

**$F$ -SINGULARITIES AND FROBENIUS SPLITTING NOTES  
EXERCISE SET #1**

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- (1) Prove that  $R$  is  $F$ -split if and only if it is  $F^e$ -split (for some  $e > 0$ ).
- (2) Let  $R$  be an  $F$ -finite ring. Show that if for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Spec } R$ ,  $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is  $F$ -split, then  $R$  is also  $F$ -split.  
*Hint:* Consider the evaluation-at-1 map  $\text{Hom}_R(F_*R, R) \rightarrow R$ .
- (3) Suppose  $S$  is an  $F$ -finite regular ring. If  $R = S/I$  is Frobenius split, show that  $S$  is also compatibly Frobenius split with  $I$ .  
*Hint:* First do the case when  $S$  is local, then proceed as in (1).
- (4) Are the following rings semi-normal and/or weakly normal? Are they  $F$ -split?
  - (a)  $\mathbb{F}_p(x^p)[y, xy, x^2y, \dots, x^{p-1}y]$
  - (b)  $\mathbb{F}_p[u, v, y, z]/(uv, uz, z(v-y^2))$  (*Hint:* It might help to study what the irreducible components of the Spec of this ring are).
  - (c) Any union of coordinate linear spaces through the origin in  $\mathbb{A}^n$ .
  - (d)  $\mathbb{F}_p[x, y, z, w]/(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + w^3)$  (check this for  $p = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11$ ).
- (5) If  $X$  is  $F$ -split, show that every irreducible component of  $X$  is also  $F$ -split.
- (6) Suppose that  $R = S/I$  is a Gorenstein ring and  $S$  is an  $F$ -finite regular local ring. Show that  $I^{[p^e]} : I = I^{[p^e]} + (f)$  for some element  $f \in S$ . More generally, show that the same conclusion holds if  $R$  is normal and  $(p^e - 1)K_{\text{Spec } R}$  is Cartier.
- (7) Suppose that  $R = S/I$  is a complete intersection where  $S$  is an  $F$ -finite regular local ring (in other words,  $I = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is generated by a regular sequence). Show that  $I^{[p^e]} : I = I^{[p^e]} + (x_1^{p^e-1} \dots x_n^{p^e-1})$ . State an easy to check criteria for  $R$  to be  $F$ -split.
- (8) If  $K \subseteq L$  is a finite separable extension of  $F$ -finite fields, show that every  $K$ -linear map  $\phi : F_*^e K \rightarrow K$  extends to an  $L$ -linear map  $\bar{\phi} : F_*^e L \rightarrow L$ .  
*Hint:* Show first that any basis for  $F_*^e K$  over  $K$  is also a basis for  $F_*^e L$  over  $L$ .
- (9) Suppose that  $S = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and that  $\Phi : F_*S \rightarrow S$  is the generating map (as discussed in class, it sends  $x_1^{p-1} \dots x_n^{p-1}$  to 1 and the other monomials to zero). Suppose that  $\phi : F_*S \rightarrow S$  is any other  $S$ -linear map with  $\phi(\_) = \Phi(z \cdot \_)$  for some  $z \in F_*S$ . Show that  $\phi$  is compatible with  $R = S/(f)$  if and only if  $f^{p-1}$  divides  $z$ .