

23. (*Localization and Tor*) Let  $D^{-1}R$  be the localization of the commutative ring  $R$  with respect to the multiplicative subset  $D$  of  $R$ . Prove that localization commutes with  $\text{Tor}$ , i.e.,  $D^{-1}\text{Tor}_n^R(A, B) \cong \text{Tor}_n^{D^{-1}R}(D^{-1}A, D^{-1}B)$  for all  $R$ -modules  $A$  and  $B$  and all  $n \geq 0$ . [Use the previous exercise and the fact that  $D^{-1}R$  is flat over  $R$ , cf. Proposition 42(6) in Section 15.4.]

24. (*Flatness is local*) Suppose  $R$  is a commutative ring. Prove that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is flat if and only if every localization  $M_P$  is a flat  $R_P$ -module for every maximal (hence also for every prime) ideal in  $R$ . [Use the previous exercise together with the characterization of flatness in terms of  $\text{Tor}$ .]

25. If  $R$  is an integral domain with field of fractions  $F$ , prove that  $\text{Tor}_1^R(F/R, B) \cong t(B)$  for any  $R$ -module  $B$ , where  $t(B)$  denotes the  $R$ -torsion submodule of  $B$ .

An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be *finitely presented* if there is an exact sequence

$$R^s \longrightarrow R^t \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

of  $R$ -modules for some integers  $s$  and  $t$ . Equivalently,  $M$  is finitely generated by  $t$  elements and the kernel of the corresponding  $R$ -module homomorphism  $R^t \rightarrow M$  can be generated by  $s$  elements.

26. (a) Prove that every finitely generated module over a Noetherian ring  $R$  is finitely presented. [Use Exercise 8 in Section 15.1.]  
(b) Prove that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is finitely presented and projective if and only if  $M$  is a direct summand of  $R^n$  for some integer  $n \geq 1$ .

27. Suppose that  $M$  is a finitely presented  $R$ -module and that  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} M \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules. This exercise proves that if  $B$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module then  $A$  is also a finitely generated  $R$ -module.

- (a) Suppose  $R^s \xrightarrow{\psi} R^t \xrightarrow{\varphi} M \rightarrow 0$  and  $e_1, \dots, e_t$  is an  $R$ -module basis for  $R^t$ . Show that there exist  $b_1, \dots, b_t \in B$  so that  $\beta(b_i) = \varphi(e_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, t$ .  
(b) If  $f$  is the  $R$ -module homomorphism from  $R^t$  to  $B$  defined by  $f(e_i) = b_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, t$ , show that  $f(\psi(R^s)) \subseteq \ker \beta$ . [Use  $\varphi \circ \psi = 0$ .] Conclude that there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \psi & & \varphi & & \\ R^s & \longrightarrow & R^t & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ g \downarrow & & f \downarrow & & \parallel & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & B & \xrightarrow{\beta} & M \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

of  $R$ -modules with exact rows.

- (c) Prove that  $A/\text{image } g \cong B/\text{image } f$  and use this to prove that  $A$  is finitely generated. [For the isomorphism, use the Snake Lemma in Exercise 3. Then show that  $\text{image } g$  and  $A/\text{image } g$  are both finitely generated and apply Exercise 7 of Section 10.3.]  
(d) If  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  conclude that  $R/I$  is a finitely presented  $R$ -module if and only if  $I$  is a finitely generated ideal.

28. Suppose  $R$  is a local ring with unique maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $M$  is a finitely presented  $R$ -module. Suppose  $m_1, \dots, m_s$  are elements in  $M$  whose images in  $M/\mathfrak{m}M$  form a basis for  $M/\mathfrak{m}M$  as a vector space over the field  $R/\mathfrak{m}$ .

- (a) Prove that  $m_1, \dots, m_s$  generate  $M$  as an  $R$ -module. [Use Nakayama's Lemma.]  
(b) Conclude from (a) that there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \ker \varphi \rightarrow R^s \xrightarrow{\varphi} M \rightarrow 0$  that maps a set of free generators of  $R^s$  to the elements  $m_1, \dots, m_s$ . Deduce that there is

an exact sequence

$$\mathrm{Tor}_1^R(M, R/\mathfrak{m}) \longrightarrow (\ker \varphi)/\mathfrak{m}(\ker \varphi) \longrightarrow 0.$$

[Use the Tor long exact sequence with respect to tensoring with  $R/\mathfrak{m}$ , using the fact that  $N \otimes R/\mathfrak{m} \cong N/\mathfrak{m}N$  for any  $R$ -module  $N$  (Example 8 following Corollary 12 in Section 10.4) and the fact that  $\varphi : (R/\mathfrak{m})^s \cong M/\mathfrak{m}M$  is an isomorphism by the choice of  $m_1, \dots, m_s$ .]

- (c) Prove that if  $\mathrm{Tor}_1^R(M, R/\mathfrak{m}) = 0$  then  $m_1, \dots, m_s$  are a set of free  $R$ -module generators for  $M$ . [Use the previous exercise and Nakayama's Lemma to show that  $\ker \varphi = 0$ .]
29. Suppose  $R$  is a local ring with unique maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . This exercise proves that a finitely generated  $R$ -module is flat if and only if it is free.

- (a) Prove that  $M = F/K$  is the quotient of a finitely generated free module  $F$  by a submodule  $K$  with  $K \subseteq \mathfrak{m}F$ . [Let  $F$  be a free module with  $F/\mathfrak{m}F \cong M/\mathfrak{m}M$ .]
- (b) Suppose  $x \in K$  and write  $x = a_1e_1 + \dots + a_ne_n$  where  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  are an  $R$ -basis for  $F$ . Let  $I = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  be the ideal of  $R$  generated by  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ ). Prove that if  $M$  is flat, then  $I = \mathfrak{m}I$  and deduce that  $K = 0$ , so  $M$  is free. [Use Exercise 25(d) of Section 10.5 to see that  $x \in IK \subseteq \mathfrak{m}F$  and conclude that  $I \subseteq \mathfrak{m}I$ . Then apply Nakayama's Lemma to the finitely generated ideal  $I$ .]

30. Suppose  $R$  is a local ring with unique maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ ,  $M$  is an  $R$ -module, and consider the following statements:

- (i)  $M$  is a free  $R$ -module,
  - (ii)  $M$  is a projective  $R$ -module,
  - (iii)  $M$  is a flat  $R$ -module, and
  - (iv)  $\mathrm{Tor}_1^R(M, R/\mathfrak{m}) = 0$ .
- (a) Prove that (i) implies (ii) implies (iii) implies (iv).
- (b) Prove that (i), (ii), and (iii) are equivalent if  $M$  is finitely generated. (Exercise 34 below shows (iii) need not imply (i) or (ii) if  $M$  is finitely generated but  $R$  is not local.) [Use the previous exercise.]
- (c) Prove that (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) are equivalent if  $M$  is finitely presented. (Exercise 35 below shows that (iv) need not imply (i), (ii) or (iii) if  $M$  is finitely generated but not finitely presented.) [Use Exercise 28.]

*Remark:* It is a theorem of Kaplansky (cf. *Projective Modules*, Annals of Mathematics, 68(1958), pp. 372–377) that (i) and (ii) are equivalent without the condition that  $M$  be finitely generated.

31. (*Localization and Hom for Finitely Presented Modules*) Suppose  $D^{-1}R$  is the localization of the commutative ring  $R$  with respect to the multiplicative subset  $D$  of  $R$ , and let  $M$  be a finitely presented  $R$ -module.

- (a) For any  $R$ -modules  $A$  and  $B$  prove there is a unique  $D^{-1}R$ -module homomorphism from  $D^{-1}\mathrm{Hom}_R(A, B)$  to  $\mathrm{Hom}_{D^{-1}R}(D^{-1}A, D^{-1}B)$  that maps  $\varphi \in \mathrm{Hom}_R(A, B)$  to the homomorphism from  $D^{-1}A$  to  $D^{-1}B$  induced by  $\varphi$ .
- (b) For any  $R$ -module  $N$  and any  $m \geq 1$  show that  $\mathrm{Hom}_R(R^m, N) \cong N^m$  as  $R$ -modules and deduce that  $D^{-1}\mathrm{Hom}_R(R^m, N) \cong (D^{-1}N)^m$  as  $D^{-1}R$ -modules.
- (c) Suppose  $R^s \rightarrow R^t \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is exact. Prove there is a commutative diagram

$$0 \rightarrow D^{-1}\mathrm{Hom}_R(M, N) \rightarrow D^{-1}\mathrm{Hom}_R(R^t, N) \rightarrow D^{-1}\mathrm{Hom}_R(R^s, N)$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{D^{-1}R}(D^{-1}M, D^{-1}N) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{D^{-1}R}((D^{-1}R)^t, D^{-1}N) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{D^{-1}R}((D^{-1}R)^s, D^{-1}N)$$

of  $D^{-1}R$ -modules with exact rows. [For the first row first take  $R$ -module homomor-

phisms from the terms in the presentation for  $M$  into  $N$  using Theorem 33 of Section 10.5 (noting the first comment in the proof) and then tensor with the flat  $R$ -module  $D^{-1}R$ , cf. Propositions 41 and 42(6) in Section 15.4. For the second row first tensor the presentation with  $D^{-1}R$  and then take  $D^{-1}R$ -module homomorphisms into  $D^{-1}N$ .]

- (d) Use (b) to prove that localization commutes with taking homomorphisms when  $M$  is finitely presented, i.e.,  $D^{-1}\text{Hom}_R(M, N) \cong \text{Hom}_{D^{-1}R}(D^{-1}M, D^{-1}N)$  as  $D^{-1}R$ -modules. [Show the second two vertical maps in the diagram above are isomorphisms and deduce that the left vertical map is also an isomorphism.] (This result is not true in general if  $M$  is not finitely presented.)
32. (*Localization and Ext for Finitely Presented Modules*) Suppose  $D^{-1}R$  is the localization of the commutative ring  $R$  with respect to the multiplicative subset  $D$  of  $R$ . Prove that if  $M$  is a finitely presented  $R$ -module then  $D^{-1}\text{Ext}_R^n(M, N) \cong \text{Ext}_{D^{-1}R}^n(D^{-1}M, D^{-1}N)$  as  $D^{-1}R$ -modules for every  $R$ -module  $N$  and every  $n \geq 0$ . [Use a projective resolution of  $N$  and the previous exercise, noting that tensoring the resolution with  $D^{-1}R$  gives a projective resolution for the  $D^{-1}R$ -module  $D^{-1}N$ .]
33. Suppose  $R$  is a commutative ring and  $M$  is a finitely presented  $R$ -module (for example a finitely generated module over a Noetherian ring, or a quotient,  $R/I$ , of  $R$  by a finitely generated ideal  $I$ , cf. Exercises 26 and 27). Prove that the following are equivalent:
- (a)  $M$  is a projective  $R$ -module,
  - (b)  $M$  is a flat  $R$ -module,
  - (c)  $M$  is locally free, i.e., each localization  $M_P$  is a free  $R_P$ -module for every maximal (hence also for every prime) ideal  $P$  of  $R$ .
- In particular show that finitely generated projective modules are the same as finitely presented flat modules. [Exercises 24 and 30 show that (b) is equivalent to (c). Use the Ext criterion for projectivity and Exercises 30 and 32 to see that (a) is equivalent to (c).]
34. (a) Prove that *every*  $R$ -module for the commutative ring  $R$  is flat if and only if every finitely generated ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is a direct summand of  $R$ , in which case every finitely generated ideal of  $R$  is principal and projective (such a ring is said to be *absolutely flat*). [Use Exercise 15, the previous exercise applied to the finitely presented  $R$ -module  $R/I$ , and the remarks following Proposition 16.]
- (b) Prove that every Boolean ring is absolutely flat. [Use Exercise 24 in Section 7.4, noting that if  $I = Rx$  then  $x$  is an idempotent so  $R = Rx \oplus R(1-x)$ .]
- (c) Let  $R$  be the direct product and  $I$  the direct sum of countably many copies of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that  $I$  is an ideal of the Boolean ring  $R$  that is not finitely generated and that the cyclic  $R$ -module  $M = R/I$  is flat but not projective (so finitely generated flat modules need not be projective).
35. Let  $R$  be the local ring obtained by localizing the ring of  $C^\infty$  functions on the open interval  $(-1, 1)$  at the maximal ideal of functions that are 0 at  $x = 0$  (cf. Exercise 45 of Section 15.2), let  $\mathfrak{m} = (x)$  be the unique maximal ideal of  $R$  and let  $P$  be the prime ideal  $\cap_{n \geq 1} \mathfrak{m}^n$ . Set  $M = R/P$ .
- (a) Prove that  $\text{Tor}_1^R(M, R/\mathfrak{m}) = 0$ . [Use Exercise 19 applied with  $r = x$ , noting that  $R/P$  is an integral domain.]
  - (b) Prove that  $M$  is not flat (hence not projective). [Let  $F$  be as in Exercise 45 of Section 15.2. Show that the sequence  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow R \rightarrow R/(F) \rightarrow 0$  induced by multiplication by  $F$  is exact, but is not exact after tensoring with  $M$ .]