

**Exercise 8.1**

Notice that the set of left proper ideals of  $R$  form a partially ordered set  $P$  with inclusion as the ordering relation ( $K \leq J \Leftrightarrow K \subseteq J$ ). We know that  $P$  is not empty since  $I \in P$ .

If we show that every chain in  $P$  has an upper bound in  $P$  then by Zorn's Lemma  $P$  has a maximal element (which is a maximal ideal). Considering any chain of proper ideals.

$$I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq I_3 \subseteq \dots$$

we have

$$U = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i \in P$$

$U$  is an ideal since for any  $x, y \in U, r \in R$ , there exists  $I_n$  such that  $x, y \in I_n$  then  $x + y \in I_n \subseteq U, rx \in I_n \subseteq U$ .  $U$  is proper since  $1 \notin I_i \forall i$  so  $1 \notin U$ . We have that

$$I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq I_3 \subseteq \dots \subseteq U$$

So every chain is bounded. Thus we are done.

**Exercise 8.2**

(a) For any  $a \in D$ , if we consider the set  $1, a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^n$  where  $n$  is the dimension of  $D$  over  $k$ . We have  $n + 1$  elements and thus they are linearly dependent. So there exists a nonzero polynomial

$$f(a) = k_n a^n + k_{n-1} a^{n-1} + \dots + k_1 a + k_0 = 0$$

(b)  $D = k$  since for any  $a \in D$  and  $f \in k[x]$ ,  $f(a) = 0$  we can factor  $f$  completely since  $k$  is completely

$$f(a) = (a - a_n)(a - a_{n-1}) \dots (a - a_0)$$

Where  $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_0 \in k$ . Since  $D$  is a domain we know  $a = a_i$  for one of the  $a_i$  and thus  $a \in k$ . Thus  $D \subseteq k$ . We already know  $k \subseteq D$  since there is an embedding from  $k$  to  $D$ .

**Exercise 8.3**

If  $M$  is some  $k[G]$  module with submodule  $N \subset M$ , we have the surjective homomorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow M/N$ . Since  $k$  is a subring of  $k[G]$   $M$  and  $M/N$  are  $k$  vectorspaces. We have a  $k$  linear section  $s : M/N \rightarrow M$  such that  $\pi \circ s = \text{id}$ . The reason for this is because  $M/N$  has a basis  $B$  as a vector space so for each  $b \in B$  there is some  $m \in M$  with  $\pi(m) = b$  then we define  $s(b) = m$ .  $s$  is a fully defined  $k$  linear map from where it sends its basis. We have that

$$s'(x) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} e_g s(e_{g^{-1}} x)$$

is a  $k[G]$  module homomorphism. Checking the properties:

$$s'(0) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} e_g s(0) = 0$$

$s'(x+y) = s'(x) + s'(y)$ , we can use the fact that  $s(x+y) = s(x) + s(y)$

$$s'(x+y) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} e_g s(e_{g^{-1}}(x+y)) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} e_g s(e_{g^{-1}}x) + e_g s(e_{g^{-1}}y) = s'(x) + s'(y)$$

For  $s'(rx) = r s'(x)$  for  $r \in k[G]$  we have that  $r = e_{g_1} k_1 + e_{g_2} k_2 + \dots e_{g_n} k_n$  so

$$s'(rx) = s'(e_{g_1} k_1 x + e_{g_2} k_2 x + \dots e_{g_n} k_n x) = k_1 s'(e_{g_1} x) + k_2 s'(e_{g_2} x) + \dots k_n s'(e_{g_n} x)$$

We know  $s'$  is  $k$  linear since

$$s'(kx) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} e_g s(e_{g^{-1}} kx) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} e_g k s(e_{g^{-1}} x) = k s'(x)$$

Thus we must only check that  $s'(e_h x) = e_h s'(x)$ .

$$s'(e_h x) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} e_g s(e_{g^{-1}} e_h x)$$

We can relabel  $z = h^{-1}g$  and  $z^{-1} = g^{-1}h$ . Since  $h^{-1}G = G$  we have the same sum

$$= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{z \in G} e_{hz} s(e_{z^{-1}} x) = \frac{e_h}{|G|} \sum_{z \in G} e_z s(e_{z^{-1}} x) = e_h s'(x)$$

Thus  $s'$  is a  $k[G]$  module homomorphism.

We have that  $\pi \circ s' = \text{id}$  since

$$\pi \circ s'(x) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} e_g \pi(s(e_{g^{-1}} x)) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} x = x$$

Letting  $Q = s'(M/N)$  we have the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{id} M \xrightarrow{\pi} Q \rightarrow 0$$

Since  $\pi$  splits we know that  $M = N \oplus Q$  and thus  $M$  is semisimple.

### Important result used in other problems

We can write the middle module of a short exact sequence as a direct sum if the sequence splits as follows:

If we have

$$0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{id} M \xrightarrow{\pi} Q \rightarrow 0$$

where there exists  $s' : Q \rightarrow M$  such that  $\pi \circ s' = \text{id}$  then we can show  $M = N \oplus Q$  by showing every  $m \in M$  can be written uniquely as a sum  $m = n + q$  where  $n \in N, q \in Q'$ . Here we define  $Q' = \text{im } s'$  so  $Q' \cong Q$ . We have that  $s'(\pi(m)) = q$  and  $n = m - q$ . We know  $m - q \in N$  since in  $M/N$  the coset of  $q$  and  $m$  are the same since  $\pi(q) = \pi(s'(\pi(m))) = \pi(m)$

so  $m - q = 0 \Rightarrow m - q \in N$ . If we show  $N \cap Q' = 0$  then we have uniqueness since if  $q + n = q' + n' \Rightarrow q - q' + n - n' = 0 \Rightarrow q - q' \in N, n - n' \in Q' \Rightarrow q - q', n - n' \in N \cap Q' \Rightarrow q - q' = 0, n - n' = 0 \Rightarrow q = q', n = n'$ .

For any  $p \in N \cap Q'$  we have that  $s'$  is surjective to  $Q'$  so there exists  $q \in Q$  where  $s'(q) = p$ . We have  $\pi(s'(q)) = q$ . Since  $p \in N$ ,  $\pi(p) = 0$ , thus  $q = 0$ . Since  $s'$  is a homomorphism we know  $s'$  maps 0 to 0, thus  $p = 0$ .

#### Exercise 8.4

Consider  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  for some prime  $p$  we have the sequence of  $R$  modules

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/(p^2) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/(p^2))/(\mathbb{Z}/(p)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/(p) \rightarrow 0$$

We know  $\mathbb{Z}/(p)$  is simple, yet  $\mathbb{Z}/(p^2) \not\cong \mathbb{Z}/(p) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/(p)$  since the generator must map to an element of order  $p^2$ , so  $\mathbb{Z}/(p^2)$  is not simple

#### Exercise 8.5

(a)

(i  $\Rightarrow$  ii)

This follows directly from the definition. Letting  $N = P$ ,  $\pi = p$ ,  $f = \text{id}$ . By the definition of a projective there exists  $s : P \rightarrow M$  with  $p \circ s = \text{id}$ .

(ii  $\Rightarrow$  iii)

Letting  $M = R^P$ , the free module with generating set  $P$ , we have the surjection  $p : M \rightarrow P$  which is the identity mapping on the generators. Letting  $Q = \ker \pi$  we have the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow Q \xrightarrow{\text{id}} R^P \xrightarrow{p} P \rightarrow 0$$

Since  $p$  splits, we know that  $R^P = P \oplus Q$ . (I showed this result in problem 8.3)

(iii  $\Rightarrow$  i)

For any  $R$  modules  $M$ ,  $N$ , surjective homomorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow N$  and homomorphism  $f : P \rightarrow N$  we can extend  $f$  as  $f' : (P \oplus Q) \rightarrow N$  by setting  $f' = (f, 0)$ . We have that  $P \oplus Q$  is free so has some generators  $g_1, g_2, \dots$ . Since  $\pi$  is surjective, there exists  $m_1, m_2, \dots \in M$  where  $\pi(m_1) = f'(g_1), \pi(m_2) = f'(g_2) \dots$ . Thus we can define a homomorphism using the universal property of free modules

$$g' : P \oplus Q \rightarrow M \text{ where } g_1 \rightarrow m_1, g_2 \rightarrow m_2 \dots$$

We have that  $\pi(g'(g_i)) = f'(g_i)$  and since homomorphisms from free modules are entirely determined by the image of the generators,  $\pi \circ g' = f'$ . Thus if we restrict  $g'$  to  $g : P \rightarrow Q$  with  $g(p) = g'(p)$  we get the mapping showing  $P$  is projective since  $f = f'$  on  $P$ .

(b)

(i  $\Rightarrow$  ii)

This follows directly from the definition. To use the same notation in the assignments description of injective, letting  $M = I$ ,  $N = M$ ,  $\pi = s$ ,  $f = \text{id}$  it follows from the definition of injective there exists  $p : M \rightarrow I$  with  $p \circ s = \text{id}$ .

(ii  $\Rightarrow$  i)

For any  $M$  and homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow I$  and injective homomorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow N$ , we create a module  $(N \times I)/Q$  where  $Q$  is the image of the homomorphism  $\phi : M \rightarrow M \times N$ ,  $\phi(m) = (\pi(m), -f(m))$ .

We have the natural projective map  $s : N \times I \rightarrow (N \times I)/Q$ . We also have the injective map  $(0, \text{id}) : I \rightarrow N \times I$ . It is the case that  $s \circ (0, \text{id})$  is injective (I will show this later) and thus from (ii) there exists  $p : (N \times I)/Q \rightarrow I$  where  $p \circ s \circ (0, \text{id}) = \text{id}$ . The  $g : N \rightarrow I$  to show (i) is  $g = p \circ s \circ (\text{id}, 0)$ . We have that

$$g \circ \pi = p \circ s \circ (\text{id}, 0) \circ \pi$$

In the module  $(N \times I)/Q$  we have the equivalent cosets  $(\pi(m), 0) = (\pi(m), 0) - (\pi(m), -f(m)) = (0, f(m))$  so  $s \circ (\text{id}, 0) \circ \pi = s \circ (0, \text{id}) \circ f$ :

$$= p \circ s \circ (0, \text{id}) \circ f = f$$

Since from how  $p$  was defined  $p \circ s \circ (0, \text{id}) = \text{id}$ . All that is left to show is that  $s \circ (0, \text{id})$  is injective:

We have that  $S = \ker(s \circ (0, \text{id})) = 0$  since for any  $i \in S$ ,  $s(0, i) = 0 \Rightarrow (0, i) \in Q$ ,  $\phi$  is surjective to  $Q$  so there exists  $m \in M$  where  $(\pi(m), -f(m)) = (0, i)$ . However since  $\pi$  is injective, the only possibility for  $m$  is 0 and since  $-f(0) = 0$  we know that  $i = 0$ .

### Exercise 8.6

(a) For any division ring  $R$  and  $R$  modules  $M, P, N$ . We know that division ring modules have a basis so let  $B$  be the basis of  $P$ . If there exists surjective homomorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow N$  and homomorphism  $f : P \rightarrow N$  we have that  $f$  is fully determined by the image of  $B$ . Since  $\pi$  is surjective for every  $b \in B$  there is an  $m_b \in M$  such that  $\pi(m_b) = f(b)$ . Thus we can use the universal property of free modules to define  $g : P \rightarrow M$  where  $g(b) = m_b$  for all  $b \in B$ . We have that for every  $b \in B$ ,  $\pi \circ g(b) = f(b)$  so  $\pi \circ g = f$ . So  $P$  is projective.

For any injective homomorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow N$  and homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow P$  there exists a basis  $B$  for  $M$  where  $\pi$  and  $f$  are fully defined by the images of  $B$ . Since  $\pi$  is injective, we know that  $\pi(B)$  is a basis for  $\pi(M)$ . We have that  $N/\pi(M)$  has a basis  $E'$ , and so  $N$  has the basis  $\pi(B) \cup E$  where  $E$  is a set in  $N$  whose cosets are  $E'$ . We can define  $g : N \rightarrow P$  where  $g(e) = 0$  for all  $e \in E$  and  $g(\pi(b)) = f(b)$ . Thus we have  $g \circ \pi = f$  so  $P$  is injective.

(b) If  $P$  is a free  $R$  module it is clear that  $P$  is projective from condition (iii). Conversely  $P$  is finitely generated and thus we know

$$P \cong R^r \oplus R/(a_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus R/(a_n)$$

with  $a_1 | a_2 | \dots | a_n$ .

With  $P$  projective there exists  $Q$  such that  $P \oplus Q \cong R^B$  is a free  $R$  module. This can only be the case if  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0$  which would mean  $P$  is free. This is because any basis element of  $P \oplus Q$  which generates an element in  $R/(a_i)$  cannot be linearly independent since it is not torsion free.

(c) We can use Baer's Criterion to show that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is injective. Baer's criterion states that a module over a unit ring  $R$  is injective if every module homomorphism from an ideal  $I \subset R$  to  $M$  can be extended to a homomorphism. We have that every module homomorphism  $f : n\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  extends to a homomorphism  $f' : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  by taking  $y \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $ny = f(n)$  and we define  $f'(x) = xy$ .

$\mathbb{Q}$  is not projective since if it were, then  $\mathbb{Q}$  would be a submodule of some free  $\mathbb{Z}$  module  $F$ . We would then have the projection map  $\pi : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  and the inclusion map  $i : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow F$  where  $\pi \circ i = \text{id}$ .

We have that  $i(1) = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \dots a_nb_n$  where  $b_i$ s are basis elements of  $F$  and  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Choose  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$  so that  $N > |a_i|$  for all  $a_i$ . We have that

$$i(1) = N \cdot i(1/N) = a_1b_1 + \dots a_nb_n$$

Which means  $N|a_i$  for all  $i$  (since  $i(1/N)$  is written as a unique sum of basis elements). This is a contradiction however since  $N > |a_i|$  so  $a_i = 0$  which contradicts  $1 = \pi(i(1)) \neq \pi(0) = 0$

### Exercise 8.7

(i  $\Rightarrow$  ii)

For  $R$  modules  $M, P$  and surjective homomorphism  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$ , since  $P, M$  are semisimple we can write them as a sum of simple modules

$$P = \bigoplus P_i, M = \bigoplus M_j$$

We can write  $\pi$  as a direct sum of its components from each  $P_i$ . Since the set of homomorphisms from each simple module is a division ring, we know that either  $\pi_i : P_i \rightarrow M$  is zero, or there exists  $s_i : \pi_i(P_i) \rightarrow P$  such that  $\pi_i \circ s_i = \text{id}$ . Thus since  $\pi$  is surjective we can define over all  $M$   $s : M \rightarrow P$  where  $s(m) = \bigoplus s_i(m)$ . We then have that  $\pi \circ s = \text{id}$  and thus (ii) is satisfied so  $P$  is projective.

(ii  $\Rightarrow$  iii)

We have that for any  $R$  module  $I$  and  $M$  we wish to show any injective  $\pi : I \rightarrow M$  splits. We have the short exact sequence

$$I \xrightarrow{\pi} M \xrightarrow{p} M/I$$

Since  $M/I$  is projective we know that  $p$  splits. As I have shown in 8.3 this means that  $M = M/I \oplus I$ . Thus since  $\pi(I) = 0 \oplus I$  we can extend the inverse on the image  $\pi^{-1} : \pi(I) \rightarrow I$  to  $(0, \pi^{-1}) : M/I \oplus I \rightarrow I$  with  $\pi \circ (0, \pi^{-1}) = \text{id}$ .

(iii  $\Rightarrow$  i)

For any submodule  $I$  of  $R$  we have the inclusion mapping  $i : I \rightarrow R$ . Since  $R$  is injective there exists  $g : R \rightarrow I$  with  $g \circ i = \text{id}$ . Thus we have that the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \ker g \xrightarrow{i} R \xrightarrow{g} I$$

and  $g$  splits ( $g \circ i = \text{id}$ ). Thus  $R = (\ker g) \oplus I$  as we have shown in problem 8.3. Therefore  $R$  is semisimple.