

HOMEWORK

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1. HOMEWORK 1 (DUE: APR 5)

Problem 1.1. Let A be a nonempty set and let k be a positive integer with $k \leq |A|$. The symmetric group S_A acts on the set B consisting of all subsets of A of cardinality k by

$$\sigma \cdot \{a_1, \dots, a_k\} = \{\sigma(a_1), \dots, \sigma(a_k)\}.$$

- (1) Prove that this is a group action.
- (2) Describe explicitly how the elements $(1\ 2)$ and $(1\ 2\ 3)$ act on the six 2-element subsets of $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

Solution.

(1) Since $\sigma \in S_A$ is bijective, $\sigma \cdot \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\} = \{\sigma(a_1), \sigma(a_2), \dots, \sigma(a_k)\}$ is a subset of A with cardinality k so in B .

Since S_A is a group, $\sigma, \tau \in S_A$ implies that $\sigma\tau \in S_A$ and,

$$\sigma(\tau \cdot \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}) = \sigma \cdot \{\tau(a_1), \tau(a_2), \dots, \tau(a_k)\} = \{\sigma\tau(a_1), \sigma\tau(a_2), \dots, \sigma\tau(a_k)\} = (\sigma\tau) \cdot \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$$

for all $\sigma, \tau \in S_A$ and all $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\} \in B$.

Also, $1 = \text{id} \in S_A$ with $\text{id} \cdot \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\} = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$ for all $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\} \in B$.

Hence the acting of S_A on B is a group action. □

(2) acting $(1, 2)$		acting $(1, 2, 3)$	
$\{1, 2\} \mapsto \{1, 2\}$		$\{1, 2\} \mapsto \{2, 3\}$	
$\{1, 3\} \mapsto \{2, 3\}$		$\{1, 3\} \mapsto \{1, 2\}$	
$\{1, 4\} \mapsto \{2, 4\}$		$\{1, 4\} \mapsto \{2, 4\}$	
$\{2, 3\} \mapsto \{1, 3\}$		$\{2, 3\} \mapsto \{1, 3\}$	
$\{2, 4\} \mapsto \{1, 4\}$		$\{2, 4\} \mapsto \{3, 4\}$	
$\{3, 4\} \mapsto \{3, 4\}$		$\{3, 4\} \mapsto \{1, 4\}$	

□

Problem 1.2. Let H be a group acting on a set A . Prove that the relation \sim on A defined by $a \sim b$ if and only if $a = hb$ for some $h \in H$ is an equivalence relation. (For each $x \in A$ the equivalence class of x under \sim is called the orbit of x under the action of H . The orbits under the action of H partition the set A .)

Solution.

W.T.S \sim defined by $a \sim b$ for some $h \in H$ is an equiv. relation.

(reflexive) $a \sim a$ by $1_H \cdot a = a$

(symmetric) $a \sim b$ if and only if $b \sim a$ by inverse element: $a = hb \Leftrightarrow b = h^{-1}a$

(transitive) If $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$, then $a \sim c$ by group axiom on H : $a = hb$, $b = h'c \Rightarrow a = h \cdot (h'c) = (hh') \cdot c$, $hh' \in H$.

Hence \sim is the equivalence relation. □

□

Problem 1.3. In each of parts (1) to (5) give the number of nonisomorphic abelian groups of the specified order - do not list the groups:

- (1) order 100
- (2) order 576
- (3) order 1155
- (4) order 42875
- (5) order 2704

Solution.

1.3 $P(n)$ is a partition number of n .

$$(1) \quad 100 = 2^2 \cdot 5^2, \quad P(2) \cdot P(2) = 2 \cdot 2 = 4.$$

$$(2) \quad 576 = 2^6 \cdot 3^2, \quad P(6) \cdot P(2) = 11 \cdot 2 = 22$$

$$(3) \quad 1155 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11, \quad P(1)^4 = 1.$$

$$(4) \quad 42875 = 5^3 \cdot 7^3, \quad P(3)^2 = 3^2 = 9.$$

$$(5) \quad 2704 = 2^4 \cdot 13^2, \quad P(4) \cdot P(2) = 5 \cdot 2 = 10$$

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□

Problem 1.4. In each of parts (1) to (5) give the lists of invariant factors for all abelian groups of the specified order:

- (1) order 270
- (2) order 9801
- (3) order 320
- (4) order 105
- (5) order 44100

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) 270 &= 2 \times 3^3 \times 5 \longrightarrow P(1) \times P(3) \times P(1) = 1 \times 3 \times 1 = 3 \\
 (2) 9801 &= 99^2 = 3^4 \times 11^2 \longrightarrow P(4) \times P(2) = 5 \times 1 = 10 \\
 (3) 320 &= 2^6 \times 5 \longrightarrow P(6) \times P(1) = 1 \times 1 = 1 \\
 (4) 105 &= 3 \times 5 \times 7 \longrightarrow P(1) \times P(1) \times P(1) = 1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1 \\
 (5) 44100 &= 210^2 = 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5^2 \times 7^2 \longrightarrow P(2) \times P(2) \times P(4) \times P(4) = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 16
 \end{aligned}$$

Order	Invariant factors	Order	Invariant factors		
(1) 270	$2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5$ $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5, 3$ $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5, 3, 3$: \mathbb{Z}_{270} : $\mathbb{Z}_{70} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$: $\mathbb{Z}_{30} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$	(4) 105	$3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$: \mathbb{Z}_{105}
(2) 9801	$3^4 \cdot 11^2$ $3^3 \cdot 11^2, 3$ $3^2 \cdot 11^2, 3^2$ $3 \cdot 11^2, 3, 3$ $3 \cdot 11^2, 3, 3, 3$ $3 \cdot 11, 11$ $3^2 \cdot 11, 3 \cdot 11$ $3^3 \cdot 11, 3^3 \cdot 11$ $3^4 \cdot 11, 3 \cdot 11, 3$ $3 \cdot 11, 3 \cdot 11, 3, 3$: \mathbb{Z}_{9801} : $\mathbb{Z}_{2649} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$: $\mathbb{Z}_{1089} \times \mathbb{Z}_9$: $\mathbb{Z}_{1089} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$: $\mathbb{Z}_{363} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$: $\mathbb{Z}_{891} \times \mathbb{Z}_{11}$: $\mathbb{Z}_{297} \times \mathbb{Z}_{23}$: $\mathbb{Z}_{99} \times \mathbb{Z}_{99}$: $\mathbb{Z}_{99} \times \mathbb{Z}_{33} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$: $\mathbb{Z}_{33} \times \mathbb{Z}_{33} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$	(5) 44100	$2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2$ $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2, 2$ $2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2, 3$ $2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2, 5$ $2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7, 7$ $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2, 2 \cdot 3$ $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2, 2 \cdot 5$ $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7, 2 \cdot 7$ $2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2, 3 \cdot 5$ $2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7, 3 \cdot 7$ $2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 5 \cdot 7$ $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2, 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$ $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$ $2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$ $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$: \mathbb{Z}_{44100} : $\mathbb{Z}_{2050} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$: $\mathbb{Z}_{1400} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$: $\mathbb{Z}_{8820} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$: $\mathbb{Z}_{6300} \times \mathbb{Z}_7$: $\mathbb{Z}_{1250} \times \mathbb{Z}_6$: $\mathbb{Z}_{4410} \times \mathbb{Z}_{10}$: $\mathbb{Z}_{3150} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$: $\mathbb{Z}_{2940} \times \mathbb{Z}_{15}$: $\mathbb{Z}_{2100} \times \mathbb{Z}_{21}$: $\mathbb{Z}_{1400} \times \mathbb{Z}_{35}$: $\mathbb{Z}_{1400} \times \mathbb{Z}_{20}$: $\mathbb{Z}_{1050} \times \mathbb{Z}_{14}$: $\mathbb{Z}_{810} \times \mathbb{Z}_{70}$: $\mathbb{Z}_{400} \times \mathbb{Z}_{105}$: $\mathbb{Z}_{210} \times \mathbb{Z}_{10}$
(3) 320	$2^6 \cdot 5$ $2^5 \cdot 5, 2$ $2^4 \cdot 5, 2^2$ $2^3 \cdot 5, 2^3$ $2^4 \cdot 5, 2, 2$ $2^3 \cdot 5, 2^2, 2$ $2^2 \cdot 5, 2^2, 2^2$ $2^3 \cdot 5, 2, 2, 2$ $2^2 \cdot 5, 2^2, 2, 2$ $2 \cdot 5, 2, 2, 2, 2$ $2 \cdot 5, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2$: \mathbb{Z}_{320} : $\mathbb{Z}_{160} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$: $\mathbb{Z}_{80} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$: $\mathbb{Z}_{40} \times \mathbb{Z}_8$: $\mathbb{Z}_{80} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$: $\mathbb{Z}_{40} \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$: $\mathbb{Z}_{20} \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$: $\mathbb{Z}_{40} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$: $\mathbb{Z}_{20} \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$: $\mathbb{Z}_{10} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$: $\mathbb{Z}_{10} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$			

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Problem 1.5. In each of parts (1) to (5) give the lists of elementary divisors for all abelian groups of the specified order and then match each list with the corresponding list of invariant factors found in the preceding problem:

- (1) order 270
- (2) order 9801
- (3) order 320
- (4) order 105
- (5) order 44100

Solution.

(1) $210 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 5$

(2) $980 = 3^4 \times 11^2$

(3) $320 = 2^6 \times 5$

(4) $105 = 3 \times 5 \times 7$

(5) $44100 = 2^2 \times 3^4 \times 5^2 \times 7^2$

Order	Elementary divisors	Invariant factors
(1) 210	$2, 3^2, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{210}$; $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$
	$2, 3^2, 5, 3$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{90} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$; $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5, 3$
	$2, 3, 5, 3, 3$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{30} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5, 3, 3$
(2) 980	$3^4, 11^2$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{881}$; $3^4 \cdot 11^2$
	$3^3, 3, 11^2$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{269} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$; $3^3 \cdot 11^2, 3$
	$3^2, 3^2, 11^2$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{1089} \times \mathbb{Z}_9$; $3^2 \cdot 11^2, 3^2$
	$3^2, 3, 3, 11^2$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{1089} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$; $3^2 \cdot 11^2, 3, 3$
	$3, 3, 3, 3, 11^2$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{363} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$; $3 \cdot 11^2, 3, 3, 3$
	$3^4, 11, 11$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{21} \times \mathbb{Z}_{11}$; $3^4 \cdot 11, 11$
	$3^3, 3, 11, 11$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{11} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$; $3^3 \cdot 11, 3 \cdot 11$
	$3^2, 3^2, 11, 11$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_9$; $3 \cdot 11, 3^2 \cdot 11$
	$3^2, 3, 3, 11, 11$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$; $3 \cdot 11, 3 \cdot 11, 3$
	$3, 3, 3, 3, 11, 11$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{33} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$; $3 \cdot 11, 3 \cdot 11, 3, 3$
(3) 320	$2^6, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{20}$; $2^6 \cdot 5$
	$2^5, 2 \cdot 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{100}$; $2^5 \cdot 5, 2$
	$2^4, 2^2 \cdot 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{80} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$; $2^4 \cdot 5, 2^2$
	$2^3, 2^3 \cdot 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{40} \times \mathbb{Z}_8$; $2^3 \cdot 5, 2^3$
	$2^4, 2, 2, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{30} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$; $2^4 \cdot 5, 2, 2$
	$2^3, 2^2, 2, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{40} \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$; $2^3 \cdot 5, 2^2, 2$
	$2^2, 2^3, 2^2, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{30} \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$; $2^3 \cdot 5, 2^2, 2^2$
	$2^3, 2, 2, 2, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{40} \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$; $2^3 \cdot 5, 2, 2, 2$
	$2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{30} \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$; $2^3 \cdot 5, 2^2, 2, 2$
	$2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{10} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$; $2 \cdot 5, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2$
(4) 105	$3, 5, 7$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{105}$; $3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$
	$2^2, 3^2, 5^2, 7^2$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{44100}$; $3^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2$
(5) 44100	$2, 3^2, 5^2, 7^2, 2$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{20580} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$; $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2, 2$
	$2^2, 3, 5, 7^2, 3$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{14100} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2, 3$
	$2, 3^2, 5, 7^2, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{8500} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$; $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2, 5$
	$2^2, 3^2, 5, 7, 7$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{300} \times \mathbb{Z}_7$; $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7, 7$
	$2, 3, 5^2, 7^2, 2, 3$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{350} \times \mathbb{Z}_6$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2, 2 \cdot 3$
	$2, 3^2, 5, 7, 2, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{410} \times \mathbb{Z}_{10}$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2, 2 \cdot 5$
	$2, 3^2, 5^2, 2, 7$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{310} \times \mathbb{Z}_{14}$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 2 \cdot 7$
	$2, 3, 5^2, 3, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{340} \times \mathbb{Z}_{10}$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 3 \cdot 5$
	$2^2, 3, 5^2, 3, 7$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{100} \times \mathbb{Z}_{21}$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 3 \cdot 7$
	$2, 3, 5, 7, 5, 7$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{160} \times \mathbb{Z}_{35}$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 5 \cdot 7$
	$2, 3, 5^2, 2, 3, 5$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{100} \times \mathbb{Z}_{30}$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2, 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$
	$2, 3, 5^2, 2, 3, 7$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{100} \times \mathbb{Z}_{42}$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$
	$2, 3, 5, 7, 2, 5, 7$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{100} \times \mathbb{Z}_{40}$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$
	$2, 3, 5, 7, 3, 5, 7$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{105} \times \mathbb{Z}_{105}$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$
	$2, 3, 5, 7, 2, 3, 5, 7$	$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{140} \times \mathbb{Z}_{105}$; $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$

□

Problem 1.6. Let R be a ring with identity and let S be a subring of R containing the identity. Prove that if u is a unit in S then u is a unit in R . Show by example that the converse is false.

Solution.

If u is a unit in S , then by the definition,

$\exists v \in S$, s.t $uv = vu = 1$. Since $u, v \in S$ and S is a subset of R , we have $uv \in R$. Thus for $u \in R$, $\exists v \in R$, s.t $uv = vu = 1$, which means u is a unit in R .

Converse: If u is a unit in R then u is a unit in S .

Consider the ring $R = \mathbb{Q}$ with identity 1. $S = \mathbb{Z}$ is a subring of \mathbb{Q} containing the identity 1.

Notice \geq is a unit in R , but it is not a unit in S
 since $\mathcal{P}^x = \{\pm 3\}$. \Rightarrow The converse is false.

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Problem 1.7. Let R be a ring with $1 \neq 0$.

- (1) Prove that if a is a zero divisor, then it is not a unit.
 - (2) Prove that if $ab = ac$ and $a \neq 0$ is not a zero divisor, then $b = c$.

Solution.

(1) Since a is a zero divisor, $\exists b \in R \setminus \{0\}$ s.t. $ab = 0$ or $ba = 0$, wlog $ab = 0$.
 Sps that a is a unit i.e. $\exists a^{-1} \in R$ s.t. $a a^{-1} = a^{-1} a = 1$.

$ab = 0 \Rightarrow a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1} \cdot 0 = 0$ so that $b = 0$. However, $b \neq 0$.
 $(a^{-1}a)b$ Therefore a is not a unit.

$$(2) \ ab = ac \Rightarrow ab - ac = 0 \text{ by distributive law.}$$

$$a(b - c) = 0. \text{ Since } a \text{ is not a zero divisor,}$$

$$b - c = 0 \Rightarrow b = c.$$

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Problem 1.8. Assume R is commutative with $1 \neq 0$. Prove that if P is a prime ideal of R and P contains no zero divisors then R is an integral domain.

Solution.

Sps that R is not an integral domain. i.e. $\exists a, b \in R$ s.t. $ab = 0$. $\cdots (*)$

Since P is an abelian group in addition, $0 \in P$, and $ab = 0 \in P$.
from the fact that P is an ideal.

Also, since P is a prime ideal, $a \in P$ or $b \in P$. WLOG let $a \in P$.

However, a is a zero divisor that not in P . \rightarrow

Therefore R is an integral domain.

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Problem 1.9. Let R be a ring with $1 \neq 0$. Let $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of R . Prove that there is an ideal B which is maximal with respect to the property that it does not contain A . [Use Zorn's Lemma.]

Solution.

Let J be ideals s.t. $A \not\subseteq J$.

Let S be a collection of all J 's.

Note that (S, \subseteq) : poset.

Also, since $\{0\}$ is ideal of R , $\{0\} \in S$. $\therefore S$ is nonempty.

Let B_i 's are subset of S and $B = \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$.

s.t. $B_1 \subseteq B_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq B$

To show ① : B is ideal.

Suppose that B is not ideal.

then $\exists a \in R$ s.t. $aB \not\subseteq B$ or $Ba \not\subseteq B$.

WLOG, $aB \not\subseteq B$. then $\exists b \in B$ s.t. $ab \notin B$.

Since $b \in B$, then $\exists i$ s.t. $b \in B_i$.

Since B_i is ideal, $ab \in B_i \subseteq B$. \downarrow contradiction.

$\therefore B$ is ideal. $\Rightarrow B \subseteq S$.

Hence, B is upperbound in S .

To show ② : $A \not\subseteq B$

Suppose that $A \subseteq B$.

Let $a_j \in B_i$. for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

let $M := \max\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\}$.

Then $a_1, \dots, a_n \in B_M \subseteq S$. $\rightarrow \leftarrow$ contradiction.

$\therefore A \not\subseteq B$.

Therefore by Zorn's Lemma,

There is an maximal ideal that does not contain A .

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Problem 1.10. Let n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k be integers which are relatively prime in pairs: $(n_i, n_j) = 1$ for all $i \neq j$.

- (1) Show that the Chinese Remainder Theorem implies that for any $a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{Z}$ there is a solution $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ to the simultaneous congruences

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1}, \quad x \equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2}, \quad \dots, \quad x \equiv a_k \pmod{n_k}$$

and that the solution x is unique mod $n = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$.

- (2) Let $n'_i = n/n_i$ be the quotient of n by n_i , which is relatively prime to n_i by assumption. Let t_i be the inverse of n'_i mod n_i . Prove that the solution x in (a) is given by

$$x = a_1 t_1 n'_1 + a_2 t_2 n'_2 + \dots + a_k t_k n'_k \text{ mod } n.$$

Note that the elements t_i can be quickly found by the Euclidean Algorithm as described in Section 2 of the Preliminaries chapter (writing $a n_i + b n'_i = (n_i, n'_i) = 1$ gives $t_i = b$) and that these then quickly give the solutions to the system of congruences above for any choice of a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k .

- (3) Solve the simultaneous system of congruences

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \quad x \equiv 2 \pmod{25}, \quad \text{and} \quad x \equiv 3 \pmod{81}$$

and the simultaneous system

$$y \equiv 5 \pmod{8}, \quad y \equiv 12 \pmod{25}, \quad \text{and} \quad y \equiv 47 \pmod{81}$$

Solution.

(a) Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$ and $A_i = n_i \mathbb{Z}$. Then A_i and A_j are comaximal for $i \neq j$.

So the following natural map $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$ defined by

$$x \mapsto (x \pmod{n_1}, x \pmod{n_2}, \dots, x \pmod{n_k})$$

is surjective. Also $\mathbb{Z}_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$ by 1st isomorphism theorem.

Let $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) \in \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$. Then there's $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t.

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1}, x \equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2}, \dots, x \equiv a_k \pmod{n_k}$$

Then x is unique up to \pmod{n} by isomorphism theorem.

(b) Since $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i e_i$, for $e_i = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$, $\varphi(t_i \cdot \frac{n}{n_i}) = e_i$ for the inverse t_i of $\frac{n}{n_i} \pmod{n_i}$

we can find that

$$\varphi\left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i t_i \frac{n}{n_i}\right) = \varphi\left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i t_i \frac{n}{n_i}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \varphi(t_i \cdot \frac{n}{n_i}) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i e_i$$

Hence $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i t_i \frac{n}{n_i} \pmod{n}$ is the desired solution. ◻

$$(c) \quad \begin{cases} n_1 = 2^3 \\ n_2 = 5^2 \\ n_3 = 3^4 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} a_1 = 1 \\ a_2 = 2 \\ a_3 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$(25, 81, 8) = 1 \rightarrow t_1 = 1, (8, 81, 25) = 1 \rightarrow t_2 = 12, (8, 25, 81) = 1 \rightarrow t_3 = 32$$

$$\therefore x = 1 \times 1 \times 2025 + 2 \times 12 \times 648 + 3 \times 32 \times 200 \pmod{16200}$$

$$\boxed{x \equiv 4379 \pmod{16200}}$$

(d) Using (c) to get t_i 's,

$$x = 5 \times 1 \times 2025 + 12 \times 12 \times 648 + 47 \times 32 \times 200 \pmod{16200}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore x \equiv -763 \pmod{16200}}$$

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2. HOMEWORK 2 (DUE: APR 19)

For all problems, suppose that R is a ring with $1 \neq 0$ and M is a left R -module.

Problem 2.1. An element m of the R -module M is called a *torsion element* if $rm = 0$ for some nonzero element $r \in R$. The set of torsion elements is denoted

$$\text{Tor}(M) = \{m \in M \mid rm = 0 \text{ for some nonzero } r \in R\}.$$

- (1) Prove that if R is an integral domain then $\text{Tor}(M)$ is a submodule of M (called the torsion submodule of M).
- (2) Give an example of a ring R and an R -module M such that $\text{Tor}(M)$ is not a submodule. [Consider the torsion elements in the R -module R .]
- (3) If R has zero divisors show that every nonzero R -module has nonzero torsion elements.

Solution.

(1) Suppose that R is an integral domain.

Let $m, n \in \text{Tor}(M)$, then $\exists r, s \in R$ st.

$$rm = 0, sn = 0.$$

$$rs(m + (-n)) = (rs)m + (rs)(-n) = s(rm) - r(sn) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Tor}(M)$ is a subgroup of M .

$\forall m \in \text{Tor}(M), r \in R, \exists r_0 \in R$

$$r_0(rm) = (r_0r)m = (rr_0)m = r(r_0m) = r \cdot 0 = 0.$$

$r_0m \in \text{Tor}(M)$

$\Rightarrow \text{Tor}(M)$ is a submodule of M

(2) $R = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z})$, $M = R$, action: matrix multiplication.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Tor}(M)$$

but $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin \text{Tor}(M)$.

(3) Let $r, s \in R$, $rs = 0$. M is an R -module.

$m \in M, m \neq 0$.

① If $sm = 0$, m is a nonzero torsion element

② If $sm \neq 0$, sm is a nonzero torsion element

□

- Problem 2.2.**
- (1) If N is a submodule of M , the *annihilator of N in R* is defined to be $\{r \in R \mid rn = 0 \text{ for all } n \in N\}$. Prove that the annihilator of N in R is a 2-sided ideal of R .
 - (2) If I is a right ideal of R , the *annihilator of I in M* is defined to be $\{m \in M \mid am = 0 \text{ for all } a \in I\}$. Prove that the annihilator of I in M is a submodule of M .
 - (3) Let M be the abelian group (i.e., \mathbb{Z} -module) $\mathbb{Z}/24\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/50\mathbb{Z}$.
 - (a) Find the annihilator of M in \mathbb{Z} (i.e., a generator for this principal ideal).
 - (b) Let $I = 2\mathbb{Z}$. Describe the annihilator of I in M as a direct product of cyclic groups.

Solution.

(1) N : submodule of $M \Rightarrow \text{Ann}_R(N)$: 2-sided ideal of R .

$$0_R \in R \Rightarrow 0_R \in \text{Ann}_R(N) \Rightarrow \text{Ann}_R(N) \neq \emptyset.$$

for every $r_1, r_2 \in \text{Ann}_R(N)$ and $r \in R$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cdot (r_1 - r_2)n = r_1n - r_2n = 0 - 0 = 0 \quad \text{for all } n \in N \iff r_1 - r_2 \in \text{Ann}_R(N) \\ & \cdot (rn)n = r(rn) = r0 = 0 \quad \text{for all } n \in N \iff rr \in \text{Ann}_R(N) \\ & \cdot (rr)n = r_1(rn) = 0 \quad \text{for all } n \in N \iff r_1r \in \text{Ann}_R(N) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \right\} \text{Ann}_R(N) \text{ is 2-sided ideal of } R.$$

(2) I : right ideal of $R \Rightarrow \text{Ann}_M(I)$ is a submodule of M .

$$0_R \in I \Rightarrow 0_R \in \text{Ann}_M(I) \Rightarrow \text{Ann}_M(I) \neq \emptyset.$$

for every $a \in I$, $r \in R$, $m_1, m_2 \in M$

$$\begin{aligned} a(m_1 + rm_2) &= am_1 + a(rm_2) \\ &= am_1 + (ar)m_2 \\ &= 0 + 0 \quad (\because ar \in I) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore m_1 + rm_2 \in \text{Ann}_M(I)$$

i. by the submodule criterion

$\text{Ann}_M(I)$ is a submodule of M .

(3) M : abelian group

$$\mathbb{Z}/24\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/50\mathbb{Z}$$

(a) $\text{Ann}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M)$

α : annihilate $M \Leftrightarrow \alpha$: annihilate each coordinate

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \mid 24 \wedge \alpha \mid 15 \wedge \alpha \mid 50 &\Rightarrow \alpha = \text{lcm}\{24, 15, 50\} \\ &= 600 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Ann}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M) = 600\mathbb{Z}$$

(b) $I = 2\mathbb{Z}$, $\text{Ann}_M(I)$

the element in I : $2a$ ($a \in \mathbb{Z}$)

$$\text{Let } M = \mathbb{Z}/24\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/50\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\cdot (m_1, m_2, m_3) \in \text{Ann}_M(I)$$

$$2am_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{24} \iff m_1 \equiv 0, 12 \pmod{24}$$

$$2am_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{15} \iff m_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{15}$$

$$2am_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{50} \iff m_3 \equiv 0, 25 \pmod{50}$$

$$\therefore \text{Ann}_M(I) = \{(0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 25), (12, 0, 0), (12, 0, 25)\}$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

□

- Problem 2.3.** (1) Let $F = \mathbb{R}$, let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ and let T be the linear transformation from V to V which is rotation clockwise about the origin by $\pi/2$ radians. Show that V and 0 are the only $F[x]$ -submodules for this T .
- (2) Let $F = \mathbb{R}$, let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ and let T be the linear transformation from V to V which is projection onto the y -axis. Show that $V, 0$, the x -axis and the y -axis are the only $F[x]$ -submodules for this T .
- (3) Let $F = \mathbb{R}$, let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ and let T be the linear transformation from V to V which is rotation clockwise about the origin by π radians. Show that every subspace of V is an $F[x]$ -submodule for this T .

Solution.

- (1) The $F[x]$ -submodules for T corresponds to the vector subspace $W \leq V$ s.t. T -invariant. $T(W) \subseteq W$. $T(x,y) = (y,-x)$.
 Sps $\exists w_0$ satisfies T -invar and $w_0 \notin V$ that W is 1-dim'l $\cong \mathbb{R}$.
 However, T is a clockwise $\frac{\pi}{2}$ rotation that $T(w) \neq w$. So $\nexists w$.
 Therefore the T -invariant subspaces are just V and 0 .
 that V and 0 are the only $F[x]$ -submodules for T .
- (2) Similar as (1), $T(x,y) = (0,y)$.
 Find the T -invariant subspace W .
 - * Clearly 0 and V .
 - * 1-dim'l case, let (a,b) be the basis of W .

$$T(a,b) = (0,b) = t(a,b) \Rightarrow (-ta, (1-t)b) = (0,0)$$

$$\text{at } t=0 \text{ & } (1-t)b=0.$$

$$\Rightarrow i) a=0, t=1. \Rightarrow (0,b) \Rightarrow W: y\text{-axis}.$$

$$ii) a \neq 0 \Rightarrow t=0. \Rightarrow b=0. \Rightarrow (a,0) \Rightarrow W: x\text{-axis}.$$
 Therefore $0, V, x\text{-axis}$ and $y\text{-axis}$.
- (3) Similar as (1)(2) $T(x,y) = (-x,-y)$. Clearly 0 and V are T -invariant.
 Through the geometric meaning of T , every basis $\{(a,b)\}$ of 1-dim'l Subspace goes to $(-a,-b)$ that lies on the same line.
 Therefore every subspace of V is an $F[x]$ -submodule of T .

□

- Problem 2.4.** (1) For any left ideal I of R define

$$IM = \left\{ \sum_{\text{finite}} a_i m_i \mid a_i \in I, m_i \in M \right\}$$

to be the collection of all finite sums of elements of the form am where $a \in I$ and $m \in M$.
 Prove that IM is a submodule of M .

- (2) Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be R -modules and let B_i be a submodule of A_i for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
 Prove that

$$(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n) / (B_1 \times \cdots \times B_n) \cong (A_1/B_1) \times \cdots \times (A_n/B_n).$$

- (3) Let I be a left ideal of R and let n be a positive integer. Prove that

$$R^n/IR^n \cong R/IR \times \cdots \times R/IR \quad (\text{n times}).$$

- (4) Assume R is commutative. Prove that $R^n \cong R^m$ if and only if $n = m$, i.e., two free R -modules of finite rank are isomorphic if and only if they have the same rank. [Apply the previous problem with I a maximal ideal of R . You may use the fact that if F is a field, then $F^n \cong F^m$ if and only if $n = m$.]

Solution.

- (1) I : left ideal of R , M : R -module

$$IM = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i m_i : a_i \in I, m_i \in M \right\} \text{ is a submodule of } M.$$

$$0_R \in R \Rightarrow 0_R \in I \Rightarrow 0_R \in IM \Rightarrow IM \neq \emptyset.$$

Let $x = \sum a_i m_i$, $y = \sum b_j m_j$ with $a_i, b_j \in I$, $m_i, m_j \in M$.
for every $r \in R$

$$\begin{aligned} x + ry &= \sum a_i m_i + r \sum b_j m_j \\ &= \sum a_i m_i + \sum r(b_j m_j) = \sum a_i m_i + \sum (rb_j) m_j \\ &= \sum (a_i + rb_j) m_j \in IM \quad (\because rb_j \in I) \end{aligned}$$

∴ by the submodule criterion

IM is a submodule of M

- (2) A_1, \dots, A_n : R -module, B_i : submodule of A_i , $i=1, \dots, n$

$$A_1 \times \dots \times A_n / B_1 \times \dots \times B_n \cong A_1 / B_1 \times \dots \times A_n / B_n$$

define a map $\varphi: A_1 \times \dots \times A_n \rightarrow A_1 / B_1 \times \dots \times A_n / B_n$
 $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mapsto \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (a_1 / B_1, \dots, a_n / B_n)$

$$\text{since } a_i + r_0 + B_i = (a_i + B_i) + (r_0 + B_i)$$

$$= a_i + B_i + r(a_i + B_i) \text{ for all } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\},$$

φ is R -module homomorphism

$$\ker \varphi = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) : \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (B_1, \dots, B_n)\} = B_1 \times \dots \times B_n \quad (\because a_i + B_i = 0 + B_i \Rightarrow a_i \in B_i)$$

φ is surjective since,

∴ by the 1st isomorphic theorem

$$A_1 \times \dots \times A_n / B_1 \times \dots \times B_n \cong A_1 / B_1 \times \dots \times A_n / B_n / \ker \varphi \cong \text{im } \varphi = \varphi(A_1, \dots, A_n)$$

$$= A_1 / B_1 \times \dots \times A_n / B_n$$

- (3) I : left ideal of R , next

$$R^n / IR^n \cong R / IR \times \dots \times R / IR$$

$$\text{if } IR^n = (IR)^n$$

then by (2) $R^n / IR^n = R^n / (IR)^n \cong R / IR \times \dots \times R / IR$

∴ we have to show $IR^n = (IR)^n$

$$(i) IR^n \subseteq (IR)^n$$

for every $a \in I$, $r \in R$

$$a(r_1, \dots, r_n) \in IR^n \Rightarrow a(r_1, \dots, r_n) = (ar_1, \dots, ar_n) \in (IR)^n$$

$$\therefore IR^n \subseteq (IR)^n$$

$$(ii) (IR)^n \subseteq IR^n$$

Consider arbitrarily $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in (IR)^n$

$$\text{Let } x_i = (0, \dots, 0, a_i, 0, \dots, 0) \in IR^n$$

$$\text{then } x_i = a_i(0, \dots, 0, r_2, 0, \dots, 0)$$

Since IR^n is closed under finite sum

$$(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \in IR^n$$

$$\therefore (IR)^n \subseteq IR^n$$

$$\therefore IR^n = (IR)^n$$

$$\therefore R^n / IR^n = R^n / (IR)^n \cong R / IR \times \dots \times R / IR$$

- (4) R : commutative ring

$$R^n \cong R^m \Leftrightarrow n=m$$

∴ We need to show if $|A|=|B|$ then $F(A) \cong F(B)$

Let $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$: bijective map

$\varphi^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$: inverse of φ

then $\exists \bar{\varphi}: F(A) \rightarrow F(B)$: R -module homomorphism

$\exists \bar{\varphi}^{-1}: F(B) \rightarrow F(A)$: R -module homomorphism.

$\bar{\varphi} \circ \bar{\varphi}^{-1} = \text{id}_{F(A)} \rightarrow \bar{\varphi}$ is injective $\} \text{ bijective}$

$\bar{\varphi} \circ \bar{\varphi}^{-1} = \text{id}_{F(B)} \rightarrow \bar{\varphi}$ is surjective $\}$

$\therefore \bar{\varphi}: F(A) \rightarrow F(B)$: isomorphism

$\therefore F(A) \cong F(B)$

$$\therefore n=m \Rightarrow R^n \cong R^m$$

⇒ Let M, N : R -module with $M \leq N$ and let I : ideal of R

$$\text{then } M / I M \cong N / I N$$

$$\therefore \varphi: M \rightarrow N: \text{isomorphism} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \varphi: M / I M \rightarrow N / I N \\ m+IM \mapsto \varphi(m)+IN \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Now let } R^n \cong R^m \text{ and }$$

$$\exists \varphi: M / I M \rightarrow N / I N$$

$$n+IN \mapsto \varphi(n)+IN$$

$$\text{I: maximal ideal of } R.$$

$$\text{then } (R / IR)^n \cong R^n / (IR)^n \cong (R / IR)^m \cong R^m / (IR)^m$$

$$\varphi \circ \varphi^{-1}: \text{id on } M / I M$$

$$\varphi \circ \varphi^{-1}: \text{id on } N / I N$$

$$\rightarrow \varphi, \varphi^{-1}: \text{isomorphism}$$

\therefore two vector spaces are

isomorphic

∴ they have same rank

□

Problem 2.5. Let I be a nonempty index set and for each $i \in I$ let M_i be an R -module. The direct product of the modules M_i is defined to be their direct product as abelian groups (cf. Exercise 15 in Section 5.1) with the action of R componentwise multiplication. The direct sum of the modules M_i is defined to be the restricted direct product of the abelian groups M_i (cf. Exercise 17 in Section 5.1) with the action of R componentwise multiplication. In other words, the direct sum of the M_i 's is the subset of the direct product, $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$, which consists of all elements $\prod_{i \in I} m_i$ such that only finitely many of the components m_i are nonzero; the action of R on the direct product or direct sum is given by $r \prod_{i \in I} m_i = \prod_{i \in I} rm_i$ (cf. Appendix I for the definition of Cartesian products of infinitely many sets). The direct sum will be denoted by $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$.

- (1) Prove that the direct product of the M_i 's is an R -module and the direct sum of the M_i 's is a submodule of their direct product.
- (2) Show that if $R = \mathbb{Z}$, $I = \mathbb{Z}^+$ and M_i is the cyclic group of order i for each i , then the direct sum of the M_i 's is not isomorphic to their direct product. [Look at torsion.]

Solution.

(1) $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$ is abelian group by componentwise addition and the action of R on $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$ by componentwise scalar multiplication

satisfies the R -module axioms by checking componentwisely. Therefore $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$ is R -module. \square

Also, $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ is R -module by checking one more condition: finitely many of the components are nonzero:

If $m, m' \in \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$, then $m + m'$ has finitely many nonzero components

$0 \in \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ and $-m \in \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ for all $m \in \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$.

Since all elements of $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ are in $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$, $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ is R -submodule of $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$. \square

(2) Suppose that $\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z} \cong \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}$ as \mathbb{Z} -module.

Then $\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z} = \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}$ by (1) and $\text{Tor}(\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}) = \text{Tor}(\prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z})$

Since $\text{Tor}(\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}$ by vanishing all finite nonzero components, $\text{Tor}(\prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}) = \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}$: This is contradiction

($(0, 1, 1, 1, \dots) \in \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}$ cannot be vanished.)

Hence $\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z} \neq \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}$

\square

\square

- Problem 2.6.**
- (1) Show that the element “ $2 \otimes 1$ ” is 0 in $\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ but is nonzero in $2\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$.
 - (2) Show that $\mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ and $\mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}$ are both left \mathbb{R} -modules but are not isomorphic as \mathbb{R} -modules.
 - (3) Show that $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}$ are isomorphic left \mathbb{Q} -modules. [Show they are both 1-dimensional vector spaces over \mathbb{Q} .]
 - (4) If R is any integral domain with quotient field Q , prove that $(Q/R) \otimes_R (Q/R) = 0$.
 - (5) Let $\{e_1, e_2\}$ be a basis of $V = \mathbb{R}^2$. Show that the element $e_1 \otimes e_2 + e_2 \otimes e_1$ in $V \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} V$ cannot be written as a simple tensor $v \otimes w$ for any $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Solution.

(1) $2 \otimes 1 = 1 \otimes 2 = 1 \otimes 0 = 0$ in $\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

Define $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ by

$$\varphi(2n, m) = nm$$

Then φ is \mathbb{Z} -balanced map with $\varphi(2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

Hence there's an unique group homomorphism $\Phi: \mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ s.t.

$$\Phi(2 \otimes 1) = \varphi(2, 1) = 1 + 2\mathbb{Z} \text{ so that } 2 \otimes 1 \neq 0. \text{ (Otherwise } \Phi(2 \otimes 1) = 0)$$

$$\therefore 2 \otimes 1 \neq 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$

(2) Since $\mathbb{C} \otimes_R \mathbb{C}$ and $\mathbb{C} \otimes_C \mathbb{C}$ are vector spaces over \mathbb{R} ($\because \mathbb{C}$ is both (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) -bimodule and (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}) -bimodule) But their rank is different:

$\{1 \otimes_R 1, 1 \otimes_R i, i \otimes_R 1, i \otimes_R i\}$, $\{1 \otimes_C 1, 1 \otimes_C i\}$ are bases of $\mathbb{C} \otimes_R \mathbb{C}$ and $\mathbb{C} \otimes_C \mathbb{C}$, respectively :

$$(a+bi) \otimes_R (c+di) = ac(1 \otimes_R 1) + ad(1 \otimes_R i) + bc(i \otimes_R 1) + bd(i \otimes_R i)$$

$$(a+bi) \otimes_C (c+di) = 1 \otimes_C (a+bi)(c+di) = (ac-bd)(1 \otimes_C 1) + (ad+bc)(1 \otimes_C i)$$

Hence they are not isomorphic by the rank.

(3) First, $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}$ are left \mathbb{Q} -modules since \mathbb{Q} is both (\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z}) -bimodule and (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}) -bimodule.

Also, they have same rank 1 so that they are isomorphic:

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \left(\frac{c}{d}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{bd} \times d\right) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \left(\frac{c}{d}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{bd}\right) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} (c) = \left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} 1 = \left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right) (1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} 1)$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \left(\frac{c}{d}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{b} \times \frac{c}{d}\right) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} 1 = \left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right) (1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} 1)$$

Hence $\{1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} 1\}$, $\{1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} 1\}$ are bases of $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}$, respectively.

So $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} \cong \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}$.

(4) Let $\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2} + R\right) \otimes_R \left(\frac{r_2}{r_3} + R\right)$ be an element of $(\mathbb{Q}/R) \otimes_R (\mathbb{Q}/R)$ with $r_1 \neq 0, r_2 \neq 0$.

$$\text{Then } \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2} + R\right) \otimes_R \left(\frac{r_2}{r_3} + R\right) = \left(\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2} + R\right) r_2\right) \otimes_R \left(\frac{r_2}{r_3} + R\right) = \left(\frac{r_1}{r_3} + R\right) \otimes_R \left(r_2 + R\right) = \left(\frac{r_1}{r_3} + R\right) \otimes_R (0 + R) = 0.$$

Since we choose the element arbitrarily, $(\mathbb{Q}/R) \otimes_R (\mathbb{Q}/R) = 0$.

(5) Let $v = a_{11}e_1 + a_{12}e_2$ and $w = a_{21}e_1 + a_{22}e_2$. Then $e_1 \otimes e_2 + e_2 \otimes e_1 = v \otimes w$ implies that

$$(a_{11}a_{22}) e_1 \otimes e_1 + (a_{11}a_{22}-1) e_1 \otimes e_2 + (a_{12}a_{21}-1) e_2 \otimes e_1 + (a_{12}a_{21}) e_2 \otimes e_2 = 0.$$

So $a_{11}a_{22}=0$, $a_{12}a_{21}=0$, $a_{11}a_{21}=1$, $a_{12}a_{22}=1$ implies that $0=1$: contradiction!

Hence $e_1 \otimes e_2 + e_2 \otimes e_1$ cannot be expressed as $v \otimes w$.

□

Problem 2.7. Suppose R is commutative and $N \cong R^n$ is a free R -module of rank n with R -module basis e_1, \dots, e_n .

- (1) For any nonzero R -module M show that every element of $M \otimes N$ can be written uniquely in the form $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \otimes e_i$ where $m_i \in M$. Deduce that if $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \otimes e_i = 0$ in $M \otimes N$ then $m_i = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

- (2) Show that if $\sum m_i \otimes n_i = 0$ in $M \otimes N$ where the n_i are merely assumed to be R linearly independent then it is not necessarily true that all the m_i are 0 . [Consider $R = \mathbb{Z}$, $n = 1$, $M = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, and the element $1 \otimes 2$.]

Solution.

(1) Pf) We can proof this statement using the isomorphism $\theta : M \otimes_R (R^n) = M \otimes_R (\bigoplus_n R) \cong \bigoplus_n (M \otimes R) \cong \bigoplus_n M$. (θ can be justifies by the good condition(commuatative ring) of R and inductivelty by the isomorphism of tho direct sum and tensor product isomorphism.) Furthermore, for all $i = 1, \dots, n$, We can think a natural injection θ_i from $M \otimes (0, \dots, R, \dots, 0)$ (only i th comoponent isn't zero) to $\bigoplus M$. Since $\bigoplus M$ is a direct sum, all elements has unique expression. And these injective maps tell the given unique form of the problem. Zero element is the trivial case of this consequence.

(2) Pf) Linear independent is weak condition to promise unique expression;

Pf) Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$, $n = 1$, $M = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ and the element $1 \otimes 2$. $1 \otimes 2 = 2 \otimes 1 = 0$. Hence doesn't have unique expression.

□

Problem 2.8. Suppose that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & & & \\ & A & \xrightarrow{\psi} & B & \xrightarrow{\varphi} C \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \beta \downarrow & & \gamma \downarrow \\ A' & \xrightarrow{\psi'} & B' & \xrightarrow{\varphi'} & C' \end{array}$$

is a commutative diagram of groups and that the rows are exact. Prove that

- (1) if φ and α are surjective, and β is injective then γ is injective. [If $c \in \ker \gamma$, show there is a $b \in B$ with $\varphi(b) = c$. Show that $\varphi'(\beta(b)) = 0$ and deduce that $\beta(b) = \psi'(a')$ for some $a' \in A'$. Show there is an $a \in A$ with $\alpha(a) = a'$ and that $\beta(\psi(a)) = \beta(b)$. Conclude that $b = \psi(a)$ and hence $c = \varphi(b) = 0$.]
- (2) if ψ' , α , and γ are injective, then β is injective,
- (3) if φ , α , and γ are surjective, then β is surjective,
- (4) if β is injective, α and φ are surjective, then γ is injective,
- (5) if β is surjective, γ and ψ' are injective, then α is surjective.

Solution.

(1) $\varphi, \alpha : \text{surjective}$ $\beta : \text{injective} \Rightarrow \gamma : \text{injective}$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall c \in \ker \gamma \quad & \exists b \in B \text{ s.t. } c = \varphi(b) \quad (\varphi: \text{surjective}) \\ \Rightarrow \varphi'(\beta(b)) &= \gamma(\varphi(b)) = 0 \quad \substack{\text{L} \\ \in \ker \gamma} \quad (\text{diagram commutes}) \\ \Rightarrow \beta(b) &\in \ker \varphi' = \text{im } \psi \\ \Rightarrow \exists a' \in A' \quad & \text{s.t. } \beta(b) = \psi'(a') \\ \Rightarrow \exists a \in A \quad & \text{s.t. } a' = \alpha(a) \\ \Rightarrow \psi'(\alpha(a)) &= \beta(\psi(a)) = \beta(b) \\ \Rightarrow \psi(a) &= b \quad (\beta: \text{injective}) \\ \Rightarrow c &= \varphi(b) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \gamma &: \text{injective} \end{aligned}$$

(2) $\psi', \alpha, \gamma : \text{injective}, \Rightarrow \beta : \text{injective}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall b \in \ker \beta, \quad & \beta(b) = 0 \Rightarrow \varphi'(\beta(b)) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \gamma(\varphi(b)) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \varphi(b) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow b \in \ker \varphi = \text{im } \psi \\ \Rightarrow \exists a \in A \text{ s.t. } b = \psi(a) \\ \Rightarrow \beta(\psi(a)) &= \psi'(\alpha(a)) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha(a) &= 0 \quad (\psi': \text{injective}) \\ \Rightarrow a = 0 & \quad (\alpha: \text{injective}) \\ \Rightarrow b = \psi(a) = \psi(0) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \beta &: \text{injective} \end{aligned}$$

(4) = (7)

(5) $\beta : \text{surjective}, \quad \gamma, \psi' : \text{injective} \Rightarrow \alpha : \text{surjective}$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall a' \in A' \quad & \exists b' \in B' \text{ s.t. } b' = \psi'(a') - \\ \Rightarrow b' &\in \text{im } \psi' = \ker \varphi' \\ \Rightarrow \varphi'(b') &= 0 \\ \text{for each } b' \in B' \quad & \exists b \in B \text{ s.t. } b' = \beta(b) \quad (\beta: \text{surjective}) \\ \Rightarrow \varphi'(\beta(b)) &= \gamma(\varphi(b)) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \varphi(b) &= 0 \quad (\gamma: \text{injective}) \\ \Rightarrow b \in \ker \varphi = \text{im } \psi \\ \Rightarrow \exists a \in A \text{ s.t. } b = \psi(a) \\ \Rightarrow \psi'(\alpha(a)) &= \beta(\psi(a)) = \beta(b) = b' = \psi'(a') \\ \Rightarrow a' &= \alpha(a) \quad (\psi': \text{injective}) \\ \Rightarrow \alpha &: \text{surjective.} \end{aligned}$$

(3) $\varphi, \alpha, \gamma : \text{surjective} \Rightarrow \beta : \text{surjective}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall b' \in B', \quad & \text{let } C' = \varphi(b') \\ \Rightarrow \exists c \in C \text{ s.t. } & C' = \gamma(c) \quad (\gamma: \text{surjective}) \\ \Rightarrow \exists b \in B \text{ s.t. } & c = \varphi(b) \quad (\varphi: \text{surjective}) \\ \Rightarrow \varphi'(\beta(b)) &= \gamma(\varphi(b)) \\ \Rightarrow \varphi'(\beta(b) - b') &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \beta(b) - b' &\in \ker \varphi' = \text{im } \psi' \\ \Rightarrow \exists a' \in A' \text{ s.t. } & \beta(b) - b' = \psi'(a') \\ \Rightarrow \exists a \in A \text{ s.t. } & a' = \alpha(a) \\ \Rightarrow \psi'(\alpha(a)) &= \beta(\psi(a)) \\ \Rightarrow \psi(b) - b' &= \beta(\psi(a)) \\ \Rightarrow b' &= \beta(b) - \beta(\psi(a)) \\ &= \beta(b - \psi(a)) \\ \Rightarrow \beta &: \text{surjective} \end{aligned}$$

□

Problem 2.9. Let P_1 and P_2 be R -modules. Prove that $P_1 \oplus P_2$ is a projective R -module if and only if both P_1 and P_2 are projective.

Solution.

Pf) \Leftarrow) Suppose that P_1 and P_2 are projective R -modules. Think the following diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & P_i & & \\ & \Pi_i & \uparrow \downarrow \iota_i & & \\ & & P_1 \oplus P_2 & & \\ & h & \nearrow \searrow & f & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\iota} & B & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

We can define $f_i : P_i \rightarrow B = f\iota_i$. Since, each P_i is projective, there exists $h_i : P_i \rightarrow A$ making the diagram commutes. Then these two homomorphism define the unique homomorphism $h : P_1 \oplus P_2 \rightarrow A$, defined by componentwisely through $h_i (i = 1, 2)$.

\Rightarrow) Suppose that $P_1 \oplus P_2$ is projective and the following diagram is given.
For $i = 1, 2$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & P_1 \oplus P_2 & & \\ & \iota_i & \uparrow \downarrow \Pi_i & & \\ & & P_i & & \\ & h & \nearrow \searrow & f & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\iota} & B & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Since $P_1 \oplus P_2$ is projective, for $f' : P_1 \oplus P_2 \rightarrow B$ defined by $f' := f\Pi_i$. There exists $h' : P_1 \oplus P_2 \rightarrow A$ making the following diagram commutes. Define $h := h'\iota_i : P_i \rightarrow A$. Then $gh = g(h'\iota_i) = (gh')\iota_i = f'\iota_i = (f\Pi_i)\iota_i = f(\Pi_i\iota_i) = f1_{P_i} = f$. and so, each P_i is projective.

□

Problem 2.10. Let $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{\psi} M \xrightarrow{\varphi} N \rightarrow 0$ be a sequence of R -modules.

(1) Prove that the associated sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(D, L) \xrightarrow{\psi'} \text{Hom}_R(D, M) \xrightarrow{\varphi'} \text{Hom}_R(D, N) \rightarrow 0$$

is a short exact sequence of abelian groups for all R -modules D if and only if the original sequence is a split short exact sequence. [To show the sequence splits, take $D = N$ and show the lift of the identity map in $\text{Hom}_R(N, N)$ to $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$ is a splitting homomorphism for φ .]

(2) Prove that the associated sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N, D) \xrightarrow{\varphi'} \text{Hom}_R(M, D) \xrightarrow{\psi'} \text{Hom}_R(L, D) \rightarrow 0$$

is a short exact sequence of abelian groups for all R -modules D if and only if the original sequence is a split short exact sequence.

Solution. (1)

Pf) \Leftarrow) It's enough to check $\text{Hom}_R(D, -)$ is exact. In other words, it's enough to show for all $f \in \text{Hom}(D, N)$, $f' \in \text{Hom}(D, M)$ such that $f = \varphi'f'$. Since the original exact sequence is split exact, there exists $\iota : N \rightarrow M$ such that $\varphi\iota = 1_N$. For all $f \in \text{Hom}(D, N)$ let $f' = \iota f \in \text{Hom}(D, M)$. Then $\varphi'f' = \varphi(\iota f) = (\varphi\iota)f = 1_Nf = f$.

\Rightarrow) First, Put $D = R$, Then since $\text{Hom}(R, M) \cong M$, the original sequence is exact. Second, fix $D = N$. And choose $1_N \in \text{Hom}(N, N)$. Since the associated sequence is exact, there exists $\iota \in \text{Hom}(N, M)$ such that $\varphi'\iota = \varphi\iota = 1_N$. It implies the original sequence is a split sequence.

(2)

Pf) \Leftarrow) It's enough to check $\text{Hom}_R(-, D)$ is exact. In other words, it's enough to show ψ' is surjective map. Since the original sequence is split exact, there exists $\iota \in \text{Hom}(M, L)$ satisfying $\iota\psi = 1_L$. For all $f \in \text{Hom}(L, D)$, we can define $f' \in \text{Hom}(M, D)$ by $f' = f\iota$. Then $\psi'f' = \psi'(f\iota) = (f\iota)\psi = f(\iota\psi) = f1_L = f$. Hence ψ' is surjective.

\Rightarrow) If the original sequence is exact, we can make the following arguments make sense; fix $D = L$. Then $1_L \in \text{Hom}(L, L)$. Since the associated sequence is exact, there exists $\iota \in \text{Hom}(M, L)$ such that $\psi'\iota = \iota\psi = 1_L$. This implies the original sequence is a split sequence.

*The original sequence is exact.
Pf)

(1): φ is surjective) Let $D = \text{coker}(\varphi)$. Then we can choose natural projection $\Pi \in \text{Hom}(N, D)$. Since φ' is injective and $\varphi'\Pi = \Pi\varphi = 0$, Π must be a zero map and φ is surjective.

(2): ψ is injective) Let $D = L$. Then for the identity, $1_L \in \text{Hom}(L, L)$. Since ψ' is surjective, there exists $f \in \text{Hom}(M, L)$ such that $\psi'f = f\psi = 1_L$. Hence ψ must be injective.

(3): $\ker\varphi = \text{im}\psi$
 \supset) By the exactness, $\psi'\varphi' = 0$ and so $0 = (\varphi\psi)'$. (I think it seems natural in the sense of a contravariant functor, but also we can see it easily by defining the map by the composition.) Let $D = N$ and choose the identity map $1_N \in \text{Hom}(N, N)$. Then $0 = (\varphi\psi)'1_N = 1_N(\varphi\psi) = \varphi\psi$. This implies $\ker\varphi \supset \text{im}\psi$.

\subset) Now, let $D = \text{coker}(\psi)$ and choose the natural projection $\Pi \in \text{Hom}(M, D)$. Then $\psi'\Pi = 0$, and by the exactness there exists $f \in \text{Hom}(N, D)$ such that $\varphi'f = \Pi$. It means $\ker\varphi \subset \text{im}\psi$. (It may use the contraposition of this proposition and contradiction. i.e, if $x \notin \text{im}\psi$, it can't be contained in $\ker\varphi$. If not, $0 = \Pi(x) = f\varphi(x) \neq 0$. Contradiction!)

By (1), (2) and (3) the original sequence is exact.

□

3. HOMEWORK 3 (DUE: MAY 10)

Problem 3.1 (Section 12.1, Exercise 2). Let M be a module over the integral domain R .

- (1) Suppose that M has rank n and that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is any maximal set of linearly independent elements of M . Let $N = Rx_1 + \dots + Rx_n$ be the submodule generated by x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n . Prove that N is isomorphic to R^n and that the quotient M/N is a torsion R -module (equivalently, the elements x_1, \dots, x_n are linearly independent and for any $y \in M$ there is a nonzero element $r \in R$ such that ry can be written as a linear combination $r_1x_1 + \dots + r_nx_n$ of the x_i).
- (2) Prove conversely that if M contains a submodule N that is free of rank n (i.e., $N \cong R^n$) such that the quotient M/N is a torsion R -module then M has rank n . [Let y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n+1} be any $n+1$ elements of M . Use the fact that M/N is torsion to write r_iy_i as a linear combination of a basis for N for some nonzero elements r_1, \dots, r_{n+1} of R . Use an argument as in the proof of Proposition 3 to see that the r_iy_i , and hence also the y_i , are linearly dependent.]

Solution.

$$(1) \quad a = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i x_i \in N.$$

The expression is unique

\because Each x_i linearly independent.

$\Rightarrow N \cong R^n$ since N is free by uniqueness of expression.

Say $m \in M_N$.

$\exists r \in R \setminus \{0\}$: $rm \in N$ ($rm=0$ in M/N)

$\therefore m, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ is linearly dependent.

$$\Rightarrow r'm = \sum_{i=1}^n r'_i x_i \in N \text{ for some } r' \in R$$

(2)

Say $m \in M$.

$\exists r \in R \setminus \{0\}$: $rm \in N \quad \because M/N$ torsion module

$$\Rightarrow rm = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i y_i$$

$\Rightarrow m, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ are linearly dependent.

\Rightarrow Rank of $M \leq n$

$n = \text{Rank of } N \leq \text{Rank of } M$

$\therefore M$ has rank n

□

Problem 3.2 (Section 12.1, Exercise 3). Let R be an integral domain and let A and B be R -modules of ranks m and n , respectively. Prove that the rank of $A \oplus B$ is $m+n$. [Use the previous exercise.]

Solution.

(pf) By the part (a) of the previous problem, we see \exists submodules A' of A , and B' of B s.t. $A' \cong R^m$; $B' \cong R^n$ and the two quotient modules A/A' and B/B' are torsion R -modules. Then we see that $A' \oplus B'$ is a submodule of $A \oplus B$ and $A' \oplus B' \cong R^{m+n}$. Also, we know that $(A \oplus B)/(A' \oplus B') \cong (A/A') \oplus (B/B')$ and the direct sum $(A/A') \oplus (B/B')$ is a torsion R -module since each quotient A/A' and B/B' is torsion. Hence, $(A \oplus B)/(A' \oplus B')$ is a torsion R -module. $\therefore A \oplus B$ contains a submodule $A' \oplus B'$ that is free of rank $m+n$ such that $(A \oplus B)/(A' \oplus B')$ is torsion. \therefore By part (b) of the previous problem, we see $A \oplus B$ has rank $m+n$.

□

Problem 3.3 (Section 12.1, Exercise 4). Let R be an integral domain, let M be an R -module and let N be a submodule of M . Suppose M has rank n , N has rank r and the quotient M/N has rank s . Prove that $n = r + s$. [Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s be elements of M whose images in M/N are a maximal set of independent elements and let $x_{s+1}, x_{s+2}, \dots, x_{s+r}$ be a maximal set of independent elements in N . Prove that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{s+r} are linearly independent in M and that for any element $y \in M$ there is a nonzero element $r \in R$ such that ry is a linear combination of these elements. Then use Exercise 2.]

Solution.

Proof. First, let x_1, \dots, x_s be elements in M such that whose image in M/N are linear independent. Then the set is linear independent. (If not, the image isn't linear independent contradiction!). And let x_{s+1}, \dots, x_{s+r} be a maximal linear independent set in N .

Second, I want to show the set $x_1, \dots, x_s, x_{s+1}, \dots, x_{s+r}$ is linear independent. Suppose that for some $r_i \in R$ ($1 \leq i \leq s+r$), $\sum_{(1 \leq i \leq s)} r_i x_i + \sum_{(s+1 \leq i \leq s+r)} r_i x_i = 0$. Think the image in M/N then the right side vanished out and by the choice of x_1, \dots, x_s , $r_i = 0$ where $1 \leq i \leq s$. Then in the world of M , $\sum_{(1 \leq i \leq s)} r_i x_i + \sum_{(s+1 \leq i \leq s+r)} r_i x_i = \sum_{(s+1 \leq i \leq s+r)} r_i x_i = 0$. hence, $r_i = 0$ for $s+1 \leq i \leq s+r$.

Finally, Let L be a submodule of M generated by x_i ($1 \leq i \leq s+r$) (hence isomorphic to R^{s+r}). I want to show that M/L is a torsion module. Suppose that M/L isn't a torsion module, there exists $x \in M/L$ such that for all $r \in R$ $rx \notin M/L$. Then x is linear independent with x_1, \dots, x_{s+r} . There are two cases, $x \in N$ or $x \notin N$. But both these two cases are impossible by the choices of x_1, \dots, x_s and x_{s+1}, \dots, x_{s+r} . Hence M/L is a torsion module. From the conclusion of the problem 3.1, we can say that M is a module with rank $r+s$.

□

Problem 3.4 (Section 12.1, Exercise 5). Let $R = \mathbb{Z}[x]$ and let $M = (2, x)$ be the ideal generated by 2 and x , considered as a submodule of R . Show that $\{2, x\}$ is not a basis of M . [Find a nontrivial R -linear dependence between these two elements.] Show that the rank of M is 1 but that M is not free of rank 1 (cf. Exercise 2).

Solution.

- (1) Let $M = (2, x)$ be an R -module.

Since $x \cdot 2 + (-2) \cdot x = 0$, 2, x are linearly dependent.

Hence, $\{2, x\}$ is not a basis of M .

- (2) For any $p(x), q(x) \in M$, $\{p(x), q(x)\}$ is linearly dependent since $q(x)p(x) + (-p(x))q(x) = 0$ even if $p(x) \neq 0$ and $q(x) \neq 0$.

Therefore rank of M is at most 1, i.e. $\text{rank}(M) \leq 1$ (a)

Since $R = \mathbb{Z}[x]$ is an integral domain, every set is linearly independent.

Therefore rank of M is at least 1, i.e. $\text{rank}(M) \geq 1$ (b)

Thus, by (a) and (b) $\text{rank}(M) = 1$.

- (3) Suppose M is free of rank 1.

Now for $p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$, let $r(x) \in M$ with $p(x)r(x) = 2$.

Then $r(x)$ divides 2, i.e. $r(x)$ is an integer, moreover $r(x) = \pm 1$ or ± 2 .

If $r(x) = 2$ or -2 , there is no $q(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ s.t. $x = q(x)r(x)$, so $r(x) = 1$ or -1 .

But if $r(x) = 1$ or -1 , $M = R$, which is not true since $1 \in R$ cannot be written as $a(x)2 + b(x)x$ for any $a(x), b(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Therefore M is not free of rank 1.

□

Problem 3.5 (Section 12.1, Exercise 6). Show that if R is an integral domain and M is any nonprincipal ideal of R then M is torsion free of rank 1 but is not a free R -module.

Solution.

- (1) Let R be an integral domain and let M be a nonprincipal ideal of R .

Let $r \in R \setminus \{0\}$ and let $m \in M$.

if $rm = 0$ then $m = 0$ since R is an integral domain.

Hence $\text{Tor}_R(M) = \{0\}$, M is torsion free.

Since M is nonprincipal ideal of R , $M \neq \{0\}$.

Hence, rank of M is at least 1, i.e. $\text{rank}(M) \geq 1$ (a)

If we take two arbitrary elements $a, b \in M \setminus \{0\}$, they satisfy $b \cdot a + (-a) \cdot b = 0$, so they are not linearly independent, hence rank of M is at most 1, i.e. $\text{rank}(M) \leq 1$ (b)

By (a) and (b) rank of M is 1, i.e. $\text{rank}(M) = 1$.

Therefore M is torsion free of rank 1.

- (2) Now suppose that M is a free R -module of rank 1.

Then there exists $a \in M$ s.t. $M = Ra$,

i.e. $M = (a)$ for some $a \in M$. (contradiction.)

Therefore M is not a free R -module.

□

Problem 3.6 (Section 12.1, Exercise 7). Let R be any ring, let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m be R -modules and let B_i be a submodule of A_i , $1 \leq i \leq m$. Prove that

$$(A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus A_m) / (B_1 \oplus B_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus B_m) \cong (A_1/B_1) \oplus (A_2/B_2) \oplus \cdots \oplus (A_m/B_m)$$

Solution.

Define a R -module homomorphism $\varphi : \bigoplus_{i=1}^m A_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^m (A_i/B_i)$ by

$$\varphi(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) = (a_1 + B_1, a_2 + B_2, \dots, a_m + B_m)$$

it is well-defined since direct sum has an unique expression of each element and

$$r\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_m) = r(a_1 + B_1, \dots, a_m + B_m) = (ra_1 + B_1, \dots, ra_m + B_m) = \varphi(r(a_1, \dots, a_m))$$

Since $\ker \varphi = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m B_i$, by the 1st isomorphism theorem,

$$(A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_m)/(B_1 \oplus \dots \oplus B_m) \cong (A_1/B_1) \oplus \dots \oplus (A_m/B_m)$$

□

Problem 3.7 (Section 12.1, Exercise 8). Let R be a P.I.D., let B be a torsion R -module and let p be a prime in R . Prove that if $pb = 0$ for some nonzero $b \in B$, then $\text{Ann}(B) \subseteq (p)$.

Solution.

Let $r \in \text{Ann}(B)$.

W.T.S $p \mid r$

Suppose that $p \nmid r$. Since (p) is prime ideal in P.I.D. R , it is maximal.

That is, there are $x, y \in R$ s.t.

$$px + ry = 1$$

Since $pb = 0$ and $rb = 0$,

$$b = (px + ry)b = x(pb) + y(rb) = 0 : \text{Contradiction } (b \text{ is nonzero})$$

Hence $p \mid r$ implies that $\text{Ann}(B) \subseteq (p)$. □

□

Problem 3.8 (Section 12.1, Exercise 9). Give an example of an integral domain R and a nonzero torsion R -module M such that $\text{Ann}(M) = 0$. Prove that if N is a finitely generated torsion R -module then $\text{Ann}(N) \neq 0$.

Solution.

- (1) Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$, and let $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/2^i\mathbb{Z}$.

Then each $a \in M$ can be written as

$$a = (a_1 + \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, a_2 + \mathbb{Z}/2^2\mathbb{Z}, \dots, a_k + \mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z}, 0, 0, \dots)$$

for some $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

In this case we can get $2^k a = 0$, so M is torsion \mathbb{Z} -module.

Now let $r (\in \mathbb{Z})$ be an annihilator of M .

If we choose $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $r < 2^k$, and let the element $x = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1 + \mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z}, 0, 0, \dots) \in M$,

then $0 = rx = (0, 0, \dots, 0, r + \mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z}, 0, 0, \dots)$ since r is an annihilator of M .

Thus $r = 0$, since $r < 2^k$.

Therefore if R is \mathbb{Z} and if nonzero torsion R -module M is $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/2^i\mathbb{Z}$, then $\text{Ann}_R(M) = 0$.

- (2) Let N be a finitely generated torsion R -module.

Since N is finitely generated, there exists $\mathcal{B} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\} \in N$ s.t. $N = R\mathcal{B}$.

Since N is torsion R -module, for each $x_i \in N$ there exists $r_i \in R \setminus \{0\}$ s.t. $r_i x_i = 0$.

Now for every $n \in N$, we can write

$$n = r'_1 x_1 + r'_2 x_2 + \dots + r'_k x_k$$

for some $r'_1, r'_2, \dots, r'_k \in R$.

Since R is an integral domain,

$$(r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k) x_i = (r_1 r_2 \cdots r_{i-1} r_{i+1} \cdots r_k) r_i x_i = 0$$

for each i , and $r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k \neq 0$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k n &= (r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k)(r'_1 x_1 + r'_2 x_2 + \dots + r'_k x_k) \\ &= (r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k)r'_1 x_1 + (r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k)r'_2 x_2 + \dots + (r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k)r'_k x_k \\ &= r'_1(r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k)x_1 + r'_2(r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k)x_2 + \dots + r'_n(r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k) \\ &= r'_1 0 + r'_2 0 + \dots + r'_k 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for any $n \in N$, we have $(r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k)n = 0$.

i.e. nonzero element $r_1 r_2 \cdots r_k$ annihilates N .

i.e. $\text{Ann}_R(N) \neq 0$.

□

Problem 3.9 (Section 12.1, Exercise 10). For p a prime in the P.I.D. R and N a torsion R -module prove that the p -primary component of N is a submodule of N and prove that N is the direct sum of its p -primary components (there need not be finitely many of them).

Solution.

Let P be a prime in P.I.D. R and $N' = \{x \in N \mid P^{\alpha}x = 0\}$ for some positive α .

W.T.S N' is submodule of N

Checking the submodule criterion,

$$x, y \in N' \Rightarrow P^{\alpha}(x+ry) = P^{\alpha}x + r(P^{\alpha}y) = 0 \quad \therefore x+ry \in N' \text{ (by definition } x+ry \in N\text{)}$$

Hence N' is submodule of N .

W.T.S N is direct sum of its p -primary components.

Using the induction on the number of prime factors of annihilator.

Let $a = uP_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots P_k^{\alpha_k}$ be a factorization of a .

Define $\hat{P}_i^{\alpha_i} := P_1^{\alpha_1} P_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots P_{i-1}^{\alpha_{i-1}} P_i^{\alpha_i} P_{i+1}^{\alpha_{i+1}} \cdots P_k^{\alpha_k}$. ($k \geq 2$, for 1 is obvious: $\forall m \in M \quad P_m^{\alpha} = 0 \Rightarrow M \subseteq N$.)

Then $\hat{P}_i^{\alpha_i} m \in N$; for each i .

By the induction there're r_i 's in R s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^k r_i \hat{P}_i^{\alpha_i} = 1 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Suppose that } r_i \hat{P}_i^{\alpha_i} + \cdots + r_k \hat{P}_k^{\alpha_k} = 1 \text{ for } k < n. \\ \text{Then there're } s, t \in R \text{ s.t. } s \hat{P}_{k+1}^{\alpha_{k+1}} + t \hat{P}_{k+2}^{\alpha_{k+2}} = 1 \end{array} \right)$$

Hence $M = N_1 + N_2 + \cdots + N_k$

Since $N_i \cap (N_1 + N_2 + \cdots + N_{i-1} + N_{i+1} + \cdots + N_k) = \{0\}$ for each i , $(P_i^{\alpha_i}x = 0, \hat{P}_i^{\alpha_i}x = 0, (r_i P_i^{\alpha_i} + r' \hat{P}_i^{\alpha_i})x = 0 \text{ for some } r, r' \in R)$

it follows that $M = N_1 \oplus N_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus N_k$.

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Problem 3.10 (Section 12.1, Exercise 15). Prove that if R is a Noetherian ring then R^n is a Noetherian R -module. [Fix a basis of R^n . If M is a submodule of R^n show that the collection of first coordinates of elements of M is a submodule of R hence is finitely generated. Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k be elements of M whose first coordinates generate this submodule of R . Show that any element of M can be written as an R -linear combination of m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k plus an element of M whose first coordinate is 0. Prove that $M \cap R^{n-1}$ is a submodule of R^{n-1} where R^{n-1} is the set of elements of R^n with first coordinate 0 and then use induction on n .

Solution.

Fix a basis for R^n , which we can take to be the standard basis $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$, where e_i is 1 in the i^{th} position and 0 elsewhere.

Now let M be an arbitrary submodule of R^n .

Consider the set M_1 of all first coordinates of elements of M .

i.e. If $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in M$, then $a_1 \in M_1$.

For every $x, y \in M_1$ and for every $r \in R$,

there exist elements $(x, *, \dots, *)$, $(y, *, \dots, *) \in M$ s.t. $(x, *, \dots, *) - (y, *, \dots, *) \in M$, i.e. $x - y \in M_1$,

there exist an element $(x, *, \dots, *)$ s.t. $r(x, *, \dots, *) = (rx, *, \dots, *) \in M$, i.e. $rx \in M_1$.

Therefore M_1 is a left ideal of R , and since R is Noetherian, M_1 is finitely generated, say by $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\} \subseteq R$.

Repeat the process for the set of second coordinates, third coordinates, etc., up to the n^{th} coordinates, yielding submodules M_2, M_3, \dots, M_N of R , each of which is finitely generated since R is Noetherian.

For each generating element of each M_i , choose a corresponding element in M whose i^{th} coordinate is the generating element and other coordinates are filled in a way to respect the construction from M .

The collection of all such chosen elements from M for each M_i will form a finite generating set for M .

Since M is an arbitrary submodule of R^n and it is finitely generated, R^n is a Noetherian R -module.

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