

# Week 4

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The following is sometimes called Nakayama's lemma. I prefer to call it generalized Cayley-Hamilton.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $I$  an ideal. Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module and  $f$  an endomorphism of  $M$ . If  $f(M) \subseteq IM$  then there exists an  $n$  and  $a_i \in I$  such that*

$$f^n + a_{n-1}f^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1f + a_0 = 0 \text{ in } \text{End}(M)$$

**Question 1.** The following are all called Nakayama's lemma. Prove all of them. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module.

1. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $IM = M$ . Then there exists an  $x \in R$  such that  $x = 1$  in  $R/I$  and  $xM = 0$ . An equivalent formulation to this which is easier to remember is that if  $IM = M$  then there exists an element  $i \in I$  such that  $im = m$  for all  $m \in M$ .
2. Let  $I$  be an ideal contained in  $\text{Rad}(R)$ . Then  $IM = M$  implies that  $M = 0$ .
3. Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$  and  $I \subseteq \text{Rad}(R)$ . Then if  $M = IM + N$  then  $M = N$ .
4. Suppose that  $R$  is a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  and residue field  $F = R/\mathfrak{m}$ . Suppose we have elements  $x_i$  of  $M$  such that their images in  $M/\mathfrak{m}M$  form an  $F$ -basis. Then the  $x_i$  generate  $M$ .

**Question 2.** Suppose  $R$  is an integral domain which isn't a field and let  $F = R_{(0)}$ . Show that  $F$  cannot be a finitely generated  $R$ -module.

**Question 3.** Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module for commutative ring  $R$ . Show that every surjective endomorphism is an isomorphism.

**Question 4.** Let  $S$  be a multiplicative set of ring  $R$ . Show that the functor  $S^{-1} : \text{mod}(R) \rightarrow \text{mod}(S^{-1}R)$  is exact. That is, maps short exact sequences to short exact sequences.

**Definition 1.** We call a property  $P$  of  $R$ -modules local if a module  $M$  has property  $P$  if and only if  $M_{\mathfrak{q}}$  has property  $P$  for all prime ideals  $\mathfrak{q}$ .

**Question 5.** Show the following are local properties:

1. A module being trivial.
2. An  $R$ -homomorphism being injective.
3. A module being torsion free.

**Question 6.** Prove the following version of Nakayama's Lemma: