

On Graded rings

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Definition

Let G be a group with neutral element e . A ring R is said to be graded by G , or graded of type G , if there is a family $\{R_g\}_{g \in G}$ of additive subgroups R_g of R such that

$$R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$$

and

$$R_g R_h \subseteq R_{gh} \tag{1}$$

for all $g, h \in G$. The additive subgroup R_g is called the *homogeneous component* of R of degree $g \in G$.

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- The set $h(R) = \bigcup_{g \in G} R_g$ is the set of *homogeneous elements* of R . A nonzero element $x \in R_g$ is said to be homogeneous of degree g and we write $\deg(x) = g$. Each element $r \in R$ has a unique decomposition $r = \sum_{g \in G} r_g$ with $r_g \in R_g$ for all $g \in G$, and the sum is finite, i.e. almost all r_g are zero. The support of r in G is denoted by $\text{supp}(r) := \{g \in G \mid r_g \neq 0\}$.

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- If R is a graded ring of type G such that $R_h R_g = R_{hg}$ holds for all $h, g \in G$, then we say that R is *strongly graded* of type G or *strongly graded of type G* .

Basic definitions

Definition

Let $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$ be a graded ring. A subring S of R is called a graded subring of R if $S = \sum_{g \in G} (R_g \cap S)$. Equivalently, S is graded if for every element $f \in S$ all the homogeneous components of f (as an element of R) are in S .

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Examples

Let $R = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} R_n$ be a graded ring and f_1, \dots, f_d homogeneous elements of R of degrees β_1, \dots, β_d respectively. Then

$S = R_0[f_1, \dots, f_d]$ is a graded subring of R , where

$$S_n = \{ \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}^d} r_m f_1^{m_1} \cdots f_d^{m_d} \mid r_m \in R_0 \text{ and } \beta_1 m_1 + \cdots + \beta_d m_d = n \}.$$

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Remark

Note that any ring R is strongly graded of type G by choosing the trivial group $G = \{e\}$ as grading group and putting $R_e = R$.

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- R is a strongly graded ring of type G if and only if $1_R \in R_g R_{g^{-1}}$ for each $g \in G$.*

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Proof

- *It is clear that R_e is a subring of R . To prove that $1_R \in R_e$, let $1_R = \sum_{g \in G} r_g$ be the decomposition of 1_R with $r_g \in R_g$ for each $g \in G$. For any $s_h \in R_h$, $h \in G$, we have*

$$s_h = s_h 1_R = \sum_{g \in G} s_h r_g$$

and $s_h r_g \in R_{hg}$. Consequently, for each $g \neq e$ we have $s_h r_g = 0$ and hence $s r_g = 0$ for any $s \in R$. In particular, for $s = 1$ we obtain $r_g = 0$ for any $g \neq e$. Thus, $1_R = r_e \in R_e$.

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- Assume that $r_h \in U(R) \cap R_h$ for some $h \in G$. If $r_h^{-1} = \sum_{g \in G} r_g$ with $r_g \in R_g$ then $1_r = r_h r_h^{-1} = \sum_{g \in G} r_h r_g$. Since $1_R \in R_e$ and $r_h r_g \in R_{hg}$ we have $r_h r_g = 0$ for $g \neq h^{-1}$. Since $r_h \in U(R)$ we get that $r_g = 0$ for $g \neq h^{-1}$ and therefore $r_h^{-1} = r_{h^{-1}} \in R_{h^{-1}}$. so that shows that r_h^{-1} is a homogeneous element of degree h^{-1} .

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- Suppose that $1_R \in R_g R_{g^{-1}}$ for each $g \in G$. For each $g, h \in G$ we have $R_{gh} = 1_R R_{gh} \subseteq R_g R_{g^{-1}gh} = R_g R_h \subseteq R_{gh}$ which shows that $R_{gh} = R_g R_h$, and hence R is strongly graded of type G .
Conversely, if R is strongly graded of type G , then it follows from i) that that $1_R \in R_e = R_g R_{g^{-1}}$ for each $g \in G$

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$$aR_g = \{0\} \text{ or } R_g a = \{0\}.$$

for some $g \in G$, then $a = 0$.

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Proof

Suppose that $aR_g = \{0\}$ for some $g \in G$, $a \in R$. We then have $aR_gR_{g^{-1}} = \{0\}$ or $aR_e = \{0\}$. From the fact that $1_R \in R_e$, we conclude that $a = 0$. The other case is treated analogously.

Basic definitions

Proposition

Let $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$ be a graded ring of type G and N be a normal subgroup of G , then R can be regarded as graded ring of type G/N , where the homogeneous components are given by

$$R_{gN} = \bigoplus_{x \in gN} R_x$$

for $gN \in G/N$.

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Proof

Let S be a transversal for N in G . It is obvious that

$$G = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_{sN}$$

For any $s_1, s_2 \in S$, we have

$$R_{s_1N}R_{s_2N} = \left(\bigoplus_{x \in s_1N} R_x \right) \left(\bigoplus_{y \in s_2N} R_y \right) \subseteq \bigoplus_{(x,y) \in s_1N \times s_2N} R_{xy} = \bigoplus_{z \in s_1s_2N} R_z = R_{s_1s_2N}$$

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- A *graded Lie algebra* is an ordinary Lie algebra g , together with a gradation of vector spaces $g = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} g_i$ such that the Lie bracket respects this gradation $[g_i, g_j] \subseteq g_{i+j}$.

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- Any ring R may be considered as a graded ring of type G , for any group G , by putting $R_e = R$, $R_g = 0$ for $g \neq e$ in G . Such a ring is said to be *trivially G -Graded*.

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- The Lie algebra $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) := \{M \in \mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{R}) / \text{tr}(M) = 0\}$ is graded by the generators:

$$X := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, Y := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } H := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

These satisfy the relations $[X, Y] = H$, $[H, X] = 2X$ and $[H, Y] = -2Y$. Hence with $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} := \text{span}(X)$, $\mathfrak{g}_0 := \text{span}(H)$ and $\mathfrak{g}_1 := \text{span}(Y)$, the decomposition $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$ presents $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ as a graded Lie algebra.

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- The division ring \mathbb{H} of the quaternions can be graded by the group $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1)\}$:

$$\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{R} \oplus i\mathbb{R} \oplus j\mathbb{R} \oplus k\mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbb{H}_{(0,0)} = \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbb{H}_{(0,1)} = i\mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbb{H}_{(1,0)} = j\mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbb{H}_{(1,1)} = k\mathbb{R}.$$

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- Let A be a ring and $R := M_3(A)$ the matrix ring over A . By putting

$$R_0 = \begin{pmatrix} A & A & 0 \\ A & A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } R_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & A \\ 0 & 0 & A \\ A & A & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

one may verify that this defines a strongly gradation of type \mathbb{Z}_2 on R .

Graded Homomorphisms and isomorphisms

Definition

Let $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$ and $S = \bigoplus_{h \in G} S_g$ be two graded rings of type G . A morphism of graded rings is a ring homomorphism $\psi : R \longrightarrow S$ such that for all $g \in G$, $\psi(R_g) \subseteq S_g$.

Note that if $f : R \longrightarrow S$ and $g : T \longrightarrow T$ are two graded homomorphisms. It easy to show that $g \circ f : R \longrightarrow T$ is a graded homomorphism.

We can form the category Gr-Rings of graded rings whose objects are graded rings and whose morphisms are graded homomorphisms.

Homogeneous Ideals and Quotient Rings

Definition

Let R be graded ring of type G and I be a left (resp. right) ideal of R . We say that I is graded left (resp. right) ideal of R if $I = \bigoplus_{g \in G} I_g$ where $I_g := I \cap R_g$, for each $g \in G$

Not every right ideal of graded ring must be graded. Consider the positively graded $\mathbb{R}[X]$, with grading $\{X^n \mathbb{R}\}_{n \geq 0}$. Since $(1 + X) \in (1 + X)\mathbb{R}[X]$ and $1 \notin (1 + X)\mathbb{R}[X]$. So $1 + X$ cannot be written as a sum of homogeneous elements of $(1 + X)\mathbb{R}[X]$. thus $(1 + x)\mathbb{R}[X]$ is not graded ideal.

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Definition

Let R be a graded ring of type G . A graded left (right, two-sided) ideal M of R is a graded-maximal left (right, two-sided) ideal if $M \neq R$ and M is not contained in any other proper graded left (right, two-sided) ideals of R .

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Graded Analogs of Classical Notions

If we replace all elements with merely homogeneous ones and all ideals (submodules) with merely graded ones in definitions of classical notions, then we will obtain their standard graded analogs. These graded analogs are denoted by the prefix gr-.

Gr-Regularity

Recall that, A **regular ring** in the sense of commutative algebra is a commutative unit ring such that all its localizations at prime ideals are regular local rings.

In contrast, a **Von Neumann regular ring** is an object of **noncommutative ring theory** defined as a ring R such that for all a in R , there exists b in R satisfying $a = aba$. **Von Neumann regular rings** are unrelated to regular rings (or regular local rings) in the sense of commutative algebra.

For example, a polynomial ring over a field is always **regular** in the sense of **commutative algebra**, but is certainly not regular in the sense of **Von Neumann**, since if X is an indeterminate, then the required property is evidently not fulfilled.

Gr-Regularity

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A graded ring R is called *gr-regular* if $a \in aRa$ for all $a \in h(R)$, i.e., the equation $a = axa$ is solvable about $x \in R$ for all $a \in h(R)$.

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- It is clear that any **graded regular ring** is **gr-regular**. At the same time, a gr-regular ring need not be regular.

Gr-Regularity

Theorem

A group ring $R[G]$ is regular if and only if the ring R is regular, the group G is local finite (i.e., each finitely generated subgroup of G is finite), and the order of each subgroup of G is invertible in the ring R .

The group ring $k[\mathbb{Z}]$, where k is a field, is a \mathbb{Z} -graded division ring and hence a gr-regular ring, but it is not regular.

Gr-Regularity

Definition

A graded ring R of type G is called

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- *g -faithful (faithful)* if R is right and left g -faithful (faithful)

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Let R be a graded ring of type G . If R is a strongly graded ring and the ring R_e is regular, then the ring R is gr-regular.

Gr-Primary and gr-Semiprimary.

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 - i) $IJ \neq 0$ for all nonzero graded left (right or two-sided) ideals I and J of R .
 - ii) for all $a, b \in h(R)$, if $aRb = 0$, then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$.

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- A graded ring R of type G is called **gr-semiprime** if the following equivalent conditions hold:
 - i) $I^2 \neq 0$ for all nonzero left (right or two-sided) graded ideals I of R .
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Theorem

Let R be a ring and G be a group. Then

- The ring $R[G]$ is prime if and only if the ring R is prime and $\{e\}$ is unique finite normal subgroup of the group G (see [16, Theorem 21], [41, p. 258]).*

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- The ring $TR[G]$ is semiprime if and only if the ring R is semiprime and the orders of normal subgroups of G are not zero divisors in R . see [41, p. 255], [59, Theorem 13.2]).*

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- *$g \in \text{Supp}(R)$ if and only if $g^{-1} \in \text{Supp}(R)$ for all $g \in G$.*

Gr-Primary and gr-Semiprimary

Theorem

Let R be graded ring of type G . If G is an ordered group, then R is prime (semiprime) if and only if R is gr-prime (gr-semiprime).

Let R be graded ring of type G and R is an e -faithful (right and left) ring. If the ring R_e is prime (semiprime), then R is gr-prime (gr-semiprime). In fact, if I and J are nonzero graded ideals in R with $IJ \neq 0$, then the e -faithfulness implies that I_e and J_e are nonzero ideals in R_e and $I_e J_e \neq 0$.

Definition

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