

31 Módulos semisimples

Un módulo no nulo M es **simple** si no tiene submódulos propios no nulos.

Proposition. 31.1.

Sea M un módulo a derecha, $\{N_i \mid i \in I\}$ una familia de submódulos simples tales que $\sum_i N_i = M$, para cada submódulo propio $N \subseteq M$ existe $J \subseteq I$ tal que $M = N + (\oplus_{j \in J} N_j)$.

PROOF Si $N \neq M$, existe N_i tal que $N_i \not\subseteq N$, luego $N \cap N_i = 0$. Consideramos familias $\Gamma_J = \{N_j \mid i \in J \subseteq I\}$ que son independientes y $N \cap (\oplus_{j \in J} N_j) = 0$. Consideramos la familia $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_J \mid \text{verifican la propiedad anterior}\}$. Esta familia es inductiva y no vacía, ya que $\{N_i\} \in \Gamma$. Aplicando el lemma de Zorn, existe $\Gamma_J \in \Gamma$ maximal para la inclusión. Se tiene entonces $N \oplus (\oplus_{j \in J} N_j) \subseteq M$; si no son iguales, existe $N_i \not\subseteq N \oplus (\oplus_{j \in J} N_j)$, y por tanto $\Gamma_J \cup \{N_i\} \in \Gamma$, lo que es una contradicción. \square

Corollary. 31.2.

Sea M un módulo a derecha, $\{N_i \mid i \in I\}$ una familia de submódulos simples tales que $\sum_i N_i = M$, existe un subconjunto $J \subseteq I$ tal que $M = \oplus_{j \in J} N_j$.

PROOF Basta tomar $N = 0$ en la proposición anterior. \square

Un módulo a derecha M se llama **semisimple** si M es una suma de submódulos simples. Según la definición el módulo cero es semisimple.

Proposition. 31.3.

- (1) Todo submódulo de un módulo semisimple es un sumando directo.
- (2) Todo cociente de un módulo semisimple es semisimple.
- (3) Todo submódulo de un módulo semisimple es semisimple.
- (4) La suma directa de módulos semisimples es un módulo semisimple.

Dos módulos simples S_1 y S_2 son **isotípicos** si $S_1 \cong S_2$. Dado un módulo semisimple $M = \oplus_i S_i$, para cada submódulo simple $S \subseteq M$ existe un índice $i \in I$ tal que $S \cong S_i$, la componente isotípica de S en M es $\oplus_j S_j$, donde $S \cong S_j$, la representamos por M_S .

Proposition. 31.4.

Cada módulo semisimple es la suma directa de sus componentes isotípicas, y para cada submódulo simple $S \subseteq M$ tenemos $S \subseteq M_S$.

PROOF. Dado $S \subseteq M$ simple existe $J \subseteq I$ tal que $M = S \oplus (\oplus_{j \in J} JS_j$; entonces $S \cong \oplus_{i \in I \setminus J} S_i$, y por tanto $I \setminus J$ es unitario, esto es, S es isomorfo a uno de los S_i .

Dado $T \subseteq M$ simple, tenemos $T \subseteq \oplus_S M_S$, y no todas las proyecciones a los M_S son nulas. Si $T \not\subseteq S$, y $p_S(T) \neq 0$, entonces $T \cong p_S(T)$, esto es, T isomorfo a un submódulo de M_S , lo que es una contradicción, ya que T es necesariamente isomorfo a un sumando directo de M_S . Tenemos entonces $p_S(T) = 0$ si $S \not\subseteq T$, y por tanto $T \subseteq M_T$. \square

Corollary. 31.5.

Para cada módulo semisimple M , si $M = \oplus_S M_S$ es la descomposición en componentes isotípicas, entonces $\text{End}_R(M) = \prod_S \text{End}_R(M_S)$.

El problema ahora es determinar la estructura de $\text{End}_R(M)$, cuando M tiene una sola componente isotípica. Supongamos que $M = \oplus_i S_i$, con $S_i \cong S_j$ para todos i, j . Es claro que

$$\text{End}_R(\oplus_i S_i) \cong \prod_i \text{End}_R(S_i, \oplus_j S_j)$$

Identificamos S con R/\mathfrak{m} , con $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq R$ un ideal derecha maximal, y sea $e = 1 + \mathfrak{m}$. Un sistema de generadores de $\oplus_i S_i$ es $e_i = (e\delta_{i,j})_j$.

Para cada homomorfismo $f : S \rightarrow S$ se tiene $f(e) = ea$, con a determinado módulo \mathfrak{m} . Tenemos que $D = \text{End}_R(S)$ es un anillo de división, S es un D -módulo izquierda, y existe una aplicación $\nu : \text{End}_R(S) \rightarrow R/\mathfrak{m}$, definida $\nu(f) = \bar{a}$, siendo $f(e) = ea$, que verifica:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(f_1 + f_2) &= \bar{a}_1 + \bar{a}_2, \\ \nu(f_1 f_2) &= \bar{a}_1 \bar{a}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Tenemos que ν es un homomorfismo de grupos abelianos, pero no de anillos, ya que R/\mathfrak{m} no lo es. Para cada $f \in \text{End}_R(M)$ y cada e_i , se tiene $f(e_i) = \sum_j e_j a_{j,i} = \sum_j f_{j,i}(e_j)$, siendo los $a_{j,i}$ determinados unívocamente módulo \mathfrak{m} , no así los $f_{j,i}$ que están unívocamente determinados. Tenemos un homomorfismo de anillos $\text{End}_R(M) \rightarrow MCF_I(D)$, el anillo de las matrices con columnas finitas, que envía cada $f \in \text{End}_R(M)$ a la matriz con columnas finitas $M(f) = (f_{j,i})_{j,i}$ cuya columna i es $(f_{j,i})_j$.

Vamos a particularizar el caso en el que M es una suma directa finita de módulos simples. En este caso tenemos:

Theorem. 31.6.

Si M es una suma directa finita de n copias de un módulo simple S , entonces $\text{End}_R(M) \cong M_n(\text{End}_R(S))$, es un anillo de matrices sobre un anillo de división.

Corollary. 31.7.

Si M es un módulo semisimple finitamente generado, se tiene que $\text{End}_R(M)$ es un producto finito de anillos de matrices sobre anillos de división.

Un anillo R es un **anillo semisimple** (derecha) si R_R es un R -módulo derecha semisimple.

Lemma. 31.8.

Sea R un anillo, son equivalentes:

- (a) R_R es un módulo semisimple
- (b) $R \cong M_{n_1}(D_1) \times \cdots \times M_{n_t}(D_t)$, donde cada D_i es un anillo de división.
- (c) ${}_R R$ es un módulo semisimple.

En este punto hay dos propiedades de los anillos semisimples que conviene destacar:

- (1) Todo anillo semisimple es un anillo artinian derecho.
- (2) El único ideal derecha nilpotente de R es el ideal cero (diremos que R es un anillo **semiprimo**).

Tenemos que estas dos propiedades, como veremos más adelante, caracterizan los anillos semisimples.

10 Tensor product

Let M be a right R -module and N be a left R -module. A group map $\varphi : M \times N \rightarrow A$ is called **R -bilinear** if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) $\varphi(m_1 + m_2, n) = \varphi(m_1, n) + \varphi(m_2, n)$,
- (ii) $\varphi(m, n_1 + n_2) = \varphi(m, n_1) + \varphi(m, n_2)$, and
- (iii) $\varphi(mr, n) = \varphi(m, rn)$.

for any $m, m_1, m_2 \in M$, $n, n_1, n_2 \in N$ and $r \in R$.

We are interesting in building an abelian group satisfying a universal property with respect to R -bilinear maps. Thus we build the free abelian group G on the set $\{(m, n) \mid m \in M, n \in N\}$, consider the subgroup B of G generated by the elements:

- $(m_1 + m_2, n) - (m_1, n) - (m_2, n)$, for all $m_1, m_2 \in M$ and $n \in N$,
- $(m, n_1 + n_2) - (m, n_1) - (m, n_2)$, for all $m \in M$ and $n_1, n_2 \in N$,
- $(mr, n) - (m, rn)$, for all $m \in M$, $n \in N$ and $r \in R$,

and the quotient group G/B . Hence there is a natural map $M \times N \xrightarrow{b} G/B$ defined by $b(m, n) = (m, n) + B$. For simplicity we represent the element $(m, n) + B$ by $m \otimes n$, and the quotient group G/B by $M \otimes_R N$. Thus every element of $M \otimes_R N$ has an expression as $\sum_i m_i \otimes n_i$. Observe that this expresión is not unique. Finally, we have that the map $b : M \times N \rightarrow M \otimes_R N$ is an R -bilinear map. We call $M \otimes_R N$ the **tensor product** over R of M and N .

Proposition. 10.1. (Tensor product universal property)

Let M_R and ${}_R N$ be modules and $f : M \times N \rightarrow X$ be a R -bilinear map, there exists a unique group map $\bar{f} : M \otimes_R N \rightarrow X$ such that $f = \bar{f} \circ b$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times N & \xrightarrow{b} & M \otimes_R N \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow \exists_1 \bar{f} \\ & & X \end{array}$$

The following result is elemental from the above definition.

Proposition. 10.2.

Let M_R and ${}_R N$ be modules, then $R \otimes_R N \cong N$, and $M \otimes_R R \cong M$.

Proposition. 10.3.

Let A be a commutative ring and let M, N and P be A -modules, the followings statements hold:

- (1) $M \otimes_A N \cong N \otimes_A M$.
- (2) $M \otimes_A N$ is an A -module with action defined by $a(m \otimes n) = (am) \otimes n = m \otimes (an)$.
- (3) $(M \otimes_A N) \otimes_A P \cong M \otimes_A (N \otimes_A P)$.

Tensor product of algebras

Sea A un anillo conmutativo y R un anillo. Dar una estructura de A -álgebra en R es dar un homomorfismo de anillos $h : A \rightarrow R$ tal que $h(A) \subseteq \text{Cen}(R)$. Decimos entonces que R es una A -álgebra. Observa que R es un A -módulo a la derecha y a la izquierda con acción dada por

$$ar = h(a)r = rh(a) = ra,$$

para cada $a \in A$ y cada $r \in R$.

Dadas dos A -álgebras R y S , un **homomorfismo de A -álgebras** es un homomorfismo de anillos $f : R \rightarrow S$ tal que $f(ar) = af(r)$. Esto significa que si $h' : A \rightarrow S$ es el homomorfismo de estructura de S , entonces el siguiente diagrama de homomorfismos de anillos es conmutativo:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A & \\ h \swarrow & & \searrow h' \\ R & \xrightarrow{f} & S \end{array}$$

Se tiene:

$$hf(a) = f(a1) = af(1) = a1 = h'(a).$$

Si R y S son dos A -álgebras, y consideramos el producto tensor $R \otimes_A S$, tenemos una estructura de grupo abeliano en $R \otimes_A S$, que podemos extender a una estructura de A -módulo, ver Proposición (10.2.), definiendo

$$a(r \otimes s) = (ar) \otimes s = r \otimes (as).$$

Además, $R \otimes_A S$ es un anillo con producto definido por

$$(r_1 \otimes s_1)(r_2 \otimes s_2) = (r_1 r_2) \otimes (s_1 s_2),$$

y extendiendo por distributividad a todos los elementos de $R \otimes_A S$. En este caso existen homomorfismos de A -álgebras $q_1 : R \rightarrow R \otimes_A S$ y $q_2 : S \rightarrow R \otimes_A S$ definidos

$$\begin{aligned} q_1(r) &= r \otimes 1 \\ q_2(s) &= 1 \otimes s. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma. 10.4.

Sean R, S y T tres A -álgebras, para dos homomorfismos de A -álgebras $f_1 : R \longrightarrow T$ y $f_2 : S \longrightarrow T$ tales que $f_1(r)f_2(s) = f_2(s)f_1(r)$, para cada $r \in R$ y $s \in S$, existe un único homomorfismo de A -álgebras $h : R \otimes_A S \longrightarrow T$ tal que

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} R & \xrightarrow{q_1} & R \otimes_A S & \xleftarrow{q_2} & S \\ & \searrow f_1 & \downarrow \exists_1 h & \swarrow f_2 & \\ & & T & & \end{array}$$

PROOF Consideramos la aplicación $\varphi : R \times S \longrightarrow T$ definida por $\varphi(r, s) = f_1(r)f_2(s)$, es claro que φ es A -bilineal, y existe un único homomorfismo de grupos abelianos $h : R \otimes_A S \longrightarrow T$ definido $h(r \otimes s) = f_1(r)f_2(s)$. Falta comprobar que h es un homomorfismo de A -álgebras. \square

Corollary. 10.5.

Si R_1, R_2, S_1, S_2 son A -álgebras y $f : R_1 \longrightarrow R_2$, $g : S_1 \longrightarrow S_2$ son homomorfismos de A -álgebras, existe un único homomorfismo de A -álgebras, $h : R_1 \otimes_A S_1 \longrightarrow R_2 \otimes_A S_2$, que hace conmutar el siguiente diagrama

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} R_1 & \xrightarrow{q_{1,1}} & R_1 \otimes_A S_1 & \xleftarrow{q_{2,1}} & S_1 \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow \exists_1 h & & \downarrow g \\ R_2 & \xrightarrow{q_{1,2}} & R_2 \otimes_A S_2 & \xleftarrow{q_{2,2}} & S_2 \end{array}$$

Corollary. 10.6.

En la categoría de A -álgebras conmutativas el producto tensor de dos A -álgebras, junto con los homomorfismos q_1 y q_2 , es un coproducto.

Corollary. 10.7.

Si A es un anillo conmutativo, para indeterminadas X e Y se tiene un isomorfismo de A -álgebras $A[X] \otimes_A [Y] \cong A[X, Y]$.

Lemma. 10.8.

Sean R y S dos A -álgebras, se tiene

- (1) $\text{Cen}(R) \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} R$ es un homomorfismo de A -álgebras.
- (2) Si R es un anillo simple (no tiene ideales biláteros propios no nulos), entonces $\text{Cen}(R)$ es un cuerpo.
- (3) Existe un homomorfismo de A -álgebras $h : \text{Cen}(R) \otimes_A \text{Cen}(S) \longrightarrow R \otimes_A S$ cuya imagen está contenida en $\text{Cen}(R \otimes_A S)$.

PROOF (1). Es inmediato.

(2). Sea $0 \neq a \in \text{Cen}(R)$, entonces $Ra = aR$ es un ideal (bilátero) no nulo, por tanto $Ra = aR = R$, y a es un elemento invertible.

(3). Definimos $f : \text{Cen}(R) \longrightarrow R \otimes_A S$ mediante $f(r) = r \otimes 1$ y definimos $g : \text{Cen}(S) \longrightarrow R \otimes_A S$ mediante $g(s) = 1 \otimes s$. Es claro que $f(r)g(s) = (r \otimes 1)(1 \otimes s) = (1 \otimes s)(r \otimes 1) = g(s)f(r)$, y por tanto existe un homomorfismo de A -álgebras $j : \text{Cen}(R) \otimes_A \text{Cen}(S) \longrightarrow R \otimes_A S$, definido $j(r \otimes s) = (r \otimes s)$. Es claro que $\text{Im}(j) \subseteq \text{Cen}(R \otimes_A S)$. Tenemos que la acción está dada por el homomorfismo composición siguiente:

$$A \longrightarrow A \otimes_A A \xrightarrow{h \otimes h'} \text{Cen}(R) \otimes_A \text{Cen}(S) \xrightarrow{j} R \otimes_A S$$

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Example. 10.9. (Coproducto en la categoría de A -álgebras)

Sea A un anillo conmutativo y R, S dos A -álgebras, vamos a construir el coproducto de R y S en la categoría de A -álgebras y homomorfismos de A -álgebras.

Construimos una A -álgebra T de la siguiente forma:

- (1) Definimos $T_0 = A$,
- (2) Definimos $T_1 = R \oplus S$,
- (3) Si $t \geq 1$, definimos $T_{t+1} = (T_t \otimes_A R) \oplus (T_t \otimes_A S)$.
- (4) Se define $T = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} T_i$.

Es claro que T es un A -módulo, y que $q_1 : R \longrightarrow T$, definido $q_1(r) = r$, y $q_2 : S \longrightarrow T$, definido $q_2(s) = s$ son homomorfismos de A -módulos.

En T se define un producto mediante la concatenación de productos tensores, esto es, si $x_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes x_s, y_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes y_t \in T$, se define

$$(x_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes x_s) * (y_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes y_t) = x_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes x_s \otimes y_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes y_t.$$

y la extendemos por linealidad. Tenemos que T es una A -álgebra, con elemento uno ideal al elemento 1 de A , ya que $a * (x_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes x_s) = a \otimes (x_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes x_s) = (ax_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes x_s)$, para $a \in A$.

En T consideramos el ideal \mathfrak{A} generado por los elementos:

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 \otimes r_2 - r_1 r_2, \\ s_1 \otimes s_2 - s_1 s_2, \\ a - a_R, \\ a - a_S, \end{aligned}$$

para $r_1, r_2 \in R$, $s_1, s_2 \in S$ y $a \in A$, siendo $a_R \in R$ y $a_S \in S$ las imágenes de a en R y S , respectivamente, y consideramos el cociente T/\mathfrak{A} . Tenemos homomorfismos de A -álgebras:

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 : R &\xrightarrow{\quad} T \xrightarrow{\text{proy.}} T/\mathfrak{A}, \\ q_2 : S &\xrightarrow{\quad} T \xrightarrow{\text{proy.}} T/\mathfrak{A}. \end{aligned}$$

Veamos que el par $(T/\mathfrak{A}, \{q_1, q_2\})$ es un coproducto de R y S . Dada una A -álgebra U y homomorfismos de A -álgebras $f_1 : R \rightarrow U$ y $f_2 : S \rightarrow U$, para cada lista de R 's y S 's, por ejemplo R, S , tenemos una aplicación bilineal $f_1 \times f_2 : R \times_A S \rightarrow U$ definida $f_1 \times f_2(r, s) = f_1(r)f_2(s)$, por tanto existe un homomorfismo de A -módulos $f_1 \otimes f_2 : R \otimes S \rightarrow U$, definido $f_1 \otimes f_2(r \otimes s) = f_1(r)f_2(s)$. Como existe un homomorfismo a U de cada sumando de T , existe un homomorfismo de A -módulos de $f : T \rightarrow U$, definido $f(x_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes x_s) = f_*(x_1) \cdots f_*(x_s)$, utilizando el f_* correspondiente al x_i .

Es claro que f es un homomorfismo de A -álgebras, y que se anula sobre \mathfrak{A} , ya que se tiene

$$\begin{aligned} f(r_1 \otimes r_2 - r_1 r_2) &= f_1(r_1)f_2(r_2) - f_1(r_1 r_2) = 0, \\ f(s_1 \otimes s_2 - s_1 s_2) &= f_s(s_1)f_2(s_2) - f_2(s_1 s_2) = 0, \\ f(a - a_R) &= f_1(a) - f_1(a) = 0, \\ f(a - a_S) &= f_2(a) - f_2(a) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Por lo tanto f se factoriza por T/\mathfrak{A} , esto es, existe un homomorfismo de A -álgebras f' :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathfrak{a} & \longrightarrow & T & \xrightarrow{\text{proy.}} & T/\mathfrak{A} \\ & & & \searrow f & \downarrow f' \\ & & & & U \end{array}$$

Tenemos un diagrama conmutativo

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} R & \xrightarrow{q_1} & T/\mathfrak{A} & \xleftarrow{q_2} & S \\ & \searrow f_1 & \downarrow f' & \swarrow f_2 & \\ & & U & & \end{array}$$

La unicidad de f' haciendo conmutar este diagrama es consecuencia de la unicidad en la construcción de los homomorfismos que hemos ido realizando a partir de f_1 y f_2 .

11 Two-sided modules

Let M be a right R -module, then there exists a ring map $R^{op} \rightarrow \text{End}(M)$, and we may define on M a structure of left module over the ring R^{op} . This process can be realized also for left modules. As a consequence we may restrict the study of modules to only consider either right or left modules.

There are examples in which there are more than one action acting on a module, one of these is the following: Let $f : T \rightarrow R$ be a ring map, then R has four module structures.

- (1) R_R is the natural right action of R over itself.
- (2) ${}_R R$ is the natural left action of R over itself.
- (3) R_T is the right action defined: $r \cdot t = rf(t)$ induced by the multiplication.
- (4) ${}_T R$ is the left action defined: $t \cdot r = f(t)r$ induced by the multiplication.

It is obvious that the actions ${}_T R$ and R_T satisfy the following identity:

$$t_1(rt_2) = (t_1r)t_2,$$

for any $t_1, t_2 \in T$ and any $r \in R$. And the same holds if we consider the actions ${}_R R$ and R_T . But with the actions R_R and R_T we have a problem, if we consider $r, r_1 \in R$ and $t_1 \in T$, then $(rr_1)t_1$, in general, is not equal to $(rt_1)r_1$, as $f(t_1)$ and r_1 necessarily do not commute.

It appears, in this way, some kind of compatibility or incompatibility when we have two actions on a module.

Let M be a left R -module and a right S -module, we say that M is a two-sided $(R; S)$ -module, or simply $(R; S)$ -module, if

$$r(ms) = (rm)s,$$

for any $r \in R$, $m \in M$ and $s \in S$. In this case we have used structures on the left and on the right for simplicity, observe that we may consider M only with right structures: as a right R^{op} -module and a right S -module, then the compatibility means

$$(ms)r = (mr)s.$$

Proposition. 11.1.

Let M be a left R -module and a right S -module. The following statements are equivalent:

- (a) M is a (two-sided) $(R; S)$ -module.
- (b) The ring map $R \rightarrow \text{End}(M)$ factorizes through $\text{End}(M_S) := \text{End}_S(M)$.
- (c) The ring map $S^{op} \rightarrow \text{End}(M)$ factorizes through $\text{End}({}_R M) := \text{End}_R(M)$.

Let M be a (two-sided) $(R; S)$ -module, then it is a left module over R and over S^{op} , and there are ring maps $\beta_R : R \rightarrow \text{End}(M)$ and $\beta_S : S^{op} \rightarrow \text{End}(M)$, and elements in $\text{Im}(\beta_R)$ commute with elements in $\text{Im}(\beta_S)$, as a consequence of the compatibility of the two actions. If we consider the tensor product $R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} S^{op}$, there exists a ring map $R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} S^{op} \rightarrow \text{End}(M)$ defined $r \otimes s \mapsto \beta_R(r)\beta_S(s)$, hence we have a new left action over M defined

$$(r \otimes s)m = rms.$$

When β_R and β_S are surjective maps we say M is a **balanced two-sided $(R; S)$ -module**. If β_R and β_S are isomorphisms we say M is a **faithfully balanced two-sided $(R; S)$ -module**.

Thus we may complete Proposition (11.1.) with a new equivalent statement:

Proposition. 11.2.

With the same notation as in Proposition (11.1.) the statements there are equivalent to

- (d) M is a left $R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} S^{op}$ -module.
- (e) M is a right $R^{op} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} S$ -module.

Exercise. 11.3.

Let ${}_R M_S, {}_R N_T$ be two-sided modules, then $\text{Hom}_R({}_R M_S, {}_R N_T)$ has a natural structure of a two-sided $(S; T)$ -module with structures given by:

- $(sf)(m) = f(ms)$, for any $s \in S$, $f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ and $m \in M$.
- $(ft)(m) = f(m)t$, for any $t \in T$, $f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ and $m \in M$.

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SOLUTION

SOLUTION. **Exercise (11.3.)**

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Two-sided modules are a useful tools in the tensor product theory.

Proposition. 11.4.

Let ${}_T M_R$ and ${}_R N_S$ be two-sided modules, then $M \otimes_R N$ is a $(T; S)$ -module, and it satisfies the following universal property: Let X be a two-sided $(T; S)$ -module and $\varphi : M \times N \rightarrow X$ a R -bilinear map satisfying

$$\varphi(tm, ns) = t\varphi(m, n)s,$$

there exists a unique $(T; S)$ -module map h such that $\varphi = h \circ b$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times N & \xrightarrow{b} & M \otimes_R N \\ & \searrow \varphi & \downarrow \exists_1 h \\ & & X \end{array}$$

Let ${}_S M_R$ be a $(S; R)$ -module, and let ${}_R N_T$ be a $(R; T)$ -module, then in the tensor product $M \otimes_R N$ we have a structure of $(S; T)$ -module with actions defined by

$$\begin{aligned} s(m \otimes n) &= (sm) \otimes n \\ (m \otimes n)t &= m \otimes (nt). \end{aligned}$$

Let ${}_R M_S$ be a $(R; S)$ -module and ${}_R N_T$ a $(R; T)$ -module, in the abelian group $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ of left R -module maps we define a structure of $(S; T)$ -module as follows, see Exercise (11.3.):

$$\begin{aligned} (sf)(m) &= f(ms) \\ (ft)(m) &= f(m)t. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for any right R -module M the abelian group $\text{Hom}_R(R, M)$ is a right R -module with action given by $(rf)(x) = f(rx)$.

12 The functor tensor product; flat modules

Let ${}_R M$ be a module, for any right R -module N_R we have the tensor product abelian group $N \otimes_R M$.

Lemma. 12.1.

Let ${}_R M$ be a module, for any right R -module map $f : N_1 \rightarrow N_2$ there is an abelian group map $f \otimes_R M : N_1 \otimes_R M \rightarrow N_2 \otimes_R M$. The map $f \otimes_R M$ is defined by the R -bilinear map $\varphi : N_1 \times M \rightarrow N_2 \otimes_R M$ defined $\varphi(n_1, m) = f(n_1) \otimes m$, hence $(f \otimes_R M)(n \otimes m) = f(n) \otimes m$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N_1 \times M & \xrightarrow{b} & N_1 \otimes_R M \\ & \searrow \varphi & \downarrow \exists_1 f \otimes_R M \\ & & N_2 \otimes_R M \end{array}$$

Proposition. 12.2.

Let ${}_R M$ be a module, there is a functor $-\otimes_R M : \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R \rightarrow \mathcal{A}b$.

If M is a $(R; S)$ -module, then the codomain of the tensor product functor $-\otimes_R M$ is $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}S$.

Proposition. 12.3.

Let $0 \rightarrow N_1 \rightarrow N_2 \rightarrow N_3 \rightarrow 0$ be a short exact sequence of right R -modules and ${}_R M$ be a left R -module, then

$$N_1 \otimes_R M \rightarrow N_2 \otimes_R M \rightarrow N_3 \otimes_R M \rightarrow 0$$

is an exact sequence of abelian groups.

A left R -module ${}_R F$ is **flat** if for any short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow N_1 \rightarrow N_2 \rightarrow N_3 \rightarrow 0$ the above sequence is a short exact sequence, i.e., $N_1 \otimes_R F \rightarrow N_2 \otimes_R F$ always is a monomorphism.

13 The functor Hom ; projective and injective modules

Let M_R be a right R -module, for any right R -module N we have two abelian groups $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ and $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$.

Lemma. 13.1.

Let M_R be a right R -module, for any right module map $f : N_1 \rightarrow N_2$ there is an abelian group map $f_* = \text{Hom}_R(M, f) : \text{Hom}_R(M, N_1) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, N_2)$.

Proposition. 13.2.

Let M_R be a right R -module, there is a functor $\text{Hom}_R(M, -) : \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R \rightarrow \mathcal{A}b$.

Lemma. 13.3.

Let M_R be a right R -module, for any module map $f : N_1 \rightarrow N_2$ there is an abelian group map $f^* = \text{Hom}_R(f, M) : \text{Hom}_R(N_2, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N_1, M)$.

Proposition. 13.4.

Let M_R be a module, there is a contravariant functor $\text{Hom}_R(-, M) : \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R \rightarrow \mathcal{A}b$.

Proposition. 13.5.

Let $0 \rightarrow N_1 \rightarrow N_2 \rightarrow N_3 \rightarrow 0$ be a short exact sequence of right R -modules and M_R be a right R -module, then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, N_1) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, N_2) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, N_3) \text{ and} \\ 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N_3, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N_2, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N_1, M) \end{aligned}$$

are exact sequences.

A right R -module E is **injective** if for every short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow N_1 \rightarrow N_2 \rightarrow N_3 \rightarrow 0$, the sequence $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N_3, E) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N_2, E) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N_1, E) \rightarrow 0$ is a short exact sequence, i.e., $\text{Hom}_R(N_2, E) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N_1, E)$ is an epimorphism, or equivalently, we can complete any diagram with exact row

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & N_1 & \longrightarrow & N_2 \\ & & \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ & & E & & \end{array}$$

A right R -module P is **projective** if for every short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow N_1 \rightarrow N_2 \rightarrow N_3 \rightarrow 0$, the sequence $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P, N_1) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P, N_2) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P, N_3) \rightarrow 0$ is a short exact sequence, i.e., $\text{Hom}_R(P, N_2) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P, N_3)$ is an epimorphism, or equivalently, we can complete any diagram with exact row

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & P & & \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\ N_2 & \longrightarrow & N_3 & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Let M be a right R -module and ${}_S X_R$ a two-sided $(S; R)$ -module. We have a left S -module structure on $\text{Hom}_R(M, X)$ defined by $sf(m) = f(m)s$. Thus we may consider the right R -module $\text{Hom}_S(\text{Hom}_R(M, X), X)$.

Let ${}_S X_R$ be a two-sided $(S; R)$ -module. A right R -module M is **X -reflexive** if the canonical map $M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_S({}_S \text{Hom}_R(M_R, X_R))_S X$ is an isomorphism. In particular, the **reflexive** right R -modules are the R -reflexive modules, i.e., they are the right R -modules such that the homomorphism $M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(\text{Hom}_R(M_R, R_R), R)$ is an isomorphism.

Adjunctions

Let us consider an **adjunction** $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}S$,

$$\begin{array}{c} F \downarrow \uparrow G \\ \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R \end{array}$$

- $\eta_{N,M} : \text{Hom}_R(FN, M) \cong \text{Hom}_S(N, GM)$ the natural transformation,
- $\varepsilon_N : N \rightarrow GFN$ the **unity**, $\varepsilon_N = \eta(\text{id}_{FN})$, and
- $\delta_M : FGM \rightarrow M$ the **counity**, $\delta_M = \eta^{-1}(\text{id}_{GM})$.

Proposition. 13.6.

If $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}S$ is an adjunction and G preserves epimorphisms, then F preserves projectives.

$$\begin{array}{c} F \downarrow \uparrow G \\ \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R \end{array}$$

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PROOF Let P a projective right S -module; for any R -module epimorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & FP & & \\ & & \downarrow f & & \\ M & \xrightarrow{p} & M'' & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

if we apply G , and complete the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} P & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_P} & GFP & & \\ \downarrow g & & \downarrow Gf & & \\ GM & \xrightarrow{Gp} & GM'' & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Since P is projective, there exists $g \in \text{Hom}_S(P, GM)$ such that $Gf \cdot \varepsilon_P = Gp \cdot g$. Applying the adjunction isomorphisms we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_R(FP, M) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\eta_{PM}} & \text{Hom}_S(P, GM) \\ \downarrow p_* & & \downarrow (Gp)_* \\ \text{Hom}_R(FP, M'') & \xrightarrow[\eta_{PM'']}{\eta_{PM}} & \text{Hom}_S(P, GM'') \end{array}$$

then

$$\eta_{PM''}(p \cdot \eta_{PM}^{-1}(g)) = Gp \cdot G\eta_{PM}^{-1}(g) \cdot \varepsilon_P = Gp \cdot g = Gf \cdot \varepsilon_P$$

$$\eta_{PM''}(f) = Gf \cdot \varepsilon_P$$

and $f = p \cdot \eta^{-1}(g)$, which shows that FP is a projective right R -module. \square

Dually we have:

Proposition. 13.7.

If $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}S$ is an adjunction and F preserves monomorphisms, then G preserves injectives.

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow F \quad \uparrow G \\ \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R \end{array}$$

As an application let us consider, for a ring R , the ring map $\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow R$, hence there exists an adjunction

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{A}b \\ \downarrow -\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R \quad \uparrow \mathcal{U} \\ \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R \end{array}$$

where \mathcal{U} is the forgetful functor. Since \mathcal{U} preserves epimorphisms, then $-\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R$ sends projective abelian groups to projective right R -modules. On the other hand, if $-\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R$ preserves monomorphisms, then \mathcal{U} preserves injectives; this happens if R is either a projective abelian group or a flat abelian group.

Another adjunction situation given by

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R \\ \mathcal{U} \downarrow \uparrow \text{Hom}(R, -) \\ \mathcal{A}b \end{array}$$

In this case \mathcal{U} preserves monomorphisms, hence $\text{Hom}(R, -)$ preserves injectives. Also, if $\text{Hom}(R, -)$ preserves epimorphisms, then \mathcal{U} preserves projectives; in particular, this happens si R is a projective abelian group.

A generalization of this situation is given in the following adjunction: $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R \quad , \text{ where } {}_R M_S$

$$\begin{array}{c} -\otimes_R M \downarrow \uparrow \text{Hom}_S(M, -) \\ \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}S \end{array}$$

is any $(R; S)$ -module. In this case the isomorphism of the adjunction is

$$\text{Hom}_S(X \otimes_R M, Y) \xrightarrow{\eta} \text{Hom}_R(X, \text{Hom}_S(M, Y)),$$

defined by

$$\eta(f)(x)(m) = f(x \otimes m), \text{ for every } f \in \text{Hom}_S(X \otimes_R M, Y),$$

and

$$\eta^{-1}(g)(x \otimes m) = g(x)(m), \text{ for every } g \in \text{Hom}_R(X, \text{Hom}_S(M, Y)),$$

Group algebra

Let us consider the following adjunction $\mathcal{R}ing \quad \mathcal{G}r$. It expresses the universal property of the group

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{R}ing \\ A[-] \downarrow \uparrow \mathcal{U} \\ \mathcal{G}r \end{array}$$

ring $R[G]$.

Proposition. 13.8.

Let A be a commutative ring, B an A -algebra, G a group, $f : A \rightarrow B$ the structure algebra map, and $g : G \rightarrow B^\times$ a group map in the group of all invertible elements of B , there exists an algebra map $h : A[G] \rightarrow B$ extending f and g .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\alpha(\text{incl})} & A[G] & \xleftarrow{\gamma(\text{incl})} & G \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow h & \swarrow g & \\ & & B & & \end{array}$$

Lemma. 13.9.

Let $H \subseteq G$ be a subgroup, then $A[G]$ is a free right (and left) $A[H]$ -module.

PROOF. Let $\{x_i H \mid i \in I\}$ be a representative set of left classes of H in G . Hence G is a disjoint union $G = \dot{\bigcup}_i x_i H$, and for any left class $x_i H$ we have an isomorphism $\oplus_{g \in x_i H} Ag \cong \oplus_{h \in H} Ax_i h$. There is a right $A[H]$ -module isomorphism $\nu : A[H] \cong \oplus_{h \in H} Ax_i h$ defined as $\nu(c_h) = c_h(x_i h)$. Therefore, there is a right $A[H]$ -module isomorphism

$$\mu : \oplus_{i \in I} \oplus_{h \in H} A(x_i h) \cong A[G], \text{ defined } \mu \left(\sum_i \sum_h c_{i,h}(x_i h) \right) = \sum_{i,h} c_{i,h}(x_i h),$$

and the result follows.

To establish the result in the left module case we must consider right classes of H in G . □

Corollary. 13.10.

For any subgroup $H \subseteq G$,

- (1) any projective right $A[G]$ -module is a projective right $A[H]$ -module
- (2) any injective right $A[G]$ -module is an injective right $A[H]$ -module