



Math 341 Final Examination

Time: 2 hours

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Part I (80%) Answer 1-3 AND any other 5 problems of the following 10 problems.

1. Over a p.i.d R , show that every submodule of R^n is free of rank at most n .
2. Prove or disprove by a counter example.
 - a) Over a p.i.d R , a torsion free module is free.
 - b) If $A \otimes_R B = 0$, then $A=0$ or $B=0$.
3. Prove or disprove by a counter example.
 - a) If $a \otimes_R b = 0$ (in $A \otimes_R B$), A is free and B is torsion free, then $a=0$ or $b=0$.
 - b) If $A \otimes_R B = 0$, $A' \leq A$, then $A' \otimes_R B = 0$.
4. Prove or disprove by a counter example.
 - a) Let $f : A \rightarrow Z_{36}$ be a surjective morphism of abelian groups, and let $g : Z \rightarrow Z_{36}$ be a morphism of abelian groups, then there exists a morphism $h : Z \rightarrow A$ such that $f \circ h = g$.
 - b) Over a domain D , a free module is torsion free.
 - c) Over an integral domain D , let T be the submodule of torsion elements of a module M , then M/T is torsion free
5. Let $f : M \rightarrow M$ be an epimorphism of a Noetherian module M .
Show that f is an isomorphism.
6. Use Zorn's Lemma to show that every proper submodule of a finitely generated R -module is contained in a maximal submodule.
7. Prove or disprove by a counter example.
 - a) Every submodule of a Noetherian module is also Noetherian.
 - b) Every subring of a Noetherian ring is also Noetherian.
 - c) Every Artinian integral domain is a field
8. (i) State very carefully 3 equivalent definitions for a projective module and
(ii) prove any (non-obvious) implication of the equivalence.
(iii) Is \mathbb{Q} a projective \mathbb{Z} -module? Justify
9. Prove or disprove by a counter example.
 - a) Every submodule of a projective module is projective.
 - b) Every quotient module of a projective module is projective.
 - c) If every R -module is injective, then every R -module is projective.
10. Use Nakayama's Lemma, to prove that every finitely generated projective module over a local ring is free.

Part 2. (20%) See next page



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1) Prove one part of the following

(a) Let M be the ring of n by n matrices over a left noetherian ring R . Let S be the subring of M of all the upper triangular matrices.
Show that S is a left noetherian ring.

(b) Show that division rings are the only rings over which every module is free.
(Hint: Recall that R is a division ring iff R has no non-trivial maximal left ideals.)

2) Show that $A \oplus B$ is *projective* $\Leftrightarrow A$ and B are *projective*

3) Let $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of modules (over a ring R).
Prove or disprove (by a counter example)

(a) If A and B are projective, then C is projective.

(b) If A and C are projective, then B is projective.

(c) If B and C are projective, then A is projective.

