

MATH 421-621
FALL 2013
HOMEWORK 3

Due Wednesday, January 30, 2013.

1. (5 pt) Let A be an R -module and $\phi : A \rightarrow A$ be an R -module homomorphism satisfying $\phi^2(a) = \phi(a)$ for all $a \in A$. Show that

$$A \cong \ker(\phi) \oplus \operatorname{im}(\phi).$$

2. Let M be an R -module with submodules A and B .
- (5 pt) If $A \cong B$ show that $M/A \cong M/B$ or give a counterexample.
 - (5 pt) If there are R -module monomorphisms $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ and $\psi : B \rightarrow A$ show that $A \cong B$ or give a counterexample.
 - (5 pt) Under what conditions is $A \oplus B$ a submodule of M and when is $A \oplus B = M$?
3. Let M be an R -module and $I \subset R$ a proper ideal.
- (5 pt) Show that $IM = \{\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i m_i \mid \alpha_i \in I, m_i \in M\}$ is an R -submodule of M .
 - (5 pt) Show that M/IM is an R/I -module.
4. (5 pt) Show that a submodule of a free R -module need not be free. Give an example where R is an integral domain and one where R is a finite ring.