

# Examen : Corrigé

## Commutative algebra

Il sera tenu compte, dans l'appréciation des copies, de la précision des raisonnements ainsi que la clarté de la rédaction.

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### Exercice 1

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ .

1. Show that  $\sqrt{I}$  is an ideal of  $R$ .
2. If  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ , show that  $\sqrt{P} = P$ .

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1. Since  $0^1 = 0 \in I$ ,  $0 \in \sqrt{I}$ .  
If  $x \in \sqrt{I}$  and  $a \in R$ , then  $x^n \in I$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $(ax)^n = a^n x^n \in I$ , hence  $ax \in \sqrt{I}$ .  
Let  $a, b \in \sqrt{I}$ . Then there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^n, b^n \in I$ . We have  $(a+b)^{2n} = \sum_{k=0}^{2n} C_{2n}^k a^k b^{2n-k}$ .  
For  $k \geq n$ , we see that  $a^k \in I$ , hence  $C_{2n}^k a^k b^{2n-k} \in I$ . For  $0 \leq k \leq n$ , we see that  $b^{2n-k} \in I$  since  $2n-k \geq n$ , hence  $C_{2n}^k a^k b^{2n-k} \in I$ . Thus  $(a+b)^{2n} \in I$ . So  $a+b \in I$ .
2. Clearly  $P \subseteq \sqrt{P}$ . Let  $x \in \sqrt{P}$ , then  $x^n \in P$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $P$  is a prime ideal, we get  $x \in P$ . Thus  $\sqrt{P} = P$ .

### Exercice 2

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Show that  $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ .

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Let  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $r \otimes \overline{m} = \frac{nr}{n} \otimes \overline{m} = \frac{r}{n} \otimes \overline{nm} = 0$ .

### Exercice 3

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $S$  be a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R$ .

1. Show that every element of  $S^{-1}R \otimes_R M$  has the form  $\frac{a}{s} \otimes m$ , where  $a \in R$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $m \in M$ .

2. Show that  $S^{-1}R \otimes_R M \simeq S^{-1}M$ .

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1. Let  $z \in S^{-1}R \otimes_R M$ . Then  $z = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{s_i} \otimes m_i$  where  $a_i \in R$ ,  $s_i \in S$ ,  $m_i \in M$ . For each  $i$ , we have  $\frac{a_i}{s_i} \otimes m_i = \frac{1}{s_i} \otimes (a_i m_i)$ . Denote  $s = \prod_{k=1}^n s_k$  and  $t_i = \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n s_k$ . Then  $\frac{a_i}{s_i} \otimes m_i = \frac{t_i}{s} \otimes (a_i m_i) = \frac{1}{s} \otimes (t_i a_i m_i)$ . Hence  $z = \frac{1}{s} \otimes (\sum_{i=1}^n t_i a_i m_i) = \frac{1}{s} \otimes m'$  where  $m' = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i a_i m_i \in M$ .
2. Consider the maps  $f : S^{-1}R \otimes_R M \rightarrow S^{-1}M$ ,  $f(\frac{a}{s} \otimes m) = \frac{am}{s}$  and  $g : S^{-1}M \rightarrow S^{-1}R \otimes_R M$ ,  $g(\frac{m}{s}) = \frac{1}{s} \otimes m$ . The maps  $f$  and  $g$  are well defined and  $f \circ g = \text{Id}_{S^{-1}M}$  and  $g \circ f = \text{Id}_{S^{-1}R \otimes_R M}$ .

#### Exercise 4

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $f \in R$  be a non nilpotent element. Let  $\varphi : R[X] \rightarrow R_f$  the map defined by  $\varphi(P) = P(\frac{1}{f})$ .

1. Justifies that  $\varphi$  is a morphism of rings.
2. Show that  $\varphi$  is surjective.
3. Prove that  $(fX - 1) \subseteq \ker \varphi$ .
4. Prove that  $\ker \varphi = (fX - 1)$ .
5. Deduce that  $R_f$  is isomorphic to  $\frac{R[X]}{(fX - 1)}$ .

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1. We see that  $\varphi(PQ) = (PQ)(\frac{1}{f}) = P(\frac{1}{f})Q(\frac{1}{f}) = \varphi(P)\varphi(Q)$ . And  $\varphi(P + Q) = (P + Q)(\frac{1}{f}) = P(\frac{1}{f}) + Q(\frac{1}{f}) = \varphi(P) + \varphi(Q)$ . Moreover  $\varphi(1) = 1$ .
2. Let  $\frac{a}{f^n} \in R_f$ . Set  $P = aX^n$ , then  $\varphi(P) = a(\frac{1}{f})^n = \frac{a}{f^n}$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is surjective.
3. We see that  $\varphi(fX - 1) = f\frac{1}{f} - 1 = 0$ , hence  $fX - 1 \in \ker \varphi$ , thus  $(fX - 1) \subseteq \ker \varphi$ .
4. Let  $P = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k X^k \in \ker \varphi$ , That is  $\sum_{k=0}^n a_k (\frac{1}{f})^k = 0$ . In the ring  $R_f[X]$ , we have  $P = P - P(\frac{1}{f}) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k (X^k - (\frac{1}{f})^k) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k (X^k - (\frac{1}{f})^k)$ . But for each  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , we have  $X^k - (\frac{1}{f})^k = (X - \frac{1}{f})Q_k$  where  $Q_k = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (\frac{1}{f})^i X^{k-1-i} \in R_f[X]$ . Therefore

$$P = (X - \frac{1}{f})(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k Q_k) = (X - \frac{1}{f})Q = (fX - 1)\frac{Q}{f}$$

where  $Q = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k Q_k \in R_f[X]$ . By multiplying with a suitable power of  $f$ , we get  $f^m P = (fX - 1)D$  where  $D \in R[X]$ . Now, we see that  $(fX)^m - 1 = (fX - 1)V$  for some  $V \in R[X]$ , hence  $(fX)^m P = (fX - 1)X^m D$ , so  $(1 + (fX - 1)V)P = (fX - 1)X^m D$ , thus  $P = (fX - 1)(X^m D - VP) \in (fX - 1)$ . It follows that  $\ker \varphi = (fX - 1)$ .

5. By the isomorphism theorem,  $\text{Im } \varphi = R_f$  is isomorphic to  $\frac{R[X]}{\ker \varphi} = \frac{R[X]}{(fX - 1)}$ .