

**Algebra II. Exercise 10.**  
**Solutions.**

1. Let  $G$  be an Abelian group. Choose a generating set  $X$  for  $G$  (for example  $X = G$  works). Define

$$f: G \rightarrow G, \quad f(x) = x.$$

By the universal property of free modules, there exists a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear map  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}^{(G)} \rightarrow G$ , such that  $\varphi(x) = f(x) = x$ . If  $x \in G$ , then  $x = f(x) = \varphi(x) \in \text{Im}(\varphi)$ , thus  $\varphi$  is surjective. (Here we have again identified  $G$  with a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^{(G)}$ .) Since  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear maps are group homomorphisms, the homomorphism theorem gives us now

$$\mathbb{Z}^{(X)}/\text{Ker}(\varphi) \cong \text{Im}(\varphi) = G.$$

2. For every  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

- (B1)  $(x + y) \cdot z = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n) \cdot (z_1, \dots, z_n) = (x_1 + y_1)z_1 + \dots + (x_n + y_n)z_n = x_1z_1 + \dots + x_nz_n + y_1z_1 + \dots + y_nz_n = x \cdot z + y \cdot z.$
- (B2)  $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$  similarly.
- (B3)  $(ax) \cdot z = (ax_1, \dots, ax_n) \cdot (z_1, \dots, z_n) = ax_1z_1 + \dots + ax_nz_n = a(x_1z_1 + \dots + x_nz_n) = a(x \cdot z).$
- (B4)  $x \cdot (az) = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot (az_1, \dots, az_n) = x_1az_1 + \dots + x_naz_n = a(x_1z_1 + \dots + x_nz_n) = a(x \cdot z).$

3.

$$\eta: M \times N \rightarrow M \otimes N$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto x \otimes y$$

Let  $x, x' \in M$ ,  $y \in N$ ,  $a \in R$ .

Condition (B1): We should prove that  $(x + x') \otimes y = (x \otimes y) + (x' \otimes y)$ . Since the element  $(x + x', y) - (x, y) - (x', y) \in D$ , we have that

$$0 = [(x + x', y) - (x, y) - (x', y)] = [(x + x', y)] - [(x, y)] - [(x', y)]$$

$$= (x + x') \otimes y - (x \otimes y) - (x' \otimes y),$$

from which it follows that  $(x+x') \otimes y = (x \otimes y) + (x' \otimes y)$ , that is,  $\eta(x+x', y) = \eta(x, y) + \eta(x', y)$ .

Condition (B2) analogously with respect to the 2nd coordinate.

Condition (B3): Since the element  $(ax, y) - a(x, y) \in D$ , we have that

$$0 = [(ax, y) - a(x, y)] = [(ax, y)] - [a(x, y)] = [(ax, y)] - a[(x, y)] = (ax) \otimes y - a(x \otimes y),$$

from which it follows that  $(ax) \otimes y = a(x \otimes y)$ , that is,  $\eta(ax, y) = a\eta(x, y)$ .

Condition (B4) analogously with respect to the 2nd coordinate.

4. Let  $x$  be a generator of the module  $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} M$ , that is,  $x$  is of the form  $a \otimes m$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $m \in M$ . Since the group  $M$  is finite, we know that the order  $\text{ord}(m)$  is finite; suppose  $\text{ord}(m) = k$ . Now

$$a \otimes m = \frac{ak}{k} \otimes m = k \left( \frac{a}{k} \otimes m \right) = \frac{a}{k} \otimes km = \frac{a}{k} \otimes 0 = 0. \left( \frac{a}{k} \otimes 0 \right) = 0.$$

Thus every generator is the zero element, from which the claim follows.

5. Suppose that  $\varphi: M \rightarrow M'$  is an  $R$ -linear isomorphism. Consider the composite map

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \eta' \circ (\varphi \times \text{id}): M \times P \rightarrow M' \times P \rightarrow M' \otimes P \\ &(m, p) \mapsto (\varphi(m), p) \mapsto \varphi(m) \otimes p. \end{aligned}$$

We verify that  $f$  is  $R$ -bilinear:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(B1):} \quad f((m + m'), p) &= \varphi(m + m') \otimes p = (\varphi(m) + \varphi(m')) \otimes p \\ &= \varphi(m) \otimes p + \varphi(m') \otimes p = f(m, p) + f(m', p); \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(B2):} \quad f(m, p + p') = \varphi(m) \otimes (p + p') = \varphi(m) \otimes p + \varphi(m) \otimes p' = f(m, p) + f(m, p');$$

$$\text{(B3):} \quad f(rm, p) = \varphi(rm) \otimes p = (r\varphi(m)) \otimes p = r(\varphi(m) \otimes p) = rf(m, p);$$

$$\text{(B4):} \quad f(m, rp) = \varphi(m) \otimes (rp) = r(\varphi(m) \otimes p) = rf(m, p).$$

Now by the universal property of the tensor product we have that  $f$  induces an  $R$ -linear map  $\bar{f}: M \otimes P \rightarrow M' \otimes P$ , for which

$$\bar{f}(m \otimes p) = \varphi(m) \otimes p$$

for every  $m \in M, p \in P$ , that is, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times P & \xrightarrow{f} & M' \otimes P \\ & \searrow \eta & \nearrow \bar{f} \\ & M \otimes P & \end{array}$$

commutes.

By applying the corresponding construction to the inverse map  $\varphi^{-1}$ , we obtain an  $R$ -linear map  $\bar{g}: M' \otimes P \rightarrow M \otimes P$ , for which

$$\bar{g}(m' \otimes p) = \varphi^{-1}(m') \otimes p$$

for every  $m' \in M', p \in P$ . Now

$$\bar{g} \circ \bar{f}(m \otimes p) = \bar{g}(\varphi(m) \otimes p) = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(m)) \otimes p = m \otimes p,$$

and similarly

$$\bar{f} \circ \bar{g}(m' \otimes p) = m' \otimes p.$$

Since the elements  $m \otimes p$  generate the module  $M \otimes P$  and  $\bar{f}$  and  $\bar{g}$  are linear, it follows that  $\bar{g} \circ \bar{f} = \text{id}$  and similarly  $\bar{f} \circ \bar{g} = \text{id}$ . Thus  $\bar{f}$  is an  $R$ -linear isomorphism.

6. a) Define  $f: \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $f(x, y) = xy$ . The map  $f$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$ -bilinear, for example

$$(B1) : \quad f(x + x', y) = (x + x')y = xy + x'y = f(x, y) + f(x', y);$$

$$(B3) : \quad f(ax, y) = (ax)y = a(xy) = af(x, y).$$

Thus by the universal property there exists a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear map  $\varphi: \mathbb{Q} \otimes \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ , for which  $x \otimes y \mapsto xy$ .

b) Let  $y \in \mathbb{Q} \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ , then

$$y = \sum_i \left( \frac{a_i}{b_i} \otimes \frac{c_i}{d_i} \right) = \sum_i \frac{a_i d_i}{b_i d_i} \otimes \frac{c_i}{d_i} = \sum_i \frac{a_i}{b_i d_i} \otimes \frac{c_i d_i}{d_i}$$

$$= \sum_i \frac{a_i}{b_i d_i} \otimes c_i = \sum_i \frac{a_i c_i}{b_i d_i} \otimes 1 = \left( \sum_i \frac{a_i c_i}{b_i d_i} \right) \otimes 1,$$

where  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus

$$y = \psi \left( \sum_i \frac{a_i c_i}{b_i d_i} \right),$$

and we see that  $\psi$  is surjective.

Finally we prove that  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are inverse maps of each other:

$\psi \circ \varphi = \text{id}$ : Let  $y \in \mathbb{Q} \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ . By the above there exists  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ , for which  $y = a \otimes 1$ . Thus  $\psi(\varphi(y)) = \psi(\varphi(a \otimes 1)) = \psi(a) = a \otimes 1 = y$ .

$\varphi \circ \psi = \text{id}$ : Let  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Now  $\varphi(\psi(a)) = \varphi(a \otimes 1) = a \cdot 1 = a$ .

Thus  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism  $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ .