## Dedekind Domains and the P-rank of Ext

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#### Abstract

We address what can be said of torsion-free finite rank modules A and B over a Dedekind domain R when their Ext's are isomorphic, extending an answer to Fuchs' Problem 43 and its dual by Goeters. We obtain a result for the covariant case when  $\hat{R}_P$  has infinite rank over R, noting that A and B are quasi-isomorphic iff the P-rank of their Hom sets match. In the contravariant case, we see A and B are quasi-isomorphic implies their extension groups are isomorphic, with the converse holding when again  $\hat{R}_P$  has infinite rank over R. Along the way, we find equivalent conditions that hold for Noetherian domains whose completions are not complete in the P-adic topology.

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## Chapter 1

## Introduction

Problem 43 in [4] asks to characterize the relation between abelian groups A and B such that  $Ext_{\mathbb{Z}}(A, C) \cong Ext_{\mathbb{Z}}(B, C)$  for all Abelian groups C. A solution to this problem and its dual was given by Goeters in the case that A, B and C are torsion free Abelian groups of finite rank in [6] and [8] respectively.

In the 80's, it was commonly believed that results about Abelian groups extend canonically to modules over Dedekind domains. Lee Lady suggested that Abelian group theorists should work directly in the context of modules over Dedekind domains R. He showed the feasibility of such an approach in [10] for countable Dedekind domains of characterization 0. However, Nagata showed that there exits an uncountable discrete valuation domain R of characteristic 0 whose P-adic completion  $\hat{R}$  of R has finite rank. In particular, this provides an example of a Dedekind domain to which Goeters's solution of Fuchs' Problem cannot readily be extended.

First, we will begin to motivate our problem by discussing Dedekind domains. We will work to present several equivalent conditions Dedekind domains satisfy at the end of this section.

**Proposition 1.0.1.** [9] Let T be a multiplicative subset of an integral domain R such that  $0 \notin T$ . If R is integrally closed, then  $T^{-1}R$  is integrally closed as well.

*Proof.*  $T^{-1}R$  is an integral domain, and R may be identified with a subring of  $T^{-1}R$ . Extending this identification, the quotient field Q of R may be considered as a subfield of the quotient field Q' of  $T^{-1}R$ , so that Q = Q'.

Let  $u \in Q'$  be integral over  $T^{-1}R$ . Then for some  $r_i \in R$  and  $t_i \in T$ ,

$$u^{n} + (r_{n-1}/t_{n-1})u^{n-1} + \dots + (r_{1}/t_{1})u + (\operatorname{rank}/t_{0}) = 0.$$

Multiplying by  $t^n$  where  $t = t_0 t_1 \cdots t_{n-1} \in T$  shows that tu is integral over R. Since  $tu \in Q' = Q$  and R is integrally closed,  $tu \in R$ . Therefore,  $u = tu/t \in T^{-1}R$ , whence  $T^{-1}R$  is integrally closed.

**Proposition 1.0.2.** [10] If M and N are R-modules and S is a multiplicative set, then

- *i.* Hom<sub>S<sup>-1</sup>R</sub>(S<sup>-1</sup>M, S<sup>-1</sup>N) = Hom<sub>R</sub>(S<sup>-1</sup>M, S<sup>-1</sup>N) = Hom<sub>R</sub>(M, S<sup>-1</sup>N).
- *ii.*  $S^{-1}M \otimes_{S^{-1}R} S^{-1}N = S^{-1}M \otimes_R S^{-1}N$ .

*Proof.* (i.) For  $\varphi \in \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(S^{-1}M, S^{-1}N), m \in M, r \in R$ , and  $s, s' \in S$ ,

$$\varphi\left(\frac{r}{s}\frac{m}{r'}\right) = \frac{s}{s}\varphi\left(\frac{rm}{ss'}\right) = \frac{r}{s}\varphi\left(\frac{sm}{ss'}\right) = \frac{r}{s}\varphi\left(\frac{m}{s'}\right).$$

Thus every *R*-linear map from  $S^{-1}M$  to  $S^{-1}N$  is in fact  $S^{-1}R$ -linear. Furthermore, every *R*-linear map from *M* to  $S^{-1}N$  extends uniquely to a map from  $S^{-1}M$  to  $S^{-1}N$ .

(*ii*.) This follows from the fact that for  $m \in S^{-1}M$ ,  $n \in S^{-1}N$ ,  $r \in R$ , and  $s \in S$ , the following holds in  $S^{-1}M \otimes_R S^{-1}N$ :

$$m \otimes \frac{rn}{s} = \frac{sm}{s} \otimes \frac{rn}{s} = \frac{rm}{s} \otimes \frac{sn}{s} = \frac{rm}{s} \otimes n.$$

**Proposition 1.0.3.** [10] Let M be a finitely generated module over a Noetherian ring R. For every R-module N and multiplicative set S, we have  $S^{-1}\operatorname{Hom}_R(M,N) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_R(S^{-1}M,S^{-1}N)$ . Proof. Let  $\frac{\varphi}{s} \in S^{-1}\operatorname{Hom}_R(M,N)$ , and define  $\psi : S^{-1}\operatorname{Hom}_R(M,N) \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(S^{-1}M,S^{-1}N)$ by

$$\psi\left(\frac{\varphi}{s}\right)\left(\frac{m}{s'}\right) = \frac{\varphi(m)}{ss'}.$$

 $\psi$  is clearly an isomorphism when M = R, and thus when  $M = R^t$  for finite t. Generally, because M is finitely generated, there exists a surjection  $\varepsilon : R^t \to M$  for some finite t. Since R is Noetherian, ker  $\varepsilon$  is also finitely generated, and we thus get an exact sequence  $R^s \to R^t \to M \to 0$ . Since localization preserves exactness, applying Hom(\_, N) and localizing with respect to S yields a commutative diagram.

**Proposition 1.0.4.** [10] Let M, N, P be modules over a commutative ring R.

- *i.* If  $m_1, m_2 \in M$ , then  $m_1 = m_2$  if and only if  $m_1/1 = m_2/1 \in M_I$  for all maximal ideals *I*.
- ii. M = 0 if and only if  $M_I = 0$  for all maximal ideals I.
- iii. Suppose that  $N, P \subseteq M$ . Then N = P if and only if  $N_I = P_I$  for all maximal ideals I.
- iv. If  $\varphi \in \operatorname{Hom}_R(M, N)$ , then  $\varphi$  is monic [epic] if and only if  $\varphi_I : M_I \to N_I$  is monic [epic] for all maximal ideals I.
- v. A sequence  $M \to N \to P$  is exact if and only if the induced sequence  $M_I \to N_I \to P_I$  is exact for all maximal ideals I.
- vi. If M is a submodule of a vector space over the quotient field F of R, then  $M = \bigcap_P M_P$ .

Next, we present Nakayama's Lemma - a useful tool when dealing with finitely generated modules.

**Lemma 1.0.5** (Nakayama's Lemma). [9] If J is an ideal in a commutative ring R with identity, then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a) J is contained in every maximal ideal of R.
- (b)  $1_R j$  is a unit for every  $j \in J$ .
- (c) If A is a finitely generated R-module such that JA = A, then A = 0.

(d) If B is a submodule of a finitely generated R-module A such that A = JA + B, then A = B.

Proof.  $(a \to b)$  If  $j \in J$  and  $1_R - j$  is not a unit, then the ideal  $(1_R - J)$  is not R itself, and therefore is contained in a maximal ideal  $M \neq R$ . But  $1_R - j \in M$  and  $j \in j \subseteq M$  imply that  $1_R \in M$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $1_R - j$  is a unit.

 $(b \to c)$  Since A is finitely generated, there must be a minimal generating set  $X = \{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$  of A. If  $A \neq 0$ , then  $a_1 \neq 0$  by minimality. Since JA = A,  $a_1 = j_1a_1 + \cdots + j_na_n$  for some  $j_i \in J$ , whence  $1_Ra_1 = j_1$  so that

$$(1_R - j_1)a_1 = 0$$
 if  $n = 1$ 

and

$$(1_R - j_1)a_1 = j_2a_2 + \dots + j_na_n$$
 if  $n > 1$ .

Since  $1_R - j_1$ ,  $a_1 = (1_R - j_1)^{-1}a_1$ . Thus, if n = 1, then  $a_1 = 0$ , which is a contradiction. If n > 1, then  $a_1$  is a linear combination of  $a_2, \ldots, a_n$ . Consequently,  $\{a_2, \ldots, a_n\}$  generates A, which contradicts the choice of X.

 $(c \to d)$  The quotient module A/B is such that J(A/B) = A/B, whence A/B = 0 and A = B by assumption.

 $(d \to a)$  If M is any maximal ideal, then the ideal JR+M contains M. But  $JR+M \neq R$ , otherwise R = M by assumption. Consequently, JR + M = M by maximality. Therefore,  $J = JR \subseteq M$ .

**Corollary 1.0.6.** [10] Let M be a finitely generated module over a local ring. M is projective if and only if it is free.

**Proposition 1.0.7.** [10] A finitely generated projective module M over a local ring R is free. In fact, if I is the maximal ideal in R and  $m_1, \ldots, m_t \in M$  are such that the cosets  $\overline{m}_1, \ldots, \overline{m}_t$  are a basis for M/IM as a vector space over R/I, then  $m_1, \ldots, m_t$  are a basis for M. Proof. Let I be the unique maximal ideal in R. Choose  $m_1, \ldots, m_t \in M$  so that the cosets  $\overline{m}_1, \ldots, \overline{m}_t$  are a basis for the vector space M/IM over the field R/I. Let  $\varphi : R^t \to M$  be defined by  $\varphi(r_1, \ldots, r_t) = \sum r_i m_i$ . It follows easily from Nakayama's Lemma that  $\varphi$  is surjective. Since M is a projective module,  $\varphi$  splits, so  $R^t = K \oplus L$  with  $K = \text{Ker}\varphi$  and  $L \cong M$ . Then K is finitely generated. Since  $\varphi$  induces an isomorphism from  $R^t/IR^t$  to M/IM, it follows that  $K/IK \oplus L/IL \cong M/IM$  These are finite dimensional vector spaces over the field R/I and comparing dimensions yields K/IK = 0. Thus K = 0 by Nakayama's Lemma. Thus  $\varphi$  is monic and hence an isomorphism.

**Proposition 1.0.8.** [10] A finitely generated module M over a Noetherian ring R is projective if and only if  $M_P$  is a free  $R_P$ -module for all prime ideals P.

*Proof.*  $(\rightarrow)$  Using the criterion that projective modules are just the direct summands of free modules, it is easy to see that the localization of a projective *R*-module at *P* is a projective module over  $R_P$ . It then follows from 1.0.7 that this localization is a free  $R_P$ -module.

 $(\leftarrow)$  Suppose now that M is finitely generated and for all  $P, M_P$  is a free  $R_P$ -module. To show that M is projective one must show that for every surjection  $\varphi : X \to Y$ , the induced map  $\varphi_* : \operatorname{Hom}_R(M, X) \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(M, Y)$  is surjective. By 1.0.4, it suffices to prove that for all maximal ideals P, the localized map  $(\operatorname{Hom}_R(M, X))_P \to (\operatorname{Hom}_R(M, Y))_P$  is surjective. But since M is finitely generated, by 1.0.2 and 1.0.3 there are natural isomorphisms yielding the following commutative diagram:

where the bottom map is surjective since  $M_P$  is a projective  $R_P$ -module. Thus  $(\operatorname{Hom}_R(M, X))_P \to (\operatorname{Hom}_R(M, Y))_P$  is a surjection proving the result.  $\Box$ 

**Remark 1.0.9.** [10] The hypothesis that M be finitely generated is essential here. There are many examples of non-finitely generated non-projective modules M such that  $M_P$  is a free  $R_P$ -module for all prime ideals P - they are called locally free.

**Proposition 1.0.10.** [10] Let R be an integral domain with quotient field F and let P be an R-submodule of F. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a) P is projective.
- (b) There exist elements  $p_1, \ldots, p_n \in P$  and  $f_1, \ldots, f_n \in F$  such that  $f_i P \subseteq R$  for all i and  $\sum f_i p_i = 1.$
- (c) There exists a submodule M of F such that MP = R.

Furthermore in this case P is generated by  $p_1, \ldots, p_n$ .

Proof.  $(a \to b)$  Since P is projective, it is a summand of a free module  $R^{(f)}$ , and there exist maps  $\sigma : P \to R^{(I)}$  and  $\pi : R^{(I)} \to P$  such that  $\pi \sigma = 1_P$ . Localizing at the zero ideal,  $\sigma$ extends to a map  $\sigma_0 : F \to F^{(I)}$  and  $\pi$  to a map  $\pi_0 : F^{(I)} \to F$ . For each  $i \in I$ , let  $f_i$  be the  $i^{th}$  coordinate of  $\sigma_0(1$  and let  $p_i = \pi_0(e_i)$ , where  $e_i$  is the canonical  $i^{th}$  basis vector of  $F^{(I)}$ . Then the composition of  $\sigma_0$  with the projection of  $F^{(I)}$  onto the  $i^{th}$  coordinate is given by  $x \mapsto f_i x$ . Since this composition maps P into R, it follows that  $f_i P \subseteq R$ . Furthermore, since  $\pi$  is given by  $\sum y_i e_i \mapsto \sum y_{i-i}$ , the equation  $\pi_0 \sigma_0(1) = 1$  translates to  $\sum f_i p_i = 1$ . This sum can have only finitely many non-trivial terms, and at this point we can replace I by the finite set of  $i \in I$  such that  $f_i p_i \neq 0$ .

 $(b \to a)$  Map P onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by  $\sigma : p \mapsto (f_1 p, \ldots, f_n p)$  and map  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to P by  $\pi : (r_1, \ldots, r_n) \mapsto \sigma r_i p_i$ . Then  $\pi \sigma(p) = \sigma p f_i p_i = p 1 = p$ . Thus  $\sigma$  is a split monomorphism and P is a summand of a free module, hence is projective.

 $(b \to c)$  Let M be the submodule of F generated by  $f_1, \ldots, f_n$ . Then clearly  $MP \subseteq R$ . But  $1 = \sum f_i p_i \in MP$  so MP = R. Note also that  $p_1, \ldots, p_n$  generate P since for  $p \in P$ , we have  $p = p \sum f_i p_i = \sum (f_i p) p_i$  and all  $f_i p \in R$ .  $(c \to b)$  If MP = R, then  $1 \in MP$  so there exist  $f_i \in M$ ,  $p_i \in P$  with  $\sum f_i p_i = 1$ . Furthermore, for all  $i, f_i P \subseteq MP = R$ .

**Lemma 1.0.11.** [10] A commutative ring R is integrally closed if and only if  $R_P$  is integrally closed for all prime ideals p.

Proof.  $(\rightarrow) S^{-1}R$  is integrally closed for every multiplicative set S. Let Q denote the quotient field of R, let  $q \in Q$  be integral over  $S^{-1}R$ , and let  $f \in S^{-1}R[X]$  be a monic polynomial satisfied by q. Let d be the degree of f and let  $s \in S$  be a common denominator for the coefficients of f. Then  $s^d f(q) = 0$ , and sq satisfies some monic polynomial in R[X]. Thus,  $sq \in R$  by assumption, whence  $q \in S^{-1}R$ .

 $(\leftarrow)$  Let  $q \in Q$  be integral over R. Then q is integral over each  $R_P$ . If all  $R_P$  are integrally closed, then  $q \in \bigcap R_P = R$ .

**Remark 1.0.12.** Note that by the proposition, projective ideals are finitely generated. Hence, if every ideal in an integral domain is projective, then that integral domain is also Noetherian.

**Definition 1.0.13.** [9] Let R be an integral domain with quotient field Q. A fractional ideal of R is a nonzero R-submodule M of Q such that  $rM \subseteq R$  for some nonzero  $r \in R$ .

**Example 1.0.14.** [9] Every nonzero finitely generated R-submodule M of Q is a fractional ideal. For if M is finitely generated by  $q_1, \ldots, q_n \in Q$ , then  $M = Rq_1 + \cdots + Rq_n$  and for each  $i, q_i = r_i/s_i$  with  $0 \neq s_i, r_i \in R$ . Let  $s = s_1 \cdots s_n$ . Then s /0 and  $sM = Rs_2 \cdots s_n r_1 + \cdots + Rs_1 \cdots s_{n-1} t_n \subseteq R$ .

**Remark 1.0.15.** [9] If I is a fractional ideal of a domain R and  $aI \subseteq R$  for some nonzero element a of R, then aI is an ordinary ideal in R and the map  $I \to aI$  given by  $x \mapsto ax$  is an R-module isomorphism.

**Lemma 1.0.16.** [9] Let  $I_1, I_2, \ldots, I_n$  be ideals in an integral domain R.

*i.* The ideal  $I_1I_2 \cdots I_n$  is invertible if and only if each  $I_j$  is invertible.

ii. If  $P_1 \cdots P_m = I = P'_1 \cdots P'_n$  where  $P_i$  and  $P'_j$  are prime ideals in R with every  $P_i$  invertible, then m = n and  $P_i = P'_i$  for each  $i = 1, \ldots, m$  after reindexing.

*Proof.* (*i.*) If J is a fractional ideal such that  $J(I_1 \cdots I_n) = R$ , then for each  $j = 1, \ldots, n$  we have  $I_j(I_1 \cdots I_{j-1}I_{j+1} \cdots I_n = R)$ , whence  $I_j$  is invertible. Conversely, if each  $I_j$  is invertible, then  $(I_1 \cdots I_n)(I_1^{-1} \cdots I_n^{-1} = R)$ , whence  $I_1 \cdots I_n$  is invertible.

(*ii.*) We proceed by induction on m. If m > 1, choose one of the  $P_i$ , say  $P_1$  such that  $tP_1$  oes not properly contain  $P_i$  fo I = 2, ..., m. Since  $P'_1 \cdots P'_n = P_1 \cdots P_m \subset P_1$  and  $P_1$  is prime, some  $P'_j$ , say  $P'_1$ , is contained in  $P_1$ . Similarly, we have  $P_i \subseteq P'_1$  for some i. Because  $P_i \subseteq P'_1 \subseteq P_1$ , by the minimality of  $P_1$  we have  $P_i = P'_1 = P_1$ . Since  $P_1 = P'_1$  is invertible, then we have  $P_2 \cdots P_m = P'_2 \cdots P'_n$ . By the induction hypothesis, m = n and  $P_i = Q_i$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, m$  after reindexing.

**Lemma 1.0.17.** [9] Every invertible fractional ideal of an integral domain R with quotient field Q is a finitely generated R-module.

Proof. Let I be such an ideal. Since  $I^{-1}I = R$ , there exist  $a_i \in I^{-1}$  and  $b_i \in I$  such that  $1_R = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i b_i$ . If  $c \in I$ , then  $c = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (ca_i)b_i$ . Furthermore, each  $ca_i \in R$  since  $a_i \in I^{-1} = \{q \in Q | qI \subseteq R\}$ . Therefore, I is generated as an R-module by  $b_1, \ldots, b_n$ .  $\Box$ 

**Definition 1.0.18.** A discrete valuation ring is a principal ideal domain that has exactly one nonzero prime ideal.

**Lemma 1.0.19.** [9] If R is a Noetherian, integrally closed integral domain and R has a unique nonzero prime ideal P, then R is a discrete valuation ring.

*Proof.* We need only show that every proper ideal in R is principal.

Claim 1: Let Q be the quotient field of R. For every fractional ideal I of R, the set  $\overline{I} = \{q \in Q | qI \subseteq I\}$  is R.

*Proof.* Clearly  $R \subseteq \overline{I}$ . Because  $\overline{I}$  is a subring of Q and a fractional ideal of R,  $\overline{I}$  is isomorphic as an R-module to an ideal of R. Thus since R is Noetherian,  $\overline{I}$  is finitely generated, whence

every element of  $\overline{I}$  is integral over R. Therefore  $\overline{I} \subseteq R$  since R is integrally closed. We conclude  $\overline{I} = R$ .

## Claim 2: R is properly contained in $P^{-1}$ .

Proof. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all ideals J in R such that R is properly contained in  $J^{-1}$ . Since P is a proper ideal, every nonzero element of P is a nonunit. If J = (a) for some nonzero  $a \in P$ , then  $1_r/a \in J^{-1}$ , but  $1_r/a \notin R$ , whence R is properly contained in  $J^{-1}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is nonempty. Since R is Noetherian,  $\mathcal{F}$  contains a maximal element M. We claim M is a prime ideal of R. If  $ab \in M$  with  $a, b \in R$  and  $a \notin M$ , choose  $c \in M^{-1} \setminus R$ . Then  $c(ab) \in R$ , whence  $bc(aR + M) \subseteq R$  and  $bc \in (aR + M)^{-1}$ . Therefore,  $bc \in R$ , else  $aR + M \in \mathcal{F}$  contradicting maximality of M. Consequently  $c(bR + M) \subseteq R$ , and thus  $c \in (bR + M)^{-1}$ . Since  $c \notin R$ , the maximality of M implies that bR + M = M, whence  $b \in M$ . Therefore M is prime, whence P = M by uniqueness. We conclude  $R \subsetneq M^{-1} = P^{-1}$ .

#### Claim 3: P is invertible.

*Proof.* Clearly  $P \subseteq PP^{-1} \subseteq R$ . By the argument following the claims, P is the unique maximal ideal in R, so that  $P = PP^{-1}$  or  $PP^{-1} = R$ . If  $P = PP^{-1}$ , then  $P^{-1} \subseteq \overline{P}$  and by claims 1 & 2,  $R \subsetneq P^{-1} \subseteq \overline{P} = R$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $PP^{-1} = R$  and P is invertible.

Claim 4:  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} P^n = 0.$ 

*Proof.* If  $\bigcap_{n \in N} P^n \neq 0$ , then  $\bigcap_{n \in N}$  is a fractional ideal of R. But by claims 1 & 2,  $R \subsetneq P^{-1} \subseteq \overline{\bigcap_{n \in N} P^n} = R$ . So  $\bigcap_{n \in N} P^n = 0$ .

Claim 5: P is principal.

*Proof.* There exists  $a \in P$  such that  $a \notin P^2$  by claim 4. Then  $aP^{-1}$  is a nonzero ideal in R such that  $aP^{-1} \not\subseteq P$ , otherwise  $a \in aR = aPP^{-1} \subset P^2$ . The argument following this claim shows that every proper ideal in R is contained in P, whence  $aP^{-1} = R$ . Therefore by claim 3,  $(a) = (a)R = (a)P^{-1}P = (aP^{-1})P = RP = P$ , and P is principal.  $\Box$ 

Now, let I be any proper ideal of R. Then I is contained in a nonzero maximal ideal Mof R, which is necessarily prime. By uniqueness, M = P, whence  $I \subseteq P$ . Since  $\bigcap_{n \in N} P^n = 0$ , there is a largest integer m such that  $I \subseteq P^m$  and  $I \not\subseteq P^{m+1}$ . Choose  $b \in I \setminus P^{m+1}$ . Since P = (a) for some  $a \in R$ ,  $P^m = (a)^m = (a^m)$ . Since  $b \in P^m$ ,  $b = ua^m$ . Furthermore,  $u \notin P = (a)$ , otherwise  $b \in P^{m+1} = (a^{m+1})$ . Therefore,  $P^m = (a^m) = (ua^m) = (b) \subseteq I$ , whence I is the principal ideal  $P^m = (a^m)$ .

Theorem 1.0.20. [9][10] The following conditions on an integral domain R are equivalent.
(a) Every proper ideal in R is a product of a finite number of prime ideals.

- (b) Every proper ideal in R is uniquely a product of a finite number of prime ideals;
- (c) Every nonzero ideal in R is invertible;
- (d) Every fractional ideal of R is invertible;
- (e) the set of all fractional ideals of R is a group under multiplication;
- (f) every ideal in R is projective;
- (g) every fractional ideal of R is projective;
- (h) R is Noetherian, integrally closed, and every nonzero prime ideal is maximal;
- (i) R is Noetherian, and for every nonzero prime ideal P of R, the localization R<sub>P</sub> of R at P is a discrete valuation ring.

Proof. The equivalence  $(d) \leftrightarrow (e)$  is trivial.  $(a) \rightarrow (b)$  and  $(b) \rightarrow (c)$  follows from 1.0.16. (c)  $\leftrightarrow (f)$  and  $(g) \leftrightarrow (d)$  are immediate consequences of 1.0.10.  $(f) \rightarrow (g)$  follows from 1.0.15.

 $(c) \rightarrow (i)$  The ideals in  $R_P$  have the form  $I_P$  where I is an ideal in R. By hypothesis, I is projective, so by 1.0.8  $I_P$  is a free  $R_P$ -module. Thus all ideals of  $R_P$  are free, so that  $R_P$  is a local principal ideal domain, hence a discrete valuation ring.

 $(i) \rightarrow (h)$  To see that R is integrally closed, it suffices by 1.0.11 to see that  $R_P$  is integrally closed for all primes P, which is true if  $R_P$  is a discrete valuation ring since principal ideal domains are integrally closed. Now, let P be a prime ideal in R. The prime ideals contained in P correspond to the prime ideals of  $W_P$ . Since  $W_P$  is a discrete valuation ring, its only prime ideals are  $PW_P$  and 0. Thus there are no non-trivial prime ideals strictly contained in P, so P has height one. It follows that all prime ideals of R are maximal.

 $(h) \rightarrow (f)$  Let I be an ideal in R. Since R is Noetherian, I is finitely generated. Hence, by 1.0.8, it suffices to show that  $I_P$  is a free  $R_P$ -module for all primes P. But since  $R_P$  is a principal ideal domain,  $I_P$  is in fact free.

 $(d) \rightarrow (h)$  Every ideal of R is invertible by (d) and hence finitely generated by 1.0.17. Therefore R is Noetherian. Let K be the quotient field of R. If  $u \in K$  is integral over R, then R[u] is a finitely generated R-submodule of K. Consequently, 1.0.14 shows that R[u] is a fractional ideal of R. Therefore, R[u] is invertible by (d). Thus since R[u]R[u] = R[u], we have  $R[u] = RR[u] = (R^{-1}[u]R[u])R[u] = R^{-1}[u]R[u] = R$ , whence  $u \in R$ . Therefore, R is integrally closed. Finally, if P is a nonzero prime ideal in R, then there is a maximal ideal M of R that contains P. M is invertible by (d). Consequently  $M^{-1}P$  is a fractional ideal of R with  $M^{-1}P \subseteq M^{-1}M = R$ , whence  $M^{-1}P$  is an ideal in R.

 $(h) \rightarrow (i) \ R_P$  is an integrally closed integral domain by 1.0.1. Every ideal in  $R_P$  is of the form  $I_P = \{i/s | i \in I, s \notin P\}$ , where I is an ideal of R. Since every ideal of R is finitely generated by (h), it follows that every ideal of  $R_P$  is finitely generated. Therefore,  $R_P$  is Noetherian. Every nonzero prime ideal of  $R_P$  is of the form  $I_P$ , where I is a nonzero prime ideal of R contained in P. Since every nonzero prime ideal of R is maximal by (h),  $P_P$ must be the unique nonzero prime ideal in  $R_P$ . Therefore,  $R_P$  is a discrete valuation ring by 1.0.19.

 $(i) \rightarrow (a)$  We first show that every nonzero ideal I is invertible.  $II^{-1}$  is a fractional ideal of R conained in R, whence  $II^{-1}$  is an ideal in R. Suppose  $II^{-1} \neq R$ . Then there is a maximal ideal M containing  $II^{-1}$ . Since M is prime, the ideal  $I_M$  in  $R_M$  is principal by (i); say  $I_M = (a/s)$  where  $a \in I$  and  $s \in R \setminus M$ . Since R is Noetherian, I is finitely generated, say  $I = (b_1, \ldots, b_n)$ . For each  $i, b_i/1_R \in I_M$ , whence in  $R_M, b_i/1_R = (r_i/s_i)(a/s)$ for some  $r_i \in R, s_i \in R \setminus M$ . Therefore  $s_I s b_i = r_i a \in I$ . Let  $t = ss_1 s_2 \cdots s_n$ . Since  $R \setminus M$  is multiplicative,  $t \in R \setminus M$ . In the quotient field of R, we have for every  $t, (t/a)b_i = tb_i/a =$  $ss_1s_2 \cdots s_{i-1}s_{i+1} \cdots s_n r_i \in R$ , whence  $t/a \in I^{-1}$ . Consequently,  $t = (t/a)a \in I^{-1}I \subseteq M$ , which contradicts that  $t \in R \setminus M$ . Therefore  $I^{-1}I = R$  and I is invertible.

For each proper ideal I of R, choose a maximal ideal  $M_I$  of R such that  $I \subseteq M_I \subsetneq R$ . If I = R, then let  $M_R = R$ . Then  $IM_I^{-1}$  is a fractional ideal of R with  $IM_I^{-1} \subseteq M_IM_I^{-1} \subseteq R$ . Therefore,  $IM_I^{-1}$  is an ideal of R that clearly contains I. Also, we have  $I \subsetneq IM_I^{-1}$  since otherwise

$$M_I = RM_I = I^{-1}IM_I = I^{-1}(IM_I^{-1})M_I = RR = R,$$

which contradicts our choice of  $M_I$ . Let S be the set of all ideals of R and define a function  $f: S \to S$  by  $I \mapsto I M_I^{-1}$ .

Let J be a proper ideal in R. We now show J is the product of maximal (hence prime) ideals. There exists by the Recursion Theorem a function  $\phi : \mathbb{N} \to S$  such that  $\phi(0) = J$  and  $\phi(n+1) = f(\phi(n))$ . If we denote  $\phi(n)$  by  $J_n$  and  $M_{J_n}$  by  $M_n$ , then we have an ascending chain of ideals  $J = J_0 \subseteq J_1 \subseteq J_2 \subseteq \cdots$  such that  $J = J_0$ , and  $J_{n+1} = f(J_n) = J_n M_n^{-1}$ . Since R is Noetherian and J is proper, there is a least integer k such that

$$J = J_0 \subsetneq J_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq J_k = J_{k+1}.$$

Thus  $J_k = J_{k+1} = f(J_k) = J_k M_k^{-1}$ , which can occur only if  $J_k = R$ . Consequently,  $R = J_k = f(J_{k-1}) = J_{k-1} M_{k-1}^{-1}$ , whence

$$J_{k-1} = J_{k-1}R = J_{k-1}M_{k-1}^{-1}M_{k-1} = RM_{k-1} = M_{k-1}$$

Since  $M_{k-1} = J_{k-1} \subsetneq J_k = R$ ,  $M_{k-1}$  is a maximal ideal. The minimality of k insures that each of  $M_0, \ldots, M_{k-2}$  is also maximal, otherwise  $M_i = R$  so that  $J_{i+1} = J_i M_I^{-1} = J_i R^{-1} = J_i R = J_i$ . We have

$$M_{k-1} = J_{k-1} = J_{k-2}M_{k-2}^{-1} = J_{k-2}M_{k-3}^{-1}M_{k-2}^{-1} = \dots = JM_0^{-1}\cdots M_{k-2}^{-1}.$$

Since each  $M_i$  is invertible,

$$J = M_{k-1}(M_0 \cdots M_{k-2}).$$

Thus J is the product of maximal (hence prime) ideals.

**Definition 1.0.21.** [9] A **Dedekind domain** is an integral domain R satisfying any of the conditions of the previous theorem.

**Remark 1.0.22.** Evidently, every principal ideal domain is Dedekind, but the converse is false. For example,  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$  is Dedekind but not principal. We will see later that every Dedekind domain is Noetherian.

**Definition 1.0.23.** [10] A module M over a ring R is said to have **finite length** if and only if it has a composition series

$$0 = M_0 \subsetneq M_1 \subsetneq \ldots \subsetneq M_l = M$$

where each quotient  $M_i/M_{i-1}$  is a simple module. In this case, we define length(M) to be the length l of this composition series.

**Remark 1.0.24.** [9] The Jordan-Hölder Theorem asserts that any two compositions series of a module M are equivalent, so length(M) is well-defined. Another standard result is that a module has finite length if and only if it is both Noetherian and Artinian.

**Definition 1.0.25.** [10][7] For any prime ideal P and torsion-free module A of the Dedekind domain R, we define the **P-rank**  $r_P(A)$  of A to be the length of A/PA. Equivalently, we may define  $r_P(A)$  as the dimension of A/PA as a vector space over R/P.

**Proposition 1.0.26.** [10] Let A and B be torsion-free modules over Dedekind domain R, and P a prime ideal in R.

*i.*  $r_P(A \oplus B) = r_P(A) \oplus r_P(B)$ .

ii. If B is an essential submodule of A, then their ranks are the same and  $r_P(B) \ge r_P(A)$ .

*iii.* 
$$r_P(A) = r_P(A_P)$$
.

iv. 
$$r_P(A) \leq rank(A)$$
.

v.  $rank(A \otimes B) = (rank(A))(rank(B))$  and  $r_P(A \otimes B) = r_P(A)r_P(B)$ .

vi. 
$$rank(A) = 0$$
 if and only if  $A = 0$ 

vii.  $r_P(A) = 0$  if and only if A is P-divisible.

viii.  $r_P(A)$  is the same as the number of summands QA/A isomorphic to  $R(P^{\infty})$ .

**Definition 1.0.27.** [10] Let R be a Dedekind domain, let M be a finite rank torsion free R-module, and let p be a prime ideal of R. The **p**-adic filtration on M is the family of submodules

$$M \supseteq pM \supseteq p^2M \supseteq \dots$$

The topology generated by taking the p-adic filtration on M as a neighborhood basis at 0 is called the **p-adic topology** on M. The **p-adic completion** of M is the submodule  $\hat{M}$  of  $\prod_{1}^{\infty} M/p^{k}M$  consisting of those sequences  $m_{1}, m_{2}, \ldots \in \prod_{1}^{\infty} M/p^{k}M$  such that  $m_{k+1} \equiv m_{k}$ (mod  $p^{k}M$ ) for all k.

**Proposition 1.0.28.** [10] Let R, M, and p be as in the previous definition. The topology inherited by  $\hat{M}$  is the same as the inverse limit topology.

*Proof.* The neighborhood system at 0 in the inverse limit topology has a basis consisting of those submodules  $U_n$  consisting of elements whose first n coordinates are zero. Since the first n coordinates live in  $M/p^k M$  for  $k \ge n$ , it follows that  $p^n \hat{M} \subseteq U_n$ . On the other hand,

since the sequences in  $\hat{M}$  satisfy the condition  $m_{n+k} \equiv m_k \pmod{p^n}$ , it follows that if  $m_r = 0$ for  $r \leq n$ , then  $m_r \in p^n \hat{M}$  for all r. Thus  $U_n \subseteq p^k \hat{M}$ . We conclude the inverse limit topology and the *p*-adic topology are the same.

In the following, we assume that the Dedekind domain R with field of quotients Q is not complete in the R-adic topology. As observed in [7], non-complete Dedekind domains fall into two distinct cases [7]):

- Type I For each maximal ideal P, the P-adic completion  $\hat{R_P}$  of the localization  $R_P$  has infinite  $R_P$ -module rank.
- Type II R is local and the completion of R,  $\hat{R}$  has finite rank.

**Theorem 1.0.29.** [7] A Dedekind domain R is not complete in the R-adic Topology if and only if R is a type I or a type II domain

Since R is a domain, multiplication by  $r \in R$  on A or B induces multiplication by r on  $Ext^1_R(A, B)$ . Moreover,  $Ext^1_R(A, B)$  is a divisible module whenever R is Dedekind. Therefore, it is of the form  $\bigoplus_{P \in spec(R)} D_P \oplus D_0$  with P-primary component  $D_P \cong \bigoplus_{I_P} E(E/P)$ and torsion-free component  $D_0 = \bigoplus_{I_0} Q$ .

Given any maximal ideal P of R, the P-rank of a module A is denoted by  $r_P(A)$  and is defined as  $r_P(A) = dim_{R/P}A/PA$ . If  $a \in P \setminus P^2$ , then  $aR_P = PR_P$  since  $R_P$  is a discrete valuation domain. The sequence  $0 \to B \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \to B/aB \to 0$  induces

$$0 \to Hom(A,B) \xrightarrow{a} Hom(A,B) \to Hom(A/aA,B/aB) \to S \to 0$$

where S is the submodule of Ext(A, B) annihilated by a. Localizing at P, gives the formula;

$$r_P(A)r_P(B) - r_P(Hom(A, B)) = \{\epsilon \in Ext(A, B) \mid P\epsilon = 0\}$$

**Theorem 1.0.30.** [7] Let R be a Dedekind domain and  $P \in spec(R)$ . If A and C are torsion-free R-modules of finite rank, then

$$Ext^1_R(A,C) \cong \bigoplus_P D_P \oplus D_0$$

with  $D_P \cong (Q/R_P)^{e_P}$  and  $D_0$  torsion-free such that

$$e_P = r_P(A)r_P(B) - r_P(Hom_R(A, B)).$$

While this result appears to be independent of the type of the Dedekind domain, we want to point out that  $D_0$  has finite rank exactly when R has type II. Thus the structure of Ext actually varies according to  $D_0$  in the Type II case which, in turn, depends upon the rank of  $\hat{R}$  [7]. A formula used to determine the rank of  $D_0$  will be given later,

**Corollary 1.0.31.** [7] A Dedekind R which is not complete satisfies exactly one of the following;

- i) For all  $P \in spec(R)$ , the completion of  $R_P$  has infinite rank, or
- ii) R is local with maximal ideal P, and the completion of R,  $\hat{R}$ , has finite rank over R.

For the rest of this chapter, R is a Dedekind domain with quotient field Q, unless otherwise indicated.

**Definition 1.0.32.** [10] Define an equivalence relation  $\star$  on the set of all submodules of Qby  $A \star B$  if and only if A and B are isomorphic to a submodule of the other. The **type t**(A) of A is the equivalence class of A under  $\star$ , and we write  $\mathbf{t}(A) \leq \mathbf{t}(B)$  when A is isomorphic to a submodule of B. We say  $\mathbf{t}(A)$  and  $\mathbf{t}(B)$  are **incomparable** if  $\mathbf{t}(A) \not\leq \mathbf{t}(B)$  and  $\mathbf{t}(B) \not\leq \mathbf{t}(A)$ .

**Definition 1.0.33.** [10] Let A be a torsion-free finite rank module over a Dedekind domain R. The **typeset** of A, denoted by  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{A})$ , is the set of types of all non-trivial elements of A, or equivalently the set of types of all pure rank-one submodules of A. Dually, we define the cotype set of A, denoted by CT(A), to be the set of types of all rank-one homomorphic images of A.

**Proposition 1.0.34.** [10] Let  $A = H \oplus K$ .  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{A})$  consists of  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{H}) \cup \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{K})$  together with all types  $\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t}$  with  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{H})$  and  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{K})$ .

**Corollary 1.0.35.** [10] If  $A = A_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus A_n$  where the  $A_i$  are rank 1 modules and  $\mathbf{t}_i = \mathbf{t}(A_i)$ , then  $\mathbf{T}(A)$  consists of  $\{\mathbf{t}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{t}_n\}$  and all types obtained from this set by taking greatest lower bounds.

**Definition 1.0.36.** [10] The inner type of a torsion-free finite rank module A over a Dedekind domain is IT(A) = infT(A), and the outer type of A is OT(A) = supCT(A).

**Proposition 1.0.37.** [10] A torsion-free finite rank module A over a Dedekind domain R is projective if and only if OT(A) = t(R).

*Proof.* Note that  $\mathbf{t} \leq \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{R})$  is equivalent to  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{R})$ . By corollary 1.0.35 if A is projective then  $\mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{R})$ , so  $\mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{R})$ . Conversely, if  $\mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{R})$ , then  $\mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{R})$  so every rank-one homomorphic image of A is projective. By induction on the rank of A, we conclude that A is projective.

#### Chapter 2

#### Torsion-Free Modules of Finite Rank

Throughout this chapter, let R be an integral domain with field of quotients Q. The endomorphism ring  $E(A) = E_R(A)$  of a R-module M is the R-module Hom(A, A) = $\text{Hom}_R(A, A)$  with composition of maps as multiplication. The quasi-endomorphism ring is  $QE(A) = Q \otimes_R E(A)$ . Our first results will explore some of the basic properties of torsionfree modules of finite rank over an integral domain. Because there are striking similarities to the situation in case of Abelian groups, we refer to that case instead of giving details whenever possible.

If A is a torsion-free module of finite rank n over R, then  $A \subseteq Q^n$ . Thus, E(A) can be viewed as a subring of  $Mat_n(Q)$ , and the quasi-endomorphism ring of R is Artinian as a subring of  $Mat_n(Q)$ . In particular, there are primitive idempotents  $e_1, \ldots, e_n$  of QE(A)such that  $1_A = e_1 + \ldots + e_n$ . Thus,

$$A \doteq A_1^{k_1} \oplus \ldots \oplus A_n^{k_n}$$

where each  $A_i$  is a strongly indecomposable *R*-module and  $A_i \sim A_j$  only if i = j. We refer the reader to the case of Abelian groups, observing that Jónsson's arguments about quasi-decompositions of torsion-free groups of finite rank carry over literally to our setting.

**Theorem 2.0.1.** [10, Theorem 3.25] Let A be a torsion-free module of finite rank over an integral domain R. If  $\gamma \in E(A)$ , then  $A \doteq H \oplus K$ , where H and K are invariant under  $\gamma$ . Moreover, the restriction of  $\gamma$  to H is a quasi-automorphism of H, and  $\gamma^n(K) = 0$  for some  $n \ge 1$ .

*Proof.* The ascending chain

$$\ker \gamma \subseteq \ker \gamma^2 \subseteq \dots$$

of pure submodules of A has to stationary for some  $n < \omega$ . Let  $K = \ker \gamma^n$  and  $H = \gamma^n(A)$ . It is easy to see that H and K are invariant under  $\gamma$ , and  $\gamma^n(K) = 0$ .

Furthermore, if  $h \in H \cap \ker \gamma$ , then there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $h = \gamma^n(a)$ , and  $\gamma^{n+1}(a) = \gamma(h) = 0$  so that  $a \in \ker \gamma^{n+1} = \ker \gamma^n$ . Thus,  $h = \gamma^n(a) = 0$ ; and  $H \cap \ker \gamma = 0$ . Since the restriction of  $\gamma$  to H is monic, it is a left regular element of QE(A). However, QE(H) is a right and left Artinian ring, and left regular elements in such rings are units. Thus,  $\gamma | H$  is a quasi-automorphism of H. If  $\theta \in QE(H)$  is an inverse to the restriction of  $\gamma^n$  to H, then  $\theta \gamma^n \in Q\operatorname{Hom}_R(A, H)$  and  $\theta \gamma^n$  restricts to the identity on H. Hence,  $\theta \gamma^n$  is a quasi-projection, and  $A \doteq H \oplus \ker(\theta \gamma^n)$ . But  $\ker(\theta \gamma^n) = \ker \gamma^n = K$  as desired.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.0.2.** A torsion-free module A of finite rank over an integral domain R is strongly indecomposable if and only if every (quasi-)endomorphism of A is either monic or belongs to N(QE(A)). In particular, QE(A) is a local ring in this case.

*Proof.* If every endomorphism of A is either monic or belongs to N(QE(A)), then QE(A) cannot have non-trivial idempotents. If e were a non-trivial idempotent, then there would exist a nonzero  $r \in R$  such that  $re \in E(G)$  and re is neither monic nor nilpotent.

Conversely, consider  $\gamma \in E(A)$ . By the previous theorem,  $A \doteq H \oplus K$ , where H and K are invariant under  $\gamma$ , the restriction of  $\gamma$  to H is a quasi-automorphism of H, and  $\gamma^n(K) = 0$  for some  $n \ge 1$ . Since A is strongly indecomposable, either  $\gamma$  is a quasi-automorphism of A or  $A = \ker \gamma^n$ . In the latter case,  $\gamma$  is nilpotent.

Furthermore, if  $\gamma$  is not a quasi-automorphism, then it cannot not be monic since left regular elements in left and right Artinian rings are units. Therefore,  $\beta\gamma$  is not a quasiautomorphism for every  $\beta \in QE(A)$ . Hence, it must also be nilpotent. Thus, the left ideal generated by  $\gamma$  contains only nilpotent elements, and  $\gamma \in N(QE(A))$ . This shows that N(QE(A)) is a maximal left ideal (and necessarily the unique one), since any element not in the nilradical is invertible in QE(A). Thus QE(A) is a local ring.

We continue with a result which originates in [2, Theorem 9.10], but needs to be slightly modified to fit our setting.

**Theorem 2.0.3.** Let R be an integral domain, and let

$$A \doteq A_1^{n_1} \oplus \ldots \oplus A_m^{n_m}$$

be a torsion-free R-module of finite rank where each  $A_i$  is strongly indecomposable, and  $A_i$ is quasi-isomorphic to  $A_j$  iff i = j. Suppose that N is the nilradical of E(A) and that J is the Jacobson radical of QE(A).

- a)  $N = J \cap E(A)$ ; and N is nilpotent.
- b) If  $T_i$  denotes the endomorphism ring of  $A_i$  for i = 1, ..., m, then

$$E(A)/N \doteq \prod_{i} Mat(T_i/N(T_i)).$$

c) If  $A = A_1^{k_1} \oplus \ldots \oplus A_r^{k_r}$ , then

$$N = \bigoplus_i N_i \oplus \left[ \bigoplus_{j \neq i} \operatorname{Hom}_R(A_i^{k_i}, A_j^{k_j}) \right]$$

where  $N_i$  denotes the nilradical of  $E(A_i^{k_i})$ .

Proof. a) Since QE(A) is Artinian, J is nilpotent and  $J \cap E(A) \subseteq N$ . On the other hand, every nilpotent right ideal I of E(A) gives rise to a nilpotent right ideal QI of QE(A). Thus,  $I \subseteq J \cap E(A)$ ; and  $N \subseteq J \cap E(A)$ . In particular,  $N = J \cap E(A)$  is nilpotent.

b) Our arguments follow those of [2, Theorem 9.10]. Let  $B = A_1^{n_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus A_m^{n_m}$ . Note that  $E(A) \doteq E(B)$  when viewed as subrings of QE(A). Hence,  $E(A)/N(E(A)) \doteq E(B)/N(E(B))$ 

as subrings of QE(A)/J(QE(A)). Thus, it is sufficient to prove

$$E(B)/N(E(B)) = \prod_{i} Mat_{n_{i}} \left(T_{i}/N(T_{i})\right).$$

Represent E(B) as a matrix ring of the form  $\left(\operatorname{Hom}_R(A_i^{n_i}, A_j^{n_j})\right)_{i,j}$ , and consider

$$I = (\bigoplus_i \{ N(E(A_i^{n_i})) \}) \oplus \left( \oplus \{ \operatorname{Hom}_R(A_i^{n_i}, A_j^{n_j}) | i \neq j \} \right) \subseteq E(B).$$

It suffices to prove that I is an ideal of E(B) and  $I \subseteq N(E(B))$ . In this case,

$$E(B)/I \simeq \prod_{i} \left( E(A_i^{n_i})/N(E(A_i^{n_i})) \right)$$

so that I = N(E(B)) since N(E(B)/I) = 0 and

$$E(B)/N(E(B)) \simeq \prod_{i} (E(A_{i}^{n_{i}})/N(E(A_{i}^{n_{i}})))$$
$$\simeq \prod_{i} Mat_{n_{i}} (E(A_{i})/N(E(A_{i})))$$
$$\simeq \prod Mat_{n_{i}} (T_{i}/N(T_{i})),$$

as needed.

To show that I is an ideal of QE(A), let

$$f \in \operatorname{Hom}_R(A_i^{n_i}, A_j^{n_j}),$$
  
 $x \in N(E(A_k^{n_k})) \subseteq I$ 

and

$$y \in \operatorname{Hom}_R(A_r^{n_r}, A_s^{n_s})$$

where  $r \neq s$ . Then,  $fx \in I$ , except possibly for the case that i = j = k. In this case,  $fx \in N(E(A_i^{n_i})) \subseteq I$ . Also,  $fy \in I$ , except possibly for the case that s = i and r = j. In this case,  $y : A_j^{n_j} \to A_i^{n_i}$  and f induces maps  $A_j \to A_i \to A_j$ . If this latter composite is nonzero, it must be an element of  $N(T_j)$ . Otherwise, the composite is a monomorphism, since  $A_j$  is strongly indecomposable so that  $A_j$  is a quasi-summand of  $A_i$ , contradicting the choice of the  $A_i$ 's. Consequently,

$$fy \in \operatorname{Mat}_{n_j}(N(T_j)) = N(\operatorname{Mat}_{n_j}(T_j)) = N(E(A_j^{n_j})) \subseteq I.$$

Similarly,  $xf \in I$  and  $yf \in I$ .

To show that  $I \subseteq N(E(B))$ , it suffices to prove that  $I^{(l)} = 0$  for some l. If  $x \in I^{(l)}$ , then x is the sum of elements which are the composition of l morphisms  $A_i^{n_i} \to A_j^{n_j}$  for  $i \neq j$ and morphisms in  $N(E(A_i^{n_i}))$ . Choose k with  $N(E(A_i^{n_i}))^{(k)} = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Choose llarge enough so that any composition of l morphisms, as described above, has some subscript repeated at least k times. If  $A_i^{n_i} \to A_j^{n_j} \to \ldots \to A_i^{n_i}$  is a repetition of the subscript i then, as above, the composition must be in  $N(E(A_i^{n_i}))$ . Consequently,  $I^{(l)} = 0$ .

c) is a direct consequence of b).

#### Chapter 3

## The Covariant Case

In this section we present a numerical set of invariants that serve as complete set of quasiisomorphism invariants between modules A and B. These invariants are closely linked to the structure of Ext ([7]). A module is called *reduced* when its maximal divisible submodule is zero. If A and M are R-modules, then the A-socle  $S_A(M)$  of M is  $S_A(C) = \sum_{f \in Hom(A,C)} f(A)$ . Finally, if U is a submodule of a torsion-free module M, then  $U_* = \{x \in M \mid xr \in U \text{ for some } 0 \neq r \in R\}$ .

**Proposition 3.0.1.** [10] Let A and B be torsion-free finite rank modules over a Dedekind domain R.

- (a) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $OT(A) \leq OT(B)$ .
- (b) For any  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{A}), \, \mathbf{t} \leq \mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A})$ .
- (c) If  $B \triangleleft A$ , then  $OT(A/B) \leq OT(A)$ .
- (d) OT(A) is P-divisible if and only if  $r_P(A) < rank(A)$ .

*Proof.* (a) If  $\varphi$  maps B onto a rank-one module M, then  $\varphi$  extends to a map  $\varphi' : A \to QM$ and  $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{t}(\varphi(\mathbf{B})) \leq \mathbf{t}(\varphi'(\mathbf{A})) \in \mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{A})$ . Thus every type in  $\mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{B})$  is less than or equal to a type in  $\mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{A})$ , so  $\mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{B}) \leq \mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A})$ .

(b) If M is a rank 1 pure submodule of A, then  $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{M}) \leq \mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A})$  by (a).

(c) If M is a homomorphic image of A/B, then M is also a homomorphic image of A, so  $\mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{B}) \subseteq \mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{sup}(\mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{B})) \leq \mathbf{sup}(\sup \mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{A})) = \mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A})$ .

(d)  $r_P(A) \leq rank(A)$  if and only if A has a homomorphic image which is P-divisible. This is the case if and only if A has a rank 1 P-divisible homomorphic image (since the homomorphic image of a P-divisble module is P-divisble) if and only if  $\mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{A})$  contains a P-divisble type.  $\mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A})$  is the least upper bound of a finite subset of  $\mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{A})$ , hence  $\mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A})$  is P-divisble if and only if some element of  $\mathbf{CT}(\mathbf{A})$  is P-divisible. Thus  $r_P(A) < rank(A)$  if and only if  $\mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A})$  is P-divisble.

**Proposition 3.0.2.** [10] Let A be a torsion-free finite rank module over a Dedekind domain R, and let r = rank(A). If  $\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_n$  is a maximal linearly independent set in Hom(A, Q), then  $\mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A}) = \sup\{\mathbf{t}(\mu_1(\mathbf{A})), \ldots, \mathbf{t}(\mu_n(\mathbf{A}))\}.$ 

Proof. We first have  $\mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A}) \geq \sup\{\mathbf{t}(\mu_1(\mathbf{A})), \dots, \mathbf{t}(\mu_n(\mathbf{A}))\}$ . Since  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  form a basis for  $\operatorname{Hom}(A, Q)$ , for any  $\mu \in \operatorname{Hom}(A, Q)$ , there exist  $r, r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$  such that  $r\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \mu_i$ . Then  $r\mu(A)$  is contained in the submodule of Q generated by  $\mu_1(A), \dots, \mu_n(A)$ , and we have  $\mathbf{t}(\mu(\mathbf{A})) = (\mathbf{r}\mu(\mathbf{A})) \leq \sup\{\mathbf{t}(\mu_i(\mathbf{A})) | \mathbf{i} = 1, \dots, \mathbf{n}\}$ . Thus

$$\mathbf{OT}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \sup\{\mathbf{t}(\mu_1(\mathbf{A})), \dots, \mathbf{t}(\mu_n(\mathbf{A}))\}.$$

The result follows.

**Lemma 3.0.3.** Let A and B be torsion-free finite rank modules over a Dedekind domain R. If  $B/S_A(B)$  and  $A/S_B(A)$  are torsion, then A and B share a nonzero quasi-summand.

Proof. To simplify our notation, denote E(A) by E and Nil(E) by N. By Theorem 2.0.3, the Jacobson radical J of QE satisfies  $N = J \cap E$ . Moreover, J and N are nilpotent since QE is left Artinian. Let  $N_* = \langle NA \rangle_*$  be the pure submodule of A generated by g(A) for all  $g \in N$ . If  $N^n = 0$  and  $N^{n-1} \neq 0$ , then  $N^{n-1}N_* = 0$  implies  $A/N_* \neq 0$ . Since  $A/N_*$  is torsion-free and  $(S_B(A) + N_*)/N_*$  is full in  $A/N_*$  by hypothesis,  $S_B(A) \not\subseteq N_*$ . Therefore, there is an  $f: B \to A$  with  $f(B) \not\subseteq N_*$ .

We may write  $B \sim B_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus B_k$  with each  $B_i$  strongly indecomposable by Theorem 2.0.3. Clearly,

$$S_A(B) \sim S_A(B_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus S_A(B_k).$$

For some  $i, f(S_A(B_i)) \not\subseteq N_*$  since otherwise  $\sum_{i=1}^k f(S_A(B_i)) \subseteq N_*$  implying  $rf(S_A(B)) \subseteq N_*$ for some nonzero  $r \in R$ . Therefore, we would obtain  $f(S_A(B)) \subseteq N_*$ . But, for any  $b \in B$ , there is a  $0 \neq \ell \in R$  with  $\ell b \in S_A(B)$  by the hypothesis, so that  $f(\ell v) = \ell f(v) \in N_*$ . By the purity of  $N_*$ , this implies  $f(v) \in N_*$ , contradicting that  $f(B) \not\subseteq N_*$ . We may assume there is a map  $g: A \to B_1$  such that  $fg(A) \not\subseteq N_*$ .

From the definition of  $N_*$ , we have  $N \leq \text{Hom}(A, N_*)$ , so that  $fg \notin N$ . Now E/N is a full subring of the semi-simple ring QE/J so there are  $h, h' \in E$  such that e = (hf)(gh') is not nilpotent mod N because QE/J is a direct product of matrix rings. Relabel hf and gh'as f and g respectively, and consider the restriction  $f: B_1 \to A$ .

We now have  $gf \in E(B_1)$ . As in Section 3, we use the fact that  $B_1$  is strongly indecomposable to obtain that  $\alpha = gf$  is invertible in  $QE(B_1)$  or  $\alpha$  is nilpotent. If  $(gf)^n = 0$ , then  $e^{n+1} = f(gf)^n g = 0$ , a contradiction. So  $\alpha$  must be invertible. Consequently, there is  $0 \neq s \in R$  such that  $s\alpha^{-1} \in E(B_1)$  and  $s1_{B_1} = s\alpha^{-1}gf$ . Call  $g' = s\alpha g$ .

Any  $a \in A$  satisfies

$$sa = sa - f(g'(a)) + f(g'(a)).$$

Because  $sa - f(g'(a)) \in \ker(g')$ , we have  $A \sim A' \oplus \ker(g')$ . Since f is a monomorphism,  $A' \cong B_1$ .

The following result was originally shown by Beaumont and Pierce in the case that A is a subring of a finite dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebras, but it carries over to torsion-free finite rank rings over integral domains:

**Theorem 3.0.4.** ([3, Theorem 1.4] and [10, Proposition 7.21]) Let R be an integral domain whose field of quotients Q is a perfect field. Let A be a torsion-free free R-algebra which has finite rank as an R-module. Let  $QA = S_1 \oplus N_1$  where  $N_1 = N(QA)$  and  $S_1$  is a subring of QA. Then,  $N(A) = N_1 \cap A$  and  $A \doteq (S_1 \cap A) \oplus (N_1 \cap A)$ .

Observe that Q is a perfect field whenever  $R^+$  is torsion-free as an Abelian group.

**Theorem 3.0.5.** Let A and B be reduced torsion-free finite rank modules over a Dedekind domain R with field of quotients Q.

- a) If  $A \sim B$ , then  $r_P(\text{Hom}(A, C)) = r_P(\text{Hom}(B, C))$  for all primes P and all finite rank modules C.
- b) If Q is perfect, then  $A \sim B$  whenever  $r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(A, C)) = r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(B, C))$  for all primes P and all finite rank modules C.

*Proof.* a) Since Hom(A, C) is quasi-isomorphic to Hom(B, C) and  $r_P$  is quasi-isomorphism invariant, the result follows.

b) We will show that  $S_A(B)$  is full in B; the result follows from Lemma 3.0.3 via induction on the rank of A.

Let  $B_1$  be a pure, strongly indecomposable quasi-summand of B and  $S_1 = S_A(B_1)_*$ . To simplify the argument, we may assume that  $B_1$  is a summand of B, say  $B = B_1 \oplus K$ , since we can replace B by a module quasi-isomorphic to it. Consider the exact sequences

$$0 \to \operatorname{Hom}(A, S_1) \to \operatorname{Hom}(A, B_1) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \operatorname{Hom}(A, B_1/S_1)$$

and

$$0 \to \operatorname{Hom}(B, S_1) \to \operatorname{Hom}(B, B_1) \xrightarrow{\beta} \operatorname{Hom}(B, B_1/S_1)$$

By the definition of  $S_A(B_1)$ , we have  $im \ \alpha = 0$ . By the hypothesis,  $r_P(im \ \beta) = r_P(\text{Hom}(B, B_1)) - r_P(\text{Hom}(B, S_1)) = r_P(\text{Hom}(A, B_1)) - r_P(\text{Hom}(A, S_1)) = r_P(im\alpha) = 0$  for all P. Thus,  $im \ \beta$  is divisible by [10]. Moreover, ker  $\beta = \text{Hom}(B_1, S_1) \oplus \text{Hom}(K, S_1)$  is a pure submodule of  $\text{Hom}(B, B_1) = \text{Hom}(B_1, B_1) \oplus \text{Hom}(K, B_1)$  with a divisible cokernel. Hence,  $\text{Hom}(B_1, B_1)/\text{Hom}(B_1, S_1)$  is divisible as a direct summand of a divisible module.

Let  $R_1$  denote the nilradical of  $E(B_1)$  and  $N_1 = (R_1C_1)_* \leq B_1$ . As in the previous lemma,  $N_1 \neq B_1$ . As mentioned before, every endomorphism of  $B_1$  is either in  $R_1$  or else is a monomorphism. Hence,  $R_1 = \text{Hom}(B_1, N_1)$ . Therefore, if  $\text{Hom}(B_1, S_1) \not\subseteq \text{Hom}(B_1, N_1) =$   $R_1$ , then there is a monomorphism  $f: B_1 \to B_1$  with  $im \ f \leq S_1$ . In this case,  $rank(B_1) = rank(S_1)$  implies  $S_1 = B_1$  since  $S_1$  is pure in  $B_1$ . We now show that the case  $Hom(B_1, S_1) \subseteq R_1$  is not possible.

Suppose  $I = \text{Hom}(B_1, S_1) \subseteq \text{Hom}(B_1, N_1) = R_1$ . From above, we have that  $E(B_1)/I$ is divisible. Consequently,  $E(B_1)/R_1$  is divisible. By Theorem 3.0.4,  $E(B_1)/R_1$  is a quasisummand of  $E(B_1)$ . But  $E(C_1)$  is reduced, a contradiction. Thus,  $I \not\subseteq R_1$ .

Write  $B \sim B_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus B_k$  for strongly indecomposable  $B_i$ . Then  $\langle S_A(B_i) \rangle_* = C_i$  implies  $\langle S_A(B) \rangle_* = B$ . Therefore,  $S_A(B)$  is full in B and by symmetry  $S_C(A)$  is full in A. From Lemma 3.0.3, A and B share a nonzero quasi-summand, say  $A \sim M \oplus A'$  and  $B \sim M \oplus B'$  with  $M \neq 0$ . Then

$$r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(A, C)) = r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(G, C)) + r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(A', C))$$
$$= r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(G, C)) + r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(B', C))$$
$$= r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(B, C))$$

for all P and all C. Thus

$$r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(A',C)) = r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(B',C))$$

for all P and C. The result follows by induction on rank(A).

**Lemma 3.0.6.** Let R be a Dedekind domain,  $P \in spec(R)$ , and A a torsion-free R-module of finite rank. Then,  $Ext(A, R_P) = 0$  if and only if  $OT(A) \leq type(R_P)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\text{Ext}(A, R_P) = 0$ . For a pure corank 1 submodule U of A, consider the exact sequence

$$0 \to U \to A \to A/U \to 0.$$

We apply the functor  $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(-, R_{P})$  to get the induced sequence

$$0 \to \operatorname{Hom}(A/U, R_P) \to \operatorname{Hom}(A, R_P) \to \operatorname{Hom}(U, R_P)$$

$$\rightarrow Ext(A/U, R_P) \rightarrow Ext(A, R_P) = 0.$$

Since  $\operatorname{Hom}(U, R_P)$  is a finite rank *R*-module,  $\operatorname{Ext}(A/U, R_P)$  has finite rank too. We want to show  $\operatorname{Hom}(A/U, R_P) \neq 0$  from which we obtain  $\mathbf{t}(A/U) \leq \mathbf{t}(R_P)$ . Consequently,  $OT(A) \leq \mathbf{t}(R_P)$ .

If  $\text{Hom}(A/U, R_P) = 0$ , then A/U is *P*-divisible by [10]. We consider the sequence  $0 \to A/U \to Q \to D \to 0$  where *D* is divisible and torsion with D[P] = 0 since A/U is *P*-divisible. It induces

$$0 = \operatorname{Ext}(D, R_P) \to \operatorname{Ext}(Q, R_P) \to \operatorname{Ext}(A/U, R_P) \to 0.$$

Observe that  $\operatorname{Ext}(Q, R_P) = \operatorname{Ext}_{R_P}(Q, R_P)$ . Considering the sequence  $0 \to R_P \to Q \to Q/R_P \to 0$  of  $R_P$ -modules, we obtain the sequences

$$0 = \operatorname{Hom}_{R_P}(Q, R_P) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{R_P}(R_P, R_P)$$

$$\rightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_{R_P}(Q/R_P, R_P) \rightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_{R_P}(Q, R) \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 = \operatorname{Hom}_{R_P}(Q/R_P, Q) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{R_P}(Q/R_P, Q/R_P)$$
$$\to \operatorname{Ext}_{R_P}(Q/R_P, R_P) \to \operatorname{Ext}_{R_P}(Q/R_P, Q) = 0.$$

Since  $R_P$  is a discrete valuation domain such that  $\hat{R}_P$  has infinite rank as an  $R_P$ -module, we obtain that

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{R_P}(Q, R_P) = \operatorname{Ext}(Q, R_P) \cong \operatorname{Ext}(A/U, R_P)$$

has infinite rank contradicting what has already been shown.

Conversely, observe that  $OT(A) \leq \mathbf{t}(R_P)$  implies that there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \to A \to \bigoplus_n R_P (E).$$

To see this, let  $F = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} x_i R \subseteq A$  be a free submodule such that A/F is torsion. For i = 1, ..., n, consider the pure corank 1 submodule  $U_i = (\bigoplus j \neq i x_i R)_*$  of A. Since  $\mathbf{t}(A/U_i) \leq \mathbf{t}(R_P)$ , there exists a map  $\varphi_i : A \to R_P$  with  $\varphi_i(U_i) = 0$  and  $\varphi(x_i) \neq = 0$ . Define  $\varphi : A \to R_P^n$  by  $\varphi(a) = (\varphi_1(a), \ldots, \varphi_n(a))$ . If  $\varphi(a) = 0$ , then

$$ra = r_1 x_1 + \ldots + r_n x_n \in F$$

for some nonzero  $r \in R$  since A/F torsion. But,  $\varphi(a) = 0$  implies  $\varphi_i(a) = 0$  for all *i*. Hence  $0 = \varphi_i(ra) = \varphi_i(r_1x_1 + \ldots + r_nx_n) = \varphi_i(r_ix_i)$  But,  $\varphi_i(x_i) \neq 0$  yields  $r_i = 0$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is a monomorphism.

The sequence E induces

$$0 = \operatorname{Ext}(\oplus_n R_P, R_P) \to \operatorname{Ext}(A, R_P) \to 0$$

because

$$\operatorname{Ext}(\oplus_n R_P, R_P) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{R_P}(\oplus_n R_P, R_P) = 0.$$

**Lemma 3.0.7.** Let R be a Dedekind domain, and X a rank 1 R-module. A torsion-free Rmodule A of finite rank satisfies  $OT(A) \leq \mathbf{t}(X)$  if and only if  $\operatorname{rank}(\operatorname{Hom}(A, X)) = \operatorname{rank}(A)$ . *Proof.* Suppose  $OT(A) \leq \mathbf{t}(X)$ , and consider a free submodule  $F = \bigoplus x_i R$  of A such that A/F is torsion. If  $U_i = (\bigoplus_{j \neq i} x_i R)_*$ , then

$$\mathbf{t}(A/U_i) \le OT(A) \le \mathbf{t}(X)$$

yields that there exists  $0 \neq \varphi_i : A \rightarrow R_{p_i}$  with  $\varphi_i(U_i) = 0$ . To see that  $\{\varphi_i, \ldots, \varphi_n\}$  is *R*-independent, suppose  $r_1\varphi_1 + \cdots + r_n\varphi_n = 0$ . For  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ , we have  $0 = r_1\varphi_1(x_i) + \cdots + r_n\varphi_n(x_i) = r_i\varphi_i(x_i)$ . Since  $\varphi_i(x_i) \neq 0$ , we have  $r_i = 0$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n \in \text{Hom}(A, X)$  linearly independent where n = rank(A). Since rank(Hom(A, Q)) = n = rank(Hom(A, X)), we obtain

$$OT(A) = \{ \mathbf{t}(\alpha_1(A)), \dots, \mathbf{t}(\alpha_n(A)) \} \le \mathbf{t}(X)$$

by Proposition 3.0.2.

**Theorem 3.0.8.** Let A and B finite rank torsion-free modules over a Dedekind domain R such that  $\hat{R_P}$  has infinite rank over R for all  $P \in \operatorname{spec}(R)$ .

- a) If  $\operatorname{Ext}(A, C) \cong \operatorname{Ext}(B, C)$  for all torsion-free R-modules C of finite rank, then  $A \cong P_1 \oplus A_1 \oplus D_1$  and  $B \cong P_2 \oplus B_1 \oplus D_2$  where OT(A) = OT(B),  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are finitely generated projective,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are torsion-free divisible of finite rank, and  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ are reduced with  $r_P(A_1) = r_P(B_1)$  and  $r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(A_1, C)) = r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(B_1, C))$  for all  $P \in \operatorname{Spec}(R)$  and all torsion-free finite rank modules C. Moreover, if Q is a perfect field, then  $A_1 \sim B_1$ .
- b) If OT(A) = OT(B) and  $A \cong P_1 \oplus A_1 \oplus D_1$  and  $B \cong P_2 \oplus B_1 \oplus D_2$  where  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ are finitely generated projective,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are torsion-free divisible of finite rank, and  $A_1 \sim B_1$  are reduced, then  $Ext(A, C) \cong Ext(B, C)$  for all torsion-free R-modules C of finite rank.

*Proof.* a) Since every finite rank torsion-free *R*-module *X* can be written as  $X = P \oplus Y$  with *P* projective and  $\text{Hom}_R(Y, P) = 0$ , it suffices to consider the case that

$$\operatorname{Hom}_R(A, R) = \operatorname{Hom}_R(B, R) = 0.$$

In particular,  $\operatorname{Ext}(A, C) \cong \operatorname{Ext}(B, C)$  for all C of rank at most n. Write  $A \cong A_1 \oplus D_1$  and  $B \cong B_1 \oplus D_2$  where  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are torsion-free divisible of finite rank. Since  $\operatorname{Ext}_R(D_i, C)$  is torsion-free divisible, we have  $r_P(\operatorname{Ext}_R(A_1, C)) = r_P(\operatorname{Ext}_R(A, C)) = r_P(\operatorname{Ext}_R(B, C)) = r_P(\operatorname{Ext}_R(B_1, C))$ . Since we only consider the P-ranks of  $\operatorname{Ext}_R$  in the following, we may assume that A and B are reduced.

We know that, for all torsion-free modules X and Y of finite rank,

$$r_p(\operatorname{Ext}(X,Y)) = r_p(X)r_p(Y) - r_p(\operatorname{Hom}(X,Y))$$

as was shown in another paper. Using this for A and B and a module C having rank  $\leq n$ , we get

$$r_p(A)r_p(C) - r_p(\operatorname{Hom}(A, C)) = r_p(B)r_p(C) - r_p(\operatorname{Hom}(B, C)).$$

Because Hom(A, R) = Hom(B, R) = 0, we have

$$r_p(\operatorname{Hom}(A, R)) = r_p(\operatorname{Hom}(B, R)) = 0$$

and

$$r_p(A) = r_p(A)r_p(R) = r_p(B)r_p(R) = r_p(B).$$

But then,  $r_p(\text{Hom}(A, C)) = r_p(\text{Hom}(B, C))$  using the above formula. By Theorem 3.0.5, A and B are quasi-isomorphic.

Assume not both OT(A) and OT(B) are the type of Q. Without loss of generality, we may assume  $\tau = OT(A) \neq type(Q)$ . Observe that there has to be  $P \in Spec(R)$  such that no rank 1 quotient of A is P-divisible. If we could find a rank 1 quotient of A for every P which is P-divisible, then its type at that prime would be infinite. Then the sup of the types of the rank 1 quotients of A would be infinite for all primes, and OT(A) = type(Q), a contradiction. In particular,  $A/U \subseteq R_P$  for all pure corank 1 submodules U of A. Observe that  $OT(X) \leq type(R_P)$  if and only if  $X \neq PX$  for all finite rank torsionfree modules X. By Lemma 3.0.6,  $Ext(A, R_p) = 0$  if and only if  $OT(A) \leq type(R_P)$ . Since the Ext-modules are isomorphic,  $Ext(B, R_p) = 0$ , and we obtain  $OT(B) \leq type(R_p)$ using Lemma 3.0.6 once more. Moreover,  $r_P(A) = rank(A)$  and  $r_P(B) = r_0(B)$  by [10, Proposition 2.34]. If X is a rank 1 module of type  $\tau$ , then Hom(A, X) can be embedded into a finite direct sum of copies of X and  $r_0(Hom(A, X)) = r_0(A)$  by Lemma 3.0.7. By [10, Proposition 2.34],  $OT(Hom_R(A, X) \leq \tau$ . Another application of [10, Proposition 2.34] yields

$$r_p(Hom(A, X)) = r_0(Hom(A, X)) = rank(A) = r_p(A).$$

Since

$$OT(\operatorname{Hom}_R(B, X) \le \tau \le type(R_P)),$$

we obtain  $r_p(\operatorname{Hom}_R(B, X) = r_0(\operatorname{Hom}(B, X))$ . On the other hand

$$r_P(A)r_P(X) - r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(A, X)) = r_P(B)r_P(X) - r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(B, X))$$

and  $r_P(A) = r_P(B)$  yield  $r_P(\text{Hom}(A, X)) = r_P(\text{Hom}(B, X))$ . Thus,

$$r_P(B) = r_P(A) = r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(A, X))$$
$$= r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(B, X)) = r_0(\operatorname{Hom}_R(B, X))$$
$$\leq r_0(B) = r_P(B).$$

In particular,  $r_0(\operatorname{Hom}(B, X)) = r_0(B)$ . Another application of Lemma 3.0.7 yields  $OT(B) \le \tau = OT(A) < type(Q)$ . By symmetry, OT(A) = OT(B).

b) Standard homological arguments show that

$$r_0(\operatorname{Ext}_R(A,C)) = r_0(\operatorname{Ext}(Q,C))$$

is infinite for all reduced torsion-free groups C of finite rank if OT(A) = type(Q). To see this, observe that there exists an exact sequence  $0 \to U \to A^n \to Q \to 0$  for some  $n < \omega$ . It induces

$$\operatorname{Hom}(U, C) \to \operatorname{Ext}_R(Q, C) \to \operatorname{Ext}_R(A^n, C).$$

Since  $\hat{R_P}$  has infinite rank for all  $P \in spec(R)$  and C is not algebraically compact, we have  $0 < r_0(\text{Ext}(Q, C))$  is infinite. Since Hom(U, C) has finite rank,

$$r_0(\operatorname{Ext}_R(A,C)) = r_0(\operatorname{Ext}(Q,C)).$$

Since OT(A) = OT(B),  $r_0(\text{Ext}(B, C)) = r_0(\text{Ext}(Q, C))$  is also infinite. Since  $r_0(\text{Ext}(D_i, C)) = r_0(\text{Ext}(Q, C))$  is infinite, we obtain that Ext(A, C) and Ext(B, C) have the same infinite torsion-free rank in this case too. On the other hand, the *P*-ranks of the Ext-modules are determined completely by  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ . Since  $A_1 \sim B_1$ , the *P*-ranks have to coincide. On the other hand, if OT(A) = OT(B) < type(Q), then  $D_1 = D_2 = 0$ . Since the Ext-modules are divisible, their structure is completely determined by their torsion-free and their *P*-ranks.  $\Box$ 

#### Chapter 4

#### The Contravariant Case

If  $R_P$  is complete in the *P*-adic topology for some  $P \in spec(R)$ , then  $\operatorname{Ext}_{R_P}^1(A, R_P) \cong$  $\operatorname{Ext}_{R_P}(B, R_P) = 0$  for all torsion-free  $R_P$ -modules *A* and *B*. In particular *A* and *B* need not be quasi-isomorphic. We continue our discussion by showing that the discussion of the isomorphism of Ext-modules restricts to the case that *R* is a Dedekind domain such that  $\hat{R_P}$ has infinite rank for all  $P \in spec(R)$ :

**Proposition 4.0.1.** The following conditions are equivalent for a Noetherian integral domain R with field of quotients Q such that  $R_P$  is not complete in the P-adic topology for any  $P \in spec(R)$ :

- a) R is a Dedekind domain such that  $\hat{R_P}$  has infinite rank for all  $P \in spec(R)$ .
- b) If M and N are quasi-isomorphic torsion-free R-modules of finite rank and  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ are torsion-free divisible of finite rank, then  $\text{Ext}(M \oplus D_1, A) \cong \text{Ext}(N \oplus D_2, A)$  for all torsion-free R-modules A.

*Proof.*  $a) \rightarrow b$ : Observe that Ext(M, A) is divisible if M is torsion-free and R is a Dedekind domain. However, quasi-isomorphic divisible modules over Dedekind domains are isomorphic. Moreover, consider the exact sequence

$$0 \to \operatorname{Hom}(R,R) \to \operatorname{Ext}(Q/R,R) \to \operatorname{Ext}(Q,R) \to 0.$$

If we can show that  $\operatorname{Ext}(Q/R, R)$  has infinite torsion-free rank, then  $\operatorname{Ext}(Q^n, A) \cong \operatorname{Ext}(Q^m, A)$ for all  $n, m < \omega$ . However, the Ext-module fits into the exact sequence

$$0 \to \operatorname{Hom}(Q/R, Q/R) \to \operatorname{Ext}(Q/R, R) \to 0$$

from which we obtain

$$\operatorname{Ext}(Q/R, R) \cong \prod_{P \in \operatorname{spec}(R)} End_R(E(R/P)).$$

However,  $End_R(E(R/P)) \cong \hat{R_P}$  by [10, Proposition 0.83]. By a), Ext(Q/R, R) has infinite rank.

 $b) \to a$ ): Let I be a nonzero ideal of R. Since  $I \sim R$ , we obtain  $\text{Ext}(I, M) \cong$ Ext(R, M) = 0 for all torsion-free modules R-modules M of finite rank. We consider an exact sequence  $0 \to U \to F \to I \to 0$  in which F is finitely generated free. Since U has finite rank,  $\text{Ext}(I, U) \cong \text{Ext}(R, R) = 0$ . Thus, the sequence splits, and I is projective.

Let  $P \in spec(R)$ , and assume that  $rank(\hat{R}_P) < \infty$ . Arguing as in  $a \to b$  with  $R_P$  replacing R, we obtain that  $Ext(Q, R_P)$  is an epimorphic image of  $Ext(Q/R_P, R_P) \cong End(Q/R_P) \cong \hat{R}_P$ . Thus,  $0 < rank(Ext(Q, R_P)) < \infty$  observing that  $R_P$  is no complete in the P-adic topology. But then

$$\operatorname{rank}(\operatorname{Ext}^1_R(Q, R_P)) < \operatorname{rank}(\operatorname{Ext}^1_R(Q \oplus Q, R_P))$$

contradicting b).

If A and B are torsion-free finite rank R-modules over an integral domain, then  $A[B] = \cap \{ker(f) | f \in \operatorname{Hom}_R(A, B)\}$  denotes the B-radical of A. In particular, if A[B] = 0, then A can be viewed as a submodule of  $B^n$  for some n.

**Theorem 4.0.2.** Let A and B be torsion-free modules of finite rank over an integral domain R. If A[B] = 0 and B[A] = 0, then  $A \doteq A_1 \oplus A_2$  and  $B \doteq B_1 \oplus B_2$  such that  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  are nonzero and strongly indecomposable and  $A_1 \sim B_1$ .

*Proof.* We consider the two-sided ideal S = Hom(B, A)Hom(A, B) of E(A). For  $0 \neq a \in A$ , there exists  $f : A \to B$  with  $f(a) \neq 0$  since A[B] = 0. Similarly, B[A] = 0 yields that we can find  $g : B \to A$  with  $gf(a) \neq 0$ . In particular, S cannot be contained in N. To see this, choose k > 0 such that  $N^k = 0$  but  $N^{k-1} \neq 0$ , and select  $0 \neq x \in N^{k-1}A$ . By what has been shown, there is  $s \in S$  with  $0 \neq sx$ . If  $S \subseteq N$ , then  $sx \in SN^{k-1} \subseteq N^kA = 0$ , a contradiction.

By Theorem 2.0.3,  $J \cap E(A) = N$  so that

$$E(A)/N = E(A)/J \cap E(A) \cong [E(A) + J]/J$$

can be viewed as a subring of the semi-simple ring QE(A)/J. As mentioned before,  $A \sim A_1^{k_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus A_r^{k_r}$  such that each  $A_i$  strongly indecomposable and  $A_i$  is not quasi-isomorphic to  $A_j$  if  $i \neq j$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume  $A = A_1^{k_1} \oplus \ldots \oplus A_r^{k_r}$ . By Theorem 2.0.3, we obtain

$$N = \bigoplus_i N_i \oplus \left[ \bigoplus_{j \neq i} \operatorname{Hom}_R(A_i^{k_i}, A_j^{k_j}) \right]$$

where  $N_i$  denotes the nilradical of  $E(A_i^{k_i})$ . Hence,

$$E(A)/N \cong \prod_{i} \operatorname{Mat}_{k_i}(R_i) = T$$

where  $R_i = E(A_i)/N(E(A_i))$ .

Let  $\sigma \in S \setminus N$ , and write  $\sigma = \beta \alpha$  for  $\alpha \in \text{Hom}_R(A, B)$  and  $\beta \in \text{Hom}_R(B, A)$ . Identifying  $\sigma + N$  with its image in the ring T under the previous ring isomorphism, we obtain that one of the components of  $\sigma + N$  in T is nonzero. Without loss of generality, we may assume that the numbering of  $\{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$  has been chosen in such a way that say the first component is nonzero.

We write  $C = A_1^{k_1}$ , and let  $\delta : C \to A$  and  $\pi : A \to C$  be the natural maps associated with the given decomposition of A. Then, we obtain that  $\pi\sigma\delta = (\pi\beta)(\alpha\delta) \in$  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(B,C)\operatorname{Hom}_R(C,B)$  is not an element of N(E(C)) by what just has been shown. Since E(C) =  $\operatorname{Mat}_{k_1}(A_1)$ , some (i, j)-entry of  $\pi\beta\alpha\delta$  is a non-nilpotent endomorphism of  $A_1$ . Let  $\gamma_j$  be the projection onto the  $j^{th}$ -coordinate and  $\lambda_i$  be the embedding into the  $i^{th}$ -coordinate. Then

$$\iota = (\gamma_j \pi \beta)(\alpha \delta \lambda_i) \in \operatorname{Hom}_R(B, A_1) \operatorname{Hom}_R(A_1, B)$$

does not belong to  $NE(A_1)$ . As in the proof of Theorem 2.0.3, this means that  $\iota \notin J(QE(A_1))$ . Hence,  $\iota$  is invertible in  $QE(A_1)$  since the latter is a local ring. We can find  $0 \neq r \in R$  and  $\eta \in E(A_1)$  such that  $\eta \iota$  and  $\iota \eta$  are multiplication by r on  $A_1$ . Thus,  $\eta \gamma_j \pi \beta : B \to A_1$  and  $\alpha \delta \lambda_i : A_1 \to B$  satisfy

$$(\eta \gamma_j \pi \beta)(\alpha \delta \lambda_i) = r \mathbf{1}_{A_1}.$$

Thus, B has a quasi summand isomorphic to  $A_1$ 

Observe that all nonzero prime ideals of a Dedekind domain R are maximal. We let spec(R) denote the collection of maximal ideals of R in this case. In particular, we can define the P-rank of a torsion-free R-module A as the composition length of the module A/PA [10]. We refer the reader to [10] and [1] for details on the P-rank of a module.

**Lemma 4.0.3.** If A and B are quasi-isomorphic torsion-free modules of finite rank over a Dedekind domain R, then  $r_P(A) = r_P(B) < \infty$  for all  $P \in spec(R)$ .

Proof. [10, Proposition 1.26] yields  $r_P(A) \leq \operatorname{rank}(A) < \infty$  and  $r_P(A) \leq r_P(U)$  whenever A is a finite rank module over a Dedekind domain R and U is an essential submodule of A. Hence,  $r_P(A) \leq r_P(B)$  and vice-versa.

**Theorem 4.0.4.** Let A and B be torsion-free reduced modules of finite rank over a Dedekind domain R. Then

$$r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(C,A)) = r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(C,B))$$

for all  $P \in spec(R)$  and all torsion-free modules C of finite rank if and only if  $A \sim B$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that A and B are quasi-isomorphic. Since the P-rank of a module is a quasiisomorphism invariant, and  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(C, A)$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(C, B)$  are quasi-isomorphic modules, their P-ranks are the same for all  $P \in \operatorname{spec}(R)$  and torsion-free modules C of finite rank.

Conversely, we show that A is quasi-isomorphic to B if

$$r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(C, A)) = r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(C, B))$$

for all  $P \in spec(R)$  and any torsion-free homomorphic image C of A or B. For such modules C, we obtain that

$$r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(C, A)) = r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(C, B))$$

is finite for all P since the homomorphism modules have finite torsion-free rank.

Let A' = A[B] and consider the exact sequence

$$0 \to A' \to A \to A/A' \to 0.$$

It induces the exact sequences

$$0 \to \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(A/A', B) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(A, B) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(A', B)$$

and

$$0 \to \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(A/A', A) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(A, A) \xrightarrow{\beta} \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(A', A).$$

By the definition of A[B], the map

$$0 \to \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(A/A', B) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(A, B)$$

is an isomorphism so that  $im \alpha = 0$ . By our hypothesis, we obtain

$$r_P(im \ \beta) = r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(A, A)) - r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(A/A', A))$$
$$= r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(A, B)) - r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(A/A', B))$$
$$= r_P(im \ \alpha) = 0$$

for all prime ideals P. Therefore,  $im \beta$  is divisible.

If  $im \ \beta \neq 0$ , then  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(A', A)A' \subseteq A$  contains a nonzero divisible submodule which is not possible. Thus,  $im \ \beta = 0$ . In particular,  $A' = \beta(id_A)A' = 0$ . Therefore, A[B] = 0. Similarly, we show B[A] = 0.

By Theorem 4.0.2, there is a nonzero K such that A is quasi-isomorphic to  $K \oplus A_1$  and B is quasi-isomorphic to  $K \oplus B_1$  for some  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ . If C is an epimorphic image of  $B_1$  or  $A_1$ , then C is quasi-isomorphic to an epimorphic image of B or A respectively. Therefore

$$r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(C,K)) + r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(C,A_1)) = r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(C,A))$$

$$= r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(C, B)) = r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(C, K)) + r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(C, B_1)),$$

which implies  $r_P(\text{Hom}(C, A_1)) = r_P(\text{Hom}(C, B_1))$  for all P. Inducting on the rank of A + B, we obtain that  $A_1$  is quasi-isomorphic to  $B_1$ .

Our next result shows that Warfield's formula for the *P*-rank of Hom holds for modules over Dedekind domain. Observe that Ext(A, -) is divisible whenever *R* is Dedekind and *A* is a torsion-free *R*-module. Thus, the *P*-rank of the module Ext(A, -) as defined before would be 0. If *D* is a divisible module, then we replace the notion of *P*-rank by that of the R/P-dimension of the *P*-socle  $D[P] = \{x \in D | Px = 0\}.$ 

**Proposition 4.0.5.** Let R be a Dedekind domain, and M and N torsion-free R-modules of finite rank. For all  $P \in spec(R)$ ,

$$r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(M, N)) = r_P(M)r_P(N) - dim_{R/P}(\operatorname{Ext}_R^1(M, N)[P]).$$

*Proof.* The result is a direct consequence of Theorem 1.0.30.

**Corollary 4.0.6.** Let A and B be torsion-free modules of finite rank over a Dedekind domain R. If A and B are quasi-isomorphic, then  $\text{Ext}(C, A) \cong \text{Ext}(C, B)$  for all torsion-free finite rank modules C. Moreover, if the P-adic completion of  $R_P$  has infinite rank for all  $P \in spec(R)$ , then the converse holds.

*Proof.* Since R is a Dedekind domain, Ext(M, -) is divisible whenever M is torsion-free. Since divisible quasi-isomorphic modules are isomorphic, we obtain  $Ext(C, A) \cong Ext(C, B)$  for all torsion-free finite rank modules C if A and B have the desired form.

b) Write  $A = D_A \oplus A'$  and  $B = D_B \oplus B'$ , with  $D_A$  and  $D_B$  divisible, and A' and B' reduced. Then,

$$\operatorname{Ext}(C, A') = \operatorname{Ext}(C, A) \cong \operatorname{Ext}(C, B) \cong \operatorname{Ext}(C, B').$$

Thus, we may assume that A and B are reduced. For any finite rank torsion-free R-module C, we obtain

$$r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(C,A)) = r_P(C)r_P(A) - dim_{R/P}(\operatorname{Ext}(C,A)[P])$$

and

$$r_P(\operatorname{Hom}(C,B)) = r_P(C)r_P(B) - dim_{R/P}(\operatorname{Ext}(C,B)[P])$$

from which we get

$$r_P(C)r_P(A) - r_P(\text{Hom}(C, A)) = r_P(C)r_P(B) - r_P(\text{Hom}(C, B)).$$

We fix  $P \in spec(R)$ , and consider the *P*-adic completion  $\hat{R_P}$  of the module  $R_P$  as in [10]. Since  $\hat{R_P}$  has infinite rank as an *R*-module, we can find a pure submodule *C* of  $\hat{R_P}$  containing  $R_P$  with

$$\operatorname{rank}(C) = \operatorname{rank}(A) + \operatorname{rank}(B) + 1.$$

If  $\alpha : C \to A$ , then  $ker \ \alpha \neq 0$ , and  $C/ker \ \alpha$  is divisible since  $r_P(C) = 1$  and  $r_Q(C) = 0$  for  $P \neq Q \in spec(R)$ . Hence, Hom(C, A) = 0. In the same way, Hom(C, B) = 0. Hence,

$$r_P(A) = r_P(C)r_P(A) - r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(C, A))$$
  
=  $r_P(C)r_P(B) - r_P(\operatorname{Hom}_R(C, B)) = r_P(B).$ 

If R is a maximal discrete valuation domain, then all torsion-free R-modules C of finite rank are projective, so Ext(C, M) = 0 for all M. In particular,  $\text{Ext}(C, M) \cong \text{Ext}(C, N)$  does not yield that M and N need to be quasi-isomorphic. Thus, the condition on the rank of  $\hat{R_P}$  cannot be omitted.

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