

Homework 4
Due Wednesday, October 5th

1. Let Γ be a subgroup of \mathbb{R}^n such that in each ball there are finitely-many elements of Γ . Show that Γ is a free \mathbb{Z} -module generated by at most n elements.
2. Prove that a non-trivial discrete subgroup of \mathbb{R} is a free \mathbb{Z} -module of rank 1.
3. Read sections 10.1–10.3 (Module theory), do problem 27 on p. 358, problems 10, 11 on p. 344 from Dummit and Foote, 3rd edition.
4. Read sections 8.1–8.3, do problems 1, 3, 5, 8 on p. 292 from Dummit and Foote, 3rd edition.
5. A non-empty subset Y of a topological space X is called irreducible if it cannot be expressed as the union $Y = Y_1 \cup Y_2$ of two proper subsets, each one of which is closed in Y . The empty space is not considered to be irreducible.
 - (i) Give an example of an irreducible space and an example of a space which is not irreducible.
 - (ii) Show that any non-empty open subset of an irreducible space is irreducible and dense.
 - (iii) Show that in an irreducible space any two non-empty open subsets have a non-empty intersection.
 - (iv) If Y is a subset of a topological space X , which is irreducible in its induced topology, then the closure \overline{Y} is also irreducible.