

Exercise 1.

Show that the additive group of \mathbb{Q} is a torsionfree \mathbb{Z} -module. Show that every free submodule of \mathbb{Q} is cyclic, and show that the same is true for finitely generated submodules of \mathbb{Q} . Give an example of a proper submodule $N \subsetneq \mathbb{Q}$ that is not cyclic.

Exercise 2.

Let $A = \mathbb{C}[T]$ and consider $N = \mathbb{C}^n$ as an A -module by letting T act as a complex $n \times n$ -matrix M . Show that N is a cyclic A -module if and only if the Jordan normal form of M consists of only one Jordan block, i.e. if M is conjugated to a matrix of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & & \\ & \lambda & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda & 1 \\ & & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Exercise 3.

Let A be an integral domain. Show that a homomorphism $f : M \rightarrow N$ of A -modules restricts to a homomorphism $T(M) \rightarrow T(N)$ between their respective torsion modules. Show that this defines a left exact functor $T : A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow A\text{-Mod}$.

Exercise 4. Show that the following properties for an A -module P are equivalent.

1. The functor $\text{Hom}(-, P)$ is exact.
2. There is an A -module Q such that $P \oplus Q$ is free.
3. Every short exact sequence of A -modules of the form $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow M \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0$ splits.
4. For every epimorphism $p : M \rightarrow Q$ of A -modules and every homomorphism $f : P \rightarrow Q$, there is a homomorphism $g : Q \rightarrow M$ such that $f = p \circ g$.

An A -module P with these properties is called *projective*. Conclude that every free A -module is projective. Show that $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ is a projective $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ -module that is not free.

Remark: An A -module I is *injective* if and only if $\text{Hom}(I, -)$ is exact. It can be shown that there are analogous characterizations as in (3) and (4) for injective modules. However, there is no explicit description as in (2) in general. For $A = \mathbb{Z}$, one can show that a \mathbb{Z} -module I is injective if and only if it is *divisible*, i.e. for every $m \in I$ and every $l > 0$ there exists an $n \in I$ such that $l.n = m$.

Exercise 5 (Bonus).

Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a ring homomorphism, M an A -module and N a B -module. Show the following assertions.

1. The abelian group $f_*M = M \otimes_A B$ is a B -module with respect to the action $a.(m \otimes b) = m \otimes ab$. A homomorphism $M \rightarrow M'$ of A -modules induces a homomorphism $M \otimes_A B \rightarrow M' \otimes_A B$ of B -modules via $m \otimes b \mapsto f(m) \otimes b$. This defines a functor $f_* : A - \text{Mod} \rightarrow B - \text{Mod}$, called the *push forward along f* .
2. The abelian group $f^*N = N$ is an A -module with respect to the action $a.m = f(a).m$. A homomorphism $N \rightarrow N'$ of B -modules is also a homomorphism of A -modules. This defines a functor $f^* : B - \text{Mod} \rightarrow A - \text{Mod}$, called the *pull back along f* .
3. The association $(g : M \rightarrow f^*N) \mapsto (m \otimes b \mapsto b.g(m))$ defines a bijection $\Phi_{M,N} : \text{Hom}_A(M, f^*N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(f_*M, N)$. This bijection is *functorial* in M and N , i.e. a homomorphism $h : M \rightarrow M'$ of A -modules yields a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_A(M', f^*N) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{M',N}} & \text{Hom}_B(f_*M', N) \\ h^* \downarrow & & \downarrow (f_*(h))^* \\ \text{Hom}_A(M, f^*N) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{M,N}} & \text{Hom}_B(f_*M, N) \end{array}$$

and a homomorphism $h : N \rightarrow N'$ of B -modules yields a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_A(M, f^*N) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{M,N}} & \text{Hom}_B(f_*M, N) \\ (f^*(h))^* \downarrow & & \downarrow (h)_* \\ \text{Hom}_A(M, f^*N') & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{M,N'}} & \text{Hom}_B(f_*M, N'). \end{array}$$

Remark: This exercise verifies that the functor $f_* : A - \text{Mod} \rightarrow B - \text{Mod}$ is *left adjoint* to $f^* : B - \text{Mod} \rightarrow A - \text{Mod}$.