

HOMEWORK 4
MATH B4900
DUE: 3/14/2021

Let A be a ring with 1, and let M be an A -module.

1. Let z be a central element of A . Show that zM is a submodule of M and that $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$ defined by $m \mapsto zm$ is an A -module endomorphism.
2. Let I be an ideal of A . Show that

$$IM = \left\{ \sum_{\text{fin.}} \alpha m_\alpha \mid \alpha \in I, m_\alpha \in M \right\}$$

is a submodule of M . Give an example where $IM = M$ and an example where $0 \neq IM \subsetneq M$. Finally, give an example showing that if B is a subring of A , then BM is not necessarily a submodule of M .

3. Let $\varphi : M \rightarrow N$ be an A -module homomorphism. Prove that $\ker(\varphi)$ is a submodule of M and $\text{img}(\varphi)$ is a submodule of N . Further, show that if M and N are simple, then either $\varphi = 0$ or φ is an isomorphism. [You may use anything that we have already proven for groups (since M and N are also additive groups).]
4. Let X and Y be submodules of M . Show that

$$0 \hookrightarrow X \cap Y \xrightarrow{f: x \mapsto (x, x)} X \oplus Y \xrightarrow{g: (x, y) \mapsto x + y} X + Y \rightarrow 0$$

is a short exact sequence of A -modules.

5. Let

$$0 \hookrightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \hookrightarrow X' \xrightarrow{f'} Y' \xrightarrow{g'} Z' \rightarrow 0$$

be short exact sequences. A collection of homomorphisms

$$\alpha : X \rightarrow X', \quad \beta : Y \rightarrow Y', \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma : Z \rightarrow Z'$$

is a *homomorphism of exact sequences* if the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \hookrightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \xrightarrow{g} & Z & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \alpha \downarrow & & \beta \downarrow & & \gamma \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \hookrightarrow & X' & \xrightarrow{f'} & Y' & \xrightarrow{g'} & Z' & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array} \tag{1}$$

If α, β , and γ are isomorphisms, then this is an *isomorphism* or *equivalence of exact sequences*.

- (a) Fill in the unknown modules and homomorphisms to make the following diagram into a homomorphism of short exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \hookrightarrow & \textcircled{?} & \xrightarrow{\textcircled{?}} & \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \textcircled{?} & & \downarrow *3 & & \downarrow \textcircled{?} \\
 0 & \hookrightarrow & \textcircled{?} & \xrightarrow{\textcircled{?}} & \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

- (b) If you have a homomorphism of short exact sequences as in (??), and you know something about the properties of α , β , or γ , what else (if anything) can you infer about the other two? Namely, fill in the blank (briefly justifying your answers):

If $(\alpha/\beta/\gamma)$ is (injective/surjective/bijective), then...

	injective	surjective	bijective
α			
β		(e.g. γ is surjective)	
γ			

[For example, if β is surjective, then you can infer that γ is surjective, but nothing can be said about α . (Why?)]

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