

# MA3201 Homework 5

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## Question 1

### Part 1(i)

#### Solution

**Claim.** If  $e$  is central idempotent, so is  $(1 - e)$ .

*Proof of claim.*

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - e)^2 &= 1 - e - e + e^2 = 1 - e \\ (1 - e)r &= 1r - er = r - re = r(1 - e).\end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof.* With the claim above, it suffices to show for any central idempotent  $e \in R$ ,  $eM$  is a submodule of  $M$ . Let  $e$  be given, then we show the submodule criterion: for any  $m_1, m_2 \in M, r \in R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}em_1 + r \cdot (em_2) &= em_1 + (re)m_2 \\ &= em_1 + (er)m_2 && (er = re) \\ &= em_1 + e \cdot (rm_2) \\ &= e(m_1 + rm_2) \\ &\in eM && (RM \subset M).\end{aligned}$$

Since  $e \cdot 0 = 0 \in eM \neq \emptyset$ ,  $eM$  is a submodule of  $M$ .

□

### Part 1(ii)

*Proof.* We first show  $eM$  and  $(1 - e)M$  have trivial intersection. Suppose  $x = em = (1 - e)m'$  for some  $m, m' \in M$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}e(x) &= e(em) = em = x \\ \text{but } e(x) &= e(1 - e)m' = em' - em' = 0\end{aligned}$$

Combining, we have that any  $x \in eM \cap (1 - e)M$  must be 0, hence the intersection is trivial. Consider the map

$$\phi : M \rightarrow eM \oplus (1 - e)M, \quad m \mapsto (em, (1 - e)m).$$

We show this is an isomorphism. Let  $e$  be central idempotent,  $m_1, m_2 \in M, r \in R$ .

Homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(m_1 + rm_2) &= (e(m_1 + rm_2), (1 - e)(m_1 + rm_2)) \\ &= (em_1 + e(rm_2), (1 - e)m_1 + (1 - e)(rm_2)) \\ &= (em_1, (1 - e)m_1) + ((re)m_2, [r(1 - e)]m_2) && \text{direct sum, central idempotence} \\ &= \phi(m_1) + r(em_2, (1 - e)m_2) && \text{direct sum of modules} \\ &= \phi(m_1) + r\phi(m_2).\end{aligned}$$

Injectivity:

$$\ker \phi = \{m \in M \mid em = 0 = (1-e)m \in M\}$$

For any  $m \in \ker \phi$ ,  $em = m - em \implies m = 0$ . Therefore the kernel is trivial.

Surjectivity: Let  $(em, (1-e)m') \in em \oplus (1-e)M$  be given. Note that  $e(1-e) = e - e^2 = 0 = (1-e)e$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi(em + (1-e)m') \\ &= (e^2m + e(1-e)m', (1-e)em + (1-e)^2m') \\ &= (em, (1-e)m'). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $M \cong eM \oplus (1-e)M$ . □

## Question 2

*Proof.* Denote the map as  $\phi$ . We check for homomorphism and its kernel.

R-module homomorphism: We check  $\phi(m + rn) = \phi(m) + r\phi(n)$  for any  $m, m' \in M, r \in R$ .

For simplicity, we write

$$(m + A_1M, m + A_2M, \dots, m + A_nM) \text{ as } (m + A_iM).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(m + rm') &= (m + rm' + A_iM) \\ &= (m + A_iM) + (rm' + A_iM) \\ &= \phi(m) + r \cdot (m' + A_iM) & (A_i \text{ is an ideal for all } i) \\ &= \phi(m) + r \cdot \phi(m'). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, the kernel:

$$\begin{aligned} \ker \phi &= \{M \mid m + A_iM = A_iM, i = 1, \dots, n\} \\ &= \{m \in M \mid \bigcap_{i=1}^n (m \in A_iM)\} \\ &= A_1M \cap A_2M \cap \dots \cap A_nM. & (\forall i, A_iM \subset M) \end{aligned}$$

□

## Question 3

Let  $\phi : M \rightarrow M/A_1M \oplus M/A_2M \oplus \dots \oplus M/A_nM$  be the map as defined in the previous question.

We only show the  $n = 2$  case, and by properties of direct sum (in particular, cartesian product), we can repeatedly apply this process till the  $n$  desired and show what the question asked for, as long as we have that  $A_1A_2 \dots A_{n-1} + A_n = R$ .

**Claim 1.** Given  $A_i + A_j = R$  for any  $i \neq j$ , then  $A_1A_2 \dots A_{n-1} + A_n = R$ .

*Proof of Claim 1.* It then suffices to just show that  $A_1 \dots A_{n-1} + A_n \ni 1$ . Let  $x_k \in A_k$  be such that  $x_k + x_n = 1$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= (x_1 + x_n)(x_2 + x_n) \dots (x_{n-1} + x_n) \\ &\in x_1x_2 \dots x_{n-1} + A_n \\ &\in A_1A_2 \dots A_{n-1} + A_n \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

**Claim 2.** Given  $A_1 + A_2 = R$ ,  $(A_1A_2)M = A_1M \cap A_2M$ .

*Proof of Claim 2.* Recall in Homework 1, we showed if two ideals  $I, J$  of a ring  $R$  such that  $I+J = R$ , then  $IJ = I \cap J$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 A_2 M &= (A_1 \cap A_2) M \\ &= \left\{ \left( \sum_{\text{finite}} rm \right) \in M \mid r \in A_1 \wedge r \in A_2 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \left( \sum_{\text{finite}} rm \right) \in M \mid r \in A_1 \right\} \cap \left\{ \left( \sum_{\text{finite}} rm \right) \in M \mid r \in A_2 \right\} \\ &= A_1 M \cap A_2 M. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Claim 3.**  $\phi : M \rightarrow M/A_1 M \oplus M/A_2 M$  is surjective, given  $A_1, A_2$  are ideals such that  $A_1 + A_2 = R$ .

*Proof of Claim 3.* It suffices to show that  $(0, 1), (1, 0)$  are in the image of  $\phi$ . Since  $A_1 + A_2 = R$ , let  $a_1 + a_2 = 1 \implies a_1 m + a_2 m = m$  for any  $m \in M$ , where  $a_1 \in A_1, a_2 \in A_2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a_1 m) &= (a_1 m + A_1 M, a_1 m + A_2 M) \\ &= (A_1 M, 1 \cdot m - a_2 m + A_2 M) && (a_1 m = m - a_2 m) \\ &= (0, 1) \in M/A_1 M \oplus M/A_2 M \\ \phi(a_2 m) &= (a_2 m + A_1 M, a_2 m + A_2 M) \\ &= (1 \cdot m - a_1 m + A_1 M, A_2 M) && (a_2 m = m - a_1 m) \\ &= (1, 0) \in M/A_1 M \oplus M/A_2 M. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\phi$  is surjective. □

Finally, by the first isomorphism theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} M/A_1 M \oplus M/A_2 M &\cong M/\ker \phi && (\ker \phi \text{ is surjective, Claim 3}) \\ &= M/(A_1 M \cap A_2 M) && (\text{Q2}) \\ &= M/(A_1 A_2) M && (\text{Claim 2}). \end{aligned}$$

Together with the condition to repeat in Claim 1, we have the results desired.

## Question 4

*Proof.  $\implies$ :* Let  $M$  be an Artinian  $R$ -module,  $N$  a submodule of  $M$ . Let  $N_1 \supset N_2 \supset \dots$  be a descending chain of submodules of  $N$ . This is a descending chain of submodules of  $M$  too so it stabilizes, therefore  $N$  is Artinian. By the 4th Isomorphism Theorem, any descending chain of  $M/N$  can be written as  $M_1/N \supset M_2/N \supset \dots$ , where  $M_1 \supset M_2 \supset \dots$  is a descending chain in  $M$ . Since the descending chain  $M_i$  stabilizes, so must  $M_i/N$ , and therefore  $M/N$  is also Artinian.

*$\impliedby$ :*

Take any submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , and we know  $N$  and  $N/M$  are Artinian. Then given any descending chain in  $M$ ,

$$M_1 \supset M_2 \supset \dots \tag{1}$$

consider the chains

$$M_1 \cap N \supset M_2 \cap N \supset \dots \tag{2}$$

and

$$M_1 + N \supset M_2 + N \supset \dots \tag{3}$$

in  $N$  and  $M/N$  respectively. We will show that (1) must stabilize. Since  $N$  and  $M/N$  are Artinian, let  $n$  be large enough such that both (2) and (3) stabilize at the  $n$ -th term, ie.  $M_n \cap N = M_{n+1} \cap N = \dots$  and  $M_n + N = M_{n+1} + N = \dots$ . We want to show that (1) must stabilize at  $n$  too, in other words,  $M_n = M_{n+1} = \dots$ . It suffices to just show  $M_n \subset M_{n+1}$  since we already have the other inclusion.

Let  $m_n$  be from  $M_n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} m_n + N &\in M_n + N = M_{n+1} + N \\ \implies m_n &= m_{n+1} + n && \text{for some } m_{n+1} \in M_{n+1} \text{ and } n \in N. \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $M_n \supset M_{n+1} \implies n = m_n - m_{n+1} \in M_n$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} m_n - m_{n+1} &\in M_n \cap N = M_{n+1} \cap N \\ \implies m_n - m_{n+1} &\in M_{n+1} \\ \implies m_n &\in M_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $M_n \subset M_{n+1}$  as desired. Since any descending chain of submodules in  $M$  stabilizes,  $M$  is Artinian.  $\square$

## Question 5

*Proof.* We consider the ring  $F[G]$  as a **left**- $F[G]$  module. Then  $F[G]$  is naturally a  $F$ -module, hence a  $F$ -vector space, by considering the restricted action of  $F \cdot 1_G$ , where  $1_G$  is the identity element in the group  $G$ .

Now since  $G$  is finite, any element in  $F[G]$  can be expressed by a  $n$ -tuple, where  $n = |G|$ , hence it is a  $n$ -dimensional vector space. Any proper inclusion of submodules (subspaces) of  $F[G]$ , say  $M_1 \subset M_2$  must have an increase of dimension, and thus any ascending/descending chain of submodules must stabilize due to finite dimensions. In particular, any ascending/descending chain of **left** ideals in  $F[G]$  (thus  $F[G]$ -submodules) must stabilize.

The proof is identical considering  $F[G]$  as a **right**  $F[G]$ -module, therefore we will have that any ascending/descending chain of **right** ideals must stabilize as well. We can then conclude that any ascending/descending chain of (**two-sided**) ideals of  $F[G]$  must also stabilize, thus  $F[G]$  must be both Artinian and Noetherian as a ring.  $\square$