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**Math 654: Advanced Topics in Algebra**  
**Final Exam, Fall Semester 241 (180 minutes)**  
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**Remark:** Solve **6** questions including **Q8** and **Q9**. Show **full details**.

**Q1. (15 points)** Let  $R$  be a semiring.

(a) Show that there exist semirings  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  with  $R \simeq R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_n$  if and only if  $R$  contains a complete set of orthogonal central idempotents  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  satisfying

$$e_1 + \dots + e_n = 1 \text{ and } e_i e_j = \delta_{i,j} \text{ for all } i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

(b) Let  $\gamma : R \rightarrow S$  be a morphism of semirings. If  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is a complete set of orthogonal central idempotents of  $R$ , then  $\{\gamma(e_1), \dots, \gamma(e_n)\}$  is a complete set of orthogonal central idempotents of  $S$ .

(c) Can an integral semidomain contain a complete set of orthogonal central idempotents?

**Q2. (15 points)** Let  $R$  be semiring. We say that a morphism  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  of left  $R$ -semimodules is

$k$ -uniform iff  $h(x_1) = h(x_2)$  implies  $x_1 \equiv_{Ker(h)} x_2$

$i$ -uniform iff  $h(X) = \overline{h(X)} := \{y \in Y \mid y \equiv_{h(X)} 0\}$ .

Moreover, we say that a sequence  $L \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} N$  of left semimodules is **exact** iff  $f(L) = Ker(g)$  and  $g$  is  $k$ -uniform.

Let

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & L_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & M_1 & \xrightarrow{g_1} & N_1 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \alpha_1 \downarrow & & \alpha_2 \downarrow & & \alpha_3 \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & L_2 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & M_2 & \xrightarrow{g_2} & N_2 \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

be a commutative diagram of left  $R$ -semimodules and  $R$ -linear maps with exact rows and assume that  $M_1, M_2$  are cancellative and  $\alpha_2$  is  $i$ -uniform. Show that if any two of the morphisms  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_3$  are isomorphisms, then so is the third.

**Q3. (15 points)** Let  $R$  be a semiring and consider  $R^\Delta := S/D$  where  $D = \{(a, a) \mid a \in R\}$  and  $S = R \times R$  is the semiring with

$(a, b) + (c, d) = (a+c, b+d)$ ,  $(a, b)(c, d) = (ac+bd, ad+bc)$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in R$ .

(a) Show that  $R$  is non-zeroic if and only if  $R^\Delta \neq 0/D$ .

(b) Assume that  $R$  is non-zeroic. Show that  $R^\Delta$  is a ring and the canonical morphism

$$\nu : R \longrightarrow R^\Delta, r \longmapsto [(r, 0)]$$

of semirings is injective if and only if  $R$  is additively cancellative.

(c) Assume that  $R$  is non-zeroic. Show that we have a functor

$${}_R\mathbf{SMod} \longrightarrow {}_{R^\Delta}\mathbf{Mod}, M \longmapsto M^\Delta$$

where the  $R^\Delta$ -action on  $M^\Delta := (M \times M)/W$  ( $W := \{(m, m) \mid m \in M\}$ ) is given by

$$[(a, b)][(m, n)] := [(am + bn, an + bm)].$$

**Q4. (15 points)**

(a) Let  $R$  be a semiring. Show that a left  $R$ -semimodule  $M$  is projective if and only if it is a retract of a free left  $R$ -semimodule.

(b) Let  $R$  be a semiring. Let  $\{P_\lambda\}_\Lambda$  be a collection of left  $R$ -semimodules. Prove that  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} P_\lambda$  is projective if and only if  $P_\lambda$  is projective for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

(c) Give an example of a projective semimodule which is not free.

**Q5. (15 points)**

(a) Let  $R$  be a semiring. Show that if  $E$  is an injective left  $R$ -semimodule, then every essential monomorphism of left  $R$ -semimodules  $\alpha : E \longrightarrow E'$  is an isomorphism.

(b) Let  $R$  be a semiring. Let  $\{E_\lambda\}_\Lambda$  be a collection of left  $R$ -semimodules. Prove that  $\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda$  is injective if and only if  $E_\lambda$  is injective for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

(c) Show that  ${}_B\mathbb{B}^\Lambda$  is injective for any non-empty set  $\Lambda$ .

**Q6. (15 points)** Let  $\gamma : S \rightarrow R$  be a morphism of semirings.

(a) Show that if  $M$  is an injective left  $S$ -semimodule, then the left  $R$ -semimodule  $\text{Hom}_S(R, M)$  is an injective left  $R$ -semimodule.

(b) Show that  ${}_{\mathbb{B}}\mathbb{B}$  is injective.

(c) Show that if  $R$  is an additively idempotent semiring and  $M$  is a left  $R$ -semimodule, then  $I(M) := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{B}}(R, \mathbb{B}^M)$  is an injective left  $R$ -semimodule.

**Q7. (15 points)** Let  $R$  be a semiring. Denote with  ${}_R\mathbf{SMod}$  the category of left  $R$ -semimodules and with  ${}_R\mathbf{CSMod}$  its full subcategory of cancellative left  $R$ -semimodules.

(a) Show that the relation  $\equiv_{[0]}$  defined on a left  $R$ -semimodule  $M$  by

$$x \equiv_{[0]} y \text{ iff } \exists z \in M \text{ such that } x + z = y + z$$

is a congruence relation which is trivial if and only if  $M$  is cancellative.

(b) Show that we have a functor

$$\mathbf{c} : {}_R\mathbf{SMod} \rightarrow {}_R\mathbf{CSMod}, \quad M \rightarrow M / \equiv_{[0]}.$$

(c) Show that  $\mathbf{c} : {}_R\mathbf{SMod} \rightarrow {}_R\mathbf{CSMod}$  is left adjoint to the embedding functor  ${}_R\mathbf{CSMod} \hookrightarrow {}_R\mathbf{SMod}$  (Hint: Prove that for every left  $R$ -semimodule  $M$  and every cancellative left  $R$ -semimodule  $N$ , there exists a natural isomorphism of commutative monoids  $\text{Hom}_R(\mathbf{c}(M), N) \simeq \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ ).

**Q8. (20 points)** Prove or disprove:

(a) Let  $R$  be a semiring. Then  $0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \rightarrow 0$  is a short exact sequence of left  $R$ -semimodules if and only if  $X \simeq \text{Ker}(g)$  and  $Z \simeq \text{Coker}(f)$ .

(b) For any semiring  $R$ , there is at least one morphism of semirings  $f : R \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$  (i.e.  $\text{char}(R) \neq \emptyset$ ).

(c) If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a surjective morphism of left  $R$ -semimodules, then  $M / \text{Ker}(f) \simeq N$ .

**Q9. (20 points)** Indicate if each of the following statements is TRUE or FALSE (where  $R$  is a semiring):

(a) For every left  $R$ -semimodule  $M$  and every  $R$ -subsemimodule  $L \leq_R M$ , we have a short exact sequence of left  $R$ -semimodules

$$0 \longrightarrow L \xrightarrow{\iota} M \xrightarrow{\pi} M/L \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $\iota$  is the canonical injection and  $\pi$  is the canonical projection.

(b)  $\mathbb{B} \oplus \mathbb{W}$  is an injective commutative monoid.

(c)  $H := [0, 1)$  is an large ideal of  $R = ([0, 1], \max, \min)$  (both  $R$  and  $I$  are considered as  $R$ -semimodules).

(d) If the semiring  $R$  is additively idempotent, then every left  $R$ -semimodule has an injective hull.

(e) If  $L, N$  are left  $R$ -semimodules with  $L \cap N = \{0\}$ , then  $L + N = L \oplus N$  (a direct sum).

(f) If  $M$  is a left  $R$ -semimodule with two injective hulls  $E_1, E_2$ , then  $E_1 \simeq E_2$ .

(g) For every left  $R$ -semimodule  $M$ , we have two left exact functors

$Hom_R(M, -) :_R \mathbf{SMod} \longrightarrow \mathbf{CMon}$  and  $Hom_R(-, M) :_R \mathbf{SMod} \longrightarrow \mathbf{CMon}$ .

(h) Every ideal-simple left  $R$ -semimodule is congruence-simple.

(i) Every congruence-simple left  $R$ -semimodule is ideal-simple.

(j)  $\mathbb{W}$  contains a subsemiring isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, \infty)$ .

**Bonus:** Define a commutative semiring as a datum  $(S, +, \cdot)$  in which  $(S, +)$  and  $(S, \cdot)$  are commutative semigroups such that  $(\cdot)$  distributes over  $(+)$  from both sides. Find all congruence-simple commutative semirings of order 2 (up to isomorphism).

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