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**Question 1.** Can you embed the following groups into  $F_2$ ?

- $F_3$

Same as  $F_\infty$ , but restricted to first three generators.

- $F_\infty$

Let  $a, b$  be generators of  $F_2$ . Consider  $x_i = b^{-i}ab^{-i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let's prove that  $\langle x_1, x_2, \dots \rangle$  is free: Suppose that some reduced word  $w = x_{y_1}^{z_1} x_{y_2}^{z_2} \dots$  is equal to identity. It is reduced, so  $y_i \neq y_i + 1$  for any  $i$

$$b^{-y_1} a^{z_1} b^{y_1 - y_2} a^{z_2} b^{y_2 - y_3} \dots = e$$

All exponents in the above word are non-zero, so the above word is reduced and non-empty, so it is not equal to identity, contradiction. Hence  $\langle x_1, x_2, \dots \rangle \cong F_\infty$ , so  $F_2$  has a subgroup isomorphic to  $F_\infty$ .

**Question 2.** How to recover  $d_i$ 's in classification of finitely generated abelian groups?

Tensor product is distributive over finite direct sums, as proven in question 4. Also  $\mathbb{Z}/a \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/a$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/a \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/b \cong \mathbb{Z}/\gcd(a, b)$ . We can recover number of factors of  $\mathbb{Z}$  using:

$$m = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$$

For any prime  $p$  we have:

$$\mathbb{Z}/p \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A = \mathbb{Z}/\gcd(d_1, p) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/\gcd(d_2, p) \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/\gcd(d_k, p) \oplus \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/p \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p}_{m \text{ times}}$$

So  $|\mathbb{Z}/p \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A| < p^{m+k}$  with equality if  $p|d_i$  for all  $i$ . But if  $p|d_1$  then  $p|d_i$  for all  $i$ , and  $d_1 > 1$ , so there exists a prime  $p$  which divides all  $d_i$ . Hence:

$$k = \max_{p \text{ is prime}} \log_p(|\mathbb{Z}/p \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A|) - m$$

For a given prime  $p$ , define:

$$a_i = \log_p(|\mathbb{Z}/p^i \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A|) - mi$$

Then  $k - (a_{i+1} - a_i)$  is precisely number of  $d_i$  with exponent of  $p$  in prime factorization equal to  $i$ . But sequence of these exponents in  $d_i$  has to be non-decreasing, so it is uniquely determined of  $a_i$ . This holds for any prime  $p$ , so  $d_i$  are uniquely determined by  $A$ .

**Question 3.** Show that free R-modules are projective.

Let  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  be a basis for a free R-module  $P$ . Suppose  $f : N \rightarrow M$  is a surjective homomorphism and  $g : N \rightarrow M$  is a homomorphism.  $f$  is surjective, so let  $n_i$  be s.t.  $f(n_i) = g(p_i)$ . Now let  $h : P \rightarrow M$  be defined by  $h(r_i p_i) = r_i n_i$ . This is well defined, because  $P$  is free, and it's also a homomorphism. Moreover  $f \circ h(r_i p_i) = f(r_i n_i) = r_i g(p_i) = g(r_i p_i)$ , so  $g = f \circ h$ , so  $P$  is projective.

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**Question 4.** Show that if  $P$  is projective then  $\otimes P$  preserves injectivity of maps.

Let's first prove the following: For any  $R$ -modules  $M, N, Q$  we have

$$(M \oplus N) \otimes Q \cong (M \otimes Q) \oplus (N \otimes Q).$$

*Proof.* Consider the bilinear map  $f : (M \oplus N) \times Q \rightarrow (M \otimes Q) \oplus (N \otimes Q)$  given by  $f((m, n), q) = m \otimes q + n \otimes q$ . Then by the fundamental property of tensor products the corresponding map  $\phi : (M \oplus N) \otimes Q \rightarrow (M \otimes Q) \oplus (N \otimes Q)$  that sends  $(m, n) \otimes q$  to  $m \otimes q + n \otimes q$  is a well-defined module homomorphism.

We would now like to find its inverse. Consider the "obvious" maps  $\varphi_N, \varphi_M : M \otimes Q, N \otimes Q \rightarrow (M \oplus N) \otimes Q$ . Then the map  $\psi : (M \otimes Q) \oplus (N \otimes Q) \rightarrow (M \oplus N) \otimes Q$  given by  $(m \otimes q_m, n \otimes q_n) \mapsto \varphi_M(m \otimes q_m) + \varphi_N(n \otimes q_n)$  is a well-defined homomorphism since it's a sum of two homomorphisms. Now it remains to check that  $\psi$  is an inverse of  $\phi$  but this is a trivial check, so we are done  $\square$

Now let's show that taking a tensor product with a free module preserves the injectivity of maps. I will denote a free  $R$ -module by  $R^n$  but everything that follows work just as well for modules of infinite rank. Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be injective. Then we claim that  $f \otimes id : M \otimes R^k \rightarrow N \otimes R^k$  is injective. Suppose that  $f(m) \otimes (r_1, \dots, r_k) = f(m') \otimes (r'_1, \dots, r'_k)$ . We would like to show that this implies the equality of arguments. Since  $M \otimes R^k \cong M^k$  we can instead assume  $(r_1 f(m), \dots, r_k f(m)) = (r'_1 f(m'), \dots, r'_k f(m'))$ . But since  $f$  is a homomorphism we can move the  $r_i$  and  $r'_i$  inside the argument and use the injectivity of  $f$  to establish  $r_i m = r'_i m'$  which is exactly what we wanted, so we are done.  $\square$

One more step in the proof (which, in case it isn't apparent, was created by reading a lot of simpler facts on wikipedia, trying to prove these first and seeing if these lead to anything) : For any projective module  $P$  there exists a module  $Q$  s.t.  $P \oplus Q$  is free. Once again I will be assuming that  $P$  has a generating set of size  $n$  but  $n = \infty$  works the same.

Let  $P$  be generated by  $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ . Consider  $f : R^n \rightarrow P$  that sends the  $i$ -th basis element to  $p_i$ . This is clearly a surjective module homomorphism. Then by the defining property of projective modules, there exists a homomorphism  $h : P \rightarrow R^n$  s.t.  $f \circ h = id_P$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^n & & \\ \uparrow h & \searrow f & \\ P & \xrightarrow{id} & P \end{array}$$

Now clearly  $h$  is injective, because  $f \circ h$  has trivial kernel, so  $\text{Im}(h) \cong P$ . We claim that  $R^n \cong \text{im}(h) \oplus \ker(f)$  and the isomorphism between these is

$$\begin{aligned} (r_1, \dots, r_n) &\mapsto \left( h \left( \sum r_i p_i \right), h \left( \sum r_i p_i \right) - (r_1, \dots, r_n) \right) = \\ &= (h \circ f(r_i), h \circ f(r_i) - (r_i)). \end{aligned}$$

**First question :** Why is the second term in the kernel of  $f$ ?

Because applying  $f$  to both sides gives identity on first term and sth that cancels it on the second.

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**Bad question :** Is this a well-defined homomorphism? Yes.

It is also a bijection, because  $g : \text{Im}(h) \oplus \ker(f) \rightarrow R^n$  given by  $(a, b) \mapsto a - b$  is a homomorphism and is inverse to this map.  $\square$

Finally, let's put it together. Given a projective module  $P$  we can find  $Q$  s.t.  $P \oplus Q \cong R^n$ . Then given an injective map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  we get an injective map  $M \otimes R^n \rightarrow N \otimes R^n$ . Then using the distributivity of tensor product over direct sum (or the other way around) we see it's an injective homomorphism  $(M \otimes P) \oplus (M \otimes Q) \rightarrow (N \otimes P) \oplus (N \otimes Q)$  and, importantly, the homomorphism had the  $f \otimes \text{id}$  form on each of the summands. Now putting 0 in the  $\otimes Q$  entry this gives an injective homomorphism  $M \otimes P \rightarrow N \otimes P$ , which is what we wanted to show.

**Question 5.** Show that  $\text{Hom}_{S\text{-mod}}(S \otimes_R M, N) = \text{Hom}_{R\text{-mod}}(M, N_R)$ .

Consider a map  $\varphi : \text{Hom}(S \otimes_R M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N_R)$  defined by

$$\varphi(g)(m) = g(1 \otimes m)$$

It is clearly well defined. First let's note that it maps homomorphisms to homomorphisms since  $1 \otimes m + 1 \otimes n = 1 \otimes (m + n)$  and  $\varphi(g)(rm) = g(1 \otimes rm) = rg(1 \otimes m) = r\varphi(g)(m)$  where the  $r$  multiplication in the  $S$ -module  $N$  is defined by some homomorphism  $R \rightarrow S$  but it doesn't seem to matter how exactly it is defined. The map  $\varphi$  is also a module homomorphism, since the sum of homomorphisms and a homomorphism multiplied by any  $s$  is still a homomorphism. It remains to find an inverse to  $\varphi$  in order to prove it's an isomorphism. Consider  $\phi$  defined by  $\phi(h)(s \otimes m) = sh(m)$ . A similar check shows that it's well defined and a homomorphism. It also clearly is the inverse of  $\varphi$  so the two homomorphism sets are isomorphic as  $S$ -modules.

**Question 6.** Check why dividing by  $\{m \otimes m : m \in M\}$  implies that  $m_1 \otimes m_2 + m_2 \otimes m_1 = 0$  but the opposite doesn't hold in characteristic 2

**Question 7.** Assume  $M$  is free of rank  $n$ . What is  $\Lambda^i M$ ?

We will show that it is a free module of rank  $\binom{n}{k}$ . First note that  $M^{\otimes k} \cong R^{n^k}$  and it is spanned by the tensor products of free basis elements of each copy of  $M$ . So the  $k$ -th exterior power, by definition, is spanned by the images of these. Now note that any basis tensor with two equal basis elements at two different positions is mapped to 0 in the quotient (straightforward to check. We can use  $a \otimes b = -b \otimes a$  to move two equal elements closer to each other until we get  $m \otimes m = 0$ ).

Hence  $\Lambda^k M$  is spanned by the  $\binom{n}{k}$  basis elements not mapped to zero. So there is a surjective homomorphism  $R^{\binom{n}{k}} \rightarrow \Lambda^k M$ . We would like to show it's also injective. Let's assume a fact which we will show later, namely  $\Lambda^n M$  is a free module of rank 1 spanned by  $e_1 \otimes \dots \otimes e_n$ . Now assume that the kernel of our map is non-trivial i.e. there exist  $r_i$  s.t.  $\sum r_i(e_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{i_k}) = 0$  in the exterior power. Then the image of the tensor product of this element with any tensor product of  $n - k$  basis elements of  $M$  is zero in the  $n$ -th exterior power (by definition of an ideal). So we can pick products of basis elements such that

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after the tensor multiplication we are only left with  $\pm r_i (e_1 \otimes \dots \otimes e_n)$ . Then this has to be zero so  $r_i$  is zero for all  $i$  and so the kernel is trivial.

It remains to show that the  $\Lambda^n M$  is indeed a rank 1 free module. It is spanned by  $e_1 \otimes \dots \otimes e_n$  (that is its image under the quotient map) by the earlier observation so just need to check that it is non-zero.

Consider  $f : R^n \times \dots \times R^n \rightarrow R$  that sends  $(r_{11}, \dots, r_{1n}), \dots, (r_{n1}, \dots, r_{nn})$  to  $\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_i r_{i\sigma(i)}$ . This is a multilinear antisymmetric map, so it factors through the quotient defining exterior power, and  $f(e_1 \otimes \dots \otimes e_n) = 1 \neq 0$  so  $e_1 \otimes \dots \otimes e_n$  is indeed non-zero in the exterior power.

**Question 8.** Given  $f : M \rightarrow M$  a homomorphism of  $R$ -modules, write down two "interesting" maps

$$\Lambda^i M \rightarrow \Lambda^i M$$

induced by  $f$ . Interpret these maps when  $i = n$ .

Let  $g_1 : \Lambda^i M \rightarrow \Lambda^i M$  be defined by  $g_1(m_1 \otimes \dots \otimes m_i) = f(m_1) \otimes \dots \otimes f(m_i)$ . Let  $g_2 : \Lambda^i M \rightarrow \Lambda^i M$  be defined by  $g_2(m_1 \otimes \dots \otimes m_i) = f(m_1) \otimes \dots \otimes m_i + m_1 \otimes f(m_2) \otimes \dots \otimes m_i + \dots + m_1 \otimes m_2 \otimes \dots \otimes f(m_i)$ . They are well defined because they factor through the quotient defining the exterior algebra. If  $i = n$ , let  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  be the basis of  $M$ , and let  $f_{ij}$  be the  $j$ -th component of  $f(e_i)$  in this basis. The only basis vector for  $\Lambda^n M$  is  $e_1 \otimes e_2 \otimes \dots \otimes e_n$ :

$$g_1(Ce_1 \otimes e_2 \otimes \dots \otimes e_n) = Cf(e_1) \otimes (e_2) \otimes \dots \otimes f(e_n) = C(f_{1j}e_j) \otimes (f_{2j}e_j) \otimes \dots \otimes (f_{nj}e_j) = C \det(f_{ij}) e_1 \otimes e_2 \otimes \dots \otimes e_n$$

So  $g_1$  corresponds to multiplication by  $\det(f_{ij})$ . Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned} g_2(C(e_1 \otimes e_2 \otimes \dots \otimes e_n)) &= C(f(e_1) \otimes \dots \otimes e_n + e_1 \otimes f(e_2) \otimes \dots \otimes e_i + \dots + e_1 \otimes e_2 \otimes \dots \otimes f(e_n)) \\ &= C(e_{11} + e_{22} + \dots + e_{nn}) e_1 \otimes e_2 \otimes \dots \otimes e_n = C \text{Tr}(f_{ij}) e_1 \otimes e_2 \otimes \dots \otimes e_n \end{aligned}$$

So  $g_2$  corresponds to multiplication by  $\text{Tr}(f_{ij})$ .