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bimodule

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Let  $R$  and  $S$  be rings. An  $(R,S)$ -bimodule is an abelian group  $M$  which is a left module over  $R$  and a right module over  $S$  such that the  $r(ms)=(rm)s$  holds for each  $r$  in  $R$ ,  $m$  in  $M$ , and  $s$  in  $S$ . Equivalently,  $M$  is an  $(R,S)$ -bimodule if it is a left module over  $R \otimes S^{\text{op}}$  or a right module over  $R^{\text{op}} \otimes S$ .

When  $M$  is an  $(R,S)$ -bimodule, we sometimes indicate this by writing the module as  ${}_R M_S$ .

If  $P$  is a subgroup of  $M$  which is also an  $(R,S)$ -bimodule, then  $P$  is an  $(R,S)$ -subbimodule of  $M$ .