

Throughout, all rings are assumed to be *associative rings with a one*, modules are assumed to be *left* modules and finitely generated.

EXERCISE 1.

Let $G := C_2 \times C_2$ be the Klein-four group and let $K = \overline{K}$ be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 2.

- (i) Prove that $KG \cong K[X, Y]/(X^2, Y^2)$ as K -algebras.

(Note: $K[X, Y]$ stands for the commutative polynomial K -algebra in the variables X and Y , i.e. $XY = YX$ in $K[X, Y]$.)

- (ii) Compute $J(K[X, Y]/(X^2, Y^2))$, $|\text{Irr}(K[X, Y]/(X^2, Y^2))|$, and describe all simple KG -modules.
[Hint: Do not forget that you can consider K -dimensions!]

EXERCISE 2.

Let K be a field and let $A \neq 0$ be a finite-dimensional K -algebra. The aim of this exercise is to prove that $J(A)$ is the unique maximal nilpotent left ideal of A and $J(Z(A)) = J(A) \cap Z(A)$.

Proceed as follows:

- (a) Prove that there exists $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that $J(A)^n = J(A)^{n+1}$.

[Hint: consider dimensions.]

- (b) Apply Nakayama's Lemma to deduce that $J(A)^n = 0$ and conclude that $J(A)$ is nilpotent.

- (c) Prove that if I is an arbitrary nilpotent left ideal of A , then $I \subseteq J(A)$.

[Hint: here you should see $J(A)$ as the intersection of the annihilators of the simple A -modules.]

- (d) Use the nilpotency of the Jacobson radical to prove that $J(Z(A)) = J(A) \cap Z(A)$.

EXERCISE 3.

The aim of this exercise is to prove that if K is a field of positive characteristic p and G is a p -group, then $I(KG) = J(KG)$. Proceed as indicated below.

- (a) Recall that an ideal I of a ring R is called a **nil ideal** if each element of I is nilpotent. Accept the following result: if I is a nil left ideal in a left Artinian ring R then I is nilpotent.

- (b) Prove that $g - 1$ is a nilpotent element for each $g \in G \setminus \{1\}$ and deduce that $I(KG)$ is a nil ideal of KG .

- (c) Deduce from (a) and (b) that $I(KG) \subseteq J(KG)$ using Exercise 2.

- (d) Conclude that $I(KG) = J(KG)$ using Proposition-Definition 10.7.

EXERCISE 4 (Proof of the Converse of Maschke's Theorem for K a splitting field for KG).
 Assume K is a field of positive characteristic p with $p \mid |G|$ and is a splitting field for KG . Set $T := \langle \sum_{g \in G} g \rangle_K$.

- (a) Prove that we have a series of KG -submodules given by $KG^\circ \supseteq I(KG) \supseteq T \supsetneq 0$.
- (b) Deduce that KG° has at least two composition factors isomorphic to the trivial module.
- (c) Deduce that KG is not a semisimple K -algebra using Theorem 8.2.

EXERCISE 5.

Let \mathcal{O} be a local commutative ring with unique maximal ideal $\mathfrak{p} := J(\mathcal{O})$ and residue field $k := \mathcal{O}/J(\mathcal{O})$.

- (a) Let M, N be finitely generated free \mathcal{O} -modules.
 - (i) Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be an \mathcal{O} -linear map and $\bar{f} : \bar{M} \rightarrow \bar{N}$ be its reduction modulo \mathfrak{p} .
 Prove that if \bar{f} is surjective (resp. an isomorphism), then f is surjective (resp. an isomorphism).
 - (ii) Prove that if elements $x_1, \dots, x_n \in M$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$) are such that their images $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n \in \bar{M}$ form a k -basis of \bar{M} , then $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is an \mathcal{O} -basis of M .
 In particular, $\dim_k(\bar{M}) = \text{rk}_{\mathcal{O}}(M)$.

[Hint: Use Nakayama's Lemma.]

- (b) Any direct summand of a finitely generated free \mathcal{O} -module is free.
- (c) Prove that if M is a finitely generated \mathcal{O} -module, then the following conditions are equivalent:
 - (i) M is projective;
 - (ii) M is free.

EXERCISE 6.

Let (F, \mathcal{O}, k) be a p -modular system and set $\mathfrak{p} := J(\mathcal{O})$.

- (a) Given an $\mathcal{O}G$ -lattice L , verify that:
 - setting $L^F := F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} L$ defines an FG -module, and
 - reduction modulo \mathfrak{p} of L , i.e. $\bar{L} := L/\mathfrak{p}L \cong k \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} L$, defines a kG -module.
- (b) Let V be a finitely generated FG -module and let $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be an F -basis of V . Prove that $L := \mathcal{O}Gv_1 + \dots + \mathcal{O}Gv_n \subseteq V$ is an \mathcal{O} -form of V .

EXERCISE 7.

Let (F, \mathcal{O}, k) be a p -modular system. Prove the following assertions.

- (a) If $K \in \{F, \mathcal{O}, k\}$ and M is a finitely generated KG -lattice, then Tr_M is a KG -homomorphism and $\text{Tr}_M \circ \theta_{M,M}^{-1}$ coincides with the ordinary trace of matrices.
- (b) If M is a kG -module, then:
 - (i) $M \mid M \otimes_k M^* \otimes_k M$, and
 - (ii) $M \oplus M \mid M \otimes_k M^* \otimes_k M$ provided $\text{char}(k) \mid \dim_k(M)$. [This is more challenging!]