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Abstract: Let k be a subring of the field of rational functions in , s which contains and s . Let M be a compact oriented 3-manifold, and let K(M) denote the Kauffman skein module of M over k. Then K(M) is the k-module freely generated by isotopy classes of framed links in M modulo the Kauffman skein relations. In the case of k= Q(, s), the field of rational functions in , s, we give a basis for the Kauffman skein module of the solid torus and a basis for the relative Kauffman skein module of the solid torus with two points on the boundary. We then show that K(S S) is freely generated by the empty link, i.e., K(S S)