

**MATH 6111 ALGEBRA I**  
**PROBLEM SET 12**

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1. Define  $f : S^{-1}A \times M \rightarrow S^{-1}M$  by  $f(a/s, m) = am/s$ . Suppose  $a/s = b/r$ , i.e. there is  $d \in S$  such that  $d(ra - sb) = 0$ . Then  $d(ram - sbm) = 0$ , which means  $am/s = bm/r$ . Thus,  $f$  is well-defined. We have

$$f\left(\frac{a}{s} + \frac{b}{r}, m\right) = f\left(\frac{ra + sb}{sr}, m\right) = \frac{(ra + sb)m}{sr} = \frac{ram}{sr} + \frac{sbm}{sr} = f\left(\frac{a}{s}, m\right) + f\left(\frac{b}{r}, m\right)$$

$$f\left(\frac{a}{s}, m + n\right) = \frac{a(m + n)}{s} = \frac{am}{s} + \frac{an}{s} = f\left(\frac{a}{s}, m\right) + f\left(\frac{a}{s}, n\right)$$

$$f\left(\frac{a}{s} \cdot b, m\right) = \frac{abm}{s} = f\left(\frac{a}{s}, bm\right).$$

$f$  is a  $A$ -bilinear map, so there is  $\tilde{f} : S^{-1}A \otimes_A M \rightarrow S^{-1}M$  such that  $\tilde{f}(a/s \otimes m) = f(a/s, m) = am/s$ . We can check that  $\tilde{f}$  is a  $S^{-1}A$ -module homomorphism.

Define  $g : S^{-1}M \rightarrow S^{-1}A \otimes_A M$  by  $g(m/s) = 1/s \otimes m$ . Then  $g$  is a  $S^{-1}A$ -module homomorphism because

$$g\left(\frac{m}{s} + \frac{n}{r}\right) = g\left(\frac{rm + sn}{sr}\right) = \frac{1}{sr} \otimes (rm + sn) = \frac{1}{sr} \otimes rm + \frac{1}{sr} \otimes sn = g\left(\frac{m}{s}\right) + g\left(\frac{n}{r}\right)$$

$$g\left(\frac{a}{t} \cdot \frac{m}{s}\right) = \frac{1}{ts} \otimes am = \frac{a}{ts} \otimes m = \frac{a}{t} \cdot g\left(\frac{m}{s}\right).$$

Note that  $\tilde{f} \circ g(m/s) = \tilde{f}(1/s \otimes m) = m/s$  and  $g \circ \tilde{f}(a/s \otimes m) = g(am/s) = 1/s \otimes am = a/s \otimes m$ , so  $\tilde{f}$  and  $g$  are inverse of each other. It follows that  $S^{-1}A \otimes_A M \cong S^{-1}M$ .  $\square$

5. Consider the following sequences  $0 \longrightarrow M' \xrightarrow{\psi} M \xrightarrow{\phi} M'' \longrightarrow 0$  and

$0 \longrightarrow M'_m \xrightarrow{\psi'} M_m \xrightarrow{\phi'} M''_m \longrightarrow 0$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a maximal ideal.  $M_m = S^{-1}M$ , where  $S = A \setminus \mathfrak{m}$ . For every  $\mathfrak{m}$ , we use  $\psi'$ ,  $\phi'$  and  $S$  uniformly.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) This is Proposition 31.2 in Lecture Notes.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) *Lemma 1.*  $(\ker \psi)_m = \ker \psi'$  for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $m' \in \ker \psi$ . Then  $\psi'(m'/s) = \psi(m')/s = 0$  for any  $s \in S$ , i.e.  $m'/s \in \ker \psi'$ . This means  $(\ker \psi)_m \subset \ker \psi'$  and this holds for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$ . Conversely, suppose  $m'/s \in \ker \psi'$ . Then  $\psi(m')/s = \psi'(m'/s) = 0$ , which implies  $d\psi(m') = 0$  for some  $d \in S$ . Thus,  $m'/s \in \ker \psi$  for any  $s \in S$ . Let  $N$  be the submodule generated by  $\psi(m')$ .

$\psi(m')/s = 0$  for any  $s \in S$  implies  $N_{\mathfrak{m}} = 0$ . This holds for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$ , so  $N = 0$ , i.e.  $m' \in \ker \psi$ . Hence,  $(\ker \psi)_{\mathfrak{m}} = \ker \psi'$  for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$ .

*Lemma 2.*  $(\operatorname{im} \phi)_{\mathfrak{m}} = \operatorname{im} \phi'$  and  $(M''/\operatorname{im} \phi)_{\mathfrak{m}} \cong M''_{\mathfrak{m}}/\operatorname{im} \phi'$  for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$ .

*Proof.* By definition,  $\phi'(m/s) = \phi(m)/s$ , so easily  $(\operatorname{im} \phi)_{\mathfrak{m}} = \operatorname{im} \phi'$ .

Define  $f : (M''/\operatorname{im} \phi)_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow M''_{\mathfrak{m}}/\operatorname{im} \phi'$  by  $f(\frac{m''+\operatorname{im} \phi}{s}) = m''/s + \operatorname{im} \phi'$ .  $\frac{m''+\operatorname{im} \phi}{s} = \frac{n''+\operatorname{im} \phi}{r} \Leftrightarrow d(rm'' - sn'') \in \operatorname{im} \phi$  for some  $d \in S$ , which implies

$$\frac{m''}{s} - \frac{n''}{r} = \frac{d(rm'' - sn'')}{dsr} \in (\operatorname{im} \phi)_{\mathfrak{m}} = \operatorname{im} \phi'.$$

Conversely,

$$\begin{aligned} m''/s + \operatorname{im} \phi' &= n''/r + \operatorname{im} \phi' \Leftrightarrow m''/s - n''/r \in \operatorname{im} \phi' \\ &\Rightarrow m''/s - n''/r = a/b \text{ for some } a \in \operatorname{im} \phi \text{ and } b \in S \\ &\Rightarrow d'(b(rm'' - sn'') - sra) = 0 \text{ for some } d' \in S \\ &\Rightarrow d'b(rm'' - sn'') = d'sra \in \operatorname{im} \phi \Leftrightarrow \frac{m'' + \operatorname{im} \phi}{s} = \frac{n'' + \operatorname{im} \phi}{r}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f$  is well-defined and injective.  $f$  is surjective by definition, therefore  $f$  is an isomorphism.

$0 \longrightarrow M'_{\mathfrak{m}} \xrightarrow{\psi'} M_{\mathfrak{m}} \xrightarrow{\phi'} M''_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$ . By Lemma 1,  $(\ker \psi)_{\mathfrak{m}} = \ker \psi' = 0$  for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$  and therefore  $\ker \psi = 0$ . Similarly, we can get  $\operatorname{im} \phi = M''$  and  $\ker \phi = \operatorname{im} \psi$  by applying Lemma 2 and the fact  $(\ker \phi/\operatorname{im} \psi)_{\mathfrak{m}} \cong \ker \phi'/\operatorname{im} \psi'$  (which can be shown as in Lemma 2). Hence,  $0 \longrightarrow M' \xrightarrow{\psi} M \xrightarrow{\phi} M'' \longrightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence.  $\square$

**7.** Suppose  $J$  is an ideal in  $A[[x]]$ . Define

$$I_k = \{c \in A \mid \exists f(x) \in J \text{ such that } f(x) = cx^k + \text{higher}\} \cup \{0\}.$$

It is easy to check that  $I_k$  is an ideal in  $A$  and  $I_0 \subset I_1 \subset \dots$ .  $A$  is Noetherian, so there is  $N$  such that  $I_N = I_{N+1} = \dots$  and each of them is finitely generated. Suppose  $I_k = \langle c_{k1}, \dots, c_{kn} \rangle$ . Since each  $I_k$  is finite generated and there are only finite different  $I_k$ 's, we can take subscript  $n$  uniformly. There is  $f_{ki} \in J$  such that  $f_{ki} = c_{ki}x^k + \text{higher}$ . Let  $J' = \langle f_{ki} \rangle_{0 \leq k \leq N, 1 \leq i \leq n}$  and claim that  $J' = J$ .

Each  $f_{ki}$  is in  $J$ , so  $J' \subset J$ . For any  $f \in J$ , say  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots$ .  $a_0 \in I_0$ , so  $a_0 = b_1c_{01} + \dots + b_nc_{0n}$  for some  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in A$ . Let  $g_0 = b_1f_{01} + \dots + b_nf_{0n}$ . Then  $g_0 \in J' \subset J$ , so  $f - g_0 = a'_1x + \text{higher} \in J$ . Continue to find  $g_1, \dots, g_N \in J'$  and get

$$f - g_0 - \dots - g_N = a_{N+1}^{(N+1)}x^{N+1} + \text{higher},$$

where  $a_{N+1}^{(N+1)} \in I_{N+1} \subset I_N$ . Similarly, there exists  $g_{N+1} \in \langle f_{N1}, \dots, f_{Nn} \rangle \subset J'$  such that

$$f - g_0 - \dots - g_N - g_{N+1} = a_{N+2}^{(N+2)}x^{N+2} + \text{higher}.$$

Continue this process and get

$$f = g_0 + \cdots + g_N + xg_{N+1} + x^2g_{N+2} + x^3g_{N+3} + \cdots,$$

where  $g_{N+2}, g_{N+3}, \dots \in \langle f_{N_1}, \dots, f_{N_n} \rangle \subset J'$ . Thus,  $f \in g_0 + \cdots + g_N + \langle f_{N_1}, \dots, f_{N_n} \rangle \subset J'$ , as desired.  $\square$

**9.** Suppose  $N$  is a submodule of  $M[x]$ . Define

$$L_k = \{m \in M \mid \exists f(x) \in M[x] \text{ such that } f(x) = mx^k + \text{lower}\} \cup \{0\}.$$

It is easy to check that  $L_k$  is a submodule of  $A$  and  $L_0 \subset L_1 \subset \cdots$ .  $M$  is a Noetherian module over  $A$ , so there is  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $L_l = L_{l+1} = \cdots$  and each of them is finitely generated. Suppose  $L_k = \langle m_{k1}, \dots, m_{kn} \rangle$ . Again we take subscript  $n$  uniformly as in Problem 7. There is  $f_{ki} \in N$  such that  $f_{ki} = m_{ki}x^k + \text{lower}$ . Let  $N' = \langle f_{ki} \rangle_{0 \leq k \leq l, 1 \leq i \leq n}$  and claim that  $N' = N$ .

Each  $f_{ki}$  is in  $N$ , so  $N' \subset N$ . For any  $f \in N$ , define  $d = \deg f$ . If  $d \leq l$ , then  $f \in N'$  by the choices of  $f_{ki}$ . Suppose  $d > l$ . Since  $L_d = L_l$ , there is  $g_d \in \langle f_{l1}, \dots, f_{ln} \rangle \subset N'$  such that  $f - x^{d-l}g_d$  is of degree at most  $d-1$ . Continue this process and find  $g_{d-1}, \dots, g_{l+1} \in \langle f_{l1}, \dots, f_{ln} \rangle \subset N'$  such that  $f - x^{d-l}g_d - \cdots - xg_{l+1}$  is of degree at most  $l$ . We can see that  $f - x^{d-l}g_d - \cdots - xg_{l+1}$  is in  $N'$  by the case of  $d \leq l$ . Thus,  $f \in N'$  as desired. We have shown that every submodule in  $M[x]$  is finitely generated, therefore  $M[x]$  is a Noetherian module over  $A[x]$ .  $\square$

**10.** If  $f(m) = 0$  for some  $m \in M$ , then we have  $f^2(m) = f(f(m)) = f(0) = 0$  and  $f^k(m) = 0$  for  $k \geq 2$ . Thus,  $\ker f \subset \ker f^2 \subset \cdots$ . The kernel of any module homomorphism is a submodule. Since  $M$  is a Noetherian module over  $A$ , there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\ker f^n = \ker f^{n+1} = \cdots$ .

$f$  is surjective, so for any  $m \in M$  there is  $m_1 \in M$  such that  $f(m_1) = m$ . Then there is  $m_2 \in M$  such that  $f(m_2) = m_1$ , i.e.  $f^2(m_2) = m$ . This implies  $f^2$  is surjective. Similarly,  $f^k$  is surjective for  $k \geq 2$ .

Assume  $\ker f \neq 0$ . Then  $f(a) = 0$  for some  $a \in M - \{0\}$ .  $f^n$  is surjective, so there is  $m \in M$  such that  $f^n(m) = a$ . Then  $f^{n+1}(m) = f(a) = 0$ , i.e.  $m \in \ker f^{n+1}$ . But  $\ker f^n = \ker f^{n+1}$  implies  $a = f^n(m) = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $\ker f = 0$ .  $f$  is surjective, therefore  $f$  is an isomorphism.  $\square$