

Projective Modules

R ring, R-Mod left R-Modules, Mod(R) = right R-modules

Recall that an R-module P is projective if $\text{Hom}(P, -): R\text{-Mod} \rightarrow R\text{-Mod}$ is exact. We know it is left exact. So it is equivalent to

$$\exists \psi \text{ s.t. } g \circ \psi = \phi$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \exists \psi \xrightarrow{\quad} P & \\ & \downarrow \phi & \\ M \xrightarrow{g} N & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array} \quad (*)$$

Theorem: TFAE:

- ① ~~P is projective~~ We have diagram (*)
- ② Every short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f} N \xrightarrow{g} P \rightarrow 0$ splits
- ③ $\exists Q$ st $P \oplus Q$ is free
- ④ The functor $\text{Hom}(P, -)$ is exact

Proof:

① \Rightarrow ②:
$$\begin{array}{ccc} & s \dashrightarrow P & \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow \text{id} \\ N & \xrightarrow{g} P & \longrightarrow 0 \end{array} \quad \text{①} \Rightarrow \exists s \text{ st } g \circ s = \text{id}_P$$

Now define $\psi: P \oplus M \rightarrow N$
 $(p, m) \mapsto s(p) + f(m)$

Exercise: this is an isomorphism. So the s.e.s. splits.

② \Rightarrow ③ Pick a free module F with $F \xrightarrow{g} P \rightarrow 0$
 Let $Q = \ker(F \xrightarrow{g} P)$. So $0 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow F \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0$

By ②, this splits, so $F \cong P \oplus Q$

③ \Rightarrow ④ Suppose that $0 \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M'' \rightarrow 0$ is exact

We know $\text{Hom}(P, -)$ is left exact. We must show $\text{Im}(\text{Hom}(P, f)) = \text{Im}(\text{Hom}(P, g))$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}(P, M) & \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(P, g)} & \text{Hom}(P, M'') \text{ is onto} \\ \uparrow \psi & \xrightarrow{\quad} & g \circ \psi \end{array}$$

ie we must show that if $h: P \rightarrow M'' \Rightarrow \exists h': P \rightarrow M$ st $h = g \circ h'$.

Write $F = P \oplus Q$. Define $h_0: F \rightarrow M''$ $h_0|_P = h, h_0|_Q = 0$.

Then because F is free, $\exists h_0': F \rightarrow M$ st $g \circ h_0' = h_0$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & h' & F & \\
 & & \swarrow & \downarrow h_0 & \\
 M & \xrightarrow{g} & M'' & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

Now let $h' = h'_0|_P$. Then $g \circ h' = g \circ h'_0|_P = h_0|_P = h$. So we have $\textcircled{4}$.
 $\textcircled{4} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$ is immediate

Ex $R = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ $P = \mathbb{Z} \times \{0\}$ P is not free
 $(0,1) \cdot P = (0)$ so $\text{Ann}(P) = \{0\} \times \mathbb{Z}$ so P is not free
 But if $Q = \{0\} \times \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow P \oplus Q = R$

Commutative situation

Let (R, \mathcal{M}) be a local ring (\mathcal{M} unique maximal ideal) (R comm.)
 Kaplansky: If P is projective R -module then P is free

Theorem: Let (R, \mathcal{M}) be local & let P be f.g. projective. Then P is free.

Proof: Let p_1, \dots, p_s be a minimal generating set for P (with s minimal)

$$\text{Let } g: \underbrace{R \oplus \dots \oplus R}_s \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow 0$$

$$(0, \dots, 0, \underset{\text{ith}}{1}, 0, \dots, 0) \longmapsto p_i$$

Let $Q = \ker(g)$

$$0 \longrightarrow Q \xrightarrow{i} R^s \xrightarrow{g} P \longrightarrow 0$$

P projective $\Rightarrow R^s \cong Q \oplus P$

Let $K = R/\mathcal{M}$ field $- \otimes K$ gives

$$R^s / \mathcal{M}R^s \cong P/\mathcal{M}P \oplus Q/\mathcal{M}Q$$

$$K^s = (R/\mathcal{M}R)^s \cong (P/\mathcal{M}P) \oplus (Q/\mathcal{M}Q)$$

Claim: $P/\mathcal{M}P \cong K^s$

Once we have the claim: $K^s = (P/\mathcal{M}P) \oplus Q/\mathcal{M}Q \rightarrow Q = \mathcal{M}Q$
 $\uparrow \dim \ell \Rightarrow \uparrow \dim \ell$

$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{J}(R)$ so $Q = \mathcal{J}(R)Q$ Nakayama $\Rightarrow Q = (0)$

(We need Q f.g. but this is OK because Q is a direct summand of a f.g. module)

Proof of claim: Suppose not. Then $P/MP \cong K^t$ for some $t < s \because P/MP \cong K^s$

Pick $a_1, \dots, a_t \in P$ so that $\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_t$ in P/MP form a K - P/MP -basis

Now let $P_0 \subseteq P$. $P_0 = Ra_1 + \dots + Ra_t \subseteq P$

why? $t < s$ & s minimal among sizes of gen sets

Now let

$$N = P/P_0 \neq (0)$$

N is f.g. since P is f.g.

What is MN ? $MN = (MP + P_0)/P_0 = P/P_0 = N$

Notice $MP + P_0 = P$ why? $P_0 = P/MP$

Nakayama $\Rightarrow N = (0)$ ✗

Remark: If R is a PID & P projective $\Rightarrow P$ is free

f.g. case: $P \cong R^m \oplus T$, T torsion

structure thm for f.g. modules over a P.I.D.

$$T = \bigoplus R/I, I \neq (0)$$

But we saw $\exists Q$ f.g. $P \oplus Q \cong R^L$

(Pick $R^L \xrightarrow{g} P \rightarrow 0$, let $Q = \ker(g)$ $L = \#$ of gens of P)

Since Q is f.g. $Q \cong R^n \oplus T'$, T' torsion

$$S. \ P \oplus Q \cong (R^m \oplus T) \oplus (R^n \oplus T') = (R^m \oplus R^n) \oplus (T \oplus T') \cong R^L$$

a free module cannot contain non-zero torsion

$$\Rightarrow T = T' = (0) \Rightarrow P \text{ free}$$

(*) Theorem. Let R be a commutative noetherian ring. \uparrow TFAE:

1) P is ~~f.g.~~ projective (module)

2) $P_P = P \otimes_R P_P$ is free $\forall P \in \text{Spec}(R)$

3) $P_M = P \otimes_R R_M$ is free \forall maximal ideals M

Let P be f.g.

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Theorem [Bass]: Let R be a ~~noetherian~~ noetherian commutative ring & suppose that 0 & 1 are the only idempotents. Then if P is a projective R -module & P is not f.g. then P is free.

Recall: $\text{Spec}(R) = \{P; P \text{ a prime ideal}\}$ top space

Zariski topology: closed sets: $\{P; P \supseteq I\}$, $I \subseteq R$

principal open sets $V(f) = \{P; f \notin P\}$

Localization:

S mult. closed subset of R , $0 \notin S$

$$S^{-1}R = \{s^{-1}r; s \in S, r \in R\}, \quad s^{-1}r = (r, s)$$

$$(r_1, s_1) \sim (r_2, s_2) \iff s_3(r_1 s_2 - s_2 r_1) = 0 \text{ for some } s_3 \in S$$

M is an R -module

$$S^{-1}M = M \otimes_R S^{-1}R$$

$$\{s^{-1}m; s \in S, m \in M\}$$

$$(s, m)$$

$$(s_1, m_1) \sim (s_2, m_2) \iff s_3(s_1 m_2 - s_2 m_1) = 0 \text{ for some } s_3 \in S$$

$$M_P = R_P \otimes_R M, \quad R_P = S^{-1}R, \quad S = \{x \in R; x \notin P\}$$

If $f \in R$ not nilpotent $M_f = R_f \otimes_R M, \quad R_f = S^{-1}R, \quad S = \{1, f, f^2, \dots\}$

Proof (of *):

(1) \Rightarrow (2): If P is \mathcal{P}_g projective $\exists n \geq 1, R^n \xrightarrow{g} P$ If $Q = \ker(g)$

$$0 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R^n \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow R^n = Q \oplus P$$

Now applying $-\otimes_R R_P$ we see

$$R^n \otimes_R R_P \cong (P \oplus Q) \otimes_R R_P$$

$$R_P^n = (R \otimes_R R_P)^n \cong P_P \oplus Q_P$$

So P_P is a direct summand of a free $\Rightarrow P_P$ is projective $\Rightarrow P_P$ is free
($\because R_P$ is a local ring & P_P is f.g.)

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Clear ($\because \mathcal{M}$ maximal $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ prime)

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Assume $P_{\mathcal{M}}$ is free (of finite rank) $\forall \mathcal{M}$, maximal ideal of R

Recall: P is projective \iff whenever $M \xrightarrow{g} M' \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}(P, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(P, M') \rightarrow 0 \text{ is exact}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \longleftarrow \quad g_* \downarrow$$

(i.e. $\text{Hom}(P, -)$ is exact)

Strategy: Let $M \xrightarrow{g} M' \rightarrow 0$ & we'll show $\text{Hom}(P, M) \xrightarrow{g_*} \text{Hom}(P, M')$

Let \mathcal{M} be a maximal ideal $\because \otimes_R R_{\mathcal{M}}$ is right exact

$$\Rightarrow M_{\mathcal{M}} = M \otimes_R R_{\mathcal{M}} \xrightarrow{\text{id}} M'_{\mathcal{M}} = M' \otimes_R R_{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow 0$$

$\because P_{\mathcal{M}}$ is projective

$$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}_{R_{\mathcal{M}}}(P_{\mathcal{M}}, M_{\mathcal{M}}) \xrightarrow{g_*} \text{Hom}_{R_{\mathcal{M}}}(P_{\mathcal{M}}, M'_{\mathcal{M}}) \text{ is onto}$$

Assignment \exists : $\text{Hom}_{R_{\mathcal{M}}}(P_{\mathcal{M}}, M_{\mathcal{M}}) \cong \text{Hom}_R(P, M) \otimes_R R_{\mathcal{M}} = \text{Hom}_R(P, M)_{\mathcal{M}}$

$$P \text{ f.g.} \iff R^m \rightarrow R^n \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0$$

$$\exists m, n > 1$$

So from A3 $\text{Hom}(P, M)_{\mathcal{M}} \xrightarrow{g_0} \text{Hom}(P, M')_{\mathcal{M}}$ is onto \forall maximal ideal \mathcal{M} — (*)

Claim: R comm, noeth

Let M_1 & M_2 be f.g. modules & suppose $M_1 \xrightarrow{g} M_2$ is a homomorphism

If $(M_1)_{\mathcal{M}} \xrightarrow{g} (M_2)_{\mathcal{M}}$ is onto $\forall \mathcal{M}$ maximal ideal $\Leftrightarrow g$ is onto

Once we have this claim, Then (*) $\Rightarrow \text{Hom}(P, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(P, M')$ is onto when M, M' f.g.

Proof of claim: Let $K = \text{coker}(g)$ so $M_1 \xrightarrow{g} M_2 \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$ is exact

So $- \otimes_R R_{\mathcal{M}}$ is (right) exact $(M_1)_{\mathcal{M}} \xrightarrow{g} (M_2)_{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow K_{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow 0$ is exact

Since $(M_1)_{\mathcal{M}} \xrightarrow{g} (M_2)_{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow 0$ \forall maximal \mathcal{M}

$\Rightarrow K_{\mathcal{M}} = (0) \forall \mathcal{M}$ maximal \Rightarrow for each $k \in K$ $1 \cdot k \sim 0$ in $K_{\mathcal{M}}$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists s \in \mathcal{M}$ st $sk = 0$

Since M_2 is f.g. $\Rightarrow K \cong M_2 / \text{Im}(g)$ is f.g.

Let k_1, \dots, k_r be a set of gens. If \mathcal{M} is maximal $\exists s_1, \dots, s_r \in \mathcal{M}$

st $s_i k_i = 0$. Let $s = s_1 \dots s_r \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow s k_i = 0 \forall i \Rightarrow s k = 0$ $\therefore k_1, \dots, k_r$ generate

Conclusion: $\forall \mathcal{M}$ maximal ideal of R $\exists s_{\mathcal{M}} \in \mathcal{M}$ st $s_{\mathcal{M}} \cdot K = 0$.

Let $I = \{s \in R; s \cdot K = 0\} = \text{Ann}(K)$ an ideal.

If $I = R \Rightarrow 1 \cdot K = (0) \Rightarrow K = (0) \Rightarrow g$ is onto, as desired.

So WLOG I is proper $\Rightarrow \exists \mathcal{M}$ maximal $I \subseteq \mathcal{M}$

But $s_{\mathcal{M}} \in \mathcal{M}$ is in I ~~✗~~

Conclude that If $\text{Hom}(P, M)$ & $\text{Hom}(P, M')$ are f.g.

$\& \& M \xrightarrow{g} M' \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \text{Hom}(P, M) \xrightarrow{g_0} \text{Hom}(P, M') \rightarrow 0$

Notice if $P = R^n$, $M = \langle m_1, \dots, m_s \rangle$ $\phi_{i,i}: R^n \rightarrow M$

$e_i \mapsto m_{(i)} \quad (i) \in \{1, \dots, s\}$

$\phi(e_i) = a_{i1}m_1 + \dots + a_{is}m_s$

$e_j \mapsto 0 \quad j \neq i$

\vdots

$\phi(e_n) = a_{n1}m_1 + \dots + a_{ns}m_s$

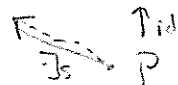
$\phi = a_{11}\phi_{1,1} + \dots + a_{n1}\phi_{n,1}$ (no many)

Because P is locally free (f.g.) & M, M' are f.g. you can show $\text{Hom}(P, M)$ & $\text{Hom}(P, M')$ are f.g. (Exercise)

Conclusion: M, M' f.g.

$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}(P, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(P, M')$ onto

Now take $M = R^n$, $M' = P \Rightarrow R^n \xrightarrow{g} P \rightarrow 0$



$\Rightarrow P \otimes_{\ker(\varphi)} \cong R^n \Rightarrow P$ projective.

From here $P \rightsquigarrow P_{\mathbb{P}}^d$ free
 $R_{\mathbb{P}}^d \quad d \geq 1$

$\text{Spec}(R) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$P \rightarrow d(P) = \text{rank}(P_{\mathbb{P}})$

A3: show this map is cts

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R comm. noeth. ring

P f.g. proj R -mod.

We saw that in this case P proj, f.g.

$\Leftrightarrow P_{\mathbb{P}} = P \otimes_R R_{\mathbb{P}}$ is free of finite rank $\forall \mathbb{P} \in \text{Spec } R$

$P_m = P \otimes_R R_m$ free R_m -mod of fin. rank \forall max ideal m

Remark: If P is f.g., R comm noeth then if P_m free $\Rightarrow \exists f \in R \setminus m$ st P_f is free as an R_f -mod

Why? Since P is f.g. as an R -mod, $P = \langle p_1, \dots, p_m \rangle = R p_1 + \dots + R p_m$

By assumption P_m is free

$P_m = \{s_i^{-1} p_i; s_i \in m, p_i \in P\}$

Pick $s_i^{-1} q_1, \dots, s_i^{-1} q_d \in P_m$ st $P_m = \bigoplus_{i=1}^d R_m s_i^{-1} q_i$
 Then $q_1, \dots, q_d \in P$ form a basis for P_m i.e. $P_m = \bigoplus_{i=1}^d R_m q_i$

By assumption for $i=1, \dots, m$ $\exists p_i = P_i \in P_m$ so
 $p_i = (\mu_{ij}^{-1} r_{ij}) q_1 + \dots + (\mu_{id}^{-1} r_{id}) q_d \quad \mu_{ij} \in R \setminus m \quad r_{ij} \in R$

Pick $s \in R \setminus m$ st $s \mu_{ij}^{-1} \in R \quad \forall i, j$

Then $s p_i \in R q_1 + \dots + R q_d \quad \forall i \Rightarrow \underbrace{p_i}_{\in P} \in \underbrace{R s q_1 + \dots + R s q_d}_{Q_s}$

So let $Q = R q_1 + \dots + R q_d \subseteq P \Rightarrow Q_s = P_s$

Now consider $R_s^d \rightarrow Q_s = P_s \quad e_i \mapsto q_i$

Let $K = \ker(R_s^d \rightarrow P_s)$ Then $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow R_s^d \rightarrow P_s \rightarrow 0$

Notice when we localize to $R_m \Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow K_m \rightarrow R_m^d \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow 0$

Here we know $R_m^d \rightarrow P_m$ is an isom $\Rightarrow K_m = (0)$

$\because R$ is Noeth $\Rightarrow R_s$ is noeth $\Rightarrow K$ is f.g. as an R_s -mod.

Now Exercise: $K_m = (0)$

$\Rightarrow \exists s' \notin M$ st $K_{s'} = (0)$

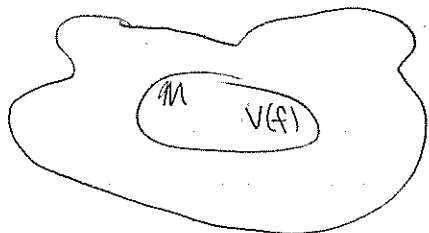
Idea $K_M = \{s'k, s \in R \setminus M, k \in K\}$

$K_M = (0) \Rightarrow \forall k \in K \exists s \in R \setminus M$ st $sk = 0$

Now if we invert s' we get $0 \rightarrow K_{s'} \rightarrow R_{s'}^d \rightarrow P_{s'} \rightarrow 0$

So $P_{s'} = R_{s'}^d$ Taking $f = s'$ we see $P_f \cong R_f^d$

$\text{Spec}(R)$



M max ideal $\rightarrow f \notin M$ st $P_f \cong R_f^d$

$\text{Spec}(R_f) = \{P \in \text{Spec}(R) \mid f \notin P\} = V(f) \in \text{Spec}(R)$ open

Notice for every $P \in V(f)$ R_P is a localization of R_f

so $P_f \cong R_f^d \rightarrow R_P \cong R_P^d$

$$R_P \otimes_{R_f} R_P \cong (R_f^d \otimes_{R_f} R_P) \cong R_P^d$$

What is this saying?

P f.g. proj, R comm noeth

Recall free mod over a comm ring have a well-defined rank

$$\psi: \text{Spec}(R) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$P \longmapsto \text{rank}_{R_P}(P_P)$$

$$V(f) \longmapsto \text{constant}$$

Ex ψ is cts

Cor: If $\text{Spec}(R)$ is connected $\Rightarrow \psi$ is constant

In this case we can define $\text{rank}(P)$ to be the image of ψ

Ex $\text{Spec}(R)$ is disconnected

$$R \cong R_1 \times R_2, R_1, R_2 \text{ nonzero}$$

R has an idempotent $e, e^2 = e, e \notin \{0, 1\}$

Since rank is additive for free mod, if $\text{Spec}(R)$ is conn. then $\text{rank}(P \otimes Q) = \text{rank}(P) + \text{rank}(Q)$

not all proj. are free

A f.g. proj. mod

P is called stably free if $\exists m, n \geq 1$ st $P \oplus R^m \cong R^n$

Equivalently, $0 \rightarrow R^m \rightarrow R^n \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0$

Swan's example

Let $A = \mathbb{R}[x, y, z] / ((1-x^2-y^2-z^2))$

We have a surjection $g: A^3 \rightarrow A$ $(a, b, c) \mapsto ax + by + cz$

Let $P = \ker(g)$

So $0 \rightarrow P \rightarrow A^3 \xrightarrow{g} A \rightarrow 0$

So $A^3 \cong P \oplus A \Rightarrow P$ is stably free

Thm (Swan) P is not free!

Proof: If P were free $P \cong A^2$ & $P \subseteq A^3$

So $P = \langle (f_1, f_2, f_3), (g_1, g_2, g_3) \rangle \subseteq A^3$

Now $A^3 = P \oplus \langle (x, y, z) \rangle$

So $A^3 = \langle (f_1, f_2, f_3), (g_1, g_2, g_3), (x, y, z) \rangle$

So $(1, 0, 0) = a_1(f_1, f_2, f_3) + b_1(g_1, g_2, g_3) + c_1(x, y, z)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \\ g_1 & g_2 & g_3 \\ x & y & z \end{pmatrix}$$

If we plug in any pt $(a, b, \gamma) \in S^2$.

So $\det \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \\ g_1 & g_2 & g_3 \\ a & b & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \forall (a, b, \gamma)$

Now view $(f_1, f_2, f_3): S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ cts

Claim: any cts map $\psi: S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ has the property that

$\exists p \in S^2, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ st $\psi(p) = \lambda p$ ~~take $p = (a, b, \gamma)$~~

"proof of claim" Reduction 1 WLOG $\psi: S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$

Reduction 2 Replace $\psi(p)$ by $\psi(p)/\|\psi(p)\|: S^2 \rightarrow S^2$

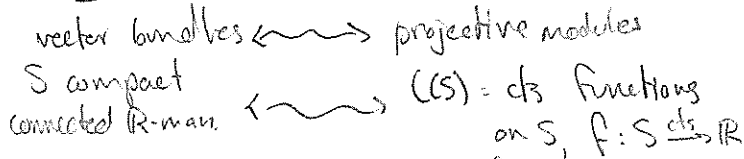
Vector bundles

Let S be a connected compact real manifold.

A (real) vector bundle over S of rank n is a top. space V with a continuous map $\pi: V \rightarrow S$ st

- 1) $\forall x \in S \quad \pi^{-1}(x) \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ is a real v.s. of dim n
- 2) $\forall x \in S \quad \exists$ an open nbhd U of $x \in S$ & a homeomorphism $\phi: U \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(U)$ st $\pi \circ \phi = p$ where $p: (U \times \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow U$ is projection
- 3) And $\forall y \in U, \quad \phi|_{\{y\} \times \mathbb{R}^n} \cong \{y\} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(\{y\})$ is a lin. iso. of v.s.

A vector bundle is trivial if $V \cong S \times \mathbb{R}^n$

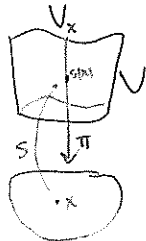


Given a vector bundle $V \xrightarrow{\pi} S$ over S of rank n

Define a $C(S)$ -module $P(V)$ as follows

Def Let $\pi: V \rightarrow S$ be as before. A section of π is a cts map $s: S \rightarrow V$ st $\pi \circ s = \text{id}_S$. $P(V) = \{s: S \rightarrow V \text{ section}\}$

Remark: $P(V)$ is a $C(S)$ -module. Why?



If $s, t \in P(V)$, $(s+t)(v) = s(v) + t(v)$
 So $P(V)$ is a $C(S)$ -module.

Thm (Swan): If V is a vector bundle of rank n then $P(V)$ is a proj. $C(S)$ -module of rank n . Moreover

$$V \leftrightarrow P(V)$$

gives an equivalence of categories

