

Write your answers neatly, in complete sentences, and prove all assertions. Start each problem on a new page (this makes it easier in Gradescope). Revise your work before handing it in, and submit a .pdf created from a LaTeX source to Gradescope. Correct and crisp proofs are greatly appreciated; oftentimes your work can be shortened and made clearer.

Due Monday 1 February.

- Let  $S := \{1, 2, 2^2 = 4\}$ , a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R := \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ .  
Determine (compute and identify) the ring  $R[S^{-1}]$  of fractions of  $R$  by  $S$ .
- Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and suppose that  $S \subset R$  is a multiplicatively closed subset (multiplicative sub-semigroup of  $R$ ). Identify the kernel of the canonical map  $\iota: R \rightarrow R[S^{-1}]$ .
- Show that for any ring  $R$  and  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(R, M) \simeq (M, +, 0)$ , as abelian groups.
- Let  $R$  be a ring and  $A$  be an abelian group. For  $r \in R$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(R, A)$ , define  $r.f: R \rightarrow A$  by  $(r.f)(x) = f(xr)$  for  $x \in R$ . Show that this gives  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(R, A)$  the structure of an  $R$ -module. (Part of this problem is showing that  $r.f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(R, A)$ .)
- Let  $R$  be a ring and  $A, B, M$ , and  $N$  be  $R$ -modules. Let  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(A, M)$  and  $g \in \text{Hom}_R(N, B)$ . For  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ , define  $f^*(\varphi) := \varphi \circ f$  and  $g_*(\varphi) := g \circ \varphi$ . Show that these give homomorphisms of abelian groups,  
$$f^*: \text{Hom}_R(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, N) \quad \text{and} \quad g_*: \text{Hom}_R(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, B).$$
Show that  $f \mapsto f^*$  is a homomorphism of abelian groups  $\text{Hom}_R(A, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\text{Hom}_R(M, N), \text{Hom}_R(A, N))$ .
- Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Show that  $\text{Hom}_R(M, M)$  is a ring whose product is the composition of functions. It is called the *endomorphism ring* of  $M$ , written  $\text{End}(M)$ .  
Show that  $M$  is a left  $\text{End}(M)$ -module under the action by elements  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  defined by  $f.m = f(m)$ , for  $m \in M$ .
- An  $R$ -module  $M$  is *simple* if its only submodules are 0 and  $M$ . Prove that every simple  $R$ -module is cyclic.  
Prove *Schur's Lemma*, that when  $M$  is simple,  $\text{End}(M)$  is a division ring.
- (*Five Lemma*). Consider the following commutative diagram of  $R$ -modules, with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 M_1 & \longrightarrow & M_2 & \longrightarrow & M_3 & \longrightarrow & M_4 & \longrightarrow & M_5 \\
 \downarrow f_1 & & \downarrow f_2 & & \downarrow f_3 & & \downarrow f_4 & & \downarrow f_5 \\
 N_1 & \longrightarrow & N_2 & \longrightarrow & N_3 & \longrightarrow & N_4 & \longrightarrow & N_5
 \end{array}$$

- Prove that if  $f_1$  is a surjection and  $f_2, f_4$  are injections, then  $f_3$  is an injection.
  - Prove that if  $f_5$  is an injection and  $f_2, f_4$  are surjections, then  $f_3$  is a surjection.
- (*Splicing short exact sequences*). If  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{f} C \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow C \xrightarrow{g} D \rightarrow E \rightarrow 0$  are short exact sequences of  $R$ -modules, then the sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{gf} D \rightarrow E \rightarrow 0$  is exact.  
Show that every exact sequence may be obtained by splicing together suitable short exact sequences in this manner.