

Exercise Sheet #3

- (Not for submission) Problem 15 and Problem 17 from Atiyah McDonald Commutative algebra Chapter 1.
- Let R be a commutative rings and G be a finite group. Then show that the center $Z(R[G])$ is a free R module of finite rank. Give an explicit basis for $G = S_3$.
- Let R be a ring (not necessarily commutative). Show that there is a one-one correspondence between a decomposition of R into a direct sum of left ideal $I_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus I_n$ and elements $e_1, \dots, e_n \in R$ such that $e_i^2 = e_i$ and $e_i e_j = 0$. (Such an R is called semisimple).
- Let k be a field whose characteristic is not 2 or 3. Then using the above show that $k[S_3]$ is semisimple.
- Let R be an integral domain such that every non-zero proper ideal factors uniquely into a product of prime ideal. (Such rings are called Dedekind domains). Then show the following:
 - If R is a UFD, then R is also a PID.
 - If R is Dedekind if and only if R is Noetherian and localization at any maximal ideal is a local PID.
- Let R be a domain and let M be an R module. Show that M is torsion free if and only if $M_{\mathfrak{m}}$ is torsion free for all maximal ideals \mathfrak{m} in R . Use this to show that if R is a Dedekind domain and M is torsion free, then M is flat.
- (Lang Page 168) Let M be a projective finite module over a Dedekind domain R . Show that there exists free modules F and F' such that $F' \subset M \subset F$, where F and F' have the same rank. Use this to show that there exists a basis e_1, \dots, e_n and ideals $\mathfrak{a}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{a}_n$ such that $M = \bigoplus_i \mathfrak{a}_i$.
- (Read Lang Chapter III, Section 9 and Section 10)
 - Do problem 21 in Chapter III about direct limits preserving exactness.
 - Problem 22 (a) and (b) in Chapter III about the Hom functor and direct sum and products.
- (Lang Chapter III Problem 17) Let p be a prime number and consider the ring of p -adic integers \mathbb{Z}_p defined in class. Show the following:
 - \mathbb{Z}_p is a local PID with maximal ideal $(p)\mathbb{Z}_p$.
 - Show that $\mathbb{Z}_p/(p)\mathbb{Z}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.

- (c) Consider the inverse system $\{\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}\}$ given by map $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ if n divides m . Show that the inverse lim of the inverse system $\varprojlim \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \prod_p \mathbb{Z}_p$.
10. Let R be a PID and K be its fraction field. Consider $G \subset GL_n(K)$ whose matrix entries have a common denominator in R . Then show that G is conjugate to a subgroup of $GL_n(R)$. (Hint: Consider $M = \sum_{g \in G} g(R)$ as an R module and show that $\varphi : R^n \simeq M$ is free. Use the isomorphism to construct a matrix $A = (\varphi(e_1), \dots, \varphi(e_n))$).
11. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over k . If $A \in \text{End}_k(V)$ is cyclic, then show that the $BA = AB$ if and only if we can find a polynomial p such that $B = p(A)$.
12. Let V be finite-dimensional over \mathbb{C} . Let $A \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$ be such that $V \simeq \mathbb{C}[t]/(t - \lambda)^e$. What is the Jordan form of A^2 . Use the answer to decide when a matrix $B \in M_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$ has a square root, i.e. when is there A such that $A^2 = B$?
13. Let k be an algebraic closed field and let V be a finite dimensional K vector space and let A be an endomorphism of V . Use the Jordan decomposition write $V \cong \bigoplus V_i$ where $V_i \cong k[x]/(t - \alpha_i)^{e_i}$. Define A_s to be the endomorphism of V which acts by multiplication by α_i on V_i . Then show the following:
- $A_n := A - A_s$ is nilpotent, i.e. $A^n = 0$. for some $N > 0$.
 - $A_s A_n = A_n A_s$
 - There exist polynomials p_s and p_n such that $A_s = p_s(A)$ and $A_n = p_n(A)$.
14. Let $SL_n(R) := \{A \in GL_n(R) \mid \det A = 1\}$. Then show the following:
- If R is an Euclidean domain, then $SL_n(R)$ is generated as a group by elementary matrices.
 - Show that the same for any local ring R . (Recall a local ring has a unique maximal ideal. Try to adapt after suitable modification the argument using matrices done in class).
 - Use it to show that the reduction $SL_n(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow SL_n(\mathbb{Z}/n)$ is surjective.
15. (Lang 29 Chapter III) Let k be a field of characteristic 0. Let \mathfrak{n} be the set of all strictly upper triangular matrices (i.e. diagonal and below entries are zero) of size $n \times n$.
- Let $D_1(X), \dots, D_n(X)$ be the diagonals of entries X in \mathfrak{n} . By definition $D_1(X) = 0$. Let \mathfrak{n}_i be the subset of \mathfrak{n} consisting of matrices whose diagonal D_1, \dots, D_{n-i} are zero. Show that \mathfrak{n}_i is an algebra.
 - Let U be the set of elements of the form $I + X$ for $X \in \mathfrak{n}$, then show that U is an multiplicative group.
 - Show that the exponential map gives a bijection between $\mathfrak{n} \rightarrow U$.
 - Show that U contains no nontrivial elements of finite order.