

\square $r = g - hf \in I$ and since $r \in \mathcal{O}_{n-1}[z_n]$, $r \in I \cap \mathcal{O}_{n-1}[z_n] = I' \Rightarrow g = hf + r = hf + a_1 f_1 + \dots + a_k f_k \in \{f, f_1, \dots, f_k\}$. Q.E.D. \square

Our discussion of commutative algebra will center around \mathcal{O} -modules, usually denoted by M, N, R, \dots and which we always assume to be finitely generated. Choosing generators m_1, \dots, m_k for an \mathcal{O} -module M , there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{(k)} \xrightarrow{\pi} M \rightarrow 0$$

of \mathcal{O} -modules, where

$$\mathcal{O}^{(k)} = \underbrace{\mathcal{O} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{O}}_k$$

is the free \mathcal{O} -module of rank k ,

$$\pi(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k) = g_1 m_1 + \dots + g_k m_k,$$

and

$$R = \{(g_1, \dots, g_k) : g_1 m_1 + \dots + g_k m_k = 0\}$$

is the module of relations among the m_i 's. We claim that R is again finitely generated. The proof is by induction on k , with the case $k=1$ being that of an ideal in \mathcal{O} just discussed.

$$\square \quad k=1, \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M \\ g & \longmapsto & gm \end{array} \Rightarrow R = \{g \in \mathcal{O} \mid gm = 0\}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall g' \in \mathcal{O} \quad g'g'' \in R \text{ for } g'' \in R, \text{ since } g'g''m = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow R$ is an ideal of \mathcal{O} which is \mathcal{O} -module. \Rightarrow Since \mathcal{O} is Noetherian, R is finitely generated. \square