

## 2 Modules

### 2.2 Modules and free modules

1. Let  $M$  be a simple  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  module, and  $0 \neq m \in M$ . Then  $\varphi : \mathbb{C}[G] \rightarrow M, a \mapsto am$ , is a homomorphism of left  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  modules. Since  $Im\varphi = \mathbb{C}[G]m$  is a nonzero submodule of  $M$ ,  $Im = M$ . Thus  $M \cong \mathbb{C}[G]/Ker\varphi$ . In particular,  $M$  is a finite-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ . For any  $f \in End_{\mathbb{C}[G]}(M)$ , there is a  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and nonzero  $v \in M$  such that  $f(v) = \lambda v$ . Thus  $Ker(f - \lambda id_M) \neq 0$  is a submodule of  $M$ . Therefore  $f = \lambda id_M$ . It is obvious that  $\lambda id_M \in End_{\mathbb{C}[G]}(M)$  for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Hence  $End_{\mathbb{C}[G]}(M) = \mathbb{C}id_M \cong \mathbb{C}$  as rings.
2. On the contrary, suppose  $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Z}\frac{a_1}{b_1} + \mathbb{Z}\frac{a_2}{b_2} + \dots + \mathbb{Z}\frac{a_n}{b_n}$  where  $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $(a_i, b_i) = 1$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z}\frac{a_i}{b_i} = \mathbb{Z}(-\frac{a_i}{b_i})$ , we assume  $a_i \geq 1, b_i \geq 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Thus there is a prime  $p > \max\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$ . Since  $\frac{1}{p} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , there exist  $m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{m_1 a_1}{b_1} + \frac{m_2 a_2}{b_2} + \dots + \frac{m_n a_n}{b_n}$ , then  $\frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_n}{p} = (\sum \frac{m_i a_i}{b_i})(b_1 b_2 \dots b_n) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , this is impossible as  $p \nmid b_i$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . This contradiction implies that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$  module.
3. If  $M_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n Rx_i$  and  $M_2 = \sum_{i=n+1}^m Rx_i$ , then  $M_1 + M_2 = \sum_{i=1}^m Rx_i$  and  $M_1 + M_2 / M_1 = (\sum_{i=1}^m Rx_i) / M_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m R(x_i + M_1)$ .
4. Suppose  $N = \sum_{i=1}^m Rx_i$ ,  $M/N = \sum_{i=m+1}^n R(x_i + N)$ . Let  $M' = \sum_{i=1}^n Rx_i \subseteq M$ . For any  $m \in M$ , there are  $r_i \in R$  such that  $m + N = \sum_{i=m+1}^n r_i(x_i + N) = \sum_{i=m+1}^n r_i x_i + N$ . Then  $m - \sum_{i=m+1}^n r_i x_i \in N$ . Hence

$m - \sum_{i=m+1}^n r_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^m r_i x_i$  for some  $r_i \in R$ . So  $m = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i x_i \in M'$ . That is,  $M = M'$  is finitely generated.

5. For any  $x \in N$ ,  $fg(x) \in \text{Im}(f)$ ,  $g(x - fg(x)) = g(x) - fg(x) = 0$ , then  $x = fg(x) + (x - fg(x)) \in \text{Im}(f) + \text{Ker}(g)$ , therefore  $N = \text{Im}(f) + \text{Ker}(g)$ . If  $f(a) \in \text{Ker}(g)$ , then  $0 = g(f(a)) = a$ . Hence  $f(a) = f(0) = 0$ . Thus  $N = \text{Im}(f) \oplus \text{Ker}(g)$ .

6. (1) Suppose  $R = K \oplus L$  is a direct sum of left  $R$ -modules. Then  $K$  and  $L$  are left ideals of  $R$ . Let  $1 = e + f$ ,  $e \in K$ ,  $f \in L$ . Then  $e = e^2 + ef = e^2 + fe$ , hence  $ef = fe \in Re \cap Rf \subseteq K \cap L = \{0\}$ . Hence  $e^2 = e$ ,  $fe = ef = 0$ . Similarly,  $f^2 = f$ . Hence  $Re \subseteq K$  and  $Rf \subseteq L$ . For any  $a \in K$ , we have  $a = ae + af$ , then  $a - ae = af \in K \cap L = \{0\}$ ,  $af = 0$ ,  $a = ae \in Re$ . This means  $K = Re$ , similarly  $L = Rf$ .

Conversely, suppose  $K \neq 0$  and  $L \neq 0$ , then  $e \neq 0$ ,  $f \neq 0$ . By the assumption, there is  $a, b$  not both zero with  $ae + bf = 0$ . Thus  $ae = -bf \in Re \cap Rf = \{0\}$ . Since  $R$  is an integral domain,  $a = b = 0$ . This is a contradiction, hence either  $K = 0$  or  $L = 0$ .

(2) Without loss of generality, we assume  $m \leq n$ . We prove that  $m = n$  by induction on  $m$ . If  $m = 1$  and  $n > 1$ , let  $\varphi : R^n \rightarrow R$  be an isomorphism,  $K = \varphi(\{(a, 0, \dots, 0) | a \in R\}) \neq 0$ ,  $L = \varphi(\{(0, a_2, \dots, a_n) | a_i \in R\}) \neq 0$  and  $K \oplus L = R$ . This is impossible by (1). Hence  $n = 1$  is true. Now let  $m \geq 2$ ,  $e_i = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$

where the  $i_{th}$  element is 1 and the other is 0,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ,  $\varphi : R^m \rightarrow R^n$  is a left  $R$ -module isomorphism, then  $\varphi$  induces isomorphism  $\varphi_1 : Re_1 \rightarrow Im\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2 : Re_2 + \dots + Re_m \rightarrow Im\varphi_2$ , then  $R^n = Im\varphi_1 \oplus Im\varphi_2$ ,  $R^{m-1} \simeq Im\varphi/Im\varphi_1 = R^n/Im\varphi_1 = Im\varphi_2$ , therefore  $m = n$ .

7. Define  $f_1(x^{2n}) = x^n$ ,  $f_1(x^{2n-1}) = 0$ , and  $f_2(x^{2n}) = 0$ ,  $f_2(x^{2n-1}) = x^n$ , if there are  $a, b \in End_{\mathbb{P}}(\mathbb{P}[x])$  such that  $af_1 + bf_2 = 0$ , then  $(af_1 + bf_2)(x^{2n}) = a(x^n) = 0$ , so  $a = 0$ ;  $(af_1 + bf_2)(x^{2n-1}) = b(x^n) = 0$ , so  $b = 0$ . Therefore  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are linearly-independent over  $End_{\mathbb{P}}(\mathbb{P}[x])$ . Let  $g_1 \in End_{\mathbb{P}}(\mathbb{P}[x])$ ,  $g_1(x^n) = x^{2n}$ ,  $g_2 \in End_{\mathbb{P}}(\mathbb{P}[x])$ ,  $g_2(x^n) = x^{2n-1}$ , then  $(g_1f_1 + g_2f_2)(x^{2n}) = x^{2n}$ ,  $(g_1f_1 + g_2f_2)(x^{2n-1}) = x^{2n-1}$ . Thus  $1 = g_1f_1 + g_2f_2 \in Rf_1 + Rf_2$ , then for any  $r \in R$ ,  $r = (rg_1)f_1 + (rg_2)f_2$ , this means  $\{f_1, f_2\}$  is a basis of  ${}_R R$ . Therefore  ${}_R R \simeq_R R^2$  ( $r \mapsto (rg_1, rg_2)$ ), hence  $R \simeq R^2 \simeq R \oplus R^2 \simeq \dots \simeq R \oplus R^{n-2} \simeq R^2 \oplus R^{n-2} = R^n$ .
8. Since  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ .  $IM$  is a submodule of  $M$ . Define  $R/I \times M/IM \rightarrow M/IM$ ,  $(a + I, m + IM) \mapsto am + IM$ . If  $(a_1 + I, m_1 + IM) = (a_2 + I, m_2 + IM)$ , then  $a_1 - a_2 \in I, m_1 - m_2 \in IM, a_1m_1 - a_2m_2 = (a_1 - a_2)m_1 + a_2(m_1 - m_2) \in IM$ , therefore  $a_1m_1 + IM = a_2m_2 + IM$ . It is easy to check that  $M/IM$  is a module with the above action. For any  $m + IM \in M/IM$ , we have  $m + IM = \sum r_i x_i + IM = \sum (r_i + I)(x_i + IM)$ . If  $\sum (r_i + I)(x_i + IM) = \sum r_i x_i + IM = 0 + IM$ , then  $\sum r_i x_i \in IM$ , therefore  $\sum r_i x_i = \sum a_j x_j$  where  $a_j \in I$ . As  $\{x_i\}$  is a basis, we have

$r_i = a_i$  for each  $i \in I$ . This means  $r_i + I = 0$ , hence  $\{x_i + IM | x_i \in B\}$  is a basis of  $M/IM$  over  $R/I$ .

9. Since  $\varphi : R \rightarrow S$  is epimorphic,  $S \cong R/\text{Ker}\varphi$ . If  $R^m \cong R^n$  as left  $R$ -modules,  $e_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$  is a basis of  $R^m$ ,  $\varepsilon_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  is a basis of  $R^n$ . Then  $\{e_i + (\text{Ker}\varphi)R^m | 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  is a basis of  $R^m/(\text{Ker}\varphi R^m)$  over  $S$  and  $\{\varepsilon_i + (\text{Ker}\varphi)R^n | 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  is a basis of  $R^n/(\text{Ker}\varphi R^n)$  over  $S$ . If  $\psi : R^m \rightarrow R^n$  is an isomorphism of left modules, then  $\psi(\text{Ker}\varphi R^m) = \text{Ker}\varphi \cdot \psi(R^m) = \text{Ker}\varphi R^n$ . Thus  $\psi$  induces a  $R/\text{Ker}\varphi$ -module isomorphism  $\bar{\psi} : (R/\text{Ker}\varphi)^m \cong R^m/(\text{Ker}\varphi R^m) \rightarrow R^n/(\text{Ker}\varphi R^n) \cong (R/\text{Ker}\varphi)^n$ ,  $a + \text{Ker}\varphi R^m \mapsto \psi(a) + \text{Ker}\varphi R^n$ , therefore  $m = n$  by the assumption on  $S$ .
10. Suppose  $R$  is a commutative ring with identity, then  $R$  has a maximal ideal  $I$  and  $R/I$  is a field. Since  $R/I$  has invariant dimension property, so is  $R$  by Exercise 2.2.9.
11. If  ${}_R M \cong_R N$ , since  ${}_R M \cong R^{|X|}$  and  ${}_R N \cong R^{|Y|}$ ,  $R^{|X|} \cong R^{|Y|}$ .  $R$  has invariant dimension property, so  $|X| = |Y|$ .
12. Suppose  $\{x_i | i \in I\}$  is a basis of  $S$  over  $R$  and  $\{y_j | j \in J\}$  is a basis of  $T$  over  $S$ . Let  $B = \{x_i y_j | i \in I, j \in J\}$ , then any  $a \in T$ ,  $a = \sum s_j y_j$ ,  $s_j = \sum r_{ij} x_i$ , therefore  $a = \sum r_{ij} x_i y_j$ . Suppose  $a = \sum r_{ij} x_i y_j = 0$ , then  $\sum r_{ij} x_i = 0$  for each  $j \in J$ , therefore  $r_{ij} = 0$ . Thus  $B$  is a basis of  $T$  over  $R$ . Hence  $\dim_R T = (\dim_R S)(\dim_S T)$ .
13. ( $\Rightarrow$ ): Suppose  $M = \mathbb{Z}/(p^n)$  is indecomposable. If  $p$  is

not a prime, then  $p = ab$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are proper divisor of  $p$  and  $(a, b) = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/(p^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}/(a^n) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/(b^n)$ ,  $(\varphi : x + (p^n) \mapsto (x + (a^n), x + (b^n)))$ . If  $x_1 + (p^n) = x_2 + (p^n)$ , then  $p^n | (x_1 - x_2)$ , therefore  $a^n | (x_1 - x_2)$  and  $b^n | (x_1 - x_2)$ , then  $(x_1 + (a^n), x_1 + (b^n)) = (x_2 + (a^n), x_2 + (b^n))$ , hence  $\varphi$  is well-defined. If  $\varphi(x + (p^n)) = 0$ , then  $a^n | x$  and  $b^n | x$ , therefore  $p^n = a^n b^n | x$ , hence  $\varphi$  is injective. For any  $(u + (a^n), v + (b^n)) \in \mathbb{Z}/(a^n) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/(b^n)$ , there are  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\alpha a^n + \beta b^n = 1$ , then  $\alpha a^n = 1 - \beta b^n$ , therefore  $\varphi(\alpha a^n) = (\alpha a^n + (a^n), 1 - \beta b^n + (b^n)) = (0, 1 + (b^n))$  and  $\varphi(\beta b^n) = (1 + (a^n), 0)$ , thus  $\varphi(v\alpha a^n + u\beta b^n) = (u + (a^n), v + (b^n))$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is surjective. Since  $\mathbb{Z} \cong (a^n, b^n)$  and  $(a^n) \cap (b^n) = (p^n)$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/(a^n) \cong (a^n, b^n)/(a^n) \cong (b^n)/(p^n)$ . Therefore  $\mathbb{Z}/(p^n) \cong (a^n)/(p^n) \oplus (b^n)/(p^n)$ , hence  $p$  is a prime.

( $\Leftarrow$ ): If  $p$  is a prime, any submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}/(p^n)$  is  $(a)/(p^n)$  where  $a = a_1 p^s, 0 \leq s \leq n, p \nmid a_1$ . If  $(a)/(p^n) \neq 0$ , then  $a = a_1 p^s, 0 \leq s \leq n-1$ , in addition,  $(b)/(p^n) \neq 0$ , then  $b = b_1 p^t, 0 \leq t \leq n-1$ . If  $a = a_1, p \nmid a_1$ , then  $(p^n, a_1) = 1, vp^n + ua_1 = 1$ , therefore  $1 + (p^n) = vp^n + ua_1 + (p^n) = u(a_1 + (p^n)) \in (a)/(p^n)$ , similarly,  $p^s = ua_1 p^s + vp^{s+n}, p^s + (p^n) = u(a + (p^n))$ , then  $(a)/(p^n) = (p^s)/(p^n)$ . If  $\mathbb{Z}/(p^n) = (a)/(p^n) \oplus (b)/(p^n)$  and  $(a)/(p^n), (b)/(p^n)$  both are proper submodule, then  $a = a_1 p^s, 0 \leq s \leq n-1, b = b_1 p^t, 0 \leq t \leq n-1$ , suppose  $s \leq t$ , then  $(a)/(p^n) \cap (b)/(p^n) \supseteq (p^s)/(p^n) \neq 0$ . Hence  $M$  is indecomposable.

14. If  $R = I_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus I_n$  where  $I_i$  are indecomposable.

Then there are  $e_i \in I_i$  such that  $1 = e_1 + \cdots + e_n$ . Thus  $e_1 = e_1e_1 + \cdots + e_1e_n = e_1e_1 + \cdots + e_ne_1$ , then  $e_2e_1 + \cdots + e_ne_1 \in I_1$ , while  $e_2e_1 + \cdots + e_ne_1 \in I_2 + \cdots + I_n$ , therefore  $e_2e_1 + \cdots + e_ne_1 \in I_1 \cap I_2 + \cdots + I_n = \{0\}$ , hence  $e_1 = e_1^2$  and  $e_1e_i = 0, i = 2, \dots, n$ . Similarly,  $e_i = e_i^2, i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $e_ie_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . Since  $Re_i \subseteq I_i$  and  $1 \in Re_1 + \cdots + Re_n$ ,  $R = Re_1 + \cdots + Re_n \subseteq I_1 + \cdots + I_n = R$ , thus  $I_i = Re_i$ . If  $e_i = e_{i1} + e_{i2}$ ,  $e_{i1}^2 = e_{i1}$ ,  $e_{i2}^2 = e_{i2}$  and  $e_{i1}e_{i2} = e_{i2}e_{i1} = 0$ , then  $I_i = R(e_{i1} + e_{i2}) \subset Re_{i1} + Re_{i2}$ , while  $e_{i1}(e_{i1} + e_{i2}) = e_{i1} = e_{i1}e_i \in Re_i$ , thus  $Re_{i1} + Re_{i2} \subset Re_i = I_i$ . For any  $x = re_{i1} = se_{i2} \in Re_{i1} \cap Re_{i2}$ , then  $re_{i1} = re_{i1}^2 = se_{i2}e_{i1} = 0$ , therefore  $I_i = Re_{i1} \oplus Re_{i2}$ . While  $I_i$  is indecomposable,  $e_{i1} = 0$  or  $e_{i2} = 0$ , i.e.  $e_i$  is primitive. Contrary, if  $1 = e_1 + \cdots + e_n$  is a sum of pairwise orthogonal primitive idempotent elements, then  $R = R1 \subset Re_1 + \cdots + Re_n \subset R$ , thus  $R = Re_1 + \cdots + Re_n$ . If  $re_1 \in Re_1 \cap Re_2 + \cdots + Re_n$ , then  $re_1 = r_2e_2 + \cdots + r_ne_n$ , thus  $re_1 = (r_2e_2 + \cdots + r_ne_n)e_1 = 0$ , therefore  $Re_1 \cap Re_2 + \cdots + Re_n = \{0\}$ . Similarly,  $R = Re_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus Re_n$ . If  $Re_1 = I \oplus J$ , then  $e_1 = e_{11} + e_{12}$  where  $e_{11} \in I$  and  $e_{12} \in J$ , thus  $e_{11} = r_{11}e_1$ ,  $e_{12} = r_{12}e_1$  and  $e_{11} = e_{11}e_{11} + e_{11}e_{12}$ , while  $e_{11}e_{12} \in I \cap J$ , then  $e_{11} = e_{11}^2$ , similarly,  $e_{12} = e_{12}^2$ ,  $e_{12}e_{11} = 0$ . While  $e_1$  is primitive, then  $e_{11} = 0$  or  $e_{12} = 0$ . If  $e_{11} = 0$ , then  $e_1 = e_{12} \in J$ , thus  $Re_1 = Re_{12} = J$ , therefore  $I = 0$ , similarly, if  $e_{12} = 0$ , then  $Re_1 = I$ . Hence  $Re_1$  is indecomposable. Similarly,  $Re_i$  is indecomposable.

15. If  $1_M = e + f$  for  $1_M \in \text{End}_R(M)$  where  $e^2 = e, f^2 =$

$f$  and  $ef = fe = 0$ , then  $M = (e + f)M \subset eM + fM \subset M$ , thus  $M = eM + fM$ . If  $em \in eM \cap fM$ , then  $em = fm'$ , thus  $em = e(em) = e(fm') = 0$ , while  $eM, fM$  are image of  $e, f$  respectively, therefore  $eM, fM$  are submodules of  $M$ . Hence  $M = eM \oplus fM$ . Since  $M$  is indecomposable,  $eM = 0$  or  $fM = 0$ . If  $eM = 0$ , then  $M = fM$ . Thus, for any  $m \in M$ ,  $m = fm'$ , then  $fm = f(fm') = fm'$ , therefore  $f = id_M$ , then  $e = 0$ . Similarly, If  $fM = 0$ , then  $f = 0$  and  $e = id_M$ . This means  $id_M$  is a primitive idempotent.

16. Let  $\Omega = \{P \leq M | P \cap N = 0\}$ .  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$  for  $0 \in \Omega$ . Order  $\Omega$  by  $P_1 \leq P_2$  if and only if  $P_1 \subset P_2$ , suppose  $P_1 \leq \dots \leq P_n \leq \dots$  is a chain of elements in  $\Omega$ . Then  $P = \bigcup_i P_i \leq M$ . If  $x \in N \cap (\bigcup_i P_i)$ , then there is  $n$  such that  $x \in N \cap P_n$ , thus  $x = 0$  for  $P_n \in \Omega$ , therefore  $P \in \Omega$  and  $P \geq P_i$ . By Zorn's Lemma, there is a maximal element  $P \in \Omega$ , then  $P \oplus N$  is a submodule of  $M$ . For any submodule  $L \leq M$ , if  $(P+N) \cap L = 0$ , then  $N+P+L = N \oplus P \oplus L$ , thus  $N \cap (P+L) = 0$ . Since  $P \cap L = 0$ ,  $P+L = P$ , then  $L = 0$ . Hence  $N + P \cap \neq 0$  for any nonzero submodule  $L$  of  $M$ , i.e.  $N + P$  is an essential submodule of  $M$ .
17. Suppose  ${}_Z\mathbb{Q} \subset {}_ZM$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  is essential in  $M$ . For any  $a \in M$ ,  ${}_Z\mathbb{Q} \cap \mathbb{Z}a \neq 0$ , then there is  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $na \in \mathbb{Q}$ , thus  $na = na'$  where  $a' \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $n(a - a') = 0$ . Let  $M_1 = \{x \in M | nx = 0, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0\} \cup \{0\}$ , then  $M_1 \leq M$ , thus  $a - a' \in M_1$ , therefore  $M = \mathbb{Q} + M_1$ . If  $a \in \mathbb{Q} \cap M_1$ , then  $na = 0$  for  $n \neq 0$ , thus  $a = 0$ . Hence  $M = \mathbb{Q} \oplus M_1$ , while  $M \neq \mathbb{Q}$ ,

$\mathbb{Q} \cap M_1 = 0$ , this means  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not essential.

18. Let  $I_i = M_n e_{ii}$  where  $e_{ii}$  is matrix whose  $i_{th}$  row  $j_{th}$  column is 1 and else is 0. Then  $I_i \leq M_n(D)$ ,  $M_n(D) = I_1 + \cdots + I_n$ . For any  $0 \neq N \leq I_i$ , there

$$\text{is } 0 \neq A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_{1i} & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & a_{ni} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in N, \text{ assume that } a_{ji} \neq 0,$$

then  $e_{ij}A = a_{ji}e_{ii} \in N$ , thus  $a_{ji}^{-1}Ea_{ji}e_{ii} = e_{ii} \in N$ , therefore  $M_n(D)e_{ii} \subset N$ , hence  $N = I_i$ , i.e.  $I_i$  is simple. Hence  $M_n(D)$  is semisimple.

19. (1) If  $R = s_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus s_n$  is a direct sum of simple module, then for any  $N \leq R$ , according to Lemma 2.2.1,  $R = N \oplus s_{i_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus s_{i_m}$  where  $\{i_1, \dots, i_m\} \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Thus  $N \cap (s_{i_1} + \cdots + s_{i_m}) = \{0\}$ , then  $N$  is not an essential submodule when  $N \neq 0$  and  $N \neq R$ . Conversely,  $R$  has identity. Let  $\Omega = \{I \triangleleft_l R \mid 1 \notin I\}$ . According to Zorn's Lemma,  $\Omega$  has a maximal element  $M$ . Since  $M$  is not essential, there exist  $0 \neq I_1 \leq {}_R R$  such that  $I_1 \cap M = \{0\}$ , while  $M + I_1 \supsetneq M$ , then  $1 \in M + I_1$ , thus  $R = M + I_1$ , then  $1 = e_1 + f$  where  $e_1 \in I_1, f \in M$  are orthogonal idempotent. Since  $M$  is maximal,  $R/M \cong I_1$  is simple, then  $I_1 = Re_1$  and  $M = Rf$ . Consider  $\Omega_2 = \{L \leq Rf \mid f \notin L\}$ , similarly, there is maximal submodule  $M' \in \Omega_2$  and  $I_2 \leq M$  such that  $Rf = I_2 \oplus M'$ , moreover,  $I_2 = Re_2$  and  $M' = Rf'$ . Let  $\Lambda = \{L \leq {}_R R \mid L \text{ is semisimple}\}$ , there exists maximal element  $L \in \Lambda$  and  $L' \leq R$ , then  $R = L \oplus L'$ . If  $L' \neq 0$ , the above proves that there



is simple submodule  $S \subset L'$ , then  $L \oplus S \in \Lambda$ . It is contradiction. Hence  $L' = 0$ , i.e.  $R = L$  is semisimple.

- (2) If  $R$  is semisimple,  $I \triangleleft R$ , according to Lemma 2.2.1,  ${}_R R = I \oplus J$  where  $J = T_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus T_n$  is semisimple left  $R$ -module. For any  $a \in J$  and any  $r = b + c \in R$  where  $b \in I, c \in J$ , then  $ar = ab + ac$ , since  $ab \in I \cap J = \{0\}$ ,  $ar = ac$ , then  $J \triangleleft R$ .  $R/I \cong J = I_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus T_n$  where  $T_i$  are simple  $R$ -module, while  $J \triangleleft R$ ,  $IT_i \subset IJ \subset I \cap J = \{0\}$ . Thus  $T_i$  is  $R/I$  module. It is obvious that  $I_i$  is  $R/I$  simple module. Therefore  $R/I$  is semisimple. Conversely, take  $I = 0$ , then  $R \cong R/0$  is semisimple.

20. If  $R$  is semisimple, then for any nonzero left ideal  $I$ ,  ${}_R R = I \oplus J = T_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus T_n$  where  $J = T_{i_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus T_{i_m}$ , thus  $I \cong T_{j_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus T_{j_{n-m}}$  is semisimple. Conversely, take  $I = R$ , then  $R$  is semisimple.
21. Let  $L = \{\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} | a_n = a_{n+1} = a_{n+2} = \cdots, n \gg 0\}$ , then  $L$  is a submodule of  $R^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $e_i, w \in L$ . Thus  $\langle X \cup \{w\} \rangle \subset L$ . For any  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in L$ , then there is  $N_0$  such that  $a_{N_0} = a_{N_0+1} = \cdots$ , therefore  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (a_0 - a_{N_0})e_0 + \cdots + (a_{N_0-1} - a_{N_0})e_{N_0-1} + a_{N_0}w \in \langle X \cup \{w\} \rangle$ , hence  $L = \langle X \cup \{w\} \rangle$ .