

MATH 123 - ALGEBRA II - SPRING 2020
ASSIGNMENT 5

Due Tuesday, March 3, 11h59pm. (please submit your assignment as a PDF on Canvas). Unless otherwise noted, references are to Dummit and Foote, *Algebra*, 3rd edition, Wiley, 2004.

Remember that in this class “ring” means “ring with identity”. Everywhere below, R denotes a ring.

PRACTICE PROBLEMS

(*Not* for credit. No need to submit your solutions. Try to do them while minimally looking at the textbook)

- (1) Give the definition of the following: external direct sum, internal direct sum, free module, basis of a module, rank of a module, Noetherian, elementary divisors, invariant factors, Jordan canonical form.
- (2) State and prove the structure theorem for modules seen in class (both forms).
- (3) For what kind of integral domains is a submodule of a free module free, and why?
- (4) Prove that any square matrix of complex numbers has a Jordan canonical form.
- (5) True or false?
 - (a) A module is Noetherian if and only if it is finitely generated.
 - (b) Any abelian group is isomorphic to a product of cyclic groups.
 - (c) For finitely generated modules over PIDs, free is equivalent to torsion-free.
 - (d) For R an integral domain, any free R -module of rank n is isomorphic to R^n .
 - (e) For R an integral domain, any submodule of a finitely generated free module is finitely generated.

PROBLEMS FOR CREDIT

- (1) You should have the assignment from another student available for review in your Canvas todo list. Review problem 3 from that assignment (submit your comment on Canvas, *not* with this assignment). Refer to the peer review instructions on the course website for more details. *You are encouraged not to look at the official solution before submitting your review!*
- (2)
 - (a) Let M_1, M_2 be R -modules and N_1, N_2 be submodules of M_1 and M_2 respectively. Show that $(M_1 \times M_2)/(N_1 \times N_2) \cong (M_1/N_1) \times (M_2/N_2)$.
 - (b) Let R be an integral domain and let M be an R -module. Let $y \in M$ and $a \in R$. Assume that y is not a torsion element. Show that $(Ry)/(Ray) \cong R/(a)$. Give an example showing that this may no longer hold if y is a torsion element.
 - (c) Assume R is a commutative ring with $0 \neq 1$. Show that if $R^n \cong R^m$ (as R -modules), then $n = m$. *Hint: take a maximal ideal of R , and quotient by a suitable submodule. Be careful: we are NOT assuming that R is an integral domain here, so you cannot use the proposition about the rank proven in class.*
- (3)
 - (a) (DF, 10.1.9) If N is a submodule of M , recall that the *annihilator of N in R* , $\text{Ann}(N)$, is defined to be $\{r \in R \mid rn = 0 \text{ for all } n \in N\}$. Show that the annihilator of N in R is an ideal of R .

- (b) (DF, 10.1.10) If I is an ideal of R , the *annihilator of I in M* is defined to be $\{m \in M \mid rm = 0 \text{ for all } r \in I\}$. Prove that the annihilator of I in M is a submodule of M .
- (c) (DF, 10.1.11) Let M be the abelian group $\mathbb{Z}/24\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/50\mathbb{Z}$, considered as a \mathbb{Z} -module.
 - (i) Give a generator for the annihilator of M in \mathbb{Z} .
 - (ii) Describe the annihilator of $2\mathbb{Z}$ in M as a product of cyclic groups.
- (4) Assume that R is commutative with $0 \neq 1$.
 - (a) Prove that all R -modules are free if and only if R is a field.
 - (b) (DF, 10.3.13) Let F be a free R -module of finite rank. Prove that $\text{Hom}_R(F, R) \cong F$. Here, $\text{Hom}_R(F, R)$ is the R -module of all homomorphisms from F to R , under the natural action and addition.
- (5)
 - (a) Describe all abelian groups of order 72.
 - (b) For each of the following abelian groups, determine whether it is finitely generated. If it is, give its free rank, elementary divisors, and invariant factors. We write \mathbb{Z}_n for $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$.
 - (i) $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{16} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$.
 - (ii) \mathbb{Q} , with addition.
 - (iii) $\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$.
- (6) (DF, 12.1.8) Let R be a PID, let M be a (not necessarily finitely generated!) torsion R -module, and let p be a prime in R . Show that if there exists a nonzero $m \in M$ such that $pm = 0$, then $\text{Ann}(M) \subseteq (p)$.
- (7) (DF, 12.1.15) Show that if R is a Noetherian ring, then R^n is a Noetherian R -module.