

We construct here a *cyclic* artinian left module  $M$  of infinite length over some (noncommutative, non left-noetherian) ring  $R$ . In the triangular ring  $R = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Q} & 0 \\ \mathbb{Q} & \mathbb{Z} \end{pmatrix}$ , the idempotent  $e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  generates the left ideal  $Re = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Q} & 0 \\ \mathbb{Q} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (which is in fact an ideal). We express this module in the simpler form  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Q} \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{pmatrix}$ , and consider its submodule  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  denotes the localization of  $\mathbb{Z}$  at a prime ideal  $(p)$ .

Since  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ x & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ cx & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}; c \in \mathbb{Z}$ ), the ideal  $Re$  acts trivially on  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{pmatrix}$  so the  $R$ -submodules of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{pmatrix}$  are just  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ G \end{pmatrix}$  where  $G$  is any subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Now  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  is isomorphic to the Prufer  $p$ -group (the group of  $p^n$ -th roots of unity for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), which is of infinite length as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Therefore, the cyclic  $R$ -module  $M := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Q} \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{pmatrix} / \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \end{pmatrix} \supseteq M' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{pmatrix} / \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \end{pmatrix}$  is also of infinite length. Now  $M/M' \sim \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Q} \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{pmatrix} / \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{pmatrix}$  is a *simple*  $R$ -module, and  $M'$  is an *artinian*  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module (and hence an artinian  $R$ -module). It follows that  $M$  is also an artinian  $R$ -module (of infinite length), as desired.