

MA3201 Exam - Fall 2019 - Possible solutions/sketch

(1a) $R[x]$ is a ring, hence an abelian group under addition.

• For $r_1, r_2 \in R$, $p(x), q(x) \in R[x]$,

$$\bullet r_1(p(x) + q(x)) = r_1 p(x) + r_1 q(x)$$

$$\bullet (r_1 + r_2)p(x) = r_1 p(x) + r_2 p(x)$$

$$\bullet (r_1 r_2)p(x) = r_1(r_2 p(x))$$

$$\bullet 1 p(x) = p(x)$$

} from operations in $R[x]$.

Thus $R[x]$ is an R -module via scalar multiplication from R .

To show $R[x]$ is a free R -module, note that $\{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$ is both l.i. and generators (it's a basis) over R ,

$$\text{so } R[x] \cong \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} R x^i$$

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as R -modules.

(1b) Define $\varphi: A+B \rightarrow B/(A \cap B)$
 $a+b \mapsto b + A \cap B$.

• It is onto by definition.

• Check it is well-defined and a R -homomorphism.

• Show $\ker \varphi = A$:

$$\text{If } a \in A, \text{ then } \varphi(a) = \varphi(a+0) = 0 + A \cap B \Rightarrow a \in \ker \varphi.$$

$$\text{If } a+b \in \ker \varphi, \text{ then } a+b \in A \cap B$$

$$\Rightarrow b \in A.$$

• Fundamental Isomorphism theorem $\Rightarrow \frac{A+B}{A} \cong \text{im } \varphi = B/(A \cap B)$.

(1c) Let $J = \text{max ideals of } R$. If A, B are ideals such that $AB \subseteq J$, and $A \not\subseteq J$, then maximality $\Rightarrow A + J = R$. Thus we may find $a \in A, x \in J$ such that $a + x = 1$. For any $b \in B$, $ab + xb = 1b = b$, hence $b \in J \vee b \in A \Rightarrow B \subseteq J$.

Thus J is prime. \blacksquare

(2a) F is a field, hence noetherian, so Hilbert's basis theorem $\Rightarrow F[x]$ is noetherian. (Alternative: $F[x]$ is PID \Rightarrow noeth.)

$F[x]$ is not artinian, as there exists a properly descending chain of ideals: $(x) \supseteq (x^2) \supseteq (x^3) \supseteq \dots$

(2b) To show I is an ideal, check it is nonempty, closed under subtraction, and for any $A \in R$, both $IA, AI \in R$ (show this).

Also, show $I^3 = 0$, hence R is not semisimple because it has a nonzero nilpotent ideal

(by Wedderburn-Artin).

On the other hand, $R/I = \begin{bmatrix} F & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{bmatrix} \cong F \times F \times F$

$\Rightarrow R/I$ is semi-simple by W-A.

(3a) Let $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$ be an isomorphism. If $r \in \text{Ann } M$, then for $n \in N$, \exists there exists $m \in M$ with $\varphi(m) = n$, hence $r \cdot n = r \varphi(m) = \varphi(rm) = \varphi(0) = 0$.
 $\Rightarrow \text{Ann } M \subseteq \text{Ann } N$
 A symmetrical argument shows $\text{Ann } N \subseteq \text{Ann } M$.

For converse, note that the \mathbb{Z} -modules $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ are not isomorphic but both have annihilator $= 2\mathbb{Z}$.

(3b). If M is simple, then for any nonzero $x \in M$, $Rx \subseteq M$ is a nonzero submodule, hence $Rx = M$.

• Assume $M = Rx$ for any nonzero $x \in M$ such that $\text{Ann}(Rx)$ is prime.

As M is f.g. torsion over a PID, we have

$$M \cong R/(p_1^{\alpha_1}) \oplus \dots \oplus R/(p_t^{\alpha_t}), \text{ some primes } p_i, \text{ integers } \alpha_i.$$

Write $M = Rx_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Rx_t$, where $\text{Ann}(Rx_i) = (p_i^{\alpha_i})$.

Note that $R(p_i^{\alpha_i-1}x_i) \subseteq M$ with

$\text{Ann}(R(p_i^{\alpha_i-1}x_i)) = (p_i)$, which is prime.

Thus $M = R(p_i^{\alpha_i-1}x_i) \Rightarrow M \cong R/(p_i)$.

As prime ideals are maximal in a PID, we obtain

that $R/(p_i)$ has no ~~nonzero~~ ~~submodules~~ nontrivial left ideals (as a ring) hence M has no nontrivial (left) R -submodules $\Rightarrow M$ is simple. \square

(7a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & -6 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - R_3 \\ \downarrow R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 - R_1 \\ \downarrow R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{C_1 \leftrightarrow C_2} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 3 & -6 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 3 & -6 \\ 6 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 + 4R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - 6R_1 \rightarrow R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{C_3 + 2C_2 \rightarrow C_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ note } 1|3|6 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}.$$

