

Submodule of free \mathbb{Z} -module¹

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Summary. In this article, we formalize a free \mathbb{Z} -module and its property. In particular, we formalize the vector space of rational field corresponding to a free \mathbb{Z} -module and prove formally that submodules of a free \mathbb{Z} -module are free. \mathbb{Z} -module is necessary for lattice problems - LLL (Lenstra, Lenstra and Lovász) base reduction algorithm and cryptographic systems with lattice [20]. Some theorems in this article are described by translating theorems in [11] into theorems of \mathbb{Z} -module, however their proofs are different.

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The notation and terminology used in this paper have been introduced in the following articles: [6], [1], [24], [22], [5], [12], [7], [8], [16], [25], [19], [23], [21], [3], [4], [9], [17], [30], [32], [31], [26], [29], [18], [27], [28], [33], [10], [13], [14], and [15].

1. VECTOR SPACE OF RATIONAL FIELD GENERATED BY A FREE \mathbb{Z} -MODULE

From now on V denotes a \mathbb{Z} -module and W, W_1, W_2 denote submodules of V .

Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , submodules W_1, W_2 of V , and submodules W_5, W_6 of $W_1 + W_2$. Now we state the propositions:

- (1) If $W_5 = W_1$ and $W_6 = W_2$, then $W_1 + W_2 = W_5 + W_6$.
- (2) If $W_5 = W_1$ and $W_6 = W_2$, then $W_1 \cap W_2 = W_5 \cap W_6$.

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Let V be a \mathbb{Z} -module. Note that (the carrier of V) $\times (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\})$ is non empty.

Assume V is cancelable on multiplication. The functor $\text{EQRZM}(V)$ yielding an equivalence relation of (the carrier of V) $\times (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\})$ is defined by

- (Def. 1) Let us consider elements S, T . Then $\langle S, T \rangle \in \text{it}$ if and only if $S, T \in$ (the carrier of V) $\times (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\})$ and there exist elements z_1, z_2 of V and there exist integers i_1, i_2 such that $S = \langle z_1, i_1 \rangle$ and $T = \langle z_2, i_2 \rangle$ and $i_1 \neq 0$ and $i_2 \neq 0$ and $i_2 \cdot z_1 = i_1 \cdot z_2$.

Now we state the proposition:

- (3) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , elements z_1, z_2 of V , and integers i_1, i_2 . Suppose V is cancelable on multiplication. Then $\langle \langle z_1, i_1 \rangle, \langle z_2, i_2 \rangle \rangle \in \text{EQRZM}(V)$ if and only if $i_1 \neq 0$ and $i_2 \neq 0$ and $i_2 \cdot z_1 = i_1 \cdot z_2$.

Let V be a \mathbb{Z} -module. Assume V is cancelable on multiplication. The functor $\text{addCoset } V$ yielding a binary operation on $\text{Classes EQRZM}(V)$ is defined by

- (Def. 2) Let us consider elements A, B . Suppose $A, B \in \text{Classes EQRZM}(V)$. Let us consider elements z_1, z_2 of V and integers i_1, i_2 . Suppose

- (i) $i_1 \neq 0$, and
- (ii) $i_2 \neq 0$, and
- (iii) $A = [\langle z_1, i_1 \rangle]_{\text{EQRZM}(V)}$, and
- (iv) $B = [\langle z_2, i_2 \rangle]_{\text{EQRZM}(V)}$.

Then $\text{it}(A, B) = [\langle i_2 \cdot z_1 + i_1 \cdot z_2, i_1 \cdot i_2 \rangle]_{\text{EQRZM}(V)}$.

Assume V is cancelable on multiplication. The functor $\text{zeroCoset } V$ yielding an element of $\text{Classes EQRZM}(V)$ is defined by

- (Def. 3) Let us consider an integer i . Suppose $i \neq 0$. Then $\text{it} = [\langle 0_V, i \rangle]_{\text{EQRZM}(V)}$.

Assume V is cancelable on multiplication. The functor $\text{lmultCoset } V$ yielding a function from (the carrier of $\mathbb{F}_{\mathbb{Q}}$) $\times \text{Classes EQRZM}(V)$ into $\text{Classes EQRZM}(V)$ is defined by

- (Def. 4) Let us consider an element q and an element A . Suppose

- (i) $q \in \mathbb{Q}$, and
- (ii) $A \in \text{Classes EQRZM}(V)$.

Let us consider integers m, n, i and an element z of V . Suppose

- (iii) $n \neq 0$, and
- (iv) $q = \frac{m}{n}$, and
- (v) $i \neq 0$, and
- (vi) $A = [\langle z, i \rangle]_{\text{EQRZM}(V)}$.

Then $\text{it}(q, A) = [\langle m \cdot z, n \cdot i \rangle]_{\text{EQRZM}(V)}$.

Now we state the propositions:

(4) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , an element z of V , and integers i, n .
Suppose

- (i) $i \neq 0$, and
- (ii) $n \neq 0$, and
- (iii) V is cancelable on multiplication.

Then $[\langle z, i \rangle]_{\text{EQRZM}(V)} = [\langle n \cdot z, n \cdot i \rangle]_{\text{EQRZM}(V)}$. The theorem is a consequence of (3).

(5) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V and an element v of $\langle \text{Classes EQRZM}(V), \text{addCoset } V, \text{zeroCoset } V, \text{lmultCoset } V \rangle$. Suppose V is cancelable on multiplication. Then there exists an integer i and there exists an element z of V such that $i \neq 0$ and $v = [\langle z, i \rangle]_{\text{EQRZM}(V)}$.

Let V be a \mathbb{Z} -module. Assume V is cancelable on multiplication. The functor $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$ yielding a vector space over $\mathbb{F}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is defined by the term

(Def. 5) $\langle \text{Classes EQRZM}(V), \text{addCoset } V, \text{zeroCoset } V, \text{lmultCoset } V \rangle$.

Assume V is cancelable on multiplication. The functor $\text{MorphsZQ}(V)$ yielding a function from V into $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$ is defined by

- (Def. 6)
- (i) it is one-to-one, and
 - (ii) for every element v of V , $it(v) = [\langle v, 1 \rangle]_{\text{EQRZM}(V)}$, and
 - (iii) for every elements v, w of V , $it(v + w) = it(v) + it(w)$, and
 - (iv) for every element v of V and for every integer i and for every element q of $\mathbb{F}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ such that $i = q$ holds $it(i \cdot v) = q \cdot it(v)$, and
 - (v) $it(0_V) = 0_{\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)}$.

Now we state the propositions:

(6) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V . Suppose V is cancelable on multiplication. Let us consider a finite sequence s of elements of V and a finite sequence t of elements of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$. Suppose

- (i) $\text{len } s = \text{len } t$, and
- (ii) for every element i of \mathbb{N} such that $i \in \text{dom } s$ there exists a vector s_1 of V such that $s_1 = s(i)$ and $t(i) = (\text{MorphsZQ}(V))(s_1)$.

Then $\sum t = (\text{MorphsZQ}(V))(\sum s)$. PROOF: Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$ for every finite sequence s of elements of V for every finite sequence t of elements of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$ such that $\text{len } s = \mathbb{N}_1$ and $\text{len } s = \text{len } t$ and for every element i of \mathbb{N} such that $i \in \text{dom } s$ there exists a vector s_1 of V such that $s_1 = s(i)$ and $t(i) = (\text{MorphsZQ}(V))(s_1)$ holds $\sum t = (\text{MorphsZQ}(V))(\sum s)$. $\mathcal{P}[0]$ by [26, (43)]. For every natural number k such that $\mathcal{P}[k]$ holds $\mathcal{P}[k + 1]$ by [5, (59)], [3, (11)], [5, (4)]. For every natural number k , $\mathcal{P}[k]$ from [3, Sch. 2]. \square

- (7) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , a subset I of V , a subset I_6 of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$, a z linear combination l of I , and a linear combination l_5 of I_6 . Suppose

- (i) V is cancelable on multiplication, and
- (ii) $I_6 = (\text{MorphsZQ}(V))^\circ I$, and
- (iii) $l = l_5 \cdot \text{MorphsZQ}(V)$.

Then $\sum l_5 = (\text{MorphsZQ}(V))(\sum l)$. The theorem is a consequence of (6).

- (8) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , a subset I_6 of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$, and a linear combination l_5 of I_6 . Then there exists an integer m and there exists an element a of $\mathbb{F}_\mathbb{Q}$ such that $m \neq 0$ and $m = a$ and $\text{rng}(a \cdot l_5) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$. PROOF: Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$ for every linear combination l_5 of I_6 such that $\overline{\text{the support of } l_5} = \$_1$ there exists an integer m and there exists an element a of $\mathbb{F}_\mathbb{Q}$ such that $m \neq 0$ and $m = a$ and $\text{rng}(a \cdot l_5) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$. $\mathcal{P}[0]$ by [27, (28)], [8, (113)], [27, (3)]. For every natural number n such that $\mathcal{P}[n]$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n+1]$ by [2, (44)], [10, (31)], [2, (42)]. For every natural number n , $\mathcal{P}[n]$ from [3, Sch. 2]. \square

- (9) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , a subset I of V , a subset I_6 of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$, and a linear combination l_5 of I_6 . Suppose

- (i) V is cancelable on multiplication, and
- (ii) $I_6 = (\text{MorphsZQ}(V))^\circ I$.

Then there exists an integer m and there exists an element a of $\mathbb{F}_\mathbb{Q}$ and there exists a z linear combination l of I such that $m \neq 0$ and $m = a$ and $l = (a \cdot l_5) \cdot \text{MorphsZQ}(V)$ and $(\text{MorphsZQ}(V))^{-1}$ (the support of l_5) = the support of l . The theorem is a consequence of (8). PROOF: Consider m being an integer, a being an element of $\mathbb{F}_\mathbb{Q}$ such that $m \neq 0$ and $m = a$ and $\text{rng}(a \cdot l_5) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$. Reconsider $l = (a \cdot l_5) \cdot \text{MorphsZQ}(V)$ as an element of $\mathbb{Z}^{\text{the carrier of } V}$. Set $T = \{v, \text{ where } v \text{ is an element of } V : l(v) \neq 0\}$. Set $F = \text{MorphsZQ}(V)$. $T \subseteq F^{-1}$ (the support of l_5) by [7, (13)], [8, (38)]. F^{-1} (the support of l_5) $\subseteq T$ by [8, (38)], [7, (13)]. \square

- (10) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , a subset I of V , a subset I_6 of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$, a linear combination l_5 of I_6 , an integer m , an element a of $\mathbb{F}_\mathbb{Q}$, and a z linear combination l of I . Suppose

- (i) V is cancelable on multiplication, and
- (ii) $I_6 = (\text{MorphsZQ}(V))^\circ I$, and
- (iii) $m \neq 0$, and
- (iv) $m = a$, and
- (v) $l = (a \cdot l_5) \cdot \text{MorphsZQ}(V)$.

Then $a \cdot \sum l_5 = (\text{MorphsZQ}(V))(\sum l)$. The theorem is a consequence of (7).

(11) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , a subset I of V , and a subset I_6 of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$. Suppose

- (i) V is cancelable on multiplication, and
- (ii) $I_6 = (\text{MorphaZQ}(V))^\circ I$, and
- (iii) I is linearly independent.

Then I_6 is linearly independent. The theorem is a consequence of (9) and (10).

(12) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , a subset I of V , a z linear combination l of I , and a subset I_6 of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$. Suppose

- (i) V is cancelable on multiplication, and
- (ii) $I_6 = (\text{MorphaZQ}(V))^\circ I$.

Then there exists a linear combination l_5 of I_6 such that

- (iii) $l = l_5 \cdot \text{MorphaZQ}(V)$, and
- (iv) the support of $l_5 = (\text{MorphaZQ}(V))^\circ$ the support of l .

PROOF: Reconsider $I_0 =$ the support of l as a finite subset of V . Reconsider $I_7 = (\text{MorphaZQ}(V))^\circ I_0$ as a finite subset of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$. Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{element}, \text{element}] \equiv \mathcal{S}_1 \in I_7$ and there exists an element v of V such that $v \in I_0$ and $\mathcal{S}_1 = (\text{MorphaZQ}(V))(v)$ and $\mathcal{S}_2 = l(v)$ or $\mathcal{S}_1 \notin I_7$ and $\mathcal{S}_2 = 0_{\mathbb{F}_Q}$. For every element x such that $x \in$ the carrier of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$ there exists an element y such that $y \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathcal{P}[x, y]$ by [8, (64)]. Consider l_5 being a function from the carrier of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$ into \mathbb{Q} such that for every element x such that $x \in$ the carrier of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$ holds $\mathcal{P}[x, l_5(x)]$ from [8, Sch. 1]. The support of $l_5 \subseteq I_7$. For every element x such that $x \in \text{dom } l$ holds $l(x) = (l_5 \cdot \text{MorphaZQ}(V))(x)$ by [8, (35), (19)], [7, (12)]. $I_7 \subseteq$ the support of l_5 by [8, (64)], [7, (12)], [14, (8)]. \square

(13) Let us consider a free \mathbb{Z} -module V , a subset I of V , a subset I_6 of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$, a z linear combination l of I , and an integer i . Suppose

- (i) $i \neq 0$, and
- (ii) $I_6 = (\text{MorphaZQ}(V))^\circ I$.

Then $[\{\sum l, i\}]_{\text{EQRZM}(V)} \in \text{Lin}(I_6)$. The theorem is a consequence of (12) and (7).

Let us consider a free \mathbb{Z} -module V , a subset I of V , and a subset I_6 of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$. Now we state the propositions:

- (14) If $I_6 = (\text{MorphaZQ}(V))^\circ I$, then $\overline{I} = \overline{I_6}$.
- (15) If $I_6 = (\text{MorphaZQ}(V))^\circ I$ and I is a basis of V , then I_6 is a basis of $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$.

Let V be a finite-rank free \mathbb{Z} -module. Note that $\text{ZMQVectSp}(V)$ is finite dimensional.

Now we state the propositions:

- (16) Let us consider a finite-rank free \mathbb{Z} -module V . Then $\text{rank } V = \dim(\text{ZMQVectSp}(V))$. The theorem is a consequence of (15) and (14).
- (17) Let us consider a free \mathbb{Z} -module V and finite subsets I, A of V . Suppose
- (i) I is a basis of V , and
 - (ii) $\overline{I} + 1 = \overline{A}$.

Then A is linearly dependent. The theorem is a consequence of (15), (11), and (14).

- (18) Let us consider a free \mathbb{Z} -module V and subsets A, B of V . If A is linearly dependent and $A \subseteq B$, then B is linearly dependent.
- (19) Let us consider a free \mathbb{Z} -module V and subsets D, A of V . Suppose
- (i) D is basis of V and finite, and
 - (ii) $\overline{D} \subset \overline{A}$.

Then A is linearly dependent. The theorem is a consequence of (17) and (18).

- (20) Let us consider a free \mathbb{Z} -module V and subsets I, A of V . Suppose
- (i) I is basis of V and finite, and
 - (ii) A is linearly independent.

Then $\overline{A} \subseteq \overline{I}$.

2. SUBMODULE OF FREE \mathbb{Z} -MODULE

Now we state the proposition:

- (21) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V . If Ω_V is free, then V is free.

Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , submodules W_1, W_2 of V , and strict submodules W_3, W_4 of V . Now we state the propositions:

- (22) If $W_3 = \Omega_{W_1}$ and $W_4 = \Omega_{W_2}$, then $W_3 + W_4 = W_1 + W_2$.
- (23) If $W_3 = \Omega_{W_1}$ and $W_4 = \Omega_{W_2}$, then $W_3 \cap W_4 = W_1 \cap W_2$.

Now we state the propositions:

- (24) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V and a strict submodule W of V . Suppose $W \neq \mathbf{0}_V$. Then there exists a vector v of V such that
- (i) $v \in W$, and
 - (ii) $v \neq 0_V$.

- (25) Let us consider a subset A of V and z linear combinations l_1, l_2 of A . Suppose $(\text{the support of } l_1) \cap (\text{the support of } l_2) = \emptyset$. Then the support of $l_1 + l_2 = (\text{the support of } l_1) \cup (\text{the support of } l_2)$. PROOF: $(\text{The support of } l_1) \cup (\text{the support of } l_2) \subseteq \text{the support of } l_1 + l_2$ by [14, (8)]. \square
- (26) Let us consider subsets A_1, A_2 of V and a z linear combination l of $A_1 \cup A_2$. Suppose $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$. Then there exists a z linear combination l_1 of A_1 and there exists a z linear combination l_2 of A_2 such that $l = l_1 + l_2$. PROOF: Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{element, element}] \equiv$ if $\$1$ is a vector of V , then $\$1 \in A_1$ and $\$2 = l(\$1)$ or $\$1 \notin A_1$ and $\$2 = 0$. For every element x such that $x \in$ the carrier of V there exists an element y such that $y \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathcal{P}[x, y]$. There exists a function l_1 from the carrier of V into \mathbb{Z} such that for every element x such that $x \in$ the carrier of V holds $\mathcal{P}[x, l_1(x)]$ from [8, Sch. 1]. Consider l_1 being a function from the carrier of V into \mathbb{Z} such that for every element x such that $x \in$ the carrier of V holds $\mathcal{P}[x, l_1(x)]$. For every element x such that $x \in$ the support of l_1 holds $x \in A_1$ by [14, (8)]. Define $\mathcal{Q}[\text{element, element}] \equiv$ if $\$1$ is a vector of V , then $\$1 \in A_2$ and $\$2 = l(\$1)$ or $\$1 \notin A_2$ and $\$2 = 0$. For every element x such that $x \in$ the carrier of V there exists an element y such that $y \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathcal{Q}[x, y]$. There exists a function l_2 from the carrier of V into \mathbb{Z} such that for every element x such that $x \in$ the carrier of V holds $\mathcal{Q}[x, l_2(x)]$ from [8, Sch. 1]. Consider l_2 being a function from the carrier of V into \mathbb{Z} such that for every element x such that $x \in$ the carrier of V holds $\mathcal{Q}[x, l_2(x)]$. For every element x such that $x \in$ the support of l_2 holds $x \in A_2$ by [14, (8)]. For every vector v of V , $l(v) = (l_1 + l_2)(v)$. \square
- (27) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , free submodules W_1, W_2 of V , a basis I_1 of W_1 , and a basis I_2 of W_2 . If V is the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 , then $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$.

Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , free submodules W_1, W_2 of V , a basis I_1 of W_1 , a basis I_2 of W_2 , and a subset I of V . Now we state the propositions:

- (28) If V is the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 and $I = I_1 \cup I_2$, then $\text{Lin}(I) =$ the \mathbb{Z} -module structure of V .
- (29) If V is the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 and $I = I_1 \cup I_2$, then I is linearly independent.

Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V and free submodules W_1, W_2 of V . Now we state the propositions:

- (30) If V is the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 , then V is free.
- (31) If $W_1 \cap W_2 = \mathbf{0}_V$, then $W_1 + W_2$ is free.

Let us consider a free \mathbb{Z} -module V , a basis I of V , and a vector v of V . Now we state the propositions:

- (32) If $v \in I$, then $\text{Lin}(I \setminus \{v\})$ is free and $\text{Lin}(\{v\})$ is free.

(33) If $v \in I$, then V is the direct sum of $\text{Lin}(I \setminus \{v\})$ and $\text{Lin}(\{v\})$.

Let V be a finite-rank free \mathbb{Z} -module. One can verify that every submodule of V is free.

Now we state the propositions:

(34) Let us consider a \mathbb{Z} -module V , a submodule W of V , and free submodules W_1, W_2 of V . Suppose

(i) $W_1 \cap W_2 = \mathbf{0}_V$, and

(ii) the \mathbb{Z} -module structure of $W = W_1 + W_2$.

Then W is free. The theorem is a consequence of (31).

(35) Let us consider a prime number p and a free \mathbb{Z} -module V .

If $\text{Z}_M\text{QvectSp}(V, p)$ is finite dimensional, then V is finite-rank.

(36) Let us consider a prime number p , a \mathbb{Z} -module V , an element s of V , an integer a , and an element b of $\text{GF}(p)$. Suppose $b = a \pmod{p}$. Then $b \cdot \text{ZMtoMQV}(V, p, s) = \text{ZMtoMQV}(V, p, a \cdot s)$.

(37) Let us consider a prime number p , a free \mathbb{Z} -module V , a subset I of V , a subset I_6 of $\text{Z}_M\text{QvectSp}(V, p)$, and a z linear combination l of I . Suppose $I_6 = \{\text{ZMtoMQV}(V, p, u), \text{ where } u \text{ is a vector of } V : u \in I\}$. Then $\text{ZMtoMQV}(V, p, \sum l) \in \text{Lin}(I_6)$.

(38) Let us consider a prime number p , a free \mathbb{Z} -module V , a subset I of V , and a subset I_6 of $\text{Z}_M\text{QvectSp}(V, p)$. Suppose

(i) $\text{Lin}(I) =$ the \mathbb{Z} -module structure of V , and

(ii) $I_6 = \{\text{ZMtoMQV}(V, p, u), \text{ where } u \text{ is a vector of } V : u \in I\}$.

Then $\text{Lin}(I_6) =$ the vector space structure of $\text{Z}_M\text{QvectSp}(V, p)$. The theorem is a consequence of (37). PROOF: For every element v_3 of $\text{Z}_M\text{QvectSp}(V, p)$, $v_3 \in \text{Lin}(I_6)$ by [15, (22)], [14, (64)]. \square

(39) Let us consider a finitely-generated free \mathbb{Z} -module V . Then there exists a finite subset A of V such that A is a basis of V . The theorem is a consequence of (38). PROOF: Set $p =$ the prime number. Consider B being a finite subset of V such that $\text{Lin}(B) =$ the \mathbb{Z} -module structure of V . Set $B_1 = \{\text{ZMtoMQV}(V, p, u), \text{ where } u \text{ is a vector of } V : u \in B\}$. Define $\mathcal{F}(\text{element of } V) = \text{ZMtoMQV}(V, p, \$_1)$. Consider f being a function from the carrier of V into $\text{Z}_M\text{QvectSp}(V, p)$ such that for every element x of V , $f(x) = \mathcal{F}(x)$ from [8, Sch. 4]. For every element y such that $y \in B_1$ there exists an element x such that $x \in \text{dom}(f \upharpoonright B)$ and $y = (f \upharpoonright B)(x)$ by [30, (62)], [7, (47)]. Consider I_6 being a basis of $\text{Z}_M\text{QvectSp}(V, p)$ such that $I_6 \subseteq B_1$. \square

One can verify that every finitely-generated free \mathbb{Z} -module is finite-rank and every finite-rank free \mathbb{Z} -module is finitely-generated.

Now we state the proposition:

- (40) Let us consider a finite-rank free \mathbb{Z} -module V and a subset A of V . If A is linearly independent, then A is finite. The theorem is a consequence of (19).

Let V be a \mathbb{Z} -module and W_1, W_2 be finite-rank free submodules of V . One can check that $W_1 \cap W_2$ is free.

Note that $W_1 \cap W_2$ is finite-rank.

Let V be a finite-rank free \mathbb{Z} -module. Note that every submodule of V is finite-rank.

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