

### §3: THE KRULL-AKIZUKI THEOREM

First we need some more facts about Artinian rings and modules.

(5.45) Proposition: Let  $A$  be a Noetherian ring with  $\text{Spec}(A) = \mathfrak{m}\text{-Spec}(A)$ . Every finitely generated  $A$ -module has finite length, in particular,  $A$  has finite length.

Proof: Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $A$ -module. By (2.16) there is a normal series of  $M$ :  
 $(0) = M_0 \subsetneq M_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq M_r = M$  with  $M_i/M_{i-1} \cong A/P_i$  where  $P_i \in \text{Spec}(A)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq r$ .  
 Since  $P_i \in \mathfrak{m}\text{-Spec}(A)$  the modules  $M_i/M_{i-1}$  are simple.

(5.46) Proposition: Let  $A$  be a ring. The following are equivalent:

- (a)  $A$  is Noetherian and every prime ideal of  $A$  is maximal.
- (b) Every finitely generated  $A$ -module has finite length.
- (c)  $A$  has finite length (as an  $A$ -module).

Proof: (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b): By (5.45) and (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): trivial.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): Suppose that  $A$  has finite length as an  $A$ -module. Then  $A$  is Noetherian and Artinian. By (1.82) every prime ideal of  $A$  is maximal.

(5.47) Theorem: Let  $A$  be a Noetherian ring and  $M$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module. The following are equivalent:

- (a)  $\ell_A(M) < \infty$
- (b)  $M$  is an Artinian  $A$ -module
- (c) If  $\mathfrak{P} \in \text{Ass}_A(M)$  then  $\mathfrak{P}$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$ .
- (d)  $A/\text{ann}(M)$  is an Artinian ring.

Proof: (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b): By (1.81).

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): Consider a composition series of  $M$ :  $0 = M_0 \subsetneq M_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq M_{n-1} \subsetneq M_n = M$ , that is, the factor modules  $M_i/M_{i-1}$  are simple  $A$ -modules. Thus  $M_i/M_{i-1} \cong A/m_i$  where  $m_i \subseteq A$  is a maximal ideal. By (2.10)  $\text{Ass}_A(M) \subseteq \{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d): By (2.16) the minimal prime ideals of  $\text{Ass}_A(M)$  and of  $\text{Supp}_A(M)$  are the same. Thus  $\text{Ass}_A(M) = \{m_1, \dots, m_n\} = \text{Supp}_A(M) = V(\text{ann}(M)) \subseteq \mathfrak{m}\text{-Spec}(A)$ . Thus  $\dim A/\text{ann}(M) = 0$  and  $A/\text{ann}(M)$  is an Artinian ring.

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): Every finitely generated module over an Artinian ring is Artinian.

(5.48) Remark: Let  $A$  be a domain. The following are equivalent:

(a)  $A$  is Noetherian and  $\dim A = 1$ .

(b) For every ideal  $I \subseteq A$  with  $I \neq (0)$  the ring  $A/I$  is Artinian.

Proof: (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): We need to show that every ideal  $I \subseteq A$  is finitely generated. Let  $I \subseteq A$  be an ideal with  $I \neq (0)$  and let  $a \in I, a \neq 0$ . By assumption  $A/(a)$  is Artinian. Thus  $A/(a)$  is Noetherian and  $I/(a)$  is finitely generated. This implies that  $I$  is finitely generated.

(5.49) Theorem: (Krull-Akizuki) Let  $A$  be a Noetherian domain of dimension one and let  $Q(A) \subseteq L$  be a finite field extension. Every intermediate ring  $A \subseteq B \subseteq L$  is either a field or a Noetherian ring of dimension one.

We need the following Lemma:

(5.50) Lemma: Let  $A$  be a ring as in (5.49),  $V$  a vector space over  $Q(A)$  of dimension  $s < \infty$ ,  $M \subseteq V$  an  $A$ -submodule, and  $a \in A - (0)$ . Then  $l_A(M/aM) \leq s \cdot l_A(A/(a))$ .

Proof of (5.49): Let  $\mathfrak{J} \subseteq B$  a nonzero ideal and  $b \in \mathfrak{J} - (0)$ . Since  $b$  is algebraic over  $Q(A)$  there are elements  $a_i \in A, a_r \neq 0$ , such that:  $a_r b^r + a_{r-1} b^{r-1} + \dots + a_0 = 0$ .

We may assume  $a_0 \neq 0$ . Thus  $a_0 \in Bb \subseteq \mathfrak{J}$ . Apply (5.50) to  $L = V$  and  $M = B$  to obtain:

$$l_B(B/\mathfrak{J}) \leq l_A(B/\mathfrak{J}) \leq l_A(B/a_0B) \leq [L:K] l_A(A/a_0A) < \infty$$

The statement follows with (5.48).

Proof of (5.50): we may assume that  $M$  generates the  $Q(A)$ -vector space  $V$ .

1<sup>st</sup> case:  $M$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module, say  $M = Am_1 + \dots + Am_s$ .

Then  $s \leq t$  and after renumbering  $m_1, \dots, m_s$  is a basis of the  $Q(A)$ -vector space  $V$ . Then  $m_1, \dots, m_s$  is also a basis of the free  $A$ -submodule  $U = Am_1 + \dots + Am_s \subseteq M$ . For all  $s+1 \leq i \leq t$  there are elements  $\lambda_{ij} \in Q(A)$  so that  $m_i = \sum_{j=1}^s \lambda_{ij} m_j$ . Hence there is an element  $b \in A - (0)$  with  $bM \subseteq U$ . The  $A$ -module  $M/U$  has a nontrivial annihilator:  $b \in \text{ann}_A(M/U)$ . Since  $\dim A = 1$  and  $\text{ann}_A(M/U) \neq (0)$  the ring  $A/\text{ann}(M/U)$  is Artinian.  $M/U$  is a finitely generated  $A/\text{ann}(M/U)$ -module and therefore:  $l_A(M/U) < \infty$ .

Let  $a \in A - (0)$ . For all  $n \geq 1$  there is an exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow U/a^n U \rightarrow M/a^n M \rightarrow M/U \rightarrow 0$$

Note that  $U/a^n U \cong (A/a^n A)^s$  and therefore  $l_A(U/a^n U) = s \cdot l_A(A/a^n A) < \infty$ . This implies:

$$(*) \quad l_A(M/a^n M) \leq l_A(M/a^n U) = l_A(M/U) + l_A(U/a^n U) < \infty.$$

Since  $a$  is a non zero divisor on  $M$  and  $U$ :

$$M/aM \cong aM/a^2M \cong \dots \cong a^{n-1}M/a^nM \quad \text{and} \quad U/aU \cong aU/a^2U \cong \dots \cong a^{n-1}U/a^nU.$$

From the exact sequences:

$$0 \rightarrow a^{n-1}M/a^nM \rightarrow M/a^nM \rightarrow M/a^{n-1}M \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \rightarrow a^{n-1}U/a^nU \rightarrow U/a^nU \rightarrow U/a^{n-1}U \rightarrow 0$$

we obtain by induction on  $n$ :

$$l_A(M/a^n M) = n l_A(M/aM) \quad \text{and} \quad l_A(U/a^n U) = n l_A(U/aU).$$

(\*) yields for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$n l_A(M/aM) \leq l_A(M/U) + ns l_A(A/aA)$$

and therefore:  $l_A(M/aM) \leq (1/n) l_A(M/U) + s l_A(A/aA)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $l_A(M/U) < \infty$ :  $l_A(M/aM) \leq s l_A(A/aA)$ .

2<sup>d</sup> case:  $M$  arbitrary

Let  $\{M_\tau\}_{\tau \in T}$  be the set of all finitely generated  $A$ -submodules of  $M$ . Then for all  $\tau \in T$ :

$$l_A(M_\tau/aM_\tau) \leq s l_A(A/aA).$$

Thus for all  $\tau \in T$ :

$$l_A(M_\tau + aM/aM) = l_A(M_\tau/M_\tau \cap aM) \leq l_A(M_\tau/aM_\tau) \leq s \cdot l_A(A/aA).$$

Choose  $\tau_0 \in T$  such that  $l_A(M_{\tau_0} + aM/aM)$  is maximal. If  $M_{\tau_0} + aM \neq M$  pick

$z \in M - (M_{\tau_0} + aM)$  and consider  $M_{\tau_1} = M_{\tau_0} + Az$ . Then

$$M_{\tau_1} + aM = M_{\tau_0} + Az + aM \supsetneq M_{\tau_0} + aM$$

$$\text{and } (M_{\tau_1} + aM)/aM \supsetneq (M_{\tau_0} + aM)/aM.$$

This implies that  $l_A(M_{\tau_1} + aM/aM) > l_A(M_{\tau_0} + aM/aM)$ , a contradiction.

Thus  $M = M_{\tau_0} + aM$  and  $l_A(M/aM) = l_A(M_{\tau_0} + aM/aM) \leq s \cdot l_A(A/aA)$ .

Note: The Krull-Akizuki theorem fails for Noetherian domains  $A$  of dimension  $\geq 2$ .

Example: Let  $K$  be a field and  $K[x, y] \subseteq V \subseteq K(x, y)$  where  $V$  is a rank 2 valuation ring.

#### §4: FINITENESS OF THE INTEGRAL CLOSURE

(5.51) Definition: Let  $K \subseteq L$  be a finite extension of fields of degree  $[L:K] = n < \infty$ . For an element  $\alpha \in L$  let  $\varphi_\alpha: L \rightarrow L$  denote the  $K$ -linear map  $\varphi_\alpha(t) = \alpha t$  for all  $t \in L$ . We define:

(a)  $P_{L/K}(\alpha, x) := \det(x - \varphi_\alpha)$  the characteristic polynomial of  $\alpha$ .

(b)  $N_{L/K}(\alpha) := \det(\varphi_\alpha)$  the norm of  $\alpha$ .

(c)  $\text{Tr}_{L/K}(\alpha) := \text{trace}(\varphi_\alpha)$  the trace of  $\alpha$ .

(5.52) Facts from field theory:

Let  $K \subseteq L$  be a finite extension of fields with  $[L:K] = n < \infty$ .

(a) There is a unique intermediate field  $K \subseteq K_s \subseteq L$  such that

(i)  $K \subseteq K_s$  is a separable field extension.

(ii)  $K_s \subseteq L$  is a purely inseparable field extension, that is, if  $\text{char}(K) = 0$  then  $K_s = L$  and if  $\text{char}(K) = p > 0$  then  $L^q \subseteq K_s$  with  $q = p^r$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that  $K_s = \{\alpha \in L \mid \alpha \text{ is separable over } K\}$ .

(iii)  $r_i = [L:K_s]$  is called the inseparable degree of the extension  $K \subseteq L$  while  $r_s = [K_s:K]$  is called the separable degree of  $L$  over  $K$ . Then  $n = r_i r_s$ .

(iv) There are exactly  $r_s$  mutually distinct  $K$ -morphisms  $\tau: K \rightarrow \bar{K}$  where  $\bar{K}$  is the algebraic closure of  $K$  (and  $L$ ).

(b) Let  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_{r_s}: L \rightarrow \bar{K}$  be the  $r_s$  mutually distinct  $K$ -morphisms from  $L$  into  $\bar{K}$  with  $\tau_1 = \text{id}_L$  the canonical embedding. For an element  $\alpha \in L$  the elements  $\tau_j(\alpha) = \alpha^{(j)}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq r_s$ , are called the conjugates of  $\alpha$ . Note that  $\alpha \in \alpha^{(1)}$  and that possibly  $\alpha^{(j)} = \alpha^{(k)}$  for  $j \neq k$ .

(i) 
$$P_{L/K}(\alpha, x) = \prod_{j=1}^{r_s} (x - \alpha^{(j)})^{r_i} \in K[x]$$

(ii) 
$$N_{L/K}(\alpha) = \prod_{j=1}^{r_s} \alpha^{(j) r_i} \in K$$

(iii) 
$$\text{Tr}_{L/K}(\alpha) = r_i \sum_{j=1}^{r_s} \alpha^{(j)} \in K, \text{ that is,}$$

$\text{Tr}_{L/K}(\alpha) = 0$  if  $r_i > 1$  or equivalently if  $L$  is inseparable over  $K$ . Moreover,  $\text{Tr}_{L/K}(\alpha) = \sum_{j=1}^{r_s} \alpha^{(j)}$  if  $r_i = 1$  or equivalently if  $L$  is separable over  $K$ .

If  $[L:K]=n$ , then  $\deg P_{L/K}(\alpha, x) = n$  with  $P_{L/K}(\alpha, x) = x^n \pm a_{n-1}x^{n-1} \pm \dots \pm a_0$  where  $a_{n-1} = \text{Tr}_{L/K}(\alpha)$  and  $a_0 = N_{L/K}(\alpha)$ . Norm and trace are elements of  $K$ .

(c) (i) The norm function:  $N_{L/K}: L^* \rightarrow K^*$  is a homomorphism of the multiplicative groups.

$$\alpha \mapsto N_{L/K}(\alpha)$$

(ii) The trace function:  $\text{Tr}_{L/K}: L \rightarrow K$  is a  $K$ -linear transformation.

$$\alpha \mapsto \text{Tr}_{L/K}(\alpha)$$

(5.53) Definition: Same assumptions as in (5.52). Let  $\alpha \in L$  be an element.

(a) Let  $P'_{L/K}(\alpha, x)$  denote the formal derivative of the polynomial  $P_{L/K}(\alpha, x) \in K[x]$ . The element  $\delta_{L/K}(\alpha) = P'_{L/K}(\alpha, \alpha) \in L$  is called the different of  $\alpha$  over  $L$ .

(b) The element  $D(\alpha) = (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} N_{L/K}(\delta_{L/K}(\alpha)) \in K$

is called the discriminant of  $\alpha$  over  $L$ .

(5.54) Lemma: With the assumptions and notations of (5.52) for an element  $\alpha \in L$  the following conditions are equivalent:

(a)  $D(\alpha) \neq 0$

(b)  $\delta_{L/K}(\alpha) \neq 0$

(c)  $L$  is separable over  $K$  with  $L = K(\alpha)$ .

Proof: (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b): trivial

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): If  $\delta_{L/K}(\alpha) \neq 0$  then  $\alpha$  is a simple root of  $P_{L/K}(\alpha, x)$ . Since the characteristic polynomial divides a power of the minimal polynomial in this case  $P_{L/K}(\alpha, x)$  is the minimal polynomial. Moreover,  $P_{L/K}(\alpha, x)$  is a separable polynomial. Thus  $[K(\alpha):K] = n$  and  $L = K(\alpha)$  is separable over  $K$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b):  $P_{L/K}(\alpha, x)$  is the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $K$  and  $P_{L/K}(\alpha, x)$  has only simple roots. Thus  $\delta_{L/K}(\alpha) \neq 0$ . [Note that if  $m(\alpha, x)$  is the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$ , then  $m(\alpha, x) \mid P_{L/K}(\alpha, x)$  and  $P_{L/K}(\alpha, x) \mid m(\alpha, x)^t$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ .]

(5.55) Lemma: Let  $K \subseteq L$  be a finite separable field extension,  $[L:K] = n$ , and  $\alpha \in L$ . Then:

$$D(\alpha) = (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \prod_{1 \leq k < \ell \leq n} (\alpha^{(k)} - \alpha^{(\ell)})^2 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha^{(1)} & \dots & \alpha^{(1)n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \alpha^{(2)} & \dots & \alpha^{(2)n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \alpha^{(n)} & \dots & \alpha^{(n)n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof: If  $K \subseteq L$  is a finite separable field extension of degree  $n$ , then there are exactly  $n$  mutually distinct  $K$ -morphisms  $\tau_i: L \rightarrow \overline{K}$ .  $\alpha \in L$  has exactly  $n$  conjugates  $\alpha^{(1)}, \dots, \alpha^{(n)}$  and we have:

$$P_{L/K}(\alpha, x) = \prod_{j=1}^n (x - \alpha^{(j)}) \text{ with } \alpha^{(1)} = \alpha \text{ and } P'_{L/K}(\alpha, \alpha) = \prod_{j=2}^n (\alpha - \alpha^{(j)}) = \Sigma_{L/K}(\alpha).$$

For  $1 \leq j \leq n$ :

$$\Sigma_{L/K}^{(j)}(\alpha) = \prod_{k=1, k \neq j}^n (\alpha^{(j)} - \alpha^{(k)}) \quad \text{and}$$

$$N_{L/K}(\Sigma_{L/K}(\alpha)) = \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{k=1, k \neq j}^n (\alpha^{(j)} - \alpha^{(k)}) = (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \prod_{1 \leq k < j \leq n} (\alpha^{(k)} - \alpha^{(j)})^2$$

Note that the double product has exactly  $n(n-1)$  factors. Collecting factors  $\alpha^{(k)} - \alpha^{(j)}$  and  $\alpha^{(j)} - \alpha^{(k)}$  gives the formula. The rest is the Vandermonde determinant from linear algebra.

(5.56) Definition: Let  $K \subseteq L$  be a finite separable field extension with  $[L:K] = n$ . For elements  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in L$  define the discriminant of  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  by:

$$\Delta_{L/K}(w_1, \dots, w_n) = \det \left( (w_i^{(j)})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \right)^2$$

where  $w_i^{(1)}, \dots, w_i^{(n)}$  are the conjugates of  $w_i$ .

(5.57) Lemma: With assumptions as in (5.56):

(a)  $\Delta_{L/K}(w_1, \dots, w_n) = \det (\text{Tr}(w_i w_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$

(b)  $\Delta_{L/K}(w_1, \dots, w_n) \neq 0$  if and only if  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  is a basis of the  $K$ -vector space  $L$ .

Proof: (Pa):  $\Delta_{L/K}(w_1, \dots, w_n) = \det \left( (w_i^{(j)}) \right)^2 = \det \left( (w_i^{(j)}) \right) \det \left( (w_i^{(j)})^T \right) =$   
 $= \det \left( \left( \sum_{k=1}^n w_i^{(k)} w_j^{(k)} \right)_{i, j} \right) = \det (\text{Tr}_{L/K}(w_i w_j))_{i, j}.$

(b) Since  $K \subseteq L$  is a separable extension,  $L = K(\alpha)$  for some  $\alpha \in L$ . Thus

$$\omega_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \alpha^{i-1} \text{ for some } a_{ij} \in K \text{ and } \omega_j^{(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \alpha^{(k)i-1} \text{ for all } 1 \leq j \leq n \text{ and } 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

Thus:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \vdots \\ \omega_n \end{bmatrix} = (a_{ij})_{i,j} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \alpha \\ \vdots \\ \alpha^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^{(k)} \\ \omega_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ \omega_n^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} = (a_{ij})_{i,j} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \alpha^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha^{(k)n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

This implies:

$$(\omega_j^{(k)})_{j,k} = (a_{ij})_{i,j} (\alpha^{(k)i-1})_{i,k}$$

implying

$$\det(\omega_j^{(k)}) = \det((a_{ij})) \det(\alpha^{(k)i-1})$$

and therefore by (3.55):  $\Delta_{L/K}(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n) = \det((a_{ij}))^2 D(\alpha)$ .

By (5.54)  $D(\alpha) \neq 0$ . This shows that  $\Delta_{L/K}(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n) \neq 0$  if and only if  $\det((a_{ij})) \neq 0$

which is equivalent to  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n$  a basis of  $L$  over  $K$ .

(5.58) Corollary: Let  $K \subseteq L$  be a finite field extension.  $L$  is separable over  $K$  if and only if

$\text{Tr}_{L/K} \neq 0$  (i.e. the trace is not the zero function).

Proof: If  $K \subseteq L$  is inseparable then by (5.52)  $\text{Tr}_{L/K} = 0$  (if  $n > 1$ ).

Suppose that  $K \subseteq L$  is separable and  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n$  is a basis of  $L$  over  $K$ . By (5.57)

$$\Delta_{L/K}(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n) = \det(\text{Tr}_{L/K}(\omega_i \omega_j)) \neq 0. \text{ Thus } \text{Tr}_{L/K} \neq 0.$$

(5.59) Remark: If  $[L:K] = n$  then  $\text{Tr}_{L/K}(1) = n \cdot 1$ . Thus if  $\text{char}(K) = 0$  then trivially

$$\text{Tr}_{L/K} \neq 0.$$

For the remainder of this section let  $K \subseteq L$  be a finite field extension of degree  $[L:K] = n$ ,

$A$  a Noetherian normal domain with field of quotients  $K = Q(A)$  and  $B$  the integral closure of  $A$  in  $L$ .

(5.60) Note: (a)  $B$  is a normal domain.

(b)  $B \cap K = A$



(c) There is a basis  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  of the  $K$ -vector space  $L$  with  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in B$ .

(d)  $L = K \cdot B = Q(B)$ .

(5.61) Theorem: Suppose there is a  $K$ -linear map  $s: L \rightarrow K$  with:

(a)  $s(B) \subseteq A$

(b)  $s \neq 0$

then  $B$  is a finite  $A$ -module.

Proof: Let  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in B$  be a  $K$ -basis of  $L$ . Consider  $M = \sum_{i=1}^n A w_i \subseteq B$ . Since  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  is a basis of  $L$  over  $K$ ,  $M$  is a free  $A$ -module of rank  $n$ , that is,  $M \cong A^n$ . For any  $A$ -submodule  $U$  of  $L$  put:

$$\tilde{U} := \{x \in L \mid s(xU) \subseteq A\}.$$

$\tilde{U}$  is an  $A$ -submodule of  $L$  and if  $U_1, U_2 \subseteq L$  are submodules of  $L$  then  $\tilde{U}_2 \subseteq \tilde{U}_1$ .

Therefore, since  $M \subseteq B$  we have  $\tilde{B} \subseteq \tilde{M}$ .

Since  $B$  is a ring for every  $b \in B$ :  $bB \subseteq B$  and hence  $s(bB) \subseteq s(B) \subseteq A$  by (a).

This shows that  $B \subseteq \tilde{B} \subseteq \tilde{M}$ . Since  $A$  is Noetherian it suffices to show that  $\tilde{M}$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module. Consider the map:

$$g: \begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{M} & \longrightarrow & A^n \\ \downarrow & & \\ m & \longrightarrow & (s(mw_1), \dots, s(mw_n)) \end{array}$$

Since  $s$  is  $K$ -linear,  $g$  is an  $A$ -linear map.

Claim:  $g$  is injective

Pf of Cl:  $g(m) = 0$  if and only if  $s(mw_i) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Hence if  $g(m) = 0$  then  $s(mM) = 0$ . If  $m \neq 0$  then  $L = mL = K \cdot mL$ , since  $mw_1, \dots, mw_n$  is a basis of  $L$  over  $K$ . Thus  $m \neq 0$  and  $s(mM) = 0$  implies that  $s(L) = 0$  since  $s$  is  $K$ -linear.

This contradicts assumption (b).

By the claim,  $\tilde{M}$  and  $B$  can be considered  $A$ -submodules of  $A^n$ . Since  $A$  is Noetherian  $B$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module.

(5.62) Corollary: Let  $K \subseteq L$  be a finite separable field extension and  $A \subseteq K$  a normal Noetherian domain with field of quotients  $K = Q(A)$ . The integral closure  $B$  of  $A$  in  $L$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module. In particular,  $B$  is a Noetherian ring.

Proof: The trace function  $\text{Tr}_{L/K} = s: L \rightarrow K$  satisfies conditions (a) and (b) of (5.61).

(5.63) Corollary: Let  $A$  be a Dedekind domain,  $K = Q(A)$  its field of quotients, and  $K \subseteq L$  a finite separable field extension. The integral closure  $B$  of  $A$  in  $L$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module and a Dedekind domain.

(5.64) Corollary: Let  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq L$  be a finite field extension. The integral closure  $B$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  in  $L$  is a finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module and a Dedekind domain.

(5.65) Remark: Let  $A$  be a Noetherian domain of dimension one,  $K = Q(A)$  its field of quotients and  $K \subseteq L$  a finite field extension. By the Krull-Akizuki theorem the integral closure  $B$  of  $A$  in  $L$  is a Noetherian domain of dimension one. Since  $B$  is normal  $B$  is a Dedekind domain. There are examples where  $B$  is not a finitely generated  $A$ -module.

(5.66) Remark: Let  $k$  be a field,  $A$  a finitely generated  $k$ -algebra and a domain,  $K = Q(A)$  its field of quotients, and  $K \subseteq L$  a finite field extension. The integral closure of  $A$  in  $L$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module. In particular, the integral closure of  $A$  in  $K$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module (without proof).