

MATH 210B. HOMEWORK 8

Hand in problems 2 and 5–8.

In this homework: P will always denote a prime ideal of R , and R_P, M_P etc. refers to localization at P . If M, N are R -modules, let $\text{Hom}(M, N)$ be the group of all module homomorphisms $M \rightarrow N$; it has a natural structure of R -module itself, via the rule: for $f \in \text{Hom}(M, N)$, the homomorphism rf sends m to $rf(m)$. We will use (in questions 1 and 2) the notion of projective R -module, which you might want to review. A “number field” is a finite extension of \mathbf{Q} .

1. (i) Verify, as stated in class, that localization at a prime ideal is an exact functor.

(ii) Prove that $\text{Hom}(M, N)_P \simeq \text{Hom}_{R_P}(M_P, N_P)$ if M is finitely presented, i.e., $M \simeq R^n/K$ with K finitely generated.

(iii) Suppose M is finitely presented. Prove that M_P is projective for all P if and only if M is projective.

2. Let R be a Dedekind ring and let $M \subset R^n$ be a submodule. Prove there are ideals $\mathfrak{a}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{a}_k$ such that $M \simeq \bigoplus \mathfrak{a}_i$ as modules. (Hint: induct using 1(iii).)

3. Let $f: R \rightarrow S$ be a homomorphism of rings, and \mathfrak{p} a prime ideal of R . Prove that there exists a prime ideal \mathfrak{q} of S with $f^{-1}\mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{p}$ if and only if

$$S \otimes_R k(\mathfrak{p})$$

is nonzero. Here $k(\mathfrak{p})$ is the quotient field of R/\mathfrak{p} .

(Hint: The prime ideals \mathfrak{q} correspond exactly to prime ideals of S that both contain \mathfrak{p} and are disjoint from $T := \{R - \mathfrak{p}\}$, i.e. to prime ideals of $S'/\mathfrak{p}S'$ where $S' = T^{-1}S$. Explain why $S'/\mathfrak{p}S'$ is isomorphic to $S \otimes_R k(\mathfrak{p})$.)

4. Suppose $R \subset S$ are rings and S is free as an R -module. Let $\mathfrak{p}_1 \subset \mathfrak{p}_2$ be prime ideals of R , and let \mathfrak{q}_2 be a prime ideal of S above \mathfrak{p}_2 .

(i) Put $M = R/\mathfrak{p}_1$. Prove that $S_{\mathfrak{q}_2} \otimes_R M \neq 0$.

(ii) Let k be the quotient field of M . Prove that $S_{\mathfrak{q}_2} \otimes_R k \neq 0$.

(iii) Prove that there exists a prime ideal $\mathfrak{q}_1 \subset \mathfrak{q}_2$ above \mathfrak{p}_1 .

(Hint: For (ii), consider the exact sequence $M \rightarrow k \rightarrow k/M$. Tensor it with S and then localize at \mathfrak{q}_2 . For (iii), use problem 2.)

5. Let K be a number field. Let \mathcal{O} be an order in K . Fix a prime p , and iterate the following process:

(i) Compute all elements of \mathcal{O} such that $x^n \in p\mathcal{O}$ for some $n \geq 1$. This is an ideal of \mathcal{O} ; call it X .

(ii) Replace \mathcal{O} by $\mathcal{O}' = \{y \in K : yX \subset X\}$.

Prove that this stops after a finite number of steps. Prove that if we perform it for every prime dividing $\text{disc}(\mathcal{O})$, the end result is the full ring of integers of K .

6. Let K be a number field and \mathcal{O} the ring of integers in K . Prove that the function on \mathcal{O} -ideals defined by $N(I) := \text{size of } \mathcal{O}/I$ is multiplicative, i.e. for two ideals I, J we have $N(I) \cdot N(J) = N(IJ)$. Moreover, prove that for $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}$ we have

$$N((\alpha)) = |\text{Norm}_{K/\mathbf{Q}}\alpha|.$$

7. Let $K = \mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$ where $\alpha^3 = \alpha + 1$. Factor the ideal generated by $5 + 4\alpha + 3\alpha^2$ into prime ideals.

8. Let $K = \mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$ where $\alpha^3 = 3\alpha + 1$.

(i) Compute a few Frobenius elements and make a conjecture about the pattern.

(ii) Prove your conjecture.

(Hint for (ii): in fact $K \subset \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_9)$; figure out what goes in in $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_9)$. Similar reasoning applied to $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ leads to quadratic reciprocity.)