

# Lecture 29: Modules over PID III

Recall: Last time we talked about free modules over a PID  $R$

$$M \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} R \quad \text{via a basis } \{e_i\}_{i \in I} \quad (\text{generates + LI/R})$$

• Defined Torsion elements:  $x \in M$  with  $\text{Ann}(x) \neq (0)$

$$M_{\text{tor}} = \{ \text{torsion elements} \} \text{ submodule of } M$$

•  $M$  is Torsion free module  $\Leftrightarrow M_{\text{tor}} = \{0\}$

Thm 1:  $M \neq 0$  fg module over a PID

$$M \cong M_{\text{tor}} \oplus F \quad F \text{ free} \cong \frac{M}{M_{\text{tor}}}$$

§1 Classification v.1:

• Pick representatives for prime elements in  $R$   $\{p_i\}_{i \in I}$   
 $\hookrightarrow (p_i) \neq 0$  prime ideal

Classification Theorem 1: If  $(0) \neq M$  is a fg Torsion module

over a PID  $R$ , then:  $M = \bigoplus_{p_i \text{ prime}} M_{p_i^{n_i}}$  for suitable  $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 with  $M_{p_i^{n_i}} \neq \{0\}$ .

$$\text{Furthermore: } M_{p_i^{n_i}} \cong \frac{R}{(p_i^{v_i})} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{R}{(p_i^{v_s})}$$

with  $n_i = v_1^{(i)} \geq v_2^{(i)} \geq \dots \geq v_s^{(i)} \geq 1$  & the sequence  $(v_i)$  is uniquely determined by  $M$  &  $p_i$ .

Last time: Write  $\text{Ann}(M) = (a)$   $a \neq 0, a \in R^\times$ .

$$a = u p_1^{n_{i1}} \dots p_k^{n_{ik}} \quad u \in R^\times \quad p_{ij} \text{ prime reps } n_{ij} \geq 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad M = M_a = \bigoplus_{j=1}^r M_{p_{ij}^{n_{ij}}}$$

- Uniqueness of  $p_{ij}$  &  $u_{ij}$  follows from uniqueness of primary decomposition for PIDs.

TODAY: We focus on the classification of  $p$ -torsion modules

Uniqueness will be proven at the end.

- Assume  $M = \bigoplus_{p^n} p^n$  with  $n$  minimal. Notice  $\bar{M} = M / pM$  is a  $k$ -vsp with  $k = R / (p)$  (in a PID prime  $\Rightarrow$  max &  $\neq 0$ )

- Since  $M$  is fg:  $\dim_k \bar{M} < \infty$

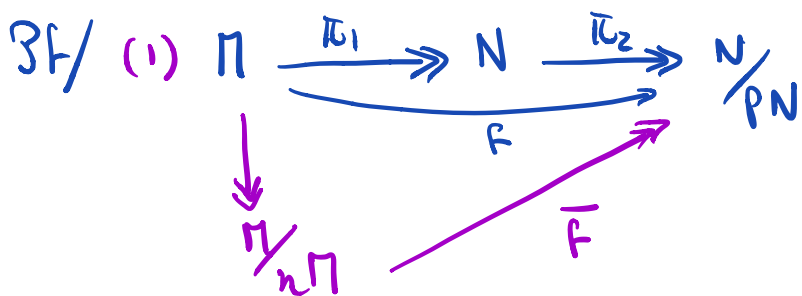
- We argue by induction on  $\dim_k \bar{M}$ , using the following lemma for the inductive step

Lemma: Assume  $\text{Ann}(M) = (p^n)$  & pick  $x \in M$  with  $\text{Ann}(x) = (p^n)$

Consider the ses  $0 \longrightarrow (x) \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{\pi} N \longrightarrow 0$   
"  $M/(x)$  "

Then (1)  $\dim_k \frac{N}{pN} < \dim_k \frac{M}{pM}$

(2)  $\pi$  admits a section (assuming  $N$  decomposes as expected)



$$\pi_1(pM) = p\pi_1(M) = pN$$

so  $pM \subseteq \text{Ker } f$

we set  $\bar{F}: \frac{M}{pM} \longrightarrow \frac{N}{pN}$

•  $\bar{F}$  is  $k$ -linear map

•  $\bar{F}$  is surjective so  $\dim_k \frac{N}{pN} \leq \dim_k \frac{M}{pM} < \infty$

•  $(x) \in M$  satisfies  $\bar{F}(x + pM) = 0$ . &  $x + pM \neq pM$   
 because  $p^{n-1}x \neq 0$ .

• We set  $R \cong \frac{x}{p(x)} \hookrightarrow \frac{\Pi}{p\Pi} \xrightarrow{\bar{F}} \frac{N}{pN} \leftarrow \bar{F} \Big|_{\frac{x}{p(x)}} = 0$

Conclusion  $\dim_k \frac{N}{pN} < \dim_k \frac{\Pi}{p\Pi}$ .

(2) We assume  $N \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \frac{R}{(p^{v_i})}$  with  $v_1 \geq \dots \geq v_s$

Consider  $\{\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_s\}$  where  $\varphi(y_i) = e_i$ .  $\text{Ann}(\bar{y}_i) = p^{v_i}$ .

We want to lift each  $y_i$  to  $\Pi$  so that  $\begin{cases} \text{Ann}(y_i) = \text{Ann}(\bar{y}_i) \\ y_i + R(x) = \bar{y}_i \in N \end{cases}$

• It suffices to do this for a single  $\bar{y} \in N \setminus \{0\}$

Assume  $\text{Ann}(\bar{y}) = (p^l)$  for some  $l \geq 1$ . Pick an  $y \in M$  with  $y + R(x) = \bar{y}$ .

Then  $p^l y \in R(x)$ . Write  $p^l y = bx$  for  $b \in R$  & factor  $b$  as  $b = p^s c$  with  $p \nmid c$  &  $s \geq 0$ .

• Since  $p^n x = 0$  we may assume  $s \leq n$  (otherwise,  $p^s c x = 0 = p^n c x$ )

• If  $s = n$ , then  $\left. \begin{array}{l} p^l y = 0 \\ p^{l-1} y \notin R(x) \text{ so } p^{l-1} y \neq 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{Ann}(y) = \text{Ann}(\bar{y})$

• If  $s < n$ , then  $\text{Ann}(p^s c x) = (p^{n-s})$  so  $\text{Ann}(y) = (p^{l+n-s})$

Since  $p^n y = 0$  we get  $l+n-s \leq n$ , i.e.  $l \leq s$

So  $y' = y - p^{s-l} c x$  satisfies

•  $y' + R(x) = \bar{y}$

&  $\text{Ann}(y') = (p^l) = \text{Ann}(\bar{y})$ .

(  $p^l y' = p^l y - p^s c x = 0$  &  $p^{l-1} y' = p^{l-1} y - p^{s-1} c x = 0$  forces  $p^{l-1} y \in R(x)$  )  
 (cont.)

- Assume we're lifted  $\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_s$  to  $y_1, \dots, y_s$  with  $\text{Ann}(y_i) = \text{Ann}(\bar{y}_i)$  &  $y_i + R(x) = \bar{y}_i \in N$

Then  $M = R(x) \oplus M'$  where  $M' = R(y_1, \dots, y_s)$

Since  $M' \cap R(x) = \{0\}$

- $\frac{M}{R(x)} = M' \simeq N$

□

End of the proof of Classification Thm. (existence of the decomposition)

We proceed by induction on  $\dim_k \frac{M}{pM}$  ( $k = \frac{R}{(p)}$  field)

- $M$  fg so  $\dim_k \frac{M}{pM} < \infty$  here  $M = \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_i$   $n$  minimal  $n \geq 1$ .

Base case:  $\dim_k \frac{M}{pM} = 1 = \dim_k \frac{R(x)}{p(x)}$  forces  $M = (x)$  so  $M \simeq \frac{R}{(p^n)}$ .

Inductive Step: Assume  $N$  admits a decomp. since  $\dim_k \frac{N}{pN} < \dim_k \frac{M}{pM}$ .

Using the section to  $M \rightarrow N$  from the proof of the lemma we

We build  $y_1, \dots, y_s$  from the decomp of  $N$ .

- Since  $N = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s R(\bar{y}_i) \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \frac{R}{(p^{v_i})} R$   $v_1, \dots, v_s$

and  $(p^n) = \text{Ann}(M) \subseteq \text{Ann}(N') = (p^{v_1})$  we set  $n \geq v_1, \dots, v_s$ .

To finish, we show  $R(y_1, \dots, y_s) = R(y_1) \oplus \dots \oplus R(y_s)$

Indeed if  $a_1 y_1 + \dots + a_s y_s = 0$ , we want to show  $a_i y_i = 0 \forall i$

Viewed in  $N$ :  $a_1 \bar{y}_1 + \dots + a_s \bar{y}_s = 0$  in  $N = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s R(\bar{y}_i)$  forces

$$a_i \bar{y}_i = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad a_i \in \text{Ann}(\bar{y}_i) = \text{Ann}(y_i) \Rightarrow a_i y_i = 0$$

Thus  $M = \underset{\frac{R}{(p^n)}}{(x)} \oplus \underset{\frac{R}{(p^{v_1})}}{R(y_1)} \oplus \dots \oplus \underset{\frac{R}{(p^{v_s})}}{R(y_s)}$   $n \geq v_1, \dots, v_s$  □

Uniqueness Proof:  $\Pi_{p^n} = (x) \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^s R(y_i) \quad n \geq 1, 2, \dots$

For  $\Pi_{p^n}$   $n = \text{exponent of } \text{Ann}(\Pi_{p^n}) = (p^n) \quad \text{Ann}(x) = (p^n)$

$$\text{Ann}(\Pi_{p^n}) = (p^n) \quad v_1 = \frac{\text{ord}(x)}{\text{ord}(p)} = (p^{v_1})$$

$$v_2 = \frac{\text{ord}(y_1)}{\text{ord}(p)} = (p^{v_2})$$

Claim:  $s = \dim_k \frac{\Pi}{p\Pi} - 1 \quad (k = R/p)$

Pf/ Since:  $\Pi = R(x) \oplus R(y_1) \oplus \dots \oplus R(y_s)$

Then  $p\Pi = pR(x) \oplus pR(y_1) \oplus \dots \oplus pR(y_t)$

with  $v_{t+1} = \dots = v_s = 1$ . (could have  $t=s$ )

$$\text{So } \frac{\Pi}{p\Pi} \cong \frac{R(x)}{pR(x)} \oplus \frac{R(y_1)}{pR(y_1)} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{R(y_t)}{pR(y_t)} \oplus \bigoplus_{j=t+1}^s R(y_j)$$

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 $k$  v.s.  $\cong_k$   $\cong_k$   $\cong_k$   $\cong_k$   $\cong_k$   $\cong_k$   $\cong_k$   $\cong_k$

$$\dim_k \frac{\Pi}{p\Pi} = 1 + t + (s - t) = s + 1$$

• So # of terms is unique!

• Assume  $\Pi = (x') \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^s R(y'_i)$   $\text{ord}(x') = n \geq \text{ord}(y'_1) \geq \dots \geq \text{ord}(y'_s)$

But  $\text{ord}(x') = n = \text{ord}(x)$  meaning  $\text{Ann}(x) = \text{Ann}(x') = \text{Ann}(\Pi)$

• Next, we consider the multiplication map  $p: \Pi \xrightarrow{p} \Pi$  & we argue by induction on  $n$  where  $\text{Ann}(\Pi) = (p^n)$ .

•  $\Pi' = p\Pi$  has  $\text{Ann}(\Pi') = (p^{n-1})$

• If  $n=1$ , then  $p\Pi = 0$  so  $v_1 = v_2 = \dots = v_s = 1$

$$v'_1 = v'_2 = \dots = v'_s = 1$$

• Assume  $n \geq 2$  & that the decomp is unique for any module with  $\text{Ann}(M) = (p^k)$  for  $k \leq n-1$

By construction the decomp of  $M'$  is unique. On the other

$$\begin{aligned} \text{hand } M' &\cong pM = R(px) \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^r R(py_i) & v_r \geq 2 \text{ \& } \\ &= R(px') \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^{r'} R(py'_i) & v_{r+1} = \dots = v_s = 1 \\ & & v_{r'} \geq 2 \text{ \& } v'_{r'+1} = \dots = v'_s = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and  $\text{Ann}(py_i) = (p^{v_i-1})$  ,  $\text{Ann}(px) = \text{Ann}(px') = (p^{n-1})$

$$\text{Ann}(py'_i) = (p^{v'_i-1})$$

Our inductive hypothesis gives:  $r = r'$  &

$$v_{i-1} = v'_{i-1} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, r$$

$$\text{\& } v'_{r+1} = \dots = v'_s = 1 = v_s = \dots = v_{r+1}$$

This concludes our proof.