

## 1.8 Tutorial 6 Semester I, 2024: Modules and modules over a PID

1. Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Show that if  $r \in R$  and  $m \in M$  then

$$0m = 0, \quad r0 = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad (-r)m = -(rm) = r(-m).$$

2. (a) Let  $N = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 \mid x + y + z = 0\}$ . Is  $N$  a free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module? If so, find a basis.  
 (b) Show that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not free as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module (remember the basis may be infinite).
3. (a) Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $k$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation. Show that defining

$$\left(\sum_i a_i x^i\right) \cdot v = \sum_i a_i T^i(v) \quad \text{makes } V \text{ into a } k[x]\text{-module.}$$

- (b) Find an example of a vector space  $V$ , together with two linear transformations  $T$  and  $S$ , such that there does not exist a  $k[x, y]$ -module structure on  $V$  with such that if  $v \in V$  then  $x \cdot v = T(v)$  and  $y \cdot v = S(v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .
4. Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Give (with proof) a natural bijection

$$\{\text{submodules of } M/N \leftrightarrow \text{submodules of } M \text{ containing } N\}.$$

5. Let  $R$  be a principal ideal domain,  $p \in R$  an irreducible element,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ , let  $M$  be the  $R$ -module

$$M = R/(p^k) \quad \text{and let} \quad N = p^{k-1}M := \{p^{k-1}m \mid m \in M\}.$$

- (a) Show that  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ .  
 (b) Show that  $N$  is contained in every non-zero submodule of  $M$ .
6. An  $R$ -module is *cyclic* if it has a generating set with one element.  
 (a) Is a quotient of a cyclic module necessarily cyclic?  
 (b) Is a submodule of a cyclic module necessarily cyclic?

7. Let  $V$  be the  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ -module  $(\mathbb{Z}[i])^2/N$  where

$$N = \text{span}_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}\{(1 + i, 2 - i), (3, 5i)\}.$$

Write  $V$  as a direct sum of cyclic modules.

8. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 8 & 7 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Find the Smith Normal form (over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ) of the matrix  $A$ .  
 (b) If  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module with presentation matrix  $A$ , then show that  $M \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ .  
 (c) If  $N$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -module with presentation matrix  $A$ , identify  $N$ .

9. Let  $V$  be a two dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having basis  $\{v_1, v_2\}$ . Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $V$  defined by

$$T(v_1) = 3v_1 - v_2 \quad \text{and} \quad T(v_2) = 2v_2.$$

Recall that  $V$  together with  $T$  can be identified with a  $\mathbb{Q}[t]$ -module by defining  $tu = T(u)$  for  $u \in V$ .

- (a) Show that the subspace  $U = \{av_2 \mid a \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  of  $V$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}[t]$ -submodule of  $V$ .  
 (b) Let  $f = t^2 + 2t - 3$ . Express  $fv_1$  and  $fv_2$  as linear combinations of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ .
10. (a) Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Suppose that  $U$  and  $V$  are two submodules of  $M$ . Show that

$$M \cong U \oplus V \quad \text{if and only if} \quad U \cap V = \{0\} \text{ and } U + V = M.$$

- (b) Show that the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $p$  is a prime and  $n$  a positive integer, is not a direct sum of two non-zero  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules.

11. Up to isomorphism, how many abelian groups of order 96 are there?
12. Find an isomorphic direct sum of cyclic groups, where  $V$  is the abelian group generated by  $x, y, z$  with relations

$$3x + 2y + 8z = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 2x + 4z = 0.$$

13. Find an isomorphic direct sum of cyclic groups, where  $V$  is the abelian group generated by  $x, y, z$  with relations

$$x + y = 0, \quad 2x = 0, \quad 4x + 2z = 0, \quad 4x + 2y + 2z = 0.$$

14. Find an isomorphic direct sum of cyclic groups, where  $V$  is the abelian group generated by  $x, y, z$  with relations

$$2x + y = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad x - y + 3z = 0.$$

15. Find an isomorphic direct sum of cyclic groups, where  $V$  is the abelian group generated by  $x, y, z$  with relations

$$4x + y + 2z = 0, \quad 5x + 2y + z = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad 6y - 6z = 0.$$