

Semisimplicity and radical

Jacobson density theorem

M : semisimple left R -module, $D = \text{End}_R(M)$, $\phi \in \text{End}_D(M)$

\forall finite sequence $x_1, \dots, x_n \in M$, $\forall \alpha \in R$ s.t. $\alpha(x_i) = \phi(x_i)$ for $i=1, \dots, n$

In other words, the image \bar{R} of R in $\text{End}_D(M)$ is a dense subring of $\text{End}_D(M)$ for the "operator topology" on $\text{End}_D(M)$, generated by the following family of open subsets

$$\left\{ U_{(a_1, \dots, a_m; b_1, \dots, b_m)} \right\}_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{N} \\ a_i, b_i \in M}} \quad U_{(a_1, \dots, a_m; b_1, \dots, b_m)} = \left\{ f \in \text{End}_D(M) \mid f(a_i) = b_i \forall i=1, \dots, m \right\}$$

Rank: The version usually seen is the case when M is a simple R -module.

Then $D = \text{End}_R(M)$ is a division ring, M is a left vector space over D ,

$\text{End}_D(M)$ is the ring of all D -linear operators on M . The density theorem says that the image of R in $\text{End}_D(M)$ is a dense subring of $\text{End}_D(M)$.

Two definitions of (simple and) semisimple rings

A. Bourbaki's definition (which we will follow):

A ring R is semi-simple if R is a semisimple left R -module

$\leftarrow R_s$ in Bourbaki's notation

R is right
 R -module

A ring R is simple if it is semisimple and has exactly one isomorphism class of simple left R -modules

left ideal

Proposition 2 (consequence of this definition of semi-simplicity)

Let R be a semisimple ring (in the sense of Bourbaki)

(1) Every left R -module is semisimple — easy

$\{I_i\}_{i \in I}$ I_i = simple left ideals
 $R = \bigoplus J_i$ mutually non-zero
 $J_i = \text{sum of left } R$ -submodules

(2) There exist simple left ideals L_1, \dots, L_m , mutually non-isomorphic, such that every simple left R -module is isomorphic to one of $\{L_1, \dots, L_m\}$

(3) For $i=1, \dots, m$, let $R_i = \sum_{\substack{I: \text{simple left} \\ \text{ideal isomorphic} \\ \text{to } L_i}} I$. Then R_i is a two-sided ideal.

Moreover $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_m$

(4) $\exists e_i \in R_i$, $i=1, \dots, m$ such that $e_1 + \dots + e_m = 1$, $e_i \cdot e_j = 0$ if $i \neq j$, $e_i^2 = e_i \forall i$
 $R_i = e_i R e_i$ is a ring, and $R \cong R_1 \times \dots \times R_m$ as a product ring

\mathbb{F} : a field. $M = \bigoplus_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{F}$

R $\underset{\text{def}}{=}$ a doubly transitive \mathbb{F} -subalg. of $\text{End}_{\mathbb{F}}(M)$,

\checkmark \Leftrightarrow $\begin{array}{l} \text{doubly transitive} \\ \forall u, v \in M, \mathbb{F}\text{-lin. indep} \\ \forall u', v' \in M \end{array}$

$$\exists \alpha \in R \text{ s.t. } \alpha(u) = u' \\ \alpha(v) = v'$$

Exer. a) Such a subring exists!

b) M is a simple R -module,
and $\text{End}_R(M) = \mathbb{F}$

Examples of semisimple rings :

i) V : finite dim^l vector space / \mathbb{F} = a field

$T \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{F}}(V) \Rightarrow \mathbb{F}[T] \subseteq \text{End}_{\mathbb{F}}(V) \subseteq V$

$\mathbb{F}[X]/\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{min. poly of } T \\ f(x) \end{array}\right]$ is semisimple

$f(x) =$ a product of mutually
monic distinct monic irreducible
polynomials.

2) G : a finite group
 k : a field.

$k[G]$ is semisimple

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{k} \cdot \#G \in k^\times \quad \begin{matrix} \Leftarrow & \text{using } \int_G \\ \Rightarrow & \text{exer} \end{matrix}$$

When $k = \mathbb{C}$: $\mathbb{C}[G] \cong \prod_{i \in I} M_{n_i}(\mathbb{C})$
or, k alg. closed
 $\#G \cdot 1_k \neq 0$ in k .

$$k[G] \cong \prod_{i \in I} M_{n_i}(k)$$

Every simple module is $n_i = \dim V_i$

$$\cong \text{a simple module of } \underbrace{M_{n_i}(k)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{for a unique } i \in I}} \supseteq M_{n_i}(k) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \mathbb{G}_m \end{matrix}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{a simple ring.}}}$$

k not algebraically closed. $\#G \cdot 1_k \in k^\times$

$$k[G] \cong \prod_{i \in I_k} M_{n_i}(D_i) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Example 1) } D_i \text{ is a field } \not\cong k \\ \boxed{?} \rightarrow D_i \text{ is non-commutative} \end{matrix}$$

$$1) k = \mathbb{Q}, G = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}. \quad k[G] \cong k[x]/(x^3 - 1) \cong k \times \overbrace{k[x]}^{Q(x)} \times \overbrace{k[x]}^{x^2 + x + 1}$$

(5) Each R_i is a simple ring.

Proposition 3 Let R be a simple ring and let L be a simple left ideal. Let $D = \text{End}_R(L)$, and $R \cong L^{\oplus r}$ as left R -modules. Then $\dim_D(L) = r$ and $R \cong \text{End}_D(L) \cong M_r(D^{\text{opp}})$.

Remark: The key is $\text{End}_R(L^{\oplus r}) \cong \text{End}_R(R_s) = R^{\text{opp}}$
 $\cong M_r(D)$

Corollary 4. Every semisimple ring is Artinian.

B. Ring theorists' definition of semisimple rings and radicals

(B1) The radical $\text{Rad}(M)$ of a left R -module M is

$$\text{Rad}(M) = \bigcap_{\substack{N \subseteq M \text{ submodule} \\ M/N \text{ simple}}} N$$

(B2) The radical $\text{Rad}(R)$ of a ring R is

$$\text{Rad}(R) = \bigcap_{\substack{M \text{ simple} \\ \text{left } R\text{-module}}} \text{Ann}_R(M) = \bigcap_{\substack{M \text{ semisimple} \\ \text{left } R\text{-module}}} \text{Ann}_R(M)$$

Ring theorists say a ring is semisimple if its radical is 0.

Relation between the two notions

R is semisimple following Bourbaki $\iff R \cong \prod_{i=1}^m M_{n_i}(D_i)$ $D_i = \text{division algebra}$



$\text{Rad}(R) = 0 \iff \exists \text{ injective ring homomorphism}$

$$l: R \hookrightarrow \prod_{i \in I} R_i$$

st.

$$p_i \circ l: R \rightarrow R_i$$

$i \in I$

is surjective $\forall i \in I$

$I = \text{indexing set}$
 $D_i = \text{division ring } \forall i \in I$
 $V_i = \text{left } D_i\text{-module}$
 $R_i \subseteq \text{End}_{D_i}(V_i)$
doubly transitive subring

By defⁿ, $R_i \subseteq \text{End}_R(V_i)$ is doubly transitive if $\forall u, v \in V_i$
linearly indep. over V_i , $\forall u', v' \in V_i$, $\exists \alpha \in R_i$ s.t. $\begin{cases} \alpha(u) = u' \\ \alpha(v) = v' \end{cases}$

Properties of radicals:

- Lemma 5 (i) \forall non-zero R -module M of finite type. $\text{Rad}(M) \neq M$
- (ii) $f: M \rightarrow M'$ R -linear $\Rightarrow f(\text{Rad}(M)) \subseteq \text{Rad}(M')$
- (iii) $N \subseteq M \Rightarrow \text{Rad}(N) \subseteq \text{Rad}(M)$
- $\text{Rad}(M/N) \supseteq \text{Rad}(M) + N/N$ ($\Rightarrow \text{Rad}(M/N) = \text{Rad}(M)/N$)
if $N \subseteq \text{Rad}(M)$
- (iv) $\text{Rad}(M) =$ the smallest R -submodule N s.t. $\text{Rad}(M/N) = 0$
- (v) If M is of finite type, $N \subseteq M$ R -submodule and $M = N + \text{rad}(M)$,
Then $N = M$ (Consequence of (i) and (iii) — consider M/N ; analog of Nakayama's Lemma)
- (vi) $\text{Rad}(\prod_{i \in I} M_i) \subseteq \prod_{i \in I} \text{Rad}(M_i)$, $\text{Rad}(\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \text{Rad}(M_i)$

Prop. 6 M : R -module with a finite set of generators x_1, \dots, x_n

$$y \in M \text{ Then } y \in \text{Rad}(M) \iff \forall a_1, \dots, a_n \in R$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n R \cdot (x_i + a_i y) = M$$

Lemma 7. M : R -module

$$\text{Rad}(M) = 0 \iff \exists \text{ simple } R\text{-modules } M_i : i \in I \stackrel{\text{possibly infinite}}{\leftarrow} \text{ and an injective } R\text{-linear map}$$

$$M \hookrightarrow \prod_{i \in I} M_i$$