

Throughout, all rings are assumed to be *associative rings with a one*, modules are assumed to be *left* modules and finitely generated.

**EXERCISE 1.**

Let  $G := C_2 \times C_2$  be the Klein-four group and let  $K = \bar{K}$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 2.

- (i) Prove that  $KG \cong K[X, Y]/(X^2, Y^2)$  as  $K$ -algebras.  
 (Note:  $K[X, Y]$  stands for the commutative polynomial  $K$ -algebra in the variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , i.e.  $XY = YX$  in  $K[X, Y]$ .)
- (ii) Compute  $J\left(K[X, Y]/(X^2, Y^2)\right)$ ,  $|\text{Irr}\left(K[X, Y]/(X^2, Y^2)\right)|$ , and describe all simple  $KG$ -modules.  
 [Hint: Do not forget that you can consider  $K$ -dimensions!]

**EXERCISE 2.**

Let  $K$  be a field and let  $A \neq 0$  be a finite-dimensional  $K$ -algebra. The aim of this exercise is to prove that  $J(A)$  is the unique maximal nilpotent left ideal of  $A$  and  $J(Z(A)) = J(A) \cap Z(A)$ .

Proceed as follows:

- (a) Prove that there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  such that  $J(A)^n = J(A)^{n+1}$ .  
 [Hint: consider dimensions.]
- (b) Apply Nakayama's Lemma to deduce that  $J(A)^n = 0$  and conclude that  $J(A)$  is nilpotent.
- (c) Prove that if  $I$  is an arbitrary nilpotent left ideal of  $A$ , then  $I \subseteq J(A)$ .  
 [Hint: here you should see  $J(A)$  as the intersection of the annihilators of the simple  $A$ -modules.]
- (d) Use the nilpotency of the Jacobson radical to prove that  $J(Z(A)) = J(A) \cap Z(A)$ .

**EXERCISE 3.**

The aim of this exercise is to prove that if  $K$  is a field of positive characteristic  $p$  and  $G$  is a  $p$ -group, then  $I(KG) = J(KG)$ . Proceed as indicated below.

- (a) Recall that an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is called a **nil ideal** if each element of  $I$  is nilpotent. Accept the following result: if  $I$  is a nil left ideal in a left Artinian ring  $R$  then  $I$  is nilpotent.
- (b) Prove that  $g - 1$  is a nilpotent element for each  $g \in G \setminus \{1\}$  and deduce that  $I(KG)$  is a nil ideal of  $KG$ .
- (c) Deduce from (a) and (b) that  $I(KG) \subseteq J(KG)$  using Exercise 2.
- (d) Conclude that  $I(KG) = J(KG)$  using Proposition-Definition 10.7.

**EXERCISE 4 (Proof of the Converse of Maschke's Theorem for  $K$  a splitting field for  $KG$ ).**

Assume  $K$  is a field of positive characteristic  $p$  with  $p \mid |G|$  and is a splitting field for  $KG$ . Set  $T := \langle \sum_{g \in G} g \rangle_K$ .

- (a) Prove that we have a series of  $KG$ -submodules given by  $KG^\circ \supseteq I(KG) \supseteq T \supseteq 0$ .
- (b) Deduce that  $KG^\circ$  has at least two composition factors isomorphic to the trivial module.
- (c) Deduce that  $KG$  is not a semisimple  $K$ -algebra using Theorem 8.2.

**EXERCISE 5.**

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a local commutative ring with unique maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p} := J(\mathcal{O})$  and residue field  $k := \mathcal{O}/J(\mathcal{O})$ .

- (a) Let  $M, N$  be finitely generated free  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules.
  - (i) Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be an  $\mathcal{O}$ -linear map and  $\bar{f} : \bar{M} \rightarrow \bar{N}$  be its reduction modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Prove that if  $\bar{f}$  is surjective (resp. an isomorphism), then  $f$  is surjective (resp. an isomorphism).
  - (ii) Prove that if elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in M$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ ) are such that their images  $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n \in \bar{M}$  form a  $k$ -basis of  $\bar{M}$ , then  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is an  $\mathcal{O}$ -basis of  $M$ . In particular,  $\dim_k(\bar{M}) = \text{rk}_{\mathcal{O}}(M)$ .

[Hint: Use Nakayama's Lemma.]

- (b) Any direct summand of a finitely generated free  $\mathcal{O}$ -module is free.
- (c) Prove that if  $M$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}$ -module, then the following conditions are equivalent:
  - (i)  $M$  is projective;
  - (ii)  $M$  is free.

**EXERCISE 6.**

Let  $(F, \mathcal{O}, k)$  be a  $p$ -modular system and set  $\mathfrak{p} := J(\mathcal{O})$ .

- (a) Given an  $\mathcal{O}G$ -lattice  $L$ , verify that:
  - setting  $L^F := F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} L$  defines an  $FG$ -module, and
  - reduction modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $L$ , i.e.  $\bar{L} := L/\mathfrak{p}L \cong k \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} L$ , defines a  $kG$ -module.
- (b) Let  $V$  be a finitely generated  $FG$ -module and let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be an  $F$ -basis of  $V$ . Prove that  $L := \mathcal{O}Gv_1 + \dots + \mathcal{O}Gv_n \subseteq V$  is an  $\mathcal{O}$ -form of  $V$ .

**EXERCISE 7.**

Let  $(F, \mathcal{O}, k)$  be a  $p$ -modular system. Prove the following assertions.

- (a) If  $K \in \{F, \mathcal{O}, k\}$  and  $M$  is a finitely generated  $KG$ -lattice, then  $\text{Tr}_M$  is a  $KG$ -homomorphism and  $\text{Tr}_M \circ \theta_{M, M}^{-1}$  coincides with the ordinary trace of matrices.
- (b) If  $M$  is a  $kG$ -module, then:
  - (i)  $M \mid M \otimes_k M^* \otimes_k M$ , and
  - (ii)  $M \oplus M \mid M \otimes_k M^* \otimes_k M$  provided  $\text{char}(k) \mid \dim_k(M)$ . [This is more challenging!]