

MODULES OVER DOMAINS LARGE IN A COMPLETE DISCRETE VALUATION RING

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ABSTRACT. We consider a class of domains R containing a maximal ideal \mathfrak{N} such that R is not complete with respect to the \mathfrak{N} -adic topology, but $T = R_{\mathfrak{N}}$ is a complete DVR. Such domains are called T -large because of the way to construct them. We characterize a T -large domain R to be of the form $R = T \cap V$, where V is a mildly restricted valuation domain of Q , the field of fractions of T . We show that the completion \hat{V} of V has infinite rank as a V -module. We investigate finite rank torsion-free modules M over a T -large domain R which are Hausdorff in the \mathfrak{N} -adic topology. Making use of known results on V -modules, we obtain the following results: there exist indecomposable torsion-free Hausdorff R -modules of any fixed rank n ; every cotorsion-free Hausdorff R -algebra of rank n is the endomorphism algebra of a torsion-free module of rank $3n$; the Krull-Schmidt theorem fails, that is, there exist finite rank torsion-free Hausdorff R -modules which admit non-isomorphic decompositions into indecomposable summands.

Introduction. In his 1962 book [6], Nagata exhibited the first example of a noncomplete discrete valuation ring R such that $[\hat{Q} : Q] < \infty$, where Q, \hat{Q} are the field of fractions of R and its completion \hat{R} , respectively. The DVR's satisfying this property were called Nagata valuation domains in [9].

Recently the second author [9] and Arnold and Dugas [1] investigated torsion-free modules of finite rank over Nagata valuation domains R . In particular, in [9] it was proved that if $[\hat{Q} : Q] = 2$, then every finite rank torsion-free indecomposable R -module has rank ≤ 2 ; in [1] it is shown that $[\hat{Q} : Q] = 3$ implies that every finite rank torsion-free indecomposable R -module has rank ≤ 3 , while if $[\hat{Q} : Q] \geq 4$, then there exist finite rank torsion-free indecomposable R -modules of arbitrarily large rank. It is worth noting that the Krull-Schmidt theorem holds for finite rank torsion-free modules over Nagata valuation domains since

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