*Module:* Let R be a ring (not necessarily commut-

ative or with 1). A left R-module or a left module

over R is a set M together with

1. a binary operation + on M under which M is

an abelian group, and

1. an action of R on M (that is, a map R x M M)

denoted by rm, for all r R and for all m M

which satisfies

(a) (r + s)m = rm + sm, for all r, s R, m M,

(b) (rs)m = r(sm), for all r, s R, m M, and

(c) r(m + n) = rm + rn, for all r R, m, n M.

If the ring R has a 1 we impose the additional axiom:

(d) 1m = m, for all m  M. *D & F,* p. 337.

*Submodule:* Let R be a ring and let M be an R-module.

An R-submodule of M is a subgroup N of M which is

closed under the action of ring elements, i.e., rn N,

for all r R, n N.

*D & F,* p. 337.

Modules over a field F and vector spaces over F are the

same.

*D & F,* p. 337.

*Proposition 1:* Let R be a ring and let M be an R-module. A subset N of M is a submodule of M if and only if

(1) N, and

(2) x + ry N for all r R and for all x , y N.

*D & F,* p. 342.

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