

presentations

## definition

Let  $A$  be a ring and  $M$  a module over  $A$ . A presentation of  $M$  is an exact sequence

$$R \rightarrow P \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \tag{1}$$

where  $R$  and  $P$  are free modules over  $A$ .

A presentation

$$R \rightarrow P \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \quad (2)$$

corresponds to sets of generators and relations. The image in  $M$  of a basis

$$x_i \in P$$

for  $P$  as a free module over  $A$  is a generating set for  $M$  as an  $A$ -module.

The image in  $P$  of a basis

$$r_i \in R$$

for  $R$  as an  $A$ -module corresponds to relations among the generators.

## Question

Let  $A = \mathbb{Z}[t]$ . Let  $I = (p, t)$ , where  $p$  is a prime. Find a presentation of  $I$ .

