

$R$  denotes a ring with 1

LEM 7 Given  $R$ -module  $M$

Given  $R$ -submodules  $A, B$  of  $M$ .

TFAE

(i)  $A + B = M$  and  $A \cap B = 0$

(ii) the map

$$\begin{aligned} A \times B &\rightarrow M \\ \psi: (a, b) &\rightarrow a + b \end{aligned}$$

is an  $R$ -module isomorphism.

pf (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii)  $\psi$  is  $R$ -module hom by LEM 5  
(with  $\varphi = \text{incl}$ ,  $\phi = \text{incl}$ )

show  $\psi$  is bijective.

$\psi$  is surj since  $A + B = M$

show  $\psi$  is inj: Given  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  st

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(a, b) &= 0 \\ \parallel \\ a + b & \end{aligned}$$

$$a = -b \in A \cap B = 0$$

$$\text{So } a = 0 = b$$

$\psi$  is inj  $\checkmark$

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (i) Routine

$\square$

LEM 8 Given R-module M

Given R-submodules of M:

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t$  t ≥ 2

Assume

$M = A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_t$  (\*)

TFAE

(i)  $\forall a_i \in A_i$  (1 ≤ i ≤ t),

$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_t = 0$  implies  $a_i = 0$   $\forall$  1 ≤ i ≤ t

(ii)  $\forall$  1 ≤ i ≤ t,  $A_i$  has 0 intersection with

$A_1 + \dots + A_{i-1} + A_{i+1} + \dots + A_t$  ★

pf (i) → (ii) Given

$x \in A_i \cap \star$

show  $x = 0$ .

write

$x = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_i + a_{i+1} + \dots + a_t$   $a_j \in A_j$

so  $0 = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + (-x) + a_{i+1} + \dots + a_t$   
||  $a_i \in A_i$

so  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_t = 0$

so  $x = -a_i = 0$

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (i) Given  $a_j \in A_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq t$ ) st

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_t = 0$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq t$ ,

$$-a_i = a_1 + \dots + a_{i-1} + a_{i+1} + \dots + a_t$$

$$\in A_i \cap \star$$

$$= 0$$

So

$$a_i = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq t.$$

□

DEF 9

Ref to LEM 8,

the sum  $\star$  is called direct whenever the conditions (i), (ii) hold. In this case write

$$M = A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \dots \oplus A_t$$

Prop 10 Given an  $R$ -module  $M$

Given  $R$ -submodules of  $M$ :

$$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t$$

$$t \geq 2$$

TFAE

$$(i) \quad M = A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \dots \oplus A_t$$

(ii) The map

$$A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_t \rightarrow M$$

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_t) \rightarrow a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_t$$

is an  $R$ -module isomorphism.

pf The case  $t=2$  is just LEM 7. For general  $t$   
the pf is similar. □

DEF 11 Given an  $R$ -module  $M$

Given a subset  $A \subseteq M$  (possibly  $|A| = \infty$ )

Define  $RA =$  set of all finite sums

$$r_1 a_1 + r_2 a_2 + \dots + r_n a_n \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, r_i \in R, a_i \in A$$

Interp  $RA = 0$  if  $A = \emptyset$ .

Obs  $RA$  is an  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ , said to be generated by  $A$

Note Ref to Def 11, assume

$$|A| < \infty$$

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Write  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$

Then  $RA = Ra_1 + Ra_2 + \dots + Ra_n$

DEF 12 An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called finitely generated

whenever  $\exists$  finite subset  $A \subseteq M$  st  $M = RA$ .

Free R-modules

Recall R-module  $R$

For  $t \geq 1$  consider R-module

$$\underbrace{R \times R \times \dots \times R}_t$$

R-module  $\ast$  called free of rank  $t$

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LEM 13 Given an  $R$ -module  $M$

Given  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_t \in M$   $t \geq 1$

Then the map

$$\begin{aligned} R \times R \times \dots \times R &\longrightarrow M \\ (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_t) &\longrightarrow r_1 a_1 + r_2 a_2 + \dots + r_t a_t \end{aligned} \quad *$$

is an  $R$ -module homomorphism.

pf For  $i \leq t$  the map

$$\begin{aligned} R &\longrightarrow M \\ r &\longrightarrow r a_i \end{aligned}$$

is an  $R$ -module homo.

The map  $*$  is the composition

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \swarrow & R\text{-mod hom} & \searrow \\ R \times R \times \dots \times R & \longrightarrow & M \times M \times \dots \times M & \longrightarrow & M \\ (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_t) & \longrightarrow & (r_1 a_1, r_2 a_2, \dots, r_t a_t) & \longrightarrow & r_1 a_1 + r_2 a_2 + \dots + r_t a_t \end{array}$$

□

We now take a more abstract view of free  $R$ -modules.

Given a set  $A$  (possibly  $|A| = \infty$ )

Define a set of functions  $F(A)$  by

$$F(A) = \left\{ f: A \rightarrow R \mid f(a) \neq 0 \text{ for finitely many } a \in A \right\}$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} 0: & A \rightarrow R \\ & a \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$0 \in F(A)$$

For  $f, g \in F(A)$  define

$$\begin{aligned} f+g: & A \rightarrow R \\ & a \rightarrow f(a)+g(a) \end{aligned}$$

Obs

$$f+g \in F(A)$$

One checks

$$F(A), +, 0$$

is an abelian group.



For  $r \in R$  and  $f \in F(A)$  define

a function

$$rf : A \rightarrow R \\ a \rightarrow rf(a)$$

obs  $rf \in F(A)$

one checks  $F(A)$  becomes an  $R$ -module with action

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R \times F(A) & \rightarrow & F(A) \\ r & f & \rightarrow rf \end{array}$$

"free  $R$ -module on the set  $A$ "

Now assume  $|A| < \infty$

" $\Leftarrow$ "

Compare  $F(A)$  with  $R$ -module

$$\underbrace{R \times R \times \dots \times R}_t$$

wlog  $A = \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$

The map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(A) & \rightarrow & R \times R \times \dots \times R \\ f & \rightarrow & (f(1), f(2), \dots, f(t)) \end{array}$$

is an iso of  $R$ -modules (ex)

LEM 13 looks as follows from the abstract viewpoint.

Prop 14 Given a set A

Consider the free R-module F(A)

Given any R-module M and any function

$$\varphi: A \rightarrow M$$

then the map

$$\hat{\varphi}: F(A) \rightarrow M$$

$$f \rightarrow \sum_{a \in A} f(a) \varphi(a)$$

is an R-module homomorphism.

pf For  $f, g \in F(A)$  check

$$\hat{\varphi}(f+g) \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{\varphi}(f) + \hat{\varphi}(g)$$

$$\sum_{a \in A} \underbrace{(f+g)(a)}_{f(a)+g(a)} \varphi(a) = \underbrace{\sum_{a \in A} f(a) \varphi(a) + \sum_{a \in A} g(a) \varphi(a)}_{\sum_{a \in A} (f(a)+g(a)) \varphi(a)}$$

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For  $r \in R$  and  $f \in F(A)$  check

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$$\varphi^a(rf) \stackrel{?}{=} r \underbrace{\varphi^a(f)}_{||}$$

$$\sum_{a \in A} \underbrace{(rf)(a)}_{||} \varphi(a)$$

$$r f(a)$$

$$\sum_{a \in A} f(a) \varphi(a)$$

OK

$$r \sum_{a \in A} f(a) \varphi(a)$$

□