

Lecture 6 Injective Modules

I'm done w/ Rotman's notation; will use mine instead.

- last week, we saw how projective modules are exactly those $P \in {}_R\text{Mod}$ that made the functor $\text{Hom}_R(P, -)$ exact.
- $\text{Hom}_R(M, -)$ is a covariant functor:

$$\text{If } A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B$$

then the induced map

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_R(M, A) &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, B) \\ [f: M \rightarrow A] &\longmapsto [\varphi f: M \rightarrow B] \end{aligned}$$

points in the same direction.

defn. let \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} be categories, and let $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ functor.

let $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)$ where $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$.

① If $F(\varphi) \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(A), F(B))$, then F is covariant.

② If $F(\varphi) \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(B), F(A))$, then F is contravariant.

eg. $\text{Hom}_R(-, M)$ * note these are R -maps to M .

let $A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B$ be an R -module map $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_R(A, B)$

Now consider

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_R(A, M) &\xleftarrow{\varphi^*(g)} \text{Hom}_R(B, M) \\ [g\varphi: A \rightarrow M] &\longleftarrow [g: B \rightarrow M] \end{aligned}$$

upper star to indicate induced map when using contravariant Hom

$$\varphi^*(g) = g\varphi, \text{ by precomposition: } A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \xrightarrow{g} M$$

We will use this Hom functor to define injective modules.

Exercise $\text{Hom}_R(-, M)$ is left exact: same as $\text{Hom}_R(M, -)$

If $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C \rightarrow 0$ is exact,

then $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(C, M) \xrightarrow{\beta^*} \text{Hom}_R(B, M) \xrightarrow{\alpha^*} \text{Hom}_R(A, M)$
is exact. (HW03)

defn. $Q \in R\text{Mod}$ is injective if

for any $A, B \in R\text{Mod}$ and injective map $\alpha: A \hookrightarrow B$

ie $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is exact,

and for any $f: A \rightarrow Q$,

there exists a lift \tilde{f} making the following diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & B \\ & & \downarrow f & \nearrow \tilde{f} & \\ & & Q & & \end{array}$$

While injective modules are not as easy to characterize as projective modules, we still have three equivalent definitions.

prop Let $Q \in R\text{Mod}$. TFAE

① Q is injective by the defn above

② $\text{Hom}_R(-, Q)$ is exact

} HW03: can only use these as defn!

③ If Q is a submodule of $M \in R\text{Mod}$, then Q is a direct summand of M . In other words,

any exact sequence $0 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ splits.

Maybe discuss after Basis criterion.

Cor. $\text{Hom}_R(-, Q)$ is exact iff Q is injective.

Pf.

① \Rightarrow ② *(actually)* (Actually a short proof, but let's recall what's already known.)

Let $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C \rightarrow 0$ be exact.

Recall that $\text{Hom}_R(-, Q)$ is left exact. (HW03)

So ISTS that $\text{Hom}_R(-, Q)$ is right exact.

WTS the following sequence is exact.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Hom}_R(C, Q) & \xrightarrow{\beta^*} & \text{Hom}_R(B, Q) & \xrightarrow{\alpha^*} & \text{Hom}_R(A, Q) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ [q: C \rightarrow Q] & \longmapsto & [q\beta: B \rightarrow C \rightarrow Q] & & & & \\ [h: B \rightarrow Q] & \longmapsto & [h\alpha: A \rightarrow B \rightarrow Q] & & & & \end{array}$$

We only need to show exactness here

Show exactness here on HW03!

Let $f \in \text{Hom}_R(A, Q)$.

By assumption, $\exists \tilde{f} \in \text{Hom}_R(B, Q)$

st. $\tilde{f}\alpha = f$.

$\Rightarrow \alpha^*$ is surjective.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & B \\ & & \downarrow f & \searrow \tilde{f} & \\ & & Q & & \end{array}$$

② \Rightarrow ③ Assume $\text{Hom}_R(-, Q)$ is exact, WTS any

$0 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ splits.

Let $0 \rightarrow Q \xrightarrow{\iota} M \xrightarrow{\pi} N \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \swarrow \tilde{f} & \\ f = \text{id}_Q \downarrow & & \\ Q & & \end{array} \Rightarrow \tilde{f}\iota = \text{id}_Q$$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{f}$ is a splitting homomorphism \Rightarrow SES splits.

(Recall split SES?) (left split / right split - splitting lemma?)

$$0 \rightarrow Q \xrightarrow{\iota} M \xrightarrow{\pi} N \rightarrow 0$$

(with a red arrow labeled \tilde{f} from N to Q)

maybe after Baer.

③ \Rightarrow ① need more tech.

thm. Every module is contained in an injective module.

Compare: every $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ is a quotient of a projective
(actually, free!) module. *Prove on HW04! (Start early!)*

* there's a notion of the smallest, "best" injective to stick a module in:
"injective hull".

③ \Rightarrow ① Suppose D is a module s.t. every SES

$$0 \rightarrow D \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0 \text{ splits.}$$

prop. (HW03) $Q_1 \oplus Q_2$ inj iff both Q_i inj.

By thm, $D \subset Q$ where Q is an injective R -mod

$$0 \rightarrow D \rightarrow Q \rightarrow Q/D \rightarrow 0 \text{ is exact}$$

By assumption, this splits $\Rightarrow Q \cong D \oplus Q/D$

$\Rightarrow D$ is injective.

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note Injective modules are harder to characterize than projective.

When R is a PID, we have some easier criteria to check:

prop. Let $Q \in R\text{Mod}$.

① (Baer's Criterion) Q is injective iff

\forall left ideal $I \subset R$,

any R -hom $g: I \rightarrow Q$ can be extended to

an R -hom $G: R \rightarrow Q$.

} Real left ideals
} $I \in R\text{Mod}$.

② If R is a PID, then Q is injective iff

$rQ = Q$ for every nonzero $r \in R$.

\hookrightarrow In particular, a \mathbb{Z} -module $A \in \text{Ab}$ is injective iff

it is divisible, i.e. $A = nA \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $n \neq 0$

\uparrow i.e. divisible
by all reasonable
 n

③ When R is a PID, quotient modules of injective R -mods are also injective.

Before we discuss the proof, consider examples:

① \mathbb{Z} is not divisible \Rightarrow not injective as \mathbb{Z} -mod.

(\Rightarrow free modules are not necessarily injective!)

② \mathbb{Q} is divisible, as are all quotients of \mathbb{Q} , e.g. \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} .

③ \oplus of divisible \mathbb{Z} -mods is divisible ($\Rightarrow \oplus$ of inj \mathbb{Z} -mods is inj)

④ Turns out no nonzero finitely generated \mathbb{Z} -mod is injective.

(use classification) HW04

⑤ If $R = \mathbb{F}$ a field, then every \mathbb{F} -mod (i.e. \mathbb{F} -VS) is injective

Cor. Every \mathbb{Z} -mod is a submodule of an injective \mathbb{Z} -mod.

(Will need this to show every R -mod is a submodule of an injective R -mod).

Pf.

Let $M \in \mathbb{Z}$ -mod, $B =$ set of \mathbb{Z} -mod generators for M .

Let $F = F(B) =$ free \mathbb{Z} -mod on B .

\Rightarrow SES $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ (identify $M = F/K$)

Let $Q \leftarrow \{\text{mathcal{Q}}\}$ be the free \mathbb{Q} -mod on B .

$\Rightarrow Q \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow Q$ is divisible $\Rightarrow Q$ is injective.

Note that Q contains F , which in turn contains K .

$\Rightarrow K$ is also a \mathbb{Z} -submodule of $Q \Rightarrow Q/K$ is injective (by ③ in prop)

$\Rightarrow M = F/K \subseteq Q/K$ where Q/K is injective. \square

HW04: Prove this for general R -modules.

Compare this to: Every R -mod is a quotient of a projective
(in fact free) R -mod.

Pf. of prop. (Basis Criterion, + more) (Next time!)