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Abstract

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Let F^n be a free unitary module with n generators over a regular ring F^* . The submodules of the module F^n possessing a finite number of generators form a Dedekind structure $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ with complements ((³), p. 146, Theorem 3.2, p. 184, Theorem 2.1; p. 186, Theorem 3.2). A natural question arises concerning the connection between the modules F^n and G^m if the structures $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ and $\mathfrak{C}(G^m)$ are isomorphic. If $n \geq 3$, and F and G are fields, then a structural isomorphism is induced by a semilinear mapping of the module F^n onto the module G^m ((²), p. 62). If the regular ring F has a system of idempotents $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n$, $n \geq 3$, with the properties: $\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$ and $\varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_n = 1$, then an isomorphism of $\mathfrak{C}(F)$ onto $\mathfrak{C}(G)$ is induced by a ring isomorphism of F onto G ((⁴), Part 2, p. 43, Theorem 4.2; (³), p. 192, Theorem 3.6). In the present note the question posed is solved for the case when the structure $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ is complete and continuous (a structure is called continuous if from $x_\alpha \uparrow x$ it follows that $ax_\alpha \uparrow ax$, and from $x_\alpha \downarrow x$ it follows that $a + x_\alpha \downarrow a + x$; see (¹), p. 100).

By methods similar to Baer's method ((²), pp. 62-70), one can obtain the following result:

Theorem 1. Let F and G be regular rings; $S \rightarrow S^*$ an isomorphism of $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ onto $\mathfrak{C}(G^m)$, $n \geq 3$; $[F(1, 0, \dots, 0)]^* = Ge'$; ε such an idempotent of the ring G that $N(e') = G(1 - \varepsilon)$; $H = \varepsilon G \varepsilon$. **Then in G^m there will be found elements e_1, \dots, e_n such that $N(e') = N(e_i)$, $[F(0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)]^* = Ge_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and also such a semilinear mapping σ of the F -module F^n onto the H -module $\sum_1^n He_i^*$ that $(Fx)^* = Gx^\sigma$ for every $x \in F^n$.**

If $m = n$ and $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ is complete and continuous, then the image $[F(1, 0, \dots, 0)]^*$ of the submodule $F(1, 0, \dots, 0)$ under an isomorphism of $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ onto $\mathfrak{C}(G^n)$ turns out to be perspective to $G(1, 0, \dots, 0)$. Hence one can infer that $[F(1, 0, \dots, 0)]^* = Ge'$, where $N(e') = 0$. Therefore Theorem 1 gives:

Theorem 2. If F and G are regular rings, $n \geq 3$, and the structure $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ is complete and continuous, then every isomorphism θ of the structure $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ onto the structure $\mathfrak{C}(G^n)$ is induced by a semilinear mapping σ of the module F^n onto the module G^n , i.e. $\theta(S) = \{\sigma(x); x \in S\}$ for every $S \in \mathfrak{C}(F^n)$.

* A module M over a ring F is called unitary if F contains the identity 1 and $1a = a$ for all $a \in M$. All modules discussed in the note are assumed to be left modules. An associative ring with identity is called regular if in it, for every a , the equation $axa = a$ is solvable.

** If $a \in G^m$, then by $N(a)$ is denoted the set of all elements $\lambda \in G$ such that $\lambda a = 0$. It can be shown that $N(a)$ is a principal left ideal of the ring G and therefore is generated by some idempotent.

*** The definition of semilinear mapping for the case under consideration repeats verbatim Baer's definition ((2), p. 59).

If $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ is complete and continuous, and $\{S_1, \dots, S_m\}$ is an independent system of pairwise perspective elements of $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)^*$ and

$$\sum_1^m S_i = F^n,$$

then one can prove the existence in $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ of such an independent system $\{T_1, \dots, T_{\max\{m, n\}}\}$ of pairwise perspective elements that

$$F(1, 0, \dots, 0) \sim \sum_1^k T_i, \quad S_1 \sim \sum_1^l T_i,$$

where $kn = lm$. This fact makes it possible to obtain the following result:

Theorem 3. Let F and G be regular rings, let $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ be complete and continuous, and let θ be an isomorphism of $\mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ onto $\mathfrak{C}(G^m)$, $3 \leq n < m$. Then there exist rings H and K such that H_k is isomorphic to F^{**} , K_l is isomorphic to G , and θ is induced by a semilinear mapping of H^{kn} onto K^{lm} .

Theorem 2 can be stated in another form:

Theorem 4. If F and G are regular rings, $n \geq 3$, and $\mathfrak{C}(F)$ is complete and continuous, then every isomorphism of F_n onto G_n is induced by some isomorphism of F onto G .

Indeed, if $F_n \leftrightarrow G_n^{***}$, then, obviously, $\mathfrak{C}(F_n) \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{C}(G_n)$. But $\mathfrak{C}(F_n) \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{C}(F^n)$ and $\mathfrak{C}(G_n) \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{C}(G^n)$ ((3), p. 186, Theorem 3.2), i.e. $\mathfrak{C}(F^n) \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{C}(G^n)$. Applying Theorem 2, we obtain that $F \leftrightarrow G$. It is not difficult to establish that the isomorphism obtained induces the given isomorphism of F_n onto G_n .

Theorem 3 can be reformulated in exactly the same way.

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* The elements a_1, \dots, a_n of a lattice are said to be independent if

$$a_i \sum_{k \neq i} a_k = 0$$

for every i . Elements a and b are called perspective (notation: $a \sim b$) if they have a common complement (see ⁽¹⁾, pp. 114 and 172).

** F_n denotes the ring of square matrices of order n with entries from the ring F .

*** The symbol $A \leftrightarrow B$ denotes that A is isomorphic to B .

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