

HOMEWORK 8

1. Prove that $\mathbb{F}[x]/(x^2)$ -modules correspond to vector spaces with a linear transformation ϕ satisfying $\phi^2 = 0$.
2. Prove that $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ -modules correspond to those Abelian groups for which the order of any element is a divisor of n .
3. Let R be a commutative ring. Show that a subset S of R is an ideal if and only if S is an R -module under addition and scalar multiplication given by the addition and multiplication of R .
4. Let M_1, M_2, \dots be (left) R -modules. Consider the set

$$M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus \dots := \{(m_1, m_2, \dots) \mid m_i \in M_i \text{ and all } m_i \text{ are 0 except finitely many}\}.$$

Show that this is also a left R -module with componentwise operations.

5. Consider $k[x, y]$. Find a $k[x, y]$ -module M and a submodule N so that M cannot be written as $N \oplus K$ for another submodule K of M .
6. Consider a $k[x]$ -module M , i.e. a vector space with an endomorphism. When is it true that a submodule has a direct complement? I.e. for which M and for which submodule N can we find another submodule of M so that $M = N \oplus K$.
7. Let I be an ideal of R and M an R -module.
 - Show that the set $\{im \mid i \in I, m \in M\}$ is not necessarily a module over R .
 - Show that the set $\{\sum_{n=1}^k i_n m_n \mid i_n \in I, m_n \in M, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ is a submodule of M .

8. Let $V = \mathbb{R}^1$, the one-dimensional vector space over \mathbb{R} . Let v be a non-zero vector. Consider those linear transformations of V which map v to either itself or to $-v$. Show that these form the group $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, and hence V is a right-module over $\mathbb{R}[\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}]$.
9. Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ and draw the square whose vertices are in $(0, 1)$, $(-1, 0)$, $(0, -1)$, $(1, 0)$. Consider those linear transformations of V which map the **square** to itself (but may permute the vertices).

- Consider the standard basis $((1, 0), (0, 1))$ and write down the corresponding matrices of these linear transformations in this basis.
 - Compute the traces of all these matrices.
 - Show that these linear transformations form the group D_4 .
 - Show that V is a right-module over $\mathbb{R}[D_4]$.
10. Let R be a commutative ring, and assume that there is a field k contained in R containing 0 and 1. (i.e we have an injective homomorphism $k \rightarrow R$.) Consider the set S given by symbols of the form $r_1 d(r_2)$ where $r_1, r_2 \in R$. Consider the relations on S given by $d(t_1 t_2) = t_1 d(t_2) + t_2 d(t_1)$, $d(t_1 + t_2) = d(t_1) + d(t_2)$ and $d(t) = 0$ for every $t_1, t_2 \in R$ and every $t \in k$.
- Show that S modulo the relations is naturally a module over R (given by the scalar product $r \cdot d(t) = rd(t)$). This module is called the module of differential forms and it is denoted by Ω_R .
 - Show that $\Omega_{k[x,y]}$ is a free module generated by $d(x)$ and $d(y)$. In other words $\Omega_{k[x,y]} \cong k[x, y] \oplus k[x, y]$.
 - Compute $\Omega_{k[x]/(x^2)}$.