

**Fall 2022, Math 621: Preliminary Problem Set 4**  
**Due: Thursday, February 17th, 2022**  
**Graded Modules**

**Preliminary problems.** These problems should be completed before discussion on Thursday.

(P1) Suppose  $R$  is a ring graded by a semigroup  $T$ , and suppose  $M$  is an  $R$ -module.

(a) Write the definition of a grading of  $M$  by  $T$  (this was in the notes from Tuesday).

(b) Define the Hilbert function of  $M$  (this is new, but your best guess is probably right).

(P2) For each of the following rings  $R$  and semigroups  $T$ , specify a grading of  $R$  by  $T$  in which each graded piece is dimension at most 1 (we call this a *fine* grading (not to be confused with **the** fine grading, which is a particular fine grading)). Write each graded piece of  $R$  as a span of monomials, and write the Hilbert function of  $R$ .

(a)  $R = \mathbb{k}[x]/\langle x^3 \rangle$ ,  $T = \mathbb{Z}$

(b)  $R = \mathbb{k}[x]/\langle x^3 - 1 \rangle$ ,  $T = \mathbb{Z}_3$