

## Lecture 25: Basics of linear maps.

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Recall:  $R$ -linear maps  $M \rightarrow N$  are maps which send  $rm_1 + m_2$  to  $r\varphi(m_1) + \varphi(m_2)$   
 $\forall r \in R, m_1, m_2 \in M$ .  $\rightarrow$

- $\ker(\varphi)$  &  $\text{Im}(\varphi)$  are submod of  $M$  and  $N$  resp.
- $N \subseteq M$   $R$ -modules then  $q: M \rightarrow M/N$  is  $R$ -lin
- Intersection of  $R$ -submod of an  $R$ -mod is an  $R$ -submod
- $N_1, N_2$   $R$ -submod of  $M$  then  $N_1 + N_2 = \{n_1 + n_2 \mid n_1 \in N_1 \& n_2 \in N_2\}$  is an  $R$ -submod of  $M$ .

- First isom thm  
 $M \xrightarrow{\varphi} N$   $R$ -lin then  $M/\ker \varphi \cong \varphi(M)$
- Second isom thm  $N_1, N_2 \subseteq M$   $R$ -submod of  $M$  then  
 $N_1 + N_2 / N_2 \cong N_1 / N_1 \cap N_2$
- Third isom thm:  $K \subseteq N \subseteq M$  be  $R$ -modules then  
 $(M/K) / (N/K) \cong M/N$

### ⊛ Basics of linear maps

1) Let  $M, N$  be  $R$ -modules &  $\varphi, \psi: M \rightarrow N$  be  $R$ -lin maps  
 then (a)  $\varphi + \psi: M \rightarrow N$  is an  $R$ -lin map.

$$(\varphi + \psi)(m) = \varphi(m) + \psi(m)$$

(b) For  $r \in R$   $r\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is an  $R$ -lin map  
 $m \mapsto r\varphi(m)$

2) Let  $M, N, K$  be  $R$ -mod  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  &  $\psi: N \rightarrow K$  be  
 $R$ -lin map then  $M \xrightarrow{\psi \circ \varphi} K$  is  $R$ -lin.

Pf: Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  &  $m_1, m_2 \in M$

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad (\varphi + \psi)(\alpha m_1 + m_2) &= \varphi(\alpha m_1 + m_2) + \psi(\alpha m_1 + m_2) \\ &= \alpha \varphi(m_1) + \varphi(m_2) + \alpha \psi(m_1) + \psi(m_2) \\ &= \alpha (\varphi(m_1) + \psi(m_1)) \\ &\quad + \varphi(m_2) + \psi(m_2) \\ &= \alpha (\varphi + \psi)(m_1) + (\varphi + \psi)(m_2) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\varphi + \psi$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -lin

$$\begin{aligned} b) \quad \alpha' \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \\ (\alpha \varphi)(\alpha' m_1 + m_2) &= \alpha \cdot \varphi(\alpha' m_1 + m_2) \\ &= \alpha \alpha' \varphi(m_1) + \alpha \varphi(m_2) \\ &= \alpha' (\alpha \varphi)(m_1) + (\alpha \varphi)(m_2) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha \varphi$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear.

(2) Let  $m_1, m_2 \in M$  &  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \circ \varphi(\alpha m_1 + m_2) &= \psi(\alpha \varphi(m_1) + \varphi(m_2)) \\ &= \alpha \psi(\varphi(m_1)) + \psi(\varphi(m_2)) \\ &= \alpha \psi \circ \varphi(m_1) + \psi \circ \varphi(m_2) \end{aligned}$$

So  $\psi \circ \varphi$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear.

Cor:  $M, N$   $R$ -modules. Let  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  be the set of  $R$ -lin maps from  $M$  to  $N$ . Then  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  with addition of lin maps and scalar mult defined in ① is an  $R$ -mod.

Pf: Additive identity of  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$

$$0: M \rightarrow N \quad \forall m \in M \quad \text{the zero map} \\ m \mapsto 0$$

$\varphi$   $R$ -lin then  $-\varphi = -1 \cdot \varphi$  is also  $R$ -lin and  $\varphi + (-\varphi) = 0$ . So  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  is an abelian group.

•  $r_1, r_2 \in R$  &  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$

check:  $(r_1 + r_2)\varphi \stackrel{?}{=} r_1\varphi + r_2\varphi$

Let  $m \in M$

$$\begin{aligned} ((r_1 + r_2)\varphi)(m) &= (r_1 + r_2) \cdot \varphi(m) \\ &= r_1\varphi(m) + r_2\varphi(m) \\ &= (r_1\varphi)(m) + (r_2\varphi)(m) \end{aligned}$$

•  $(r_1 r_2)\varphi = r_1(r_2\varphi)$  for  $r_1, r_2 \in R$  &  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$

•  $r(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2) = r\varphi_1 + r\varphi_2$   $\forall r \in R$  &  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$

Cor:  $\text{End}_R(M)$  is a ring where  $M$  is an  $R$ -module.

Here  $\text{End}_R(M) \doteq \text{Hom}_R(M, M)$  and addition is as in ① & multiplication is composition.

Pf: Exc

⑩ Free modules

Example:  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  &  $M = \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$  is an  $R$ -module.

$\{[1]_5\} \subseteq M$  is a gen set of  $M$ .

$$5[1]_5 = 0_M = [0]_5, \text{ but } \underset{\neq 0}{5} \in R.$$

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -mod. Let  $S \subseteq M$  be a subset of  $M$ . The  $R$ -submod of  $M$  gen by  $S$  is the smallest  $R$ -submod of  $M$  containing  $S$ . This is denoted by  $\langle S \rangle$ .

We say  $S$  is a gen set of  $M$  if

$$\langle S \rangle = M.$$

- An  $R$ -mod  $M$  is said to be f.g. if  $M$  is gen by a finite subset.
- An  $R$ -mod is called cyclic if it is gen by one element.

Prop: Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -mod and  $S$  be a subset of  $M$ . Then

$$\langle S \rangle = \left\{ \underbrace{r_1 m_1 + r_2 m_2 + \dots + r_n m_n}_N \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{where } n \geq 1, \\ m_i \in S \text{ \& } \\ r_i \in R \ 1 \leq i \leq n \end{array} \right\}$$

Pf: Let  $N$  be the RHS.

Note that  $S \subseteq N$ .

Let  $x, y \in N$  then

$$x = r_1 m_1 + r_2 m_2 + \dots + r_n m_n \quad \text{for some } r_i \in R \text{ \& } m_i \in S$$

$$\text{\& } x \in R \quad y = r'_1 m'_1 + r'_2 m'_2 + \dots + r'_n m'_n \quad \text{for some } r'_i \in R \text{ \& } m'_i \in S$$

$$rx + y = r r_1 m_1 + r r_2 m_2 + \dots + r r_n m_n + r'_1 m'_1 + r'_2 m'_2 + \dots + r'_n m'_n$$

$\in N$

Hence  $\langle S \rangle \subseteq N$ .

Also if  $m_1, \dots, m_n \in S$  then  $r_1 m_1 + \dots + r_n m_n \in \langle S \rangle$   
 if  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$  since  $\langle S \rangle$  is an  $R$ -submod of  $M$ . Hence  $N \subseteq \langle S \rangle$ . □

Free modules: A subset  $S$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a basis of  $M$  if  $S$  is a linearly independent gen set.

i.e. if  $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i m_i = 0$  for some  $n \geq 1$ ,  $m_i \in S$   $1 \leq i \leq n$   
 $\& r_i \in R$   $1 \leq i \leq n$

then  $r_i = 0$   $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$ .

An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a free module if it has a basis.

Eg: 1)  $R = k[x, y]$   $k$  is a field. Give an example of a free  $R$ -module. Here  $R$  is a free.

$R^n$  where scalar multiplication is component-wise is a free  $R$ -module  $\forall n \geq 1$ .

2)  $R$  any ring then  $R^n$  is a free  $R$ -mod.

⑩ Every f.g. free  $R$ -mod is isomorphic to  $R^n$  for some  $n$ .

Pf: Let  $M$  be a f.g. free  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  has basis  $S$  containing  $n$  element for some  $n \geq 1$ .  
 $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

$\varphi: R^n \longrightarrow M$   $\varphi$  is a well-defined.  
 $(r_1, \dots, r_n) \longmapsto \sum_{i=1}^n r_i x_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\underline{r} + \underline{r}') &= \sum_{i=1}^n (r_i + r'_i) x_i & \text{where } \underline{r} &= (r_1, \dots, r_n) \\ & & \underline{r}' &= (r'_1, \dots, r'_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n r_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n r'_i x_i \\ &= \varphi(\underline{r}) + \varphi(\underline{r}') \end{aligned}$$

check for  $a \in R$  &  $\underline{r} \in R^n$

$$\varphi(a \underline{r}) = a \varphi(\underline{r})$$

So  $\varphi$  is  $R$ -lin and  $\ker(\varphi) = \{ \underline{r} \mid \sum_{i=1}^n r_i x_i = 0 \}$   
 $= \{ \underline{0} \}$  ( $\because \{x_i\}$  is a basis)

&  $\varphi$  is surj, since  $S$  is a gen set.