CONTINUOUS HOMOMORPHISMS AND RINGS OF INJECTIVE DIMENSION ONE

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Abstract

Let *S* be an *R*-algebra and α be an ideal of *S*. We define the continuous hom functor from *R*-Mod to *S*-Mod with respect to the α -adic topology on *S*. We show that the continuous hom functor preserves injective modules iff the ideal-adic property and ideal-continuity property are satisfied for *S* and α . Furthermore, if *S* is α -finite over *R*, we show that the continuous hom functor also preserves essential extensions. Hence, the continuous hom functor can be used to construct injective modules and injective hulls over *S* using what we know about *R*. Using the continuous hom functor we can characterize rings of injective dimension one using symmetry for a special class of formal power series subrings. In the Noetherian case, this enables us to construct one-dimensional local Gorenstein domains. In the non-Noetherian case, we can apply the continuous hom functor to a generalized form of the *D*+*M* construction. We may construct a class of domains of injective dimension one and a series of almost maximal valuation rings of any complete DVR.

1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, R, S and T are rings, S is an R-algebra and α is an ideal of S. When R is a domain we always use Q to denote Q(R), the field of fractions of R, and K to denote a field containing Q(R). When X is used it always stands for an indeterminate over whatever base ring used. All the rings we consider are commutative with unity 1 and all the modules are unitary. We will also use S-Mod and R-Mod to denote the category of S-modules and the category of R-modules respectively.

For any *S*-module *N* and any *R*-module *M*, the Abelian group $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$ of *R*-linear maps from *N* to *M* has a natural *S*-module structure given by $sf = f \circ \mu_s$, where $s \in S$, $f \in \text{Hom}_R(N, M)$ and μ_s is the multiplication by *s*. What we are interested in is a subfunctor $\text{Hom}_R^{\alpha}(S, -)$ of $\text{Hom}_R(S, -)$ from *R*-Mod to *S*-Mod, and we will call this functor the *continuous hom functor* of *S* over *R*.

Let *N* be an *S*-module. Taking $\{\alpha + \alpha^n N\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ as a system of neighborhood of any element $\alpha \in N$, we have a topology on *N*, called the α -adic topology. With respect to the α -adic topology on *S* and the discrete topology on *M*, the

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S-module

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}(S, M) = \{ f \in \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(S, M) \colon f(\mathfrak{a}^{n}) = 0 \text{ for some } n \in \mathsf{Z}_{+} \}$$

is the collection of continuous homomorphisms from *S* to *M*. The continuous hom functor has been used to construct injective modules when $R \rightarrow S$ is a residually finite local homomorphism of Noetherian local rings. In this particular case, $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, -)$ preserves injective hulls of the residue fields and plays an important role for concrete realization of Grothendieck duality [6], [8]. We aim to find conditions on *S*, α and *R* in general for which the continuous hom functor is well-behaving.

In §2 we investigate when the continuous hom functor preserves injective objects. We may obtain the continuous hom functor as follows. First, apply the functor $\operatorname{Hom}_R(S, -)$: *R*-Mod \rightarrow *S*-Mod. It is well-known that this functor preserves injective objects. Next, consider the α -torsion functor defined by $\Gamma_{\alpha}(M) = \{m \in M : \alpha^n m = 0 \text{ for some } n\}$ for any *S*-module *M*. (We remark that the α -torsion functor is used to define local cohomology in the Noetherian case [2]. In the non-Noetherian case, local cohomology is defined by another condition using supports.) Let \mathscr{A} be the full subcategory of *S*-Mod consisting of modules with $\Gamma_{\alpha}(M) = M$. We further consider Γ_{α} as a functor from *S*-Mod to \mathscr{A} , which preserves injective objects (*cf.* [12]). Finally, apply the inclusion functor of \mathscr{A} into *S*-Mod. It is essential to study when this functor preserves injective objects.

In §2, we also describe two important "topological" conditions for *S* and α . The first condition is called the *ideal-adic* property (Definition 2.1), which is equivalent to a slightly weaker version of the Artin-Rees lemma. It says that the α -adic topology on any *S*-ideal is the same as the inherited subspace topology. The second condition, *ideal continuity* (see Definition 2.5), basically says that if the restrictions of an *R*-linear map from an ideal *J* of *S* to *M* are continuous on a collection of ideals contained in *J* which "covers" *J* as subspaces (note that this is not an open cover) then the *R*-linear map is itself continuous on *J*. Theorem 2.7 tells us that the continuous hom functor preserves injective modules for all *R* if and only if the inclusion functor of \mathscr{A} into *S*-Mod preserves injective objects if and only if the ideal-adic property and the ideal-continuity property are satisfied for *S* and α .

The two topological conditions are automatically satisfied when *S* is Noetherian. For the rest of \$2, we provide non-Noetherian examples satisfying the two said topological conditions to show that there are plenty of such *S* and α .

In §3, we have the second main result, Theorem 3.4, which says when S is α -finite over R (see Definition 3.2) the continuous hom functor of S over R also

preserves essential extensions. Thus, it gives rise to a method of constructing injective hulls of cyclic modules in Corollary 3.6. With the existence of a trace, Proposition 3.8 pins down our construction to concrete cases. Understanding of injective hulls of cyclic modules is necessary in understanding the structure of injective modules over non-Noetherian rings. Injective hulls are also essential in constructing minimal injective resolutions.

Concrete descriptions of an injective hull for a given module is very subtle, even though they are isomorphic to each other. To appreciate the importance of such concrete descriptions, one may look at concrete aspects of Grothendieck duality, for instance, in the paper [8]. Our philosophy is that important information of a module can be obtained from reading its minimal injective resolution. For an easy example, Kunz's well-known symmetric criterion [10] of the Gorenstein property of numerical semigroup rings $K[[X^{t_1}, \ldots, X^{t_m}]]$ can be obtained from a dualizing complex [7]. The continuous hom functor together with local cohomology play a dominant role in the constructions of injective modules [6], which deals with the Noetherian case. This paper considers the continuous hom functor beyond the Noetherian situation.

In §4, we apply our results from previous sections to rings of the form

$$S = R \oplus R_1 X \oplus \cdots \oplus R_{n-1} X^{n-1} \oplus K[[X]] X^n \subset K[[X]].$$

The continuous functor makes it possible to construct minimal injective resolutions for this type of rings. In Theorem 4.3, we establish the criterion of symmetry to decide exactly when a ring of this type is of injective dimension one!

Application of Theorem 4.3 in the Noetherian case gives us examples of onedimensional Gorenstein domains. We can recover the Gorenstein numerical semigroup rings described by Kunz [10] using symmetry, or other analytically irreducible local Gorenstein domains obtained by Barucci and Fröberg [1] where symmetry is formulated in terms of dimension formulae. Our approach is to replace the numerical formulae by duality of modules with respect to an injective module and replace the Gorenstein property by finite injective dimension. Thus, our approach naturally extends to the non-Noetherian case. If we apply Theorem 4.3 to rings of the form

$$S = R \oplus RX \oplus \cdots \oplus RX^{n-1} \oplus Q[[X]]X^n,$$

which is a generalization of the D + M construction, we will see that the injectivity of Q((X))/S is equivalent to the self-duality of Q with respect to Q/R (Definition 4.8). We will show that self-duality of the quotient fields is preserved under such extensions (Proposition 4.12). In particular, we will be able to construct a series of almost maximal valuation rings out of any complete

DVR's. Furthermore, we provide rings such as

$$\mathsf{Q}[[t]] \oplus \mathsf{Q}((t))X^2 \oplus \mathsf{Q}[[t]]X^3 \oplus \mathsf{Q}((t))[[X]]X^4$$

and

$$\mathsf{Q}[[t^2]] \oplus \mathsf{Q}((t))X^2 \oplus \left(\mathsf{Q}[[t^2]] + \mathsf{Q}((t^2))t\right)X^3 \oplus \mathsf{Q}((t))[[X]]X^4$$

to give a more general idea how to construct rings of injective dimension 1 (see Examples 4.15 and 4.16). Furthermore, the quotient field of any such ring is self-dual with respect to its first cosyzygy, and the first cosyzygy is an injective hull of the residue field if the domain is quasi-local.

2. Injective Modules

In this section we investigate the two topological conditions involving S and α for the continuous hom functor to preserve injective modules.

Let *N* be an *S*-module. Then a submodule *N'* of *N* can be endowed with the α -adic topology or the subspace topology inherited from *N*. In general, the α -adic topology is finer than the subspace topology, since $\alpha^n N' \subset \alpha^n N \cap N'$ for any $n \in Z_+$.

DEFINITION 2.1 (Ideal-Adic). The α -adic topology on *S* is *ideal-adic* if for any ideal *J* of *S* and for any given $n \in Z_+$ there exists *m* such that $\alpha^m \cap J \subset \alpha^n J$.

The terminology "ideal-adic" stems from its equivalence to the condition that the subspace topology on any given ideal of *S* is the same as its α -adic topology.

For the rest of this paper we identify $\operatorname{Hom}_R(J, M)$ with $\operatorname{Hom}_S(J, \operatorname{Hom}_R(S, M))$ via the map which sends an *R*-linear map $f: J \to M$ to the *S*-linear map $\tilde{f}: J \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(S, M)$ given by $(\tilde{f}(\alpha))(\beta) = f(\alpha\beta)$ for $\alpha \in J$ and $\beta \in S$. Many modules we are interested in will be considered as submodules of $\operatorname{Hom}_S(J, \operatorname{Hom}_R(S, M))$. We will also identify $\operatorname{Hom}_R(J/\alpha^n J, M)$ with $\{f \in \operatorname{Hom}_R(J, M): f(\alpha^n J) = 0\}$.

DEFINITION 2.2 (Continuous Homomorphism). Suppose given an ideal J of S and an R-module M. Define

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}(J,M) := \bigcup_{n>0} \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(J/\mathfrak{a}^{n}J,M) \subset \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(J,M).$$

The elements in $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(J, M)$ are called *continuous R-linear homomorphisms* from J to M, or we will simply say that f is continuous on J.

For an ideal J of S and an R-module M, we have

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}(J,M) = \bigcup_{n>0} \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(J,\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(S/\mathfrak{a}^{n},M)) \subset \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(J,\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}(S,M)).$$

Note that $f \in \text{Hom}_S(J, \text{Hom}_R^{\alpha}(S, M))$ if and only if for any $\alpha \in J$, there exists some *n* such that $f(\alpha \alpha^n) = 0$, that is, *f* is continuous on all principal ideals contained in *J*. Thus, we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.3. For an ideal J of S and an R-module M, the following statements are equivalent:

- If an *R*-linear map *f* is continuous on all principle ideals contained in *J* then *f* is continuous on *J*.
- $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}(J, M) = \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(J, \operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}(S, M)).$

Interestingly, R is not an essential factor in the identity in Lemma 2.3 as we will see in Proposition 2.4. It is elementary to verify that

(1)
$$\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}(J, M) = \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\mathfrak{a}}(J, \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(S, M))$$

for any ideal J of S and any R-module M.

PROPOSITION 2.4. The following statements are equivalent for all ideals J of S:

- (a) $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{Z}}^{\mathfrak{a}}(J, M) = \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(J, \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{Z}}^{\mathfrak{a}}(S, M))$ for any Z-module M;
- (b) $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}(J, M) = \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(J, \operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}(S, M))$ for any ring R such that S is an R-algebra and any R-module M;
- (c) $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(J, M) = \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(J, \operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, M))$ for some ring R such that S is an R-algebra and any R-module M;
- (d) $\operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\mathfrak{a}}(J, M) = \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(J, \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\mathfrak{a}}(S, M))$ for any S-module M.

PROOF. (a) \Rightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (c) \Rightarrow (d) is trivial. We now prove (d) \Rightarrow (a). Let *M* be a Z-module and let $\mathfrak{M} = \operatorname{Hom}_{Z}(S, M)$. Using identity (1), we have $\operatorname{Hom}_{Z}^{\alpha}(S, M) = \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(S, \mathfrak{M})$. By repeated use of identity (1), we have $\operatorname{Hom}_{Z}^{\alpha}(J, M) = \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(J, \mathfrak{M}) = \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(J, \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(S, \mathfrak{M})) = \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(J, \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(S, \mathfrak{M}))$.

DEFINITION 2.5 (Ideal-Continuity). The α -adic topology on *S* admits *ideal-continuity* if one of the equivalent statements in Proposition 2.4 holds for all ideals *J* of *S*.

Remember that the category \mathscr{A} is the full subcategory of *S*-Mod consisting of modules with $\Gamma_{\alpha}(M) = M$. It is easy to see that \mathscr{A} is an abelian category.

LEMMA 2.6. The functor $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{a}}$: S-Mod $\rightarrow \mathscr{A}$ preserves injective objects (cf. [12, Ex. 4.6.3]).

PROOF. Let *E* be an injective *S*-module and let $N \subset M$ be objects of \mathscr{A} . For any *S*-linear map $f: N \to \Gamma_{\alpha}(E)$, the map $N \xrightarrow{f} \Gamma_{\alpha}(E) \hookrightarrow E$ can be extended to an *S*-linear map $g: M \to E$. Obviously, $g(M) \subset \Gamma_{\alpha}(E)$. Hence, *g* factors through $\Gamma_{\alpha}(E)$ and gives rise to an extension of *f* to *M*.

Next is the main result of this section.

THEOREM 2.7. The following statements are equivalent.

- (a) The inclusion functor of \mathcal{A} into S-Mod preserves injective objects.
- (b) The functor Hom^a_R(S, −) preserves injective modules for all rings R such that S is an R-algebra.
- (c) The functor $\operatorname{Hom}^{\alpha}_{S}(S, -)$ preserves injective modules.
- (d) The α -adic topology on S is ideal-adic and admits ideal-continuity.

PROOF. By the discussion on Γ_{α} and \mathscr{A} , (a) \Rightarrow (b) is clear. The implication (b) \Rightarrow (c) is trivial.

(c) \Rightarrow (a): Let *E* be an injective object in \mathscr{A} . Find an injective hull *E'* of *E* in *S*-Mod. Then $\Gamma_{\alpha}(E') = E \oplus E''$ in \mathscr{A} . Being a submodule of an injective hull of *E*, $E \oplus E''$ is an essential extension of *E*. Thus E'' = 0. By (c), $E = \Gamma_{\alpha}(E') \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\alpha}(S, E')$ is injective in *S*-Mod.

(a) and (c) \Rightarrow (d): Let *J* be an ideal of *S*. Find an injective *S*-module *E* containing $J/\alpha^n J$. Then $E' = \Gamma_{\alpha}(E)$ is an injective object containing $J/\alpha^n J$ in \mathscr{A} by Lemma 2.6. By (a), *E'* is also injective in *S*-Mod. The *S*-linear map $J \twoheadrightarrow J/\alpha^n J \stackrel{\iota}{\hookrightarrow} E'$ can be extended to an *S*-linear map $S \stackrel{g}{\to} E'$. Since g(1) is killed by α^m for some *m*, we have $g(\alpha^m S) = 0$, and so *g* factors as $S \twoheadrightarrow S/\alpha^m \stackrel{g}{\to} E'$. Now let $\alpha \in J \cap \alpha^m$. Then $\iota(\alpha + \alpha^n J) = \tilde{g}(\alpha + \alpha^m) = 0$. This implies that $\alpha \in \alpha^n J$, that is, $\alpha^m \cap J \subset \alpha^n J$. Thus, the α -topology on *S* is ideal-adic.

To show the α -adic topology on S admits ideal-continuity, take an S-linear map $f: J \to \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(S, M)$. We embed M into an injective S-module E. By the injectivity of $\operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(S, E)$, the map $J \xrightarrow{f} \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(S, M) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(S, E)$ extends to some $g: S \to \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(S, E)$. Since g(1) is killed by α^{n} for some n, we have $g(\alpha^{n}) = 0$. Thus, $f(\alpha^{n}J) = g(\alpha^{n}J) = 0$ and $f \in \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(J, \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(S, M))$ $= \operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(J, M)$. We have proved that $\operatorname{Hom}_{S}^{\alpha}(J, M) = \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(J, \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(J, M))$.

(d) \Rightarrow (a): Let *E* be an injective object in \mathscr{A} . Note that in this case $E \cong \text{Hom}_S(S, E) = \text{Hom}_S^{\alpha}(S, E)$. If *J* be an ideal of *S* and $f \in \text{Hom}_S(J, E)$, then the ideal-continuity property guarantees that $f \in \text{Hom}_S(J, \text{Hom}_S^{\alpha}(S, E)) = \text{Hom}_S^{\alpha}(J, E)$, and so we have that $f : J \to E$ factors as $f : J \to J/\alpha^n J \to E$

for some *n*. Find *m* such that $\alpha^m \cap J \subset \alpha^n J$. The map *f* factors as

$$J \to J/(\mathfrak{a}^m \cap J) \to J/\mathfrak{a}^n J \to E.$$

Since $J/(\alpha^m \cap J)$ is a submodule of S/α^m in \mathscr{A} , $J/(\alpha^m \cap J) \to J/\alpha^n J \to E$ can be extended to $g: S/(\alpha^m \cap J) \to E$. The composite $S \to S/(\alpha^m \cap J) \stackrel{g}{\to} E$ is an extension of f in *S*-Mod. Thus *E* is injective in *S*-Mod.

It is quite obvious when S is Noetherian, the α -adic topology on S is idealadic and admits ideal-continuity for any ideal α of S. For non-Noetherian examples, we introduce the following notion.

DEFINITION 2.8. Let *S* be a subring of *T*. If α is both an ideal of *S* and an ideal of *T*, we say that α is an *ideal of S along T*.

It is clear that $\alpha = \alpha T$ if α is an ideal of *S* along *T*. Note that in this case $J\alpha$ for any ideal *J* of *S* and any power of α are also ideals of *S* along *T*.

PROPOSITION 2.9. Let S be a subring of a Noetherian ring T, and let α be an ideal of S along T. Then the α -adic topology on S is ideal-adic and admits ideal-continuity.

PROOF. Suppose given any ideal *J* of *S*. By the Artin-Rees lemma for *T*, for any *n* there exists *m* such that $\alpha^m \cap J \subset \alpha^m T \cap JT \subset \alpha^n JT = \alpha^n J$ since $\alpha = \alpha T$. Hence the α -topology on *S* is ideal-adic.

If $f : J \to M$ is an *R*-linear homomorphism which is continuous on αS for every $\alpha \in J$, then $f|_{\alpha J}$ is also continuous on βS for every $\beta \in \alpha J$. Since $\alpha J = \alpha J T$ is also an ideal of *T*, from the Noetherian case we have that $f|_{\alpha JT}$ is continuous with respect to the α -adic topology on *T*, that is, $f(\alpha^n(\alpha J)) = f(\alpha^n(\alpha JT)) = 0$ for some *n*. Hence *f* is continuous on *J* with respect to α -adic topology on *S*.

Let *S* be a subring of K[[X]]. The *conductor* α of *S* along K[[X]] is the largest K[[X]]-ideal contained in *S*, that is,

$$\alpha = \{ \varphi \in S \colon \varphi K[[X]] \subset S \}.$$

The conductor α is proper (that is, $\alpha \neq S$ or equivalently $\alpha \neq K[[X]]$) if and only S is a proper subring of K[[X]]. If α is non-zero, it is of the form $K[[X]]X^n$ for some $n \geq 0$. By Proposition 2.9, the α -adic topology on S is ideal-adic and admits ideal-continuity.

The class of rings ideal-adic and admitting ideal-continuity is not restricted to those in Proposition 2.9. For example, let S be the localization of the ring $K[X^r : 0 < r \in R]$ at the maximal ideal $(X^r : 0 < r \in R)$. We denote $X^0 := 1$. Every nonzero element of S can be written as $X^r \phi$, where ϕ is a unit of *S*. Thus an ideal *I* of *S* is generated by those X^r with $X^r \in I$. For a real number $c \ge 0$, we denote by I_c the ideal of *S* generated by those $X^r \in S$ with $r \ge c$; we denote by I_c^+ the ideal of *S* generated by those $X^r \in S$ with r > c. A non-zero ideal of *S* is either of the form I_c or of the form I_c^+ . For $c \in \mathbb{R}$, the ideal I_c^+ is not finitely generated while I_c is principal. It is easy to see that

- (a) $I_c^+ \subsetneq I_c \subsetneq I_d^+ \subsetneq I_d$ for d < c;
- (b) $I_c I_d = I_{c+d}$ and $I_c I_d^+ = I_c^+ I_d^+ = I_{c+d}^+$.

PROPOSITION 2.10. Let *S* be as above and $\alpha = I_c$ or I_c^+ where c > 0. Then the α -adic topology of *S* is ideal-adic and admits ideal-continuity. If $\alpha = I_c^+$, then α is not an ideal of any Noetherian ring containing *S*.

PROOF. Take any nonzero proper ideal $J = I_d$ or I_d^+ . For any n, choose m such that mc > nc + d. Then $\alpha^m \cap J \subset I_{mc} \subset I_{nc+d}^+ \subset \alpha^n J$. Hence the α -adic topology of S is ideal-adic. Now let M be any S-module and let $f \in \text{Hom}_S(J, M)$ be such that f is continuous on $S\alpha$ for all $\alpha \in J$. In particular, suppose $X^r \in J$ and $f(\alpha^n X^r) = 0$ for some n. Find m such that mc + d > nc + r. Then $\alpha^m J \subset I_{mc+d} \subset I_{nc+r}^+ \subset \alpha^n X^r$. Hence $f(\alpha^m J) = 0$, that is, $f \in \text{Hom}_S^{\alpha}(J, M)$. Therefore, the α -adic topology of S admits ideal-continuity.

Assume that $\alpha = I_c^+$ is an ideal of a Noetherian ring *T* containing *S*. We may choose X^{r_1}, \ldots, X^{r_s} which generate α as an ideal of *T*. With $r = \min\{r_i : i = 1, \ldots, s\}$, we have $\alpha = TX^r$. Since r > c, there exists a positive integer *n* such that r - (1/n) > c. Let α be an element in *T* such that $\alpha X^r = X^{r-(1/n)}$. Choose a positive integer m > c. Then $\alpha^{mn}X^m \in T\alpha = \alpha \subset S$. On the other hand, $\alpha^{mn}X^mX^{rmn} = (\alpha X^r)^{mn}X^m = X^{rmn}$. Since *S* is a domain, we get the contradiction that $1 = \alpha^{mn}X^m \in \alpha$.

3. Injective Hulls

To construct injective hulls, we need to study essential extensions of modules under the continuous hom functor. It turns out that certain topological finiteness is sufficient for the continuous hom functor to preserve essential extensions.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let b be an ideal of S. We say that α and b are *adically equivalent* if and only if a power of b is contained in α and a power of α is contained in b.

REMARK. When two ideals α and b of *S* are adically equivalent, the b-adic topology is the same as the α -adic topology. Any property satisfied by the α -adic topology is also satisfied by the b-adic topology. In particular, $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, M) = \operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{b}(S, M)$ for any *R*-module *M*.

Theorem 3.4 is the main result for this section. Note that neither the idealadic nor the ideal-continuity property is required.

DEFINITION 3.2 (Adic Finite). The α -adic topology on *S* is *finite* over *R*, or *S* is α -*finite* over *R*, if *S*/b is a finite *R*-module for some ideal b of *S* which is adically equivalent to α .

LEMMA 3.3. Let b be any ideal of S which is adically equivalent to a. Then $\operatorname{Hom}_R(S/b, M) \subseteq \operatorname{Hom}_R^a(S, M)$ is essential for any R-module M.

PROOF. The inclusion is obvious. Suppose given any non-zero continuous homomorphism $f \in \text{Hom}_R^{\mathfrak{a}}(S, M)$. Then f must annihilate some power of \mathfrak{b} . Find the smallest n such that $f(\mathfrak{b}^n) = 0$, and find $a \in \mathfrak{b}^{n-1} \setminus \mathfrak{b}^n$ such that $f(a) \neq 0$. Then af is a non-zero element in $\text{Hom}_R(S/\mathfrak{b}, M)$.

THEOREM 3.4. Let S be an R-algebra. If S is α -finite over R, the functor $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, -)$ preserves essential extensions.

PROOF. Let b be an ideal of S which is adically equivalent to a such that S/b is a finite R-module. Let $M \subset E$ be an essential extension of R-modules and let e_1, \ldots, e_n be generators of S/b as an R-module. Given a non-zero $f \in \text{Hom}_R(S/b, E)$, we choose

$$b_1 = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } f(e_1) = 0; \\ \text{an element of } R \text{ such} \\ \text{that } b_1 f(e_1) \in M \setminus \{0\}, & \text{if } f(e_1) \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

For $1 \le i \le n-1$, we choose $b_{i+1} \in R$ inductively from b_1, \ldots, b_i . Let

$$b_{i+1} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } b_1 b_2 \dots b_i f(e_{i+1}) = 0; \\ \text{an element of } R \text{ such that} \\ b_1 b_2 \dots b_{i+1} f(e_{i+1}) \in M \setminus \{0\}, \end{cases} \text{ otherwise.}$$

We obtain an element $b_1b_2...b_n \in R$ such that $b_1b_2...b_n f \in \text{Hom}_R(S/\mathfrak{b}, M)$. We see by induction on *i* that $b_1b_2...b_i f$ is not zero, since, in each step either $b_1...b_ib_{i+1}f(e_j) = b_1...b_if(e_j) \neq 0$ for some $j \neq i + 1$ or $b_1...b_{i+1}f(e_{i+1}) \neq 0$. Hence $\text{Hom}_R(S/\mathfrak{b}, E)$ is essential over $\text{Hom}_R(S/\mathfrak{b}, R)$. By Lemma 3.3, the extension $\text{Hom}_R^a(S, E) \supset \text{Hom}_R(S/\mathfrak{b}, R)$, and hence also essential over $\text{Hom}_R^a(S, M)$.

Combining results from §2 and this section, we have the following result.

COROLLARY 3.5. Assume that the α -adic topology on S is ideal-adic, admits ideal-continuity and is finite over R. If E is an injective hull of M over R, then

Hom^{α}_R(S, E) is an injective hull of Hom^{α}_R(S/ \mathfrak{b} , M) over S where \mathfrak{b} is an ideal adically equivalent to \mathfrak{a} .

Next, we concentrate on constructing injective hulls of cyclic modules over *S*. This is particularly important in the non-Noetherian case since in that case it is not enough to only study injective hulls of residue fields of local rings.

COROLLARY 3.6. Assume that the α -adic topology on S is ideal-adic, admits ideal-continuity and is finite over R. Let I be an ideal of R and $\sigma \in \operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, R/I)$. If $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, R/I)$ is essential over $S\sigma$, then $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, E)$ is an injective hull of $S / \operatorname{Ann} \sigma$ for any injective hull E of R/I.

The notion of trace occurs in constructions of injective hulls.

DEFINITION 3.7 (Trace). Let A be a commutative ring and B be an Aalgebra. A torsion free element σ in Hom_A(B, A) is a *trace* of B if Hom_A(B, A) = $B\sigma$.

The reader is referred to [9, Appendix F] for discussions on the connection between the "classical traces" and "traces" in the sense of Definition 3.7.

PROPOSITION 3.8. Assume that the α -adic topology on S is ideal-adic, admits ideal-continuity and is finite over R. Let I be an ideal of R such that $S/(IS + \alpha)$ has a trace as an R/I-algebra. Then Hom^{α}_R(S, E) is an injective hull of $S/(IS + \alpha)$ over S for any injective hull E of R/I over R.

PROOF. By Lemma 3.3, $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, R/I)$ is essential over $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(S/\alpha, R/I)$. Since $I(S/\alpha)$ is in the kernel of any *R*-linear map $S/\alpha \to R/I$, the canonical map

$$\operatorname{Hom}_R(S/(IS + \mathfrak{a}), R/I) \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(S/\mathfrak{a}, R/I)$$

is an isomorphism. A map $S/(IS + \alpha) \rightarrow R/I$ is *R*-linear if and only if it is R/I-linear, *i.e.*, $\operatorname{Hom}_{R/I}(S/(IS + \alpha), R/I) = \operatorname{Hom}_R(S/(IS + \alpha), R/I)$. A trace σ of $S/(IS + \alpha)$ gives a required isomorphism $\operatorname{Hom}_R(S/\alpha, R/I) \simeq$ $S\sigma \simeq S/(IS + \alpha)$. Now the result follows from Corollary 3.6.

A local homomorphism is *residually finite* if the induced field extension on the residue fields is finite. If $R \rightarrow S$ is residually finite, a trace of the residue field of *S* over the residue field of *R* always exists.

COROLLARY 3.9 ([6, Proposition 3.4]). If $(R, \mathfrak{m}) \to (S, \mathfrak{n})$ is a residually finite local homomorphism of Noetherian local rings, then $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{n}}(S, E)$ is an injective hull of S/\mathfrak{n} over S, where E is an injective hull of R/\mathfrak{m} over R.

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4. Symmetry and Self-duality

In this section we study the following class of subrings of K[[X]] (2)

$$\begin{cases} S = R_0 \oplus R_1 X \oplus \dots \oplus R_{n-1} X^{n-1} \oplus K[[X]] X^n, & \text{where } R_{n-1} \subsetneq K; \\ R = R_0; \alpha = K[[X]] X^n; & n \ge 1. \end{cases}$$

Throughout this section, we will use the convention that $R_i = K$ for $i \ge n$ and $R_i = 0$ for i < 0. Note that Q(S) = K((X)) and α is the conductor of S. Hence by Proposition 2.9, the α -adic topology on S is ideal-adic and admits ideal-continuity. Since the ideal $b = S \cap XK[[X]]$ is adically equivalent to α , S is also α -finite over R. We want to study when such a ring is of injective dimension one, that is, when K((X))/S is injective.

Let *M* be an *R*-module. Since any function in $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, M)$ vanishes on a sufficiently high power of α , $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, M)$ can be identified with $\bigoplus_{i\geq 0} \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(R_{i}X^{i}, M)$. By the *S*-module structure of $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, M)$, it is natural to denote an element *f* in $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(R_{i}X^{i}, M)$ as $f_{i}X^{-i}$ where $f_{i} \in \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(R_{i}, M)$ is given by $f_{i}(a) = f(aX^{i})$ for $a \in R_{i}$. Hence we will write

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}(S, M) = \bigoplus_{i \ge 0} \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(R_{i}, M) X^{-i}.$$

If $j \leq i$ and $a_j \in R_j$ then $(a_j X^j)(f_i X^{-i}) = (a_j f_i) X^{j-i}$ where $a_j f_i \in \text{Hom}_R(R_{i-j}, M)$. If j > i, then $(a_j X^j)(f_i X^{-i}) = 0$.

For the rest of this section we will use M^{\vee} to denote $\operatorname{Hom}_R(M, K/R_{n-1})$ for any *R*-module *M* unless otherwise noted. There is a well-defined canonical map $K/R_{n-1-i} \to R_i^{\vee}$ which sends $\overline{a} \in K/R_{n-1-i}$ to the map $b \mapsto \overline{ab}$.

DEFINITION 4.1. We say *S* as in (2) is *symmetric* if the canonical maps $K/R_{n-1-i} \rightarrow R_i^{\vee}$ are isomorphisms for all *i*.

REMARK. For i < 0, both K/R_{n-1-i} and R_i are 0 and naturally K/R_{n-1-i} $\rightarrow R_i^{\vee}$ is an isomorphism. For $i \ge n$, both K/R_{n-1-i} and R_i are K. The canonical map $K \rightarrow K^{\vee}$ is always a monomorphism.

LEMMA 4.2. Let S be a subring of T[[X]] and $R = S/(S \cap XT[[X]])$. Let \mathfrak{M} be an S-module and M be the submodule of elements in \mathfrak{M} which are killed by $S \cap XT[[X]]$. If \mathfrak{M} is injective over S then M is injective over R.

PROOF. Since $M \cong \text{Hom}_S(R, \mathfrak{M})$, it is injective over R if \mathfrak{M} is injective over S.

THEOREM 4.3 (Criterion of symmetry). Let S, R and K be as given in (2). Then S is of injective dimension 1 if and only if K/R_{n-1} is an injective R-module and S is symmetric. PROOF. Let α be as given in (2). The canonical maps $K/R_{n-1-i} \rightarrow R_i^{\vee}$ induce a canonical homogeneous *S*-linear map (3)

$$\Psi: \frac{K((X))}{S} = \bigoplus_{i \ge 0} \left(\frac{K}{R_{n-1-i}}\right) X^{n-1-i} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}\left(S, \frac{K}{R_{n-1}}\right) \simeq \bigoplus_{i \ge 0} R_{i}^{\vee} X^{-i}$$

with a negative degree shift by n - 1.

When *S* is symmetric, the map Ψ in (3) is an isomorphism. Thus K((X))/S is isomorphic to $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, K/R_{n-1})$ which is injective by Theorem 2.7 when K/R_{n-1} is injective.

Now assume S is of injective dimension 1, that is, we assume K((X))/Sis injective. Since K/R_{n-1} is isomorphic to the submodule $K/R_{n-1}X^{n-1}$ inside K((X))/S which is killed by $S \cap XK[[X]]$, it is an injective *R*-module by Lemma 4.2. To show that S is symmetric, it suffices to show that Ψ is an isomorphism. As S-modules, $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, K/R_{n-1})$ is an injective hull of $R_0^{\vee} \cong K/R_{n-1}$ using Corollary 3.5 and $\mathfrak{b} = S \cap XK[[X]]$. Being injective, K((X))/S contains a submodule E containing $(K/R_{n-1})X^{n-1}$ and isomorphic to Hom^{α}_R(S, K/R_{n-1}). The restriction $\Psi|_E$ of the canonical map (3) is one-to-one, since E is essential over $(K/R_{n-1})X^{n-1}$ and the restriction of Ψ to $(K/R_{n-1})X^{n-1}$ is one-to-one. Furthermore, the restriction $\Psi|_E$ is onto, since Hom^{α}_R(S, K/R_{n-1}) is an injective hull of $R_0^{\vee} = \Psi((K/R_{n-1})X^{n-1})$ and $\Psi(E)$ is an injective module. Thus Ψ is onto and we have a decomposition $K((X))/S = E \oplus \ker \Psi$ with ker Ψ being an injective module. We claim that ker $\Psi = 0$. Since for $i \ge n$ and i < 0, the map $K/R_{n-1-i} \rightarrow R_i^{\vee}$ is an injection, ker Ψ is a submodule of $\bigoplus_{0 \le i \le n-2} (K/R_i) X^i$. This implies that X^{n-1} ker $\Psi = 0$. But ker Ψ is divisible, which means that every element of ker Ψ can be written as $X^{n-1} f$ for some $f \in \ker \Psi$. Therefore ker $\Psi = 0$.

COROLLARY 4.4. Let S, R, K and α be as given in (2). If S is of injective dimension 1, then the first cosyzygy K((X))/S of S is isomorphic to $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, K/R)$.

Before applying the criterion of symmetry, we first establish when S as given in (2) would be Noetherian.

PROPOSITION 4.5. Let S be a subring of T[[X]] such that $S \cong R \oplus (S \cap XT[[X]])$ and $X^nT[[X]] \subset S$ for some n. The following two conditions are equivalent:

- (a) *S* is a Noetherian ring;
- (b) *R* is a Noetherian ring and *T* is a finitely generated *R*-module.

PROOF. First assume (a). The ring R as a quotient of S is Noetherian as well.

Choose finitely many power series $a_{nj}X^n + a_{(n+1)j}X^{n+1} + \cdots$ generating the ideal $X^nT[[X]]$ of *S*. Then *T* is finitely generated by a_{nj} as an *R*-module.

Now we assume (b). Suppose given a non-zero ideal J of S. Let I_i be the R-module consisting of elements b with certain $bX^i + b_{i+1}X^{i+1} + \cdots \in J$. Since $X^n \in S$, we have that $I_i \subseteq I_{i+n} \subseteq I_{i+2n} \subseteq \cdots$ is an ascending chain of R-submodules of T for each i. Find m large enough so that $I_{i+kn} = I_{i+(m-1)n}$ for all $0 \le i \le n - 1$ and $k \ge m$. Being a submodule of T, I_i is finitely generated for each i, and so we can find finitely many power series $f_{ij} = b_{ij}X^i + b_{(i+1)j}X^{i+1} + \cdots \in J$ so that b_{ij} generate I_i over R. Then J is finitely generated by f_{ij} where i < mn. Indeed, any element $g \in J$ may be written as

$$g = \sum_{i < (m-1)n} a_{ij} f_{ij} + \sum_{(m-1)n \le i < mn} g_{ij} f_{ij},$$

where $a_{ij} \in R$ and $g_{ij} \in R[[X^n]] \subset S$.

REMARK. (1) To show "(b) \Rightarrow (a)", it is sufficient to assume $R[[X^n]] \subset S$ for some *n*, instead of assuming $X^n T[[X]] \subset S$.

(2) This proposition for the case when $S = R \oplus XT[[X]]$, is the main result in [5]. It also generalizes the Noetherian criterion for generalized semigroup rings [1, Proposition 7].

By Proposition 4.5, the ring S in (2) is Noetherian if and only if it is of the form in the next corollary. We recover a result by Barucci and Fröberg [1, Theorem 15], which also follows from results by Campillo, Delgado and Kiyek [3].

COROLLARY 4.6. Let

$$S = \kappa \oplus V_1 X \oplus \cdots \oplus V_{n-1} X^{n-1} \oplus X^n K[[X]]$$

be a ring where $\kappa \subset K$ is a finite field extension, V_i is a subspace of Kfor $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ and $V_{n-1} \neq K$. Then S is Gorenstein if and only if $\dim_{\kappa} V_i + \dim_{\kappa} V_{n-1-i} = \dim_{\kappa} K$.

PROOF. Write dim for dim_{κ} and let $d = \dim K$.

The "Only if" part: By the criterion of symmetry, we have dim $K = \dim K^{\vee}$, that is, $d = d(d - \dim V_{n-1})$. Hence dim $V_{n-1} = d - 1$. For $0 \le i \le n-1$, we have the required equality $d - \dim V_{n-1-i} = \dim K/V_{n-1-i} = \dim V_i^{\vee} = \dim V_i$.

The "If" part: Note that K/V_{n-1} is injective over κ . It follows that dim V_{n-1} = d-1 and thus dim $V_i^{\vee} = \dim V_i$ for all *i*. It is easy to see that the canonical map $K \hookrightarrow K^{\vee}$ is an isomorphism by comparing the dimensions. The composition of the canonical maps $K \to K/V_{n-1-i} \to V_i^{\vee}$ factors also as $K \xrightarrow{\sim} K^{\vee} \twoheadrightarrow V_i^{\vee}$. The kernel of the composition has dimension $d - \dim V_i = \dim V_{n-1-i}$. Since $V_{n-1-i}V_i \subset V_{n-1}$, the kernel is V_{n-1-i} . Thus, we have $K/V_{n-1-i} \cong V_i^{\vee}$. By the criterion of symmetry, *S* is of injective dimension 1, and hence Gorenstein.

Note that, if $\dim_{\kappa} K = 1$, the ring *S* reduces to $K[[X^{t_1}, \ldots, X^{t_m}]]$, where the g.c.d. of t_1, \ldots, t_m is 1. The corollary becomes Kunz's criterion [10] that the Noetherian ring *S* is Gorenstein if and only if the semigroup generated by t_1, \ldots, t_m is symmetric. An immediate application of this corollary gives the following examples.

EXAMPLE 4.7. (1) Let $\kappa \subset K$ be a finite field extension. The Noetherian ring $S = \kappa \oplus \kappa X \oplus \cdots \oplus \kappa X^{n-1} \oplus K[[X]]X^n$ is Gorenstein if and only if $\dim_{\kappa} K \leq 2$.

(2) Let $K = \kappa[\alpha]$ be a finite field extension of degree n + 1 over κ and let $R_i = \kappa + \kappa \alpha + \dots + \kappa \alpha^i$. Then the Noetherian ring $S = R_0 \oplus R_1 X \oplus \dots \oplus R_{n-1} X^{n-1} \oplus K[[X]] X^n$ is Gorenstein.

For the non-Noetherian case (for instance when R_0 is not a field), we need something to replace the dimension of vector spaces, which is used in [1], [3] to characterize Gorenstein rings.

DEFINITION 4.8. Let A be any commutative ring and let M and N be Amodules. We say N is self-dual with respect to M over A if $N \cong \text{Hom}_A(N, M)$. A domain R is with self-dual quotients if Q = Q(R) is self-dual with respect to Q/R over R.

LEMMA 4.9. Consider the ring S as given in (2) where K is a finite extension of Q = Q(R). If K is self-dual with respect to K/R_{n-1} , then the canonical map $K \to K^{\vee} = \text{Hom}_R(K, K/R_{n-1})$ is an isomorphism.

PROOF. Note that the canonical map is *Q*-linear since both *K* and K^{\vee} are *K*-modules and hence *Q*-modules. If *K* is self-dual with respect to K/R_{n-1} , then the canonical map $K \hookrightarrow K^{\vee}$ is also an isomorphism since $\dim_{Q(R)} K^{\vee} = \dim_{Q(R)} K < \infty$.

PROPOSITION 4.10. Let R be a domain and not a field and let

(4)
$$S = R \oplus RX \oplus \dots \oplus RX^{n-1} \oplus Q[[X]]X^n$$

where Q = Q(R). Then S is of injective dimension 1 if and only if R is of injective dimension 1 and with self-dual quotients.

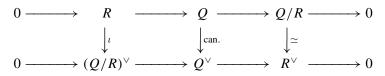
If, in addition, (R, \mathfrak{m}) is a local domain and Q/R is an injective hull of R/\mathfrak{m} , then S is also a local domain with maximal ideal $\mathfrak{n} = \mathfrak{m} + (S \cap Q[[X]]X)$ and Q((X))/S is an injective hull of S/\mathfrak{n} .

PROOF. The first part of the statement follows from Lemma 4.9 and the criterion of symmetry. To see the second part, let $\alpha = X^n Q[[X]]$. Then $Q((X))/S \cong \operatorname{Hom}_R^{\alpha}(S, Q/R)$ by Corollary 4.4. Let $\mathfrak{b} = S \cap XQ[[X]]$. Then \mathfrak{b} is adically equivalent to α . By Corollary 3.5, Q((X))/S is an injective hull of $\operatorname{Hom}_R(S/\mathfrak{b}, R/\mathfrak{m}) \cong R/\mathfrak{m} \cong S/\mathfrak{n}$ as *S*-modules.

Among rings of injective dimension 1, there are plenty of domains with self-dual quotients. We start with the Noetherian case.

PROPOSITION 4.11. Let R be a local Gorenstein domain of dimension 1. Then R is complete if and only if it is with self-dual quotients.

PROOF. Under our assumption, Q/R is an injective hull of the residue field of R and the functor $^{\vee} = \text{Hom}_R(-, Q/R)$ is the Matlis dual. We have a commutative diagram



with exact rows, where the map $R \to (Q/R)^{\vee}$ is identified with the map from R to its completion. From 5-lemma, Q is self-dual with respect to Q/R if and only if ι is an isomorphism if and only if R is complete.

Self-duality of quotient fields is preserved under suitable base change.

PROPOSITION 4.12 (Stability of Self-Duality). Let R, S, K and α be as in (2) where K = Q = Q(R). If Q is self-dual with respect to an R-module E (not necessarily injective), then Q((X)) is self-dual with respect to $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, E)$ over S.

PROOF. Let $\alpha: Q \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(Q, E)$ be an *R*-isomorphism. Write elements of Q((X)) as Laurent series of *X*. Let

$$\Phi: Q((X)) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{S}(Q((X)), \operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\mathfrak{a}}(S, E))$$

be the *S*-linear map given by $((\Phi(f))(g))(h) = (\alpha$ (the constant term of fgh))(1), where $f, g \in Q((X))$ and $h \in S$. Clearly, Φ is one-to-one. To show that Φ is onto, suppose given an *S*-linear map $\varphi: Q((X)) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, E)$. Observe first that

$$(\varphi(g))(h) = (h\varphi(g))(1) = (\varphi(gh))(1),$$

where $g \in Q((X))$ and $h \in S$. This implies that φ is determined by the values $(\varphi(f))(1)$ for all $f \in Q((X))$. From linearity and the property that

any element of $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}^{\alpha}(S, E)$ is annihilated by sufficiently high powers of X, we observe furthermore that φ is determined by the values $(\varphi(aX^{i}))(1)$ for all $a \in Q$ and $i \in Z$. In other words, φ is determined by the *R*-linear maps $Q \to E$ given by $a \mapsto (\varphi(aX^{i}))(1)$, where $i \in Z$. Let a_{-i} be the preimage of the map $a \mapsto (\varphi(aX^{i}))(1)$ under α . Note that $a_{-i} = 0$ for sufficiently large *i*. So we obtain an element $\sum a_{i}X^{i} \in Q((X))$. Note that α is *Q*-linear since $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(Q, E)$ is a *Q*-module. For $a \in Q$,

$$\left(\Phi\left(\sum a_{i}X^{i}\right)\right)(aX^{j})(1) = (\alpha(a_{-j}a))(1) = (\alpha(a_{-j}))(a) = (\varphi(aX^{j}))(1).$$

Hence $\Phi(\sum a_i X^i) = \varphi$.

COROLLARY 4.13. Let S, R be as given in (4). If R is of injective dimension 1 and with self-dual quotients, then so is S.

PROOF. By Proposition 4.10, Q/R is injective and S is of injective dimension 1. By Proposition 4.12 and Corollary 4.4, the quotient field Q((X)) of S is self-dual with respect to Q((X))/S.

Thus, we may construct many domains of injective dimension 1 and with self-dual quotients. In particular, we may apply our results to the so-called D + M construction.

EXAMPLE 4.14 (Iterated D + M constructions). Let (S_1, \mathfrak{m}_1) be a complete local Gorenstein domain of dimension 1 with the quotient field K_1 . For $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, let $(S_{n+1}, \mathfrak{m}_{n+1})$ be the domain with the quotient field K_{n+1} defined recursively by $S_{n+1} = S_n \oplus X_n K_n[[X_n]]$ where X_n is an indeterminate over K_n . The ideal $\mathfrak{a}_{n+1} := X_n K_n[[X_n]]$ is generated up to radical by X_n and $\mathfrak{m}_{n+1} = \mathfrak{a}_{n+1} + \mathfrak{m}_n$. For each n, S_n is a local domain of Krull dimension n.

We may prove by induction on *n* using Proposition 4.11 and Corollary 4.13 that S_n is of injective dimension 1 and with self-dual quotients. Furthermore, K_n/S_n is an injective hull of the residue field of S_n .

Recall that a valuation ring is called *almost maximal* if and only if its quotient field modulo the ring is injective [4, Theorem 4.4, Chapter IX]. Since the D + M construction also preserves valuation rings, we have a series of almost maximal valuation ring if S_1 is a complete DVR.

EXAMPLE 4.15. Let *R* be a domain of injective dimension 1 and with selfdual quotients. From the discussions in this section, we see that (R, R) and (Q, 0) are both dual pairs with respect to Q/R. We may construct more domains of injective dimension 1 and with self-dual quotients using these dual pairs as long as $R_{n-1} = R$. For example, when $n \ge 4$ is even,

$$S = R \oplus QX^{n/2} \oplus \cdots \oplus QX^{n-2} \oplus RX^{n-1} \oplus Q[[X]]X^{n}$$

is such a domain.

EXAMPLE 4.16. Using Lemma 4.9 and the criterion of symmetry, we can construct more domains of injective dimension 1 and with self-dual quotients, such as

$$S = \kappa[[t^2]] \oplus \kappa((t))X^2 \oplus \left(\kappa[[t^2]] + \kappa((t^2))t\right)X^3 \oplus \kappa((t))[[X]]X^4$$

where κ is a field and t is an indeterminate over κ . We leave the details to the reader.

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