

Divisor-class groups of monadic submonoids of $\text{Int}(\mathbb{R})$

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The arithmetic of Krull monoids is well understood. It can be described in terms of the divisor-class group of the Krull monoid. Is it possible to study the arithmetic of $\text{Int}(R)$ for “interesting domains” R by using the theory of Krull monoids?

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What about finding suitable submonoids of $\text{Int}(R)^\bullet$ that are Krull monoids?

In this talk a monoid is always a commutative (multiplicative) cancellative semigroup with identity.

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1. Set $X^{-1} = \{z \in K \mid zX \subseteq H\}$ and $X_v = (X^{-1})^{-1}$.
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4. Set $\mathcal{H}(H) = \{xH \mid x \in K\}$, called the set of fractional principal ideals of H . It is a subgroup of $\mathcal{F}_v(H)^\times$ under v -multiplication.
5. Set $\mathcal{C}_v(H) = \mathcal{F}_v(H)^\times / \mathcal{H}(H)$, called the divisor-class group of H .

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Saturated submonoids

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Let H be a monoid and $T \subseteq H$ a submonoid. We say $T \subseteq H$ is saturated if the following equivalent conditions are satisfied:

- a. For all $x, y \in T$ with $x \mid_H y$ it follows that $x \mid_T y$.
- b. For every $I \in \mathcal{I}_v(T)$ we have $I_{vH} \cap T = I$.
- c. For every $x \in T$, $xH \cap T = xT$.

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2. We say $T \subseteq H$ is monadic H if $T = \{g \in H \mid g \mid_H x^k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ for some $x \in H$.
3. For $x \in H$ set $\llbracket x \rrbracket_H = \{g \in H \mid g \mid_H x^k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}\}$, called the monadic submonoid of H generated by x .

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The divisor-closed submonoids of an integral domain are precisely the proper saturated multiplicatively closed subsets in the terminology of Kaplansky's book. Every monadic submonoid is divisor-closed and every divisor-closed submonoid is saturated.

Familiar situations

Lemma

Let R be an integral domain and X an indeterminate over R .

- $R^\bullet \subseteq R[X]^\bullet$ and $R^\bullet \subseteq \text{Int}(R)^\bullet$ are divisor-closed submonoids.
- $R^\bullet \subseteq R[X]^\bullet$ is monadic if and only if $R^\bullet \subseteq \text{Int}(R)^\bullet$ is monadic if and only if R is a G -domain (i.e., the intersection of all nonzero prime ideals of R is nonzero).
- $R^\bullet \subseteq R[[X]]^\bullet$ is saturated, but not divisor-closed.

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3. If $x \in H$ is such that $\llbracket x \rrbracket$ is a Krull monoid, then $\llbracket x \rrbracket$ is a quasi finitely generated monoid.

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Let R be an integral domain.

1. R^\bullet is quasi finitely generated if and only if R is a Cohen-Kaplansky domain.
2. R^\bullet is a quasi finitely generated Krull monoid if and only if R is a semilocal PID. The divisor-class group of R^\bullet is trivial in this case.

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Goal: Describe the structure of the divisor-class groups of monadic submonoids $\llbracket f \rrbracket_{\text{Int}(R)^\bullet}$ of $\text{Int}(R)^\bullet$ if R is factorial. This can be done by studying atoms and height-one prime ideals and the relations between them.

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$$\llbracket f \rrbracket = \llbracket a \prod_{i=1}^n f_i \rrbracket.$$

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$$\{u[f] \mid u \in \mathcal{A}([f])\} = \{u[f] \mid u \in \mathcal{A}(R), u \mid_R d(f)\} \cup \left\{ \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n f_i^{y_i}}{d(\prod_{i=1}^n f_i^{y_i})} [f] \mid \underline{y} \in E \right\}.$$

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Lemma

Let H be a monoid and $T \subseteq H$ a divisor-closed submonoid. Then $\mathcal{A}(T) = \mathcal{A}(H) \cap T$.

A simple observation

Lemma

Let R be a factorial domain and $f \in \text{Int}(R)^\bullet$.

1. If $u \in \mathcal{A}(\llbracket f \rrbracket) \cap R$, then $u\llbracket f \rrbracket$ is a radical ideal of $\llbracket f \rrbracket$.
2. If $P \in \mathfrak{X}(\llbracket f \rrbracket)$ and $u, w \in P \cap \mathcal{A}(R)$, then $u \simeq_{\llbracket f \rrbracket} w$.

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Let R be a factorial domain, $f \in \text{Int}(R)^\bullet$, $a \in \llbracket f \rrbracket \cap R$ and $A \subseteq B \subseteq \llbracket f \rrbracket$. We say that A is a -compatible if there is some $w \in \llbracket f \rrbracket$ such that $a \mid_R \frac{d(uw)}{d(w)}$ for all $u \in A$. Moreover, A is called maximal a -compatible in B if A is maximal (with respect to inclusion) among the a -compatible subsets of B .

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Connection between atoms and height-one prime ideals I

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1. If $g \in \llbracket f \rrbracket \cap \mathcal{A}(K[X])$, then $v_{P_g}(x \llbracket f \rrbracket) = v_g(x)$ for all $x \in \llbracket f \rrbracket$.
2. If $Q \in \mathfrak{X}(\llbracket f \rrbracket)$ and $q \in Q \cap \mathcal{A}(R)$, then $v_Q(x \llbracket f \rrbracket) \leq v_q(e_f(x))$ for all $x \in \llbracket f \rrbracket$.

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$$v_P(I) = \max\left\{\left\lceil \frac{v_Q(I_{v_H})}{v_Q(P_{v_H})} \right\rceil \mid Q \in \mathfrak{X}(H), Q \cap T = P\right\}.$$

When height-one prime ideals are principal I

Proposition

Let R be a factorial domain and $f \in \text{Int}(R)^\bullet$. The following conditions are equivalent:

1. Every $P \in \mathfrak{X}(\llbracket f \rrbracket)$ such that $P \cap R \neq \emptyset$ is principal.
2. For every $P \in \mathfrak{X}(\llbracket f \rrbracket)$ such that $P \cap R \neq \emptyset$ there is some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(P^n)_v$ is principal.
3. Every $u \in \mathcal{A}(\llbracket f \rrbracket) \cap R$ is a prime element of $\llbracket f \rrbracket$.
4. $d(gh) = d(g)d(h)$ for all $g, h \in \llbracket f \rrbracket$.

If $\mathcal{C}_v(\llbracket f \rrbracket)$ is finite, then these conditions are satisfied.

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1. $gK[X] \cap \llbracket f \rrbracket$ is a principal ideal of $\llbracket f \rrbracket$.
2. $gK[X] \cap \llbracket f \rrbracket = \frac{g}{d(g)} \llbracket f \rrbracket$.
3. $d(gh) = d(g)d(h)$ for all $h \in \llbracket f \rrbracket$.

Main result

Theorem

Let R be a factorial domain, K a field of quotients of R , X an indeterminate over K and $f \in R[X]^\bullet$. Set

$r = |\{P \in \mathfrak{X}(\llbracket f \rrbracket) \mid P \cap R \neq \emptyset\}| - |\{u \llbracket f \rrbracket \mid u \in \mathcal{A}(\llbracket f \rrbracket) \cap R\}|$. Then $\mathcal{C}_v(\llbracket f \rrbracket) \cong \mathbb{Z}^r$ and the following conditions are equivalent:

1. $\llbracket f \rrbracket$ is factorial.
2. $\mathcal{C}_v(\llbracket f \rrbracket)$ is finite.
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$n = |\{p_j + p_1 R \mid j \in [1, n]\}| = |R/p_1 R| < |R/p_i R|$. Set

$H = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n (a_i X - p_i) \right]$. Then $\mathcal{C}_v(H) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$,

$\{[P] \mid P \in \mathfrak{X}(H)\} = \{[P^{-1}] \mid P \in \mathfrak{X}(H)\}$ and

$D(\{[P] \mid P \in \mathfrak{X}(H)\}) \geq n$.

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When is $d(rs) = d(r)d(s)$?

Remark

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Example

Let X be an indeterminate over \mathbb{Q} . Set $a = 5713492603$,

$f = (aX + 1)(aX + 2)(aX + 3)$, $g = \frac{f(aX+2)}{12}$ and

$h = (6Xf + 7)(6Xf + 13)(6Xf + 19)(6Xf + 31)(6Xf + 37)(6Xf + 43)(6Xf + 67)$. Then

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Definition

Let H be an atomic monoid.

1. $\rho(H) = \sup\left\{\frac{\sup L(a)}{\min L(a)} \mid a \in H \setminus H^\times\right\}$ is called the elasticity of H .
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In particular, if R is an integral domain such that $\text{Int}(R)^\bullet$ is monadically Krull, then R^\bullet is monadically Krull. It is an open problem whether the converse is true.

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