

# FINAL EXAMINATION

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**Attempt any three of the following problems, including problem n° 2. All rings are commutative with identity, and all ring morphisms take identity to identity.**

## RINGS AND MODULES

1. Define and construct the tensor product of modules. State its universal property. 3+7+4+6  
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(a) Define restriction and extension of scalars for modules. Let  $A \rightarrow B$  be a ring morphism and let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module and  $N$  be a  $B$ -module. Show that there is a natural isomorphism of abelian groups

$$\text{Hom}_B(B \otimes_A M, N) \cong \text{Hom}_A(M, N).$$

Is it an isomorphism of  $A$ -modules? Justify.

- (b) Let  $A$  be a ring and  $A[X] \rightarrow A$  be the evaluation map at 0 (i.e.,  $f(X) \mapsto f(0)$ ), so that  $A$  is an  $A[X]$ -algebra. Is it true that  $A \otimes_{A[X]} A \cong A$ ? Justify your claim.
- (c) Let  $A$  be an integral domain with quotient field  $K$  and let  $B$  be a  $K$ -algebra. Let  $M = K \otimes_A B$ , so  $M$  is an  $A$ -algebra, and by extension of scalars, a  $K$ -algebra as well. Is it always true that
- i.  $M \cong B$  considering both  $M$  and  $B$  as  $A$ -algebras?
  - ii.  $M \cong B$  considering both  $M$  and  $B$  as  $K$ -algebras?

Give justifications.

2. Define Noetherian rings and modules. 2+3+5  
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- (a) Is it true that every subring of a Noetherian ring is Noetherian? Justify.
- (b) Let  $A$  be a ring,  $M$  be a Noetherian  $A$ -module and  $I = \text{Ann } M$  be the annihilator of  $M$ . Show that  $A/I$  is a Noetherian ring.
3. Let  $A$  be a ring. Define a short exact sequence of  $A$ -modules. When do we say that a short exact sequence is split? Let 3+8+9  
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$$0 \longrightarrow L \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} N \longrightarrow 0$$

be a short exact sequence of  $A$ -modules.

- (a) Let  $S$  be a multiplicative submonoid of  $A^*$ . Show that the sequence of  $A$ -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow S^{-1}A \otimes_A L \xrightarrow{1 \otimes f} S^{-1}A \otimes_A M \xrightarrow{1 \otimes g} S^{-1}A \otimes_A N \longrightarrow 0$$

is a short exact sequence. Here  $1 \otimes f$  and  $1 \otimes g$  are the  $A$ -linear morphisms induced by  $(a/s, x) \mapsto (a/s) \otimes f(x)$  and  $(a/s, x) \mapsto (a/s) \otimes g(x)$  respectively.

- (b) Suppose  $L, M$  and  $N$  are free of finite rank. Prove that the induced sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow N^\vee \xrightarrow{g^*} M^\vee \xrightarrow{f^*} L^\vee \longrightarrow 0$$

is a split short exact sequence. Here  $M^\vee = \text{Hom}_A(M, A)$  etc.

4. Decide whether the following statements are true or false, with brief justifications (counterexamples, 20 proofs, or such and such a theorem implies this etc) (**any ten**):
- (a) The polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  is isomorphic to the power series ring  $\mathbb{Z}[[X]]$ .
  - (b) Let  $A$  be a UFD. A power series  $a_0 + a_1X + \dots \in A[[X]]$  is irreducible in  $A[[X]]$  if and only if  $a_0$  is irreducible in  $A$ .
  - (c) The power series ring  $\mathbb{Q}[[X]]$  is a PID.
  - (d) The power series ring  $\mathbb{Z}/25\mathbb{Z}[[X]]$  is a complete local ring.

- (e) Let  $a_n = 5n$  if  $5 \nmid n$  and  $a_n = 2$  if  $5|n$ . Then the Weierstrass degree of the power series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n X^{n-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\langle 5 \rangle}[[X]]$  is 4 and its Weierstrass polynomial is  $5 + 5X + 5X^2 + 5X^3 + X^4$ .
- (f) If  $A$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  which strictly contains  $\mathbb{Z}$  (i.e.,  $\mathbb{Z} \subsetneq A \subset \mathbb{Z}[X]$ ), then  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module.
- (g) For any ring morphism  $A \rightarrow B$ , we have  $A[X] \otimes_A B \cong B[X]$  as  $A$ -modules.
- (h) If  $A$  is a local ring, then  $A[X]/\langle X^n \rangle$  is a local ring for each positive integer  $n$ .
- (i) For any positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ ,  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$  with  $d = \text{gcd}(m, n)$ .
- (j) There is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $M$  such that the sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is split short exact.
- (k) In a short exact sequence of  $A$ -modules  $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$ , if  $M'$  and  $M''$  are finitely generated then so is  $M$ .
- (l) If  $S$  is a multiplicative subset of an integral domain  $A$  with  $0 \notin S$ , then  $S^{-1}A$  is a local ring.
- (m) If  $I$  is an ideal of a Noetherian ring  $A$ , then  $A/I$  is a Noetherian ring.
- (n) The polynomial  $X^3 + 2X + 1$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ .

