

Representation Theory Exercises — Sheet 2

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Throughout, R is a commutative ring, A an R -algebra, and all modules are assumed to be left modules.

Exercise 5: (a) Let $f : V \rightarrow W$ be an A -homomorphism of A -modules. Suppose that U is an A -submodule of V such that $U \leq \ker(f)$. Show that there exists a unique A -homomorphism $\bar{f} : V/U \rightarrow W$ such that $\bar{f}\pi = f$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{f} & W \\ \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! \bar{f} & \\ V/U & & \end{array}$$

(b) Let V be an A -module with A -submodules V' , V'' and U such that $V' \leq V''$. Show that there exists a short exact sequence of A -modules and A -module homomorphisms

$$0 \rightarrow (V'' \cap U)/(V' \cap U) \rightarrow V''/V' \rightarrow (V'' + U)/(V' + U) \rightarrow 0.$$

Exercise 6: Let K be a field and let $p \in K[X]$ be a non-constant, irreducible polynomial. Prove that

$$R := \left\{ \frac{f}{g} : f, g \in K[X], p \nmid g \right\} \subset K[X]$$

is a local ring.

Exercise 7 (Splitting Lemma): Let M, N be two A -modules, and let $f : M \rightarrow N$, $g : N \rightarrow M$ be two morphisms of A -modules such that $gf = \text{id}_M$. Then

$$N = \text{Im}(f) \oplus \ker(g).$$

Moreover, M is isomorphic to a direct summand of N .

Exercise 8: An A -module is called *Artinian* if there are no infinite strictly descending chains of submodules. It is called *Noetherian* if there are no infinite strictly ascending chains of submodules. Prove the following:

- (a) If $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of A -modules, then M is Artinian (Noetherian) if and only if both M' and M'' are Artinian (Noetherian).
- (b) M is an Artinian and Noetherian A -module if and only if M has a (finite) composition series.