

Math 3322  
Algebra 3, Assignment 6  
Not for credit, but for practice.

1. Prove that the image of a module homomorphism is always a submodule.
2. An element  $m$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *torsion* if there exists a nonzero element  $r \in R$  such that  $rm = 0$ . The set of all torsion elements is denoted  $\text{Tor}(M)$ . Prove that if  $R$  is an integral domain then  $\text{Tor}(M)$  is a submodule of  $M$ , and give an example of a ring  $R$  and an  $R$ -module  $M$  for which  $\text{Tor}(M)$  is *not* a submodule.
3. Let  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  be an  $R$ -module homomorphism, where  $M$  and  $N$  are  $R$ -modules. Prove that  $\phi(\text{Tor}(M)) \subset \text{Tor}(N)$ .
4. Prove that if  $\mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}$  are not isomorphic as left  $\mathbb{R}$ -modules.
5. Prove that  $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}$  are isomorphic as left  $\mathbb{Q}$ -modules.