

## Finitely Generated Modules over a PID

We will only deal with commutative unital rings today.

**Lemma.** Let  $\varphi : M \rightarrow N$  be an  $R$ -module homomorphism. If the kernel and image of  $\varphi$  are finitely generated, then  $M$  is also finitely generated.

**Proof.**

**Definition.** A ring  $R$  is called *Noetherian* if every ideal in  $R$  is finitely generated.

Example: A polynomial ring in an infinite number of variables  $k[x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots]$  is not Noetherian.

Example: A principal ideal domain is Noetherian.

**Theorem.** Over a Noetherian ring  $R$ , any submodule of free module  $R^n$  is finitely generated.

**Proof.** We will proceed by induction on  $n$ .

$n = 1$  case:

Suppose  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $\pi : R^n \rightarrow R^{n-1}$  be the projection map  $(r_1, \dots, r_n) \mapsto (r_1, \dots, r_{n-1})$ . Then  $\ker(\pi) \cong \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  as an  $R$ -module. (Complete the proof using the previous Lemma).

**Corollary.** Over a Noetherian ring  $R$ , any submodule of a finitely generated module is finitely generated.

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a finitely generated module over  $R$ . Then there is a surjective homomorphism  $\varphi : R^n \rightarrow M$  for some integer  $n$ . Let  $N \subset M$  be a submodule, and consider  $\varphi^{-1}(N)$ .

Let  $M$  be a finitely generated module over a Noetherian ring  $R$ . Show that there exists an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  with entries in  $R$  (called a *presentation matrix*) such that  $M \cong R^n / \text{row}(A)$ , where  $\text{row}(A)$  denotes the  $R$ -submodule of  $R^n$  spanned by rows of  $A$ .

Which rows and column operations can you do without changing the structure of the module?

**Example** Transform the following matrix to a “diagonal” matrix without changing the structure of the corresponding  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 4 & 2 \\ -4 & 7 & 1 & 11 \\ 2 & -5 & 7 & -25 \end{pmatrix}$$