

The following questions assume you have taken a first course in linear algebra and in abstract algebra, including group theory, and have some familiarity with rings and fields.

In the exercises below,  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  will denote the ring of integers modulo  $n$ .

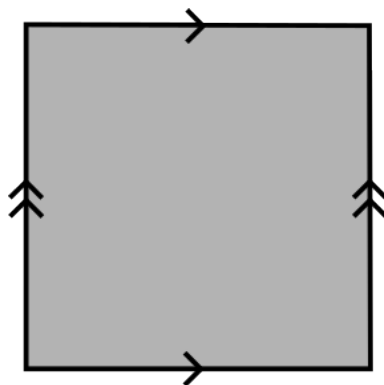
1. Assume  $V, W$  are finite dimensional vector spaces over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ , and let  $f: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map. Define the *cokernel* of  $f$  as the quotient  $\text{coker}(f) = W/\text{Im}(f)$ .

- (i) Prove  $f$  is surjective if and only if  $\text{coker}(f) = 0$ .  
 (ii) Prove that  $\dim(\text{coker}(f)) + \dim(\text{rk}(f)) = \dim(W)$ .  
 (iii) Determine a basis over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  for the cokernel of the map  $f: (\mathbb{Z}_2)^3 \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_2)^3$  represented by the matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. (i) Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  be coprime. Show there is no nontrivial homomorphism between  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .  
 (ii) Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is a field if and only if  $n$  is prime.  
 (iii) Prove that, if  $p$  is prime,  $(\mathbb{Z}_p)^n$  is a vector space.  
 (iv) Prove that the cokernel of the map  $\cdot p: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , defined as multiplication by a fixed prime  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

3. Consider the square in the figure below, with the left/right and top/bottom identifications shown; call the resulting shape  $T$ .



- (i) Draw  $T$ .  
 (ii) Consider the group quotient  $\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$ , corresponding to the equivalence relation  $(x, y) \sim (x', y')$  if and only if  $(x - x', y - y') \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ . Argue that there exists a “natural” bijection between points in  $T$  and equivalence classes in the quotient  $\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$ .  
 (iii) Draw the image in  $T$  of the line  $2y = 3x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  under the bijection from point (ii).
4. Let  $S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\} \subset \mathbb{C}$  be the unit circle. Prove that  $S^1$  is a multiplicative subgroup of  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , and describe the cosets of  $S^1$ . Prove that  $\mathbb{C}^*/S^1 \cong \mathbb{R}$ .