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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) What is the  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space you obtain from the abelian group  $(\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}) \times \mathbb{Z} \times 2\mathbb{Z}$  by extending the ring of scalars from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ ? 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 a local ring. When do we say that a local ring is complete? Show that the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  of all rational numbers whose denominators (when written in their lowest forms) are not divisible by the given prime  $p$ , is a local ring. Is it complete? 10
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  $A$  is a PID and  $F$  is a torsion-free  $A$ -module. Show that for every short exact sequence

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

the induced sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow F \otimes_A L \xrightarrow{1 \otimes f} F \otimes_A M \xrightarrow{1 \otimes g} F \otimes_A N \longrightarrow 0$$

is also exact. Is it necessarily split when  $N$  is free?

4. Decide whether the following statements are true or false, with brief justifications (counterexamples, proofs, or such and such a theorem implies this etc) (**any ten**): 20
- (a) The polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  is isomorphic to the power series ring  $\mathbb{Z}[[X]]$ .
  - (b) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be torsion-free abelian groups such that  $A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} \cong B \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$  as  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces, then  $A \cong B$  as abelian groups.
  - (c) Let  $A$  be a UFD. A power series  $a_0 + a_1X + \dots \in A[[X]]$  is irreducible in  $A[[X]]$  if  $a_0$  is irreducible in  $A$ .

- (d) The power series ring  $\mathbb{Z}/27\mathbb{Z}[[X]]$  is a complete local ring.
- (e) For any ring morphism  $A \rightarrow B$ , we have  $A[X] \otimes_A B \cong B[X]$  as  $A$ -modules.
- (f) If  $A$  is a local ring, then  $A[X]/\langle X^n \rangle$  is a local ring for each positive integer  $n$ .
- (g) 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  $d = \text{gcd}(m, n)$ .
- (h) 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.
- (i) 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  $M$ .
- (j) If  $S$  is a multiplicative subset  $\mathbb{Z}$  with  $0 \notin S, 2 \in S$  then  $S^{-1}\mathbb{Z}$  is a local ring.
- (k) If  $I$  is an ideal of a Noetherian ring  $A$ , then  $A/I$  is a Noetherian ring.
- (l) The polynomial  $X^{2022} + 2X + 7$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ .
- (m) Every Noetherian local ring is complete.
- (n) If  $A$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  which strictly contains  $\mathbb{Q}$  (i.e.,  $\mathbb{Q} \subsetneq A \subset \mathbb{Q}[X]$ ), then  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module.
- (o) Let  $A$  be a ring and  $M$  be an  $A$ -module such that  $M \otimes_A N \cong N$  for every  $A$ -module  $N$ , then  $M$  is a free  $A$ -module of rank 1.
- (p) If  $I, J$  are comaximal ideals of a ring  $A$ , then  $(A/I) \otimes_A (A/J)$  is the zero  $A$ -module.
- (q) A finite direct sum of Noetherian modules is a Noetherian module.
- (r) If  $M$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module then  $M^{\otimes n}$  is finitely generated for any  $n \geq 1$ .
- (s) There is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space  $V$  such that the sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow V \rightarrow 0$  is split short exact.
- (t) Any finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra is isomorphic to a quotient of a polynomial ring over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

