

Lecture 21 - Structure Theory

Note Title

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Thm If M is a free module of rank $k < \infty$, and N is a sub mod. then there is a basis $\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$ of M and $s_1, \dots, s_n \in R$ s.t.

1) $\{s_1 m_1, \dots, s_k m_k\}$ is a basis of N

2) $s_i \mid s_{i+1}$

Pf By induction on k .

$k=1$: $M=R$, $N \leq R \Rightarrow \exists a$ s.t. $N=aR$.

$k>1$: Consider for each $y \in N$ the ideal $\langle c(y) \rangle$.

The set $\{\langle c(y) \rangle \mid y \in N\}$ is a poset under $\subseteq$, since R Noetherian

$\Rightarrow \exists$ a maximal element. Choose y s.t. $\langle c(y) \rangle$ is maximal, and

let x_1 be s.t. $y = c(y) \cdot x_1$, so $s_1 = c(y)$.

$\Rightarrow$ Can extend to a basis: $\{x_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_k\}$ of M .

Claim $N = \langle s_1 x_1 \rangle \oplus (\langle x'_2, \dots, x'_k \rangle \cap N)$.

Let $w \in N$, then since $\{x_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_k\}$ is a basis of M ,

$$w = ux_1 + \sum b_i x'_i$$

let d be the $\gcd(u, s_1) \rightarrow$ can find a, b s.t. $au + bs_1 = d$

$$\Rightarrow z = aw + b(s_1 x_1) \in N$$

$$= dx_1 + \sum ab_i x'_i$$

$$c(z) \text{ divides } d \Rightarrow \langle s_1 \rangle \subseteq \langle d \rangle \subseteq \langle c(z) \rangle$$

$$\text{maximality of } \langle s_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle s_1 \rangle = \langle c(z) \rangle \Rightarrow \langle s_1 \rangle = \langle d \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow s_1 \text{ is the } \gcd(s_1, u) \Rightarrow s_1 \text{ divides } u.$$

$$\Rightarrow ux_1 \in \langle s_1 x_1 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow w \in N \Rightarrow w = \alpha \cdot (s_1 x_1) + \sum_{\substack{\cap \\ \langle x'_2, \dots, x'_k \rangle \cap N}} b_i x'_i$$

$\langle s_1 x_1 \rangle \cap (\langle x'_2, \dots, x'_k \rangle \cap N) = \{0\}$ because $\{x_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_k\}$ is a basis for M .

Let $N_1 = \langle x_1', \dots, x_k' \rangle \subset N$

Induction hyp $\Rightarrow \langle x_2', \dots, x_k' \rangle$ has a basis $\{x_2, \dots, x_k\}$ &

have #s $s_2, \dots, s_k \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\{s_2 x_2, \dots, s_k x_k\}$ is a basis for N_1 & $s_i | s_{i+1}$.

$\Rightarrow \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ is a basis for M . & $s_1, \dots, s_k$ are s.t.

$\{s_1 x_1, s_2 x_2, \dots, s_k x_k\}$ is a basis for N ,

& $s_i | s_{i+1} \quad i \geq 2$

$s_1 | s_2$: $z = s_1 x_1 + s_2 x_2 \in N$

let $d = \gcd(s_1, s_2)$, then $d = c(z)$ &

$$\langle s_1 \rangle \subseteq \langle d \rangle = \langle c(z) \rangle$$

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maximal $\Rightarrow \langle s_1 \rangle = \langle c(z) \rangle \Rightarrow s_1$ divides $d \Rightarrow$

$$s_1 | s_2.$$

□

Cor If M is f.g. then

$$M \cong (\mathbb{R} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathbb{R}/(s_1) \oplus \mathbb{R}/(s_2) \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{R}/(s_k) \quad \text{some}$$

$$s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | \dots | s_k.$$

Pf: M is f.g., so there is a surjective map

$$\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\phi} M \quad \text{some } n.$$

$\ker \phi$ is a submodule of a f.g. free mod, so by previous thm,

there is a basis $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ of $\mathbb{R}^n$ and numbers $s_1 | s_2 | \dots | s_k | s_{k+1} | \dots | s_n$ s.t.

$\{s_1 x_1, \dots, s_n x_n\}$ is a basis for $\ker \phi$.

1st Isom thm: ϕ induces an isom

$$\mathbb{R}^n / \ker \phi \xrightarrow{\tilde{\phi}} M$$

By 2nd Isom theorem: $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}x_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{R}x_n$
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$
 $\ker \phi \quad \mathbb{R}s_1 x_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}s_2 x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{R}s_n x_n$

$$\mathbb{R}^n / \ker \phi \cong \left(\mathbb{R}x_1 / \mathbb{R}s_1 x_1 \right) \oplus \left(\mathbb{R}x_2 / \mathbb{R}s_2 x_2 \right) \oplus \dots \oplus \left(\mathbb{R}x_n / \mathbb{R}s_n x_n \right)$$

$$\cong \left(\mathbb{R}/(s_1) \right) \oplus \mathbb{R}/(s_2) \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{R}/(s_n)$$

□

$$N \oplus M /_{N \oplus M_1} \cong N /_{N_1} \oplus M /_{M_1}$$

$$N + M /_N \cong N /_{N \cap M}$$

if $N \cap M$ is trivial, then

$$N \oplus M /_N \cong M$$

$$N \oplus M / N_1 \oplus M_1 \cong N/N_1 \oplus M/M_1$$

$$N \oplus M \longrightarrow N/N_1 \oplus M/M_1 \quad \text{is surjective}$$

$$(n, m) \longmapsto ([n], [m])$$

$$\text{If } (n, m) \longmapsto (0, 0) = ([n], [m]), \text{ then } [n] = [0] = N_1 \iff n \in N_1$$

$$[m] = [0] = M_1 \iff m \in M_1$$

$$\iff (n, m) \in N_1 \oplus M_1.$$

We don't exclude the case $s_j = 0$: $R/s_j = R/0 = R$

$\Rightarrow$ gives free factors in our direct sum decomp.

If $s_j \neq 0$, then R/s_j is torsion, & $R/s_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R/s_k = M_T$

Prop If M is f.g., then $M \cong M_T \oplus F$, F free.

If $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a hom, then f is an isom iff

$$f|_{M_T}: M_T \xrightarrow{\cong} N_T \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{f}: M/M_T \xrightarrow{\cong} N/N_T.$$

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restriction

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universal property of
quotients.

Pf:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M_T & \longrightarrow & M & \xrightarrow{\pi} & F_M \longrightarrow 0 \\ \parallel & & \downarrow f|_{M_T} & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow \tilde{f} & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & N_T & \longrightarrow & N & \longrightarrow & F_N \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

$f|_{M_T}$ & $\tilde{f}$ are iso. $\Rightarrow f$ is an isom.

f is inj: $f(m) = 0$

Consider $\pi(m)$ & $\tilde{f}(\pi(m)) = \pi(f(m)) = 0$

$\tilde{f}$ injective $\Rightarrow \pi(m) = 0 \Rightarrow m \in M_T$

$f|_{M_T}$ is an iso, so $f|_{M_T}(m) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 0$

Surjectivity is similar.

To show our decomp is unique, then it suffices to show uniqueness for torsion modules. □

Thm If M is a f.g. torsion module, and

$$M \cong R w_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R w_k$$

$$\text{Ann}(w_1) \supseteq \text{Ann}(w_2) \supseteq \dots \supseteq \text{Ann}(w_k)$$

$$\cong R x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R x_l$$

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then $k=l$, and $\text{Ann}(w_i) = \text{Ann}(x_i)$ for all i .

$$R/(s_i) = R w_i \iff \text{Ann}(w_i) = \langle s_i \rangle$$

$$s_i | s_{i+1} \iff \langle s_i \rangle \supseteq \langle s_{i+1} \rangle$$

$$\uparrow \\ \text{Ann}(w_i) \supseteq \text{Ann}(w_{i+1}).$$

Pf: $\text{Ann}(M) = \text{Ann}(w_k) = \text{Ann}(x_l) \neq \{0\}$.

Choose p a prime dividing s_1 ($\langle p \rangle \supseteq \text{Ann}(w_1)$)

Then R a PID, $\langle p \rangle$ is maximal, so R/p is a field $\Rightarrow$

M/p is an R/p -vector space

$$M/p \cong (R w_1) / (p R w_1) \oplus \dots \oplus (R w_k) / (p R w_k).$$

for all i , $R w_i / p R w_i \neq \{0\}$. i.e. $R w_i \not\subseteq p R w_i$

Assume $w_i = a \cdot p \cdot w_i$ some a (i.e. $R w_i \subseteq p R w_i$)

$$\Rightarrow (1 - ap) w_i = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - ap \in \text{Ann}(w_i) \subseteq \langle p \rangle.$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \in \langle p \rangle, \text{ contradicting } p \text{ prime.}$$

$$\Rightarrow M/p \cong \underbrace{R/p \oplus \dots \oplus R/p}_k$$

$$M/p \cong (R x_1 / p R x_1) \oplus \dots \oplus (R x_l / p R x_l) \Rightarrow l \geq k$$