

Tensor product

Exercise 1. Let G be a finitely generated abelian group, seen as a \mathbb{Z} -module.

1. Assume that G is finite. Let H be a finite abelian group such that G and H have coprime orders. Show that $G \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} H = 0$.
2. Let m, n be positive integers. Compute $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$.
3. Show that if G is of exponent m , then $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} G$ is a finite abelian group of exponent $\gcd(n, m)$.
4. Show that $G \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} = 0$ if, and only if, G is finite. Deduce an example of \mathbb{Z} -modules M and N having submodules M' and N' such that the map

$$M' \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} N' \rightarrow M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} N$$

is not injective.

5. Show that $\text{Id}_G \otimes 1 : G \rightarrow G \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$ is injective if and only if G is free.

Exercise 2. Let n be a positive integer. Describe the following tensor products of \mathbb{Z} -modules:

$$\mathbb{Z}^n \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}, \quad \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}, \quad \mathbb{R} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}, \quad (\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}.$$

Exercise 3. Show that a free module is flat. Deduce that a projective module is flat.

Exercise 4. Let M_1, N_1, M_2, N_2 be four A -modules. Consider the homomorphism of A -modules:

$$h : \text{Hom}_A(M_1, N_1) \otimes_A \text{Hom}_A(M_2, N_2) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M_1 \otimes_A M_2, N_1 \otimes_A N_2)$$

defined in the lecture. Provide examples of a commutative ring A and of A -modules M_1, M_2, N_1, N_2 for which the map h is not surjective (resp. is not injective).

Exercise 5. Let N_1, N_2 be two A -submodules of an A -module N , and let M be a flat A -module.

1. Show that there exists a short exact sequence of A -modules:

$$0 \longrightarrow N_1 \cap N_2 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow (N/N_1) \oplus (N/N_2)$$

2. Show that, as A -submodules of $N \otimes_A M$, the modules $(N_1 \cap N_2) \otimes_A M$ and $(N_1 \otimes_A M) \cap (N_2 \otimes_A M)$ are equal.

Exercise 6. Let M and N be two A -modules. Let $\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i \in M \otimes N$ be such that $\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i = 0$. Show that there exists finitely generated submodules M' of M and N' of N such that $x_i \in M'$ for all i , $y_i \in N'$ for all i , and $\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i = 0$ as an element of $M' \otimes N'$.

Deduce that: if there exists a family (M_i) of submodules of M such that each M_i is flat over A , and such that any finitely generated submodule of M is contained in one of the M_i , then M is flat over A .

Let A be an integral domain and K its fraction field. Show that K is flat over A .

Exercise 7. Let k be a positive integer and M be a nonzero A -module. We denote the A -module $\underbrace{M \otimes_A \cdots \otimes_A M}_{k \text{ terms}}$ by $M^{\otimes k}$ and $M^{\otimes 0} = A$.

1. Show that $M^{\otimes k+1}$ is isomorphic to $M^{\otimes k} \otimes_A M$.
2. Assume that M is finitely generated and let (e_1, \dots, e_d) be a generating family such that the submodule N of M generated by (e_1, \dots, e_{d-1}) is not equal to M .

- (a) Show that $I = \{a \in A, a \cdot e_d \in N\}$ is a proper ideal of A and that A/I is isomorphic to M/N .
 - (b) Define a nonzero A -multilinear map $M^k \rightarrow A/I$ that sends (e_d, \dots, e_d) onto $1 \pmod I$.
 - (c) Deduce that $M^{\otimes k}$ is nonzero.
3. Give an example of a non finitely generated module M for which $M^{\otimes k} = 0$ for any $k \geq 2$.
 4. Let n be a positive integer and take $A = \mathbb{Z}$. Compute $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^{\otimes k}$.
 5. Provide an example of a module M and a submodule N of M such that for all $k \geq 2$, the A -module $N^{\otimes k}$ is not isomorphic to any submodule of $M^{\otimes k}$.

Exercise 8. Let X be a compact Hausdorff topological space and Y be a normed \mathbb{R} -vector space. Show that the canonical \mathbb{R} -linear map $C^0(X, \mathbb{R}) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} Y \rightarrow C^0(X, Y)$ is injective, and that its image is the subspace of continuous functions $f : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $\text{Im}(f)$ is contained in a finite-dimensional subspace of Y . Deduce that $C^0(X, \mathbb{R}) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} = C^0(X, \mathbb{C})$.

Exercise 9. Let $A = \mathbb{Z}[X]$ and $I = (2, X)$.

1. Show that $2 \otimes X - X \otimes 2 \neq 0$ in $I \otimes_A I$.
Hint: One can note that evaluation on even integers of polynomials in I is an even integer.
2. Show that $2 \otimes X - X \otimes 2$ is of 2-torsion and of X -torsion.
3. Show that the A -submodule of $I \otimes_A I$ generated by $2 \otimes X - X \otimes 2$ is isomorphic to A/I .

Exercise 10.* Let A be a commutative ring and M be an A -module. We want to show that M is flat if (and only if) for all finitely generated ideal I of A , the map

$$I \otimes_A M \rightarrow M$$

is injective. Assume that the latter is true.

1. Show that for all ideal I of A , the map $I \otimes_A M \rightarrow M$ is injective.
2. We show by induction on n that if K is a submodule of A^n , then the map $K \otimes_A M \rightarrow M^n$ is injective; $n=1$ is the previous question; assume the result to be true for n , show that there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & K \cap A & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & K/K \cap A \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & A^{n+1} & \longrightarrow & A^n \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

with exact rows and conclude. (Here $K \cap A$ is the intersection of K with the submodule generated by $(1, 0, \dots, 0)$).

3. Let N be a finitely generated A -module and P an A -module. Assume that $N \rightarrow P$ is injective. Show that $N \otimes M \rightarrow P \otimes N$ is injective (Hint: a different snake).
4. Show that M is flat.