

Date due: Wednesday May 1, 2013. In class on Friday May 3 we will grade your answers, so it is important to be present on that day, with your homework.

Questions 8.1, 8.2 on page 63 of Matsumura.

In these questions p is a prime. We will write an element $a_{-s}p^{-s} + \cdots + a_{-1}p^{-1} + a_0 + a_1p + a_2p^2 + \cdots$ of the p -adic rationals \mathbb{Q}_p , where $0 \leq a_i \leq p - 1$, as a string $\cdots a_3a_2a_1a_0.a_{-1}\cdots a_{-s}$ with a point separating a_0 and a_{-1} .

1. Show that when $p = 2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} -1 &= \cdots \overline{1}111. \quad \text{and} \\ \frac{1}{3} &= \cdots \overline{1}0101011. \end{aligned}$$

What fraction does $\cdots \overline{1}1001101.$ represent? Show that a p -adic integer is a negative (rational) integer if and only if it is of the form $\overline{1}a_n \cdots a_3a_2a_1a_0.$

2. Show that \mathbb{Q} is the subset of \mathbb{Q}_p consisting of strings $\overline{a_m \cdots a_n} \cdots a_3a_2a_1a_0.a_{-1}\cdots a_{-s}$ which eventually recur, and that the localization $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ is the subset of \mathbb{Q}_p consisting of strings $\overline{a_m \cdots a_n} \cdots a_3a_2a_1a_0.$ which eventually recur to the left and do not continue to the right of the point.
3. Write out a proof that the p -adic integers (described as strings of numbers as above) is isomorphic to the inverse limit of the diagram

$$\cdots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^3\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$$

in which each of the homomorphisms is a ring homomorphism (and hence is surjective).

4. Let \mathcal{C} be a small category. Show that a sequence $F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \rightarrow F_3$ in the category $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \text{abgps})$ of functors from \mathcal{C} to abelian groups, with natural transformations as morphisms, is exact if and only if for all objects X in \mathcal{C} the sequence of abelian groups $F_1(X) \rightarrow F_2(X) \rightarrow F_3(X)$ is exact.
5. Write out a proof that if $\hat{M} = \varprojlim M/M_\lambda$ is the inverse limit, where the M_λ form a directed system as on page 55 of the book, then the topology on \hat{M} given as the subspace topology of the product topology coincides with the linear topology given by the submodules M_λ^* which are the kernels of the projection maps $\hat{M} \rightarrow M/M_\lambda$.
6. Prove that the completion $\hat{M} = \varprojlim M/M_\lambda$ of the last question is itself complete with respect to the linear topology given by the submodules M_λ^* .

(3) The completion \hat{A} of A is faithfully flat over A ; hence $A \subset \hat{A}$, and $I\hat{A} \cap A = I$ for any ideal I of A .

(4) \hat{A} is again a Noetherian local ring, with maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m}\hat{A}$, and it has the same residue class field as A ; moreover, $\hat{A}/\mathfrak{m}^n\hat{A} = A/\mathfrak{m}^n$ for all $n > 0$.

(5) If A is a complete local ring, then for any ideal $I \neq A$, A/I is again a complete local ring.

Remark 1. Even if A is complete, the localisation $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ of A at a prime \mathfrak{p} may not be.

Remark 2. An Artinian local ring (A, \mathfrak{m}) is complete; in fact, it is clear from the proof of Theorem 3.2 that there exists a ν such that $\mathfrak{m}^{\nu} = 0$, so that $\hat{A} = \varprojlim A/\mathfrak{m}^n = A$.

Exercises to §8. Prove the following propositions.

- 8.1. If A is a Noetherian ring, I and J are ideals of A , and A is complete both for the I -adic and J -adic topologies, then A is also complete for the $(I + J)$ -adic topology.
- 8.2. Let A be a Noetherian ring, and $I \supset J$ ideals of A ; if A is I -adically complete, it is also J -adically complete.
- 8.3. Let A be a Zariski ring and \hat{A} its completion. If $\mathfrak{a} \subset A$ is an ideal such that $\mathfrak{a}\hat{A}$ is principal, then \mathfrak{a} is principal.
- 8.4. According to Theorem 8.12, if $y \in \bigcap_{\nu} I^{\nu}$ then

$$y \in \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - a_i)A[[X_1, \dots, X_n]].$$

Verify this directly in the special case $I = eA$, where $e^2 = e$.

- 8.5. Let A be a Noetherian ring and I a proper ideal of A ; consider the multiplicative set $S = 1 + I$ as in §4, Example 3. Then A_S is a Zariski ring with ideal of definition IA_S , and its completion coincides with the I -adic completion of A .
- 8.6. If A is I -adically complete then $B = A[[X]]$ is $(IB + XB)$ -adically complete.
- 8.7. Let (A, \mathfrak{m}) be a complete Noetherian local ring, and $\mathfrak{a}_1 \supset \mathfrak{a}_2 \supset \dots$ a chain of ideals of A for which $\bigcap_{\nu} \mathfrak{a}_{\nu} = (0)$; then for each n there exists $\nu(n)$ for which $\mathfrak{a}_{\nu(n)} \subset \mathfrak{m}^n$. In other words, the linear topology defined by $\{\mathfrak{a}_{\nu}\}_{\nu=1,2,\dots}$ is stronger than or equal to the \mathfrak{m} -adic topology (Chevalley's theorem).
- 8.8. Let A be a Noetherian ring, $\mathfrak{a}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{a}_r$ ideals of A ; if M is a finite A -module and $N \subset M$ a submodule, then there exists $c > 0$ such that

$$n_1 \geq c, \dots, n_r \geq c \Rightarrow \mathfrak{a}_1^{n_1} \dots \mathfrak{a}_r^{n_r} M \cap N = \mathfrak{a}_1^{n_1 - c} \dots \mathfrak{a}_r^{n_r - c} (\mathfrak{a}_1^c \dots \mathfrak{a}_r^c M \cap N).$$
- 8.9. Let A be a Noetherian ring and $P \in \text{Ass}(A)$. Then there is an integer $c > 0$ such that $P \in \text{Ass}(A/I)$ for every ideal $I \subset P^c$ (hint: localise at P).
- 8.10. Show by example that the conclusion of Ex. 8.7. does not necessarily hold if A is not complete.