

How to calculate Colon Ideals in GCD Domains in particula in UFD Domains

Theorem:

Let R be a GCD domain, $I \trianglelefteq R$ and $S \subseteq R$. Moreover let $I = \langle i_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha \in J}$ and $S = \{s_\beta\}_{\beta \in K}$ for some index sets J, K . Then the following relation holds:

$$\bigcap_{\beta \in K} \left\langle \frac{i_\alpha}{\gcd(i_\alpha, s_\beta)} \right\rangle_{\alpha \in J} \subseteq I : S \quad (1)$$

proof: We can take $\langle S \rangle$ instead S as $I : \langle S \rangle = I : S$. This enables us to eliminate maybe a few of s_β 's and take only $\{s_\beta\}$ that generates $\langle S \rangle$. As, $I : S = I : \langle S \rangle = I : \langle \{s_\beta\} \rangle = I : \{s_\beta\}_{\beta \in K}$ which is sometimes useful to reduce computation.

Coming back to proof, take

$$x \in \bigcap_{\beta \in K} \left\langle \frac{i_\alpha}{\gcd(i_\alpha, s_\beta)} \right\rangle_{\alpha \in J}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \left\langle \frac{i_\alpha}{\gcd(i_\alpha, s_\beta)} \right\rangle_{\alpha \in J}, \forall \beta \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in J' \subseteq J \\ J' \text{ is finite}}} r_\alpha \frac{i_\alpha}{\gcd(i_\alpha, s_\beta)}, \forall \beta \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow xs_\beta = \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in J' \subseteq J \\ J' \text{ is finite}}} r_\alpha \frac{i_\alpha s_\beta}{\gcd(i_\alpha, s_\beta)}, \forall \beta \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow xs_\beta = \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in J' \subseteq J \\ J' \text{ is finite}}} r_\alpha i_\alpha t_{\alpha, \beta}, \forall \beta \in K$$

where, $t_{\alpha, \beta} = \frac{s_\beta}{\gcd(i_\alpha, s_\beta)}$ and hence $xs_\beta \in I$. This means $x \in I : \{s_\beta\} = I : S$.

Corollary:

To find the equality in (1) we have to check is there any element outside $\bigcap_{\beta \in K} \left\langle \frac{i_\alpha}{\gcd(i_\alpha, s_\beta)} \right\rangle_{\alpha \in J}$. To find element outside this ideal we can look at non-zero element in $\frac{R}{\bigcap_{\beta \in K} \left\langle \frac{i_\alpha}{\gcd(i_\alpha, s_\beta)} \right\rangle_{\alpha \in J}}$. For a non-zero element $x + \bigcap_{\beta \in K} \left\langle \frac{i_\alpha}{\gcd(i_\alpha, s_\beta)} \right\rangle_{\alpha \in J}$, it is sufficient to check whether $x \in I : S$ as corresponding nonzero elements in R will be $x + i$ for all $i \in \bigcap_{\beta \in K} \left\langle \frac{i_\alpha}{\gcd(i_\alpha, s_\beta)} \right\rangle_{\alpha \in J}$. But if $x + i \in I : S$ so is x . Now if we have such x then we have another ideal $\left\langle x, \bigcap_{\beta \in K} \left\langle \frac{i_\alpha}{\gcd(i_\alpha, s_\beta)} \right\rangle_{\alpha \in J} \right\rangle \subseteq I : S$ and repeat the above process. Else, we get the equality.

Example:

Let $R = F[x, y]$, $I = \langle xy^2, x^2y \rangle$ and $S = \{y^2\}$.

By equation (1) we have,

$$\left\langle \frac{xy^2}{\gcd(xy^2, y^2)}, \frac{x^2y}{\gcd(x^2y, y^2)} \right\rangle = \langle x, x^2 \rangle = \langle x \rangle \subseteq I : S$$

Now, find non-zero element in $\frac{F[x, y]}{\langle x \rangle} \cong F[y]$. Any non zero element of $F[y]$ is of the form $f(y)$ and taking pre-image under the natural isomorphism $(\phi(f(x, y) + \langle x \rangle) = f(x, y) \pmod{x})$

So, $\phi^{-1}(f(y)) = f(y) + \langle x \rangle$.

And hence check whether $f(y) \in I : S$?

$f(y)y^2 \notin I$ as elements in I must have at least 1 degree in indeterminate x . Hence $f(y) = 0$ and hence

$$I : S = \langle x \rangle$$