

Solutions to Assignment 3

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1. $\text{Hom}_R(M, M)$ is a ring under + and composition
(see our first lecture). If M is irreducible
then for every $f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, M)$, either $\text{Im}(f) = 0$
and then $f = 0$ or $\text{Im}(f) = M$ and $\ker(f) = 0$ so
 f is invertible so $\text{Hom}_R(M, M)$ is a division ring.

(There is no reason to believe composition commutes so
it is unlikely to be a field.)

- 2a) For a field F , any F -vector space is both projective and injective.
- b) \mathbb{Z} as an abelian group is projective but not injective (it is not divisible).
- c) \mathbb{Q} as an abelian group is not projective since free abelian groups contain no divisible elements.
 \mathbb{Q} is injective since it is divisible.

To see that \mathbb{Q} is flat, suppose $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ is an injection between abelian groups. We described in class $\mathbb{Q} \otimes A$ - all elements of $\mathbb{Q} \otimes A$ can be written as simple tensors $\frac{a}{b} \otimes g$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $b \neq 0$ and $g \in A$. Moreover $\frac{a}{b} \otimes g = 0$ $\Leftrightarrow a = 0$ or g is torsion.

Now suppose that $\frac{a}{b} \otimes f(g) = 0$ and that $a \neq 0$.
 Then $f(g)$ is torsion so $n f(g) = 0 = f(ng)$ for some n .

But then $ng = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} \otimes g = 0$ since g is torsion
 in A .

d) \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} is divisible so it is injective as an abelian group but not flat as proved in class.

e) $\mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ is not projective (it has divisible elements), it is not injective because it is not divisible and it is flat because \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{Z} are.

f) \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} is not flat and \mathbb{Z} is not injective.

$\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ is definitely not injective (\mathbb{Z} is not divisible) and $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ is not flat (lift the counter-example for \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}).

3 Since we are looking for a minimal n , we can assume we have only 1 eigenvalue. From our discussions in class, for any matrix A , the degree of the minimal poly. tells us the size of the largest Jordan block when A is in JCF and the number of blocks is the dimension of the eigenspace for our one eigenvalue. So we make the following table :

$n = 6$	Size of max block.	# of blocks.	Possibilities. (block sizes)
	6	1	6
	5	2	5 + 1
	4	2	4 + 2
	4	3	4 + 1 + 1
	3	2	3 + 3
	3	3	3 + 2 + 1
	3	4	3 + 1 + 1 + 1
	2	3	2 + 2 + 2
	2	4	2 + 2 + 1 + 1
	2	5	2 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1
	1	6	1 + ... + 1

Since the max block size and # of blocks uniquely determines the actual block sizes, 6 does not work.

$$n = 7 \quad \text{Max block size} = 3 \quad \# \text{ of blocks} = 3$$

We could have 3, 3, 1 or 3, 2, 2

So $n = 7$ is the minimum. Notice the JCF theorem distinguishes these cases because the # of blocks of size 3 (or 2 or 1) differ in this example.

4 Projective case : Projective modules are submodules of free modules and there is no torsion in a free module over a p.i.d. A lazy version of the fundamental theorem of f.g. modules over a p.i.d. says that any such module M looks like $\text{Tor}(M) \oplus F$ for a free F , if such an M was projective then it is actually free.

Injective case : Suppose $M \cong R/(a_1) \oplus \dots \oplus R/(a_k) \oplus R^l$
 By the Baer criterion, it suffices to see which components are divisible if M is injective.

For a module of the form $R/(a)$ with $a \neq 0$,
 $1+(a)$ is not divisible by a so this is never injective.

R is injective \Leftrightarrow it is a field. So the only f.g. modules over a p.i.d. R which are injective occur when R is a field and then any fin dim V -space is injective.

Flat case : Again, if $M = R/(a_1) \oplus \dots \oplus R/(a_k) \oplus R^l$
 it suffices to check component by component.
 Free modules are flat so we need only look at $R/(a)$ for $a \neq 0$.

Consider $\varphi: R \rightarrow R$, $\varphi(x) = xa$. Since R is a domain, φ is injective. But $R \otimes R/(a) \xrightarrow{\varphi \otimes \text{id}} R \otimes R/(a)$

$$\text{and } (\varphi \otimes 1)(r \otimes s + (as)) = (ra \otimes s + (as))$$

$$= (r \otimes sa + (as)) = 0.$$

So $\varphi \otimes 1$ is the 0 map which is not injective.

So M is flat iff it is free.

- 5 We know that A has a Jordan canonical form both over F and over K by assumption. The JCF over F is still JCF over K . By the uniqueness of JCF, the two forms must be equivalent.