

3. if  $f$  is injective, surjective and homomorphism, then is said to be isomorphism (and written  $M \approx N$ ).

Examples.

1.  $2\mathbb{Z} \approx 3\mathbb{Z}$ .

Proof. Define  $g: 2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 3\mathbb{Z}$  as  $g(2n) = 3n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

i.  $g$  is well-define.

ii.  $g$  is homomorphism : for  $2n, 2n_1, 2n_2 \in 2\mathbb{Z}, r \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$g(2n_1 + 2n_2) = g(2(n_1 + n_2)) = 3(n_1 + n_2) = 3n_1 + 3n_2 = g(2n_1) + g(2n_2)$$

$$g(r(2n)) = g(2rn) = 3rn = r(3n) = rg(2n)$$

iii.  $g$  is one - to - one. If  $g(2n_1) = g(2n_2)$ , then

$$\rightarrow 3n_1 = 3n_2 \rightarrow n_1 = n_2 \rightarrow 2n_1 = 2n_2.$$

iv.  $g$  is onto. for all  $y = 3n \in 3\mathbb{Z}$ , there is  $x = 2n \in 2\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $g(2n) = 3n$ .

Hence  $2\mathbb{Z} \approx 3\mathbb{Z}$  (i.e  $g$  is an isomorphism).

2. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\{M_i \mid i \in I\}$  a family of submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$  such that:

i.  $M$  is the sum of the family  $\{M_i \mid i \in I\}$

ii. for each  $k \in I, M_k \cap \sum_{i \in I, i \neq k} M_i = 0$

$$\text{Then } M \approx \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$$

(Hint : define  $\beta: \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i \rightarrow M$  by  $\beta(f) = \sum_{i \in I} f(i)$ )

3. Let  $\{M_i \mid i \in I\}$  be family of  $R$ -modules.

i. For each  $k \in I$ , the canonical projection  $\rho_k: \prod_{i \in I} M_i \rightarrow M_k$  defined by  $\rho_k(f) = f(k)$  is an  $R$ - module epimorphism .

ii. For each  $k \in I$ , the canonical injection  $J_k: M_k \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} M_i$  defined by for  $x \in M_k, (J_k(x))_i = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } i = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise } (i \neq k) \end{cases}$

is an  $R$ -module monomorphism.

iii.  $\rho_k \circ J_k = I_{M_k}$ .

Proof.  $\rho_k \circ J_k : M_k \rightarrow M_k$  with  $(\rho_k \circ J_k)(x) = \rho_k(J_k(x)) = J_k(x)(k) = x$

iv.  $J_k \circ \rho_k \neq I_{M_k}$ .

4. Let  $K$  be a submodule of a module  $M$ . the function  $\pi: M \rightarrow \frac{M}{K}$  defined by  $\pi(x) = x+K$  for all  $x \in M$ , is an  $R$ -homomorphism and onto. This homomorphism is called the natural epimorphism.

**Exercises.** Prove :

1. If  $R$  is a ring, the map  $R[x] \rightarrow R[x]$  given by  $f \rightarrow f(x)$  (for example,  $(x^2 + 1) \rightarrow x(x^2 + 1)$ ) is an  $R$ -module homomorphism, **but not** a ring homomorphism (prove that).
2.  $\text{Hom}(R, M) \approx M$
3. for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}} \approx \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Theorem. Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a homomorphism, then

1. **kernel of  $f$**  ( $\ker f = \{x \in M \mid f(x) = 0\}$ ) is a submodule of  $M$ .
2. **Image of  $f$**  ( $\text{Im} f = \{n \in N \mid n = f(m) \text{ for some } m \in M\}$ ) is a submodule of  $N$ .
3.  $f$  is a monomorphism iff  $\ker f = 0$ .
4.  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an  $R$ -module isomorphism if and only if there is a homomorphism  $g : N \rightarrow M$  such that  $gf = I_M$  and  $fg = I_N$ .

Proof. H.W.

Proposition. Let  $R$  be an integral domain and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, then:

1. If  $f : M \rightarrow \hat{M}$  be a module homomorphism, then  $f(\tau(M)) \leq \tau(\hat{M})$ .
2. If  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ , then  $\tau(M) = \tau(M_1) \oplus \tau(M_2)$ .

**Definition.** An  $R$ -module,  $M$  is called **simple** if  $M \neq \{0\}$  and the only submodules of  $M$  are  $M$  and  $\{0\}$

Proposition. Every simple module  $M$  is cyclic (i.e  $M = Rm$  for every nonzero  $m \in M$ ).

Proof. Let  $M$  be a simple  $R$ -module and  $m \in M$ . Both  $Rm$  and

$B = \{ c \in M \mid Rc = 0 \}$  are submodules of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is simple, then each of them is either  $0$  or  $M$ . But  $Rm \neq 0$  implies  $B \neq M$ . Consequently  $B = 0$ , whence  $Ra = M$  for all nonzero  $m \in M$ . Therefore  $M$  is cyclic

Remark. The converse is not true in general: that is a cyclic module need not be simple for example, the cyclic  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .

Examples.

1. The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  is simple.
2. The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is simple for each prime integer's  $p$ .
3. The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  is not simple, since the submodule  $\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} \neq 0$  and  $\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} \neq \mathbb{Z}_4$ .
4. The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not simple.(why?)
5. Every division ring  $D$  is a simple ring and a simple  $D$ -module

Lemma. (**Schur's lemma**)

1. Every  $R$ -homomorphism from a simple  $R$ -module is either zero or monomorphism.
2. Every  $R$ -homomorphism into a simple  $R$ -module is either zero or epimorphism.
3. Every  $R$ -homomorphism from a simple  $R$ -module into simple  $R$ -module is either zero or isomorphism.

Proof 1. Let  $M$  be a simple module and  $f: M \rightarrow N$  be an  $R$ -module homomorphism. Then  $\ker f$  is a submodule of  $M$ . But  $M$  is simple.

So either  $\ker f = \{0\}$ , implies  $f$  is one-to-one

or  $\ker f = M$ , implies  $f$  is zero homomorphism.

Proof 2. Let  $N$  be a simple module and  $f: M \rightarrow N$  be an  $R$ -module homomorphism. Then  $\text{Im} f$  is a submodule of  $N$ . But  $N$  is simple.

So either  $\text{Im} f = \{0\}$ , implies  $f$  zero homomorphism

or  $\text{Im}f = N$ , implies  $f$  is onto.

Proof 3. as a consequence to (1) and (2), the proof of (3) holds.

Examples. 1. An  $R$ -module homomorphism  $f: \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5$  is zero.

2. An  $R$ -module homomorphism  $f: \mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5$  is zero.

**Exercise.** Let  $M \neq \{0\}$  be an  $R$ -module. Prove that:

If  $N_1, N_2$  are submodules of  $M$ , with  $N_1$  simple and  $N_1 \cap N_2 \neq 0$ , then  $N_1 \leq N_2$

Remark. Let  $A, B$  be two simple  $R$ -module, then  $\text{Hom}(A, B)$  is either zero or for all  $f \in \text{Hom}(A, B)$  is an isomorphism, where  $\text{Hom}(A, B) = \{f: A \rightarrow B \mid f \text{ is homomorphism}\}$

### Isomorphism theorems

**First isomorphism theorem.** Suppose  $f: M \rightarrow N$  is an  $R$ -module homomorphism. Then  $\frac{M}{\ker f} \approx f(M)$ .

Proof. Define  $h: \frac{M}{\ker f} \rightarrow f(M)$  by:  $h(m + \ker f) = f(m)$  for all  $m \in M$ .

1.  $h$  is well define: Let  $m_1 + \ker f, m_2 + \ker f \in \frac{M}{\ker f}$  such that

$$m_1 + \ker f = m_2 + \ker f \text{ implies } m_1 - m_2 \in \ker f$$

and so

$$f(m_1 - m_2) = f(m_1) - f(m_2) = 0 \rightarrow f(m_1) = f(m_2)$$

Hence

$$h(m_1 + \ker f) = h(m_2 + \ker f)$$

$\therefore h$  is well define

2.  $h$  is a homomorphism since  $f$  is homomorphism.

3.  $h$  is a monomorphism: for that suppose that

$$h(m_1 + \ker f) = h(m_2 + \ker f).$$

from definition of  $h$ ,  $f(m_1) = f(m_2)$  implies  $f(m_1) - f(m_2) = f(m_1 - m_2) = 0$

so  $m_1 - m_2 \in \ker f \rightarrow m_1 + \ker f = m_2 + \ker f$

4.  $h$  is an epimorphism: let  $y \in f(M) \in f(M)$ ,  $\exists m + \ker f \in \frac{M}{\ker f}$  such

$$\text{that } h(m + \ker f) = f(m) = y$$

$\therefore h$  is an epimorphism

So  $h$  is an isomorphism and by this,  $\frac{M}{\ker f} \approx f(M)$

Remark. If  $f$  is an epimorphism, then  $\frac{M}{\ker f} \approx N$

**Second isomorphism theorem.** Let  $N$  and  $K$  be submodules of an  $R$ -

module  $M$ , then  $\frac{K+N}{N} \approx \frac{K}{N \cap K}$

Proof. Define  $\alpha: K \rightarrow \frac{K+N}{N}$  by  $\alpha(x) = x + N$  for each  $x \in K$ .

1.  $\alpha$  is well-define (prove)
2.  $\alpha$  is homomorphism (prove)
3.  $\alpha$  is epimorphism (prove)
4.  $\ker \alpha = \{ x \in K \mid \alpha(x) = 0 \}$   
 $= \{ x \in K \mid x + N = N \}$   
 $= \{ x \in K \mid x \in N \}$   
 $= N \cap K$

Then by the first isomorphism theorem,  $\frac{K}{N \cap K} \approx \frac{K+N}{N}$

**Third isomorphism theorem.** Let  $N, K$  be submodules of  $M$ , and  $K \leq$

$N$ , then  $\frac{\frac{M}{K}}{\frac{N}{K}} \approx \frac{M}{N}$ .

Proof. Define  $g: \frac{M}{K} \rightarrow \frac{M}{N}$  by  $g(m + K) = m + N$  for all  $m \in M$ .

1.  $g$  is well-defined:

suppose  $m_1 + k = m_2 + K$  iff  $m_1 - m_2 \in K \leq N$  iff  $m_1 + N = m_2 + N$

$\therefore g$  is well defined

2.  $g$  is a homomorphism (prove)

3.  $g$  is an epimorphism (prove)

4.  $\ker g = \{m+K \mid g(m+k) = N\}$

$$= \{m+K \mid m+N = N\}$$

$$= \{m+K \mid m \in N\}$$

$$= \frac{N}{K} \quad (\text{where } K \leq N \text{ and } m \in N)$$

$$\therefore \ker g = \frac{N}{K}$$

Then by the first isomorphism theorem,  $\frac{M}{\frac{N}{K}} \approx \frac{M}{N}$ .

**Exercise.** Let  $M$  be a cyclic  $R$ -module, say  $M=Rx$ . Prove that  $M \approx R/\text{ann}(x)$ , where  $\text{ann}(x) = \{r \in R \mid rx = 0\}$ .

[ Hint: Define the mapping  $f: R \rightarrow M$  by  $f(r) = rx$  ]

## Chapter three (Sequence)

### Short exact sequence

**Definition.** A sequence  $M_1 \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M_2$  of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -module homomorphisms is said to be **exact at**  $M$  if  $\text{Im } f = \ker g$  while a sequence of the form

$$\partial: \quad \dots \rightarrow M_{n-1} \xrightarrow{f_{n-1}} M_n \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} M_{n+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , is said to be an **exact sequence** if it is exact at  $M_n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

A sequence such as

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M_2 \rightarrow 0$$