

*A constructive approach to
Zariski Main Theorem*

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Abstract

Zariski Main Theorem. We study the constructive formulation and the constructive meaning of ZMT and some consequences.

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0. Isolated zeroes, preliminaries

Let \mathbf{A} be a commutative ring, f_1, \dots, f_s polynomials in $\mathbf{A}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$.
To this polynomial system is associated the **quotient algebra**

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}[X_1, \dots, X_n] / \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle = \mathbf{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n].$$

This is a general finitely presented \mathbf{A} -algebra. We shall speak of a **fp-algebra**.

A zero $\underline{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ of the polynomial system in an \mathbf{A} -algebra \mathbf{C} corresponds to a morphism $\varphi_{\underline{a}} : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ sending x_i to a_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$).

We are interested in “isolated zeros” of polynomial systems.

Isolated zeroes, preliminaries

If $\underline{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is a zero of \mathbf{B} with coordinates in \mathbf{A} we consider:

the ideal of \underline{a} : $\mathfrak{m}_{\underline{a}} = \langle x_1 - a_1, \dots, x_n - a_n \rangle \subseteq \mathbf{B}^n$

the local algebra at \underline{a} : $(1 + \mathfrak{m}_{\underline{a}})^{-1}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{m}_{\underline{a}}}$

Recall what is a **local ring**:

a commutative ring for which $x + y$ invertible implies

x invertible *or* y invertible.

In a ring \mathbf{C} the **Jacobson radical** is the ideal

$$\text{Rad}(\mathbf{C}) = \{ x \in \mathbf{C} \mid 1 + x\mathbf{C} \subseteq \mathbf{C}^\times \} \subseteq \mathbf{C}.$$

The quotient $\mathbf{C}/\text{Rad}\mathbf{C}$ is the **residue ring**. When \mathbf{C} is a local ring, the residue algebra is a **field**: a local ring whose Jacobson radical is reduced to 0.

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1. Isolated zeroes, field case

Discrete field: commutative ring \mathbf{k} with:

every element is 0 *or* invertible.

Zerodimensional reduced ring (Von Neuman regular ring): commutative ring \mathbf{k} with:

for each element x there is an idempotent e_x such that

$x = 0$ modulo e_x *and* x is invertible modulo $1 - e_x$.

Zerodimensional ring: commutative ring \mathbf{k} with:

for each element x there is an idempotent e_x such that

x is nilpotent modulo e_x *and* x is invertible modulo $1 - e_x$.

If \mathbf{B} is a fp \mathbf{k} -algebra and $\underline{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is a zero of \mathbf{B} with coordinates in \mathbf{k} the local algebra $\mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{m}_{\underline{a}}}$ is a local ring whose residual ring is isomorphic to \mathbf{k} through the morphism $\varphi_{\underline{a}} : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}$.

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First we have a **local theorem**, which allows us to give a good definition of an **isolated zero** when the base ring is a discrete field.

Theorem 1. *For a discrete field \mathbf{k} , a fp-algebra $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ and a zero $\underline{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ with coordinates in \mathbf{k} , T.F.A.E.*

1. *The local algebra $\mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{m}_{\underline{a}}}$ is zero-dimensional.*

2. *There is an idempotent $e \in 1 + \mathfrak{m}_{\underline{a}}$ such that $\mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{m}_{\underline{a}}} = \mathbf{B}[1/e]$.*

3. *There is an element s of \mathbf{B} such that $\mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{m}_{\underline{a}}} = \mathbf{B}[1/s]$.*

If \mathbf{k} is contained in an algebraically closed field \mathbf{K} :

4. *There is an element $s(\underline{x})$ of \mathbf{B} such that \underline{a} is the unique zero of \mathbf{B} with coordinates in \mathbf{K} and $s(\underline{a})$ invertible.*

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There is a corresponding **global theorem**.

Theorem 2. For a discrete field \mathbf{k} and a fp-algebra $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, T.F.A.E.

1. The algebra \mathbf{B} is a zero-dimensional ring.
2. The algebra \mathbf{B} is a finite dimensional \mathbf{k} -vector space.
3. The elements x_i of \mathbf{B} are integral over \mathbf{k} .

If \mathbf{k} is contained in an algebraically closed field \mathbf{K} :

4. All zeroes of \mathbf{B} with coordinates in \mathbf{K} are isolated.
5. There are finitely many zeroes of \mathbf{B} with coordinates in \mathbf{K} .

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2. Isolated zeroes, local case

Here we consider a polynomial system on a residually discrete local ring $(\mathbf{A}, \mathfrak{M})$ (the residue field $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{A}/\mathfrak{M}$ is a discrete field).

If $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is the corresponding quotient algebra, we have residually $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{B}/\mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B}$ corresponding to “the same” polynomial system read on \mathbf{k} rather than on \mathbf{A} .

A natural problem is: assume \mathbf{L} is finite over \mathbf{k} ,

1. can we lift the zeroes in \mathbf{A} ?
2. is \mathbf{B} finite over \mathbf{A} ? (i.e., is it a finitely generated \mathbf{A} -module? or equivalently, are the x_i 's integral over \mathbf{A} ?)

An answer will be given by the Zariski Main Theorem (Grothendieck formulation).

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We cannot be too optimistic.

Consider e.g., a variety in \mathbf{k}^2 which is the union of points on the y -axis with equations $x = 0$, $u(y) = 0$ and of two curves of equations $f(x, y) = 0$ (with f monic in y) and $g(x, y) = 1 + xy = 0$. This corresponds to the following quotient ring (where $F = fg$)

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{k}[x, y] = \mathbf{k}[X, Y]/\langle XF(X, Y), u(Y)F(X, Y) \rangle .$$

We want to examine this variety above the x -axis in the neighbourhood of $\{0\}$. So we consider the local ring $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{k}[x]_{1+x\mathbf{k}[x]}$ (with maximal ideal $\mathfrak{M} = x\mathbf{A}$ and residue field \mathbf{k}) and the \mathbf{A} -algebra $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}_{1+x\mathbf{k}[x]}$.

Residually we get taking $x = 0$ the ring $\mathbf{B}/\mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{k}[Y]/\langle u(Y)f(0, Y) \rangle$. It is a finite \mathbf{k} -vector space. But y viewed in \mathbf{B} is not integral over \mathbf{A} . We have to remove the component $g(x, y) = 0$ in order that y becomes integral over \mathbf{A} . What we get is we find an element $s \in 1 + \mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B}$ (namely $s = g$) which changes nothing residually (you invert 1!) but we have $\mathbf{B}[1/s]$ is finite over \mathbf{A} .

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Theorem 3. (as in Raynaud)

Let \mathbf{A} be a ring, \mathfrak{M} a maximal ideal of \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{A}/\mathfrak{M}$. Let \mathbf{B} a finitely generated \mathbf{A} -algebra and \mathfrak{P} a prime ideal of \mathbf{B} lying over \mathfrak{M} . Let \mathbf{A}_1 be the integral closure of \mathbf{A} in \mathbf{B} . Let $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}_{\mathfrak{P}}$. If $\mathbf{C}/\mathfrak{M}\mathbf{C}$ is a finite \mathbf{k} -algebra then there exists $s \in \mathbf{A}_1 \setminus \mathfrak{P}$ such that $\mathbf{A}_1[1/s] = \mathbf{B}[1/s]$.

A constructive form of this theorem is the following.

Theorem 4.

Let \mathbf{A} be a ring, \mathfrak{M} a detachable maximal ideal of \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{A}/\mathfrak{M}$. Let $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ such that $\mathbf{B}/\mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B}$ is a finite \mathbf{k} -algebra. Then there exists $s \in 1 + \mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B}$ such that s, sx_1, \dots, sx_n are integral over \mathbf{A} .

So $\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{A}[s, sx_1, \dots, sx_n]$ is finite over \mathbf{A} , $\mathbf{B}[1/s] = \mathbf{A}'[1/s]$ and residually $\mathbf{A}'/\mathfrak{M}\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{B}/\mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B}$.

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An abstract proof of Theorem 3 was given by Peskine. The proof uses in an essential way localizations at minimal primes. Deciphering constructively the proof is a rather hard task. This gives a slightly more general theorem.

Theorem 5.

Let \mathbf{A} be a ring, \mathfrak{J} an ideal of \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{A}/\mathfrak{J}$. Let $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ such that $\mathbf{B}/\mathfrak{J}\mathbf{B}$ is a finite \mathbf{k} -algebra. Then there exists $s \in 1 + \mathfrak{J}\mathbf{B}$ such that s, sx_1, \dots, sx_n are integral over \mathbf{A} .

So $\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{A}[s, sx_1, \dots, sx_n]$ is finite over \mathbf{A} , $\mathbf{B}[1/s] = \mathbf{A}'[1/s]$ and residually $\mathbf{A}'/\mathfrak{J}\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{B}/\mathfrak{J}\mathbf{B}$.

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3. Isolated zeroes, general case

Quasi-finite algebras

In classical mathematics an \mathbf{A} -algebra \mathbf{B} is said to be **quasi-finite** if it is of finite type and if prime ideals of \mathbf{B} lying over any prime ideal of \mathbf{A} are incomparable. If \mathfrak{P} is a prime ideal of \mathbf{B} lying over the prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of \mathbf{A} this means that the extension $\text{Frac}(\mathbf{B}/\mathfrak{P})$ of $\text{Frac}(\mathbf{A}/\mathfrak{p})$ is finite.

Another way to express this fact is to say that the morphism $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is **zero-dimensional**. A constructive characterization of zero-dimensional morphisms uses the zero-dimensional reduced ring \mathbf{A}^\bullet generated by \mathbf{A} . The ring \mathbf{A}^\bullet can be obtained as a direct limit of rings

$$\mathbf{A}[a_1^\bullet, a_2^\bullet, \dots, a_n^\bullet] \simeq (\mathbf{A}[T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n]/\mathfrak{a})_{\text{red}}$$

with $\mathfrak{a} = \langle (a_i T_i^2 - T_i)_{i=1}^n, (T_i a_i^2 - a_i)_{i=1}^n \rangle$

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In classical mathematics we obtain the following equivalence.

Proposition 6. *Let $\varphi : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ a morphism of commutative rings.*

1. *Prime ideals of \mathbf{B} lying over any prime ideal of \mathbf{A} are incomparable.*
2. *The ring $\mathbf{A}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{B}$ is a zero-dimensional ring.*

The second item is taken to be the **correct definition** of zero-dimensional morphisms in constructive mathematics.

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As a consequence we have the following characterization of quasi-finite morphisms.

Proposition 7. *Let \mathbf{B} be an \mathbf{A} -algebra of finite type. The following are equivalent.*

1. *The structure map $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is a zero dimensional morphism.*
2. *There exist $a_1, \dots, a_p \in A$ such that for each $I \subseteq \{a_1, \dots, a_p\}$, if we let $I' = \{a_1, \dots, a_p\} \setminus I$, $\mathfrak{a}_{\underline{a}, I} = \langle a_i, i \in I \rangle$, $\alpha_{\underline{a}, I'} = \prod_{i \in I'} a_i$ and $\mathbf{A}_{(\underline{a}, I)} = (A/\mathfrak{a}_{\underline{a}, I}) \left[\frac{1}{\alpha_{\underline{a}, I'}} \right]$ then the ring $\mathbf{B}_{(\underline{a}, I)}$ is integral over $\mathbf{A}_{(\underline{a}, I)}$.*

This gives a good definition of quasi-finite morphisms in constructive mathematics. Let us insist here on the fact that the equivalence in Proposition 7 has a constructive proof.

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Open immersions

The global version of ZMT given in classical mathematics uses also the notion of an “open immersion” from $\text{Spec } \mathbf{B}$ to $\text{Spec } \mathbf{A}$.

A constructive approach for an open immersion is the following.

Definition 8. *A morphism $\varphi : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is an **open immersion** if there exist s_1, \dots, s_n in \mathbf{A} comaximal in \mathbf{B} such that for each i the natural morphism $\mathbf{A}[1/s_i] \rightarrow \mathbf{B}[1/\varphi(s_i)]$ is an isomorphism.*

Open immersions and finite morphisms are particular case of quasi-finite morphisms.

Theorem 9. (global ZMT, classical formulation)

Let \mathbf{B} be quasi-finite over \mathbf{A} . Let \mathbf{C} be the integral closure of \mathbf{A} in \mathbf{B} . Then the morphism $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is an open immersion. Moreover there exists a finite subalgebra \mathbf{C}' of \mathbf{C} such that the morphism $\mathbf{C}' \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is an open immersion.

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A more precise formulation is the following.

Theorem 10. (global ZMT, constructive formulation)

Let $\mathbf{A} \subseteq \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be rings such that the inclusion morphism $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is zero dimensional (in other words, \mathbf{B} is quasi-finite over \mathbf{A}). Let \mathbf{C} be the integral closure of \mathbf{A} in \mathbf{B} . Then there exist elements s_1, \dots, s_m in \mathbf{C} , comaximal in \mathbf{B} , such that all $s_i x_j \in \mathbf{C}$. In particular for each i , $\mathbf{C}[1/s_i] = \mathbf{B}[1/s_i]$. Moreover letting $\mathbf{C}' = \mathbf{A}[(s_i), (s_i x_j)]$, which is finite over \mathbf{A} , we get also $\mathbf{C}'[1/s_i] = \mathbf{B}[1/s_i]$ for each i .

The concrete hypothesis is item 2 in proposition 7. The proof is by induction on p .

We assume we have the conclusion for $p - 1$ and let $a = a_p$. The induction hypothesis is applied to the morphisms $\mathbf{A}/a\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}/a\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{A}[1/a] \rightarrow \mathbf{B}[1/a]$, and so on ...

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4. Simple zeroes, unramified and étale algebras

We use the terminology of Grothendieck in EGA4. Let us recall that an ideal is called a nilideal if some power of it is zero.

Definition 11. Let \mathbf{A} be an arbitrary commutative ring and \mathbf{C} an \mathbf{A} -algebra.

1. The \mathbf{A} -algebra \mathbf{C} is said to be **formally unramified** (resp. **formally smooth**) if for each algebra \mathbf{B} and each nilideal \mathfrak{J} of \mathbf{B} the canonical map $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{B}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{B}/\mathfrak{J})$, $\varphi \mapsto \pi \circ \varphi$, is injective (resp. surjective).
2. A morphism which is formally smooth and formally unramified is called **formally étale**.
3. An \mathbf{A} -algebra is said to be **étale** (resp. **smooth**, resp. **unramified**) if it is formally étale (resp. formally smooth, resp. formally unramified) and moreover is a finitely presented \mathbf{A} -algebra.

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Simple zeroes, unramified morphisms

The following classical result is constructive.

Proposition 12. An \mathbf{A} -algebra \mathbf{C} is formally unramified iff the module of differentials of \mathbf{C} over \mathbf{A} , usually denoted as $\Omega_{\mathbf{C}|\mathbf{A}}$ is null.

We shall use the following notation for finitely presented algebras:

$$\mathbf{A}_{[f_1, \dots, f_p]} = \mathbf{A}[X_1, \dots, X_n] / \langle f_1, \dots, f_p \rangle.$$

So an \mathbf{A} -algebra \mathbf{C} is unramified iff $\mathbf{C} \simeq \mathbf{A}_{[f_1, \dots, f_p]}$ with the transpose of the Jacobian matrix $\text{Jac}_{f_1, \dots, f_p}[\underline{x}]$ surjective:

$$\text{Jac}_{f_1, \dots, f_p}(\underline{X}) = (\partial f_j / \partial X_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq p}$$

This means that **the n -minors of the Jacobian matrix generate the ideal $\langle 1 \rangle$ of \mathbf{C} .**

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A basic theorem of algebraic geometry describes unramified algebras over discrete fields.

Theorem 13. *Let \mathbf{k} be a discrete field and \mathbf{A} an unramified \mathbf{k} -algebra.*

1. \mathbf{A} is a finite dimensional \mathbf{k} -vector space.
2. \mathbf{A} is a zero-dimensional reduced ring and can be described as a finite product of monogenic separable algebras, i.e., algebras isomorphic to $\mathbf{k}[h_j]$ with h_j a separable polynomial.
3. Moreover:
 - If \mathbf{k} is a separably factorial field (see [MRR] for this constructive notion), one can take the h_j 's irreducible (so the algebra is a finite product of discrete fields $\mathbf{k}[h_j]$).
 - If \mathbf{k} is infinite, the algebra is isomorphic to $\mathbf{k}[h]$ for some separable polynomial h .

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Proposition 14. *An unramified algebra is quasi-finite.*

Proof. Let $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}_{[f_1, \dots, f_s]} = \mathbf{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be an unramified \mathbf{A} -algebra. We have to show that the ring $\mathbf{A}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{B}$ is zero-dimensional. So we have to prove that when \mathbf{A}_1 is a zero-dimensional reduced ring any unramified \mathbf{A}_1 -algebra is finite. The result is classical when \mathbf{A}_1 is a discrete field (see Theorem 13). So we can apply the constructive elementary local-global machinery of zero-dimensional reduced rings. \square

As a consequence of Zariski Main Theorem (global version, Theorem 10) we obtain structure theorems for unramified algebras.

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Theorem 15. (unramified morphisms, local structure theorem)

Let $(\mathbf{A}, \mathfrak{M})$ be a residually discrete local ring. Let \mathbf{B} be an unramified \mathbf{A} -algebra with $\mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B} \cap \mathbf{A} = \mathfrak{M}$ and C be the integral closure of \mathbf{A} in \mathbf{B} . There exist $u_1, \dots, u_r \in C$ comaximal in $\mathbf{B}/\mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B}$ such that for each j the algebra $\mathbf{B} \left[\frac{1}{u_j} \right]$ is isomorphic to a quotient of a standard étale algebra $\mathbf{A}_{[h_j]} \left[\frac{1}{g_j} \right]$ where the surjective morphism $\mathbf{A}_{[h_j]} \left[\frac{1}{g_j} \right] \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \left[\frac{1}{u_j} \right]$ gives modulo \mathfrak{M} an isomorphism.

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Corollary 16. (usual classical version of Theorem 15: cf. Raynaud, Chapter V, Th. 5, p. 51)

Let $(\mathbf{A}, \mathfrak{M})$ be a residually discrete local ring, \mathbf{B} an \mathbf{A} -algebra, \mathfrak{p} a prime ideal of \mathbf{B} lying over \mathfrak{M} . Assume that \mathbf{B} is “unramified in the neighbourhood of \mathfrak{p} ”, i.e. there exists $p \notin \mathfrak{p}$ such that $\mathbf{B} \left[\frac{1}{p} \right]$ is unramified over \mathbf{A} . Then there exists $u \notin \mathfrak{p}$ such that $\mathbf{B} \left[\frac{1}{u} \right]$ is isomorphic to a quotient of a standard étale algebra $\mathbf{A}_{[h]} \left[\frac{1}{g} \right]$ where the surjective morphism $\mathbf{A}_{[h]} \left[\frac{1}{g} \right] \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \left[\frac{1}{u} \right]$ gives residually an isomorphism.

Remark. In order to have a constructive proof of this corollary, the prime ideal \mathfrak{p} is assumed to be given through its complement S , which has to be a “prime filter”: $st \in S$ iff s and t are in S , and if $s + t \in S$ then s or t is in S , with an explicit “or”. Thus the localization \mathbf{A}_S is a local ring in the constructive meaning.

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Multidimensional Hensel Lemma*

\mathbf{A} is a local ring with detachable maximal ideal \mathfrak{M} and $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{A}/\mathfrak{M}$ is the residual field. We shall look at a polynomial system

$$f_1(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \dots = f_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) = 0 \quad (*)$$

which has a simple zero at $(0, \dots, 0)$ residually: $f_i(0, \dots, 0) \in \mathfrak{M}$ and also the Jacobian of this system $J(0, \dots, 0)$ is in \mathbf{A}^\times . In this case we will say that we have a Hensel system. To this polynomial system we associate

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{the quotient ring} & \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}[X_1, \dots, X_n] / \langle f_1, \dots, f_n \rangle = \mathbf{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \\ \text{a maximal ideal of } \mathbf{B} & \mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}} = \mathfrak{M} + \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \mathbf{B} \quad (\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}} \supseteq \mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B}) \\ \text{and the local ring} & \mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}} \text{ (usually denoted as } \mathbf{B}_{\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}}\text{)}. \end{array}$$

The ideal $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}$ is maximal because it is the kernel of the morphism $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}$ sending $g(x)$ to $\bar{g}(0)$. This shows also that $\mathbf{B}/\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{A}/\mathfrak{M}$.

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This implies that the natural morphism $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is injective, so we can identify \mathbf{A} with its image in \mathbf{B} and we have $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} \oplus \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \mathbf{B}$. Nevertheless it is not at all evident that the morphism from \mathbf{A} to $\mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}}$ is injective.

It can be easily seen that the natural morphism $\varphi : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}}$ shares the following universal property: it is a local morphism (i.e., $\varphi(x) \in (\mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}})^\times$ implies $x \in \mathbf{A}^\times$) and if $\psi : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ is a local morphism such that (y_1, \dots, y_n) is a solution of $(*)$ with the y_i 's in the maximal ideal of the local ring \mathbf{C} then there exists a unique local morphism $\theta : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ such that $\theta \circ \varphi = \psi$.

Since $\mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}}$ satisfies this universal property w.r.t. the system $(*)$ we introduce the notation

$$\mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}} = \mathbf{A}_{[f_1, \dots, f_n]}.$$

Multidimensional Hensel Lemma

The Multidimensionnal Hensel Lemma (MHL fort short) is a kind of “primitive element theorem”.

Theorem 17. (Multidimensional Hensel Lemma)

With the preceeding hypotheses and notations, the local ring $\mathbf{A}_{[f_1, \dots, f_n]} = \mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}}$ can also be described with only one polynomial equation $f(X)$ such that $f(0) \in \mathfrak{M}$ and $f'(0) \in \mathbf{A}^\times$.

More precisely there exist an $y \in \mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}$ and a monic polynomial $f(X) \in \mathbf{A}[X]$ with $f(y) = 0$ and $f'(0) \in 1 + \mathfrak{M}$ (thus $f'(y) \in 1 + \mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}$),

such that each x_i belongs to $\mathbf{A}[y, \frac{1}{1+y}]$ (in other words $\mathbf{B} \subseteq \mathbf{A}[y, \frac{1}{1+y}]$), and the natural morphism $\mathbf{A}_{[f]} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_{1+\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{B}}}$ sending x to y is an isomorphism (x is X viewed in $\mathbf{A}_{[f]}$).

In short $\mathbf{A}_{[f_1, \dots, f_n]} = \mathbf{A}_{[f]}$.

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Here is an example where \mathbf{A} is the local ring $\mathbb{Q}[a, b]_S$, S being the monoid of elements $p(a, b) \in \mathbb{Q}[a, b]$ such that $p(0, 0) \neq 0$. We take next $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}[x, y]$ where x, y are defined by the equations

$$-a + x + bxy + 2bx^2 = 0, \quad -b + y + ax^2 + axy + by^2 = 0$$

We shall compute $s \in \mathbf{B}$ integral over \mathbf{A} such that sx, sy integral over B and $s = 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B}}$.

Following the proof we take $t = 1 + ax + by$. We have that $t = 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B}}$ and t, ty integral over $\mathbf{A}[x]$. We have even $ty = y + axy + by^2 = b - ax^2$ in $\mathbf{A}[x]$. The equation for t is

$$t^2 - (1 + ax)t - b + ax^2$$

We have then

$$tx = x + ax^2 + bxy = a + (a - 2b)x^2$$

and so

$$(t - (a - 2b)x)x = a$$

If we take $u = t - (a - 2b)x = 1 + 2bx + by$ we have $u = 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{M}\mathbf{B}}$ and ux in \mathbf{A} and u is integral over \mathbf{A} . Indeed u is integral over $\mathbf{A}[1/u]$ since x is in $\mathbf{A}[1/u]$ and u is integral over $\mathbf{A}[x]$.

If we take $s = tu^2$ we have s, sx, sy integral over \mathbf{A} .

Indeed, ux is in \mathbf{A} and since $t^2 - (1 + ax)t - b + ax^2 = 0$ we have tu and hence s integral over \mathbf{A} . Since $ty = b - ax^2$ we have $sy = vu^2 - a(ux)^2$ integral over \mathbf{A} . Finally $sx = (tu)(ux)$ is integral over \mathbf{A} .

It can be checked that s is a root of a monic polynomial f of degree 4 of the form $T^3(T - 1)$ residually.

Thank you

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