Homework 7

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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

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

where $a_i' \coloneqq a_i a$ 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

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

and so $ax \in IS$ as well.

1.2 Part 2

Letting $R/I \curvearrowright A/IA$ be the action given by $r + I \curvearrowright +IA \coloneqq ra + IA$, 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

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

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\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}
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\begin{aligned}
(rs) \curvearrowright x + IA &:= rsx + IA \\
&= r(sx) + IA \\
&:= r \curvearrowright (sx + IA) \\
&= r \curvearrowright (s \curvearrowright x + IA).
\end{aligned}
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1 \curvearrowright x + IA := 1x + IA = x + IA.
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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 $\operatorname{im} \phi := \phi(A)$ is a submodule of A. Since A is simple, we have either $\operatorname{im} \phi = 0$, in which case ϕ is the zero map, or $\operatorname{im} \phi = A$, 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

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

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):

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

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

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

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 $x \in \ker(A_3 \to A_4) = \mathrm{im}\ (A_2 \to A_3)$ 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 $\alpha_2(a) \mapsto 0f(x)$ under $B_2 \to B_3$.
- Then $\alpha_2(a) \in \ker(B_2 \to B_3) = \mathrm{im}\ (B_1 \to B_2)$, 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 $a \in \mathrm{im}\ (A_1 \to A_2) = \ker(A_2 \to A_3)$, so $a \mapsto 0$ under $A_1 \to A_3$.
- So $x = 0$ as desired.

Surjectivity: We now have this situation:

$$\begin{tikzcd}
A_2 \arrow[r] \arrow[d, two heads, "\alpha_2"] & A_3 \arrow[r] \arrow[d, "f"] & A_4 \arrow[r] \arrow[d, two heads, "\alpha_4"] & A_5 \arrow[d, hook, "\alpha_5"] \\
B_2 \arrow[r] & B_3 \arrow[r] & B_4 \arrow[r] & B_5
\end{tikzcd}$$

Let $y \in B_3$; we want to then show that there exists an $x \in A_3$ such that $f(x) = y$.

- Apply $B_3 \to B_4$ to y to obtain $y_4 \in B_4$.
- By surjectivity of α_4, this pulls back to some $a_4 \in A_4$.
- Also by exactness of $B_3 \to B_4 \to B_5$, y_4 pushes forward to $0 \in B_5$
- By injectivity of α_5, this pulls back to $0 \in A_5$.
- By commutativity of the right square, $y_4 \mapsto 0$ under $A_4 \to A_5$.
- Since $a_4 \in \ker(A_4 \to A_5)$, it pulls back to some $x \in A_3$ by exactness of $A_3 \to A_4 \to A_5$.
- Then $f(x) \in B_3$, and it remains to show that $f(x) = y$.
- By commutativity of the middle square, $f(x) \mapsto y_4$ under $B_3 \to B_4$.
- Since $a \mapsto y_4$ we as well, we have $z := f(x) - y \in B_3$ maps to $0 \in B_4$.
- Since $z \in \ker(B_3 \to B_4)$, by exactness it pulls back to some $b_2 \in B_2$.
- By surjectivity of α_2, this pulls back to some $a_2 \in A_2$.
- By commutativity of the first square, $a_2 \mapsto z \in B_3$.
- $a_2 \mapsto a_3 \in A_3$, where a_3 may not equal x, but $f(a_3) = z := f(a) - y$.
- Then $f(a_3) = f(x) - y \implies y = f(x) - f(a_3) = f(x - a_3)$ since f is a homomorphism.
- This shows that $x - a_3 \mapsto y$ under f, which is the element we wanted to produce.

5 Problem 5

5.1 Part (a)

We want to show that if $(p) \trianglelefteq R$ is a prime ideal then $R/(p)$ is a field, so we'll proceed by letting $x + (p) \in R/(p)$ be arbitrary where $x \notin (p)$ and producing a multiplicative inverse.

Since R is a principal ideal domain, prime ideals are maximal, so (p) is maximal. Then $x \in R \setminus (p)$, so define

$$I := \{p + rx \ni p \in (p), r \in R\} \trianglelefteq R,$$

which is an ideal in R.

In particular, since $x \notin (p)$, we have a strict containment $(p) < I$, but since (p) was maximal this forces $I = R$.

Then $1 \in I$, so there exists some p, r such that $p + rx = 1$, i.e. $rx - 1 \in (p)$.

But then

$$r + (p) \cdot x + (p) = rx + (p) = 1 + (p),$$

which says that $(x + (p))^{-1} = r + (p)$ in $R/(p)$.

5.2 Part (b)

Images and kernels of module homomorphisms are always submodules, so define

$$\begin{aligned}\phi : A &\to A \\ x &\mapsto px.\end{aligned}$$

This is a module homomorphism, and

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{im}\phi &\coloneqq \{px \ni x \in A\} \coloneqq pA, \\ \ker\phi &\coloneqq \{a \in A \ni pA = 0\} \coloneqq A[p].\end{aligned}$$

5.3 Part (c)

Since $R/(p)$ is a field, we just need to show that $A/pA \curvearrowright R/(p)$ defines a module.

$r \cdot (x+y) = rx + ry$:

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

$(r+s) \cdot x = rx + sx$:

$$\begin{aligned}r+(p) \oplus s+(p) \curvearrowright x+pA &\coloneqq r+s+(p) \curvearrowright x+pA \\ &\coloneqq (r+s)x+pA \\ &= rx+sx+pA \\ &\coloneqq rx+pA \oplus sx+pA \\ &\coloneqq r+(p) \curvearrowright x+pA \oplus s+(p) \curvearrowright x+pA.\end{aligned}$$

$rs \cdot x = r \cdot (s \cdot x)$:

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

$1 \cdot x = x$:

$$1_R + (p) \curvearrowright x + pA = 1_R x + pA = x + pA.$$