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Lambda-modules

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Motivation

Theorem

Let R be a principle ideals domain, M finitely generated R -module. Then M is isomorphic to a sum

$$M \cong R^r \oplus R/(p_1^{\alpha_1}) \oplus \cdots \oplus R/(p_m^{\alpha_m})$$

where $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$, p_1, \dots, p_m irreducible elements (not necessarily different) and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Unavoidable definitions

Definition

Set of all infinite sequences $\mathbb{Z}_p^{\mathbb{N}_0}$, together with operations of summing and multiplying defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned}(a_i)_{i=0}^{\infty} + (b_i)_{i=0}^{\infty} &= (a_i + b_i)_{i=0}^{\infty}, \\ (a_i)_{i=0}^{\infty} \cdot (b_i)_{i=0}^{\infty} &= \left(\sum_{j=0}^i a_j b_{i-j} \right)_{i=0}^{\infty},\end{aligned}$$

is called the ring of formal power series over the ring \mathbb{Z}_p or Λ .

Definition (2)

Polynomial $P \in \mathbb{Z}_p[T]$ is called distinguished if $P = T^n + a_{n-1}T^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$, where $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in (p)$.

Properties of Λ

We will need to know, that Λ is

- noetherian,
- unique factorization domain (irreducible elements are p and all irreducible distinguished polynomial),
- its prime ideals are only of following form: $\{0\}$, (p) , (p, T) a ideals (P) , where P is an irreducible distinguished polynomial and (p, T) is the only maximal ideal.

Pseudoisomorphism

Definition (10)

We call two Λ -modules M, M' pseudoisomorphic, denote $M \sim M'$, if there is a homomorphism $\varphi : M \rightarrow M'$ with a finite kernel and cokernel.

Obviously it is reflexive, it is NOT symmetric (counterexample $(p, T) \sim \Lambda$, but $\Lambda \not\sim (p, T)$)

Lemma (12)

Let M, M', M'' be modules such that $M \sim M', M' \sim M''$. Then $M \sim M''$.

Lemma (13)

Let M, M', N, N' be Λ -modules such that $M \sim M', N \sim N'$. Then $M \oplus N \sim M' \oplus N'$.

Some useful lemmas

Lemma (14)

Let R be a noetherian commutative ring, M finitely generated R -module. Then every submodule $N \subseteq M$ is finitely generated.

Lemma (9)

Let M be a finitely generated Λ -module and $f, g \in \Lambda$ are relatively prime. If the ideal (f, g) annihilates M , then M is finite.

Lemma (11)

Assume that $f, g \in \Lambda$ are relatively prime. Then

- ❶ *the natural homomorphism $\Lambda/(fg) \rightarrow \Lambda/(f) \oplus \Lambda/(g)$ is an injection with finite kernel*
- ❷ *there exists an injective homomorphism $\Lambda/(f) \oplus \Lambda/(g) \rightarrow \Lambda/(fg)$ with a finite cokernel.*

Notation

Every finitely generated Λ -module $M \cong \Lambda^n / N$. The submodule $N \subseteq \Lambda^n$ is also finitely generated by $(\lambda_{11}, \dots, \lambda_{1n}), \dots, (\lambda_{m1}, \dots, \lambda_{mn}) \in \Lambda^n$ (Λ is noetherian). We will denote $r(M) = (\lambda_{ij})_{m \times n}$.

On the other hand we will denote

$m(R) = \Lambda^n / ((\lambda_{11}, \dots, \lambda_{1n}), \dots, (\lambda_{m1}, \dots, \lambda_{mn}))$ for each $m \times n$ matrix $R = (\lambda_{ij})_{m \times n}$.

Lemma (15)

Let A, B be matrices over the ring Λ . Then

$$m \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A & 0 \\ \hline 0 & B \end{array} \right) \cong m(A) \oplus m(B).$$

Structure theorem

Theorem (16)

Let M be a finitely generated Λ -module. Then $M \sim \Lambda^r \oplus (\bigoplus_{i=1}^s \Lambda/(p^{n_i})) \oplus (\bigoplus_{j=1}^t \Lambda/(P_j^{m_j}))$, where $r, s, t, n_i, m_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ are non-negative integers and P_j are irreducible distinguished polynomials.

Proof.

Let $R = r(M)$. we will later show 6 operations which can change R to R' so that

$$m(R) \sim m(R')$$

or, in the case of operation 5

$$m(R) \sim m(R') \oplus \Lambda/(p^k).$$

Structure theorem

We will also show that R can be changed to R' of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_t & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

using finitely many of these operations, where λ_i are distinguished polynomials.

Structure theorem

Denote $M' = m(R')$. Pseudoisomorphism is transitive and is preserved by sums, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M &\sim M' \oplus \bigoplus_{j=1}^s \Lambda/(p^{n_j}) = \\ &= \Lambda^n / ((\lambda_1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, \dots, \lambda_t, \dots, 0)) \oplus \bigoplus_{j=1}^s \Lambda/(p^{n_j}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\bigoplus_{j=1}^s \Lambda/(p^{n_j})$ comes from using operation 6. Moreover, by lemma 15

$$\Lambda^n / ((\lambda_1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, \dots, \lambda_t, \dots, 0)) \cong \Lambda^{n-t} \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^t \Lambda/(\lambda_i),$$

Structure theorem

Let $\lambda_1 = \prod_{i=1}^k P_i^{e_i}$. By lemma 11

$$\Lambda/(\lambda_1) = \Lambda/ \left(\prod_{i=1}^k P_i^{e_i} \right) \sim (\Lambda/(P_1^{e_1})) \oplus \cdots \oplus (\Lambda/(P_k^{e_k})).$$

Do the same for the rest of λ_i and we are done.

Allowed operations

- Operation 1. We may interchange two rows (columns).
- Operation 2. We may add a multiple of a row (column) to another row (column).
- Operation 3. We may multiply a row (column) by $\lambda \in \Lambda^\times$.
- Operation 4. If R contains a row $(\lambda_1, p\lambda_2, \dots, p\lambda_n)$, $p \nmid \lambda_1$, then we may change R to R' which contains a row $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and all elements of the first column except for λ_1 are multiplied by p .
- Operation 5. If all elements in the first column of R are divisible by p^k and if there is a row $(p^k\lambda_1, p^k\lambda_2, \dots, p^k\lambda_n)$, $p \nmid \lambda_1$, then we may change R to R' which contains a row $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and otherwise is the same as R .
- Operation 6. If R contains a row $(p^k\lambda_1, p^k\lambda_2, \dots, p^k\lambda_n)$ and $(\lambda\lambda_1, \lambda\lambda_2, \dots, \lambda\lambda_n)$ is also a relation for some $\lambda \in \Lambda$, $p \nmid \lambda$ then we may change R to R' which contains a row $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and otherwise is the same as R .

Operations 1-3

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Proof.

These row operations does not change the generated submodule and the matrix changed by column operations corresponds to a module, that is isomorphic to the module that corresponds to the original matrix by following isomorphisms

- (interchange i th and j th column)

$$e_k + N \mapsto e'_k + N' \text{ pro } k \neq i, j,$$

$$e_i + N \mapsto e'_j + N',$$

$$e_j + N \mapsto e'_i + N'.$$

Operations 1-3

- (add λ -times j th column to i th column)

$$\begin{aligned}e_k + N &\mapsto e'_k + N' \text{ pro } k \neq j, \\e_j + N &\mapsto e'_j + \lambda e'_i + N'.$$

- (multiply i th column by λ)

$$\begin{aligned}e_k + N &\mapsto e'_k + N' \text{ pro } k \neq i, \\e_i + N &\mapsto \lambda e'_i + N',\end{aligned}$$

Operation 4

Operation 4. If R contains a row $(\lambda_1, p\lambda_2, \dots, p\lambda_n)$, $p \nmid \lambda_1$, then we may change R to R' which contains a row $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and all elements of the first column except for λ_1 are multiplied by p .

$$m \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & p\lambda_2 & \cdots & p\lambda_n \\ \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ \alpha_{m1} & \alpha_{n2} & \cdots & \alpha_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \sim m \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \lambda_n \\ p\alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ p\alpha_{m1} & \alpha_{n2} & \cdots & \alpha_{mn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Operation 4

Proof.

Let $M = m(R) = \Lambda^n/N$ and $M_1 = m(R_1) = \Lambda^{n+1}/N_1$, where

$$R_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & p\lambda_2 & \cdots & p\lambda_n & 0 \\ \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m1} & \alpha_{n2} & \cdots & \alpha_{mn} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -p \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \lambda_n & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Operation 4

Using operations 1-3 and lemma, we know that

$$m(R_1) \cong m \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p\lambda_2 & \cdots & p\lambda_n & p\lambda_1 \\ 0 & \alpha_{12} & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} & p\alpha_{11} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & \alpha_{n2} & \cdots & \alpha_{nn} & p\alpha_{m1} \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \lambda_n & \lambda_1 \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cong m \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \lambda_n \\ p\alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ p\alpha_{m1} & \alpha_{n2} & \cdots & \alpha_{nn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Claim: $M \sim M_1$.

Let $\varphi : \Lambda^n \rightarrow M_1$ be a homomorphism given as

$$\varphi((x_1, \dots, x_n)) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, 0) + N_1.$$

Operation 4

Element $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \text{Ker}(\varphi)$ if there are $a_1, \dots, a_m, b, c \in \Lambda$ such that

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n, 0) = a_1(\lambda_1, p\lambda_2, \dots, p\lambda_n, 0) + \dots + a_m(\alpha_{m1}, \dots, \alpha_{mn}, 0) + b(1, 0, \dots, 0, -p) + c(0, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n, \lambda_1).$$

Therefore $c\lambda_1 = bp$ and $p \mid c$ nad $b = \lambda_1 \frac{c}{p}$.

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therefore $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in N$ and φ is injective.

Operation 4

On the other hand the cokernel is annihilated by (p, λ_1) , because for $(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in M$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) + N_1 &= \\ &= (px_1, \dots, px_{n+1}) + (x_{n+1}, 0, \dots, 0, -px_{n+1}) + N_1 = \\ &= (px_1 + x_{n+1}, \dots, px_n, 0) + N_1 \in \text{Im}(\bar{\varphi}), \\ \lambda_1(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) + N_1 &= \\ &= (\lambda_1 x_1, \dots, \lambda_1 x_{n+1}) - (0, x_{n+1} \lambda_2, \dots, x_{n+1} \lambda_n, x_{n+1} \lambda_1) + N_1 = \\ &= (\lambda_1 x_1, \lambda_1 x_2 - x_{n+1} \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_1 x_n - x_{n+1} \lambda_n, 0) + N_1 \in \text{Im}(\bar{\varphi}). \end{aligned}$$

and is by lemma 9 finite.

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Therefore $c\lambda_1 = bp^k$ and $p^k \mid c$ nad $b = \lambda_1 \frac{c}{p^k}$.

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Operation 6

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Operation 6

Proof.

Let $M = m(R) = \Lambda^n/N$, $M_1 = \Lambda^n/N_1$, where $N_1 = N + (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)\Lambda$.

$$\pi((x_1, \dots, x_n) + N) = (x_1, \dots, x_n) + N_1.$$

This is clearly a surjective homomorphism so the cokernel is finite.

The kernel is

$$\text{Ker}(\pi) = (N + (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)\Lambda)/N \cong (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)\Lambda / ((\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)\Lambda \cap N).$$

The kernel is clearly annihilated by (λ, p^k)

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) &= (\lambda\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda\lambda_n) \in (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)\Lambda \cap N \\ p^k(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) &= (p^k\lambda_1, \dots, p^k\lambda_n) \in (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)\Lambda \cap N.\end{aligned}$$

and therefore finite by lemma 9.

The last useful lemma

Lemma (17)

Using the six operations, every matrix R over Λ can be changed to a diagonal matrix, which has only zeros or distinguished polynomials on the diagonal.

Proof.

Define Weierstrass degree of element as follows: if $x \neq 0$, then $x = p^n PU$ (see Theorem 3)

$$\deg_w(x) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{jestliže } x = 0 \text{ nebo } n > 0; \\ \deg(P) & \text{jestliže } n = 0. \end{cases}$$

The last useful lemma

For R define $\deg_w^{(k)}(R)$: Take all matrices $(a'_{ij})_{m \times n}$ that can be a result of applying finitely many of operations 1-6 on R that do not change (but may use) the first $k - 1$ rows of R . We have $\min(\deg_w(a'_{ij}) \mid i \geq k, j \geq k)$ for all these matrices. Then take $\deg_w^{(k)}(R)$ minimum of these minimums. Assume the matrix is of form

$$\begin{pmatrix} D_{r-1} & 0 \\ A & B \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$D_{r-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{22} & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_{r-1r-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\deg_w^{(i)}(R) = \deg(\lambda_{ii})$ and $r \geq 1$.

The last useful lemma

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{1,1} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{2,2} & & \vdots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_{r-1,r-1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ a_{1,1} & \dots & \dots & a_{1,r-1} & b_{1,1} & \dots & b_{1,n-r+1} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m-r+1,1} & \dots & \dots & a_{m-r+1,r-1} & b_{m-r+1} & \dots & b_{m-r+1,n-r+1} \end{pmatrix},$$

The last useful lemma

We will show that:

- 1 if $B \neq 0$ then using operations 1-6 we can change the matrix to a matrix, which is of form

$$\begin{pmatrix} D_r & 0 \\ A' & B' \end{pmatrix},$$

- 2 if $B = 0$ then $A = 0$.

The last useful lemma

Assume $B \neq 0$. Then $\deg_w^{(r)}(R) < \infty$ (otherwise we can use this procedure)

- we use operation 4, until A is divisible by greater power of p than B .
- we use operation 5 on the row containing element divisible by lowest power of p .

Let us assume that at $b_{1,1}$ is distinguished polynomial and $\deg(b_{1,1}) = \deg_w^{(r)}(R) < \infty$. We can divide the rest of elements on the r th row with remainder (theorem 1) and subtract a suitable multiple of r th column from the rest of columns so all elements on r th row are polynomials of degree less than $\deg(b_{1,1})$. Do the same for all $\lambda_{i,i}$, $1 \leq i \leq r-1$ so $\deg(a_{1,i}) < \deg(\lambda_{i,i})$ pro $i \leq r-1$.

The last useful lemma

Assume $b_{1,s} \neq 0$ for some s and it is divisible by lower power of p than $b_{1,t}$ for all t . Now use the procedure

- use operation 4 until A is divisible by larger power of p than $b_{1,s}$
- use operation 4 on r th row with respect to $b_{1,1}$ until $p \nmid b_{rs}$,

which gives us contradiction.

Assume $a_{1,s} \neq 0$ for some s and it is divisible by lower power of p than $a_{1,t}$ for all t . Use operation 4 with respect to element $b_{1,1}$. Thus we get contradiction with $\deg_w^{(s)}(R) = \deg(\lambda_{s,s}) > \deg(a_{1,s}) = \deg_w(a_{1,s})$.

The last useful lemma

Now let $B = 0$. By subtracting a suitable multiple of i th row, $1 \leq r - 1$, we can have all $a_{i,j}$ polynomials and $\deg(a_{i,j}) < \deg(\lambda_{j,j})$. The all $a_{i,j}$ are divisible by p else we get contradiction. Assume $a_{i,j} \neq 0$ for some i, j and it is divisible by lowest power of p on its row, suppose p^k . Denote $\lambda = \prod_{i=1}^{r-1} \lambda_{ii}$. Surely $p \nmid \lambda$. Now

- $(\lambda \frac{a_{i,1}}{p^k}, \dots, \lambda \frac{a_{i,r-1}}{p^k}) \in N$,
- $(p^k \frac{a_{i,1}}{p^k}, \dots, p^k \frac{a_{i,r-1}}{p^k}) \in N$.

If we then use operation 6, we get contradiction.