

Definitions, results and examples

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1 Rings

2 Modules

Definition 1 (Projective module). P is projective if and only if for every surjective homomorphism $f : N \rightarrow M$ and every homomorphism $g : P \rightarrow M$, there exists a lifting $h : P \rightarrow N$ with the diagram commuting:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & N \\ & \nearrow h & \downarrow f \\ P & \xrightarrow{g} & M \end{array}$$

Proposition 1 (Characterizations of projective modules). The following are equivalent:

1. P is projective.
2. The SES $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0$ splits.
3. $\text{Hom}(P, -)$ is an exact functor.
4. P is the direct sum of free modules.

Definition 2 (Flat module). M is flat if and only if for every injective homomorphism $f : K \rightarrow L$, the map $f \otimes_R \text{id} : K \otimes_R M \rightarrow L \otimes_R M$ is injective, that is:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K & \Rightarrow & K \otimes_R M \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow f \otimes \text{id} \\ L & \Rightarrow & L \otimes_R M \end{array}$$

Proposition 2 (Characterizations of flat modules). The following are equivalent:

1. M is flat.
2. $\otimes_R M$ is an exact functor.

Definition 3 (Torsion-free module). M is torsion free if and only if its torsion submodule (the module with all the zero-divisors) is $\{0\}$:

Proposition 3. In general we have the following implications of modules

$$\text{Free} \Rightarrow \text{Projective} \Rightarrow \text{Flat} \Rightarrow \text{Torsion-free}$$

Example 1 (Counterexamples of implications). Some counterexamples

- Projective $\not\Rightarrow$ Free. $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ as $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ -module.
- Flat $\not\Rightarrow$ Projective. \mathbb{Q} as \mathbb{Z} -module.
- Torsion-free $\not\Rightarrow$ Flat. The ideal $I = (x, y)$ as $K[x, y]$ -module.

3 D-modules

4 F-modules

For all this section R is a commutative Noetherian ring with prime characteristic p .

Definition 4 (Frobenius endomorphism). homomorphism $f : R \rightarrow R$ where $f(r) = r^p$