

In all exercises, you may assume R is a commutative ring with identity where $1 \neq 0$. For some of the questions, you may find Theorem 17 and its corollaries (pp. 373-374) helpful; we have not covered these yet in class but will next week.

1. (Exercise 2 in DF §10.4.) Show that the element $2 \otimes \bar{1}$ is zero in the \mathbf{Z} -module $\mathbf{Z} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})$, but is nonzero in $(2\mathbf{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})$.

Proof. By the relations given at the beginning of section 10.4, in $\mathbf{Z} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})$ we have

$$2 \otimes \bar{1} = (1 + 1) \otimes \bar{1} = 1 \otimes \bar{1} + 1 \otimes \bar{1} = 1 \otimes (\bar{1} + \bar{1}) = 1 \otimes 0 = 0$$

because $1 \otimes 0 = 1 \otimes (0 + 0) = 1 \otimes 0 + 1 \otimes 0$.

Now, assume that $2 \otimes \bar{1} = 0$ in $(2\mathbf{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})$. We will show that this implies that $(2\mathbf{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}) = \{0\}$. Any element of $(2\mathbf{Z}) \times (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})$ is of the form $(2x, \bar{y})$ where $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$. By example 1 on pg. 368, $m \otimes \bar{0} = 0$ for all m . So we may assume that $\bar{y} = 1$. This gives

$$(2x) \otimes \bar{1} = (x2) \otimes \bar{1} = x(2 \otimes \bar{1}) = 0$$

therefore $(2\mathbf{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}) = \{0\}$. By the universal property of the tensor product, there are no nonzero \mathbf{Z} -bilinear maps from $(2\mathbf{Z}) \times (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})$ to any abelian group. However, the map $\varphi : (2\mathbf{Z}) \times (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ defined by $\varphi(x, y) = xy$ is a nonzero \mathbf{Z} -bilinear to an abelian group:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r_1a + r_2b, x) &= (r_1a + r_2b)x = r_1ax + r_2bx = r_1\varphi(a, x) + r_2\varphi(b, x) \\ \varphi(x, r_1a + r_2b) &= x(r_1a + r_2b) = r_1ax + r_2bx = r_1\varphi(x, a) + r_2\varphi(x, b). \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction, thus $2 \otimes \bar{1} \neq 0$. □

2. (Exercise 8 in DF §10.4.) Let R be an integral domain with quotient field (a.k.a. field of fractions; to review this, see §7.5) Q , and let N be any R -module. Let $U = R \setminus \{0\}$ denote the set of nonzero elements in R , and define $U^{-1}N$ to be the set of equivalence classes of ordered pairs (u, n) with $u \in U$ and $n \in N$, under the equivalence relation $(u, n) \sim (u', n')$ if and only if there exists $v \in U$ such that $v(u'n - un') = 0$. (That is, $U^{-1}N$ is the quotient of the set $U \times N$ by the given equivalence relation.) Given an ordered pair $(u, n) \in U \times N$, let $\overline{(u, n)} \in U^{-1}N$ denote the equivalence class of (u, n) .

(a) Prove that $U^{-1}N$ is an abelian group under the addition defined by

$$\overline{(u_1, n_1)} + \overline{(u_2, n_2)} = \overline{(u_1u_2, u_2n_1 + u_1n_2)}.$$

Prove that the operation $r \cdot \overline{(u, n)} = \overline{(u, rn)}$ defines an action of R on $U^{-1}N$ making it into an R -module. [This is an example of *localization*, considered in general in §15.4.]

Proof. Note: R is an integral domain, so we will commute under multiplication as necessary.

First, suppose that $(a, x) \sim (c, z)$ and $(b, y) \sim (d, w)$ for some $a, b, c, d \in U, x, y, z, w \in N$. Then $u(az - cx) = 0$ and $v(bw - dy) = 0$ in N for some $u, v \in U$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{(a, x)} + \overline{(b, y)} &= \overline{(ab, bx + ay)} \\ \overline{(c, z)} + \overline{(d, w)} &= \overline{(cd, dz + cw)}. \end{aligned}$$

But also

$$\begin{aligned} uv(ab(dz + cw) - cd(bx + ay)) &= uvabdz + uvabcw - uvbcdx - uvacd y \\ &= vbd(ua z) + uac(vbw) - vbd(ucx) - uac(vdy) \\ &= vbd(u(az - cx)) + uac(v(bw - dy)) \\ &= vbd(0) + uac(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

thus the righthand sides are equivalent under \sim . So the operation is well-defined.

It is clear from the definition of $+$ that the righthand side is of the form $\overline{(u, n)}$ for $u \in U$ and $n \in N$: $u_1 u_2 \in U$ because R is an integral domain (so $u_1 u_2 \neq 0$) and $u_2 n_1 + u_1 n_2 \in N$ because N is a R -module. Therefore the set is closed under this operation.

We will check associativity. Let $a, b, c \in U$ and $x, y, z \in N$.

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{((a, x) + (b, y))} + \overline{(c, z)} &= \overline{(ab, bx + ay)} + \overline{(c, z)} \\ &= \overline{(abc, c(bx + ay) + abz)} \\ &= \overline{(abc, bcx + acy + abz)} \end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we have taken advantage of the commutativity of multiplication in R , since it is an integral domain. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{(a, x)} + \overline{((b, y) + (c, z))} &= \overline{(a, x)} + \overline{(bc, cy + bz)} \\ &= \overline{(abc, a(cy + bz) + bcx)} \\ &= \overline{(abc, acy + abz + bcx)} \\ &= \overline{(abc, bcx + acy + abz)} \end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we have taken advantage of the commutativity of addition in R , simply because it is a ring. So the operation $+$ is associative.

Denote the identity element of N by 0_N . The element $(1_R, 0_N)$ serves as an additive identity in $U^{-1}N$ since, for any $a \in U, x \in N$, we have

$$\overline{(a, x)} + \overline{(1_R, 0_N)} = \overline{(a(1_R), 1_R x + a(0_N))} = \overline{(a, x)} = \overline{(1_R, 0_N)} + \overline{(a, x)}.$$

We will use the following fact several times, so I will state it here:

$$\text{for any } u, v \in U, n \in N \text{ we have } (u, n) \sim (uv, vn) \quad (1)$$

This is clear because $1_R(u(vn) - (uv)n) = 0$.

For any $a \in U, x \in N$, the element $(a, -x)$ is an additive inverse (where $-x$ is the inverse of x in N):

$$\overline{(a, x)} + \overline{(a, -x)} = \overline{(a^2, ax - ax)} = \overline{(a^2, 0_N)} = \overline{(a^2(1_R), a^2(0_N))} = \overline{(1_R, 0_N)}$$

where the last equality is given by (1). It is clear that the operation is commutative, since it is symmetric in u_1, u_2 and in n_1, n_2 . Thus, $U^{-1}N$ is an abelian group.

We will now check that the operation $r \cdot \overline{(u, n)} = \overline{(u, rn)}$ defines an action of R onto $U^{-1}N$, making

it into an R -module. Let $r, s \in R$, $a, b \in U$, and $x, y \in N$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 r \cdot (\overline{(a, x)} + \overline{(b, y)}) &= r \cdot (\overline{(ab, bx + ay)}) \\
 &= \overline{(ab, r(bx + ay))} \\
 &= \overline{(ab, b(rx) + a(ry))} \\
 &= \overline{(a, rx)} + \overline{(b, ry)} \\
 &= r \cdot \overline{(a, x)} + r \cdot \overline{(b, y)} \\
 (r + s) \cdot \overline{(a, x)} &= \overline{(a, (r + s)x)} \\
 &= \overline{(a^2, a(r + s)x)} \quad (\text{by (1)}) \\
 &= \overline{(a^2, arx + asx)} \\
 &= \overline{(a, rx)} + \overline{(a, sx)} \\
 &= r \cdot \overline{(a, x)} + s \cdot \overline{(a, x)} \\
 (rs) \overline{(a, x)} &= \overline{(a, rsx)} \\
 &= r \cdot \overline{(a, sx)} \\
 &= r \cdot (s \cdot \overline{(a, x)}) \\
 1_R \cdot \overline{(a, x)} &= \overline{(a, 1_R x)} \\
 &= \overline{(a, x)}
 \end{aligned}$$

So this operation makes $U^{-1}N$ into an R -module. □

(b) Show that the map from $Q \times N$ to $U^{-1}N$ defined by sending $(a/b, n)$ to $\overline{(b, an)}$ for $a \in R$, $b \in U$, $n \in N$, is an R -bilinear map, so induces a homomorphism f from $Q \otimes_R N$ to $U^{-1}N$. Show that the map $g : U^{-1}N \rightarrow Q \otimes_R N$ defined by

$$g(\overline{(u, n)}) = (1/u) \otimes n$$

is well defined and is an inverse homomorphism to f . Conclude that $Q \otimes_R N \cong U^{-1}N$ as R -modules.

Proof. Let $\varphi : Q \times N \rightarrow U^{-1}N$ be defined by $(a/b, n) \mapsto \overline{(b, an)}$. Let $a, b, c, d \in U$, $r, s \in R$, and $m, n \in N$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi\left(\left(r\frac{a}{b} + s\frac{c}{d}, n\right)\right) &= \varphi\left(\left(\frac{rad + scb}{bd}, n\right)\right) \\
 &= \overline{(bd, (rad + scb)n)} \\
 &= \overline{(bd, (rad)n + (scb)n)} \\
 &= \overline{(b, ran)} + \overline{(d, scn)} \\
 &= r \cdot \overline{(b, an)} + s \cdot \overline{(d, cn)} \\
 &= r\varphi\left(\frac{a}{b}, n\right) + s\varphi\left(\frac{c}{d}, n\right) \\
 \varphi\left(\left(\frac{a}{b}, r \cdot m + s \cdot n\right)\right) &= \overline{(b, a(rm + sn))} \\
 &= \overline{(b^2, ab(rm + sn))} \quad (\text{by (1)}) \\
 &= \overline{(b, arm)} + \overline{(b, asn)} \\
 &= r \cdot \overline{(b, am)} + s \cdot \overline{(b, an)} \\
 &= r\varphi\left(\frac{a}{b}, m\right) + s\varphi\left(\frac{a}{b}, n\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, φ is an R -bilinear map. By the universal property of the tensor product, φ induces a homomorphism $f : Q \otimes_R N \rightarrow U^{-1}N$ such that $\varphi = f \circ \iota$, where $\iota : Q \times N \rightarrow Q \otimes_R N$ is given by $\iota(\frac{a}{b}, n) = \frac{a}{b} \otimes n$. This means that f must be defined by $f(\frac{a}{b} \otimes n) = \varphi(\frac{a}{b}, n) = \overline{(b, an)}$.

Let $g : U^{-1}N \rightarrow Q \otimes_R N$ be defined by

$$g(\overline{(u, n)}) = \frac{1}{u} \otimes n.$$

First, we will show that g is well-defined. Suppose $\overline{(a, x)} \sim \overline{(b, y)}$ for some $a, b \in U$, $x, y \in N$. Then $u(ay - bx)$ for some $u \in U$. We have

$$g(\overline{(a, x)}) = \frac{1}{a} \otimes x = \frac{1}{uab}(ub) \otimes x = \frac{1}{uab} \otimes ubx = \frac{1}{uab} \otimes uay = \frac{1}{uab}ua \otimes y = \frac{1}{b} \otimes y = g(\overline{(b, y)}).$$

Next, we will show that g is an R -module homomorphism. Let $r, a, b \in R$ and $x, y \in N$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} g(\overline{(a, x)} + r\overline{(b, y)}) &= g(\overline{(ab, bx + ary)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{ab} \otimes (bx + ary) \\ &= \frac{1}{ab} \otimes bx + \frac{1}{ab} \otimes ray \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \otimes x + r(\frac{1}{b} \otimes y) \\ &= g(\overline{(a, x)}) + rg(\overline{(b, y)}). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we will show that g is an inverse of f :

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f \left(\frac{a}{b} \otimes n \right) &= g(\overline{(b, an)}) = \frac{1}{b} \otimes an = \frac{1}{b}(a) \otimes n = \frac{a}{b} \otimes n \\ f \circ g(\overline{(u, n)}) &= f \left(\frac{1}{u} \otimes n \right) = \overline{(u, 1(n))} = \overline{(u, n)} \end{aligned}$$

thus g is an inverse of f . So f is an isomorphism, therefore $Q \otimes_R N \cong U^{-1}N$ as R -modules. \square

(c) Conclude from (b) that $(1/d) \otimes n$ is 0 in $Q \otimes_R N$ if and only if $rn = 0$ for some nonzero $r \in R$.

Proof. Since g is an isomorphism, $(\frac{1}{d}) \otimes n$ is 0 in $Q \otimes_R N$ if and only if $g(\frac{1}{d} \otimes n) = \overline{(d, n)} = 0_{U^{-1}N} = \overline{(1, 0)}$. This means that $\overline{(d, n)} = \overline{(1, 0)}$ and thus $u(1(n) - d(0)) = un = 0$ for some $u \in U$. Since U is the nonzero elements of R , the result follows. \square

(d) If A is an abelian group, show that $\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} A = 0$ (where 0 denotes the zero module $\{0\}$) if and only if A is a torsion abelian group (i.e., every element of A has finite order). (Caution: this does not mean A itself has finite order!)

Proof. \mathbf{Q} is the field of fractions of \mathbf{Z} , and A is naturally a \mathbf{Z} module under the action $n \cdot a = a + \cdots + a$ (n times). Therefore, the above result applies to $\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} A$; so, for any $a \in A$, $\frac{1}{d} \otimes a$ is 0 in $\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} A$ if and only if $ra = 0$ for some nonzero $r \in \mathbf{Z}$.

First, suppose that A is a torsion abelian group, and let $a \in A$. a has some finite order n in A , therefore $na = a + \cdots + a = 0$. Since a was arbitrary, $\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} A = 0$.

Next, assume $\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} A = 0$, and let $a \in A$. There is some $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that $na = a + \cdots + a = 0$, thus a has finite order and divides n . So every element of A has finite order, therefore A is a torsion abelian group. \square

3. (Exercise 10 in DF §10.4.) Suppose $N \cong R^n$ is a free R -module of rank n with R -module basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$.

(a) Let M be a nonzero R -module. Show that for each element $\alpha \in M \otimes_R N$ there is a unique sequence of elements $m_1, \dots, m_n \in M$ such that $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \otimes e_i$. Deduce that if $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \otimes e_i = 0$ in $M \otimes_R N$, then $m_1 = \dots = m_n = 0$.

Proof. We aim to show that the map $f : M^n \rightarrow M \otimes_R N$ defined by $f(m_1, \dots, m_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \otimes e_i$ is a bijection. Define a map $\varphi : M \times N \rightarrow M^n$ by $(m, \sum_{i=1}^n r_i e_i) \mapsto (r_1 m, \dots, r_n m)$ (since every element of $M \otimes_R N$ takes this form in a unique way). Observe that φ is R -balanced:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x + y, \sum_{i=1}^n r_i e_i) &= (r_1(x + y), \dots, r_n(x + y)) \\ &= (r_1 x + r_1 y, \dots, r_n x + r_n y) \\ &= (r_1 x, \dots, r_n x) + (r_1 y, \dots, r_n y) \\ &= \varphi(x, \sum_{i=1}^n r_i e_i) + \varphi(y, \sum_{i=1}^n r_i e_i) \\ \varphi(x, \sum_{i=1}^n r_i e_i + \sum_{i=1}^n s_i e_i) &= \varphi(x, \sum_{i=1}^n (r_i + s_i) e_i) \\ &= ((r_1 + s_1)x, \dots, (r_n + s_n)x) \\ &= (r_1 x, \dots, r_n x) + (s_1 x, \dots, s_n x) \\ &= \varphi(x, \sum_{i=1}^n r_i e_i) + \varphi(x, \sum_{i=1}^n s_i e_i). \end{aligned}$$

By the universal property of tensor product, φ induces a unique group homomorphism $\Phi : M \otimes_R N \rightarrow M^n$ such that $\Phi(m \otimes \sum_{i=1}^n r_i e_i) = (r_1 m, \dots, r_n m)$.

To see that f is a bijection, we may simply show that it is the inverse of Φ :

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ \Phi(m \otimes \sum_{i=1}^n r_i e_i) &= f(r_1 m, \dots, r_n m) = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i m \otimes e_i = m \otimes \sum_{i=1}^n r_i e_i \\ \Phi \circ f(m_1, \dots, m_n) &= \Phi(\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \otimes e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(m_i \otimes e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n (0, \dots, m_i, \dots, 0) = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \end{aligned}$$

where we have distributed Φ through the summation because it is a group homomorphism with respect to addition in $M \otimes_R N$. So f is invertible and, thus, a bijection.

Since the representation of 0 as $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \otimes e_i$ is unique with respect to the sequence m_1, \dots, m_n , and we know that $\sum_{i=1}^n 0 \otimes e_i = 0$, we must have $m_1 = \dots = m_n = 0$ if $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \otimes e_i = 0$. \square

(b) Show that if $f_1, \dots, f_n \in N$ are merely R -linearly independent elements (but do not form a basis for N over R), then it is not necessarily true that $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \otimes f_i = 0$ implies $m_1 = \dots = m_n = 0$. (Hint: Consider $R = \mathbf{Z}$, $n = 1$, $M = \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$, and the element $\bar{1} \otimes 2$.)

Proof. Let $R = \mathbf{Z}$, $n = 1$, and $M = \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$. We have

$$\bar{1} \otimes 2 = \bar{1}(2) \otimes 1 = \bar{2} \otimes 1 = 0 \otimes 1 = 0$$

However, $\bar{1}$ is nonzero in $(\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}$. Clearly, 2 is linearly independent in \mathbf{Z} because $z \cdot 2 = 0$ implies $z = 0$. \square

4. (Exercise 11 in DF §10.4.) Let $\{e_1, e_2\}$ be a basis of the \mathbf{R} -module $V = \mathbf{R}^2$. Show that the element $e_1 \otimes e_2 + e_2 \otimes e_1$ in $V \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} V$ cannot be written as a simple tensor $v \otimes w$ for any $v, w \in V$.

Proof. Suppose, for a contradiction, that there do exist $v, w \in \mathbf{R}^2$ such that $v \otimes w = e_1 \otimes e_2 + e_2 \otimes e_1$. Since $\{e_1, e_2\}$ forms a basis for \mathbf{R}^2 over \mathbf{R} , there exist unique $a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{R}$ such that $v = ae_1 + be_2$ and $w = ce_1 + de_2$. So

$$v \otimes w = ac(e_1 \otimes e_1) + ad(e_1 \otimes e_2) + bc(e_2 \otimes e_1) + bd(e_2 \otimes e_2) = e_1 \otimes e_2 + e_2 \otimes e_1.$$

By the result of part (a) in the previous exercise, we must have $ac = bd = 0$ and $ad = bc = 1$. So either $a = 0$ or $c = 0$. However, if $a = 0$ then $ad \neq 0$ and if $c = 0$ then $bc \neq 0$, a contradiction. So the result follows. \square

5. (Exercise 15 in DF §10.4.) Show that tensor products do not in general commute with direct products; that is, there exist R, M, N_i such that $M \otimes_R (\prod N_i) \not\cong \prod (M \otimes_R N_i)$. (Hint: consider the direct product of the \mathbf{Z} -modules $\mathbf{Z}/2^i\mathbf{Z}$ where $i = 1, 2, \dots$; tensor this with \mathbf{Q} over \mathbf{Z} .)

Proof. We want to show that $\prod (\mathbf{Z}/2^i\mathbf{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Q} \not\cong \prod (\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}/2^i\mathbf{Z})$. We have shown in exercise 2 that, if A is an abelian group, then $\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} A = 0$ if and only if A is a torsion abelian group. Note that $\prod (\mathbf{Z}/2^i\mathbf{Z})$ is an abelian group, and also that $\mathbf{Z}/2^i\mathbf{Z}$ is an abelian group for every i .

For every i , $\mathbf{Z}/2^i\mathbf{Z}$ is torsion because every element has order at most 2^i . Therefore, $\prod (\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}/2^i\mathbf{Z}) = \prod 0 = 0$. However, $\prod (\mathbf{Z}/2^i\mathbf{Z})$ is not torsion because the element $\prod 1_{\mathbf{Z}/2^i\mathbf{Z}}$ has infinite order. Thus, $\prod (\mathbf{Z}/2^i\mathbf{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Q} \neq 0$. So clearly these tensor products cannot be isomorphic. \square

6. (Exercise 17 in DF §10.4.) Let $I = (2, X)$ be the ideal generated by 2 and X in the ring $R = \mathbf{Z}[X]$. The ring $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} = R/I$ is naturally an R -module (the R -action being given by multiplication in R followed by reduction mod I) that is annihilated by both 2 and X .

(a) Show that the map $\phi : I \times I \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ defined by

$$\phi(a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_nX^n, b_0 + b_1X + \dots + b_mX^m) = \overline{\frac{a_0}{2}b_1}$$

(where the bar over the integer denotes its equivalence class in $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$) is R -bilinear.

Proof. Note that I is the set of all polynomials in $\mathbf{Z}[x]$ with even constant term. This is stated in example 3 on pg. 252, although it should be clear. Therefore, the action of $\mathbf{Z}[x]$ on $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ is simply $p(x) \cdot a = (p(x))(a) + I = \overline{a(p(0))}$, i.e. it is the constant term of $p(x)$, times a , taken modulo 2. Further, this map can be written as $\phi(p(x), q(x)) = \overline{\frac{p(0)}{2}r'(0)}$, where $r'(0)$ is the derivative of $r(x)$ evaluated at 0.

Let $a(x), b(x) \in \mathbf{Z}[x]$ and $p(x), q(x), r(x) \in I$. Since multiplication in $\mathbf{Z}[x]$ is equivalent to pointwise of polynomials as functions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a(x)p(x) + b(x)q(x), r(x)) &= \phi((a \cdot p + b \cdot q)(x), r(x)) \\ &= \overline{\frac{(a \cdot p + b \cdot q)(0)}{2}r'(0)} \\ &= \overline{\frac{a(0)p(0) + b(0)q(0)}{2}r'(0)} \\ &= a(x) \cdot \overline{\frac{p(0)}{2}r'(0)} + b(x) \cdot \overline{\frac{q(0)}{2}r'(0)} \\ &= a(x) \cdot \phi(p(x), r(x)) + b(x) \cdot \phi(q(x), r(x)) \end{aligned}$$

Note now that, for any $s(x) \in I$, $s(0) = s(x) + I = \bar{0}$. So we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(r(x), a(x)p(x) + b(x)q(x)) &= \phi(r(x), (a \cdot p + b \cdot q)(x)) \\
 &= \overline{\frac{r(0)}{2} (a \cdot p + b \cdot q)'(0)} \\
 &= \overline{\frac{r(0)}{2} (a'p + ap' + b'q + bq')(0)} \\
 &= \overline{\frac{r(0)}{2} (\overline{a'(0)} \cdot \overline{p(0)} + \overline{a(0)} \cdot \overline{p'(0)} + \overline{b'(0)} \cdot \overline{q(0)} + \overline{b(0)} \cdot \overline{q'(0)})} \\
 &= \overline{\frac{r(0)}{2} (\overline{a'(0)} \cdot \bar{0} + \overline{a(0)} \cdot \overline{p'(0)} + \overline{b'(0)} \cdot \bar{0} + \overline{b(0)} \cdot \overline{q'(0)})} \\
 &= \overline{\frac{r(0)}{2} a(0)p'(0)} + \overline{\frac{r(0)}{2} b(0)q'(0)} \\
 &= a(x) \cdot \overline{\frac{r(0)}{2} p'(0)} + b(x) \cdot \overline{\frac{r(0)}{2} q'(0)} \\
 &= a(x) \cdot \phi(r(x), p(x)) + b(x) \cdot \phi(r(x), q(x))
 \end{aligned}$$

thus ϕ is $Z[x]$ -bilinear. □

(b) Show that there is an R -module homomorphism from $I \otimes_R I \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ mapping $p(X) \otimes q(X)$ to $\frac{p(0)}{2}q'(0)$, where q' denotes the usual polynomial derivative of q .

Proof. This follows immediately from Corollary 12, which says that there is an R -module homomorphism $\Phi : I \otimes_R I \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ such that $\phi = \Phi \circ \iota$. Thus, $\Phi(p(x) \otimes q(x)) = \phi((p(x), q(x))) = \phi(p(x), q(x)) = \frac{p(0)}{2}q'(0)$. □

(c) Show that $2 \otimes X \neq X \otimes 2$ in $I \otimes_R I$.

Proof. Suppose that $2 \otimes x = x \otimes 2$ in $I \otimes_R I$. Then we must have $\Phi(2 \otimes x) = \Phi(x \otimes 2)$, simply because Φ is a well-defined function. However, $\Phi(x \otimes 2) = \frac{0}{2}0 = \bar{0}$ but $\Phi(2 \otimes x) = \frac{2}{2}1 = \bar{1}$, a contradiction because $\bar{0} \neq \bar{1}$ in $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$. So $2 \otimes x \neq x \otimes 2$. □