

Lecture 10: Tensor products

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Defⁿ Let M & N be R -modules. An R -module T together with an R -bilinear map $\varphi: M \times N \rightarrow T$
(i.e. $\varphi(m, n_1 + r n_2) = \varphi(m, n_1) + r \varphi(m, n_2) \quad \forall m \in M, \forall n_1, n_2 \in N, \forall r \in R$
 $\forall \varphi(m_1 + r m_2, n) = \varphi(m_1, n) + r \varphi(m_2, n) \quad \forall m_1, m_2 \in M, \forall n \in N, \forall r \in R$)
 is said to be a tensor product of M & N over R if given any R -bilin map $\psi: M \times N \rightarrow A$ where A is an R -mod there exists a unique R -mod homo $\theta: T \rightarrow A$ s.t. $\theta \circ \varphi = \psi$.

Prop: T exist and is unique upto unique isomorphism. T
 and it is denoted by $M \otimes_R N$.

Basic notation & properties

$\varphi: M \times N \rightarrow M \otimes_R N$ be tensor product of M & N over R .

Then $\varphi(m, n)$ is denoted by $m \otimes n$ for $m \in M$ & $n \in N$.

- 1) $m \otimes (n_1 + n_2) = m \otimes n_1 + m \otimes n_2$; $(m_1 + m_2) \otimes n = m_1 \otimes n + m_2 \otimes n \quad \forall m_1, m_2, m \in M, n_1, n_2, n \in N$
- 2) $r(m \otimes n) = (r m) \otimes n = m \otimes r n \quad \forall m \in M, n \in N, r \in R$.
- 3) $0 \otimes n = m \otimes 0 = 0_{M \otimes_R N} \quad \forall m \in M \text{ & } n \in N$.

Examples: ① $R = \mathbb{Z}, M = \mathbb{Z}, N = \mathbb{Z}$

$$\frac{\mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathbb{Z}}{\mathbb{Z}} = ?$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(a, b) \mapsto ab$$

$\psi: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow M$ is a bil map & M a \mathbb{Z} -mod

$$\theta: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow M$$

$$1 \mapsto \psi(1, 1)$$

$$a \mapsto \psi(a, 1)$$

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$$\theta \circ \varphi(a, b) = \theta(ab) = \psi(ab, 1) = b \psi(a, 1) = \psi(a, b) \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\Rightarrow \theta \circ \varphi = \psi$. Check uniqueness of θ

Hence $\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

② M an R -mod $M \otimes_R 0 = 0$

Prop: R a ring, A, B, C R -modules. Then following holds.

$$(1) \quad R \otimes_R A \cong A \quad r \otimes a \mapsto ra \quad \forall r \in R \& a \in A$$

$$(2) \quad A \otimes_R B \cong B \otimes_R A \quad a \otimes b \mapsto b \otimes a \quad \forall a \in A \& b \in B$$

$$(3) \quad (A \otimes_R B) \otimes_R C \cong A \otimes_R (B \otimes_R C) \quad (a \otimes b) \otimes c \mapsto a \otimes (b \otimes c)$$

$$(4) \quad (A \oplus B) \otimes_R C \cong (A \otimes_R C) \oplus (B \otimes_R C) \quad (a, b) \otimes c \mapsto (a \otimes c, b \otimes c)$$

(5) $S \subseteq R$ multiplicative subset then

$$S^{-1}A \cong S^{-1}R \otimes_R A$$

$$\frac{ra}{s} \longleftarrow \frac{r}{s} \otimes a$$

(6) $I \subseteq R$ ideal then

$$R/I \otimes_R M \cong M/IM$$

$$(r+I) \otimes m \mapsto rm + IM$$

$$(a, b) \mapsto a \otimes b$$

$$\varphi_1: A \times B \rightarrow A \otimes B$$

$$\varphi_2: B \times A \rightarrow B \otimes A$$

$$(b, a) \mapsto b \otimes a$$

Pf: (2) $A \otimes_R B \cong B \otimes_R A$

$$\psi: A \times B \longrightarrow B \otimes_R A$$

$$(a, b) \longmapsto b \otimes a$$

$$\varphi_2(b, a)$$

It is trivial to check that ψ is bilinear.
(as φ_2 is bilinear)

Hence by defⁿ of tensor product \exists ,

$$\theta: A \otimes_R B \longrightarrow B \otimes_R A \quad R\text{-linear}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \theta \circ \varphi(a, b) = \psi(a, b)$$

$$\theta(a \otimes b) = b \otimes a$$

$$\text{|||} \quad \theta': B \otimes_R A \longrightarrow A \otimes_R B \quad R\text{-linear}$$

$$b \otimes a \longmapsto a \otimes b$$

$$\text{Note } \left. \begin{aligned} \theta \circ \theta'(b \otimes a) &= b \otimes a \\ \& \theta' \circ \theta(a \otimes b) &= a \otimes b \end{aligned} \right\} \forall b \in B \& a \in A$$

$$\text{But } \left\{ \begin{aligned} a \otimes b \mid a \in A, b \in B \\ \& b \otimes a \mid a \in A, b \in B \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ generate } \begin{matrix} A \otimes B \\ B \otimes A \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } \theta \circ \theta' = \text{id}_{B \otimes A} \quad \& \quad \theta' \circ \theta = \text{id}_{A \otimes B}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \varphi: S^{-1}R \times A \longrightarrow S^{-1}A$$

$$\left(\frac{r}{s}, a\right) \longmapsto \frac{r \cdot a}{s \cdot 1} = \frac{ra}{s}$$

φ is well-defined and bilinear

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi\left(\frac{r_1}{s_1} + \frac{r_2}{s_2}, a\right) &= \varphi\left(\frac{s_2 r_1 + s_1 r_2}{s_1 s_2}, a\right) \\ &= \frac{(s_2 r_1 + s_1 r_2) a}{s_1 s_2} \\ &= \frac{s_2 r_1 a}{s_1 s_2} + \frac{s_1 r_2 a}{s_1 s_2} \\ &= \frac{r_1 a}{s_1} + \frac{r_2 a}{s_2} \\ &= \varphi\left(\frac{r_1}{s_1}, a\right) + \varphi\left(\frac{r_2}{s_2}, a\right) \end{aligned}$$

check the rest.

Hence \exists R -lin map

$$\theta: S^{-1}R \otimes A \longrightarrow S^{-1}A$$

$$\left(\frac{r}{s}, a\right) \longmapsto \frac{ra}{s}$$

$$\text{Want: } \theta': S^{-1}A \longrightarrow S^{-1}R \otimes_R A$$

$$\theta'\left(\frac{a}{s}\right) = \frac{1}{s} \otimes a$$

check θ' is well-defined.

$$\frac{a'}{s'} = \frac{a}{s} \Rightarrow \exists u \in S \text{ s.t. } u(sa' - s'a) = 0 \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{s} \otimes a &= \frac{us'}{us's} \otimes a \\ &= \frac{1}{us's} \otimes us'a \\ &= \frac{1}{us's} \otimes usa' \\ &= \frac{us}{us's} \otimes a' \\ &= \frac{1}{s'} \otimes a' \end{aligned}$$

2 θ' is R -linear.

$$\begin{aligned} \theta \circ \theta' \left(\frac{a}{s} \right) &= \theta \left(\frac{1}{s} \otimes a \right) \\ &= \frac{a}{s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta \circ \theta' = \text{id}_{S^{-1}A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta' \circ \theta \left(\frac{r}{s} \otimes a \right) &= \theta' \left(\frac{ra}{s} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \otimes ra \\ &= \frac{r}{s} \otimes a \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \theta' \circ \theta = \text{id}_{S^{-1}R \otimes A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{ \cdot \} &= \left\{ \frac{r}{s} \otimes a \mid r \in R, s \in S, a \in A \right\} \\ &\text{gen } S^{-1}R \otimes_R A. \end{aligned}$$