Splitting extensions

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**Definition 4.1** (Splitting extension). An extension  $\phi: F \to K$  is called splitting for a polynomial  $f \in F[x] \setminus \{0\}$  iff

- (i)  $f_{\phi} = c(x \alpha_1) \cdots (x \alpha_n)$  for  $n \ge 0$  in K[x]; and
- (ii)  $K = \phi(F)(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n).$

**Theorem 4.2** (Existence). Each nonzero polynomial has a splitting extension.

**Theorem 4.3** (Isomorphism extension). Let  $\mu: F_1 \to F_2$  be an isomorphism. Let  $\phi_1: F_1 \to K_1$  be a splitting extension for  $f \in F[x] \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\phi_2: F_2 \to K_2$ be one for  $f_{\mu}$ . Then there exists an isomorphism  $\nu: K_1 \to K_2$  making the following commute:

$$F_1 \xrightarrow{\mu} F_2$$

$$\phi_1 \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \phi_2$$

$$K_1 \xrightarrow{\nu} K_2$$

**Corollary 4.4.** Any two splitting field extensions of an  $f \in F[x] \setminus \{0\}$  are *F*-extension isomorphic.

## 5 Algebraic closures

Do this!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The  $\phi$  is actually a restriction.

## 6 Separable extensions

#### April 26, 2023

**Definition 6.1** (Separable polynomials and extensions). An *irreducible polynomial*  $f \in F[x]$  is called separable iff it<sup>4</sup> has no repeated roots in any of (equivalently, one of) its splitting extensions.<sup>5</sup>

A polynomial  $f \in F[x] \setminus \{0\}$  is called separable iff all of its irreducible factors are separable.

An algebraic extension  $\phi \colon F \to K$  is called separable iff the minimal polynomial of each  $\alpha \in K$  is separable.

**Proposition 6.2** (The formal derivative). Define  $D_F \colon F[x] \to F[x]$  by

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^{n} na_i x^{i-1}.$$

Then the following hold:

- (i) D is linear.
- (ii) For  $f, g \in F[x]$ , we have

$$D_F(fg) = D_F(f) g + f D_F(g).$$

(iii) If  $\phi: F \to K$  is a homomorphism, then

$$D_K \circ \phi = \phi \circ D_F.$$

**Notation.** We'll often use the more convenient notation of f'.

**Lemma 6.3** (Extensions preserve gcd's of polynomials). Let  $\phi: F \to K$  be an extension and  $S \subseteq F[x]$  with  $d \in F[x]$  being a gcd. Then  $d_{\phi}$  is a gcd of  $\phi(S)$ .

**Proposition 6.4** (Characterizing separability). Let  $f \in F[x] \setminus \{0\}$ . Then the following are equivalent:

(i) f is separable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>By "it", we obviously mean  $f_{\phi}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Equivalently, f has no repeated roots in any of (not *some* of) its extensions.

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- (ii) f, f' have no common zero in any extension.<sup>6</sup>
- (iii) f, f' have a unit as their gcd in some (equivalently, in all) extensions.

**Corollary 6.5.** The (nonzero) polynomials of a field with characteristic 0 are always separable.

**Example 6.6** (A class of non-separable polynomials). If char F = p > 0, then any nonconstant polynomial in

$$F[x^p] := \left\{ \text{polynomials of the form } \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \, x^{pi} \right\}$$

is non-separable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Of course, we mean the *images* of f and f'.

# Chapter III

# Galois theory

## 1 The set $Aut_{\phi}$

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**Corollary 1.1** (Group of field-fixing automorphisms). Given an extension  $\phi: F \to K$ , the set

 $Aut_{\phi} := \{F \text{-}extension \text{ isomorphisms } K \to K\}$ 

forms a group under function composition.

**Remark.** If one wants to be more explicit than necessary for the benefit of clarity, they might write  $\operatorname{Aut}_{\phi(F)}(K)$ .

**Corollary 1.2.** Given the extensions  $F \xrightarrow{\phi} K \xrightarrow{\psi} L$ , we have that

 $\operatorname{Aut}_{\psi} \leq \operatorname{Aut}_{\psi \circ \phi}$ .

**Proposition 1.3** (The fixed subfield). Given an extension  $\phi: F \to K$  and a subset  $H \subseteq Aut_{\phi}$ , the set

 $\operatorname{Fix}_{\phi}(H) := \{ elements \text{ of } K \text{ that remain fixed by all } \sigma \in H \}$ 

forms a subfield of K containing  $\phi(F)$ . Also, if  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$ , then  $\operatorname{Fix}_{\phi}(H_1) \supseteq \operatorname{Fix}_{\phi}(H_2)$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** Let  $\phi: F \to K$  and  $\psi: F \to L$  be isomorphic F-extensions. Then as groups,

 $\operatorname{Aut}_{\phi} \cong \operatorname{Aut}_{\psi}$ .

## 2 Galois groups

#### April 26, 2023

**Definition 2.1** (Galois groups). The group  $\operatorname{Aut}_{\phi}$  is called a Galois group of  $f \in F[x]$  iff  $\phi$  is a splitting extension of f.

**Remark.** The Galois groups of f are unique up to isomorphisms.

**Lemma 2.2** ("Roots get mapped to roots"). Consider the following *F*-extension homomorphism:



Then for any  $f \in F[x]$ , we have

 $f_{\phi}(\alpha) = 0$  in  $K \implies f_{\psi}(\xi(\alpha)) = 0$  in L.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\phi: F \to K$  be splitting for  $f \in F[x] \setminus \{0\}$ . Then

 $|\operatorname{Aut}_{\phi}| \le [K:F]_{\phi}$ 

with equality holding for separable f's.

## 3 Galois extensions

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**Definition 3.1** (Galois extensions). An extension  $\phi \colon F \to K$  is called Galois iff

$$|\operatorname{Aut}_{\phi}| = [K:F]_{\phi} < \infty.$$

**Example 3.2** ( $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2},\sqrt{3})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2},\omega)$ ). Do this!

**Notation.** By  $F^*$ , we'll mean the multiplicative group of F.

**Definition 3.3** (Characters of groups). A character of a group G is a group homomorphism  $G \to F^*$ .

**Example 3.4.** A field extension  $F \to K$  induces a character  $F^* \to K^*$ .

**Proposition 3.5** ("Linear independence" of characters of a group). Let  $\chi_1, \ldots, \chi_n \colon G \to F^*$  be characters of a group G for  $n \ge 0$  and  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n \in F$ . Then

 $\alpha_1 \chi_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \chi_n = 0 \implies each \alpha_i = 0.$ 

# Appendix A

# Some ring theory

### 1 Having zero and identity

#### April 4, 2023

**Definition 1.1** (Notions in commutative rings). On a *commutative ring*, we can define the following:

- (i) " $a \mid b$ " and " $a \sim b$ " relations.
- (ii) gcd, lcm of subsets.
- (iii) prime elements.

If the ring also has an *identity*, then we can also define irreducibles.

If the ring is further an integral domain, then we also have "a/b" whenever  $b \mid a$  and  $a \neq 0$ .

**Remark.** We may also call irreducibles as atoms occasionally.

**Proposition 1.2** (Facts for commutative rings). In a commutative ring, the following hold:

- (i)  $a \sim b$  and  $c \sim d \implies ac \sim bd$ .
- (ii) Let d be a gcd of S. Then d' is also a gcd of  $S \iff d \sim d'$ . Similarly for lcm.
- (iii) p is prime  $\iff$  (p) is nonzero prime.
- $(iv) \sim preserves \ primality.$

**Proposition 1.3** (When we also have an identity). In a commutative ring with identity, the following hold:

- $(i) \sim becomes an equivalence relation.$
- (ii)  $\sim$  preserves irreducibility.
- (iii) (p) is maximal and nonzero  $\implies p$  is irreducible.<sup>1</sup>
- (iv) Maximal ideals are prime.
- (v) "a | b" becomes a "partial order" with "= replaced with  $\sim$ ".
- (vi) (a)  $\sum_{s \in S} (s) = (d) \implies d \text{ is a gcd of } S.$ (b)  $\bigcap_{s \in S} (s) = (m) \implies m \text{ is an lcm of } S.$

**Remark.** We'll occasionally call integral domains simply as domains.

**Proposition 1.4** (When we have no zero divisors). In an integral domain, the following hold:

- (i)  $a \sim b \iff a = ub$  for some unit u.
- (ii) nd is a gcd of nS and  $n \neq 0 \implies d$  is a gcd of S. The converse holds if nS has a gcd. Similarly for lcm.
- (iii) Let  $a, b \neq 0$ . Then the following hold:
  - (a) d is a gcd of a, b and ax, bx have gcd's for each  $x \implies ab/d$  is an lcm of a, b.
  - (b) m is an lcm of a,  $b \implies ab/m$  is a gcd of a, b.
- (iv) Primes are irreducible.
- (v) "Uniqueness" of prime factorizations.<sup>2</sup>
- (vi) Form of divisors of prime products.<sup>3</sup>
- (vii) Any two prime products have a gcd.

### 2 Euclidean domains

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Converse holds in Bézout domains. See Corollary 6.4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>This comes in two versions: (i) " $p_1 \cdots p_m = q_1 \cdots q_n$ " form; and (ii) " $up_1^{e_1} \cdots p_m^{e_m} = vq_1^{f_1} \cdots q_n^{f_n}$ " form. In the latter,  $p_i$ 's (respectively  $q_i$ 's) need to be nonassociates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>This also comes in two versions. However, we don't need  $p_i$ 's to be nonassociates here in either version.

**Definition 2.1** (Euclidean domains). Let D be a domain. Then a *primitive* Euclidean valuation on D is a function  $\nu: D \setminus \{0\} \to \mathbb{N}$  such that for every  $a, b \in D$  with  $b \neq 0$ , there exist  $q, r \in D$  such that the following hold:

- (i) a = bq + r.
- (ii)  $r \neq 0 \implies \nu(r) < \nu(b)$ .

 $\nu$  is called a *Euclidean valuation* iff it also satisfies

$$\nu(ab) \le \nu(a)\,\nu(b).$$

A domain with a Euclidean valuation is called a Euclidean domain.

**Proposition 2.2** (Euclidean valuations from primitive). Let D be a domain with a primitive Euclidean valuation  $\nu$ . Then D becomes a Euclidean domain with the following valuation:

$$a \mapsto \min_{x \neq 0} \nu(ax) \qquad (a \neq 0)$$

**Corollary 2.3.** Let D be a Euclidean domain with valuation  $\nu$ . Then the following hold:

(i) The minimum value of  $\nu$  is  $\nu(1_D)$ . (ii)  $a \mid b \implies \nu(a) \le \nu(b)$  for  $a, b \ne 0$ . (iii)  $a \sim b \implies \nu(a) = \nu(b)$  for  $a, b \ne 0$ . (iv) u is a unit  $\iff \nu(u) = \nu(1_D)$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** A Euclidean domain is a PID.

## 3 GCD and LCM domains

#### April 5, 2023

**Definition 3.1** (GCD and LCM domains). A domain in which finite sets have gcd's (respectively lcm's) are called GCD (respectively LCM) domains.

Corollary 3.2. PID's are GCD domains.

**Corollary 3.3.** A sufficient condition for a domain to be a GCD (respectively LCM) domain is that any two elements have a gcd (respectively an lcm).

Corollary 3.4. A GCD domain is an LCM domain, and conversely.

**Result 3.5.** Let D be a domain and p be a nonprime atom. Therefore, take a, b such that  $p \mid ab$  but  $p \nmid a, b$ . Then ab and pb don't have any gcd. Consequently, the ideal (ab, pb) is not principal either.

**Example 3.6** (A Noetherian domain that is not GCD). 2 is a nonprime atom in the Noetherian  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$ , dividing

$$4 = (1 + \sqrt{-3})(1 - \sqrt{-3})$$

but neither of the factors.<sup>4</sup>

Corollary 3.7. In a GCD domain, irreducibles and primes coincide.

## 4 Atomic domains

#### April 4, 2023

**Definition 4.1** (Atomic domains). A domain in which every nonzero nonunit admits an irreducible factorization.

**Corollary 4.2.** Any nonzero element of an atomic domain admits a factorization of the form

$$u p_1^{e_1} \cdots p_n^{e_n}$$

for  $n \geq 0$ , where u is a unit,  $p_i$ 's are non-associate irreducibles and each  $e_i \geq 1$ .

**Definition 4.3** (Ascending chain condition on principal ideals, ACCP). An arbitrary ring is said to satisfy ACCP iff every ascending chain of its principal ideals stabilizes.

**Definition 4.4** (Well-founded relations). A relation R on a set X is called well-founded iff every nonempty subset of X has a minimal element.

**Corollary 4.5.** In a domain, ACCP is equivalent to having that the "proper" divisibility is well-founded.<sup>5</sup>

Theorem 4.6. An domain satisfying ACCP is atomic.

Corollary 4.7. Noetherian domains are atomic.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>4</sup>Note that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$  is Noetherian (and hence atomic; see Theorem 4.6), being the image of the ring homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}[x] \to \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$ .

<sup>5</sup>Requires DC.

 $<sup>^{6}</sup>$ Converse not true; see Example 5.3.

### 5 Unique factorization domains

#### April 5, 2023

**Definition 5.1** (UFD's). An atomic domain in which each irreducible factorization is "unique".

**Example 5.2** (A Noetherian domain that is not a UFD). In  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ ,

 $2 \cdot 3 = (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5})$ 

are irreducible factorizations with  $2 \approx 1 \pm \sqrt{-5}$ .

**Example 5.3** (A UFD that is not Noetherian).  $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, x_2, \ldots]$ .<sup>7</sup>

**Theorem 5.4.** For a domain D, the following are equivalent:<sup>8</sup>

- (i) D satisfies ACCP and its irreducibles are prime.
- (ii) D is a UFD.
- (iii) D is atomic as well as a GCD domain.

Corollary 5.5. PID's are UFD's.

**Example 5.6** (A UFD that is not a PID). In the UFD  $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ , the ideal (2, x) is not principal.<sup>9</sup>

### 6 Bézout domains

April 5, 2023

**Definition 6.1** (Bézout domains). A domain in which each finitely generated ideal is principal.

**Corollary 6.2** (Relation with gcd's). Let A be a commutative ring with identity and  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in A$ . Then the following are equivalent:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>That it's a UFD will follow from This will follow from Theorem 7.7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Do (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>That this is a UFD follows from Theorem 7.7.

- (i)  $a_i$ 's have a gcd of the form  $a_1x_1 + \cdots + a_nx_n$ .
- (ii)  $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  is principal.

**Proposition 6.3** (Relation with Bézout lemma). For a domain D, the following are equivalent:

(i) D is Bézout.

(ii) D is GCD; and, whenever d is a gcd of a, b, we have

$$(d) = (a) + (b).$$

Corollary 6.4. In a Bézout domain, irreducibles form maximal ideals.

Corollary 6.5.  $PID \implies Bézout \implies GCD$ .

**Theorem 6.6.**  $Bézout + ACCP \implies PID.$ 

**Proposition 6.7** (Nice summary). We have the following Venn diagram:<sup>10</sup>



In particular, we have the following implications:



<sup>10</sup>Each portion is nonempty.

Not yet proven the above for algebraic integers and  $\mathbb{Z}[(1+\sqrt{-19})/2]!$ 

## 7 Studying polynomial rings

#### April 5, 2023

**Convention.** In this section A will denote a commutative ring with identity, unless otherwise stated.

**Definition 7.1** (Primitives and very primitives). A polynomial f in  $A[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$  is called *very primitive*<sup>11</sup> iff the A-ideal generated by its coefficients is the entire A.

f is called *primitive* iff  $1_A$  is a gcd of the coefficients of f.

**Convention.** We'll identity the common elements of A, A[x], A[x, y], etc.

**Theorem 7.2.** Let  $f, g \in A[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ . Write  $f = \sum_{|\alpha| \le m} a_{\alpha} x^{\alpha} \in A[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$  for  $m, n \ge 0$ . Then the following hold:

(i) f is a unit  $\iff$   $a_0$  is a unit and all the rest are nilpotents.

(ii) f is a nilpotent  $\iff$  each  $a_{\alpha}$  is a nilpotent.

- (iii) An ideal of  $A[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$  which is annihilated by some nonzero polynomial is also annihilated by some nonzero constant.<sup>12</sup>
- (iv) fg is very primitive  $\iff f, g$  are very primitive.
- (v) fg is primitive  $\implies f, g$  are primitive.<sup>13</sup>

**Theorem 7.3** (Eisenstein). Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal of A. Let  $f := \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i \in A[x]$  such that the following hold:

- (i)  $a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} \in \mathfrak{p}$  but  $a_n \notin \mathfrak{p}$ .
- (*ii*)  $a_0 \notin \mathfrak{p}^2$ .

Then we can't write f as a product of two polynomials each having strictly smaller degree.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Following Paolo's terminology.

 $<sup>^{12}</sup>$ This is due to Conrad.

 $<sup>^{13}\</sup>mathrm{See}$  Theorem 7.4 for a converse.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>The hypotheses automatically imply that  $f \neq 0$ , so that we can talk of its degree.

**Theorem 7.4** (Gauss' lemma). Let D be a GCD domain wherein each nonunit has an irreducible (or equivalently, prime) factor. Then the following hold:

- (i) f, g in D[x] are primitive  $\implies fg$  is primitive.
- (ii) Irreducibles of D[x] are also irreducible in Frac(D)[x].

Lemma 7.5 (Irreducibles and primitives).

- (i) Nonconstant irreducibles polynomials over a GCD domain are primitive.
- (ii) A nonconstant primitive polynomial over a domain that doesn't factor into two polynomials of strictly smaller degrees, is primitive.

**Lemma 7.6.** Primitive polynomials over a domain admit irreducible factorizations.

**Theorem 7.7.** D is a UFD  $\implies$   $D[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$  is a UFD.

**Corollary 7.8.** D is a UFD  $\implies$   $D[x_1, x_2, \ldots]$  is a UFD.