

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 $(m, n)\phi([1]_m, [1]_n) = (mx + ny)\phi([1]_m, [1]_n) = \phi([mx]_m, [1]_n) + \phi([1]_m, [ny]_n) = \phi([0]_m, [1]_n) + \phi([1]_m, [0]_n) = 0$, where $mx + ny = (m, n)$.