

Problem 1.

- (i) Let $x, y \in \text{Tor}(M)$ and $r \in R$. We need to show that $rx + y \in \text{Tor}(M)$ in order to show that $\text{Tor}(M)$ is a submodule of M . Since both $x, y \in \text{Tor}(M)$, then there exists nonzero $r_x, r_y \in R$ such that $r_x x = 0$ and $r_y y = 0$. Now we show that $r_x r_y (rx + y) = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} r_x r_y (rx + y) &= r_x r_y r x + r_x r_y y \\ &= r_x r_y r x + r_x (r_y y) \\ &= r_x r_y r x \\ &= r_y r (r_x x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

And since both r_x and r_y are nonzero therefore $r_x r_y$ is nonzero as well. This proves that $rx + y \in \text{Tor}(M)$ and thus $\text{Tor}(M)$ is a submodule of M .

- (ii) Consider \mathbb{Z}_6 as a \mathbb{Z}_6 module. By definition we have:

$$\text{Tor}(\mathbb{Z}_6) = \{2, 3, 4\}$$

Which doesn't even form a group, let alone a submodule of M .

- (iii) Let $m \neq 0 \in M$, where M is a R -module. And let $r_1 r_2 = 0$ where $r_1, r_2 \in R$ and $r_1, r_2 \neq 0$. If $r_2 m = 0$ then we are done since $m \in \text{Tor}(M)$. Otherwise consider $(r_1 r_2)m = r_1(r_2 m) = 0$ Since $r_2 m \neq 0$ then $r_2 m \in \text{Tor}(M)$. This completes the proof.

Problem 2.

Let $x, y \in \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} N_k$ and $r \in R$. Therefore there exists $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x \in N_i$ and $y \in N_j$. WLOG we can assume $i \leq j$. Since $N_i \subseteq N_j$ therefore we have $x, y \in N_j$. Since N_j is a submodule of M then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} rx + y &\in N_j \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} N_k \\ \implies rx + y &\in \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} N_k \end{aligned}$$

Which shows that it is a submodule of M .

Problem 3.

Let M be an R -module, where scalar product is non-trivial. Now consider the $M \times M$ as a R -module. With componentwise addition and multiplication.

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \{(m, 0) | m \in M\} \\ M_2 &= \{(0, m) | m \in M\} \end{aligned}$$

M_1 and M_2 are both sub-modules of $M \times M$ since:

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x, y \in M_1, \forall r \in R : rx + y &= r(m_x, 0) + (m_y, 0) \\ &= (rm_x, 0) + (m_y, 0) \\ &= (rm_x + m_y, 0) \in M_1\end{aligned}$$

Last lines is a direct result of M being a R -module. Now consider $M_1 \cup M_2$. And $x \neq 0 \in M_1$, $y \neq 0 \in M_2$ and $r \in R$ such that $rx \neq 0$:

$$rx + y = r(m_x, 0) + (0, m_y) = (rm_x, m_y)$$

Since both $rm_x \neq 0$ and $m_y \neq 0$, then $(rm_x, m_y) \notin M_1 \cup M_2$. This shows that $M_1 \cup M_2$ is not a sub-module of $M \times M$.

Problem 4.

Again consider $M = \mathbb{Z}_6$ as a \mathbb{Z}_6 -module. And let $I = N = M$ We have $Tor_I(N) = \{2, 3, 4\}$ and $Ann_I(N) = \{0\}$ Thus $Tor_I(N) \neq Ann_I(N)$.

Problem 5.

(a) Let $r \in Ann_{\mathbb{Z}}(M)$. Then for any $(a, b, c) \in M$ we have $r(a, b, c) = (0, 0, 0)$. Let $a = 1_{\mathbb{Z}_{24}}, b = 1_{\mathbb{Z}_{15}}, c = 1_{\mathbb{Z}_{50}}$. Therefore we have:

$$r(a, b, c) = (r, r, r) = (0, 0, 0)$$

This shows that:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 24 \mid r \\ 15 \mid r \\ 50 \mid r \end{array} \right\} \implies 2^3 \times 3 \times 5^2 = 600 \mid r \implies r \in 600\mathbb{Z}$$

And since for any $r \in 600\mathbb{Z}$ we have:

$$600(a, b, c) = (600a, 600b, 600c) = (0, 0, 0)$$

Which implies $r \in Ann_{\mathbb{Z}}(M)$, then we have $Ann_{\mathbb{Z}}(M) = 600\mathbb{Z}$.

(b) If $(a, b, c) \in Ann_M(2\mathbb{Z})$ then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}2 \in 2\mathbb{Z} : 2(a, b, c) &= (2a, 2b, 2c) = (0, 0, 0) \\ \implies a &\in \{0, 12\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ b &\in \{0\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_1 \\ c &\in \{0, 25\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2\end{aligned}$$

This shows that $Ann_M(2\mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$. It is easy to see that for any $2i \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ it works.

Problem 6.

Let $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}_{30}, \mathbb{Z}_{21})$. Then φ is a group homomorphism from \mathbb{Z}_{30} to \mathbb{Z}_{21} . Let r be the generator of \mathbb{Z}_{30} having order 30. Then it must mapped to an element with order s where $s \mid 30$. And since $s \mid 21$ then we can only have $s = 1, 3$. If $s = 3$, there are only two elements with order 3 in \mathbb{Z}_{21} , namely 7 and 14. Also since $R = \mathbb{Z}$ then if φ is a homomorphism we have:

$$\varphi(rm) = \varphi(m + \cdots + m) = r\varphi(m)$$

Thus φ is also a module homomorphism. Therefore any module homomorphism from \mathbb{Z}_{30} to \mathbb{Z}_{21} is uniquely identified with $\varphi(1)$. And we have only 3 such homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(1) = 7 &\implies \varphi(m) = 7m \pmod{21} \\ \varphi(1) = 14 &\implies \varphi(m) = 14m \pmod{21} \\ \varphi(1) = 0 &\implies \varphi(m) = m \pmod{21}\end{aligned}$$

Which form a group of order 3, \mathbb{Z}_3 .

Now since any \mathbb{Z} -module homomorphism is uniquely identified with $\varphi(1)$, and we have:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Ord}_{\mathbb{Z}_n}(\varphi(1)) \mid n \\ \text{Ord}_{\mathbb{Z}_n}(\varphi(1)) \mid \text{Ord}_{\mathbb{Z}_m}(1) = m \end{aligned} \right\} \implies \text{Ord}_{\mathbb{Z}_n}(\varphi(1)) \mid (n, m)$$

We only need to show that homomorphisms that map 1 to a members with order r in \mathbb{Z}_n where $r \mid (n, m)$ form the group $\mathbb{Z}_{(m, n)}$. Let $\sigma \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}_m, \mathbb{Z}_n)$, where $\sigma(1) = s$ and $\text{Ord}(s) = (m, n)$. Now it is easy to see that $\sigma^r(1) = \sigma^{r-1}(s) = \cdots = s^r$. This shows that $\text{Ord}(\sigma) = \text{Ord}(s) = (m, n)$. On the otherhand the number of elements in \mathbb{Z}_n such as s where $\text{Ord}_{\mathbb{Z}_n}(s) \mid (n, m)$ is exactly (m, n) . This proves that σ generates the whole group and thus we have:

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}_m, \mathbb{Z}_n) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(m, n)}$$

Problem 7.

First we show that eM and $(1 - e)M$ is submodule of M :

$$\begin{aligned}x, y \in M &\implies ex, ey \in eM, r \in R \\ r(ex) + ey &= rex + ey = erx + ey = e(rx + y) \in eM\end{aligned}$$

Note that we used $re = er$ and also that since M is module then $rx + y \in M$. Similarly for $(1 - e)M$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned}r((1 - e)x) + (1 - e)y &= rx - rex + y - ey \\ &= rx + y - (erx - ey) \\ &= rx + y - e(rx - y) \in (1 - e)M\end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that since both eM and $(1-e)M$ are R module, so is $eM \oplus (1-e)M$. It remains to show an isomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi : M &\rightarrow eM \oplus (1-e)M \\
m &\mapsto (em, (1-e)m) \\
\varphi(m+m') &= (e(m+m'), (1-e)(m+m')) \\
&= (em, (1-e)m) + (em', (1-e)m') \\
&= \varphi(m) + \varphi(m'). \\
\varphi(rm) &= (erm, (1-e)rm) \\
&= (rem, (r-re)m) \\
&= (rem, r(1-e)m) \\
&= r(em, (1-e)m) = r\varphi(m).
\end{aligned}$$

This shows that φ is a homomorphism. Now to show that it is an isomorphism we have to show that it is both surjective and injective. Suppose $em + (1-e)m' \in eM \oplus (1-e)M$. For any $m, m' \in M$ we know $em + (1-e)m' \in M$. Thus we have:

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

Since $e^2 = e$:

$$= (em, (1-e)m')$$

This gives us that φ is surjective. For injective suppose $m, m' \in M$ where $m \neq m'$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(m) &= \varphi(m') \\
\implies (em, (1-e)m) &= (em', (1-e)m') \\
\implies em &= em', (1-e)m = (1-e)m' \\
\implies e(m-m') &= 0, (1-e)(m-m') = 0 \\
\implies e(m-m') + (1-e)(m-m') &= 0 \\
\implies m-m' &= 0 \implies m = m'
\end{aligned}$$

Which is a contradiction. This gives us that φ is bijective as well. Therefore φ is an isomorphism and thus we have:

$$M \cong eM \oplus (1-e)M$$

Problem 8.

- (i) Suppose that R/I is free module with basis $E \subseteq R/I$ and I is non-trivial. Let $r+I \in E$. And let $s_1, s_2 \in I$ such that $s_1 \neq s_2$ and $s_1r + I = s_2r + I$. This always exists since I is non-trivial. Since $r+I \in E$ then we must have: $s_1(r+I) \neq s_2(r+I)$. But we have:

$$s_1(r+I) = s_1r + I = s_2r + I = s_2(r+I)$$

Which is a contradiction. Thus R/I is not a free module.

- (ii) (\Leftarrow) If I is a principal ideal of R then we have $I = \langle a \rangle$ for some $a \in R$. Since I is an ideal of R then it's also a submodule of R . We show that $\{a\}$ is a basis for I over R . Any element in I is of the form ra for some $r \in R$. We have to show that this is unique. Since $\{a\}$ is linearly independent. Suppose there exists some $r_1 \neq r_2 \in R$ such that $r_1a = r_2a$:

$$r_1a = r_2a \implies ar_1 = ar_2 \implies a(r_1 - r_2) = 0$$

And since R is a integral domain then either $a = 0$ or $r_1 = r_2$. And since $a = 0$ makes a trivial ideal I then we have $r_1 = r_2$. Therefore I is a free module over R .

(\Rightarrow) If I is a free module over R with basis E . If E has more than 1 element such a and b , then we have:

$$ba + (-a)b \in R$$

Since R is integral domain then we have: $ba - ab = 0$. And since $a, b \in E$ then they are linearly independent. Which means that $b = -a = 0$. Which is a contradiction supposing a and b are different elements in E . This shows that E has exactly 1 element a . And each element in I can be expressed as ra for some $r \in R$. This shows that $I = \langle a \rangle$. And thus I is a principal ideal of R .

Problem 9.

We prove that it is a module homomorphism. Consider φ :

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : Hom_R(M_1 \times M_2, N) &\rightarrow Hom_R(M_1, N) \times Hom_R(M_2, N) \\ \sigma(-, -) &\mapsto (\sigma(-, 0), \sigma(0, -)) \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that both $\sigma(-, 0)$ and $\sigma(0, -)$ are homomorphism. It remains to show that φ is a homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\sigma + \delta)(a, b) &= ((\sigma + \delta)(a, 0), (\sigma + \delta)(0, b)) \\ &= (\sigma(a, 0) + \delta(a, 0), \sigma(0, b) + \delta(0, b)) \\ &= (\sigma(a, 0), \sigma(0, b)) + (\delta(a, 0), \delta(0, b)) \\ &= \varphi(\sigma)(a, b) + \varphi(\delta)(a, b) \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r\sigma)(a, b) &= (r\sigma(a, 0), r\sigma(0, b)) \\ &= r(\sigma(a, 0), \sigma(0, b)) \\ &= r\varphi(\sigma)(a, b) \end{aligned}$$

Thus φ is homomorphism. To show that it is an isomorphism we show that φ has an inverse.

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : Hom_R(M_1, N) \times Hom_R(M_2, N) &\rightarrow Hom_R(M_1 \times M_2, N) \\ (\sigma, \delta) &\mapsto \pi \end{aligned}$$

Where $\pi(a, b) = (\sigma(a), \delta(b))$. It is obvious that $\varphi^{-1} = \psi$. First we have to show that π is a homomorphism.

$$\begin{aligned}\pi((a_1, b_1) + (a_2, b_2)) &= \pi(a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2) \\ &= (\sigma(a_1 + a_2), \delta(b_1 + b_2)) \\ &= (\sigma(a_1) + \sigma(a_2), \delta(b_1) + \delta(b_2)) \\ &= (\sigma(a_1), \delta(b_1)) + (\sigma(a_2), \delta(b_2)) \\ &= \pi(a_1, b_1) + \pi(a_2, b_2).\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(r(a_1, b_1)) &= \pi((ra_1, rb_1)) \\ &= (\sigma(ra_1), \delta(rb_1)) \\ &= (r\sigma(a_1), r\delta(b_1)) \\ &= r(\sigma(a_1), \delta(b_1)) \\ &= r\pi(a_1, b_1).\end{aligned}$$

This shows that π is a homomorphism. Now to show that ψ is homomorphism.

$$\begin{aligned}\psi((\sigma_1, \delta_1) + (\sigma_2, \delta_2))(a, b) &= \psi(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2, \delta_1 + \delta_2)(a, b) \\ &= ((\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)(a), (\delta_1 + \delta_2)(b)) \\ &= (\sigma_1(a) + \sigma_2(a), \delta_1(b) + \delta_2(b)) \\ &= (\sigma_1(a), \delta_1(b)) + (\sigma_2(a), \delta_2(b)) \\ &= \psi(\sigma_1, \delta_1)(a, b) + \psi(\sigma_2, \delta_2)(a, b)\end{aligned}$$

Also:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(r(\sigma, \delta))(a, b) &= \psi(r\sigma, r\delta)(a, b) \\ &= (r\sigma(a), r\delta(b)) \\ &= r(\sigma(a), \delta(b)) \\ &= r\psi(\sigma, \delta)(a, b)\end{aligned}$$

This shows that ψ is a homomorphism. And since it is the inverse of φ , therefore φ is an module isomorphism. Thus we have:

$$Hom_R(M_1 \times M_2, N) \cong_R Hom_R(M_1, N) \times Hom_R(M_2, N)$$

The second part is really similar and quite long.

Problem 10.

(i) Let $\psi_1(a_1, a_2, \dots) = (a_1, 0, a_2, 0, \dots)$, and $\psi_2(a_1, a_2, \dots) = (0, a_1, 0, a_2, \dots)$. Now we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_1\psi_1(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) &= \varphi_1(a_1, 0, a_2, 0, \dots) = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) \\ &\implies \varphi_1 \circ \psi_1 = 1\end{aligned}$$

Similarly $\varphi_2\psi_2 = 1$. And also:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_2\psi_1(a_1, a_2, \dots) &= \varphi_2(a_1, 0, a_2, \dots) = (0, 0, 0, \dots) \\ \implies \varphi_2 \circ \psi_1 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

And similarly we $\varphi_1\psi_2 = 0$. And also:

$$\begin{aligned}(\psi_1\varphi_1 + \psi_2\varphi_2)(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots) &= \psi_1(a_0, a_2, a_4, \dots) + \psi_2(a_1, a_3, a_5, \dots) \\ &= (a_0, 0, a_2, 0, a_4, \dots) + (0, a_1, 0, a_3, 0, \dots) \\ &= (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots)\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have $\psi_1\varphi_1 + \psi_2\varphi_2 = 1$. With this we can generate any element in R . Consider $\sigma \in R$:

$$\sigma = \sigma(\psi_1\varphi_1 + \psi_2\varphi_2) = (\sigma\psi_1)\varphi_1 + (\sigma\psi_2)\varphi_2$$

To show that this representation is unique suppose that $\sigma_1\varphi_1 + \sigma_2\varphi_2 = \delta_1\varphi_1 + \delta_2\varphi_2$, then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1\varphi_1\psi_1 + \sigma_2\varphi_2\psi_1 &= \delta_1\varphi_1\psi_1 + \delta_2\varphi_2\psi_1 \\ \implies \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2(0) &= \delta_1(1) = \delta_2(0) \implies \sigma_1 = \delta_1\end{aligned}$$

Similarly with ψ_2 we can conclude that $\sigma_2 = \delta_2$. Which proves the uniqueness of representation. And since for $0\varphi_1 + 0\varphi_2 = 0$, the uniqueness of representation shows that if for some $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in R$ we have $\sigma_1\varphi_1 + \sigma_2\varphi_2 = 0$ then $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0$. Which proves that φ_1 and φ_2 are linearly independent. This proves that $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\}$ is a basis for R .

(ii) Let us define a homomorphism from $R \times R$ to R :

$$\begin{aligned}\phi : R \times R &\rightarrow R \\ (f, g) &\mapsto f\varphi_1 + g\varphi_2\end{aligned}$$

Since φ_1, φ_2 form a basis, thus ϕ is both injective and surjective. Checking the homomorphism is easy:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi((f_1, g_1) + (f_2, g_2)) &= \phi(f_1 + f_2, g_1 + g_2) \\ &= (f_1 + f_2)\varphi_1 + (g_1 + g_2)\varphi_2 \\ &= f_1\varphi_1 + g_1\varphi_2 + f_2\varphi_1 + g_2\varphi_2 \\ &= \phi(f_1, g_1) + \phi(f_2, g_2)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore ϕ is a homomorphism. This proves that $R \times R \cong R$. And by induction we can see that $R^n \cong R$.

Problem 11.

Problem 12.

Problem 13.

(i) (\Rightarrow) Suppose that M is irreducible. We know by definition $M \neq 0$. Taking some nonzero $m \in M$, we see that Rm is a nonzero submodule of M , and so $Rm = M$. This proves that M is generated by any nonzero element.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose M is a cyclic R -module with generator $a \neq 0$. Then if $I \subseteq R$ is an ideal of R , then $Ia \subseteq Ra = M$ is a proper submodule of M . I think for this statement to hold, we need to have that M is cyclic if for any element $m \in M$, we have $M = Rm$. Then see that for some submodule $N \subseteq M$, take $b \in N$, then $M = Rb \subseteq N$. Which shows that $N = M$, and thus M is irreducible.

For all irreducible \mathbb{Z} -modules we have all $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ as \mathbb{Z} -modules. Which is easy to see that they are irreducible since they are all cyclic and don't have any subgroup.

(ii) Take $R = \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$. It is easy to see that R is a cyclic R -submodule, since its generated with 1. And we know that $\langle x, y \rangle$ is an ideal of R which can't be generated with only 1 element. Thus is not cyclic.

(iii) Let N be a submodule of M , a cyclic R -module generated with $a \neq 0$. Then $N = (r_i a)_{i \in J}$ for some index set J . Now suppose $i, j \in J$ and $r \in R$, since N is a submodule, then we have that $r_i a + rr_j a = (r_i + rr_j)a \in N$. Therefore $r_i + rr_j = r_k$ for some $k \in J$. Which is describing an ideal of R . Now if we have some $r_i a = 0$ and $r_j a = 0$, then it is easy to see that for any $r \in R$, $rr_i a + rr_j a = 0$. which implies that $(rr_i + rr_j)a = 0$. Therefore all coefficients of a such that their product is 0, form another ideal. This proves that we can write $N = \frac{I}{K}a$ for some $K \subseteq I \subseteq R$ ideals of R .

Problem 14.

(i) Let $r_1, r_2 \in (M_1 : M_2)$ and $r \in R$ and $m \in M_2$. Then an element of $(rr_1 - r_2)M_2$ is of the form $(rr_1 - r_2)m$. Since $r_1 m \in M_1$ and $r_2 m \in M_1$. And also since $r_1 m \in M_1$, then $rr_1 m \in M_1$. And therefore $(rr_1 - r_2)m \in M_1$. This shows that $rr_1 - r_2 \in (M_1 : M_2)$, Which shows that it is an ideal of R .

Since for any $r \in (M_1 : M_2)$ and any $m_1 \in M_1$ and $m_2 \in M_2$ we have that $r(m_1 + m_2) + M_1 = M_1$, then we have $(M_1 : M_2) \subseteq \text{Ann}(\frac{M_1 + M_2}{M_1})$. Now take $r \in \text{Ann}(\frac{M_1 + M_2}{M_1})$. Then we have that for any $m_2 \in M$ and $0 \in M_1$, we have that $r(0 + m_2) + M_1 = M_1$, which implies that $rm_2 \in M_1$. Which shows that $r \in (M_1 : M_2)$. This shows that $(M_1 : M_2) = \text{Ann}(\frac{M_1 + M_2}{M_1})$.

(ii) To show that $I \subseteq (I : J)$, let $r \in I$, and $j \in J$, we have:

$$rj = jr \in I$$

This proves that $I \subseteq (I : j)$.

As for the isomorphism we describe two homomorphisms that are inverse of each other:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi : \frac{(I : j)}{I} &\rightarrow \text{Hom}_R\left(\frac{R}{J}, \frac{R}{I}\right) \\ k + I &\mapsto \varphi_k\end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_k : \frac{R}{J} &\rightarrow \frac{R}{I} \\ r + J &\mapsto kr + I\end{aligned}$$

And also

$$\begin{aligned}\psi : \text{Hom}_R\left(\frac{R}{J}, \frac{R}{I}\right) &\rightarrow \frac{(I : J)}{I} \\ \varphi &\mapsto \varphi(1)\end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that $\phi \circ \psi = 1 = \psi \circ \phi$. Thus this is an isomorphism.

Problem 15.

- (i) Suppose \mathbb{Q} is finitely generated, by $\{\frac{a_1}{b_1}, \dots, \frac{a_m}{b_m}\}$. Then for any element in $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ there exists $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $r_1 \frac{a_1}{b_1} + \dots + r_m \frac{a_m}{b_m} = q$. It is easy to see that if q is of the form $\frac{r}{s}$ where s is some number such that $(s, b_i) = 1$ for any $1 \leq i \leq m$, then it is not possible. Thus \mathbb{Q} is not finitely generated.

If \mathbb{Q} is a free \mathbb{Z} -module then it has a basis (infinite) $\{\frac{a_1}{b_1}, \frac{a_2}{b_2}, \dots\}$. But it is easy to see that $a_2 b_1 \frac{a_1}{b_1} + (-a_1) b_2 \frac{a_2}{b_2} = 0$, and since $a_2 b_1 \neq 0$ and $-a_1 b_2 \neq 0$ then it is not a basis, and thus \mathbb{Q} is not free.

- (ii) Suppose $rm = 0$. And let $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ be a basis for M (It can be finite as well). Thus there exists $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \in R$, where $m = r_1 a_1 + \dots + r_n a_n$. Thus we have:

$$rm = rr_1 a_1 + \dots + rr_n a_n = 0$$

Since a_1, \dots, a_n are in basis, then all $rr_i = 0$ for all i . If $r = 0$ then we are done. Otherwise for all i , $rr_i = 0$, and since R doesn't have any zero-divisors, then $r_i = 0$ for all i . This means that $m = 0$.

Problem 16.

Problem 17.

Problem 18.

- (i) Let $\phi : I \cap J \rightarrow I \oplus J$, where $\phi(i) = (i, -i)$. And $\psi : I \oplus J \rightarrow I + J$, where $\psi(i, j) = i + j$. Then it is easy to see that ϕ is 1-1 and ψ is onto. And also $Im(\phi) = ker(\psi)$ since we have:

$$\begin{aligned}(i, j) \in Ker(\psi) &\implies \psi(i, j) = i + j = 0 \implies j = -i \implies (i, j) = (i, -i) = \phi(i) \\ i \in Im(\phi) &\implies \phi(i) = (i, -i) \implies \psi(i, -i) = 0 \implies (i, -i) \in Ker(\psi)\end{aligned}$$

Thus the sequence is exact.

(ii)