

Homework 8 for Math 215A Commutative Algebra

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Rings are understood to be commutative, unless stated otherwise.

(1) Let k be a field. Compute $\mathrm{Ext}_{k[x]/(x^2)}^i(k, k)$ for all i . Deduce that k does not have a finite projective resolution as a $k[x]/(x^2)$ -module. (First, say why there is only one way to view k as a $k[x]/(x^2)$ -module, compatibly with the obvious structure of k as a k -module.)

(2) Let R be an algebra of finite type over a field k . Assume that R is a domain. Let M be a finitely generated module over R . Show that M is projective (or equivalently, flat or locally free) if and only if the R/\mathfrak{m} -vector spaces $M/\mathfrak{m}M$ all have the same dimension. (Hint: If these vector spaces have dimension n , construct a surjection $R_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\oplus n} \rightarrow M_{\mathfrak{m}}$ at any maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} . Show that this comes from a surjection $R[1/s]^{\oplus n} \rightarrow M[1/s]$ for some $s \in R - \mathfrak{m}$. Show that any element of the kernel must be zero.)

As an application, show that the ring $k[x, y]/(x^2, xy)$ is finite but not flat over $k[y]$.

(3) Show that every finitely generated module M over a Dedekind domain R is the direct sum of a torsion module M_1 and a projective module M_2 . Give an example to show that such a splitting is not unique (in the sense that the submodules M_1 and M_2 of M are not uniquely determined).

(4) Let A and B be algebras of finite type over a field k . Show that $\dim(A \otimes_k B) = \dim(A) + \dim(B)$.