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**ALGEBRA 2**  
**ÜBUNGSBLATT 6**

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(1) Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module. Show that:

(a) If  $M$  is projective, then it is flat.

(b) The converse holds if  $A$  is local and  $M$  is finitely presented.

*Hint:* Show directly that  $M$  is free.

**Remark** (b) is also true for non-local rings, which will follow from localisation. This will appear in a future exercise sheet.

(2) Let  $(M_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of  $A$ -modules, Show:

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i \text{ is flat} \iff M_i \text{ is flat for all } i \in I.$$

(3) (Universal property of scalar extension.) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a ring homomorphism.

Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module and  $\varphi : M \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \text{id}_M} M_B$ . Show that for every  $B$ -module  $N$  and any  $A$ -linear map  $\psi : M \rightarrow N$  there is a unique  $B$ -linear map  $\gamma : M_B \rightarrow N$  such that  $\psi = \gamma \circ \varphi$ .

In other words, prove that

$$\text{Hom}_B(B \otimes_A M, N) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_A(M, N), \quad h \mapsto h \circ \varphi$$

is a (natural<sup>1</sup>) isomorphism.

(4) Let  $N$  be an  $A$ -module and consider a short exact sequence of  $A$ -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow M' \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M'' \longrightarrow 0.$$

Prove that after apply  $\text{Hom}$  one gets the following exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_A(N, M') \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_A(N, M) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_A(N, M'').$$

Show, by providing an example, that the last map in the above sequence is not necessarily surjective.

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<sup>1</sup>Ignore this word if it doesn't make sense to you.

- (5) Let  $M_1, M_2$  and  $N_1, N_2$  be  $A$ -modules.  
 (a) Prove that there is an  $A$ -linear map

$$\mathrm{Hom}_A(M, M') \otimes_A \mathrm{Hom}_A(N, N') \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_A(M \otimes_A N, M' \otimes_A N')$$

which sends a simple tensor  $\varphi \otimes \psi$  to the linear map  $\varphi \otimes \psi$ .

- (b) Prove that this is an isomorphism if all modules are finitely generated and free.  
 (c) Let  $A = k$  be a field and take  $M$  and  $N$  finite dimensional. For  $\varphi \in \mathrm{Hom}_k(M, M)$  and  $\psi \in \mathrm{Hom}_k(N, N)$  show that

$$\mathrm{tr}(\varphi \otimes \psi) = \mathrm{tr}(\varphi) \mathrm{tr}(\psi) \quad \text{and} \quad \det(\varphi \otimes \psi) = \det(\varphi)^{\dim N} \det(\psi)^{\dim M}.$$

*Hint:* Show and use that  $\varphi \otimes \psi = (\varphi \otimes \mathrm{id}_N) \circ (\mathrm{id}_M \otimes \psi)$ .

**Definition:** Let  $A$  be a ring and  $B$  an  $A$ -algebra. Define the module of Kähler differentials of  $B$  over  $A$  as follows

$$\Omega_{B/A}^1 := \left( \bigoplus_{f \in B} B \cdot df \right) / R.$$

This is a quotient of a free  $B$ -module (generated by symbols  $df$  for each element  $f \in B$ ) by the submodule  $R$ , generated by the following relations:

- (a)  $d(f + g) = df + dg$  (additivity)  
 (b)  $d(fg) = f(dg) + g(df)$  (product rule)  
 (c)  $da = 0$  for every  $a \in A$  (zero on ‘constants’).

- (6\*) (a) Consider  $A = k$  and  $B = k[x, y]$ . Show that  $d(3xy^2) = 3y^2 \cdot dx + 6xy \cdot dy$ . In general, show that for any  $f \in B$ , we have that  $df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$ .

*Hint: Prove this for monomials via the product rule and induction, then use additivity.*

Prove that

$$\Omega_{k[x,y]/k}^1 \cong B \cdot dx \oplus B \cdot dy.$$

- (b) Consider a field extension  $L/K$  and consider  $L$  as a  $K$ -algebra. Prove that  $L/K$  is separable if and only if  $\Omega_{L/K}^1 = 0$ .