

$$(2) (E \otimes F) \otimes G \cong E \otimes (F \otimes G) \cong E \otimes F \otimes G$$

$$(3) (E \oplus F) \otimes G \cong (E \otimes G) \oplus (F \otimes G)$$

$$(4) K \otimes E \cong E$$

such that respectively

$$(a) u \otimes v \mapsto v \otimes u$$

$$(b) (u \otimes v) \otimes w \mapsto u \otimes (v \otimes w) \mapsto u \otimes v \otimes w$$

$$(c) (u, v) \otimes w \mapsto (u \otimes w, v \otimes w)$$

$$(d) \lambda \otimes u \mapsto \lambda u.$$

Proof. Except for (3), these isomorphisms are proved using the universal mapping property of tensor products.

(1) The map from $E \times F$ to $F \otimes E$ given by $(u, v) \mapsto v \otimes u$ is clearly bilinear, thus it induces a unique linear $\alpha: E \otimes F \rightarrow F \otimes E$ making the following diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E \times F & \xrightarrow{\iota \otimes} & E \otimes F \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \alpha \\ & & F \otimes E, \end{array}$$

such that

$$\alpha(u \otimes v) = v \otimes u, \quad \text{for all } u \in E \text{ and all } v \in F.$$

Similarly, the map from $F \times E$ to $E \otimes F$ given by $(v, u) \mapsto u \otimes v$ is clearly bilinear, thus it induces a unique linear $\beta: F \otimes E \rightarrow E \otimes F$ making the following diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F \times E & \xrightarrow{\iota \otimes} & F \otimes E \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \beta \\ & & E \otimes F, \end{array}$$

such that

$$\beta(v \otimes u) = u \otimes v, \quad \text{for all } u \in E \text{ and all } v \in F.$$

It is immediately verified that

$$(\beta \circ \alpha)(u \otimes v) = u \otimes v \quad \text{and} \quad (\alpha \circ \beta)(v \otimes u) = v \otimes u$$

for all $u \in E$ and all $v \in F$. Since the tensors of the form $u \otimes v$ span $E \otimes F$ and similarly the tensors of the form $v \otimes u$ span $F \otimes E$, the map $\beta \circ \alpha$ is actually the identity on $E \otimes F$, and similarly $\alpha \circ \beta$ is the identity on $F \otimes E$, so α and β are isomorphisms.