

The relationship between $\dim_A(E)$ and $\dim_B(E)$

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Introduction

Let B be a finite integral extension of a commutative ring A with identity and E a finite B -module. The purpose of this note is to study the relationship between $\dim_A(E)$ and $\dim_B(E)$ where \dim means the Krull's one. The ring and \dim used here will be commutative with identity and Krull's one respectively.

1. Preliminary results

Proposition 1. *Let B be integral over a ring A . If \mathfrak{b} is an ideal of B and $\mathfrak{a} = A \cap \mathfrak{b}$, then B/\mathfrak{b} is integral over A/\mathfrak{a} .*

Proof. If $x \in B$, we have, say $x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$ with $a_i \in A$ if and only if $\bar{x}^n + \bar{a}_1 \bar{x}^{n-1} + \dots + \bar{a}_n = 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{b}}$. Therefore B/\mathfrak{b} is integral over A/\mathfrak{a} .

Proposition 2. *Let A, B be as in proposition 1. Then the pair A, B satisfies incomparable and going-up.*

Proof. see ((2) p.29).

Proposition 3. *Let the rings A, B satisfy going-up and incomparable. Then dimension of B equals the dimension of A .*

Proof. see ((2), p.32).

Corollary. *Let A, B be as in proposition 1. Then $\dim(A/\mathfrak{a})$ equals $\dim(B/\mathfrak{b})$.*

Proof. It is clear.

Proposition 4. *Let A be a ring and E an A -module. The following results hold:*

i) $E = \sum E_i \Rightarrow \text{supp}(E) = \bigcup \text{supp}(E_i)$.

ii) *If E is finitely generated, then $\text{supp}(E) = V(\text{ann}E)$.*

(and therefore a closed subset of $\text{spec}(A)$).

Proof. i) $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{supp}(E) \Rightarrow E_{\mathfrak{p}} = (\sum E_i)_{\mathfrak{p}} \neq 0$ implies that $(E_i)_{\mathfrak{p}} \neq 0$ for at least one i . Hence $\mathfrak{p} \in \bigcup \text{supp}(E_i)$. Reverse inclusion is obvious.

ii) Let $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ be generators of E and $E_i = Ax_i$. Then $A/\mathfrak{a}_i = E_i$ where $\mathfrak{a}_i = \text{ann}(x_i)$. Therefore $\text{supp}(E_i) = V(\mathfrak{a}_i)$. By i) $\text{supp}(E) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (\text{supp}(E_i)) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n V(\mathfrak{a}_i) = V(\bigcap \mathfrak{a}_i) = V(\text{ann}E)$.

2. Main theorem

Theorem. *Let A, B, E be as in introduction. Then $\dim_A(E)$ equals $\dim_B(E)$.*

Proof. $\dim_B(E) = \sup \{ \dim B/P \mid P \in \text{spec}(B), E_P \neq 0 \}$.

Let $n = \dim_B(E)$ and $P \in \text{spec}(B)$ be such that $E_P \neq 0$ and $\dim B/P = n$. Put $\mathfrak{p} = P \cap A$, then A/\mathfrak{p} is an integral extension of A/\mathfrak{p} , hence $\dim B/P = \dim A/\mathfrak{p}$ by corollary.

Moreover E_P is a localization of $E_{\mathfrak{p}} = (A - \mathfrak{p})^{-1}E$, therefore $E_P \neq 0$, so $\dim_A E \geq n = \dim_B E$.

To prove the converse let $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{spec}(A)$ be such that $\dim(A/\mathfrak{p}) = \dim_A(E)$ and $E_{\mathfrak{p}} \neq 0$. We have to prove that there exists $P \in \text{spec}(B)$ lying over \mathfrak{p} such that $E_P \neq 0$. Replacing A, B, E by $A_{\mathfrak{p}}, B_{\mathfrak{p}}, E_{\mathfrak{p}}$, we may suppose that (A, \mathfrak{p}) is a local ring and $E \neq 0$. Then the prime ideals of B lying over \mathfrak{p} are exactly the maximal ideals of B , and since $\text{supp}_B(E)$ is a closed subset by proposition 4 there exists a maximal ideal P such that $E_P \neq 0$.

Corollary. Let A, B, E be as in theorem, \mathcal{C}_B the category of the finite B -modules and $\dim: \mathcal{C}_B$ to be the Krull dimension. Then the followings are satisfied:

- i) $\dim_A(B/\mathfrak{M}) = 0$ where \mathfrak{M} is a maximal ideal of B .
- ii) if $0 \rightarrow E' \rightarrow E \rightarrow E'' \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of \mathcal{C}_B then $\dim_B(E) = \max(\dim_A(E'), \dim_A(E''))$
- iii) if (A, \mathfrak{M}) is a local ring and $0 \rightarrow E \rightarrow E \rightarrow E/mE \rightarrow 0$ where $m \in \mathfrak{M}$ is an exact sequence of \mathcal{C}_B then $\dim_A(E) = 1 + \dim_A(E/mE)$.

Proof. i), ii) are clear by theorem and for Proof of iii) see ((3)).

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