

PROPERTIES OF HOM AND TENSOR PRODUCT

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Abstract: The article presents the notion of Hom and tensor product as well as several intriguing properties of them that are related to \square , \square_m and \square .

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Firstly, let's recall the notion of tensor product. Let $A \in \text{Mod}_R, B \in {}_R\text{Mod} \Rightarrow$ we will construct $A \otimes_R B$ - an abelian group. Let $C \in \text{Ab}$.

Definition: A middle linear map $f: A \times B \rightarrow C$ is defined by

$$(1) f(a_1 + a_2, b) = f(a_1, b) + f(a_2, b) \quad \text{and} \quad (2) f(a, b_1 + b_2) = f(a, b_1) + f(a, b_2)$$

$$(3) f(a.r, b) = f(a, r.b)$$

Fix A and B as above. Let's define category $M(A, B)$:

1. Objects are middle linear maps on $A \times B$, i.e. $\{f: A \times B \rightarrow _ \}$
2. Morphisms between $f: A \times B \rightarrow C$ and $g: A \times B \rightarrow D$ is a group homomorphism $h: C \rightarrow D$ s.t the diagram is commutative: $g = h \circ f$

An initial object in $M(A, B)$, if it exists, has the universal property:

$\forall (f, C) \in \text{Ob}(M(A, B))$ there exists $\alpha: \text{init.ob} \rightarrow (f, C)$ s.t the diagram commutes.

This means that if we denote the initial object by $(i, A \otimes B)$ then we have

$$A \times B \xrightarrow{i} A \otimes B \xrightarrow{\alpha} C \quad \text{and} \quad f = \alpha \circ i. \quad A \in \text{Mod}_R, B \in {}_R\text{Mod}, F \text{ be a free abelian group}$$

on the set $A \times B$. That is $A \times B \xrightarrow{i} F$ and $A \times B \xrightarrow{\forall f} C \in \text{Ab}$, then $\exists h: F \rightarrow C$ an abelian group homomorphism s.t $f = h \circ i$.

The elements of F are $(a, b), (a_1, b_1) + (a_2, b_2), \dots$

Definition: Let K be a subgroup of F generated by all elements of the following form: (1) $(a+a',b)-(a,b)-(a',b)$ (2) $(a,b+b')-(a,b)-(a,b')$
 (3) $(a.r,b)-(a,r.b)$

The quotient group F/K is called the tensor product of A and B and is denoted $A \otimes_R B$. The coset $(a,b) + K$ of the element $(a,b) \in F$ is denoted by $a \otimes b$. Note that in $A \otimes B$ we have

$$(1) (a+a') \otimes b = a \otimes b + a' \otimes b \quad (2) a \otimes (b+b') = a \otimes b + a \otimes b'$$

$$(3) a.r \otimes b = a \otimes r.b \quad (*)$$

Note that $(a,b) \mapsto (a,b) + K = a \otimes b$ is a middle linear map, this is because of (*).

We call this $i: A \times B \rightarrow A \otimes_R B$ the canonical middle linear map. Now $(i, A \otimes_R B)$ will be the initial object in $M(A, B)$

Property : (a) $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, m > 0, \forall A$ is abelian group, prove that

$$Hom(\mathbb{Z}_m, A) \cong A[m] := \{a \in A \mid ma = 0\}$$

$$(b) Hom(\mathbb{Z}_m, \mathbb{Z}_n) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{\gcd(m,n)} \quad (c) \mathbb{Z}_m^* = Hom_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}_m, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$$

Proof: (a) $\mathbb{Z}_m = \{\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \dots, \overline{(m-1)}\}$, $f: \mathbb{Z}_m \rightarrow A$ - homomorphism of abelian groups. Let

$$f(\bar{1}) = a \Rightarrow f(\underbrace{\bar{1} + \bar{1} + \dots + \bar{1}}_m) = \underbrace{f(\bar{1}) + f(\bar{1}) + \dots + f(\bar{1})}_m = ma \text{ and we know that}$$

$$\underbrace{\bar{1} + \bar{1} + \dots + \bar{1}}_m = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = f(\bar{0}) = f(m\bar{1}) = ma, \text{ so we can define } \varphi: Hom(\mathbb{Z}_m, A) \rightarrow A[m]$$

s.t $f \mapsto f(\bar{1})$, it is easy to check being homomorphism:

$$f \mapsto f(\bar{1}) \quad f + g \mapsto (f + g)(\bar{1}) = f(\bar{1}) + g(\bar{1}).$$

Now we define $\psi: A[m] \rightarrow Hom(\mathbb{Z}_m, A)$ s.t $a \mapsto f, f(\bar{1}) = a$ (\mathbb{Z}_m has generator $\bar{1}$, so it is enough to define f at $\bar{1}$), $ma = 0 \Rightarrow f \in Hom(\mathbb{Z}_m, A)$.

Let $\bar{k} = \bar{k}' \Rightarrow f(\bar{k}) = f(\underbrace{\bar{1} + \bar{1} + \dots + \bar{1}}_k) = ka = (k' + mn)a = k'a = f(k') \Rightarrow$ well-defined.

$$f(\bar{k} + \bar{n}) = (k + n)a = ka + na = f(\bar{k}) + f(\bar{n}) \text{ and } a + a' \mapsto f, f(\bar{1}) = a + a'$$

$a \mapsto g, g(\bar{1}) = a$ and $a' \mapsto h, h(\bar{1}) = a'$, therefore

$(g + h)(\bar{1}) = g(\bar{1}) + h(\bar{1}) = a + a' = f(\bar{1})$. So $g + h$ and f are equal at generator, thus they are exactly the same functions.

Now, we consider the composition of these homomorphisms, if they give identity, then $Hom(\mathbb{Z}_m, A) \cong A[m]: (\varphi \circ \psi)(a) = \varphi(\psi(a)) = \psi(a)(\bar{1}) = a$ and

$$(\psi \circ \varphi)(f) = \psi(f(\bar{1})) = f$$

$$(b) Hom(\mathbb{Z}_m, \mathbb{Z}_n) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{\gcd(m,n)}$$

From (a) we have $Hom(\mathbb{Z}_m, \mathbb{Z}_n) \cong \mathbb{Z}_n[m] = \{\bar{k} \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid m\bar{k} = \bar{0}\}$, so it is enough to show that $\mathbb{Z}_n[m] \cong \mathbb{Z}_{\gcd(m,n)}$. Let $m = m'd, n = n'd, (m', n') = 1$, we have to find

$\bar{k} \in \mathbb{Z}_n, m\bar{k} : n$ (we can assume that $0 \leq k \leq n-1$). In order to accomplish this $mk : n$ must be: $m = m'dk : n = n'd \Leftrightarrow m'k : n' \Leftrightarrow k : n' \Rightarrow k = \{0, n', \dots, (d-1)n'\}$

Now we can construct $\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_n[m] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_d$ s.t. $\{0, n', \dots, (d-1)n'\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_d = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \dots, \bar{d-1}\}$

It is making a sense that $\overline{kn'} \mapsto \bar{k}$ and by checking $\overline{kn'} + \overline{sn'} = \overline{(s+k)n'} \mapsto \overline{s+k} = \bar{s} + \bar{k}$

It is easy to see that φ is bijective $\mathbb{Z}_n[m] \cong \mathbb{Z}_{\gcd(m,n)}$.

$$(c) \mathbb{Z}_m^* = Hom_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}_m, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$$

According to (a) we have $\mathbb{Z}_m^* \cong \mathbb{Z}[m] = \{k \in \mathbb{Z}, mk = 0 \Leftrightarrow k = 0\} = 0$.

Property : Let A is abelian group. Prove that:

$$(a) \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, m > 0, A \otimes \mathbb{Z}_m \cong A / mA$$

$$(b) \square_m \otimes \square_n \cong \square_{\gcd(m,n)}$$

$$(c) \square \otimes \square \cong \square$$

Proof: (a) Initially we construct $h^0 : A \times \square_m \rightarrow A/mA$ s.t. $(a, \bar{k}) \mapsto ka + mA$

$$\bar{k} = \bar{k}' \Rightarrow k = k' + mt \text{ and}$$

$$(a, \bar{k}') \mapsto k'a + mA = (k - mt)a + mA = ka - tma + mA = ka + mA. \text{ Because of}$$

$(a, \bar{k}) \mapsto ka + mA$ we get $(a, \bar{k}') = (a, \bar{k})$. So the function is well-defined. Now we examine that it is middle linear map:

$$1)(a + a', \bar{k}) \mapsto k(a + a') + mA = (ka + mA) + (ka' + mA)$$

$$2)(a, \bar{k} + \bar{n}) = (a, \overline{k+n}) \mapsto (k+n)a + mA = (ka + mA) + (na + mA)$$

$$3)(na, \bar{k}) \mapsto k(na) + mA = (kn)a + mA$$

So, by universal property we get $h : A \otimes \square_m \rightarrow A/m$ which is homomorphism of groups s.t. $a \otimes \bar{k} \mapsto ka + mA$

Now we define $g : A/mA \rightarrow A \otimes \square_m$ s.t. $a + mA \mapsto a \otimes \bar{1}$. For simplicity lets define

$$a + mA = [a], \text{ then } [a] + [b] \mapsto (a+b) \otimes \bar{1} = a \otimes \bar{1} + b \otimes \bar{1}, \text{ thus } g \text{ is homomorphism}$$

of groups. $[a] = [a'] \Rightarrow a - a' = ma''$, $[a] = a \otimes \bar{1} = (a' + ma'') \otimes \bar{1} =$

$$= a' \otimes \bar{1} + ma'' \otimes \bar{1} = a' \otimes \bar{1} + a'' \otimes m\bar{1} = a' \otimes \bar{1} + a'' \otimes \bar{0} = a' \otimes \bar{1}, \text{ thus } g \text{ is well-}$$

defined. $(g \circ h)(a \otimes \bar{k}) = g([ka]) = ka \otimes \bar{1} = a \otimes \bar{k}$ and $(h \circ g)([a]) = h(a \otimes \bar{1}) = [a]$

$$\Rightarrow g \circ h = id_{A \otimes \square_m} \text{ at generators of } A \otimes \square_m, \text{ so they are equal at full group.}$$

$$g \circ h = id_{A/mA} \Rightarrow A \otimes \square_m \cong A/mA$$

(b) Denote \bar{k}_m as class \bar{k} in \square_m . $h_0 : \square_m \times \square_n \cong \square_d$ s.t. $(\bar{k}_m, \bar{s}_n) \mapsto \overline{ks_d}$. Now we

check whether it is well-defined:

$$\bar{k}_m = \bar{k}'_m, \bar{s}_n = \bar{s}'_n \Rightarrow ks = (k' + mt)(s' + nl) = k's' + k'nl + s'mt + mnlt \equiv k's' \pmod{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{ks_d} = \overline{k's'_d}. \text{ So it is well-defined and now we show it is a middle linear map:}$$

$$1) (\overline{k_m + k'_m}, \overline{s_n}) \mapsto \overline{(k + k')s_d} = \overline{ks_d + k's_d}$$

$$2) (\overline{k_m}, \overline{s_n + s'_n}) = (\overline{k_m}, \overline{s_n + s'_n}) \mapsto \overline{k(s + s')_d} = \overline{ks_d + ks'_d}$$

$$3) (\overline{lk_m}, \overline{s_n}) = (\overline{lk_m}, \overline{s_n}) \mapsto \overline{lks_d} = \overline{kls_d} \Rightarrow \exists h: \square_m \otimes \square_n \rightarrow \square_d \text{ s.t. } h(\overline{k}, \overline{s}) = \overline{ks} \text{ which}$$

is group homomorphism. Let $g: \square_d \rightarrow \square_m \otimes \square_n$ s.t. $\overline{s_d} \mapsto \overline{s_m} \otimes \overline{1_n}$

And their compositions give identity maps: $(h \circ g)(\overline{s_d}) = h(\overline{s_d} \otimes \overline{1_n}) = \overline{s_d}$ and

$$(g \circ h)(\overline{k_m} \otimes \overline{s_n}) = g(\overline{ks_d}) = \overline{ks_m} \otimes \overline{1_n} = \overline{sk_m} \otimes \overline{1_n} = \overline{k_m} \otimes \overline{s_n}$$

(c) $\square \times \square \rightarrow \square, (r, s) \mapsto rs$ this is a middle linear map, because:

$$1) (r + r', s) \mapsto (r + r')s = rs + r's \text{ and } 2) (r, s + s') \mapsto r(s + s') = rs + rs',$$

$$3) (nr, s) = nrs = r(ns) \Rightarrow \exists \varphi: \square \otimes \square \rightarrow \square, r \otimes s \mapsto rs. \text{ Now } \psi: \square \rightarrow \square \times \square, r \mapsto r \otimes 1,$$

it is a homomorphism: $(r + s) \mapsto (r + s) \otimes 1 = r \otimes 1 + s \otimes 1$

Now we will examine their compositions:

$$r \otimes s \mapsto rs \mapsto rs \otimes 1 = \frac{p}{q} \cdot \frac{l}{k} \otimes 1 = \frac{p}{q} \cdot \frac{l}{k} \otimes k \cdot \frac{1}{k} = \frac{p}{q} \cdot \frac{l}{k} \cdot k \otimes \frac{1}{k} = \frac{pl}{q} \otimes \frac{1}{k} = \frac{p}{q} \otimes \frac{l}{k} = r \otimes s$$

$r \mapsto r \otimes 1 \mapsto r$, consequently, $\varphi \circ \psi = id_{\square}$ and $\psi \circ \varphi = id_{\square \otimes \square}$.

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