

**HOMEWORK 9: SUPPORT & ASSOCIATED PRIMES**  
**DUE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST**

- 1) (From the discussion of 7.2) Given  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module, construct  $\mathcal{M} = \coprod_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R)} M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . This can be thought of as a copy of  $M$  lying over each  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R)$ .  $\text{Supp}(M)$  now marks the closed subset, by Proposition 25.2 (d), of points that matter in this construction:  $\mathcal{M} = \coprod_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}(M)} M_{\mathfrak{p}} \cup \coprod_{\mathfrak{p} \notin \text{Supp}(M)} 0$ .

Given  $m \in M$ , we get a map  $f_m : \text{Spec}(R) \rightarrow \mathcal{M} : \mathfrak{p} \mapsto \frac{m}{1} \in M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Show that this identifies  $M$  as a collection of sections of  $\pi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Spec}(R) : m \in M_{\mathfrak{p}} \mapsto \mathfrak{p}$ , i.e.  $\pi \circ f_m = \text{Id}_{\text{Spec}(R)}$ .

Additionally, show  $W^{-1}M$  represents partially defined sections, for those  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R)$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \cap W = \emptyset$ .

- 2) Verify the claim of Example 25.3; If we consider  $M = \oplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ , we can conclude that  $\text{Supp}(M) \neq V(\text{Ann}(M))$ . Show all of your assertions.
- 3) Consider  $M = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/\langle 2 \rangle$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Find the associated primes of  $M$ . Find 2 modules  $M_1, M_2$ , both isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $M_1 + M_2 = M$ . What does this tell you about  $\text{Ass}(M)$  vs.  $\text{Ass}(M_1) \cup \text{Ass}(M_2)$ ?
- 4) Consider the ring  $R = K[x, y, z]/\langle xz - y^2 \rangle$  and the prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} = \langle x, y \rangle$ . Let  $M = R/\mathfrak{p}^2$ . Compute  $\text{Ass}(M)$ , and find all  $m \in M$  for which  $\text{Ann}(m) = \mathfrak{p}$  for each  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(M)$ . Finally, find an ascending chain  $0 = M_0 \subseteq M_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq M_n = M$  such that  $M_i/M_{i-1} \cong R/\mathfrak{p}_i$  for some  $\mathfrak{p}_i \in \text{Ass}(M)$ .

- 5) If  $N, N' \subseteq M$ , show that

$$\text{Ass}(M/N \cap N') \subseteq \text{Ass}(M/N) \cup \text{Ass}(M/N')$$

- 6) If  $\varphi : R \rightarrow S$  is a ring homomorphism, and  $\mathfrak{q}$  is  $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary in  $S$ , is it true that  $\varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{q})$  is  $\varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{p})$ -primary? In the reverse direction? I.e. is  $\varphi(\mathfrak{q}) \cdot S$  primary?