
REAL ALGEBRAIC GEOMETRY II

Exercise Sheet 1

Valued modules and linear orders

Let Z be a commutative ring with 1. All modules we consider are commutative Z -modules.

Exercise 1

(4 points)

Let (A, \leq_A) be a countable dense linear order without endpoints. Let (B, \leq_B) be an arbitrary countable linear order. Show that (B, \leq_B) is isomorphic to a subordering of (A, \leq_A) .

In particular, every countable ordinal embeds into (\mathbb{Q}, \leq) .

Exercise 2

(4 points)

Let $v: Z[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0 \cup \{\infty\}$ be given by $v(0) = \infty$ and $v(p) = \min \{k \in \mathbb{N}_0 : a_k \neq 0\}$ for each $p = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k$ in $Z[x] \setminus \{0\}$.

a) Suppose that $Z = \mathbb{Z}$.

(i). Show that $(Z[x], v)$ is a valued module.

(ii). Determine the skeleton of $(Z[x], v)$. Hence, or otherwise, find a sum $\bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} B(\gamma)$ such that

$$(Z[x], v) \simeq \left(\bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} B(\gamma), v_{\min} \right).$$

b) Does (i) also hold when Z is an arbitrary commutative ring with 1? Justify your answer.

Exercise 3

(4 points)

Let (M_1, v_1) and (M_2, v_2) be two valued modules with value sets $\Gamma_1 = v_1(M_1 \setminus \{0\})$ and $\Gamma_2 = v_2(M_2 \setminus \{0\})$. Moreover, let $h: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ be an isomorphism of Z -modules which preserves the valuation.

(i). Let $\tilde{h}: \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Gamma_2$, $v_1(x) \mapsto v_2(h(x))$. Show that \tilde{h} is well-defined and an isomorphism of ordered sets, i.e. an order-preserving bijection from Γ_1 to Γ_2 .

(ii). Show that for each $\gamma \in \Gamma_1$, the map h_γ given by

$$B(M_1, \gamma) \rightarrow B(M_2, \tilde{h}(\gamma)), \pi^{M_1}(\gamma, x) \mapsto \pi^{M_2}(\tilde{h}(\gamma), h(x))$$

is an isomorphism of Z -modules.

Exercise 4**(4 points)**

Let $[\Gamma, \{B(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}]$ be an ordered system of torsion-free modules.

(i). Show that $\mathbf{H}_{\gamma \in \Gamma} B(\gamma)$ is a module and that $\bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} B(\gamma)$ is a submodule of $\mathbf{H}_{\gamma \in \Gamma} B(\gamma)$.

(ii). Show that $S(\bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} B(\gamma)) \simeq [\Gamma, \{B(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}] \simeq S(\mathbf{H}_{\gamma \in \Gamma} B(\gamma))$.

Exercise 5 (bonus)**(4 points)**

Let (A, \leq) be a linear order. Suppose that there exists a countable subset $B \subseteq A$ such that B is dense in (A, \leq) , i.e. for any $a, a' \in A$ with $a < a'$, there exists a $b \in B$ with $a \leq b \leq a'$. Let $C \subseteq A$ be a subset which is well-ordered by \leq . Show that C is countable.

In particular, any well-ordered subset of (\mathbb{R}, \leq) is countable.

*Please hand in your solutions by **Thursday, 27 April 2023, 10:00** (postbox 14 in F4).*