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Free Modules Fix a ring R .

Definition 7.1. A free module is one which is isomorphic to a direct sum of copies of R . That is, M is a free module if $M \cong \sum_{i \in I} R$ (\cong means \cong if $I = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.) Proposition 7.1. Let R be a commutative ring, and G a group. Let $RG = \sum_{g \in G} gR$ be the free right (or left) R -module with “basis” the elements of G . The R -module structure on RG extends to an R -algebra structure with multiplication induced by group multiplication, that is, $(\sum_{g \in G} gr)(\sum_{h \in G} hsh^{-1}) := \sum_{l \in G} l(\sum_{gh=l} rgsh^{-1})$, and unit map $\iota : R \rightarrow RG; r \mapsto 1r$. This is called the group algebra.

Proof. Generating Submodules Let M be a module, I an index set. Recall there is a group isomorphism (from the universal property) $\text{Hom}_R \left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} R, M \right) \cong \prod_{i \in I} \text{Hom}_R(R, M)$ prop 5.2 $\cong \prod_{i \in I} M$. We then ask, what is the homomorphism in $\text{Hom}_R \left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} R, M \right)$ corresponding to $(m_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} M$? The answer is called the universal property for free modules, and is $(m_i)_{i \in I} : \left(r_i \right)_{i \in I} \mapsto \sum_{i \in I} r_i m_i$. Such an expression of element of M is called a (right) R -linear combination of the m_i 's.

Example 7.1. We see $\text{Hom}_R \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m R, \bigoplus_{j=1}^n R \right) \cong \prod_{i=1}^m \bigoplus_{j=1}^n R = \left(\bigoplus_{j=1}^n R \right)^m = M_{nm}(R)$. Homomorphisms corresponding to $n \times m$ matrices are given by left multiplication.

Example 7.2. Let R be a commutative ring, and G a group. Let H be a subgroup of G .

Exercise. Show RH is an R -subalgebra of RG . Hence RG is also a (right) RH -module. In fact, it is a free RH -module. Why? For each left coset C of H in G , we pick a representative g_C so $C = g_C H$. The universal property of free modules gives a homomorphism $(g_C)_{C \in G/H} : \bigoplus_{C \in G/H} (RH) \rightarrow RG$ $(a_C)_{C \in G/H} \mapsto \sum_{C \in G/H} a_C g_C$. Exercise. This is clearly bijective so gives an isomorphism.

Proposition 7.2. Let M be a (right) R -module, and L a subset. The submodule generated by L is the set of all R -linear combinations of elements of L . It is a submodule of M , and is denoted $\sum_{l \in L} lR$.

Proof. $\sum_{l \in L} lR$ is a submodule as it is the image of the R -linear map $(l)_{l \in L} : \bigoplus_{l \in L} R \rightarrow M$ given by the universal property of free module