

## SMITH NORMAL FORM

**THEOREM (SMITH NORMAL FORM):** Let  $R$  be a PID. Let  $A \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(R)$ .

- (i) There exist invertible matrices  $P, Q$  such that
  - $PAQ = D$  is diagonal, meaning  $d_{ij} = 0$  whenever  $i \neq j$ , and
  - $d_{11} | d_{22} | \cdots | d_{tt}$ , where  $d_{tt}$  is the last nonzero diagonal entry.
- (ii) The elements  $d_{ii}$  are unique up to associate, meaning that if  $D' = [d'_{ij}]$  is another diagonal matrix as in (1), then for each  $d'_{ii}$  is a unit times  $d_{ii}$ .
- (iii) If  $R$  is a Euclidean domain, then  $P, Q$  can be taken to be products of elementary matrices.

**STRUCTURE THEOREM FOR FINITELY GENERATED MODULES OVER PIDS (INVARIANT FACTOR FORM):** Let  $R$  be a PID. Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then there exist  $r, t \geq 0$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_t \in R$  such that

- $M \cong R^r \oplus R/(a_1) \oplus R/(a_2) \oplus \cdots \oplus R/(a_t)$ , and
- $a_1 | a_2 | \cdots | a_t$ .

Moreover, each  $a_i$  is uniquely determined up to associates.

- (1)** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring, and  $D \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(R)$  be a diagonal matrix with nonzero diagonal entries  $d_{11}, \dots, d_{tt}$ . Prove that the module presented by  $D$  is

$$R^{m-t} \oplus R/(d_{11}) \oplus R/(d_{22}) \oplus \cdots \oplus R/(d_{tt}).$$

- (2)** Use the Smith Normal Form Theorem to deduce the Structure Theorem for Finitely Generated Modules over PIDs (Invariant Factor Form).

- (3)** State the Structure Theorem for Finitely Generated Abelian Groups (Invariant Factor Form), and deduce it from the PID Theorem.

- (4)** Let  $R$  be a Euclidean domain. Use the Smith Normal Form Theorem to deduce that any invertible matrix over  $R$  is a product of elementary matrices.

- (5)** Prove<sup>1</sup> the uniqueness part (ii) of Smith Normal Form Theorem.

**DEFINITION:** Let  $R$  be a domain and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. We say that  $M$  is **torsionfree** if for  $r \in R$  and  $m \in M$ , we have  $rm = 0$  implies  $r = 0$  or  $m = 0$ .

- (6)** Let  $R$  be a PID.

- (a) Show that any finitely generated torsionfree  $R$ -module is free.
- (b) Show that any submodule of a finitely generated free  $R$ -module is free.
- (c) Prove or disprove: any torsionfree  $R$ -module is free.
- (d) Prove or disprove: any submodule of a free  $R$ -module is free.

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<sup>1</sup>Hint: In HW#4, you proved that  $I_t(PAQ) = I_t(A)$  for invertible matrices  $P, Q$ .

**STRUCTURE THEOREM FOR FINITELY GENERATED MODULES OVER PIDs (ELEMENTARY DIVISOR FORM):** Let  $R$  be a PID. Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then there exist  $r, s \geq 0$  and prime elements  $p_1, \dots, p_s \in R$  such that  $M \cong R^r \oplus R/(p_1^{e_1}) \oplus \dots \oplus R/(p_s^{e_s})$ , and Moreover, the list  $p_1^{e_1}, \dots, p_s^{e_s}$  is unique up to reordering and associates.