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2. Projective Module

Definition

An R -module P is called projective if $P \oplus Q$ is a free R -module where Q is any module over R

Remark

Let M be an R -module and $P \subseteq M$ is a submodule. Then P it is not necessarily free when $M = P \oplus N$. For example, suppose R is the quotient module ($R = \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$), so $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ such that $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ are $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ -modules with an isomorphism of $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ -

modules. See $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ are non-free modules isomorphic to direct summands of the free module $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$.

Lemma

Every free R -module is projective.

Example

$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ are non-free projective $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ -modules.

Remark

If R is a PID, Let M be a free module over principal ideal domain with M has a finite rank, and $N \subseteq M$ is a submodule. So, N is a free module and $\text{rank } N \leq \text{rank } M$.

Corollary

Every finitely generated projective module over principal ideal domain is free.

Proof. Suppose P is a finitely generated projective R -module. Then an onto mapping $h: R^n \rightarrow P$; $n > 0$. Hence there is an isomorphism $P \oplus \text{Ker}(f) \cong R^n$. Now we can identify P with a submodule of R^n , and by Remark 44.1 P is a free module.

Definition

An A -module P is projective if for every surjective mapping $h: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ and another mapping $g: P \rightarrow M_2$;

$$\exists h : P \rightarrow M_1 \ni g = f h,$$

Proposition

For a projective A -module P , the following are equivalent:

(a) P is finitely generated.

(b) P is a direct summand of a free module of finite rank.

(c) There exists an exact sequence $A^n \rightarrow A^n \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0$ for some n . P here is finitely presented.

Proof. (a) \Rightarrow (b). Let P be generated by k elements. then there is a onto mapping π from A^n into P . So, $\bigoplus Q \cong A^n$ with $Q \cong \text{Ker } \pi$.

(b) \Rightarrow (c). Let $P \oplus Q \cong A^n$ for some n and some A -module Q . Let $g: A^n \rightarrow A^n$ be the composition of $A^n \rightarrow Q$ with $Q \rightarrow A^n$. Then $\text{Im}(g) = \{(0, q) \in P \oplus Q: q \in Q\}$, and also the kernel of the projection $A^n \rightarrow P$. So, $A^n \rightarrow A^n \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence.

(c) \Rightarrow (a). Immediate

Lemma

i. Every direct summand of a projective module is projective.

ii. Every direct summand of a free module is projective.

iii. Let M be a module and P a projective module. If P is a quotient of M then P is a direct summand of M . iv. Every projective module is a direct summand of a free module

Lemma

Let P and P' be projective indecomposable modules, at least one of which is finitely generated. If some nonzero module is a quotient of both P and P' then $P \cong P'$.

Proof. Suppose that P is finitely generated, and that there exist a nonzero module M and epimorphisms $\pi: P \twoheadrightarrow M$, $\pi': P' \twoheadrightarrow M$. Since P and P' are projective, there exist homomorphisms

