Homework 7

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1 Problem 1

1.1 Part 1

In order for IS to be a submodule of A, we need to show the following implication:

$$x \in IS,\ a \in A \implies xa, ax \in IS.$$

Suppose $x \in IS$. Then by definition, $x = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i a_i$ for some $r_i \in R, a_i \in A$.

But then

$$\begin{aligned} xa &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i a_i \right) a \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n r_i a_i a \\ &:= \sum_{i=1}^n r_i a_i', \end{aligned}$$

where $a_i' := a_i a$ for each i, which is still an element of A since A itself is a module and thus closed under multiplication.

But this expresses xa as an element of IS. Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
ax &= a\left(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i a_i\right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n a r_i a_i a \\
&:= \sum_{i=1}^n r_i a a_i, \\
&:= \sum_{i=1}^n r_i a_i',
\end{aligned}$$

and so $ax \in IS$ as well.

1.2 Part 2

Letting $R/I \curvearrowright A/IA$ be the action given by $r + I \curvearrowright +IA := ra + IA$, we need to show the following:

- $r.(x+y) = r.x + r.y$,
- $(r+r').x = r.x + r'.x$,
- $(rs).x = r.(s.x)$, and
- $1.x = x$.

Letting $\oplus$ denote the addition defined on cosets, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
r \curvearrowright (x + IA \oplus y + IA) &:= r \curvearrowright x + y + IA \\
&:= r(x+y) + IA \\
&= rx + ry + IA \\
&:= rx + IA \oplus ry + IA \\
&:= (r \curvearrowright x + IA) \oplus (r \curvearrowright y + IA).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(r+s) \curvearrowright x + IA &:= (r+s)x + IA \\
&:= rx + sx + IA \\
&:= rx + IA \oplus sx + IA \\
&:= (rs \curvearrowright IA) \oplus (sx \curvearrowright IA).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(rs) \curvearrowright x + IA &\coloneqq rsx + IA \\ &= r(sx) + IA \\ &\coloneqq r \curvearrowright (sx + IA) \\ &= r \curvearrowright (s \curvearrowright x + IA).\end{aligned}$$

$$1 \curvearrowright x + IA \coloneqq 1x + IA = x + IA.$$

2 Problem 2

2.1 Part 1

We want to show that every simple R-module M is cyclic, i.e. if the only ideals of M are (0) and M itself, that $M = \langle m \rangle$ for some element $m \in M$.

Towards a contradiction, let M be a simple R-module and suppose M is not cyclic, so $M \neq \langle m \rangle$ for any $m \in M$. But then let $a \in M$ be an arbitrary nontrivial element; then (a) is a non-empty ideal (since it contains a), so $(a) \neq 0$. Since M is simple, we must have $(a) = M$, a contradiction.

2.2 Part 2

Let $\phi : A \to A$ be a module endomorphism on a simple module A. Then $\mathrm{im}\, \phi \coloneqq \phi(A)$ is a submodule of A. Since A is simple, we have either $\mathrm{im}\, \phi = 0$, in which case ϕ is the zero map, or $\mathrm{im}\, \phi = A$, so ϕ is surjective. In this case, we can also consider $\ker \phi$, which is a submodule of A. Since A is simple, we can again only have $\ker \phi = A$, which can not happen if ϕ is not the zero map, or $\ker \phi = 0$, in which case ϕ is both a surjective and an injective map and thus an isomorphism of modules.

3 Problem 3

3.1 Part 1

We want to show that if A, B are R-modules then $X = (\hom_{R\text{-mod}}(A, B), +$ is an abelian group. Let $f, g, h \in X$, we then need to show the following:

a. Closure: $f + g \in X$
b. Associativity: $f + (g + h) = (f + g) + h$
c. Identity: $\mathrm{id} \in X$
d. Inverses: $f^{-1} \in X$
e. Commutativity: $f + g = g + f$

Closure: This follows from the definition, because $(f + g) \curvearrowright x \coloneqq f(x) + g(x)$ pointwise, which is well-defined homomorphism $A \to B$.

Associativity: We have

$$\begin{aligned}
f + (g + h) \curvearrowright x &\coloneqq f(x) + (g + h)(x) \\
&\coloneqq f(x) + (g(x) + h(x)) \\
&= (f(x) + g(x)) + h(x) \\
&= (f + g) + h \curvearrowright x.
\end{aligned}$$

Identity: We can define $\mathbf{0} : A \to B$ by $\mathbf{0}(x) = 0 \in B$. Then

$$(f + \mathbf{0}) \curvearrowright x = f(x) + 0 = f(x) = 0 + f(x) = (\mathbf{0} + f) \curvearrowright x.$$

Inverses: Given $f \in X$, we can define $-f : A \to B$ as $-f(x) = -x$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(f + -f) \curvearrowright x = f(x) + -f(x) = f(x) - f(x) = x - x = 0 = \mathbf{0} \curvearrowright x \\
(-f + f) \curvearrowright x = -f(x) + f(x) = -f(x) + f(x) = -x + x = 0 = \mathbf{0} \curvearrowright x.
\end{aligned}$$

Commutativity: Since B is a module, by definition $(B, +)$ is an abelian group. Thus

$$(f + g) \curvearrowright x = f(x) + g(x) = g(x) + f(x) = (g + f) \curvearrowright x.$$

3.2 Part 2

By part 1, $(\hom_{R\text{-mod}}(A, A), +)$ is an abelian group, We just need to check that $(\hom_R(A, A), \circ)$ is a monoid, i.e.:

- Associativity: $f \circ (g \circ h) = (f \circ g) \circ h$
- Identity: $\mathrm{id} \circ f = f$
- Closure: $f \circ g \in \hom_{R\text{-mod}}(A, A)$

Associativity: We have

$$\begin{aligned}
f \circ (g \circ h) \curvearrowright x &\coloneqq (f \circ (g \circ h))(x) \\
&= f((g \circ h)(x)) \\
&= f(g(h(x))) \\
&= (f \circ g)(h(x)) \\
&= ((f \circ g) \circ h)(x) \\
&\coloneqq (f \circ g) \circ h \curvearrowright x.
\end{aligned}$$

Identity: Take $\mathrm{id}_A : A \to A$ given by $\mathrm{id}_A(x) = x$, then

$$f \circ \mathrm{id}_A \curvearrowright x = f(\mathrm{id}_A(x)) = f(x) = \mathrm{id}_A(f(x)) = \mathrm{id}_A \circ f \curvearrowright x.$$

Closure: If $f : A \to A$ and $g : A \to A$ are homomorphisms, then $f \circ g : A \to A$ as a set map, and is an R-module homomorphism because

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\begin{aligned}
f \circ g \curvearrowright (r+s)(x+y) &= f(g((r+s)(x+y))) \\
&= f((r+s)(g(x)+g(y))) \\
&= (r+s)(f(g(x))+f(g(y))) \\
&= (f \curvearrowright (r+s)(x+y)) \circ (g \curvearrowright (r+s)(x+y)).
\end{aligned}
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3.3 Part 3

For arbitrary $x, y \in A$, we need to check the following:

a. $f \curvearrowright (x+y) = f \curvearrowright x + f \curvearrowright y$
b. $(f+g) \curvearrowright x = f \curvearrowright x + g \curvearrowright x$
c. $f \circ g \curvearrowright x = f \curvearrowright (g \curvearrowright x)$
d. $\mathrm{id}_a \curvearrowright x = x$

For (a):

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\begin{aligned}
f \curvearrowright (x+y) &\coloneqq f(x+y) \\
&= f(x)+f(y) \qquad \text{since } f \text{ is a homomorphism} \\
&= f \curvearrowright x + f \curvearrowright y
\end{aligned}
$$
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For (b):

$$
\begin{aligned}
(f+g) \curvearrowright x &= (f+g)(x) \\
&= f(x)+g(x) \\
&= f \curvearrowright x + g \curvearrowright x.
\end{aligned}
$$

For (c):

$$
\begin{aligned}
f \circ g \curvearrowright x &= (f \circ g)(x) \\
&= f(g(x)) \\
&= f \curvearrowright g(x) \\
&= f \curvearrowright (g \curvearrowright x).
\end{aligned}
$$

For (d):

$$\mathrm{id}_A \curvearrowright x = \mathrm{id}_A(x) = x.$$

4 Problem 4

Injectivity: We have the following situation:

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\begin{tikzcd}
a' & a & x & 0 \\
A_1 \arrow[r] \arrow[d, two heads, "\alpha_1"] & A_2 \arrow[r] \arrow[d, hook, "\alpha_2"] & A_3 \arrow[r] \arrow[d, "f"] & A_4 \arrow[d, two heads, "\alpha_4"] \\
B_1 \arrow[r] & B_2 \arrow[r] & B_3 \arrow[r] & B_4 \\
0 & \alpha_2(a) & y = f(x) = 0 & 0
\end{tikzcd}
$$

where we would like to show that f is a monomorphism, i.e. that $\ker f = 0$. So let $x \in \ker f$, so $y := f(x) = 0 \in B_3$.

We will show that $x = 0 \in A_3$:

- Since $y = 0 \in B_3$, applying $B_3 \to B_4$ yields $y \mapsto 0 \in B_4$ since these maps are homomorphisms and always map zero to zero.
- Pull back $0 \in B_4$ to $0 \in B_3$ along α_4, which can be done since α_4 is injective, giving $0 \in A_4$.
- Since this is 0 in A_4, it is in the kernel of $A_3 \to A_4$, yielding some $x \in A_3$.
- By commutativity of the third square, $x \mapsto f(x)$ under $f : A_3 \to B_3$.
- Since $x \in \ker(A_3 \to A_4) = \text{im }(A_2 \to A_3)$ by exactness, there is some $\alpha \in A_2$ such that $\alpha_2(a) = x \in A_3$.
- By injectivity of α_2, a maps to a unique element $\alpha_2(a) \in B_2$.
- By commutativity of the middle square, since $a \in A_2 \mapsto 0 \in B_3$, we must have $\alpha_2(a) \mapsto 0 f(x)$ under $B_2 \to B_3$.
- Then $\alpha_2(a) \in \ker(B_2 \to B_3) = \text{im }(B_1 \to B_2)$, so it pulls back to some $b \in B_1$.
- By surjectivity of α_1, b pulls back to some $a' \in A_1$.
- By commutativity of square 1, $a' \mapsto a$ under $A_1 \to A_2$.
- So $a \mapsto x$ under $A_1 \to A_3$.
- But then $a \in \text{im }(A_1 \to A_2) = \ker(A_2 \to A_3)$, so $a \mapsto 0$ under $A_1 \to A_3$.
- So $x = 0$ as desired.

Surjectivity: We now have this situation: