

# Exercises on tensor product

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$$\mathbb{Z}/(m) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/(n) = \mathbb{Z}/((m, n)).$$

**Proof 1.**  $\otimes: ([a]_m, [b]_n) \rightarrow [ab]_{(m,n)}$  is a well defined linear map from  $\mathbb{Z}/(m) \times \mathbb{Z}/(n)$  to  $\mathbb{Z}/((m, n))$ .

2. For any bilinear operator  $\phi: \mathbb{Z}/(m) \times \mathbb{Z}/(n) \rightarrow M$ ,

$\tilde{\phi}([1]_{(m,n)}) = \phi([1]_m, [1]_n)$  defines a linear operator from  $\mathbb{Z}/((m, n))$  to  $M$ . This is because

$$\begin{aligned} (m, n)\phi([1]_m, [1]_n) &= (mx + ny)\phi([1]_m, [1]_n) = \phi([mx]_m, [1]_n) + \\ \phi([1]_m, [ny]_n) &= \phi([0]_m, [1]_n) + \phi([1]_m, [0]_n) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $mx + ny = (m, n)$ . □